



Washington, D.C.

Composer Richard Adler named honorary park ranger



Photo by Bill Clark

Director Dickenson adjusts ranger hat for Composer Richard Adler.

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Composer Richard Adler, whose widely acclaimed orchestral work, "Wilderness Suite," evokes colorful sound impressions of several national parks, was named an Honorary National Park Ranger at a ceremony held in the Interior Department on July 20.

In the formal recognition ceremonies, Director Dickenson said "Honorary Park Rangers are a select company of individuals whose efforts on behalf of the National Park System warrant special recognition. Mr. Adler richly deserves this distinction for his friendship and support."

In addition to his recent "Wilderness Suite," inspired by the composer's experiences in Great Smoky Mountains, Big Bend, Mesa Verde, and Hawaii Volcanoes National Parks, Adler's earlier work includes his "Yellowstone Overture," a commemoration of the oldest national park in the world.

The "Yellowstone Overture" was first performed by the American Philharmonic Orchestra at Carnegie Hall in 1980. The "Wilderness Suite" had its American premiere (Utah Symphony) in Salt Lake City, on February 25, 1983, and its European premiere (Chelsea Symphony) in London, England, on April 23, 1984, and was recorded on RCA Red Seal.

The Director praised Adler for his

successful transition from Broadway and television composer to a highly accomplished symphonic composer. Both "Yellowstone Overture" and "Wilderness Suite" were Pulitzer nominees. Adler is currently writing a symphonic work for the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Centennial Commission. This work will be made into a ballet as will the "Wilderness Suite." The "Wilderness Suite Ballet" will be given its first performance in April 1985. Adler's Broadway shows included "Damn Yankees" and "Pajama Game."

Previous recipients of the Honorary National Park Ranger award have included President John F. Kennedy, former First Ladies Patricia Nixon and Lady Bird Johnson, former National Park Service Directors Horace M. Albright and George B. Hartzog, Jr., author Freeman Tilden, and photographer Ansel Adams.

"It is a rare privilege to welcome such a distinguished artist as Richard Adler into the National Park Service. His work has inspired a greater appreciation of the beauty and dynamism of the parks in audiences throughout the world," Dickenson said.

Adler expressed deep appreciation for the award and the ranger hat given him. He said that he and his wife look forward to continued close association with the Service.

Linn Cove Viaduct on Blue Ridge completed

A magnificent structure now graces the Grandfather Mountain section of the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., with completion of the unique Linn Cove Viaduct. Although it is not yet open to traffic, Superintendent Gary Everhardt describes this portion as "the keystone in completing the parkway which has been underway for almost 50 years."

Already recipient of several design awards, the unusual structure was conceived by landscape architects on the parkway and Denver Service Center staffs to span an environmentally sensitive and geologically hazardous site. Designed by the Federal Highway Administration and Figg and Muller Engineers, the viaduct was constructed by Jasper Construction Company of Plymouth, Minn.

What is so unusual about this structure is its complex geometry and its method of erection. "A few years ago we simply could not have designed this thing because the computer technology wasn't available"



Grandfather Mountain Section, Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va.

remarked one of the key design engineers.

Erected literally from the top down to lessen environmental impacts, the superstructure was precast in huge

segments that were lifted, glued, and post-tensioned over precast piers. Without doubt, this is one of the most significant man-made structures in the National Park System.

Death Valley mine preserved



Keane Wonder Mine stabilization project, Death Valley NM, Calif.-Nev.

Working under extremely difficult and hazardous conditions, a Denver Service Center preservation crew recently completed the stabilization of the historic Keane Wonder Mine at Death Valley National Monument, Calif.-Nev.

Based on plans devised by Western Regional Office historic architect Rick Borges and DSC structural engineer Maury Paul, a day-labor crew completed the job under budget and ahead of schedule. Using an experienced crew borrowed from the Southeast Region's Cairo project, augmented by laborers and helicopter support hired locally, supervisory exhibit specialist Tom Armstrong put the project together without incident.

The job involved stabilizing and shoring up the "cross-over," which was in imminent danger of collapse, and the upper and lower terminals. The steep, difficult terrain involved a vertical difference in grade of 1600 feet over a horizontal distance of one mile. Good weather prevailed, allowing efficient use of a helicopter to lift

materials and personnel to the work sites from a base facility where prefabrication and assembly took place.

In addition to work on the Keane

Wonder Mine, the crew also fabricated and installed protective nets to close several hazardous mine shafts.

Key Southeast Region personnel included welder Marvin Weast,

maintenance workers Willie Johnson and Dale Heggins and exhibit specialist Butch Wilson. Tom Ford of Death Valley coordinated the work at park level.

Games for Disabled

Seventy rangers from five Park System sites in metropolitan New York participated in opening ceremonies and staffed an informational kiosk during the 1984 International Games for the Disabled at Nassau County, New York, in June. President Ronald Reagan spoke at the opening ceremonies.

Staff from Manhattan Sites, Statue of Liberty National Monument, Fire Island National Seashore, Sagamore Hill National Historic Site and Gateway National Recreation Area carried the official games flag and flags of the host organizations during the ceremonies.

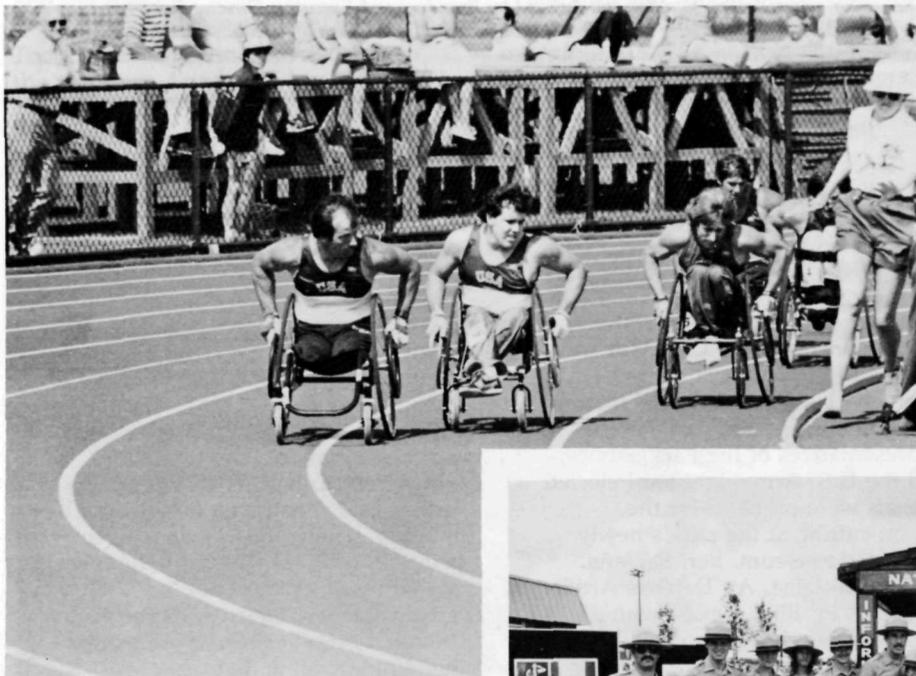
The information kiosk provided visitors with brochures and

information about national parks throughout the System. The kiosk was built by Gateway's Breezy Point District maintenance staff under the direction of Robert Harris, maintenance foreman, with assistance from Gateway Ranger Wanda Amparado. The kiosk is totally accessible to physically disabled persons and is now in use at Gateway's Floyd Bennett Field.

Park Service participation in the games was coordinated by Gateway, with technical assistance from Dave Park, chief, Division of Special Programs and Populations, WASO; and Raymond Bloomer, special populations coordinator for the North Atlantic Region.

Following the international event, Games Director Michael Mushett noted that he received many compliments about Park Service participation and that the Service added a "touch of class" to the event.

The International Games for the Disabled is an Olympic-type competition. The 1984 games attracted 1,700 physically disabled athletes from 45 nations. World records were broken by Charlie Reid, an American weightlifter, Arnie Boltd, a Canadian high jumper, H. Jauhainew a Finnish runner, and Trish Zorn, an American swimmer.



Some of the New York-area Park Service rangers who staffed the informational kiosk at the International Games for the Disabled, in front of the kiosk from which information on Park Service sites throughout the country was distributed. With the rangers are (from left) David Park, chief, Division of Special Programs and Populations, WASO; Robert McIntosh, Jr., superintendent, Gateway NRA, N.Y.-N.J., and Raymond Bloomer, special populations coordinator, NAR.

Photo by Brooks Vaughn.

Rock Creek Centre dedicated

First Lady Nancy Reagan and Mrs. William Clark visited Rock Creek Park on June 14 to take part in a dedication ceremony along with some "special" park visitors.

The National Center for Therapeutic Riding, concessioner-operated by the Rock Creek Horse Centre, Inc., for NPS, was formally dedicated and a host of Washington luminaries turned out. But the "special" visitors who joined in the dedication were the emotionally and physically impaired children who participate in the Center's activities through their exposure to riding. On this day children from the Mamie D. Lee School were led by Mrs. Reagan through a series of exercises and maneuvers on horseback. They are some of the nearly 600 Washington area children who are served by the Center. Through this therapy they develop better eye-hand coordination as well as other learning skills, and feel a deep sense of accomplishment which "contributes to the development of the whole person." As Bob Douglas, founder and director of the Center says, "that's what we're all about."

Mrs. Reagan was greeted by a huge banner behind the podium that read "Welcome Back Nancy." The banner was made by the children who have been visited by Mrs. Reagan at the Center on several other occasions. The Center had been operating in an outdoor ring beginning in 1981 and the dedication marked the opening of an indoor facility to provide a year-round program for the children.

A crowd of nearly 200 invited guests applauded as Mrs. Reagan, astride a Tennessee Walker named Pride, led the children on a short ride around the new facility. After the ceremony Mrs. Reagan joined the children at a luncheon outside the Center.

The Center had formerly been the training facility for the United States Park Police Mounted Unit. Last fall, when the Park Police facility was relocated to another site within Rock Creek Park, the building was renovated by NPS to provide a year-round capability for this program.

As the invited guests departed, including Senators, Government Officials, Washington VIP's and even a First Lady, it was clear that they all felt the special warmth of these special children on horseback.



Rock Creek Park Superintendent Georgia Ellard with First Lady Nancy Reagan, after the dedication ceremonies last June for the National Center for Therapeutic Riding (NCTR).

The indoor riding center, founded and directed by President and Executive Director Robert D. Douglas (center), helps mentally and physically impaired children learn and develop social and educational skills by caring for and riding horses.

Photo by Bill Clark.

Civil War prison exhibit opens at Andersonville

A new exhibit building telling the story of the largest Confederate military prison of the Civil War was opened to the public at a special ceremony last April at Andersonville National Historic Site, Ga. Representatives of the Park Service, and the U.S. Army, and local elected officials were on hand for the ribbon-cutting at the park's newly renovated museum. Bert Saldaña, exhibit specialist, Air Defense Artillery Museum, Ft. Bliss, Texas, who did the original artwork for the exhibit, cut the ribbon.

The museum was redesigned and expanded to accommodate additional displays. Maximum use of space was arranged for exhibits, a research library, and a visitor contact area. New features include a fully automated orientation slide show, as well as displays depicting prison life, prisoner exchanges, other Civil War prisons, and the history of the Andersonville National Cemetery. A newly designed sales area was provided by Eastern

National Park and Monument Association and many new items are being sold.

John Tucker, superintendent of the historic site, said, "Our new exhibit area was designed and constructed in just slightly more than 6 months, when ordinarily it would take years to design and construct a museum of this quality." The work was done in the winter during the low visitation period so park visitors were not inconvenienced much with the visitor center closing. Another park exhibit building, housing displays about prisoners of war from the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam War, was used as a temporary visitor center where regular interpretive services were provided.

The work on the museum was performed by the park staff with special assistance from Southeast Regional Curator Dale Durham and Sam Hoyle and his staff of the U.S. Army Air Defense Artillery Museum at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Durham coordinated

the museum work between the park staff and the Ft. Bliss Museum.

Design of exhibits, artwork, setting text for labels and preservation of the artifacts were performed by Sam, his staff, and Dale, and silkscreening of exhibits and basic construction work were done by park staff. Using skills and efforts of Park Service employees and the Fort Bliss Museum staff resulted in a substantial cost savings.

The park superintendent says, "We're very proud of our new exhibits and think they will give visitors a much better perspective on what happened here at Andersonville, where more than 45,000 Union soldiers were confined toward the end of the Civil War." The Andersonville Prison, or Camp Sumter, as it was known officially, was built in 1864. During its 14-month existence, more

than 12,000 of the 45,000 prisoners of war confined there died from disease, malnutrition, or exposure.

The site was added to the National Park System in 1970, ". . . to provide an understanding of the overall prisoner of war story of the Civil War, to interpret the role of prisoner of war camps in history, and to commemorate the sacrifice of Americans who lost their lives in such camps."

Cultural exchange at Wupatki, a big success

By Jan S. Ryan
Park Technician
Wupatki National Monument, Ariz.

An experiment in cultural exchange at Wupatki National Monument, Ariz., has come to a successful conclusion. The program was set up for 150 schoolchildren through the cooperative efforts of Flagstaff Public Schools, schools on the Hopi Indian Reservation, the Museum of Northern Arizona, Northern Arizona University and the park.

The idea was initiated by Dave Todd, NPS Education Specialist from the Southern Arizona Group Office in Phoenix. Based upon the successful Environmental Living Program tested in several NPS areas, the cultural exchange involved fourth through

sixth graders from Sechrist Elementary in Flagstaff and Polacca and Second Mesa Day Schools on the Hopi Reservation. Instrumental in planning were Lorraine Curry, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction at Flagstaff Public Schools, Frank C. Dukepoo, Director of Indian Education, and L. Wayne Landrum, chief, Visitor Services and Resource Management at Wupatki National Monument.

The program was in preparation for a year and a half before the final overnight campout at Wupatki last May. Teachers, school administrators, park personnel, and the staffs of the Museum and the University spent hundreds of hours in research, planning, development of cultural

activities, and orientation with students in both classroom and field.

Three teachers from Sechrist School paired their classes with three teachers from the Hopi schools for a variety of events. Before their initial meeting at Wupatki, students were assigned a partner to share the entire experience. Then, each pair of classes visited Wupatki in early October 1983, where the children met their new partners. They exchanged gifts they had made and spent a few minutes interviewing each other. Rangers led the new friends on a tour of Wupatki Ruins and through the museum at the visitor center. Then, school buses drove students to the backcountry site where they would eventually be camping the following spring.



Students listening to geology talk about Wupatki area. Wupatki NM, Ariz.



Students engage in candlemaking at Wupatki.

Interest grows in cultural history at Bighorn Canyon

By Michael O. Holm
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Bighorn Canyon NRA, Mont.-Wyo.

Most visitors to Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Mont.-Wyo., come for the boating and fishing and to enjoy the unspoiled natural beauty of the deep-cut canyons. But, thanks to an increased emphasis on interpretive programs in the park, there seems to be a growing interest in cultural history of the area as well.

The area, which was established as an NPS unit in 1966, includes the 71-mile-long man-made Bighorn Lake, stretching across the Wyoming-Montana border. Also, within the canyon area are 42 turn-of-the-century historic structures that relate to interpretive themes of pioneer homesteading, open range cattle ranching, gold exploration, and dude ranching. These include ML Ranch (1883-1909), Cedarvale Dude

Ranch (1903-1959), the Caroline Lockhart Ranch (1871-1962) and the Sorenson Ranch, established in 1896 and still in existence.

Last year, two stabilization projects were completed. Twelve buildings at the Lockhart Ranch were stabilized as a cultural resources PRIP project. Five members of the park YCC crew worked for 5 weeks last summer in general cleanup, replacing sod and pole roofs.

The other project, though not as broad in scope, was also important. The Sorenson Ranch main house serves as an adaptive-use ranger residence, but recently little had been done to protect adjoining structures. District staff members Terry Peters and Mick Holm took on the project of stabilizing a historic horse-corral. They straightened posts, replaced broken rails, and with general cleanup made the historic site a valuable interpretive feature.



Sturdy and historically accurate, this refurbished corral is one of several stabilization projects undertaken by park and Youth Conservation Corps employees at Bighorn Canyon NRA, Mont. Wyo. The corral is part of the Sorenson Ranch in the South District of the 71-mile-long recreation area.

'Guns of Fort Foote'

By Historian Ted Alexander
National Capital Parks-East

During the Civil War, Washington, D.C., was probably the most fortified city in the world. A protective perimeter nearly 40 miles around the city was formed by 68 forts and nearly 1,000 cannon. One of the largest, Fort Foote, guarded the southern approach to the city via the Potomac River. Its complement of guns included two 15-inch Rodman cannon, controlling the river for a distance of miles. In 1878 the Army withdrew its troops and most of the cannon but left two Rodman barrels, 25 tons each, lying on the ground to the rear of the fort. There the durable weapons remained relatively undisturbed for 106 years.

In June of 1983, Dr. Marilyn Nickels, historian for National Capital Parks-East, which administers the fort, initiated and supervised a project that would return the guns to their proper place. Lying next to one of the cannon were the remains of a gun carriage. The challenge for Historian Nickels was to remount the guns in positions similar to their Civil War appearance.

Five large gun mounts were intact down the fort's main traverse. But, were they still capable of holding the massive weight of the Rodmans? Civil Engineer Jack Longworth of NCR Professional Services Division was consulted and he provided valuable assistance throughout the project. He had holes dug to expose the foundation of the mounts. This revealed that the concrete and iron structures were in good condition despite more than a century of exposure.

The next and most expensive step was to construct iron and steel carriages to hold the guns. Bill Brown of Harpers Ferry Center had been involved in a similar project at Fort Moultrie of Fort Sumpter National Monument, S.C.; and he offered his expertise to the Fort Foote project. Also, the molds from the cast parts of the Ft. Moultrie carriages had been retained by the Center and could be used for the project.

Danzer Metal Works of Hagerstown, Md., and Frederick Iron and Steel of Frederick, Md., designed a new carriage and restored the original one from the fort, which was in remarkably good condition for having been exposed to the elements for over a century. Last February the new and restored carriages were delivered to

Photo by Ted Alexander.



One of the 25-ton Rodman cannon salvaged by NPS historians at Fort Foote, National Capital Parks-East.

Fort Foote. However, the real work had just begun. Now, the carriages weighing 5 tons each and the gun barrels at 25 tons each had to be moved back onto their mounts within the fort. Between the guns and their mounts were fragile earthworks plus brick and concrete remnants of

powder magazines, which could easily collapse under the weight of the heavy cranes needed to put the guns in place. To add to this problem, rainy weather caused roadways and other areas of the park to become swamp-like.

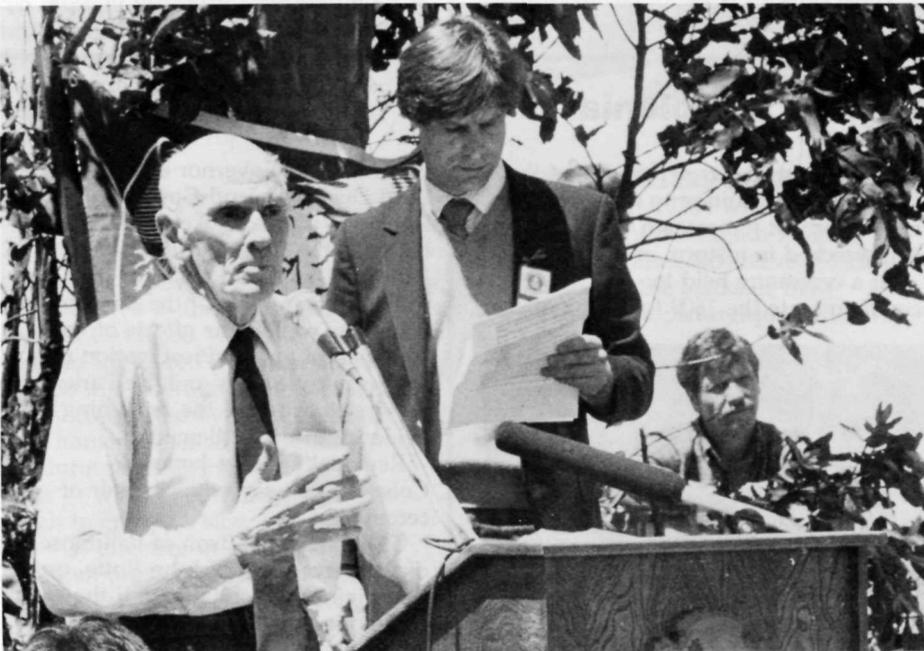
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Beltsville, Md., devised a solution to these obstacles. First they lined the roadway into the fort with large wooden rafts over which they could bring a 35-ton and 90-ton crane. Then a bridge was built over the remnants of the magazines. This took several weeks. Early on the morning of March 23, 1984, the 35-ton crane was driven across the bridge and served as a partner to the large crane in moving cannon and carriage. Once they were near the mount, the smaller crane lifted them up and set them in place. Finally, at dusk, they lifted the second gun onto its mount. It was a satisfying moment for all those involved in the project, especially Historian Nickels.

But this is really just a beginning. With this project completed, Dr. Nickels plans to develop further the historical interpretation of Fort Foote Park. The Civil War has long since passed and Washington, D.C., is no longer the most fortified city in the world, but the guns of Fort Foote look down on the Potomac once again, to remind us of that great struggle more than 100 years ago.

Pacifica welcomes Sweeney Ridge to Golden Gate NRA

Photo courtesy Pacifica Tribune.



Senator Alan Cranston addresses the crowd at the Sweeney Ridge dedication ceremony on May 12, Golden Gate NRA, Calif.

Sweeney Ridge, the latest addition to Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and the first acquisition to extend the park south of San Francisco, was feted by the City of Pacifica with a day-long celebration in May.

The day began with a dedication ceremony at 11 a.m. on the ridge top, with a crowd of 500 arriving by foot, horseback and shuttle bus. Senator Alan Cranston, Congresswoman Sala Burton, Congressmen Tom Lantos and Ed Zschau and former Senator S.I. Hayakawa headed the list of public officials present. Congressman Lantos and Mayor Loeb of Pacifica hosted the ceremony which recognized the efforts of local citizen's groups and elected officials, including the late Senator Leo Ryan and the late Congressman Philip Burton, who were involved in the push to include Sweeney Ridge within the recreation area.

An old-fashioned town picnic in Pacifica's Frontierland Park followed

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the ceremony, complete with a band and a parade with a drum and bugle corps, antique cars, and townspeople costumed to suit the theme of "Historic Sweeney Ridge." Signs all along the Coast Highway where it runs through Pacifica invited one and all to the festivities and announced the city's welcome to Golden Gate, its new neighbor.

The 1,065-acre Sweeney Ridge, which surrounds the Pacifica-owned historic site where the Gaspar de Portola expedition first sighted San Francisco Bay in 1796, was purchased earlier this year for \$8.5 million. Secretary Clark said at the time that the purchase "adds an important new resource to Golden Gate National Recreation Area."

Park rangers have begun leading weekly walks on Sweeney Ridge to introduce those unfamiliar with the ridge to its history and natural features — especially the magnificent panoramic view possible from the top. These walks were a preliminary step to the planning process for the future of the ridge. The park's Advisory Commission has held three hearings to receive public input on how the ridge should be used in the future; the guided walks were an opportunity to familiarize more people with the area before the planning process began. The staff will finalize a draft plan for Sweeney Ridge this fall, which will then be sent out for public review. It is anticipated that the final plan will be ready by early 1985.

NCR Museum and Archeological storage facility opens



Photo by Bill Clark.

Officials at ribbon-cutting ceremony.

In May Deputy Director Mary Lou Grier cut the ribbon at a ceremony officially opening the Museum and Archeological Regional Storage Facility (MARS) in Lanham, Md. Assisting Grier in the ribbon-cutting were NCR Director Jack Fish and Chief Curator Ann Hitchcock (on her right) and Associate Director for Cultural Resources Jerry Rogers and Regional Curator Pam West (on her left).

The 25,000 square-foot facility will be used to properly store and research

historic and archeological collections from such National Capital Region sites as the Clara Barton House, the Peterson House and the Frederick Douglass Home. The MARS facility will be used by NPS researchers and historians, and also university students. The facility currently holds the Ford's Theatre collection, an archeological collection from the Department of the Interior, and several thousand historical objects from NCR sites.

Founding of Bermuda celebrated at Colonial

In a ceremony in the summer, Colonial National Historical Park, Va., helped the island of Bermuda celebrate the 175th anniversary of its founding.

The Colonial connection comes about because the island was claimed

for the British crown when one of the ships of an expedition to resupply the new colony at Jamestown was shipwrecked in a storm on Bermuda.

At a ceremony held to commemorate the 1609 founding of

Bermuda the Governor of Bermuda, Lord Dunrossil, and Governor Charles Robb of Virginia spoke of the links between the State and the island. Director Dickenson spoke of the difficult beginnings of the Jamestown colony as well as the efforts of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities and the Park Service to preserve the remaining evidence of the settlement.

Regional Director James W. Coleman, Jr., served as master of ceremonies.

T. Bolling Robertson of Baltimore, a direct descendant of John Rolfe, one of the original settlers attended the ceremony.

(From left) Maxine Dickenson, Park Ranger Diane Stallings, Director Dickenson and Park Ranger Jane Sandberg, at Jamestown.



YELLOWSTONE NP,

Wyo.-Mont.-Idaho — An earthquake in Idaho last year appears to have been responsible for lengthening the interval between Old Faithful's eruptions by more than 8 minutes.

Over the past century, Old Faithful Geysir has shown remarkable regularity in its eruptive activity. Other Yellowstone geysers have been less predictable; some even ceasing to erupt for long intervals of time and others "coming back to life" after years of dormancy.

It is generally agreed among scientists that earthquakes are one of the most important factors in regulating changes of geyser activity. Earthquakes serve to open underground fractures that feed hot water to the plumbing of the geyser, promoting eruptive behavior. But the same earthquake that may stimulate one geyser may diminish the activity of another through blocking of subsurface passageways and diverting hot water to another location.

During the first hundred years of observations, Old Faithful played on an average approximately every 65 minutes. Small but significant lengthening of the interval between eruptions occurred following large earthquakes in and near Yellowstone in 1959 and 1975.

The Oct. 28, 1983, Mt. Borah, Idaho, earthquake appears to have had a much larger effect on Old Faithful, even though it produced no obvious damage anywhere in Yellowstone. Old Faithful's average interval has increased from about 69 to about 78 minutes since that time, while other geysers nearby are erupting with greater frequency.

GOLDEN GATE NRA,

Calif. — Last Spring a prescribed burn was conducted in the eucalyptus groves of Oakwood Valley to reduce fuel build-up there. The burn was a first step in a Fire Management Plan recently completed by Plant Ecologist Terri Thomas. A small, prescribed burn during the spring season — when fuel moisture is high enough to ensure a slow rate of burn — is effective in cutting down overgrown brush and trees and can be efficiently controlled by fire crews. The burn gave the Resource Management staff good experience in fire behavior as well as information for future efforts.

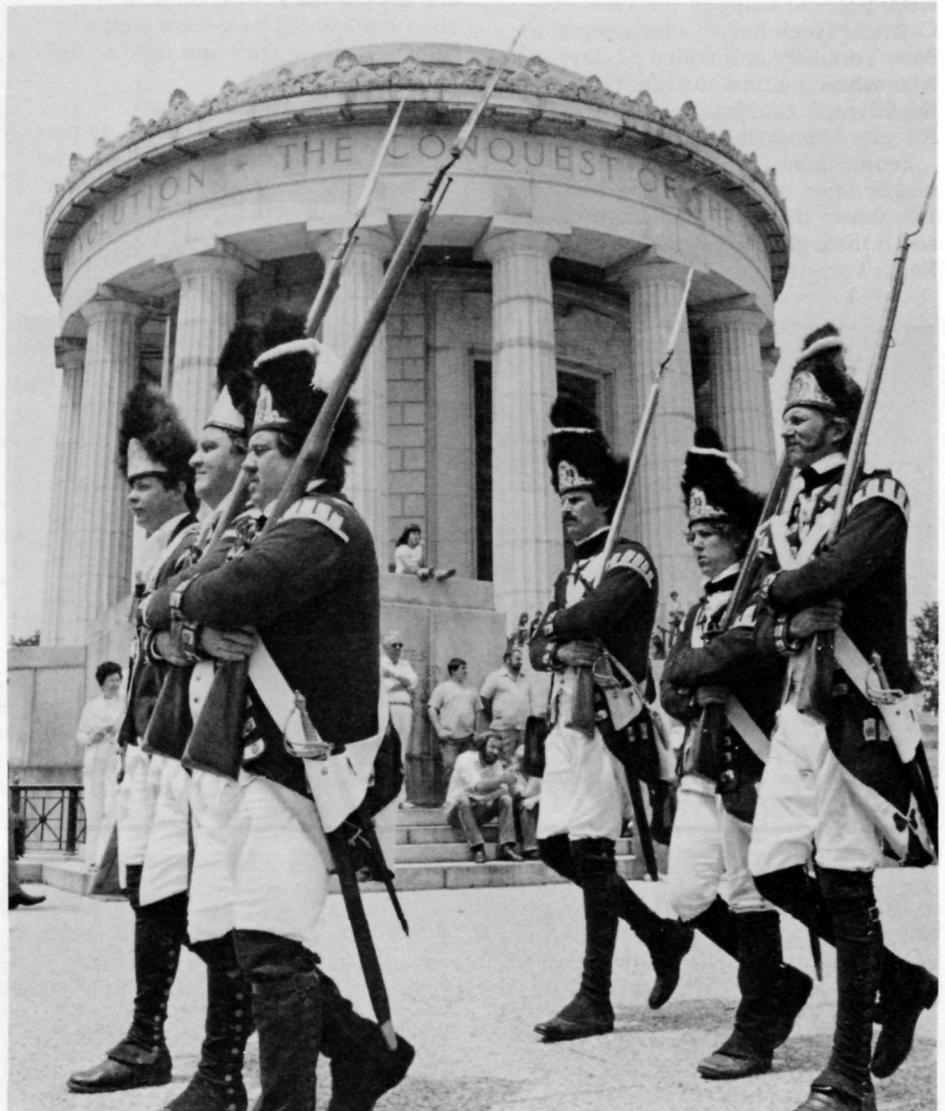


Photo by Robin Jerstad, Vincennes (Ind.) Sun-Commercial.

GEORGE ROGERS CLARK NHP, Ind. — Memorial Day weekend was the occasion for the Eighth Annual Spirit of Vincennes Rendezvous held at the park on the banks of the Wabash River in picturesque southern Indiana.

Featuring an encampment by the North West Territorial Alliance, a midwest-based Revolutionary War Reenactment organization, the 2-day event gave the estimated 12,000 visitors an authentic insight into life on the frontier during this eventful period. This yearly Rendezvous also

serves as a reminder that the vast wilderness area west of the Appalachian Mountains was the scene of bitter and prolonged fighting throughout the long struggle for independence.

Activities included drills, marching, martial music, equipment demonstrations, and a detailed look at a representative 18th-century camp. More than 300 living history participants represented many diverse frontier groups, including British, French, Loyalist and American units.

CHICKASAW NRA, Okla. — On June 14, a huge throng of sightseers came to the park to see the 4,000-year-old flame of the 1984 Olympic Torch Relay, which began in New York City and ended 82 days later when the final torchbearer lighted the Olympic cauldron in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

People lined the streets from the nearby town of Sulphur to U.S. Hwy. 177, where the Relay entourage turned south through Chickasaw National Recreation Area.



The 1984 Olympic Torch Relay at Chickasaw NRA, Okla., in June.

By tradition, the sacred flame being relayed across the country was kindled atop Mt. Olympus, Greece, by using the rays of the sun. The flame was then transported in miners lamps by jetliner to New York and used to light the first torch.

More than 4,000 individual torchbearers carried the flame, as part of a fundraising program designed by the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee to benefit athletic programs for major youth clubs and the Special Olympics.

GLEN CANYON NRA, Ariz.-Utah. — Last year Resource Specialist Larry Belli peered into a large dry cave while surveying grazing impacts in the area, and what he found is now being called a "major scientific discovery" by paleontologists from the University of Arizona and Northern Arizona University.

Belli had a hunch that the dung deposits he found in Bechan Cave were not from cattle, and he was right. Analysis of the extensive dung blanket indicates that it was deposited between $11,670 \pm 300$ to $13,505 \pm 580$ years ago by pleistocene megafauna. Species recently identified include mammoth elephant, mylodon and shasta ground sloths, possibly scrub-ox, and extinct species of horse and deer. Analysis of the dung indicates a cooler and moister climate in the past, with plant communities which are now found only at much higher elevations.

"The scientists are really excited about this find," said Superintendent John Lancaster, "they've told me that it is unique — there are no other known sites like this." After testing last year, the paleontologists returned this summer for further excavations.

The research is being supported by a \$25,000 grant from the National Geographic Society.

GRAND PORTAGE NM, Minn. — In July, the park commemorated the 200th anniversary of the forming of The North West Company — a fur trading company absorbed into the Hudson's Bay Company, which is now the oldest corporation in North America.

To help modern-day voyageurs appreciate those days of long ago, the staff at Grand Portage worked several months finding appropriate items for re-furnishing the 1784 building that housed Minnesota's first big business. According to Monument Superintendent Tony Andersen, "The number of crafts people, antique dealers and collectors who were willing to help us really took us by surprise." And now the Union Jack waves in the breeze, just as it did so long ago. It shares a spot with Old Glory beside the clear blue waters of Grand Portage Bay.



Park Technician Karen Evens tends the 1797 fireplace at Grand Portage NM, Minn.

YOSEMITE NP — In January, the Yosemite Research Library underwent extensive remodeling and a "Spacesaver" high-density storage system was recently installed to help alleviate space problems. A spacesaver is made up of large movable shelving units on a raised platform containing a steel track and chain. These are moved back and forth by the use of a wheel on the front panel to create aisles. The system is designed to maximize use of space by cutting down the amount of floor space between storage units.

The staff assisted in clearing the library for the installation by packing and temporarily storing almost 350 boxes of books and periodicals. The library, then completely empty, was painted and a new carpet was installed — in part a gift of the family of Peter G. Barton. The movable units were then assembled, and the following week was devoted to the enormous job of organizing and returning the books to the "new" library. The entire system more than doubles the available shelf space and public-use area of the library has also increased.

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NS, Va.-Md. — A new visitor use facility at the Seashore was dedicated in May, following improvements in excess of \$300,000 needed because of destruction during a November 1981 storm. The old bathhouse originally constructed in the late 1960's was destroyed, and also damaged were parking lots and a large dune that offered some protection to the popular day-use area in Virginia.

According to Seashore Superintendent Roger Rector, Park Service maintenance employees have received special achievement awards for the quality of performance on this project. Rector also noted that the work could not have been accomplished on schedule without employee support and the equipment provided by the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge.

Included among the improvements are a new 400-car parking lot and two new bathhouses. The bathhouses were designed to fully accommodate handicapped visitors. Accessible boardwalks over a newly erected dune are also counted among the improvements.

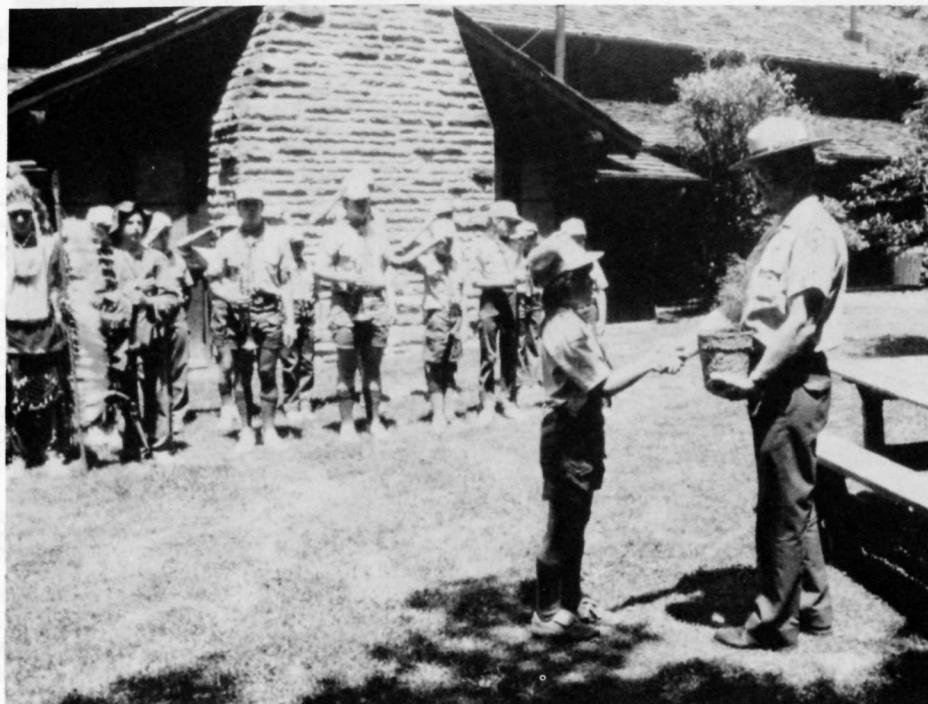


Research Library at Yosemite NP, Calif.

Photo by Michael Dixon.

CUYAHOGA VALLEY NRA, Ohio — Assistant Superintendent Einar Johnson accepted a white pine seedling from Boy Scout Billy Sizer of Troop 74 outside the Happy Days Visitor Center last June. The tree seedling was presented to recognize

the recreation area's support of Boy Scouts of America and the City of Akron. In the special ceremony, which also commemorated Boy Scouts of America's 74th Anniversary, 46 scouts participated.



NORTH CASCADES NP,
Wash. — The park hosted a 3-day
helicopter training session in May at
the Skagit District headquarters in
Marblemount, Wash.

The Secretary's Office of Aircraft
Services (OAS) provided instruction to
employees from North Cascades,
Olympic and Mount Rainier National
Parks in helicopter safety and
transportation of freight.

In the spirit of management
efficiency, two helicopter companies
provided aircraft and personnel at half
price. They contributed significantly to
the exercises, as they were able to
inject their own individual needs as
they relate to safety both on the
ground and in the air. Participants all
agreed that this unique opportunity to
train with contractors was a most
valuable experience not routinely
available due primarily to high costs.
The volunteer effort of two private
companies made the real difference.



Staff member from Aero-Copter Inc., Seattle, instructs NPS trainees at Marblemount, North Cascades NP, Wash.



Helicopter training continued through soggy weather at North Cascades NP, Wash.

DEATH VALLEY NM,
Calif.-Nev. — The Salt Creek natural
area, home of a large population of
pupfish, was re-opened last Spring to
visitors at Death Valley National
Monument, Superintendent Edwin L.
Rothfuss said.

Repair work was completed to the
Salt Creek gravel access road and the
trail boardwalk which were damaged
during heavy storms.

"This is one of the few spots in the
monument where you can see running
water and fish," he added. The inch
and a half long *Cyprinidon salinus* has
survived more than 20,000 years, since
the ancient Lake Manly covered the
Salt Creek area.

In today's climate, Rothfuss noted,
the pupfish spend their time in
shallow waters of Salt Creek which
recede to the north as the summer
heat increases. During the extreme
heat of summer, the fish spend their
time in the deeper, cooler waters
several miles upstream near McLean
Springs. They burrow into the mud
and gravel of the stream bottom
during water shortages.

Miller named Associate Director, Southwest

Keith E. Miller, a 31-year veteran of NPS has been named Associate Director for Operations for the Southwest Region.

Miller comes to his new post from the superintendency of North Cascades National Park, Wash., since 1978, where he was responsible for more than 680,000 acres composed of the park and adjoining Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas.

Miller succeeds Jack Neckels who was recently appointed Deputy Director for the Rocky Mountain Region.

Southwest Regional Director Robert I. Kerr said that Miller will oversee park operations in the six-State region, which comprises 37 areas.

Miller began his NPS career as a seasonal ranger at Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., in 1953 and received his first permanent assignment as a ranger at Mount Rainier in 1956. He has also served as superintendent at Acadia National Park and St. Croix Island National Monument, Maine, 1971; Scotts Bluff National Monument and Agate Fossil Beds National Monument, Nebr., 1963;



and Gran Quivira National Monument (currently Salinas National Monument), N. Mex., 1962.

Other stints include supervisory park ranger, Glacier National Park,

Mont., 1957, and Wind Cave National Park, S. Dak., 1959; ranger-in-charge, Jewel Cave National Monument, S. Dak., 1959; park planner and assistant regional personnel officer, Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, 1965; assistant superintendent, Natchez Trace Parkway, Miss., 1968; and acting chief for the Division of Park Operations, WASO, 1970.

Miller served on the joint agency planning team for St. Croix National Scenic Riverway, Wisc.-Minn., and developed the Oregon Trail Study under the Nationwide System of Trails Program.

Born at Donegal Township, Pa., Miller is a graduate of Mongahela High School, Mongahela, Pa. He has a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University, Indiana, Pa. Prior to joining the Seattle Public Schools teaching staff in 1952-1956, he completed 2 years of graduate work at the University of Washington.

Miller is married to the former Carolyn Ann Hutchins of Preston, Wash. They are the parents of a son, Kem and a daughter, Kristin.

Deskins named Associate Director, Southeast

Robert L. Deskins, former Mammoth Cave National Park Superintendent, has been named Associate Regional Director for Operations, Southeast Region; and will assume his new responsibilities this month.

"The selection of Bob Deskins for this key position is based on his outstanding performance in the 5 years he has served as superintendent at Mammoth Cave," Southeast Regional Director Bob Baker said. "He resolved a number of tough issues there, most notably the controversial relocation of the Great Onyx Job Corps Center, and has played a leading role in efforts to halt the groundwater pollution that threatens the cave system."

Deskins, 43, has been with the National Park Service 19 years. A former public school teacher in West Virginia, he began his Park Service career as a staff instructor at the Tremont Job Corps Center at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. From there, he transferred to the Great

Onyx Job Corps Center where he served for 8 years, including 13 months as director.

In May 1973, Deskins was appointed assistant superintendent at Mammoth Cave, and following training in the Department of the Interior's Manager Development Program, he was named superintendent of Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga.-Tenn., in 1975.

Deskins took over the top manager spot at the Mammoth Cave park in 1979.

A native of Lenore, W. Va., he holds a Bachelor's degree from Morris Harvey College (Charleston, W. Va.) and a Master's degree in public administration from Western Kentucky University (Bowling Green, Ky.). He is married to the former Joyce Hoke, of Kermit, W. Va. They have a daughter, Zoeda, 15.

In the regional office post, Deskins succeeds C.W. "Jack" Ogle, who recently was named deputy regional director for the Southeast Region.

Joe Lawler to Rock Creek Park

Joseph M. Lawler, 12 year veteran of NPS, has been named Assistant Superintendent of Rock Creek Park in Washington, D.C. Lawler took over his new position in March.

Rock Creek Park is one of the largest urban parks in the world and is also the third oldest park in the System, authorized by an Act of Congress in 1890. The park contains seven Civil War fortifications and Battleground Cemetery for the civil war dead from the battle of Fort Stevens.

Lawler entered the Park Service as Park Technician in the Branch of Community Programs, NCR, in 1972. Subsequent assignments brought him to the Division of Special Events, The President's Park, Site Manager of Ford's Theatre National Historic Site, and Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services at Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, all within NCR.

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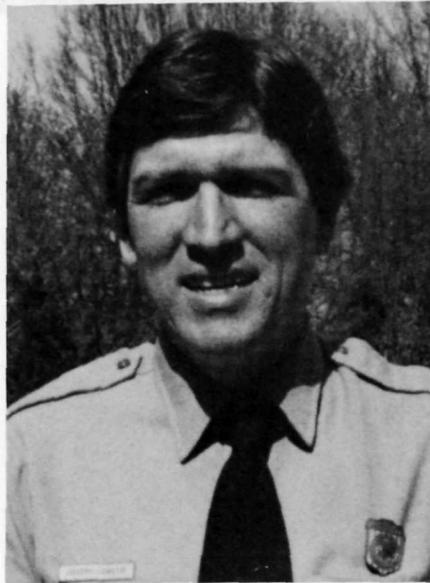
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Lawler also served as Assistant Superintendent at C&O Canal National Historical Park, in 1983 on a temporary assignment.

In 1978-79, Lawler was selected for and participated in the mid-level Manager Development Program, which brought him into training assignments at Everglades and Yellowstone National Parks, as well as to WASO in Legislative Affairs.

He has received several awards for his contributions to the Service, most notably for development of the White House Visitor's Program during the Bicentennial Celebration. An avid golf and tennis enthusiast, Lawler has twice captured the National Low Gross Championship in the Kowski Golf Tournament, in 1980 and 1982.

While at the University of Scranton, where he earned a B.A. in English in 1971, Lawler captained the varsity tennis team where he set a school record for career individual victories. He is married to the former Libby



Brennan of West Pittston, Pa. The Lawlers, and their two young sons Joseph Jr., and Michael, reside in Woodbridge, Va.

Kline moving to Cape Hatteras

Doyle L. Kline, who served for 7 years in the dual post as superintendent of Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, Ky.-Tenn., and Obed Wild and Scenic River, Tenn., has been named assistant superintendent for Cape Hatteras National Seashore on North Carolina's Outer Banks. He reported for his new post in late August. He succeeds Paul McCrary, who transferred to Mississippi in February to become superintendent of Vicksburg National Military Park.

In his new assignment, Kline will be second-in-command of the Cape Hatteras group, which includes the Nation's first seashore park, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial.

Kline, 57, has been with the Park Service 28 years, beginning his career as a ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va. He also served as a ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Shenandoah National Park Va., and Lava Beds National Monument, Calif.

From 1967 to 1974, Kline was chief of the ranger activities division in the Southeast Region. He then spent 3 years as assistant superintendent at Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky., before being named as the first superintendent of Big South Fork and Obed River in 1977.

Sarff to PNRO

In July, Ronald E. Sarff, administrative officer at Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., transferred to the Pacific Northwest Regional Office, where he will serve as a special assistant to the Regional Director in the Office of Management Consulting. Ron spent 3½ years at Mount Rainier, during which time he established a computer system, negotiated a new and effective telephone system, and other innovative improvements for which he received a Special Achievement Award.

David V. Uberuaga will fill the position vacated by Sarff. Uberuaga came from the General Accounting Office in Seattle, where he had been employed since 1974. Dave and his wife Barbara, their 5-year old son

Springer to Cowpens, Stanek to Atlanta

Bill Springer has been appointed superintendent of Cowpens National Battlefield, S.C. Currently chief of park operations at Cape Lookout National Seashore, N.C., Bill succeeds Pat Stanek effective this month.

Stanek, who is transferring to Atlanta to become chief of Interpretation for the Southeast Region, had served as park manager at Cowpens for 7 years. In her new assignment, she will be in charge of park interpretive programs for the 53 National Park System areas in the Southeast Region.

Stanek, 42, is a former teacher and assistant director of environmental education programs for the Atlanta public school system and also has been an instructor at Atlanta University and Georgia Tech. She began working for the Park Service as a volunteer at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Ga., in 1971 and joined the Service as a full-time employee in 1973.

She served for 4 years as an environmental specialist and interpretive specialist in the southeast regional office before being named manager at Cowpens in 1977.

A native of Chicago, Stanek has a Bachelor's degree in communications from St. Mary of the Woods College, Terre Haute, Ind., and a Master's degree in counseling psychology from Georgia State University. She also has been a graduate student at Northwestern University, Atlanta University and Georgia State.

Stanek has a son, Robb, 18, who will enter Georgia Tech this fall.

Springer, 36, joined the Park Service in 1977 as an environmental specialist at the Denver Service Center. He served as regional environmental coordinator for the southeast regional office for nearly 3 years before transferring early in 1983 to Cape Lookout, where he has been in charge of daily operations for the national seashore.

The Grand Junction, Colo., native holds a Bachelor's degree in biology and a Master's degree in resource management from Colorado State University. He served as a Russian linguist for the U.S. Army Security Agency from 1970 to 1973.

Springer is married to the former Sue Pekrul, of Denver. They have two children, Joshua, 6, and Sara, 2.

Mark, and daughters, Michelle, 3, and Amy, 21 months, reside in Tahoma Woods.

In August, James L. Monheisier, former concessions management specialist and public information officer, was promoted to the

assignment of concessions management specialist for parks in South Dakota — Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Wind Cave National Park and Badlands National Park.

Monheisier had completed 3 years of

service at Mount Rainier, where he conducted management reviews of the various divisions, and was acting chief of Maintenance for an extended period, for which he received a Special Achievement Award.

Awards

Bighorn Canyon Ranger receives honor award

Michael Holm, a park ranger at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Mont.-Wyo., recently received the Department of Interior Honor Award. In presenting the prestigious award, Bighorn Canyon Superintendent William Binnewies cited Holm's consistently high job performance.

He stated that Holm initiated new interpretive programs and exceeded his job requirements and standards over the past several years. In addition Holm coordinated special events and

is active in the community — all of which led to the award.

Holm has been at Bighorn Canyon since 1979. Prior to that his Park Service career included stints at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Mont., and Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, N. Dak.

A native of Brady, Mont., Holm graduated from the University of Montana. He, his wife Patty, and sons Nathan and Eric presently make their home in Lovell, Wyoming.

Zion's naturalists rewarded

Assistant Chief Naturalist Roy Given and Park Technician (Naturalist) Robert J. Wood of Zion National Park, Utah, were recently presented special achieve awards by Zion Superintendent Harold L. Grafe.

Given serves as the Volunteers In Parks Coordinator. In 1980, 12 volunteers in this program participated in a variety of park activities by donating a total of 1,173 hours. In 1983, 29 volunteers added another 7,244 hours. This source of auxiliary aid benefits all park functions. A successful Campground Host Program was implemented in 1983 for the South Campground; and many volunteers have helped out on the information desk, provided guided walks and hikes, presented evening programs, typed, filed, and repaired park buildings, trails and grounds.

A very important and complex activity carried out by Wood was the scheduling of 20 Government and auxiliary employees during the last visitor season in order to provide a wide selection of interpretive activities in the park on a daily basis. Each type of employee (NPS, Student Conservation Association, Volunteers In Parks, and Zion Natural History Association) operates under varying work guidelines. As a result, the Zion Canyon Visitor Center operates 13 hours daily in summer and serves the many needs of 2,000 to 4,000 people a day. Evening programs are offered at three locations nightly in summer and have long been a favorite activity with thousands of visitors.

Zion visitor enjoyment and protection of park features have and continue to be enhanced through the skillful coordination efforts of these employees.

NPS Alumni interested in sharing their skills and hospitality at Zion National Park as a park volunteer with visitors from around the world, should contact Roy Given at the park—(801) 772-3256.

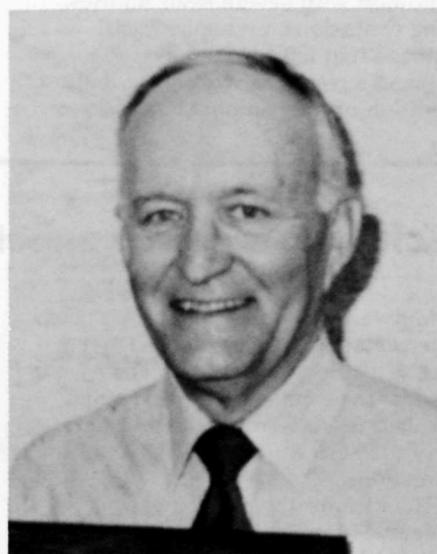
MRO Visitor Services Specialist rewarded

James R. Walker, visitor services specialist in the Midwest Regional Office, received a Special Achievement Award for his efforts in four areas of NPS activities.

As coordinator of the 36 CFR general regulations and special regulation changes, Walker provided guidance and assistance to the parks to ensure compliance with numerous procedural requirements.

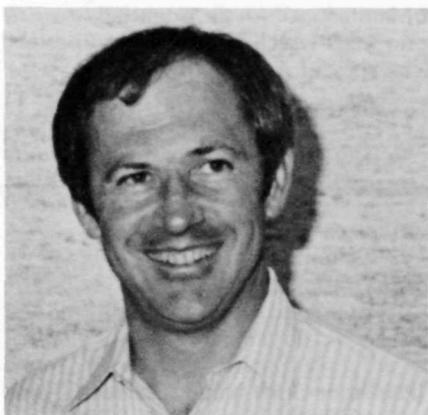
A second program requiring considerable time and work on Walker's part was the Midwest Region implementation of the new Servicewide uniform program. He was commended for working closely with field areas, the Washington uniform coordinator, the uniform supplier, and the Regional Finance Office.

In addition to his regular duties and providing needed attention to special emphasis issues and programs, Walker continued being active in the equal opportunity and safety programs. As EO-counselor-at-large, he aided the Regional Office in reconciling discrimination complaints and in



solving other problems. He also volunteered his time and service to the Regional Safety Officer in the development of a regional water safety program.

Suarez of Midwest Concessions rewarded



Alfred M. Suarez, concession management specialist in the Midwest Regional Office, was the recipient of a Special Achievement Award for accomplishments that will have substantial value and broad application within the National Park Service.

During the January 1983 to March 1984 period, 31 contracts and permits were successfully negotiated and awarded. In addition, one concession was established at Lincoln Home National Historic Site, Ill., and two concession opportunities were identified at Voyageurs National Park, Minn.

Suarez helped resolve the controversy concerning use by unlicensed canoe rental firms of the Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Mo.

He assisted in the preparation of guidelines and criteria used when the Park Service issued new canoe rental permits. That was after the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the NPS could not, at permit renewal time, give preferential treatment to licensed canoe concessioners who had provided satisfactory service before their permits expired last December.

Bland of Cuyahoga Valley recognized for saving a life

Lead Park Technician Matt Bland of Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Ohio, was recently presented a Department of the Interior Exemplary Act Award for saving the life of a visitor.

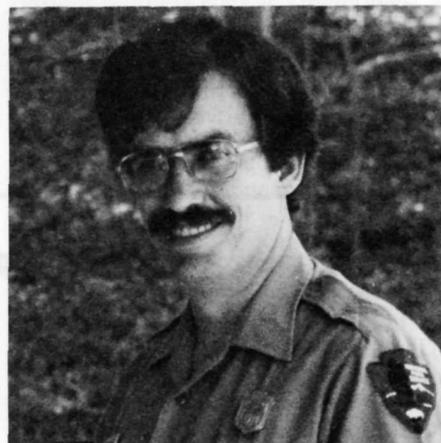
On April 25, Bland responded to a reported visitor injury at the Ledges area. Upon arrival, he found that the visitor had fallen 50 feet from the rocks above.

After finding the unconscious man in deep shock and suffering severe respiratory difficulty, Bland called for additional assistance and requested specific items of equipment. He began emergency treatment by inserting an

airway to assist the victim's breathing and later was able to sustain the victim's oxygen supply with a resuscitator which Bland had had the foresight to request earlier. When the rescue unit arrived, he assisted in moving the injured man from the accident scene.

Medical reports showed that Bland's rapid and professional emergency medical response resulted in saving the visitor's life when in a critical condition with severe head injuries, lung contusions, and spinal cord damage that left him paralyzed.

Bland's response was in the highest tradition of the National Park Service.



MWR Interpretation Chief Schaack receives special award



Midwest Regional Chief of Interpretation James W. Schaack received a Special Achievement Award for his involvement in a project that resulted in donations valued at more than \$150,000 during its first year of operation.

The idea for the project was triggered after an acquaintance, Ron McCann of Mid-Comedia Productions, showed Schaack audio-visual programs he had done in several parks for cooperating associations.

Schaack told McCann similar programs for other parks could greatly enhance their interpretive and information services. McCann discussed the matter with Peter Bradley, an account executive with a

national advertising firm, Bozell & Jacobs, one of whose clients is InterNorth, Inc., a natural resource corporation long active in a variety of public service activities.

The corporation approved a proposal under which it agreed to pay the production costs for six audio-visual shows, which were donated to the National Park Service.

After InterNorth approved the project, Schaack worked with several regional chiefs of interpretation and parks in their regions to learn their audio-visual program needs.

Programs were prepared in 1983 for Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Grand Canyon National Park, Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., Fort

Laramie and Fort Larned National Historic Sites in Wyoming and Kansas; and Gettysburg National Military Park, Pa.

InterNorth is making programs for seven parks in 1984 and will make

seven more in 1985.

In laying the foundation for each program, Schaack dealt with the Washington office and with the Harpers Ferry Center to ensure that quality would be maintained. He also

made sure the audiovisual presentations could be integrated successfully into park interpretive programs and the equipment maintenance system of the Harpers Ferry Center.

Two Southwest employees recognized

Two Southwest Region employees have recently been recognized for their outstanding contributions to the regional training program. Robert Patterson, former Maintenance Foreman of Navajo National Monument, Ariz., received his certificate of recognition for initiating and sponsoring a Basic Maintenance Skills course for Navajo speaking employees.

Oscar "Lee" Fellows, Maintenance Foreman at Lyndon B. Johnson National Historical Park, Tex., received a certificate for developing and

sponsoring a basic electricity course for regional employees. Both Bob and Lee have assisted substantially in meeting the identified training needs of the Southwest Region. As one participant put it, "... having the time and opportunity with people of the same tribe was more than I could ever hope for. I feel I can do a much better job now."

Superintendent O'Bryant (right) congratulates "Lee" Fellows at Lyndon B. Johnson NHP, Tex.



Abegglen commended for skill in human relations



Superintendent Bob Barbee with Abegglen "grin and grab."

Yellowstone National Park Heavy Mobile Equipment Mechanic Randy Abegglen was recently selected as a recipient of the 1983 Equal Opportunity Award for outstanding contributions to the Rocky Mountain Region's equal opportunity program. Abegglen was presented the award by Superintendent Bob Barbee for Regional Director Mintzmyer.

In a memorandum to Randy, the Regional Director said "As an EEO Counselor for Yellowstone National Park since 1977, you have consistently demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the principles of equal opportunity for all persons and are highly regarded by both Yellowstone employees and park management for your knowledge, skill in counseling, and dealing with sensitive issues; in addition to your willingness to devote a great deal of time to the EO Program." Abegglen was also commended for his skill in human relations, understanding of EO legislation, the complaint process, personnel rules and regulations, and park organization.

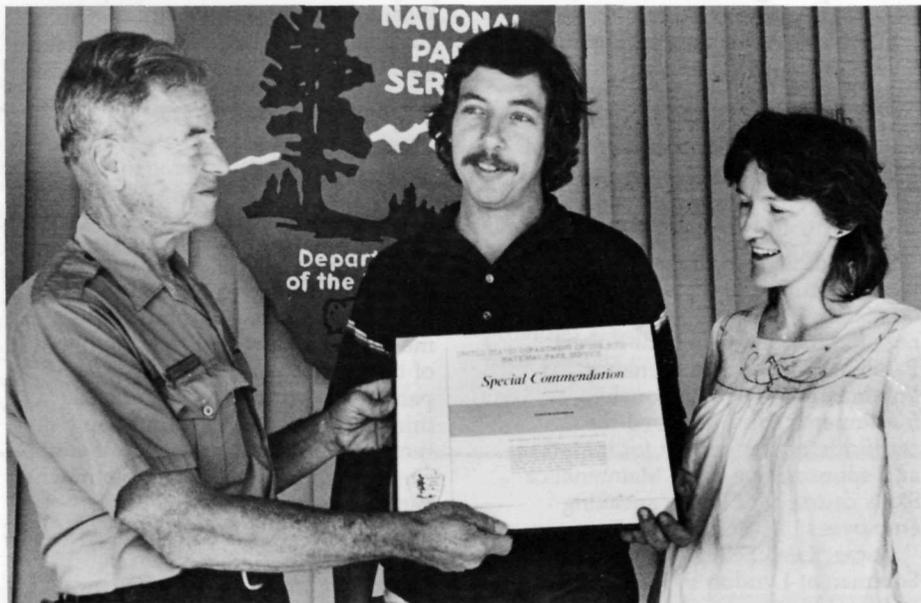
NPS honors visitor for saving a life at Glacier

Eugene Brackenbrough of Portland, Oreg., was honored in June by the National Park Service for saving the life of a fellow tourist at Glacier National Park, Mont., in August of 1983.

James M. Thomson, Superintendent of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Wash., who formerly served at Glacier, presented the award at Fort Vancouver.

Brackenbrough, 31, and his family were boating at Lake McDonald when Brackenbrough heard calls for help. He sped to the spot in his boat and dived in. He found Douglas Fordyce, 52, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, apparently lifeless on the lake, dragged him to shore and revived him.

"Without your quick reaction, the victim surely would have drowned," the Park Service citation reads.



Superintendent James M. Thomson presents award to Eugene Brackenbrough as Mrs. Brackenbrough poses by her husband.

YCC assist in projects at Yosemite

Twenty-four teenagers undertook a number of important projects in Yosemite National Park during a 2-month residential Youth

Conservation Corps program last summer, Park Superintendent Robert O. Binnewies said.

The participants, between 15 and 18

years of age, were selected from the Mariposa, Oakhurst and Bishop areas.

Projects they undertook included backcountry maintenance, construction of bear boxes in Tuolumne Meadows, maintenance work in Wawona and the Indian Village, rehabilitation of several high country trails, and construction work on the Yosemite Valley bikeway.

"The YCC program has proven to be an invaluable asset not only to Yosemite, but to the participants as well," said Binnewies. The program is designed to foster environmental awareness. Participants spend 30 hours a week working for minimum wage and 10 hours learning about their relationship to the environment.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Company, the Park's primary concessioner, provided support for the YCC by converting the Badger Pass Ski Lodge into a base camp for the program. Spike camps were set up at Tuolumne Meadows, Hetch Hetchy, Lake Eleanor and Buck Camp.

YCC working at Yosemite NP, Calif.



Photo by Evan Smith.

Wenk of Yellowstone becomes Departmental Trainee

One of the two Departmental Manager Development Program participants this year will be Daniel N. Wenk from Yellowstone National Park. At age 32, Dan has already been with the National Park Service for 11 years.

It is his desire to participate in the future of the National Park System that led Dan to apply for the program. Along with Ernest Ortega, he was selected as a National Park Service representative for the 1984-85 program.

Since 1979 Dan has been learning first-hand about the life of a park manager. He has served on the immediate staff of the superintendent of Yellowstone under the direction of the late John Townsley and, more recently, Robert Barbee. He has been a major participant in the controversial planning and development decisions for Yellowstone. Dan has been an active coordinator for the major new development and extensive rehabilitation of concession facilities in the park as well.

He has developed procedures and methods to accomplish regular and rehabilitation maintenance in Yellowstone with minimum impact on the landscape. He coordinated and supervised work of the Young Adult Conservation Corps and the maintenance grounds crews for the developed areas throughout the park. He also developed a cooperative education agreement with the University of Virginia School of Landscape Architecture.

Prior to Yellowstone, Dan was a Landscape Architect with the Denver Service Center. He began as a cooperative education student from Michigan State University in 1973, and was converted to a career employee in 1975 following graduation.

In 1979, Dan was selected to assist the government of Trinidad and Tobago prepare development studies and designs for its first national park, the Caroni Swamp. The design solutions were adopted and are now being constructed.

In 1977-78, Dan worked for a private consulting firm on planning and



construction projects for the Bureau of Reclamation and NPS and prepared mine reclamation plans and construction drawings for a coal

company in Colorado.

Dan is married to Barbara Michel and they have two daughters, Laura, 3½, and Megan, 6 months.

Yukon 'mosquito bites research' results in doctorate for NPS Historian Melody Webb

By Ben Moffett
Assistant to Regional Director for Public Affairs, SWR

It was 1976. Most National Park Service historians that Bicentennial summer were probably politely sparring with tourists over the political nuances of the Second Continental Congress in such places as Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Not Melody Webb. There were no tourists on the Yukon River. Melody sparred with gnats as she roasted up beaver tail steaks that were to sustain her in hand to hand combat against Alaska-sized mosquitos.

Melody was working the other end of American history. She was on the frontlines of America's last frontier, examining anachronistic lifestyles in an area little changed from the days of Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson.

Together with a Yukon trapper, David Evans, who spurned modern contrivances, she visited historical sites

over a vast stretch of the 1,900-mile Yukon River, piercing together the story of two million wilderness acres near the Canadian border proposed for addition to the National Park System as Yukon-Charley National Rivers.

She walked and floated the river "coming to terms each day with burning sun, pouring rain, low water, protruding trees, monotonous camp chores, time-consuming meals and long hikes over punishing terrain." She sought out prospectors, miners and river people "not all of whom were comfortable with a woman as historian rather than a kitchen drudge." Her first hand experience in the Yukon, interviews with its people and long hours of library research in four states and the nation's capital formed the basis for a 1977 report to the National Park Service that helped in the establishment of the Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve.

Establishment of the preserve was

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reward enough for Melody. But little recognition came to her as the result of her efforts. Only this summer is she reaping the glory for her mosquito bites — far from the Yukon in the arid high desert of New Mexico.

Today she is Melody Webb, Ph.D., and Regional Historian for the Southwest Region of the National Park Service, headquartered in Santa Fe, N. Mex. Her study provided the foundation for her doctoral dissertation in history at the University of New Mexico. Greatly expanded to cover the entire Yukon Basin, the dissertation won the Tom L. Popejoy Dissertation Prize, a \$1000 award given to the most distinguished doctoral dissertation written at the University of New Mexico in a given area within a 3-year period. The dissertation, "Yukon Frontiers: The Westward Movement to the North Country," was praised by a panel of judges for its "excellence at the highest academic and technical level, good literary form and general human interest."

The dissertation is due for publication soon and Dr. Webb is busy paring out enough words to make it book-sized — while retaining the flavor of personal experience that makes it readable and the historical essence that makes it worth reading.

The book is rich in both aspects. Dr. Webb's introduction will explain how Dave Evans, a trapper with a college background in history, strolled into her University of Alaska, Fairbanks office, seeking to learn more about "his land." She tells of the bargain they struck to explore the area: "Evans agreed to serve as my guide — if I did it his way. He scorned freeze-dried food and gave me a list of groceries that included flour, baking powder, tea, beans, peas, rice and potatoes. He would carry a gun, he said, and if opportunity arose would kill fresh meat. I was not to bring my national park ethic into his world. I agreed.

"By living a modern trapper's lifestyle, I hoped to gain insights into the life and times of an earlier Yukon." She panned for gold and crafted trapping sets. She learned to eat bear, or beaver, and like it. "I accommodated to the Yukon environment and accepted it without insulating layers of 'civilization,'" she said.

But the work is not a fanciful human interest tale of a woman's struggle in a harsh land. It is readable, as the Popejoy Award suggests, but it is a scholarly document that serves as the



At Twin Lakes in the Alaska Range, Canadian Jays, locally known as "camp robbers," eagerly accept tidbits from NPS Historian Dr. Melody Webb.

history of a great region in Alaska and western Canada.

Dr. Webb drew on Frederick Jackson Turner's landmark frontier thesis as a means of understanding and interpreting the data she had collected. "Turner's metaphorical concept of successive frontiers provides a highly effective scheme for organizing complex and contradictory information into a meaningful synthesis," she notes in her introduction. "Just as Turner used this thesis to focus attention on a little-known west, so I have applied it to a little-known Yukon."

Turner's frontier thesis holds that the westward movement can be

perceived through successive waves of distinct occupational or cultural groups that confronted and overlapped a new land. Examination of each group or frontier facilitates understanding of the whole.

Dr. Webb's work similarly fits Yukon history into a larger picture. "To have validity for a nation, frontier history should be a part of national history," she writes. "It should not be studied in isolation or as a unique entity. Therefore, for the north country's history to become meaningful, I have presented it as part of the westward movement and intimately tied it to unfolding themes of American history."

Photo by M. Woodbridge Williams.

Editor Hunt completes 30-year Federal career

Naomi L. Hunt, editor of the National Park COURIER, has announced her retirement as of Oct. 1.

Naomi capped a 30-year Government career with a 9½ year stint as COURIER editor. She came to Washington, D.C., in February 1975 from the Denver Service Center, where she was a writer-editor on planning documents, as well as editor-in-chief of *Exponent* — a quarterly publication of articles on science, engineering, architecture and landscape architecture in the national parks. In 1973, she was detailed for 6 months to the Washington Office to work with the Alaska Task Force on

Environmental Impact Statements for Congressional Hearings on the Native Claims Act.

From 1963 through 1966, Naomi served as a writer-editor in the Public Information Office of the National Capital Region. She was an information specialist and librarian for the National Recreation and Park Association; a technical editor for the Bureau of Reclamation, and a writer-analyst for the Executive Office of the President.

Before joining the Federal service, Naomi was publicity director for a year 'round resort and executive secretary of the Chamber of Commerce in

Manchester, Vermont. She also worked in Chicago as a radio continuity writer, advertising copywriter, columnist and feature writer.

In October, Naomi will be moving to her new home near Ohio State University, and will continue working as a writer, editor and publications specialist. In December she plans to go on an archeological expedition with Earthwatch to study "early man" in Majorca. Her new address will be 414 Robin Road, Waverly, Ohio 45690.

Whitehead 'hangs it up'

Arthur T. Whitehead, a Lead Park Technician at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Ga., decided to hang up his ranger hat and retire on June 30.

He joined the NPS ranks in 1950, after experiencing the devastation in Europe during World War II.



Park Technician Whitehead and Mrs. Whitehead.

Whitehead was a U.S. Army paratrooper who parachuted into France and was severely wounded in the Battle of the Bulge.

"I wanted to preserve things and hand them down to future generations," he says of his 30 year career. "Besides," he adds, "I grew up on a river bank in Tennessee and I learned early in life how to survive in the woods. Being a park ranger seemed like a natural choice."

Whitehead spent 15 years at Great Smoky Mountains National Park,

1950 through 1975, participating in countless search and rescue operations and patrolling the backwoods with his beloved "critters." He and his wife Dorothy and son Kent have lived in the historic Kolb Farmhouse at Kennesaw Mountain since 1975. Retirement for the Whiteheads, though, will not sever completely their Service ties. They plan to return to Happy Valley in the Great Smokies, just a mile-and-a-half from the park boundary.

Mather Training Centers' Charlie Gebler retired

Charles J. Gebler, Superintendent of Mather Training Center at Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, retired in April after 31 years of continuous NPS service. Gebler has been superintendent of the Training Center since 1980, and has periodically been in the hospital with serious illness for the past 2 years, and is gravely ill at this time.

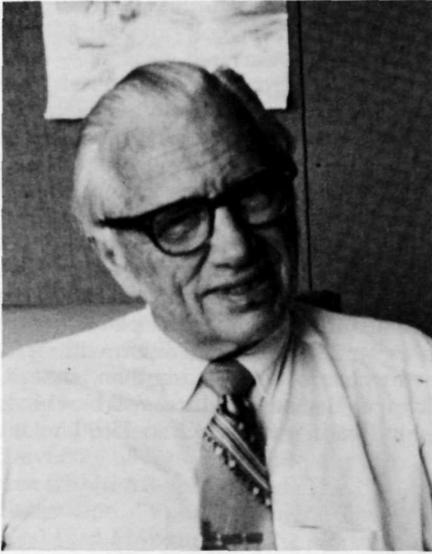
Gebler has held positions as the Regional Chief of Interpretation, PNWRO; special assistant for environmental awareness, WRO; chief

park naturalist, Mount Rainier; interpretive instructor for NPS training centers at Yosemite and Grand Canyon; park naturalist, NCR; and assistant chief park naturalist at Rocky Mountain. He holds the Interior Departments' Meritorious Service Award.

Friends of "Charlie" who wish to congratulate him upon his retirement and wish him recovery may send cards and letters to his home:

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Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Vosburgh, 'master wordsmith' retires



John R. Vosburgh, a National Park Service writer and editor for 18 years, retired in June from the Branch of Natural Landmarks in Washington.

At his retirement party, John's colleagues dubbed him "Master of Wordsmithing." They also gave him a certificate, signed by Director Dickenson, designating him a "Natural Landmark" for his "contributions to the conservation of our natural heritage."

John, 72, came to NPS in 1966 after serving as Editor of *Audubon Magazine* (1961-66) and 12 years with the *Miami Herald*. He received a Departmental commendation for his work as editor in charge of 11 Environmental Impact Statements and Master Plans in a crash program to meet a 1973 Congressional deadline under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act.

Those annual NPS statistics and articles in the *World Almanac* and similar publications came largely from John's typewriter in the Office of Public Affairs for some 12 years as did numerous news releases, lectures and speeches.

Grant Midgley, a Public Affairs colleague, once described John as "a walking encyclopedia on the Park Service." Jean Worth Matthews, former USDI Yearbook editor, said it was a relief to have John's copy because it wasn't necessary to rewrite it.

Vosburgh's contributions to the National Park Service include the 1968 Report of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House, three of the six NPS articles in *Parks and Recreation's* 1970 NPS commemorative issue, and the presentation for the

NPS display which won the American Institute of Architects 1970 award for architectural achievement. He received a Secretarial Certificate of Appreciation for his chapter in *Birds in Our Lives* published by the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1966.

John is the author of *Living With Your Land*, *The Land We Live On* and portions of the *Fifth Army History*. He served with Fifty Army Headquarters in Italy, 1943-1945, and is a retired Major, U.S. Army Reserve.

Vosburgh began his half-century in journalism as a teen-age reporter in his home town, Johnstown, N.Y. After a year at Syracuse University, he worked his way through George Washington University, ending as a sportswriter for the *Washington Post*. He received his B.A. degree in 1936 and then completed 2 years of study at American University Graduate School.

John married Mary Shinnick, of Sparta, Wis., in 1943. Mary, a Grants Assistant for the National Institute of Mental Health, died of a brain tumor in 1976. Their daughter Diana Peterson, of Spring Valley, N.Y. has five sons. Son John Michael was the first recipient of an E&AA college loan. After graduation from Loyola in New Orleans, he attained his Master's degree in social work at Tulane. His company, Vosburgh Productions, San Diego, Calif., conducts special events.

In 1980 John R. married Elvira "Mimi" Pena Bonilla, a dentist and graduate of Xaveriana University School of Dentistry, Bogota, Colombia. They live at 5617 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md. 20814.

Colonial's 'Gunner' Guardipee retires

Francis X. Guardipee, assistant chief ranger at Colonial National Historical Park, Va., retired in June after 30 years of Federal service.

Francis "Gunner" Guardipee began his career with the Park Service in 1955 as a seasonal ranger at Glacier National Park, Mont., where he spent his early years with his family. His father, Francis, Sr., served as a district ranger there.

After three seasons as a seasonal fire control aide at Glacier, he spent two summers at Everglades National Park, also as a seasonal fire control aide. In 1958, he took his first permanent NPS position as supervisory fire control

aide at Everglades. In 1965, he became a park ranger there, serving a brief assignment at Fort Jefferson National Monument, Fla.

From Everglades, Gunner, as he is known by employees at Colonial, became an enrollee work supervisor at the Tremont Job Corps Center in the Great Smokies. He served as a ranger at the Smokies in 1966 at Cades Cove.

From 1967 to 1969 he moved to Assateague Island National Seashore, Md.-Va., where he served as a park ranger in the Chincoteague area.

Gunner began his stint with Colonial in 1969. He has served as district ranger and assistant chief ranger. He assisted with coordination of special events during Bicentennial celebrations in 1976 and 1981 at Yorktown.

His 30 years of Federal service include 3 years with the U.S. Army in Korea and Japan. Gunner and his wife, Mary Hellen, will reside in Gloucester Point, Va., with their daughter Aimee. Other children include daughters Lisa and Theresa, and a son, Stephen.

Carlsbad electrician Morelli retires

Horace T. Morelli, electrician at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex., for the past 20 years, retired from the Park Service in June.

A native of New York, Morelli served as an electrician at several military installations and for several private companies in the New York City area before moving to Carlsbad Caverns in May 1964. He and his wife, Betty, have seven children, all of whom were raised at Carlsbad Caverns.

According to Park Superintendent Bill Dunmire, the electrician's job at Carlsbad Caverns is a demanding one because of the need to keep up with the locations of over 800 well hidden light fixtures throughout the 3 miles of the cavern which are open to the public, along with taking care of a 2300 volt primary system, a 300 KVA diesel powered standby generator, and handling electrical maintenance and repairs in 28 buildings.

The Morelli's plan to remain in Carlsbad.



Letter from the editor

Dear Friends:

After 30 years, I leave a most rewarding career in Federal service to step out into new challenges and opportunities awaiting me.

Particularly during the last 9½ years, while serving as Editor of the National Park COURIER, I have learned much about people. I have also learned much about myself — my own strengths and limitations. Not all of my goals were achieved. But over the years, the COURIER has grown and changed a great deal in size, scope and sophistication; and the commitment to quality has remained constant. A great deal of this commitment depends on the kind of support and resources available. This, too, has grown and changed — constantly for the better. Never before have I felt so confident that the COURIER, the “voice” of the National Park Family will be heard, will go on, and will continue to be a real influence for the good of the Service and its people.

And so, I leave at a time when I feel we are on the upward swing. That’s of the greatest satisfaction to me. Remember, it’s your paper. You are the staff. I urge you to give your full support to our new editor. Take time to share, to care, to communicate.



National Park Women

Black Hills Women: Trailblazers

(Readers note: This article was written and submitted by an 18-year-old volunteer ranger with NPS career aspirations. She expresses a zestful inspiration which can challenge us all.)

Hiking upon a soft carpet of pine needles I sense ancient imprints. Many footfalls in a long line of wilderness explorers have gone before me. My thoughts flutter through the dappled canvas of green which surrounds me. Sunshine alternately dominates the sky with billowing clouds. The only sound I hear, besides that of a living forest, is the sound of my laboring lungs. Sweat drips from my pores as I maintain a steady pace across rocks and up hills following a musical mountain stream.

How many other determined women have followed this stream through the magnificent Black Hills of South Dakota? One of the first must have been a silent squaw penetrating the sacred land of her tribe, perhaps unwillingly leading the first of many white men to invade the Hills rich with gold. Did she know that she was blazing a trail for me to follow?

Years later hardy pioneer women might have been refreshed at the very stream I follow today. These forests represent shelter in wood for a home and food from the plentiful wild game. But most of all, the Black Hills offer inspiration. The mystical touch of God is ever present in the breathtaking spires and masses of rugged rock which rise from a fragrant sea of green.

I continue my climb toward the highest point. In fact, Harney Peak is the highest mountain between the Rockies and the Alps. Climbing it symbolizes the achievements women have made continually building upon

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the strength of the previous generation. At the summit I meet another wilderness woman. Determined and filled with joy, she too has made the journey independently. Together we descend for a brief time exchanging stories — another lover of the land.

My feet, clad in heavy boots, trod a trail blazed by the efforts of many. Ultimately the time has come as more

trails are explored by women finding their places. Instead of attempting to conquer and tame the wilderness, they are working toward its preservation. Men and women, side by side, aware of this country's historical and natural resources continue working TOGETHER to help protect them. It is up to our environmentally conscious generation to pass on our love of this earth to the next generation. That which gives us joy — the unspoiled

wilderness — MUST be preserved. Women can help by fostering their intuitive harmony with nature with the young. Children are taught to carry on this important work. They are the next generation who will continue blazing trails such as our sisters began so many years before.

Carrie McClearn
Student Conservation Association
Volunteer, Mount Rushmore

Jimmy Dunning reminisces

(Note: Careers in the National Park Service often take twists and turns, but Jimmy L. Dunning and his wife Evah think theirs took unusual and very interesting ones. Here is Jim's response to our request for some "retirement reminiscences.")

After getting my civil engineering degree, I spent 10 years in the heavy construction industry. Then my Park Service career began at the Western Office of Design and Construction in San Francisco when Connie Wirth's Mission 66 program was in full swing.

"Red" Hill was director of WODC when I was assigned as a project engineer under Don Marley and detailed for 3 years to Navajo Reservoir near Farmington, N. Mex., to design and oversee construction of three recreation areas. Next I was sent to Grand Teton National Park for a couple of years to carry on a Mission 66 effort of replacing and constructing facilities for superintendent Fred Fagergren.

Even though it required a move every 6 months, those 5 years were the most fulfilling I ever had as an engineer — designing and preparing drawings during the winter and supervising construction during the summer. Of the many who helped me in my Service years, it was the late Fred Fagergren who had the most influence on my career. He had a deep concern for the park, and wanted all who worked in it to share and respect his feelings.

After our first year at Grand Teton, Fred moved to Omaha as Regional Director. Jack Anderson came in as superintendent, where he served for a year, then went to Yellowstone while Howard Chapman succeeded him at Grand Teton. These were the Lady Bird Johnson years, and were great ones for the park and the Dunnings.

Fred soon recruited me as his Regional Chief of Maintenance. Thus I had 2½ years learning about the

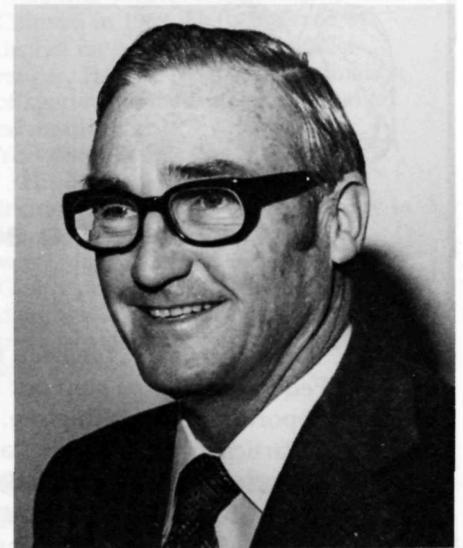
functions of a central office and formed a lasting friendship with Fred and his wife, Nell, and their family.

Believing in the importance of broad experience, Fred asked Phil Iverson — superintendent of Dinosaur National Monument, Colo.-Utah, to trade places with me. For anyone interested in archeology and western history, Dinosaur is the place! With the fine archeological exhibit, the Green and Yampa Rivers with their white water, the country where Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid held forth, and many Mormon families to get acquainted with — these were unforgettable experiences.

My next assignment was as superintendent at Rocky Mountain National Park, where my time and Evah's were filled with emergencies and visiting dignitaries. Secretary Morton set up a western office in Denver and spent several weekends in the park. While I was there, Bill Mekell and I learned that two privately held ranches might be for sale. NPS had long been interested in those properties and we were able to assure preservation of some premier wilderness through this acquisition.

After just a year at Rocky, Director Hartzog asked me to set up a State office in Denver, a predecessor to the regional office. While on detail from Denver to Mary Bradley's BEE shop in WASO, I was asked to go to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, N.C., to replace Bob Barbee and help with the problem raised by NPS's unwillingness to continue to try to replace beach sand in developing areas. By seeking out local people to help us and forming informal advisory groups, we helped alleviate that situation. I was even honored by being named "Tar-Heel of the Week," by the *Raleigh News and Observer*.

After 2 years at Hatteras, we next moved to Washington, D.C., where I was deputy to Regional Director Jack



Fish. While in my first weeks I was a fish out of water (excuse the pun, Jack), Monroe Clay was assigned to show me the ropes and I began to learn what NCP is all about. This was in the fall of 1975 when plans for the Bicentennial were taking much of our time.

Our 3 years there were exciting and rewarding — Fourth of July celebrations, dedications, invitations to the White House, Wolf Trap, Kennedy Center and Ford's Theater, and working with the Park Police on events and demonstrations. While at NCP I received the Meritorious Service Award, but credit Jack Fish with any success I enjoyed.

Director Bill Whalen asked me in 1979 to return to Omaha as regional director. The restructured Midwest Region has 28 areas — half in the development stage of initial facility construction and land acquisition — so there was more than a little drama. Our 4½ years there were most fulfilling, especially having Randy Pope as my deputy.

Late in 1982, Secretary Watt revealed his intention to move some Senior Executive Service people to different bureaus to better serve the overall Interior mission. NPS was slated for

five moves, and I was one selected. Thus, in July of 1983 I moved to the Office of Surface Mining as deputy assistant director. This was quite different than the work at NPS, and

quite uneventful, which led to my decision to retire. Evah and I will continue to live at 9311 Mary Crest St., Fairfax, VA 22031, but will be traveling around the

country in our new Airstream trailer, keeping up with many dear Service friends. When you are in the area, give us a call — (703) 691-9199.

The NWC Savings Plan for E&AA members

The Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service (E&AA) wishes to remind its members of the National Writers Club Savings Plan (NWC).

At the 25th Anniversary of the E&AA in the Rockies in September 1980, the E&AA Board introduced the NWC Savings Plan in an effort to provide a worthwhile benefit to its members.

The Board was interested in finding a way to help its members fight inflation through earning higher interest rates on savings deposits. The NWC Savings Plan works by linking the deposits of E&AA members at Midland-Western Federal Savings and Loan in Aurora, CO (Denver suburb); although each member maintains total control of his or her personal funds.

Minimum initial deposit required is \$100 with a one-time fee for establishment of your NWC Savings of \$17.50. Thereafter, your account will be debited \$5 per year on each anniversary of your opening date to cover operating and accounting costs.

Please ask your representative for further details. The names of your representatives are listed on page —.

If you are not a member of E&AA you may take advantage of the NWC Savings plan by completing the form and sending your membership dues to Harry M. Elsey, Treasurer, E&AA, 3830 Pinewood Terrace, Falls Church, VA 22041.

Theresa G. Wood
Executive Secretary, E&AA

Autumn Morning

*A hint of frost now greets the day,
A haze unrolls its silken veil
Upon the meadow's curing hay,
And shrouds the cows on homeward trail.*

*The fire of morning burning low,
Lights up the sky beyond the hill;
It bathes the world in tempered glow,
And drives away the early chill.*

*A lovely festive time is here,
And Nature wears Her loveliest;
She hosts the gala of the year,
Upon the eve of quiet rest.*

*The painted leaves begin to fall;
Like darting butterflies they go,
And settle by the pasture wall
To 'wait the coming winter snow.*

—Lloyd Whitt.

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Letter

(Editor's Note: Alumnus Chet Brooks sent the following letter from the Republic of Liberia for publication in the E&AA section of the COURIER. Chet added in a covering letter that he and Ebba are enjoying retirement . . . doing a little volunteer work with the State Historical Society . . . and continue with their on-going project of restoring their 1922 home.)

July 17, 1984

Mr. Chester Brooks
106 S. 30th Avenue East
Duluth, MN 55812
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Brooks:

The Sapo National Park was created by government decree No. 73 on May 19 last year, as Liberia's first park. Sapo is a tropical rainforest park of roughly 323,075 acres (about 505 square miles). This area still possesses most of Liberia's diminishing wildlife and habitat. I serve the Park in the capacity of warden.

We face a lot of problems managing the new park. One of the difficulties we experience is the lack of trained and/or experienced personnel. A friend of mine mentioned you as a veteran park service personnel, and so I decided to drop you a line to find out whether you know of anybody of your type of experience, who might be willing and interested to come over, for a few months at least, and assist us. Due to the economic condition of my country at the present, I wouldn't say that the park would be in the position to offer a sponsorship for such a person. It may be possible for him to work his way under the umbrella of perhaps the U.S. Peace Corps.

If you have any suggestions, kindly write and let us know as soon as you can. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Joseph N. Toah, Park Warden
Republic of Liberia Forestry Dev.
Auth.
P.O. Box 3010
Monrovia, Liberia

Do you have a language skill

The Park Service occasionally has need of special language skills for translating correspondence and in various professional disciplines when communicating with foreign visitors, as well as in consideration for certain foreign assignments. At present, there is no Systemwide process for identifying NPS employees and alumni who have the skills needed. This is an interim attempt to address this issue.

If you have a language skill and would be interested in assisting International Affairs (although there is no guarantee that respondents will ever be called) please take a minute to complete the following and send it to International Affairs (773), WASO. Please do not send Personal History Forms (SF-171) or resumes.

1. Name: _____
2. Location: _____
Telephone No: _____
3. I am conversationally fluent:

French _____	Spanish _____	German _____
Arabic _____	Swahili _____	Other _____
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Arabic _____	Other _____	
5. I can write:

French _____	Spanish _____	German _____
Arabic _____	Other _____	
6. My professional skills or interests are: _____

7. Country and duration of any prior overseas experience.

Deaths

Mrs. Russell L. Mahan

Mary Viola Jones Mahan, age 78, died June 9, 1984, in St. George, Utah. She was born March 6, 1906, in Rockville, to Philetus and Anna Laura Stout Jones. She married Russell L. Mahan on March 20, 1928. The marriage was later solemnized in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. He died Dec. 16, 1981.

Mr. Mahan worked for the National Park Service for 36 years and together they have lived and worked all over the southwest United States.

Survivors include two children: Mrs. Richard (Patricia) Miles, Riverbank, Calif.; Dennis J. Mahan, Fruita, Colo.; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; one brother, Gordon Jones, Cedar City, Utah; and five sisters.

Mr. Bernhard A. Kolb

Bernhard A. Kolb, for many years supervisor of tree care crews in the former Northeast Region, died April 27, in New Paltz, N.Y. His home was in Hyde Park, N.Y.

"Barney" Kolb and his tree crew pruned trees, repaired storm damage and maintained trees throughout the 60 parks of the 19-State Northeast Region. He later served as Regional Safety Officer and sign coordinator for the Mid-Atlantic Region before his retirement from the Service in 1976.

Born in Congers, N.Y., Barney attended Staunton Military Academy in Virginia, and the University of Idaho. He graduated from the University of Michigan.

He joined the Department of Parks in New York City. During World War

II, he served in the U.S. Navy in both the European and China-Burma-India theaters. Entering service as an enlisted man, he attained the rank of lieutenant commander.

He was a life member of the Employees and Alumni Association. He is survived by a brother, Harvey Kolb, 28 Yacht Club Drive, 303A, North Palm Beach, FL 33408.

Mr. Harold J. Brodrick

Harold J. Brodrick, 79, of 583 Meade Drive, Winchester, died April 2 in Winchester Memorial Hospital. He was the father of Harold Brodrick Jr. of Leesburg.

He was born March 14, 1905 in Osborne, Kans., a son of the late Ralph and Marian Lees Brodrick. He was a retired National Park Service naturalist.

Mr. Brodrick married Vivian Vada Venables, July 30, 1929 in Ballaire, Kans. She is deceased.

Surviving, besides his son, are a daughter, Joyce D. Feir of New Delhi, India; five grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was the last member of his immediate family.

Burial was in the Shenandoah Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Winchester-Frederick County Unit, P.O. Box 525, Winchester, VA 22601.

Mr. Clifford H. Lantz

Clifford H. Lantz, 48, civil engineer at Lowell National Historical Park, Mass., died suddenly of a heart attack on April 23. Mr. Lantz had worked for the park since October of 1979, originally as facility manager, and became the park's civil engineer in 1981.

Born in Worcester, July 15, 1935, he was the son of Meridith (Bartlett) Lantz and the late Willie H. Lantz of Worcester.

Mr. Lantz graduated from the North High School of Worcester and received his B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Massachusetts and his M.S. degree in sanitary and civil engineering from Michigan Technological Institute.

He began his Park Service career in 1961 as an engineer in the Western Office of Design and Construction in

San Francisco. From there he transferred to the Eastern Office of Design and Construction in Philadelphia, until 1963 when he took the position of park engineer at Isle Royale National Park, Mich. He left the Park Service in 1965 to work for several years in private industry and city government.

Mr. Lantz is survived by his wife Paula (Kolilainen) Lantz, one son, and two daughters. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. Clifford Lantz, Old Dunstable Road, Baker's Coveyway, MA 01450.

Mrs. Mary Coffman

Mrs. Mary Robb Mahoney Coffman, widow of former Chief Forester John D. Coffman, died in Houston, Texas, on Monday June 18, 1984, at the age of 92. She is survived by her one son Paul, his wife Betty, three grandsons and one great grandson.

"Robbie" as she was known to all was born in Weaverville, Calif., in 1892, the daughter of an old time Trinity County mining family. She met and married a young U.S. Forest Service ranger there, John D. Coffman. His career took them to Willows, Calif., as Forest Supervisor, to Berkeley as a Fire Control Expert with the National Park Service and on to Washington, D.C., as Chief Forester. He was recognized as one of the foremost Professional Foresters in the United States. Robbie and John spent their retirement years in Berkeley where she lived on after his death in 1973. She finally moved to Texas to be near her son and family whose home is at 1819 Cherry Bend Drive, Houston, Texas, 77077.

Mr. Richard Maddock

Richard Maddock, 61, a mason's helper at Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Fla., died of cancer in a St. Augustine, Fla., hospital June 25. He had worked at Castillo de San Marcos 8 years.

Mr. Maddock had been ill about 6 weeks and had been hospitalized 2 weeks. He leaves his wife, Ruth, two daughters, Ann Truesdell and Dorothy Rinaldi, and two sons, William and Richard Jr.

Mr. William D. Funk

William D. "Bill" Funk, 57, budget officer for Pacific Northwest Region, died unexpectedly of a heart attack at his Bainbridge Island home, June 3.

Funk began working for the Park Service as a seasonal laborer and clerk after service in the Army. His first permanent appointment after graduating from Chico State College was as a laborer, then property clerk, at Death Valley National Monument, Calif.-Nev., in 1952. In 1955 he transferred to Mount McKinley, now Denali National Park, Alaska, where he met and married his wife Rosalie, also a member of the park staff. Later assignments were at Mount Rainier and Olympic National Parks, Wash., back to Mount McKinley, to the Alaska Cluster Office and then to the new Seattle District Office (later, Pacific Northwest Regional Office), in 1969.

Funk, a 36-year veteran with the Federal service, received a Superior Performance Award while at Mount Rainier and a Special Achievement Award last year for work on the A-76 pilot study team.

More than 50 persons from the Regional Office, Mount Rainier and Olympic were among those attending services June 6 at Winslow, Bainbridge Island.

Funk was a native of Omak, Wash. He is survived by his widow and three daughters, who reside in Winslow.

Mrs. Don S. Squire

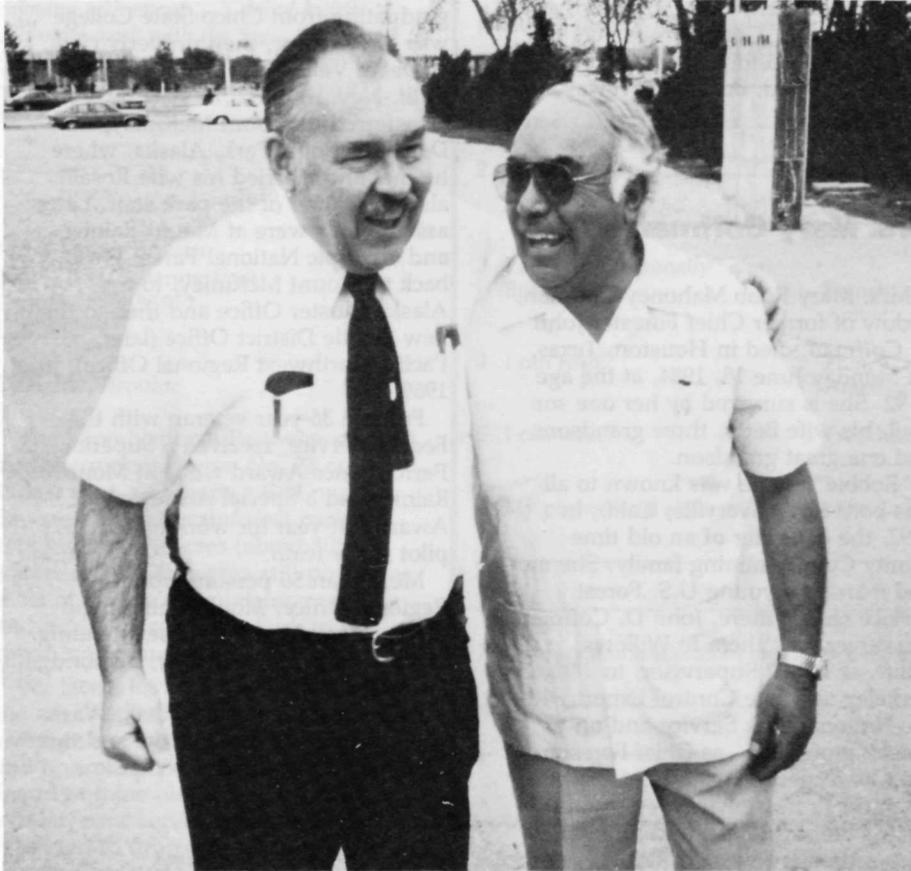
Dixie DeMille Squire, age 57, died July 14. She was born Aug. 13, 1926, to Clyde and Isabel DeMille in Toquerville, Utah. She married Don Squire Nov. 14, 1953, in the St. George LDS Temple.

The Squires have lived in Lassen Volcanic National Park, Calif.; Walnut Canyon National Monument, Ariz., and in LaVerkin, Utah, for the last 5 years.

She is survived by her husband, Don Squire; children: Devin R. Squire, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Bart (Diane) Merrill, Enterprise; Mrs. Richard (Dana) Leavitt, Hurricane; parents: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde DeMille, LaVerkin; five grandchildren; sisters: Mrs. Harmon (Garda) Judd, Kanab; Mrs. Jerry (Georgana) Vincent, San Diego, Calif.

Don S. Squire retired in 1980 as Superintendent of Walnut Canyon National Monument. He now lives at 291 N. 100E., Laverkin, UT 84745.

NPS involves Mexico in planning for Chamizal and Amistad



Chamizal National Memorial Superintendent Frank Smith and Mexico Chamizal Administrator Luis Roberto Melendez.

By Ric Alesch
Park Planner
Denver Service Center

El Centro de Servicio al Denver esta escribiendo las programas general de manejo por Memorial Nacional Chamizal y Area Recreacion Amistad. Lee usted espanol? No? Asi escribo en ingles.

Denver Service Center recently began work on general management plans for two areas on the Mexican-American border. Chamizal National Memorial in El Paso, and Amistad Recreation Area near Del Rio, Texas. Representatives of the government of Mexico participated in planning team trips to the areas in April and May.

Chamizal National Memorial was established by Congress in 1966 to commemorate the harmonious resolution of a long-standing boundary dispute between the U.S. and Mexico. The memorial includes 55 acres (22 ha) of land and a visitor center where the National Park Service relates the history of the international boundary and presents activities such as theater performances and special events that preserve the cultural heritages of the people of both countries. There is a counterpart Mexican Chamizal National Park across the Rio Grande in Ciudad Juarez that includes a commemorative monument, a visitor center, extensive landscape areas and urban recreation facilities.

Amistad Dam and Reservoir was

authorized in 1960 as a joint venture between the U.S. and Mexico primarily for irrigation water supply and flood control in the Rio Grande Valley downstream. Amistad Recreation Area was established in 1965 through a memorandum of agreement between NPS and the International Boundary and Water Commission. The Park Service provides boat ramps, campgrounds, picnic areas and other facilities to serve use of the recreation area. Significantly, the word "amistad" means friendship in Spanish.

Denver Service Center planners were trying to decide how best to involve the government of Mexico when Gary Wetterberg, Office of International Affairs, WASO, and J. Bright, Assistant Manager, Southeast/Southwest Team, Denver Service Center, developed the idea of having park officials of Mexico participate in planning team trips to Chamizal and Amistad. Their purposes were: to provide on-the-job training for Mexican park personnel; to start to establish working relations between park system managers of both countries; and to provide orientation for NPS planners to Mexican interests and concerns at border areas. Non-NPS funding was arranged by Wetterberg for the Mexican participation.

In April 1984 the Chamizal planning team met in El Paso to see the area and begin the project. Participating from Mexico were Jose Manuel Garcia representing the Directorate of Parks, Reserves and Protected Ecological Areas (DIPARES) in Mexico City, and Luis Roberto Melendez, Administrator, El Chamizal National Park of Mexico. Because the planning effort also involves the preparation of an interpretive prospectus, Linda Finn of Harpers Ferry Center participated in the trip. The group spent time touring both parks and discussing issues to be addressed in the general management plan.

In May the Amistad planning team met at the recreation area to begin that planning effort. Representing Mexico were Juan Bezaury of DIPARES in Mexico City and Jorge Ortiz, Subdeputy for Urban Development

and Ecology, Satillo in the State of Coahila. The group toured the area, including facilities on both sides of the reservoir, and discussed needs for the planning effort.

These efforts proved quite successful in achieving the objectives stated above. Much of the success can be attributed to the cooperation of the

superintendents and their staffs. Since both Superintendents Frank Smith of Chamizal and Ed Rodriguez of Amistad speak Spanish, as well as many members of their staffs, communication was not a problem. Even the "gringos" on the planning team took a crash course in Spanish! NPS people received a good

introduction to the problems and opportunities of the Mexican national parks, and the Mexican representatives got an inside look at the NPS planning process. The higher goals of international goodwill and friendship were also furthered.

Muy bien experiencia!



The Amistad Planning Team (from left) Ed Rodriguez, Judy Shafer, Fred Babb, Bob Davidson, Ric Alesch, Bill Jones, Juan Bezaury, John Murphy, Ed Natay, Jorge Ortiz and Don Goldman.

Manhattan Sites conduct publications training session

Thirty park rangers and museum personnel from the New York City area recently met at the Manhattan Sites Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace National Historic Site for 8 hours of training on design and production of in-house publications.

The workshop was hosted by John Lancos, site manager, Roosevelt Birthplace, and coordinated and organized by Statue of Liberty National Monument Ranger Randy Turner. Personnel from 12 NPS sites in the New York area participated. The workshop included conceptual and printing processes involved in producing brochures, posters, programs and booklets. Two publishing professionals from a graphics firm and a college were guest speakers.



Rangers will get new optional appraisal forms

As part of its efforts to improve the performance appraisal processes within the National Park Service, WASO has completed a study to determine employee perceptions and attitudes regarding a trial performance appraisal form recently developed for Park Rangers in the GS-025 series. According to Richard Cripe, Employee Relations Specialist in the Branch of Labor and Employee Relations, WASO, the form standardizes performance elements and standards for various ranger duties below the level of Division Chief. "The form," states Cripe, "looks a lot like the seasonal appraisal form in its structure and manner of rating. Rangers like the seasonal form so well that we felt we should try out the same thing for permanent employees. From the results of our studies it looks like the idea 'panned out'."

The form was tested during the summer of 1983 in 29 parks throughout the System. The tests were conducted to compare the trial form against Form 10-182 to see which one employees and supervisors preferred for use, and what changes or additions should be made to the form if it went "live."

According to Cripe, a total of 197 employees and 87 supervisors were involved in the testing. The testing covered a span of 90 days, (the minimum timeframe required to be eligible to receive a performance rating under NPS policies) and was conducted during peak visitation periods for most parks. At the end of the test each supervisor and employee was sent a questionnaire on the form's usefulness.

"It would appear from the results of the survey that a significant majority of rangers would favor its adoption Servicewide," says Cripe. He is quick to acknowledge, however, that there are a number who strongly favor continuation of Form 10-182.

"From the results of the study it looks like the best way to go would be to implement the trial form Servicewide, but on a voluntary basis by either individual supervisors or parks," says Cripe. "Then we'll do some periodic reviews of the form to see if it needs revision and conduct an evaluation Systemwide after a one-year period of use. First, however, we'll have to do some work to develop additional performance elements and standards in the areas of protection activities and other areas where

employees reported weaknesses in the System.

"We hope to have the form available well before the end of this year's rating period for non-merit pay employees," says Cripe. "We think it will make the Appraisal System fairer,

more objective, more consistent and really reduce the paperwork burden supervisors presently have with Form 10-182," he concluded.

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Interpretation Program Management session at Mather



Participants from NPS units across the country, instructors and guests met for the seminar on "Interpretation Program Management" held at the Stephen T. Mather Training Center, Harper's Ferry: Steve Kesselman, Linda Moon Stumpff, Laurie Coughlan, Martha Aikens, Norman Lindsay, John Dwyer, Charles Wyatt, John Martini, Mike Watson, Karen Drews, Anne Dudley, Kaye Rhode, Bruce Craig, Corky Hays, Loren Casebeer, Betsy Duncan Clark, Woody Harrell, James Miculka, Fred Doyle, Gary Moore, Glen Fulfer, Linda Canzanelli, George Berndt, Carl Douhan, Tom Richter, James Morris, Karen Rehm, Phil Young, Gary Pieruccioni, Faye Bullock, Don Carney, Dave Dame, and Russell Dickenson.

'Gathering' set for Oct. 27 and 28

A few years ago, at the Denver Service Center a group of highly motivated professionals got together to exchange ideas, and they simply called themselves "The Gathering." Continually evolving and gaining in strength in numbers and influence, they have since become The Park Arts Association, Inc., a non-profit corporation of national and international significance.

Topic for a weekend Gathering next month — Oct. 27 and 28 — is "The Future." They will discuss concepts

such as open space, long-term protection of esthetics and the future management of national parks.

The setting for this "Gathering" will be the rustic Aspen Lodge in Estes Park, Colorado.

Speakers will include Jim Crane, Director, Open Space Program, Boulder, Colo.; Sally Edwards, Forester, Routt National Forest; Carl D. Johnson, Professor, University of Michigan Department of Landscape Architecture; Jim Thompson, Superintendent, Rocky Mountain



(From left) NCR Regional Director Jack Fish; Terry Carlstrom, Associate Regional Director, Professional Services for NCP; and well-known NPS landscape architects R. T. Giamberdine and Keith Dunber.



Ken Raithel, president of Park Arts, presents Regional Director Howard Chapman with a poster announcing his talk.

National Park; and Dr. Betty Willard, Professor of Environmental Sciences and Ecology Engineering, Colorado School of Mines.

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Top officials speak before Park Arts group

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Regional Directors Howard Chapman and Jack Fish were featured speakers at two recent sessions of the Park Arts group—a nonprofit association of people interested in promoting excellence in park management, planning and design. Both speakers brought forth their own ideas and concerns for the quality of design in national parks.

Western Regional Director Howard Chapman's remarks centered around the idea that design must adhere to park goals. He stressed that management has the responsibility for communicating these goals to designers and designers have the responsibility for producing solutions sensitive to preservation and conservation constraints. According to Chapman, as an organization we tend to rationalize existing facilities, and as a result their appropriateness is not critically assessed. Facilities must fit park environments and not dominate the landscape; site details, including materials, must be compatible and new facilities must be integrated with

those existing. If this integration is not made, visual chaos results. Howard Chapman's session ended with the issue Jack Fish's started with: design leadership.

National Capital Regional Director Jack Fish began his talk by saying he has looked for design leadership in the Service and found often times that it was not there. He went on to say that designers have proposed solutions that were not always appropriate. Dipping into his experience with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Fish reflected that too often managers find themselves pulled away from priorities such as aesthetics by having to emphasize inflated safety concerns and political pressure. Where are the

people committed to visual quality and who care about appropriate design? Jack's message was to encourage each NPS employee to take the lead and exert full responsibility in promoting quality in park management, planning and design.

The things we see are the same things that are within us.

— Hermann Hesse.



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Significant events in National Capital Parks



Deputy Director Mary Lou Grier greets President Reagan as he arrives at Theodore Roosevelt Island for the signing of the 14th Annual Environmental Report written by the Council on Environmental Quality on July 11. With Mrs. Grier is George Washington Memorial Parkway Superintendent John Byrne.



Interior Secretary Clark and Louis A. Bacon, president of the National Society of Professional Engineers, sample the monumental cake during celebration of the 100th anniversary of the completion of the Washington Monument, July 20.



Park Ranger Ophelia Grier (on right) leads a crowd of 400 visitors to the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial during the 109th Birthday Celebration on July 10. Guest speakers were Dr. Dorothy I. Height, President of the National Council of Negro Women (far right), Deputy Regional Director Robert Stanton, and former Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm.



Visitors gather at the 56 Signers of the Declaration of Independence Memorial in Constitution Gardens following dedication ceremonies held July 2. Special guests included Sen. John Warner, Congresswoman Lindy Boggs, NPS Deputy Director Mary Lou Grier, and NCR Regional Director Manus J. Fish.

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