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Dickenson to retire as NPS Director

Secretary of the Interior William Clark has announced that Russell E. Dickenson plans to retire this coming summer. Secretary Clark also said Mr. Dickenson has agreed, upon appointment of his successor, to serve as a special assistant in the Pacific Northwest pending his retirement. Dickenson has been asked to submit a list of candidates for the Secretary's consideration in choosing his successor as Director.

Dickenson, 62, a veteran career official, has been director for the past five years, coming to that post from Seattle, Washington, where he was the Service's regional director for four years.

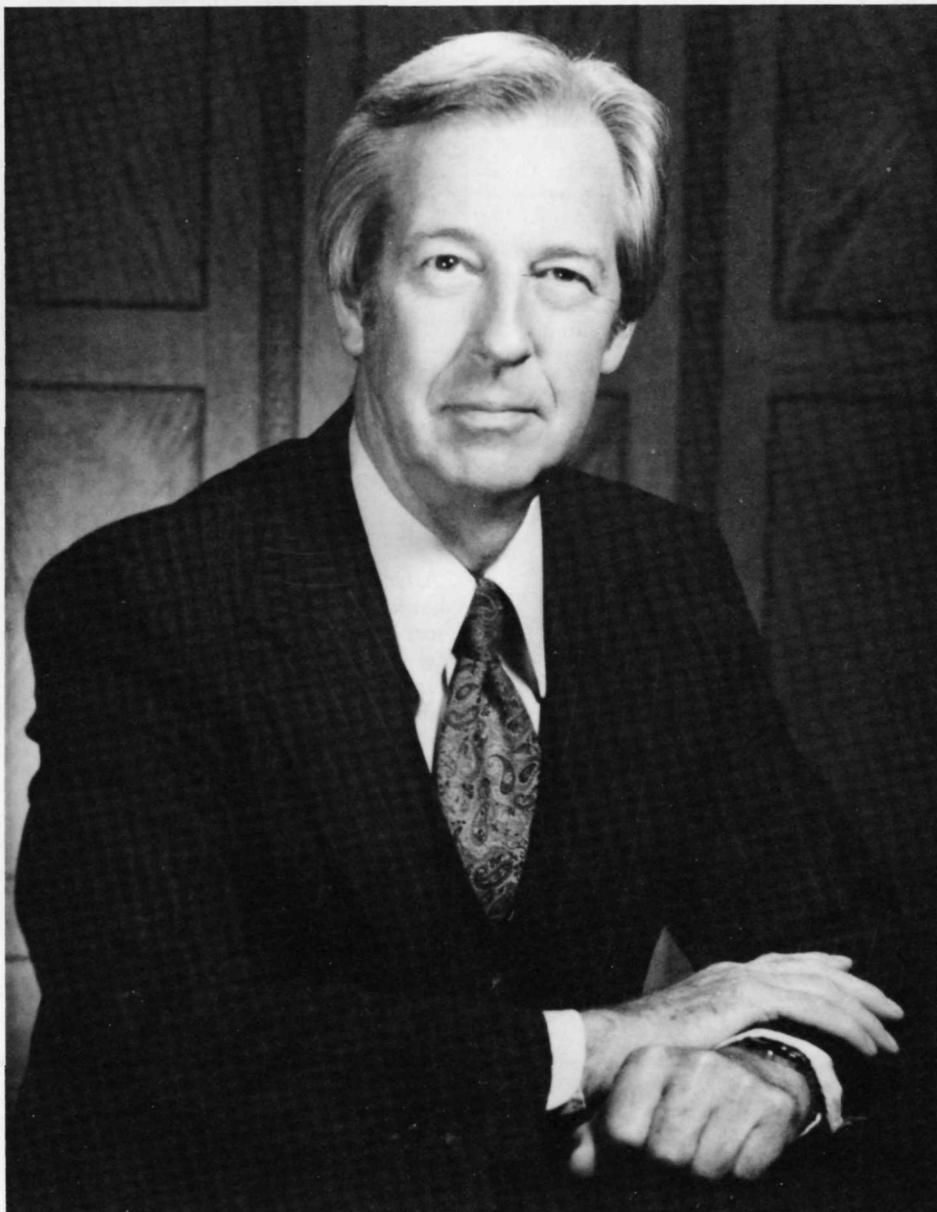
"Russ Dickenson has served with great distinction over a long career," Clark said. "The Department is fortunate to be able to use his remarkable abilities and experience in this special way as he prepares for a richly deserved retirement.

"In addition to having his counsel on matters in the northwest," the Secretary added, "this will give me an opportunity to draw on Russ's knowledge and experience as we seek to identify and select his successor as director of the National Park Service."

Dickenson has served 38 years with the National Park Service, starting as a ranger in Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz. His assignments, which included 17 years in the field, involved a succession of important administrative posts over the last two decades.

A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, Dickenson is a graduate of Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. He has received both the Meritorious and Distinguished Service Awards, the highest honors granted by the Department to its employees. In 1982, Northern Arizona granted him an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Dickenson has received many other honors and awards during his career. In 1983, he became the first American to receive the Golden Flower of Rheydt, a prestigious German award given every two years for contributions made in preserving the environment on national and international levels.



Other recognition has included the Meritorious Service Medal of the Sons of the American Revolution, the National Society for Park Resources Award for Excellence, the George Washington Medal of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society, and the Cornelius Amory

Pugsley Gold Medal from the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society.

Secretary Clark also announced his intention to name Dickenson to the National Park System Advisory Board following his retirement.

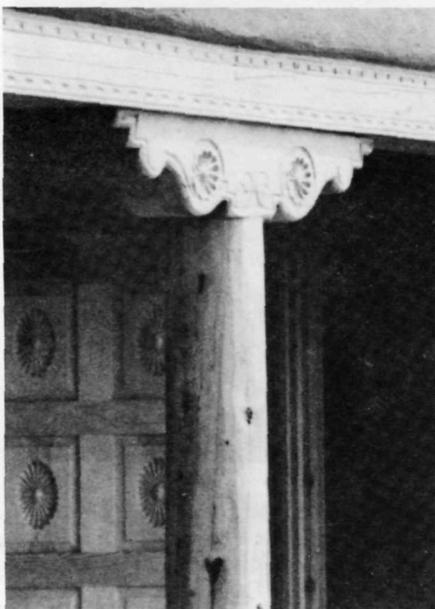
Fogelson Visitor Center opened at Pecos

By Ann Rasor, Park Ranger Pecos National Monument

Pecos National Monument, N. Mex., has always been a gathering place. Pueblo, Apache, Comanche, Spanish soldier, settler and priest, Anglo trader and the Civil war soldier has all spent time in this high mountain valley. This summer Pecos again became a gathering place—to celebrate the opening of a new chapter in the Pecos story. The opening of the new E. E. Fogelson Visitor Center on August 5th, was the realization of a 15-year dream of both the Pecos staff and some long-time friends and supporters of Pecos National Monument—Colonel and Mrs. E. E. Fogelson.

In donating funds to build the center, Colonel Fogelson is continuing support that has lasted over 20 years. Col. Fogelson and his wife, world-renowned actress Greer Garson, were instrumental in gaining Monument status for the ruins. Through their generous donations of land, Pecos has grown from 60 acres to almost 400.

The special day started with a century-old tradition—the celebration of Feast Day Mass in the Pecos mission church ruins. Back in 1838 as the last of the Pecos Pueblo people left their ancestral home, they asked the people of Pecos Village to care for the painting of Pecos' patron saint, our Lady of the Angels, that hung in the mission. Every year, on the first Sunday in August, a procession of villagers and Pecos descendants bring the painting to Her former home and say a Mass in Her honor.



Decorative details.



(From left) Colonel Fogelson, Greer Garson Fogelson and Director Dickenson cutting the ribbon to open the new E. E. Fogelson Visitor Center.

After Mass, the attention focused on what lay behind the carved wooden doors of the new visitor center. In a brief ribbon cutting ceremony, Secretary of the Interior William Clark read a thank you letter from President Ronald Reagan to the Fogelsons. Director Dickenson and Southwest Regional Director Kerr added their appreciation.

Those present that day got the first glimpse of "What surely is one of the most beautiful visitor centers in the National Park System." The building is built in the traditional Southwestern style with 2 foot thick adobe walls, exposed wood vigas and latillas in the ceiling, 3-inch-thick hand carved wooden doors, and brick floors throughout. The 4800-square foot structure houses some standard visitor center features; an exhibit room, information desk and book sales area, and a small auditorium—yet these are presented in a unique style with many special hand-crafted touches. Roy Andersen, prominent Southwest artist, produced over 40 pieces of original art depicting various stages in Pecos history. Angelina Delgado, third generation Santa Fe tinsmith, crafted five tinwork chandeliers for the lobby.

A local woodcrafter, Jim Thomas, carved over 200 rosettes for the doors and crafted traditional designs on the massive wooden vigas inside. Even the interpretive office boasts five pieces of hand-carved pine furniture!

For 20 years, visitors to the monument had very little to introduce them to the complex story of Pecos and its various cultures. Now a bilingual (Spanish/English) exhibit room affords them the opportunity to view the chronological history of the Pecos from 10,000 years ago through the landmark excavations of A. V. Kidder—seen on a continuous timeline. The room is highlighted by the display of artifacts from the Kidder collection seen by the public for the first time. Two dioramas, a gift of Mrs. Fogelson, help bring pueblo and mission activities to life. Exhibit Planner, Jim Mount, Harpers Ferry Center, Jose Sanchez, Interpretive Specialist, Southwest Region and members of the Pecos staff were responsible for planning the exhibits.

In conjunction with the new building Harpers Ferry produced a new 12-minute film telling the story of Pecos as a geographical crossroad through the centuries. The film is enhanced by the

two narrators: Ricardo Montalban narrates the Spanish version while Greer Garson's voice graces the English version.

In just a few short weeks, the Fogelson Visitor Center has a reputation as a "showplace." It too, has become a gathering place—for those anxious to

learn about the centuries of cultural diversity at this, now deserted, village in the foothills of the Sangre de Christo Mountains.



Nez Perce celebrates

NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK, Idaho—More than 1,000 persons came to the parks on Nez Perce Indian Cultural Day, on August 25. This far exceeded any previous single-day attendance. Superintendent Fahy Whitaker said she proposed the celebration (for the NPS anniversary date) last fall following

dedication of the new visitor center. Nez Perce tribal chiefs responded with enthusiasm. Nez Perce, authorized in 1965, is comprised of 24 widely-scattered sites in northern Idaho, four owned by the National Park Service, and others operated through agreements with private owners and other Government agencies.

Study initiated on Park Ranger positions

Mario R. Fraire
Chief Personnel Officer

A study of Park Ranger positions representative of the generalist nature of the occupation, which require a diversity of duties and responsibilities in several fields, will be conducted in the next few months among several parks.

This is a joint project sponsored by the Associate Director, Park Operations, with staff support from the Assistant Director, Personnel and Administrative Services, initiated in October. Regional and park participation was carefully selected to assure validity of findings and full consideration of field concerns.

The decision to conduct the review was based on the fact that there is no hope that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) will release the Park Ranger standards drafted after their 1980 study. It was felt that actions need to be taken to deal with continuing concerns about classification and consistency in related issues among the regions and the parks.

The review will be conducted by five teams, each comprising two classifiers and a management representative familiar with personnel management practices and programs. While the teams will con-

duct individual and group interviews, it is not the intent to evaluate and classify reviewed positions. The main purpose of the review is to gather data on regional and park practices in classifying positions, assigning duties and responsibilities, establishing supervisory positions, and planning organization structures to meet the park's needs and career aspirations and advancement of employees.

We are optimistic that the results of the review will give us the basis to develop courses of action in dealing with longstanding issues affecting the Ranger/Technician occupations. Questions remain regarding the difference between Park Ranger and Technician duties, positive education requirements, professional aspects of the occupation, and crediting from a classification standpoint the diversity of functions assigned to Park Rangers. We plan to review Park Technician positions as part of the project.

Several parks were suggested because they have established positions representative of Park Ranger and Technician responsibilities in cultural, natural, historical, and urban settings. These parks include Colonial National Historical Park, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National

Seashore, Buffalo National River and Mesa Verde, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, Zion, Everglades, and Biscayne National Parks. On-site visits and reviews are being conducted at these parks during the period of October-November. Analysis of findings will be finalized some time in February. We hope to develop draft guidance, provide feedback and staff findings with the field by early spring.

While we do not wish to raise any concerns about evaluation and downgrading of reviewed positions, conversely we do not want to raise any expectations about individual or mass upgradings. We do expect, however, that our review may indicate that positions may need to be classified in GS-025, GS-026 or some other applicable series, depending on how they are established and used by local management.

Any guidance developed will be based on our findings and all OPM Classification Standards which may be applicable and appropriate to the positions reviewed. Since our guidance will not require Departmental or OPM approval, we hope to initiate implementation by July 1, 1985.

Thunderstorm damages Lake Mead marina.

By John Mohlhenrich
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Lake Mead NRA

On the evening of July 11, 1984, a severe summer thunderstorm with high winds struck Lake Mead in Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Ariz.-Nev. causing damage in several developed areas. For approximately one hour from about 6:30 to 7:30, easterly winds estimated at 60 miles per hour pounded Overton Beach, Echo Bay, Callville Bay and Las Vegas Wash.

The most damage occurred at Callville Bay where the wind and waves destroyed major portions of the concession marina facilities. Preliminary estimates indicate eight boats sank and at least 100 suffered major damage or were totally destroyed. Uncounted additional boats suffered minor damage. The following facilities were closed until further notice: boat slips, all boat rentals, gas dock, pumpout service, restaurant and lounge and store.

The following day the concessioner had started salvage and cleanup at Callville Bay and owners were pulling their boats out of the lake. The concessioner established emergency shore gas service to provide ferry service for boat owners. Preliminary insurance estimates place the damage to concession facilities at \$1,000,000, not counting damage to private boats and property. The concessioner hopes to salvage as many slips as possible and relocate them in a protected cove to provide service to the public.

Two boats sank at Las Vegas Wash and the noses of an estimated 100 to 150 boats were sawed off at Echo Bay from wave action in the individual boat slips.

Despite the marina damage at Callville Bay the development remains open for use. Visitors may still launch their boats at the public boat ramp and the concession operated campground and trailer village are undamaged and open for business "as usual."



Sunken boat and dock damage at Lake Mead NRA.

GATEWAY NRA, N.Y.-N.J. —

Kestrels and barn owls were among the bird species recently rehabilitated and released after injuries at Gateway by Superintendent Robert McIntosh, Jr., and volunteers from his staff. The birds had been orphaned from their nests. The birds will get their diet of large insects and small rodents from a large tract of open areas at Floyd Bennett Field.

McIntosh credits Mrs. Hanna Richard, licensed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, in re-introducing species threatened or endangered in the past. The bird release program is part of Gateway's over-all natural resource management activities.



From left) District Ranger Jose Rosario, Superintendent Bob McIntosh, Dee Richards and Alice Gryszkiewicz hold four of the young birds recently released at Gateway's Floyd Bennett Field.

HORSESHOE BEND NMP,

Ala. — On August 12 the park celebrated its 25th anniversary. The day was chosen to dedicate a bronze plaque commemorating the Upper Creek Warriors who died during the Battle of Horseshoe Bend. A representative from the Alabama Historical Association, which funded the plaque, and a delegation from the Poarch Band of Creeks participated in the dedication. The plaque was installed at the entrance to the visitor center opposite a plaque dedicated several years ago to the United States forces.

FORT DONELSON NMP,

Tenn. — Last spring when the State rerouted Highway 79, they also closed a bridge and a roadside path between two sections of the trail system at the park. Scout groups and many visitors enjoy walking the 10-mile trail that starts at the visitor center, winds through a wooded area, and ends at the National Cemetery.

The maintenance crew faced the challenge of building a bridge across an area that is periodically flooded by Lake Barkley Dam. There is no heavy equipment in the park; and the

location of the bridge prohibited on-site construction. The bridge was built in the maintenance yard. Four 55-gallon drums were strapped together, leashed to the bridge and launched in the Cumberland River.

This unusual "river boat" made its way up the river powered by an outboard motor. They entered Indian Creek at high pool and landed the span on the trail. The entire structure was turned around by using hand winches and ropes. Within hours the bridge was cabled in place and open to the public.

GREAT SMOKY MTS. NP —

One of the first projects funded by the new Federal Lands Highway Program has been completed. Two unsafe bridges leading into the Tremont area were replaced by modern concrete structures designed by the Denver Service Center and the Federal Highway Administration.

The two bridges were constructed by Blue Ridge Structures, Inc., a minority firm under a so-called 8(a) contract. This was another example of the Service's commitment to minority business programs. Blue Ridge Structures had previously completed another bridge in the Smokies at Oconoluftee under a competitively bid contract.

Superintendent John Cook remarked, "We are pleased to have these new facilities in time for our 50th anniversary celebration."



Floating the footbridge into place at Fort Donelson.

HOMESTEAD NM, Nebr. —

Community-wide participation and record volunteer involvement made the 6th annual "Homestead Day" celebration a success. During the 5-day event more than 17,000 people visited the monument. The event, which was co-sponsored by NPS and the Beatrice Chamber of Commerce was funded in part by a \$7,000 tourism grant from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. "Homestead Days" evolved from a park-centered crafts show celebrating the Plains experience and honoring the prairie pioneer to a community-wide event.

More than 50 NPS volunteers demonstrated traditional pioneer crafts. Community sponsored events included art exhibits, a parade, a Queen contest, a 10-K run, pioneer games and a buffalo barbecue. Highlighting the week were nightly performances of "Chautauqua '84-Thomas '84" — Thomas Jefferson and the Plains Experience. A 500-seat tent was filled to capacity nearly every evening as actors portrayed various persons who had an impact on the settlement of the Great Plains. Plans are already underway for next year's event.



Candle making for Homestead Days.

OREGON CAVES NATIONAL MONUMENT —

For the first time in its 73-year history, Oregon Caves has direct-dial capability. Prior to this time, the monument staff and concessioner was reached by radio-telephone at Oregon Caves Toll Station No. 2, through Portland Operator. Utility estimates for the phone line were \$180,000, impossible with current budgets. Superintendent John Miele and Maintenance Chief Walt Graham analyzed procedures and checked prices and figured it could be done in-house for less. It was! By using park staff, a YCC crew, day labor and a contractor the park installed the line for \$59,000 — a saving of \$121,000.



(From left) Joy Whelan, Robin Beard and Amy Stumpf.

NEW RIVER GORGE NATIONAL RIVER, W. Va. — There was a new sight on the New River last summer that attracted a lot of attention from both river users and the media. National park rangers patrolled the waters of the River for the first time since the national river was established in 1978. The 50-mile-long portion of the New River within the park provides excellent canoeing, kayaking, fishing, and other river recreational opportunities. The lower gorge section has some of the most spectacular whitewater rapids in the eastern United States and attracts thousands of customers annually to commercial river runners operating there. From among the expert river guides

employed by these outfitters, NPS was fortunate to recruit three highly skilled and experienced guides. Joy Whelan, Robin Beard, and Amy Stumpf are all Emergency Medical Technicians and bring a combined total of more than 15 years of professional experience on the New River with them to their new seasonal NPS assignments.

In their role as River Patrol Rangers, they earned the professional respect of commercial river outfitters and were effective in establishing a positive "ranger image" in the eyes of visiting public and media. They provided New River Gorge National River with a highly successful River Patrol debut this year.



Park Rangers from Point Reyes National Seashore on their Morgan horses carry the colors for the annual community parade and West Marin Livestock show.

(Front row: left to right) Sergio Monsanto, Janet Wilts, Gina Muzowich, Harold Gerity. (Back row: left to right) Chuck Young, Steve Wolfe, Jerry Carlton, and Jack Monassian. Photo courtesy Art Rogers Photography.

SEQUOIA NP — Turning the Old Lodgepole Camper Store into a nature center last summer required work and ingenuity. The work was a labor of love and many of the displays were made by interpreters from materials on hand. The most enjoyable part of the renovation was painting the interior of the 800-square-foot building. During seasonal training week, the naturalist staff took time off to paint all four walls in only 57 minutes. The 21 participants were assigned high and low sections, window and doorway trim, or support functions, such as the "spotter" who wiped up the spills. The paint was supplied by the Sequoia Natural History Association.



SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON NPs, Calif. — Along with the memories of the XXIII Olympiad — which we all share — Dick Powell, Safety Officer, has something special, a torch made of spun aluminum with an antique bronze finish and inscribed with the motto, "Citius, Altius, Fortius" (Swifter, Higher, Stronger). Dick carried the torch one kilometer on a small country road leading into San Miguel. A dedicated runner who runs 50 kilometers a week, the distance was insignificant to Dick. But as he explains it, "It was very symbolic. The Olympic movement is traditional and it was a privilege to be a part of it. It was an emotional and patriotic event, hearing the applause and calls of encouragement and seeing the flag waved. I think most Americans were proud to host the Olympics and the Torch Relay became a symbol of that pride and patriotism."



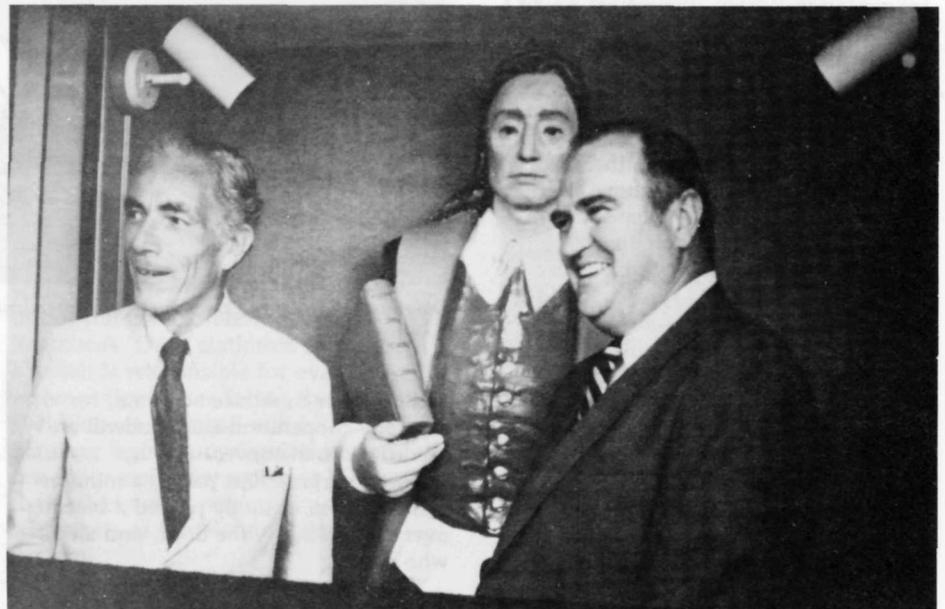
HOME OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT NHS, N.Y. — A 20-cent stamp commemorating humanitarian Eleanor Roosevelt was issued on Oct. 11 at the site of the Roosevelt family home. Postmaster General William F. Bolger was the principal speaker at the ceremony.

ROGER WILLIAMS NM, R.I. — The Colonial statesman that the park memorializes has a new "presence." The newly renovated Antram-Gray House now contains a 7-foot, paper-mache statue of Roger Williams, thanks to the generosity of the Old Colony/Newport National Bank, whose officials concluded it would be "more appropriate" for the figure to be enclosed in a glass case at the memorial rather than remain outdoors.

U.S. Senator Claiborne Pell, the memorial's most influential benefactor and friend, was the keynote speaker at the transfer ceremony. Commenting to

a small, but media-packed audience, Sen Pell said he was "delighted to help find this home for the Roger Williams likeness . . . a reminder of the contribution this man made to the principles of the religious and personal freedom we enjoy today."

Deputy Regional Director Steve Lewis and Park Superintendent Larry Nash thanked Senator Pell and bank president William T. Brightman for being instrumental in providing this "perfect gift" for the park. The bank had the figure repainted by hand to its original coloring, eliminating some 23 years of weathering.



Senator Claiborne Pell, a restored Roger Williams, and bank president William T. Brightman.

ZION NP — Utah's oldest National Park celebrated its 75th anniversary and the opening of a new visitor facility in the Kolob Canyons area of the Park on July 31. The occasion also marked the formal declaration of the 310-foot Kolob Arch as the largest in the world. The new facility will be managed by Cedar Breaks NM Supt. Clay Alderson, because it is nearer the Kolob Canyons than the headquarters of Zion.

Regional Director Mintzmyer said the new facility will greatly increase visitation. She noted that few travelers previously stopped at the Kolob Canyons site, "and so went one of life's great tragedies — that of opportunities missed. I am pleased," she said, "to say that the Kolob Canyons are no longer an opportunity missed."



Regional Director Lorraine Mintzmyer addresses guests at ceremony marking 75th anniversary of Zion National Park and dedicating Kolob Canyon's visitor facility.

Canadians present dock to San Juan Island

Margaret E. Ellis
Public Affairs Specialist, PNWRO

Pacific Northwest Regional Director Jim Tobin received, on behalf of the National Park Service, the gift of a dinghy dock from Rotary International 502 and the International Yachting Fellowship of Rotary, Vancouver Island Fleet in a ceremony August 4 at San Juan Island National Historical Park, Wash.

The festivities took place by the shore of Garrison Bay. Rotarian dignitaries, in dress whites, sat on a dais in the August sun, the Union Jack flying above them. It was a moment the Canadians had looked forward to for some time.

The Canadians, frequent visitors by boat to San Juan Island National Historical Park's English Camp, had missed the convenient old dinghy dock accidentally destroyed two years ago. Since the park's budget did not allow for a replacement, the innovative Canadian Rotarians took on the construction of a new dock as a group project.

Acting Commodore George Kent, after a rousing welcome to the happy International assembly, presented Tobin and Superintendent Frank Hastings with a plaque inscribed: "Hands Across the Border, Expression of Goodwill, Donated by International Yachting Fellowship of Rotary, Vancouver Island Fleet, August 4."

The dispute was set off, Tobin noted, when an American settler shot a Hudson's Bay Company pig. Today, with weightier problems confronting the



Dinghy dock, English Camp, and Superintendent Frank Hasting displaying plaque.

nations, how to reduce acid rain, for example, cooperation and goodwill are needed more than ever.

The Rotarian's fleet padre, a minister from Victoria, fittingly prayed a blessing over the assembly, the dock, and all who use it.

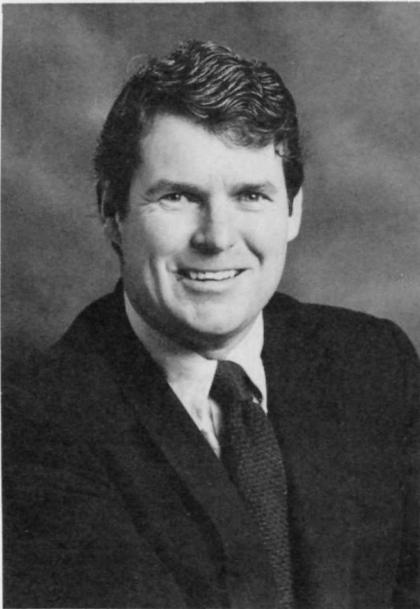
The ceremony ended with the Commodore waiving guests and visitors to a beach-side refreshment table, and issuing an invitation to all to a pancake breakfast at the same place on the morrow.

Tobin noted in his remarks the pleasant difference between international cooperation now and the park's beginning as an encampment of Royal Marines

protecting Britain's claim to the island. United States troops, under Captain George Picket, were protecting their claim at American Camp, on the opposite end of the island. An international tribunal awarded the San Juan Islands to the United States in 1872, 12 years after the joint occupation began.

The British may have lost San Juan Island in the Pig War, but the Canadians have gained a park.

Burchill "comes home" to Boston



Herbert S. Cables, Jr., regional director for the National Park Service, North Atlantic Region, has announced the appointment of John J. Burchill as superintendent of Boston National Historical Park. The appointment was effective October 1.

Burchill succeeds Hugh D. Gurney, who has assumed new responsibilities as deputy superintendent for operations at Lowell National Historical Park, Mass. Gurney's new appointment was effective Sept. 16.

Burchill, who served as superintendent at Lowell, is a Hub native who received his B.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and his Juris Doctor from Suffolk Law School. He is a member of the Massachusetts and Federal bars.

He entered Federal service as an attorney with the Real Estate Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Waltham and joined NPS as a legal

assistant at Cape Cod National Seashore, Mass. During his 17-year Park Service career he has held positions at Cape Cod and Big Cypress Preserve in Florida. He has also served as chief of concessions management at Yosemite and Yellowstone.

Burchill, his wife Ann and their daughters Mary and Ann Margaret currently live in Lowell.

The Boston facility incorporates Faneuil Hall, Paul Revere's House, Old North Church, Old South Meeting House, the Old State House, Charlestown Navy Yard (*USS Constitution*), Bunker Hill Monument and Dorchester Heights. The historical park superintendent also supervises the Boston African-American National Historic Site, 16 landmarks relating to 19th century black history, located on Beacon Hill and connected by the Black Heritage Trail.

Santa Monica VIP's

After returning home from her job as a commercial loan officer with Union Bank, Marianne Koontz laces up her hiking boots and drives to one of the park areas in the Santa Monica Mountains. Here she welcomes visitors to the park and begins a nature walk explaining the natural and cultural resources of the mountains to the interested visitors.

Jane Haley is employed as a research scientist for Diagnostic Products Corporation in Los Angeles. She enjoys the time she can spend away from the lab in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, sharing its beauty with Angelinos and visitors to Southern California.

Marianne and Jane are two of 55 volunteer naturalists working with the National Park Service this summer. All have been trained since March to prepare programs, which are designed to attract both the national and international visitor.

Visitors joining Marianne for a hike might hear her conversing in French. Jane is fluent in German, and if needed, is available to lead a mountain nature walk in her second language.

Other volunteers speak Spanish, Yiddish, and Italian.

The "Olympic" volunteers led walks in five park areas within the

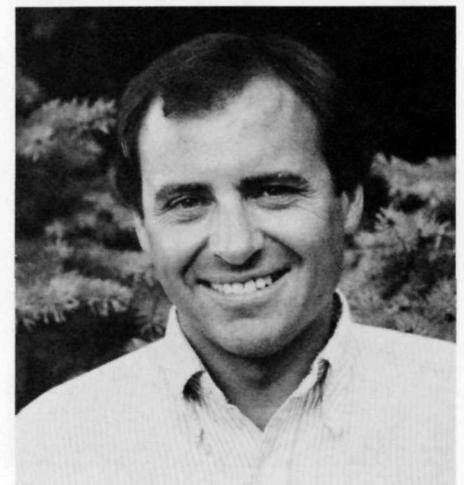
recreation area through Aug. 26. Twenty walks were scheduled throughout the week and on weekends.

Kimball new in Water Resources

Dan B. Kimball has been selected as Environmental Protection Specialist with the Water Resources Division under the Directorate for Natural Resources. Duty stationed in Denver, Kimball is responsible for evaluating water policy issues facing the National Park Service. Kimball will be assessing pending legislation, regulations, and the actions of other agencies which may affect water resources associated with units of the National Park System.

Prior to joining the National Park Service, Kimball served in various technical capacities with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Office of Surface Mining. For the past three years, Kimball was with a private consulting firm which specialized in water resource studies.

Kimball is a native of Grand Rapids, Mich., and holds a Bachelor's degree



in Earth Science from Denison University, and a Master's degree in Water Resources Administration from the University of Arizona.

Tilden Award Winners now instructors at Mather

Bruce Craig and Anne Castellina-Dudley have been named Program Coordinator/Instructors at the Stephen T. Mather Center at Harpers Ferry, W. Va. Both Craig and Dudley were regional winners of the National Park and Conservation Association's Freeman Tilden Award for Outstanding National Park Service Interpretation; Craig was the national winner in 1983.

Bruce Craig joined the National Park Service in 1976 as a seasonal park interpreter at Independence National Historical Park where he worked at the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall complex. In 1978, Craig was selected as a centralized Intake Trainee and for the next two years was assigned to Boston National Historical Park. In 1980, he became Channel Islands National Monument's first Interpretive Specialist. A graduate of the University of California at Santa Barbara's in Public Historical Studies, Craig holds a Masters Degree in American History. He is also a graduate of the Williamsburg Seminar for Historical Administration.

A long-held career goal was realized by Anne Castellina-Dudley when she also reported this January to her new position as a Park Ranger/Instructor at the Mather Training Center. A 12 year National Park Service veteran, she has worked as an interpretive historian at DeSoto National Monument and Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fla., and as



Bruce Craig

Anne Castellina-Dudley

Chief of Visitor Services at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, N.Y. A member of the NARO Interpretive Skills Team from 1981-1983, Dudley participated in developing and presenting skills training for regional interpreters and shared in the team's 1983 Departmental Award.

A 1972 graduate of Huntingdon College, Dudley holds B.A. degrees in History and English. She finds her new position a "fascinating and rewarding career challenge."

Craig is married to Patricia Kardash, formerly a Park Service Interpreter at Saratoga and Boston National Historical Parks. Dudley is married to music educator Arnold Dudley. Together with their three daughters, Hannia (7), Ingrid (5), and Jessica (3), the Dudleys are living "across the lawn" from the Training Center. The Craigs live a stone's throw away; together they share not only training responsibilities, but the weeding of a communal garden as well.



Sorenson Chief Ranger at Harpers Ferry

Harvey D. Sorenson has been appointed chief park ranger for Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, W. Va.

Sorenson began his career with the Park Service in 1964 at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nev.-Ariz. In addition to the regular park ranger duties, he was a member of Lake Mead's Scuba Diving Team.

In 1972 Sorenson transferred to Petrified Forest National Park, Ariz., and was promoted to District Park Ranger for the southern half of park known as the Rainbow Forest District, where he was responsible for the

protection of the rare and beautiful petrified wood.

For the past 10 years, Sorenson has been District Ranger at C&O Canal National Historical Park where he supervised the interpretation, resource management and visitor protection functions in the 75-mile long Piedmont District.

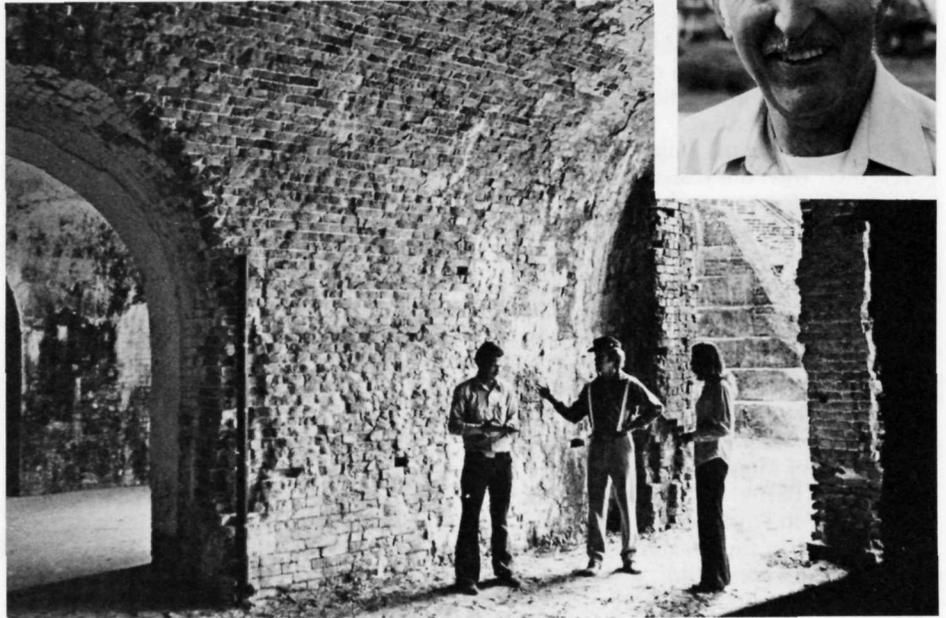
Sorenson and his wife Sandy, reside in their home near Martinsburg with their six children: Teresa, Tami, Tina, Tobi, Trista, and Troy.

Bearss helps celebrate Fort Pickens' 150th

Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fla. celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the completion of Fort Pickens on Saturday, August 4, with a day-long celebration that included a seafood festival, U.S. Army Color Guard Demonstration, the Naval Air Station Corry Station Band, special tours and lectures and a Pensacola Symphony Orchestra concert in the fort's parade ground that evening, complete with a fireworks display.

Chief Historian for NPS, Edwin C. Bearss, lectured on the historical significance of Fort Pickens to the local community on Thursday evening. Prior to Bearss' lecture, a reception was hosted in his honor by the national seashore, the Pensacola Historical Society, and the Pensacola Preservation Society. During the reception, the Mayor of Pensacola, Vince Whibbs, presented Bearss with the first bronze medallion minted jointly by the City of Pensacola and the Escambia County Commission honoring his outstanding historical contributions to the Pensacola community.

Bearss gave a second lecture the day of the celebration from the top of the



Massive, five-sided Fort Pickens was built 1820-1834. (Inset) Chief Historian Ed Bearss.

tower bastion at Fort Pickens. A crowd of more than 200 listened to his personal perspective on the fort's history.

Visitation exceeded 5,000 during the course of the day as the crowd enjoyed the many activities and events.

Prasil retires after 39 years

Margaret E. Ellis
Public Affairs Specialist, PNWR

After 10 years in the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, Resource Manager Richard G. 'Dick' Prasil has reluctantly bid farewell at two receptions held in his honor: a luncheon July 26, and a two-cake and coffee farewell July 31.

Regional Director Tobin presented Prasil with a plaque, and, on behalf of friends and colleagues, a scrapbook of photographs and letters and a gift certificate to a sports store reputed to have an enviable selection of golfing paraphernalia.

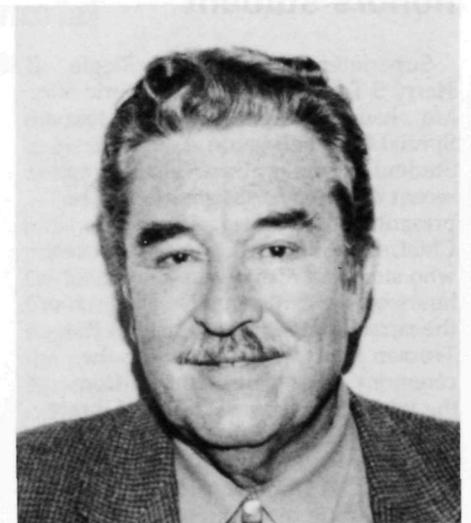
Prasil joined the Service in 1948 as a guide at Carlsbad Caverns. He left as park naturalist in 1954 for a similar position at Mt. McKinley, then Lassen Volcanic National Park. He was regional research biologist for the Western Region from 1960 to 1966 when he returned to Mt. McKinley as management biologist. In 1969, he

moved to the Alaska Cluster Office, Anchorage then, in 1974, to the Pacific Northwest Region.

Prasil came to the Service after 3 years as a U.S. Navy Ensign and Lt. J. G., and 4 years at Purdue University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in forestry and wildlife. During World War II, his service in Borneo, New Guinea, East Indies and the Philippines earned him the Victory Ribbon, the American Area Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation and Asiatic Pacific I Star.

Prasil married Bonnie, a native of Danville, Ill., the same year he joined the Park Service. Rich, Rob and Beth were born during their stay at Carlsbad Caverns, Tim, in Redding, Calif.

Dick and Bonnie plan to enjoy retirement at their home in Bellevue, Wash., Golf, woodworking, playing the organ, trips, grandchildren and friends are all on a very loose agenda for the future.



Dick Prasil

Awards

Mike Lambe wins achievement award

James Michael "Mike" Lambe was recently granted a Special Achievement Award in recognition of his significant contributions to the National Park Service.

In a letter to him, which was presented with the cash award, Director Dickenson said "Your ongoing job responsibilities and accomplishments are too numerous to cite (and) despite changes in personnel and mission objectives, you have consistently provided invaluable counsel, assistance and expertise."

Mike Lambe attended high school in Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Md., and took his undergraduate work at the University of Montana (Missoula), receiving a Bachelor's degree in 1959.

He came to work for the National Park Service in the Washington Office in 1962 as a writer-editor; and attended law school at George Washington University, earning his LL.B. degree in 1964.

In 1969, Mike became executive assistant to the NPS Director. In 1972, he was named Chief, Legislation Division for NPS, and has remained in that position to the present, with a 6-month exception in 1977, when he



Director Dickenson congratulating Mike Lambe, legislative chief.

was assigned as Special Assistant to Assistant for the Secretary (Alaska) Office of the Secretary.

He has received a number of awards

for his work, including one in 1966, for his publication, "Legislative History of the 1966 Historic Preservation Act."

Truman site honors student

Superintendent Norman J. Riegle, Harry S Truman National Historic Site, Mo., had the pleasure of presenting a Special Commendation Award to Student Volunteer Jim Williams at a recent ceremony. Assisting with the presentation was Steve Harrison, Chief, Division of Cultural Resources, who supervised the more than 400 hours of highly productive research on the personalities and artifacts in the Truman Home. Also attending the ceremony were staff members from the park, the Harry S Truman Library and Museum, and the Jackson County Historical Society. Jim is a history student at Westminster College in Fulton, Mo.

Left to right: Steve Harrison, Jim Williams, and Norman Reigle.



Two at Assateague get Exemplary Act awards

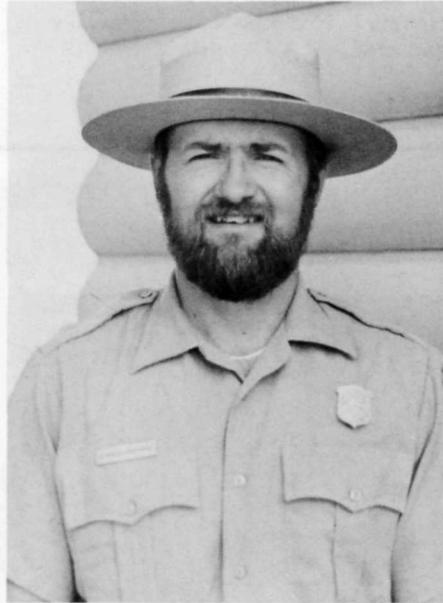
By Larry G. Points
Chief of Interpretation
Assateague Island NS

Parks searching for a way to honor employees who have saved a life due to extraordinary measures should consider the new Exemplary Act Award. This award was established by the Department of the Interior as an alternative to the Departmental Valor Award, which is offered when employees provide lifesaving actions at extreme risk to their own lives.

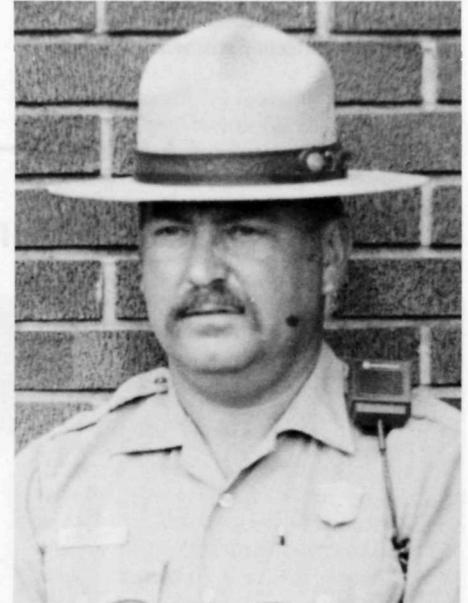
The large and handsome Exemplary Act Award, signed by Director Russ Dickenson and Superintendent Roger Rector, was presented recently to two employees at Assateague Island National Seashore, Md.-Va. While detailing the accomplishments of Park Ranger Harry Trimble and Seasonal Park Naturalist Ken Zimmerman, Regional Director James Coleman remarked that the awards were the first to be presented in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

The lifesaving efforts of Harry Trimble occurred on August 20, 1982, when an elderly visitor suffered a stroke and collapsed unconscious on a parking lot. Ranger Trimble discovered the man was not breathing. In the driving rain of a thunderstorm, he provided mouth-to-mouth resuscitation for several minutes until rescue equipment arrived. As a result of Trimble's prompt and professional efforts, the gentleman recovered with no permanent ill effects. Ranger Harry Trimble is a 16-year veteran at the seashore.

While conducting naturalist activities on an Assateague beach July 3, 1983, Seasonal Naturalist Ken Zimmerman heard cries for help from two young men approximately 100 feet offshore. He saw that the men were holding on to each other and submerging regularly. The situation was critical and lifeguards with rescue equipment were a mile away. Mr. Zimmerman swam to the men and pushed the better swimmer toward the beach. He then extended his shirt to the nonswimmer and towed him to shore. As a result of these actions, it is likely that the lives of two visitors were saved. Mr. Zimmerman, a local high school science teacher, was serving his first season as a naturalist with the National Park Service.



Ken Zimmerman



Harry Trimble

Supervisors who feel an employee deserves the award should write an account of the lifesaving action and forward it with a case incident report and any other supporting documentation to the park's incentive awards committee. The committee's endorsement and all material is then

sent to the Regional Office incentive awards committee, which makes the final determination. Each approved award will be accompanied by a letter of accomplishment from the Regional Director that is placed in the employee's official personnel folder.

Constitution Gardens memorial among ASLA award winners

Professional landscape architects from throughout the National Park System, the Forest Service and private concerns throughout the nation were well represented at the annual awards ceremony of The American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) on Sept. 11. The ceremony, followed by a reception, was held in the Auditorium and Great Hall of the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C.

ASLA honored 36 landscape architectural projects. Top honors went to the *Granite Garden: Urban Nature and Human Design* by Anne Whiston Spirn, associate professor of landscape architecture at Harvard University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, Mass. Recipient of the 1984 President's Award of Excellence,

this widely acclaimed book is about improving the quality of urban life by designing cities in concert with nature.

Ten awards were presented for the most outstanding projects, including the "Memorial to the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence" in Constitution Gardens, National Capital Region, NPS. Landscape architect for the project was EDAW, Inc., of Alexandria, Va.

Honorary members of the ASLA were installed. They were NPS Director Russ Dickenson, R. Max Peterson, chief of the U.S. Forest Service, and Representative John F. Seiberling of Ohio, chairman of the House Subcommittee on Public Lands and National Parks. Honorary members are persons other than

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landscape architects who have performed notable service in advancing the profession of landscape architects.

The ASLA Professional Awards Program is conducted annually to recognize superior achievements by landscape architects nationwide. Juries

were: Thomas F. Zarfuss, Neal R. Peirce, Jot D. Carpenter, Garrett Eckbo, Cheryl Barton, Ann Ferebee, John J. Reynolds, Patricia A. Carlisle, Carl David Johnson, Robert G. Reimann, Sue Weidemann, and Wayne D. Iverson.

In her remarks, ASLA President Darwina L. Neal said that the annually conducted ASLA Professional Awards

Program recognizes superior achievement by landscape architects nationwide. It is "an opportunity for us to honor those who stand out in the pursuit of excellence, which is one of the noblest agendas man can have."

San Antonio advisors honored



Patsy Light, outgoing chairperson; Eleanor Freeborn Bennett; Arthur Troilo; Superintendent Cisneros; Mary Heard; and Helen Dutmer, City Councilwoman.

Superintendent Jose A. Cisneros, San Antonio Missions National Historical Park, Tex., honored five outgoing members of the park

Advisory Commission at their July 17th meeting by presenting each an engraved plaque of appreciation. The outgoing members were: Patsy Light,

Chairperson; Eleanor Freeborn Bennett; Arthur Troilo; Mary Heard; and Helen Dutmer. Mrs. Light was an at-large appointment and selected by the Secretary to be the Chairperson; Mrs. Bennett was nominated by the Governor of Texas; Mrs. Heard by the County Commissioner's Court; Mrs. Dutmer by the Mayor of San Antonio; Mr. Troilo was an at-large appointment.

These members, along with the other six, have served diligently on behalf of the park during their 2-year term and all have expressed an interest in continuing to serve on the Advisory Commission and in support of the park.

Under Mrs. Light's chairmanship, the commission has accomplished a myriad of tasks, not the least of which was the establishment of a Friend's Group known as "Los Compadres," which has already proven to be of great assistance to the park. They had their first major fund-raising event last September.

Pipestone recognizes two

Group Special Achievement Awards were presented to Raymond "Chuck" Derby, Maintenance Worker Foreman and Richard Bryan, Maintenance Worker of Pipestone National Monument, Minn., in July. They were jointly recognized for substantial and extended support to the Midwest Region's prescribed burning program. Ben Holmes, Midwest Regional Fire Coordinator, in submitting their nomination stated "over the past 3 years, (they) contributed freely and enthusiastically of their specialized knowledge and experience in prescribed prairie burning to assist and train personnel in five other parks, enabling these parks to instigate a prescribed prairie burning program." In May, Derby received a Sustained Performance Special Achievement Award for a Level I performance appraisal.



Raymond L. Derby

Richard D. Bryan

Highway Patrol honors pass guardian



Lieutenant Ted Engstrom presents Certificate of Appreciation to Park Technician Ferdinand Castillo. At left is Officer Ray Ripley.

Park Technician Ferdinand Castillo, who is fondly referred to as the 'Guardian of Tioga Pass,' was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation by the California Highway Patrol on Sept. 5.

Lieutenant Ted Engstrom and Officer Ray Ripley from the California Highway Patrol in Mono County presented the award which recognized Castillo's efforts in promoting traffic safety and routinely assisting the

Highway Patrol. The certificate also cited his dedication to community service and quick action during the recent airplane crash at Ellery Lake near Tioga Pass. Also in attendance were Superintendent Robert O. Binnewies, Chief Ranger Bill Wendt and Mather District Ranger Bob Johnson.

Castillo has been a park technician at the Tioga Pass entrance to Yosemite National Park for 31 years.

Seniors volunteer at Organ Pipe

Frank J. Sumrak
Volunteer Coordinator
Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Ariz., has conducted a very active Volunteers in Parks program for the past several years. The staff received a letter of congratulations last year from the Secretary of the Interior acknowledging their success with the Volunteers in Parks Program. FY '84 has proven to be an even better year with 22 volunteers contributing a record 11,788 service hours to the Park Service.

The most interesting aspect of the entire VIP program at Organ Pipe is the fact that the overwhelming majority of the volunteers are retired senior citizens, 62 years of age and older. These older and energetic men and women have simply decided not to completely retire from their life's work. Rather, they wish to contribute the knowledges and skills that they have spent a lifetime acquiring.

They come to Organ Pipe with such diverse occupational background as college administrators, nurses, career soldiers, and park superintendents. They work in virtually all areas of park operations in a myriad of jobs and tasks that include campgrounds, protection, resources management, interpretation, maintenance and administration. Among the many projects completed by the VIPs are the construction of a staff library, plant nursery, interpretive ramada, donation box and park entrance sign.

Many of Organ Pipe's volunteers return year after year. They graciously give their time and effort and finally depart at the end of the season with the warmth of the desert sun and satisfaction of having contributed yet another year of themselves to the National Park Service.

Cuyahoga ranger saves choking victim

District Ranger Tom Cherry was presented an Exemplary Act Award from the Department of the Interior. While attending a training course at Mather Training Center, Tom Cherry noticed a fellow patron at a nearby

restaurant choking on his meal. Tom's fast, professional action in administering first aid and the "Heimlich Maneuver" relieved the grave distress of the choking victim.

Youths perform many tasks at Saugus Iron Works

By Jenny Beaujean,
Seasonal Park Technician,
Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site

Once again, the Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, Mass., is coordinating a Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program. The site has provided youth employment for the past 5 years. The YCC program completes conservation projects for this scenic 17th-century site that otherwise may not be completed. Both employees and visitors at the Saugus Iron Works appreciate what these youths are doing.

Superintendent Jim Gott states, "their work enhances the visitor's enjoyment of the park." Projects the YCC completes make it easier for visitors to view and understand the Iron Works history.

Assignments of the YCC are often monotonous and hard, but the workers enjoy it. Throughout the nation, the purpose of YCC is to accomplish needed conservation work on public lands. According to Camp Director Art Palimeno, this summer the 20 teens are taking on several projects at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site. These include resurfacing pathways and clearing unwanted brush from a large hillside. The YCC workers are also repairing and lengthening the Iron Works Nature Trail, repairing benches, and clearing the 1600's dock area near the Saugus River.

Four years ago, Palimeno was an enrollee in the YCC program at the park. He says, "When I was an enrollee, I enjoyed it. When I came back this year, I saw the work we completed in 1980 had lasted. It's nice to see the results." As his first year as YCC Camp Director, Palimeno hopes that the workers will learn how to alter the landscape without hurting the environment.

According to YCC Group Leader Mark Stasium, working and learning is a good system. "For most of the kids, it's their first eight hour work experience for pay. The workers seem to be adjusting pretty well."

YCC enrollee Ken Ryan, 16, of Saugus says the work is hard, but fun and he's made some new friends. Most of the Workers agree, they've met new people and enjoy the work. They're learning about conservation and the environment. While clearing brush they learned edible wild plants, and how to identify various trees, plants (including poison ivy), insects and animals.



(From left) Ken Ryan, Mike Barbant and Jay Guzofski.

Some enrollees, like Jen Johnson, 18, of Saugus, maintain another job as well to help pay college bills. For Lyn DeFrancesco, it also meant a job with a difference. "In the past, I've worked indoors, usually as a store clerk. YCC gave me the chance to try something different, and to work outdoors. I really like it here."

Next summer, when this year's YCC workers return to Saugus Iron Works to look around or take a tour, they will be able to see their accomplishments in 1984, and notice the difference their work made to this National Historic

Site. The visitors will walk on paths they improved, tour on a nature trail they set-up, and sit on benches they restored.

The Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site consists of a reconstructed Seventeenth Century site. This includes seven functioning waterwheels, furnace, working forge, slitting and rolling mill and blacksmith shop. As the first sustained successful ironmaking facility in the Colonies, the Iron Works served as the foundation for the American iron making industry.

Volunteers are hosts at Yosemite campgrounds

Eleven retired individuals from throughout the United States spent last summer as hosts in Yosemite National Park's campgrounds as part of the Park's Campground Host Program.

The program, which is designed to give park volunteers an opportunity to provide a useful and important service to both the Park Service and the camping visitor, was initiated the summer of 1983, with only one host. That number increased to 11 last summer.

The hosts, who reside in the Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and Bridalveil Creek Campgrounds, provided continuous personal service in the campgrounds by dispensing information, instructing campers on proper food storage to reduce bear incidents, assisting in site assignments and providing daily light maintenance.

Each host also administered the National Park Service Campsite Commendation Program which recognizes campers who set up and maintain their campsites in an exemplary manner.

"I think the Campground Host Program is a fantastic program for retired people. It gives us a chance to be useful and it is an asset to the Park," remarked Host Betty Clanton.

Participants of the program are



Upper Pines Campground hosts Betty and Bill McCarthy.

volunteers and are provided with a free campsite for the summer and training to assist them with their duties.

Hosts are: John Navarro, Betty and Jim Clanton, Norma and Evert Israelson, Betty and Bill McCarthy,

Scotty and Chuck Payne, and Delores and Jack Allison.

For further information on Yosemite's Campground Host Program, contact Kim Tucker in the Campground Management Office at (209) 372-4461, ext. 300.

Navajo, NPS cooperate at Canyon de Chelly

By Dale Ditmanson
Interpretive Specialist
Canyon de Chelly National
Monument

Cooperative efforts between the National Park Service and the Navajo Tribe resulted in jobs and completed projects this summer at Canyon de Chelly National Monument, Ariz.

Through the Navajo Department of Labor, funds were provided to hire people from the local labor force to fill short term positions. Areas of need were assessed by the monument staff and three positions were filled. A laborer was brought on in the spring to assist with routine maintenance duties allowing permanent staff to get

a jump on summer. At headquarters a clerk-typist was utilized to update the filing and assist with correspondence. Through the college placement program a third person was hired to assist with visitor center operations and present native crafts demonstrations.

As summer approached, cooperative efforts were worked out with Chinle government officials for selection of YCC enrollees. At a regular Chapter meeting, with local representatives and acting superintendent Roger Siglin in attendance, a drawing was held selecting four local youth for the program. The YCCers provided much needed trail maintenance, rebuilding stairs and constructing a bridge over a

washed out area. Completion of a fencing project around the headquarters and campground area was also realized with the assistance of the YCC crew.

One final project, which provided a much needed service to canyon residents, was the completion of a water hauling station. Few local residents, within the monument boundary, have access to wells or running water. Once again cooperation was the solution. The National Park Service provided project supervision and material. The local Chapter government provided the labor force.



Silent auction boosts education fund

The Education Trust Fund, administered by the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service, received \$648.86 as a result of the Silent Auction at the Founders Day Gathering on August 25, held at Fort Hunt, Virginia.

Terry Wood, Executive Secretary of E&AA, advised that numerous individuals, superintendents, and their staffs responded most generously to requests for contributions to the Silent Auction.

The individuals who contributed items were former Director Conrad L. Wirth; Marty Conway of Valley Forge; Bob Cunningham of Denali; Art and Lori Eck of Ozarks; Merrie Hinson of Yosemite; Naomi L. Hunt, Editor of the COURIER; Lynn Wightman of Morristown; John L. Bryant of the National Park Foundation; Harry M. Elsey, E&AA Treasurer; Gordon Fredine; George Fry, E&AA alumni rep from the Southeast Region; and John Reshoft.

The superintendents and their staffs

from Everglades, Hot Springs, Mammoth Cave, Great Smoky Mountains, Valley Forge, Independence, Grand Canyon, Fort McHenry, Yosemite, Fredericksburg-Spotsylvania, Gettysburg-Eisenhower Farm, Colonial, Appomattox, Harpers Ferry Center, C&O Canal Boat Trip, Pipestone and Herbert Hoover made outstanding contributions.

Superintendent Elizabeth Disrude of Hopewell Village, Superintendent and Mrs. Jim Carrico of New River, E&AA Employee representative from NCR Margaret Davis, Maureen Hoffman of the Denver Service Center's Northeast Team, and Naomi Hunt gave generously of their time in assisting at the auction table.

The E&AA is most grateful to the above individuals and parks and also to Jim Gross of NCR for his expertise and for giving so generously of his time to assure that this year's 68th anniversary celebration was a most stellar one!

Alumni note

Writing from a new address, Billie Johnston, widow of Fred T., had this to say about her move: "As you know, I worked at the hospital there at Laguna Hills—one day a week was in the Emergency Department; when I saw the things that could happen to elderly people living alone, I decided to make a move while I was young enough. So I sold my house, got rid of lots of things, and moved here to a rental retirement place called 'Casa de Manana.' I have a two-room, Pullman kitchen, and bathroom apartment on the sixth floor, ocean frontage. I love it.

"Now I work—as a volunteer—one day a week (Fridays) at the Scripps Clinic and two days a week here. I also hope to be a volunteering another day a week at Scripps Hospital. I am still busy."

That's Billie Johnson—no bigger than a minute but always busy, doing things for others.

—Herb Evison

Editorial Board luncheon for Hunt

On September 12, members of the National Park COURIER Editorial Board met for a luncheon meeting at the Cosomos Club in Washington, D.C., to honor outgoing COURIER Editor Naomi L. Hunt.

Former Director Conrad L. (Connie) Wirth and Mrs. (Helen) Wirth hosted the festive occasion. Those present were William (Bill) Everhart, author of best seller among NPS employees and alumni, *The National Park Service*; Grant Midgley, Public Affairs Office, WASO; Gene Scovill, NPS Employees and Alumni Association Education Trust Fund; James E. Kieley, former NPS Alumni Editor for the COURIER, and Terry Wood, Executive Secretary, E&AA. Others on the board who did not attend were Sandra Alley, Public Affairs Officer, NCR; Bill Halainen, Editor, ANPR Newsletter, Duncan Morrow, Media Relations, WASO, and Thelma Warnock, NPW Correspondent of Redwood National Park, Calif.

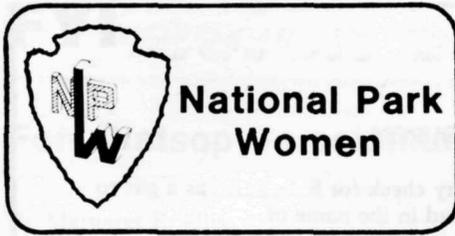


Naomi retired from Federal Service on September 28. She has moved to her new home near Ohio State University, and will continue working as a writer, editor and publications specialist.

Yosemite alumni picnic held

The fourth annual Yosemite Alumni Picnic was held on Saturday, Sept. 22, on the Wawona Hotel front lawn in Yosemite National Park.

The picnic honored past and present employees of Yosemite National Park. The Yosemite Award was presented to an individual for outstanding contributions to the park.



Midwest women meet at Isle Royale

Isle Royale National Park hosted the Midwest Regional Conference, September 4-7. The attendees, including nine wives, boarded the luxurious Ranger III for the six-hour voyage to the park from Houghton, Michigan. After a guided tour of the boat, an interpretive slide talk about Isle Royale and a motivational movie, personal pursuits were undertaken.

At Mott Island, where park headquarters is located, joyous personnel reunions were shared while the NPS folks on board watched the unloading of cargo. The group continued to Rock Harbor where the only general public facilities housed the conferees and the meeting was held. Each room was right on the lake providing a beautiful view. The wives were invited to the opening session where they learned the plans for the hikes and boat trips.

Boating to and hiking from Daisy Farm, the women changed the trail's rating of moderate, to that of strenuous. Three-month old Brian Rapier received a signed certificate as youngest "hiker" commemorating the day. After dinner, Regional Director Odegaard presented pins to Tony Anderson (Grand Portage) for 20 years and to Art Sullivan (Ozark Riverways) for 30 years of service. Instead of the usual raffle, an auction of items brought from park areas with Ken Apschnikat as auctioneer netted \$2,037.00 to the E&AA Educational Trust Fund. A special bidding complete with cheering section and some financial assistance provided Barb and Sheridan Steele (Fort Scott) an eleventh anniversary sailboat ride with lobster dinner.

Another outing found Marquette's Channel 6 TV crew accompanying the group to Passage Island viewing wildlife, vegetation and lighthouses in

a spectacular panorama. Later the women met with Deputy Director Mary Lou Grier for an enlightened presentation on the A-76 program. Several boats transported everyone to the fisheries for a living history presentation.

Steak and planked fish was the menu at a concessioner's cookout at Rock Harbor Lodge; fish laid on wooden planks stuck into the ground. Also on the agenda was a surprise birthday cake for Isle Royale's superintendent, Don Brown. A campfire concert was presented by a conservationist folk singer, Doug Wood, who has an album available through the National Wildlife Federation. Associate Director Stan Albright gave the campfire talk.

A moose and calf, talk of northern lights, seaplane rides and the Ranger III returning the NPS folks for the homeward trek in quite a wind, brought to close a memorable togetherness. Appreciation is expressed to the planners and the host areas.

Notes from Donna Petersen, Pictured Rocks National Seashore. Edited by Thelma Warnock, NPW Correspondent.

Book

Indians of the Lower Hudson Region: The Munsee, by Julian Harris Salomon. The Historical Society of Rockland County. 1982. 94 pages.

Julian H. Salomon, who some will remember as a former Park Service landscape architect, has written a charming book about the Munsee Indians and made it a beautiful subject. Little is known about this tribe or in fact about any of the Eastern Indians, when you consider what has been written about the Indians of the trans-Mississippi West. Generally regarded as the northern branch of the Lenni-Lenapi, or Delaware, the Munsee villages were located along the waterways of the Hudson River valley

I commend this gracefully written account to those with a special interest in the period because Salomon, who has written extensively on Indian subjects and did field work at the Pueblo of Zuni, is an absorbing story

teller and a first rate interpreter. Essentially he depicts the Munsee way of life, making use of original sources such as this marvelous portrait of the Munsee by an officer of a London harbor in 1609, eleven years before the Pilgrims landed at Massachusetts Bay:

"This day the people of the Country came aboard us, seeming very glad of our cumming and brought greene Tobacco, and gave us it for knives and beads. They go in Deere skins loose, well dressed. They desire Cloathes, and are very civil. They have great store of Maize, or Indian Wheate, whereof they make good bread. The Country is full of great and tall Oakes. . . This day many of the people came on board, some in Mantles of feathers and some in Skinnes of divers sorts of good Fures. . . They brought with them oysters and Beanes, whereof we bought some. They have great Tobacco pipes of yellow Copper and pots of earth to dress their meat in."

The book is handsomely designed and abundantly illustrated with line drawings done by early explores. It has received an award from the American Association of Museums as one of the best museum publications of the year. Copies are available (\$14.95 paperbound) from the Historical Society of Rockland County.

—Bill Everhart.

Death

Benjamin L. Breeze Sr.

Benjamin L. Breeze Sr., 78, of Annandale, Va., died on Wednesday, Aug. 29, at North Virginia Doctors Hospital.

He was with the Acadia National Park for many years as a landscape architect. He retired from the Washington office of Design and Construction in 1965.

He is survived by his wife, Ethelyn McFarland Breeze (formerly of Bar Harbor), a daughter, Rebecca Trafton; a son, Benjamin L. Breeze Jr.; four grandchildren, Barbara Jean, Richard and Benjamin Breeze and Diana Trafton; a brother, Richard Breeze.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 1, in Annandale, Va.

Play Santa for Education Trust Fund

A gift to the Education Trust Fund of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service is a most special way to remember the loved one, friend, or coworker, who may have "everything," at Christmastime. Also, your gift will be tax deductible!

The Education Trust Fund is a revolving one which was begun on January 23, 1974, and continues today assisting in the higher education of the children of the National Park Service families. While donations have traditionally been made in memory of departed friends and loved ones, donations may also be made as a holiday or birthday tribute to living friends or family members who know and appreciate the great work of the Trust Fund.

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Fort Clatsop—a community project

By Margaret E. Ellis,
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The Seaside Lions Club is continuing its hands-on community involvement at Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Oreg., recently completing the annual clean-up, trim, and paint at the Fort's salt cairn in Seaside. The cairn is a replica of the rock stove built by the Lewis and Clark party for boiling down salt water to salt. From 3 quarts to a gallon of salt a day were distilled, to be used primarily for curing meat and fish for the long journey back to the "United States." Finding dry wood and keeping a fire going in the constant rain of the 1805-6 winter was no small feat. Neither was the long walk into the icy breakers of the Pacific Ocean to fill the heavy iron kettles and haul them back to the "salt works" above high-tide.

Fort Clatsop pays the Seaside Lions Club \$480 for supplies to maintain the salt cairn year-round. The annual clean-up in which Superintendent Bob Scott participates, is followed by a picnic supper provided by club members. Considerable money and time is saved through the Lions' efforts. Scott estimates it would cost the park \$2500 a year "if we sent a crew over there to do the job."

Community involvement is not limited to the Salt Cairn. Crown Zellerbach Corporation donates equipment and manpower each year to unload the Douglass Fir and hemlock to repair the fort and carve replicas of Lewis and Clark's canoes.

The logs are often fallers hauled from Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks by the local Nygaard Logging Company; the park pays for fuel, but drivers donate their time.

Crown Zellerbach, next-door neighbor to the Fort, frequently donates small logs from their sorting yard, and also provides native trees and shrubs for the park grounds. According to Scott, the donations of manpower, materials, trees and equipment have saved the Fort "a small fortune."

Involvement comes in many other forms. Local volunteers take part in the popular living history program. Retired Fort Clatsop maintenance worker Ross Peterson continues to landscape the park. Oregon State

Police donate elk killed in highway accidents. Rangers use the hides for making the mocasins and buckskins they wear during the summer season, and the meat is smoked cured (jerked) in the same way it was done in Lewis and Clark's day.

The Fort Clatsop Historical Association supports the memorial. It supplies living history materials, including tallow for candlemaking, lead for shot, rifles, skins and furs. Scott estimates the Association has contributed over the years more than \$100,000 in materials and money.

Last year, the Association's biggest project, an 8½ foot bronze statue of Lewis and Clark by award winning sculptor Stanley Wanlass, was completed and housed permanently in the visitors' center. Here it is displayed, not only as a work of art, but as a hands-on teaching aid. Wanlass wants visitors to become involved in the scene depicted in the bronze, "Arrival".

"It gets a glow and a finish on it that can only come in one way and that is from . . . caressing it and touching it," Wanlass explains.

The building of the statuary from 3,000 pounds of clay on an eight-foot high steel and pipe armature in the visitor center was followed with keen community interest. The base, an

eight-foot wide, 412-year old Sitka spruce, was donated by Crown Zellerbach. Volunteer Jack Cohl cured and squared it, and eight local Job Corpsmen shaved, sanded, coated and attached the coasters before the finished bronze arrived from the foundry.

The Association funded the work through the sale of a limited edition (300) of smaller (15-inch) bronze replicas and of medallions that bear the same design. The small versions of the "heroic" size sculpture were cast using the ancient lost wax process. Each is an original work of art made from an individual hand finished wax model and cast in its own separate mold. No two bronzes are exactly alike.

The sale of the miniature bronzes and medallions has already recovered for the Association the cost of the big bronze. Money from the sale of the remainder will be profit for the Association, which plans to donate the funds toward rehabilitation of the visitor center auditorium.

Fort Clatsop is a reconstruction of Lewis and Clark's winter quarters. It was the white man's first permanent construction in the Pacific Northwest, the anchor of an historic trek which signaled the opening of the West.

It seems natural that the community and the visitor should want to have a part in it's life. That they do is quietly attested to by the money left in the donation box. Introduced without fanfare last September, the unobtrusive box had collected some \$1840 from visitors by the end of last July.

Interpretive training at Black Hills

As the 1984 summer season began to gather steam, the Black Hills Seasonal Interpretive Training built enthusiastic steam in interpreters from various agencies in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Seasonal interpreters from Badlands National Park, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Black Hills National Forest, Custer State Park, and the D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery met for a 2-day training session from May 29 to May 31 to pool their knowledge, learn a few things and bring that enthusiasm to a boil.

There were more than 50 individuals who attended sessions that dealt with basics in visitor services such as Visitor Center Desk Operations, Thematic Interpretation, and slide programs. The training also dealt with broader aspects of interpretation such as Creativity,

Communication Skills, Handling People Problems, and "Burnout." Some of the sessions were refresher courses for returning seasonals; others were designed to cause people to share and mix their feelings, hopes, and goals for the summer—much as boiling water becomes thoroughly combined.

The instructors helped provide a source of heat to this pool of interpretive water. Staff members from Black Hills parks, Bill Sontag and Andy Kardos from the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, and Denny Olsen an instructor from a private interpretive group, Earthlore kindled the fires necessary to build that water to steam.

As some pots are better for boiling than others, Bob Marshall Camp in

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Custer State Park provided a perfect setting for the training. This natural and isolated setting greatly improved the opportunities for interaction and sharing

to bring the interpretive enthusiasm to a boil. With this spirit, creativity, and steam that was generated, how could visitors to these areas help but be excited about their visit. The steam that boiled

from this time of learning and sharing will be more than enough to keep the interpreters whistling through the busy summer.

At Wilson's Creek-back to the prairie-

By Hayward Barnett
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Wilson's Creek National Battlefield

On a drive through Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Mo., during late June or early July, one will see large, round bales of hay scattered over the landscape, a scene somewhat out of the ordinary for a Civil War battlefield. According to a sign posted near the road in one of the fields, this is part of a prairie restoration program being carried out by the park and projected to extend over the next ten to fifteen years.

The objective is to restore the park vegetation to the conditions that existed 123 years ago at the time of the Battle of Wilson's Creek, August 10, 1861. Historical data, gathered from diaries of soldiers, officers' reports, and historic ground cover maps, indicate that the rolling hills comprising the battlefield were covered with prairie grasses in open fields or under a scattered tree canopy of blackjack oaks. The general area

has long been known as the "Kickapoo Prairie."

To achieve the objective, the non-native plant species that now cover the battlefield, such as fescue, red cedar and Osage orange, must be eradicated and replaced with the native prairie grasses and forbs.

The restoration program is now in its third year, having been initiated in 1981 with six tracts ranging in size from 44 to 118 acres. Each year additional fields have been introduced into the program and will continue to be introduced until all the 1,750 acres are included.

There are a few tracts that are already in native prairie and represent the third and final phase of the program. They are being managed according to standard prairie management practices. The fields that are in stands of fescue must go through a series of steps to bring them into native prairie. These steps include an annual harvest of hay and fertilization accompanied by an alternate seeding in summer and fall with wheat and a sorghum/

sudan/crossgrass mixture. This is done over a three year period and is designed to eradicate the fescue. Following the third year of this cycle, the fields will be seeded with a mixture of typical prairie grasses and forbs such as Big and Little Bluestem, Indian Grass, Switch Grass, coneflower, purple prairie clover, and sunflower, vegetation native to the southwest Missouri prairies in 1861. The fescue fields not yet introduced into the program constitute phase one and are simply harvested for either hay or the fescue seed. In time these fields will be introduced into the second phase.

Up until this new program was started, the park cut and disposed of the hay at a rather sizable expenditure of manpower, fuel, and equipment. Under the new plan, the fields are made available to the local farmers through Special Use Permits and competitive sealed bidding to harvest the hay. In this arrangement, both the park and the surrounding community are beneficiaries of the program.

-and endangered bladderpod

Lori Leitle, Park Technician
Wilson Creek National Battlefield

Within the boundaries of Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Mo., exists an unassuming little plant with yellow flowers, gooseberry-like fruit, and a round seedpod called "bladderpod" or *Lesquerella filiformis* Rollins. This plant is located in only two known protected locations in the world.

Because of its limited range, bladderpod is on the endangered species list in Missouri and is a candidate for Federal listings by the Fish and Wildlife Service. Before the Federal listing can be achieved, a status report and further research on the plant must be completed by the Missouri Department of Conservation. The Department began preparing the status report in 1980, and has since been involved in locating additional populations of bladderpod and studying its life cycle.

In 1980 (or before), the National Park Service became the third governmental agency to become involved when a population of bladderpod was found along the walking trail on historic Bloody Hill, a major interpretive point in the park that provided the open, glade-like areas that the plant requires. A Special Use Permit was issued to the Missouri Department of Conservation by the National Park Service to begin a three year study of bladderpod at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield. This study, conducted by Sherry Morgan, botanist for the Conservation Department, consisted of two study plots along the walking trail. Vista clearing was done during the spring of 1983 in an area near the trail where the bladderpod had not been present, but near known population. The next spring's abundance of bladderpod in the cleared area served to support the Conservation Department's theory that disturbance

benefits the growth of bladderpod.

The field work in 1984 included setting up four study plots and a seed collection project. The seed collecting was an important part of the study designed to determine the seed germination requirements, a critical aspect to the survival of bladderpod. The difficulty in collecting lies in the fact that seed is dispersed over a period of about six weeks. To gather the maximum amount of seed during that time, collecting should be done twice a week. Through the efforts of park personnel and volunteers, the seeds were collected and sent to the University of Kentucky for propagation studies. These studies are expected to help give us further insight into the life cycle of this little-known plant.

In addition to this work, a percentage cover estimate of bladderpod was done in the four study plots. The main purpose of these plots, however, is an ongoing

experiment to discover the effects of various kinds of disturbances on bladderpod.

The field work and data collecting are ongoing, and the cooperation between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Missouri Department of Conservation, and the National Park Service is continuing to help protect this rare plant. Due to this successful cooperation, future projects involving the Missouri Department of Conservation, and the National Park Service are now planned.



Park Technician Lori Leitle collects bladderpod seed as part of field work at Wilson's Creek NB.



Bladderpod plant

Conference on Jamaica Bay

More than 200 participants from metropolitan New York attended the recent all-day conference on Jamaica Bay at Queens College, co-sponsored by Gateway National Recreation Area, N.Y.-N.J.

Other sponsors were Congressmen Joseph P. Addabbo and Charles E. Schumer of New York, The Gateway Citizens Committee and New York Chapter of the Sierra Club.

The conference featured speakers from the private and public sectors who explored various problems and implications of urban ecosystem revitalization as well as means to foster dialogue among various levels of government, the scientific community and local community groups most affected by activities in or around Jamaica Bay.

Robert W. McIntosh, Jr., superintendent of Gateway, told the

conference that Jamaica Bay is significant not only to the Hudson-Raritan Bay estuarine system, but also to the Atlantic Coastal fisheries and as a recreational resource.

The conference consisted of two panels of scientists, administrators and environmentalists. One panel was moderated by Dr. Norbert Psuty, director of the Center for Coastal and Environmental Studies at Rutgers University; the other was moderated by Dr. Barry Commoner, director of the Center for Biology of Natural Systems at Queens College.

Following the conference, a Jamaica Bay Task Force was created with representatives from the city and state of New York, Gateway and private groups whose task it will be to develop an overall environmental compact for the Bay and its environs.



Some Jamaica Bay Conference participants. (From left) Jack Hoyt, Sierra Club; Gateway Superintendent Robert McIntosh; Congressman Joseph Addabbo; Dr. Jack Pierce, National Marine Fisheries Service; Dr. Norbert Psuty, Rutgers University; John Tancredi, Gateway Natural Resource Specialist.



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NPS given role in management of canal corridor in Illinois



President Reagan signing canal corridor legislation. Looking on (from left) are Mrs. Reagan, Rep. Henry Hyde, Gov. Thompson, Sen. Charles Percy, Rep. Tom Corcoran, Rep. Lynn Martin.



President Reagan signed a bill on August 24, authorizing the Illinois and Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor to be created along the 100-mile path of an abandoned canal that once was a major waterway.

Reagan signed the bill in Chicago while en route home from the Republican National Convention in Dallas. The president said the bill had "strong bipartisan support" and added the measure "would stimulate tourism, jobs and economic growth" in the region.

"The legislation commemorates the Illinois & Michigan Canal, which was a main artery of commerce in the 19th century," Reagan said.

Promoters of the bill envision a trail of historic sites and recreational opportunities. "It's not your traditional

park," said Gerald Adelman, executive director of the Upper Illinois Valley Association, which consists of businesses interested in developing the corridor. The corridor will stretch from Chicago's Navy Pier southwest to LaSalle-Peru.

The park follows the route of the canal, which opened in 1848 and provided a link between the East Coast and the Great Plains. Thirty years later, rail traffic exceeded commerce on the canal, which by 1900 was little used.

A 19-member commission, representing local and government interests, will oversee maintenance and development of the area. The National Park Service will provide technical assistance to the commission.

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