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Happy 63rd birthday, NPS!

Ten directors have served since establishment in 1916

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The National Park Service's 63rd birthday this year will be one of the happiest in its history.

Not since President Woodrow Wilson brought the infant NPS into the world with his signature on the Act of August 25, 1916, has there been more cause for good cheer. Here's what puts the "Happy" in Happy Birthday this Year of the Visitor:

President Carter brought in 10 new Alaska national monuments and three Alaska additions by proclamation Dec. 1, 1978, adding 43 million acres to the National Park System.

The National Park System grew faster in its 63rd year than in any other year. Thanks largely to the National Parks and Recreation Act of 1978 the System was expanded to 320 areas.

And Horace Albright, who virtually looked over Wilson's shoulder that day, now 89½ and sound of mind and memory still serves NPS. He became Acting Director and the second Director.

Albright had joined the staff of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane in 1913, fresh out of the University of California. One day Lane received a letter from an old college friend, Stephen T. Mather, a millionaire borax manufacturer. Mather complained about the national parks he had visited in his native California.

Mather didn't like the cattle grazing, the impassable trails and the buying up the giant sequoia groves for lumber. Lane replied: "Dear Steve: If you don't like the way the national parks are being run, come down and run them yourself."

Before you could say Yosemite, Mather was in Washington as an assistant to Lane. To help Mather through the capital's red tape, Lane appointed Albright as his aide in January 1916.

Mather and Albright now worked for Congressional approval of legislation to establish a National Park Service. Even after Wilson signed the act, Mather and Albright had to sweat out the 1916 Presidential election and a period of no

funds for the new agency.

Wilson won the election by a narrow margin. But it was April 1917 before Congress got around to funding the National Park Service. By that time Mather had suffered a breakdown.

Mather's doctors predicted recovery in 6 months, however, so Secretary Lane appointed him Director of the National Park Service, with Albright as Acting Director. At 27, Albright was managing the National Park System.

NPS has been fortunate in the calibre of these 10 Directors who have led it for 63 years.



William J. Whalen, 10th Director of NPS. (See page 3 for biographical note.)

From the Act

"... to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations."

Stephen T. Mather—A San Francisco native, Mather was a University of California graduate at 20. He was a reporter for the *New York Sun* for 5 years, and married Jane Floy, of Elizabeth, N.J. In organizing NPS and promoting the National Park System, he used the same prodigious energy that sold borax. Tall, handsome and white-haired, he became a supersalesman of the parks. In 1929 Mather suffered a stroke. He resigned Jan. 11, 1929 and died the next year at 63.



Stephen T. Mather 1917-1929

Horace M. Albright—Another tall Californian, Albright backpacked in the High Sierras as a youth near his birthplace at Bishop. His concern for the parks as an Interior official was thus strongly based. In December of 1915, during this tour of duty, he married Grace Nobel, a UCLA classmate. After Mather regained his health in 1918, Albright was appointed field assistant director and the first civilian superintendent of Yellowstone National Park since 1886. As Director from 1929 to 1933, Albright

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engineered the transfer of 62 park areas from the War Department and the Forest Service to NPS. He resigned Aug. 10, 1933 to become vice president of U.S. Potash Co. Grace and Horace Albright live in Sherman Oaks, Calif.



Horace M. Albright 1929-1933

Arno B. Cammerer—The third Director was born in Arapaho, Nebr., went to Washington, D.C., in 1904 as a civil service bookkeeper, married Ida Abendroth in 1906 and earned two degrees at Georgetown Law School. Mather spotted Cammerer's competence as executive secretary of the Fine Arts Commission and Cammerer's appointment as Assistant Director followed in 1919. As Director, 1933 to 1940, Cammerer piloted a hectic series of New Deal emergency relief programs and Congressional mandates relating to the parks. After a heart attack he resigned Aug. 9, 1940 and died the following year at 57.



Arno B. Cammerer 1933-1940

Newton B. Drury—At 51, Drury accepted the Directorship. He had served 20 years as Executive Secretary of the Save-the-Redwoods League, had been a college classmate of Albright's, and had served overseas in World War I after marrying Elizabeth Schilling in 1918. Born in Berkeley, he was the third Californian to lead NPS. His term as Director was perhaps the most critical NPS has seen. Drury turned back incessant demands to use the parks for mining, grazing, logging and farming under the guise of wartime or post-war necessity. He resigned April 1, 1951 after Interior Secretary Oscar L. Chapman differed with Drury's opposition to two proposed dams in Dinosaur National Monument. He was Board Chairman of the Save-the-Redwoods League when he died in 1978 at 88.



Newton B. Drury 1940-1951

Arthur E. Demaray—Demaray served as Director only 8 months. He had been with NPS for 34 years, the last 18 as Associate Director. A Washington, D.C., native, he entered the Government as a messenger at 16, worked his way through night school and married Alfrida Briggs. He testified effectively at Congressional and budget hearings and his writings stimulated park interest. Demaray retired Dec. 8, 1951 to live in Tucson, Ariz. He died in 1958 at 71.



Arthur E. Demaray 1951

Conrad L. Wirth—At 52, Wirth took charge of the parks for 12 years, longer than any other Director. Wirth was born in a park environment; his father was park superintendent for the city of Hartford, Conn. He took his degree from what is now the University of Massachusetts, married Helen Olson and worked for the National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Albright had Wirth transferred into NPS, where he went on to supervise the Interior Department's Civilian Conservation Corps program nationwide. As Director, Wirth won President Eisenhower's approval of a 10-year, billion dollar Mission 66 park rehabilitation program. Wirth retired Jan. 5, 1964. He lives with his wife in Kensington, Md., where he writes his memoirs. He is active in conservation and Park Service alumni programs.



Conrad L. Wirth 1951-1964

George B. Hartzog, Jr.—A bold, aggressive individual, Hartzog was 43 when appointed Director. He had seen depression wipe out the family farm at Smoaks, S.C., where he was born, had attended a one-room schoolhouse and at 17 had become a licensed Methodist preacher. He “read law,” passed the bar, became an officer in World War II, married Helen Carlson of Arlington, Mass., joined NPS as an attorney in 1946, and took a science degree at American University in 1953. He was a ranger at Great Smoky Mountains National Park and superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial National Historic Site, St. Louis, where he spearheaded the project for Eero Saarinen’s Gateway Arch. As Director, he presided over record park expansion and innovative programs. He resigned Jan. 7, 1973. Hartzog practices law in Washington, D.C.



George B. Hartzog, Jr. 1964-1973

Ronald H. Walker—At 36, Walker was the youngest Director to hold the office and the second appointed from outside NPS. A soft-spoken and affable young man, he had been President Nixon’s advance travel representative. Walker was born in Bryan, Tex., took a political science degree at the University of Arizona, married Anne Collins, served as an Army officer in Okinawa and in insurance and sales capacities. As Director, he realigned NPS regional boundaries and added North Atlantic and Rocky Mountain offices. Under Walker, the early planning was done for the Servicewide American Revolution Bicentennial activities. Walker resigned Jan. 8, 1975. He is now living in Dallas, Tex.



Ronald H. Walker 1973-1975

Gary Everhardt—With the appointment of Everhardt, NPS again had a career Park Service employee at the helm—also its third successive Director from the South. Everhardt was born in Lenoir, N.C., took a civil engineering degree at North Carolina State, served as an Army officer, married Nancy Marie Poovey of Granite Falls, N.C., and became an NPS engineer. As Director at 41, he led NPS through the implementation of the Bicentennial observance. With a \$100 million Bicentennial budget, largest of any permanent Federal agency, NPS conducted activities at 250 sites coast-to-coast with record-smashing attendance. Everhardt pushed wilderness designation and hailed a Presidential proposal for a \$1.5 billion Bicentennial Land Heritage Program for NPS and for wildlife refuges. Everhardt resigned May 30, 1977, and is now superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway.



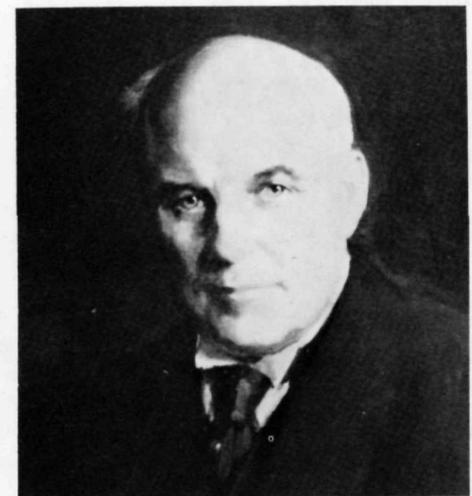
Gary Everhardt 1975-1977

William J. Whalen—Once again NPS ranks produced a Director. Not yet 37, Whalen had rolled up 12 years of varied NPS service. A native of Burgettstown, Pa., he took a social studies degree at Clarion State, Pa., graduate work at Indiana State, Pa., and married Mary Chastulik of his home town. He joined NPS as a job corps counselor in 1965 and became well known in Washington as manager of the Summer in the Parks programs. He was deputy superintendent at Yosemite National Park and then managed all NPS areas in the Bay Area of San Francisco, including Golden Gate National Recreation Area. As Director he has seen the Park System double in size. Management of an expanded system including vast new parks in Alaska challenge his best talents. Achievement under pressure, however, is not new for Whalen.

(See photo on page 1.)



President Woodrow Wilson signed the Act, Aug. 25, 1916.



Franklin K. Lane was Secretary of the Interior when the Act was signed.

Fourth estate descends on Carlsbad

By Bob Crisman
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Mountains National Parks, N. Mex.-Tex.

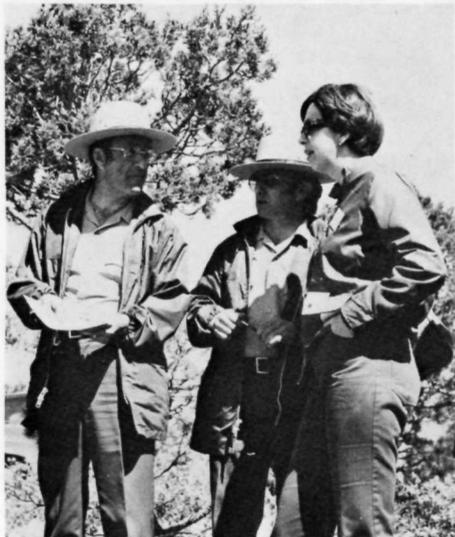
Lorraine Mintzmyer, regional director of the Southwest Region, represented Director Whalen at the annual Carlsbad Press Day May 12.

Approximately 90 news media representatives attended, along with members of the New Mexico congressional delegation, several State government officials, and officers of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, which serves 132 counties across the western half of Texas. Media representatives came from Colorado, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The event was jointly sponsored by the City of Carlsbad, Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce, Forest Service, Living Desert State Park, Presidents Park and NPS. George Crump, president of the Cavern Supply Company, concessioner at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, served as Press Day Committee Chairman.

Following a get-acquainted party Friday evening at Presidents Park, hosted by local *Carlsbad Current-Argus* newspaper publisher Ned Cantwell, Press Day guests were treated to a full day of activity on Saturday. It began with a hearty early morning breakfast in the Guadalupe Mountains furnished by the Cavern Supply Company and prepared by the Eddy County Rescue Squad. This was followed by a four-wheel-drive jeep trip to scenic overlooks above McKittrick Canyon in Guadalupe Mountains National Park and to Big Canyon in

(From left) Park Superintendent Don Dayton, Park Technician Harry Steed, and Regional Director Lorraine Mintzmyer.



adjoining Lincoln National Forest.

The group then returned to Carlsbad for a luncheon and news conference at the Holiday Inn. Participants in the news conference, which was dominated by the topic of energy, were Regional Director Mintzmyer; David King, representing New Mexico Governor Bruce King; Senator Pete Domenici; and Congressman Harold Runnels. Major Walter Gerrells served as moderator.

Saturday evening, the entire group was treated to a steak dinner on the bank of the Pecos River which flows through the city of Carlsbad. Approximately 300 local and out-of-town guests attended the dinner, which was prepared by the Eddy

County Sheriff's Posse, and included a 14-ounce charcoal broiled T-bone as the main entree. Carlsbad's Flying "X" Chuckwagon Ranch Hands provided western musical entertainment at the dinner.

On Sunday, optional trips to Carlsbad Caverns, New Cave, McKittrick Canyon, and other attractions in the two national parks and elsewhere in the area were available to Press Day guests.

Park Superintendent Don Dayton stated that he feels this annual event not only demonstrates the genuine friendliness and hospitality of people in the Carlsbad area, but also shows the close cooperation between Federal, State, and local organizations in the area.



TV station personnel interview Dayton and Mintzmyer at overlook above McKittrick Canyon in Guadalupe Mountains NP.

News media representatives and State officials line up to be served at Press Day breakfast.



Golden anniversary for Grand Teton

This year marks the golden anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Teton National Park, Wyo.

Now, from the vantage point of 50 years, hardly anyone questions the wisdom of that act. But in those days the creation of the park was a hotly debated issue—much like the Alaska parks.

Former Director Horace Albright addresses crowd at dedication of Grand Teton NP, July 20, 1929.



Around the turn of the century, the U.S. Geological Survey recommended that the Tetons be added to Yellowstone National Park. The Forest Service was then administering the area and there was pressure from loggers, and the Bureau of Reclamation had dammed Jackson Lake.

In 1916, Steve Mather visited the area with his young protege, Horace Albright. After the trip Albright commented, "The best part of Yellowstone Park is not yet in the park." Thus began the long uphill fight to get Grand Teton.

There were plenty of opponents to Albright's park idea—ranchers, farmers, loggers and others. But over the years many views changed, and in 1926

Albright gained a strong ally in John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Soon after his visit to the area, Rockefeller formed a land company that began quietly purchasing lands on the valley floor to save them from further development. While he worked behind the scenes, Congress passed the bill creating Grand Teton National Park, but including only a part of the Teton Range and some of the alpine lakes, a total of 96,000 acres.

It took more than 20 years before Rockefeller's land was accepted by the Government and the park enlarged to its present 310,000 acres. That happened in 1950, more than 50 years after someone thought of making the area a park.

Senate Appropriations Committee members meet at Jackson Lake Lodge, Grand Teton NP, 1933.



Drury brothers honored posthumously

Two brothers instrumental in saving the California Redwoods from the woodsman's axe were honored June 3 with the dedication of a memorial grove of Redwood trees at Campfire Center in Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park.

Aubrey Drury and his brother, former NPS Director Newton B. Drury, helped found the Save-the-Redwoods League in 1919 and successfully aided in promoting the establishment of the California State Park System in 1928.

Newton Drury served with distinction as secretary of the league 1920-40. Aubrey served the league as administrative secretary, 1940-59, and was largely responsible for acquiring Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park.

John B. Dewitt, now secretary of the league said of the brothers: "Newton and Aubrey Drury were eloquent conservation statesmen. The redwood forests (in Redwood National Park and the Redwood State Parks) protected in these parks stand as a tribute to the life work of the Drury brothers and future generations will be profoundly grateful that these two outstanding citizens succeeded in saving the Redwoods."

Aubrey Drury died in 1959 and former Director Drury in 1978.

Whalen, Hutchison meet with educators

In mid-May Director Whalen and Deputy Director Hutchison met with a group of university park and recreation professors to discuss plans for a closer working relationship with NPS. The group made recommendations for specially designed training for NPS employees; scholarships for graduate study in park and recreation fields for NPS employees; an increase in intern and cooperative study/work programs; cooperative research activities at universities, and opportunities for students and faculty to meet with the NPS Directorate in planning park and

recreation curricula. The May meeting was the first of a series planned.

Attending were: Donald Warder, University of Wyoming; Herbert Brantley, Clemson, S.C.; Patricia Farrell, Penn State; Edward Heath, Oregon State; Leslie Reid, Texas A&M; Marshall Banks, Howard, Washington, D.C.; Johnnie Fairfax, Howard; Clifford Seymour, Southern, New Orleans; Fred Humphrey, Maryland; Don Hawkins, George Washington, D.C.; Delores Williams, Temple, Pa.; Jerlyn Manuel, Morgan State, Md.; and Louis Twardzik, Michigan State.

Director Bill Whalen, third from left, speaks to university park and recreation professors at planning session.



Amistad fetes 10 millionth visitor

As part of the NPS Year of the Visitor celebrations, Amistad National Recreation Area, Tex., welcomed a Midland, Tex., family of five as its 10 millionth "visitor" June 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Strait and their three children, Jennifer, 6; Stacie, 4, and Ginger, 2, having just finished setting up their tent on San Pedro Flats, received a campsite visitor in the person of Superintendent Edward Rodriguez.

"... We thought he was staying an awfully long time for just a routine visit,"

The Strait family (on left) with Regional Director Mintzmyer, Superintendent, Rogrigues and President Wood of local Chamber of Commerce.



Strait said. "I thought I was under arrest for something, until he told us what it was all about."

Strait is an instrument technician for ARCO Pipeline. He is a native of Mount Vernon, Ind., and served in the U.S. Air Force in Germany. His wife, a Texan, was graduated from Sul Ross State University with an elementary education degree. While there, she worked for a time with the concessioner at Big Bend National Park, Tex.

The Straits were taking a 1-week vacation that included Padre Island National Seashore, Tex., Amistad and Big Bend when they made the historic visit. During the brief ceremony, Superintendent Rodriguez introduced the family to the Del Rio, Tex., Chamber of Commerce Red Carpet Committee. The Chamber of Commerce presented them gifts from the local business community, including a plaque, a \$50 gift certificate, as well as three \$25 Savings Bonds and books and toys for the children.

Lorraine Mintzmyer, regional director for SWR, presented the family with a certificate to commemorate their visit and a Golden Eagle passport.

"We'll keep coming back to the area again, again and again," said Mrs. Strait.

Andrus names three to Advisory Board

Secretary Andrus has named three new members to the National Park System Advisory Board.

They are Dr. Douglas D. Anderson, associate professor of anthropology at Brown University in Providence, R.I.; Dr. Asa C. Sims, Jr., dean of academic affairs at Southern University in New Orleans, and Dr. Edgar Wayburn, a San Francisco physician and former president of the Sierra Club.

The appointments fill two vacancies of members whose terms have expired. The third appointment fills a new seat on the enlarged (12-member) board.

The board advises the Secretary on programs and policies of the National Park Service and convenes three times annually—twice for business meetings and once on a field inspection visit to an NPS area.

Park Service leaves its mark Down Under

By Paul Winegar
Public Information Specialist, SERO

"The influence of the National Park Service is spreading worldwide and nowhere is it more evident than in the park system of Australia," according to Southeast Regional Director Joe Brown, who represented the Director at the Second South Pacific Conference on National Parks and Reserves.

Brown said that at every park he visited during his trip to Australia April 18-May 2, he could see the mark left by U.S. Park Service employees who have been detailed to that country as advisors.

"The United States generally is looked upon as the originator of the national park concept and many of our tried and proven methods have been adopted in the Australian parks," he said. "I could see the fine hand of Sam Weems and other Park Service people in the design and operation of parks as well as the visitor protection and interpretive programs.

"The main concern in Australia centers on preservation, interpretation and environmental programs for young people," Brown said. "There is little or no development of visitor facilities, and in that respect, they're about where we were prior to the Mission 66 program."

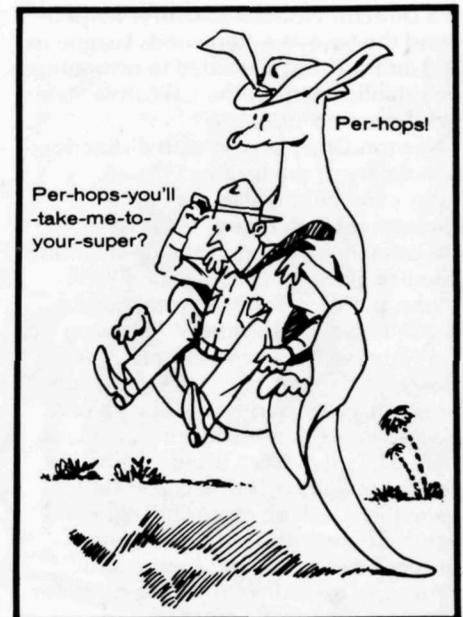
Brown praised the Australian National Parks and Wildlife Service for doing an excellent job in preserving significant natural areas in a country where heavy emphasis is placed on taming the wild frontier and exploiting natural resources. "To a degree, they struggle with the same problems we face—how much protection is enough. The environmental organizations in Australia are relatively strong and are doing their best to assist the government in fighting the tide of development pressures," he said.

Brown represented the United States as an observer at the conference on "Man, Land and Sea" that attracted park professionals from throughout the South Pacific. The program included a formal 3-day conference in Sidney and tours of coastal parks in the states of Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

One of the highlights, he said, was the centennial celebration at Royal National Park—Australia's first national park and the world's second oldest park after Yellowstone.

During the conference itself, Brown participated in a panel discussion on public awareness and briefed the delegates on the history of Virgin Islands National Park—an area that was of particular interest to many in the group. He cautioned that in developing "island

parks," the local culture should be considered an important part of the area's total resources so that the development and operations do not impact the culture to the point of destroying it. He also presented an official "situation report" on U.S. parks prepared by the Washington office.



Up the Delaware River — with a paddle

By Mike Maule
Interpretive Specialist, MARO

Last summer the staff at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, N.J.-Pa., experimented with interpreter-guided canoe trips and the program was so successful that it is being repeated this summer. Procedures and appropriate activities were being planned by the park the winter before that first season with the assistance and guidance of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office staff. Regional Director Richard Stanton, an accomplished canoeist, took a personal interest in the program.

Guidelines in one hand, paddles in the other, program leader Seasonal Park Technician Patrice Ryan and her assistants led trips throughout the summer of 1978, and so many letters of commendation were written about them to the park and to the Secretary of the Interior, that Superintendent James McLaughlin was amazed, and decided that it was important to continue them this summer.

There is one canoe cruising trip each day. Trips range from about 7 to 10 miles and last 4 to 6 hours. They are leisurely, allowing ample time for swimming, for a picnic lunch and for overall enjoyment of the park.

Patrice and her assistants all have current certification in lifesaving, in basic canoe instruction, and basic first-aid. This is the sixth summer as a seasonal at the Delaware Water Gap for Patrice. She is a graduate of East Stroudsburg State College, Pa., with a major in physical education and a minor in recreation. Her assistants are Seasonal Park Technicians Marc Brown and Jim Wyckoff, also from East Stroudsburg; and Lisa Ryavec from California, who is a participant of the Student Conservation Association.

Visitors who go on the canoe cruises are usually from the New York metropolitan area. They are novices, some have never been in a canoe! The cruise begins first on dry land with instruction about holding a paddle and doing a few basic paddle strokes.

As the day progresses the instruction continues—learning additional strokes, how to “read the water,” and refining of individual techniques.

Ryan says the hardest to teach are often those who have been improperly taught. She says the leaders sometimes have to act as marriage counselors when husband and wife disagree on what the other should have been doing—especially should they end up stuck on a rock!

Interspersed with instruction there is history and natural history interpretation about the area plus time for quiet cruising.

Park visitors leave with a feeling of accomplishment and of having had a learning experience, both in personal skills and knowledge about the area.

Moreover, they have thoroughly enjoyed the park's principal resource—and with safety.

All trip leaders report that they have thoroughly enjoyed working in the program. They also say that after taking up to six canoes of novices on a trip they know they have done a day's work.



Basic paddle strokes and other canoe techniques are taught by the DWG staff.



Patrice Miller and Marc Brown refine participants' canoeing techniques at trip start.



Falcons hunt from atop Interior Bldg.

Four captive-bred, month-old peregrine falcons were placed in a man-made nest atop the Main Interior Department Building in Washington, D.C., June 20, in an attempt to restock in a large city this endangered bird of prey.

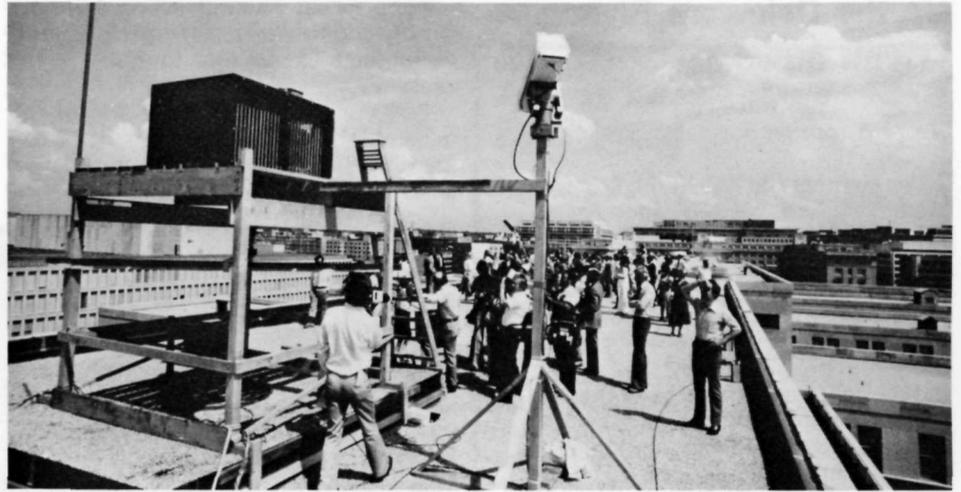
The two fledglings were cared for by two biologists for the following 6 weeks in getting their wings and learning to hunt in the city.

The birds were supplied by Dr. Tom Cade of the Peregrine Fund at Cornell University, which has led the way in the successful breeding and raising of peregrines for release back to the wild.

Biologically, Washington, D.C., which has numerous records of peregrines nesting nearby, offers advantages for falcon reintroduction because the area has an ample supply of pigeons and starlings as well as the absence of predators like owls.

Peregrine falcons were common throughout the country prior to the wide-spread use of DDT insecticide. But that chemical moved up the food chain and caused the thinning of falcon egg shells which made reproduction impossible. There are now in the U.S. about 100 pairs of wild peregrines—all of them west of the Rockies.

Interior Secretary Andrus holding fledgling peregrine falcon.



TV cameramen observe placement of chicks in hatch box on top of Interior Bldg., Washington, D.C.



A peregrine falcon chick after a week on the Interior Bldg., rooftop.

Going batty at Great Smokies

At Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn., a previously unknown colony of endangered Indiana bats has been found by a cave-bat survey in Bull Cave.

The new colony consists of about 200-400 bats, according to Resource Management Specialist Stewart Coleman. Bull Cave is at an elevation of 1,840 feet and consists of a 160-foot vertical shaft which is accessible only by descending to it through a waterfall.

The park has a much larger colony of Indiana bats in Blow Hole Cave about 8 miles away. That colony is estimated to number 12-15,000 bats.

Great Smokies now has two of the three known Tennessee colonies of Indiana bats.

Ridley turtle nests at Padre Island

Early Sunday morning, June 17 a Kemp's Ridley sea turtle crawled up onto the beach at Padre Island National Seashore, Tex., and laid 67 eggs in the sand. Rangers and park visitors were witness to this rare event.

This was only the sixth time that such a Kemp's Ridley sea turtle nest has been documented at Padre Island, according to Park Biologist Jim Woods. The Kemp Ridley is a rare and endangered species and protected under law. There may be as few as 2,500 left in the wild.

The majority of Ridley turtles lay their eggs at the historical nesting beach of Playa de Rancho Nuevo in Mexico, about 200 miles below the border.

The Park Service is now engaged in an effort to establish a nesting population on the island. Through cooperation with Mexico's Instituto Nacional de Pesca and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, eggs from the Mexican beach are being brought to the national seashore to hatch. It is hoped that these hatchlings will return to Padre Island in the future to nest, but there will be no conclusive results until the new-born turtles mature in 5 to 7 years.

The eggs laid June 17 have been removed to an incubator because they were in danger of being crushed by passing vehicles.

Kemp's Ridley sea turtle on beach at Padre Island NS, Tex.



'Gold Fever' strikes Seattle

Although many parks are located in two States or more, Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park holds the unique position of being in two States separated by more than 1,000 miles of Canadian soil.

This is because of the important role the city of Seattle, Wash., played as a staging area in the great Alaskan Gold Rush of 1897-98. When Congress created the park in 1976, it called for the creation



Folksinger/actress Susan Stevens.

Enjoying "Gold Fever," are Pacific NW Regional Director Russ Dickenson (3rd from left) and (from his left) Washington Secretary of State Bruce Chapman, U.S. Rep. Joel Pritchard; Bruce LeRoy, director of the Washington State Historical Society; and David Cohen, Canadian Consul Representative in Seattle.

of two units. The Alaska Unit consists of historic structures in Skagway and the Chilkoot and White Pass Trails. The legislation also specified that a unit be established within the Pioneer Square District of Seattle.

Attractions at the Seattle Unit include exhibits of photographic murals; an automatic slide program of old-time photos; and displays of hardware and clothing stores, gold mining artifacts and other goods.

The 117-seat auditorium features three slide shows and movies. "The Chilkoot Trail," a 27-minute film by Lyle Bebensee, explores this historic trail that led many stampeders into the Klondike gold fields in both contemporary and historic settings. "The Klondike Gold Rush," an 8-minute slide program by Steve Hites, brings to life the historic scenes and

characters through the use of Hites' lively folk music. "City of Gold," a 22-minute film by Pierre Berton, presents the filmmakers reflections on his childhood in historic Dawson City, and through his narrative gives the viewer a feeling for how it was to be a stamper during the gold rush.

Another interpretive program is a live dramatic production entitled "Gold Fever," which is put on by the University of Washington School of Drama. The play depicts a miner struck by gold fever, trying to beat the stampede to the gold fields. The drama is written by Barry Pritchard, directed by Robert Hobbs of the Professional Actor Training Program, and with Susan Stevens appearing as Emily, Austin Daily as her husband Charles, and designed by Jennifer Lupton.



Photo by Fred R. Bell.

FDR memorial ceremony

After speaking at this year's ceremony, Averell Harriman chats with onlookers as Toi Batchelder, Zebe Chestnut and Anne J. Cheek place a wreath at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial near the National Archives in Washington, D.C. The event commemorated the 34th anniversary of the death of FDR, Apr. 12, 1945. Harriman, who has served the Nation in a number of high government posts, also spoke at the original dedication of the memorial.





Airline woes cut Hawaii visitation

The park visitation at Pu'uhonua o Honaunau is down by 28 percent for the first half of 1979. The visitation for 1979 through June 30 was 196,246, as compared with 272,635 for 1978. According to Park Superintendent Jerry Y. Shimoda, the United Airline strike and the grounding of the DC-10s have affected the visitation. Last year's total visitation was over 491,000, but that will be difficult to reach this year.

Shimoda added that the annual 3-day Establishment Day Cultural Festival this year was visited by nearly 7,000 people. This was an increase of 47 percent over last year's attendance.



Some Park Service Events

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| Aug. 11 | Golden Spike NHS—Third Annual Railroaders' Folk Festival. |
| Aug. 12 | George Washington Birthplace NM—18th-century Musical. |
| Aug. 15 | Fort McHenry—Tattoo: United States Marine Corps. |
| Aug. 18-19 | Fort Larned NHS—dedication of visitor center and new interpretive exhibits. |
| Aug. 22 | Fort McHenry—Tattoo: United States Coast Guard. |
| Aug. 25-26 | Golden Gate NRA—Basque National Convention. |
| Aug. 31 | 15th Anniversary of the founding of Allegheny Portage Railroad NHS and Johnstown Flood NM. |
| Sept. 7-8 | Zion National Park—3rd Annual Folklife Festival. |
| Sept. 9 | Fort McHenry—Defenders' Day celebration. |
| Sept. 13-16 | National Park Foundation Meeting—Glacier NP. |
| Sept. 19 | Fort McHenry Defenders Day celebration. |
| Sept. 29-30 | Allegheny Portage RR—Annual Autumn Color and Crafts Festival. |
| Sept. 30 | Harvest Festival—Hopewell Village. |
| Sept. 30 | Seventh Anniversary of formal establishment of Guadalupe Mountains NP. |
| Sept. 22-30 | Cabrillo NM Festival. |
| Oct. 4-9 | Festival of American Folklife—Washington Monument Grounds. |
| Oct. 6-8 | Golden Gate NRA—Fifth Western Regional Folk Festival. |
| Oct. 15 | 13th Anniversary of Guadalupe Mountains NP Establishment Act of 1966. |
| Oct. 19 | Colonial Yorktown Day, Colonial NHP. Annual event in cooperation with military groups in the Norfolk area. |
| Oct. 21 | 100th Anniversary of invention of the light bulb—Edison NHS. |
| Oct. 25 | 56th Anniversary of Proclamation creating Carlsbad Cave NM, which later became Carlsbad Caverns NP. |
| Oct. 27 | Recognition of the 16th Anniversary of Fort Smith NHS. |

(Top photo) Hawaiian maiden pounds away at a piece of inner bark of the paper mulberry plant known as "wauke." Clothing in ancient times was made this way.

((Bottom photo) children being taught to do feather work, making a fly chaser.

Park Briefs

GOLDEN SPIKE NHS, UTAH—Recently completed replicas of the railroad steam engines Jupiter and old No. 119 required armed guards for protection from pilferers on their delivery from California to their new home in Utah. Said one engineer, “Train nuts, railroad fans, are the biggest kleptomaniacs in the world. They’d have the engines stripped clean.” The replicas were designed and made by O’Connor Manufacturing Co., of Costa Mesa, Calif., for about \$1.8 million.

GLACIER BAY NM, ALASKA—Restrictions have been imposed on ships entering the popular Glacier Bay in order to protect the whale population. Cruise ships must slow to less than 10 knots in the bay and not approach nearer than ¼ mile to the whales, according to Ranger Bruce Page. Glacier Bay is the summer feeding grounds for the humpback whale—an endangered species. Cruise ships in the bay have increased from one in 1969 to 123 expected this summer.

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NL, MICH.—Dunes rides have been eliminated this summer due to the immense quantities of sand that have blown over the dune ridge road, according to Superintendent Donald Brown. The concessioner, Louis Warnes has agreed to close down the rides, saying that he’d never seen such accumulations of sand in 40 years. In any case, the park’s general management plan had called for the discontinuation of the rides next year.

DEVIL’S TOWER NM, WYO.—George Willig, “the human fly,” who conquered the Twin Towers in New York City sometime ago, easily scaled this mountain in a 5-hour televised climb last spring. Climbing with a partner, Willig braved chilly winds and a sleet storm to scale the 1,280-foot natural volcanic obelisk while agile ABC Television crews climbed alongside beaming closeups by satellite to millions of armchair mountaineers. Although Devil’s Tower has been climbed thousands of times, Willig, 29, a New York toy designer, and his partner made a free climb without the aid of pitons and threw in a tricky traverse between routes that NPS observers believe has been accomplished only once.

YELLOWSTONE NP, WYO—A massive heat-shift, thousands of feet underground, is splashing boiling mud and water out of steaming pools and cooking the roots of nearby trees. Most of the activity is centered in the Mud Volcano area north of Yellowstone Lake. Park Geologist Rich Hutchinson attributes the increase in thermal activity to increased earthquake activity.

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NS, MD.—“Don’t feed the ponies. Look, but keep your distance.” That’s the theme of Acting Superintendent Earl W. Estes’ summer visitor education program this year. Faced with 11 injuries (kicks and bites) requiring medical attention last year, the seashore is warning visitors not to feed or befriend the wild ponies, which number about 55 on the Maryland side.

Richmond NBP, VA—The Camp of the 98th New York Volunteer Infantry at Fort Harrison swelled its ranks June 8-10. Fifty-five Living History interpreters from Richmond, Harpers Ferry, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Fort McHenry, Fort Washington (NCP), and Maryland State Parks met to train for the coming season. Expertise from within the National Park

POINT REYES NS, CALIF.—Cattlemen in the area are complaining that deer from the seashore are causing extensive damage to surrounding private property by destroying fencing and consuming forage reserved for domestic livestock. Cattlemen say the deer population exceeds 1,000 and are calling for a reduction in their numbers.

CAPE HATTERAS NS, N.C.—A 5-mile stretch of beach along the Outer Banks was closed to the public because of an oil spill on Hatteras Island. NPS closed the beach between Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and the town of Avon June 15, while a Norfolk, Va., firm worked to clean up the heavy oil. There was no danger to wildlife or the environment and clean-up was expected to take 3 days.

Service and from outside sources was utilized. The training exercise, coordinated by Bill Brown, Harpers Ferry Center and Hyman Schwartzberg, Richmond, provided a unique experience and better understanding of the military life and attitudes of the Union Soldier.

New York Co. D preparing for inspection. (From left) 1st row: Charles Richardson, Dick Cheatham, Tom Hay, Clint Glasco, Robin Reed, Willie Balderson; 2nd row: John Breeden, Bill Lamb, Kenn Cady, Phil Erickson, Chris Hart, Brenan Hayes, Wes Stone, Peter Kingsley and Jim Poole.





Alumni Notes

1953 retiree still going strong

Dr. Walter B. McDougall, who reached mandatory retirement age in 1953 and who has contributed his services to research at the Museum of Northern Arizona, at Flagstaff, ever since, reports that he continues to be in good health and still works 5 or more days a week, and enjoys it.

Dr. McDougall, besides being a pioneer ecologist and author of the first book to cover the whole field of plant ecology, was also a pioneer in urging that the Park Service allow lightning-caused fires to burn themselves out—by no means a popular doctrine when he first advocated it.

Whangers get clean bill of health

Both Ernest Whanger and spouse Ada have recently spent some time in hospital but, according to a late June report from Ernie, both have recovered satisfactorily.

Ernie retired from the position of Blue Ridge Parkway administrative officer in 1971 after 34 years with the Park Service. After many years in a big house in Roanoke, he and Ada now live in an apartment in Salem, Va.

Brown bowls 'em over

At age 68, Frank L. Brown has bowled a 667 scratch series with games of 226, 172, and 269. And he has done it after recovering from a serious heart attack in 1971. He would especially like his bowling friends in Page, Ariz., to ponder his achievement. Frank retired in 1969 as a construction representative Western Service Center, and he and Mrs. Brown moved to Sunnyvale, Calif. Their present address is 12778 Lantana Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070.

Ray Rundell stumps for E&AA

Continual improvement of employee morale, and encouragement of public understanding of the National Park Service's objectives were cited as major goals of the Employees and Alumni Association by Ray Rundell, Regional Alumni Representative, in an address at the Midwest Region Superintendents' Conference in Omaha, Nebr., in May.

The Association exists because NPS has always been a close-knit organization whose employees are known as the "National Park Service Family," Rundell said. When it was organized in 1955 at a Superintendents' Conference its underlying purpose was to keep the Service's family spirit intact by providing a permanent linkage between NPS people still on the job and those moving over to retirement status, he explained.

He enumerated the E&AA interest-free educational loans to employees, the Alumni Directory, the COURIER, annual travel bargains, and various local activities as well worth the \$10 annual membership fee. But most important is the commitment to the National Park Service, its objectives, and its people that E&AA membership represents, he concluded.

Seen at the Outdoor Writers' Conference, June 17-22, in Albuquerque, N. Mex., were Lon Garrison, Jean and Bill Bullard, and Inger Garrison. The Garrisons are spending the summer at Glacier NP, where Lon is serving as a VIP. Bill has retired and Jean is a writer-editor in the Rocky Mountain Regional Office.

Get it write!

The bane of an editor's life is making a mistake about facts in a story. Running a close second place is an editor's terror of typographical errors. No matter how carefully the copy is checked, the galleys gone over, the page proofs perused, when the newspaper, magazine or book rolls off the press, you pick up a copy and the errors start jumping out and hitting you right between the eyes.

This came to mind (or to eye?) when a recent issue of the COURIER came out with a front-page story on the dedication of the Edward R. Murrow park in Washington, D.C.

Speaking at the ceremony was Eric Sevareid, a well-known figure, whose last name can cause difficulties—and did in the COURIER story. It was spelled Severeid throughout the article.

Whether the misspelling was a mistake or a typographical error, I was moved to tell the editor that Sevareid would understand and be sympathetic. He's had his problems, too.

In 1946, Sevareid wrote "Not So Wild a Dream," and 30 years later when the book was re-issued, he added an introduction to his autobiography. He ruefully recalled how, when reading the published book, "I winced to discover that on the very first page of the book I had transformed the hometown family name of 'Muus' to 'Moose' and in the Lisbon episode I had the Russian doctor pushing Rasputin into the Volga instead of the Neva."

Over the years I've collected typos—typographical errors, and I note them with the cautionary word that we all make mistakes! One of my favorites appeared in the *Denver Post*, in a map of the Colorado River Basin, which located the "Flaming George Dam."

The *Washington Star*, which publishes



a gobbledygook column, could add fun to its pages with some of its own mistakes and goofs. Some years ago, in a story about Kissinger, this appeared:

"(Kissinger) is engaged in a little spring offensive of his own to present himself as a fiendly and reasonable man." (I was never sure if this was truly a typo or meant to be—the writer was Mary McGrory, who is known for her sharp pen.)

More recently, the *Star* had a story about Burning Tree Country Club, and in it appeared this piece of intelligence: "Edward R. Murrow was on the club's fairway in 1942 when word of Pearl Harbor's bombing was received. Told that the source of the news was Reuters, the commentator dismissed it as 'unreliable' and continued his round of golf."

(Murrow had every right to do so. The reliable word is that Pearl Harbor was Dec. 7, 1941. Perhaps the Reuters account was a delayed broadcast?)

Newspapers and magazines have very indistinct policies about printing corrections. They are presented with a difficult dilemma of what to correct and how much space to devote to such corrections . . . and the possibility of introducing another error! The story is told of one weekly newspaper which had to print a correction, and it appeared like this: Correction: We regret that last week when we reported that Lieutenant Wolf was a defective on the police force, what we meant was Lieutenant Wolf was a detective on the police farce.

(Author's Note: Mr. Katz will autograph copies of this article to the first five persons sending in the issue with the typos marked in this story!)

(Editor's Note: Mr. Katz was formerly an editor in the Park Service. He was with the Wetherill Mesa Archeological Project at Mesa Verde National Park.)

Head for the links

The 5th annual Frank Kowski Golf Tournament is slated to begin on or around Aug. 25 and will run through Sept. 25.

All proceeds will go to the Employees and Alumni Association Education Fund.

To enter the gala tournament, a group of NPSers must simply play a round of 18 holes of golf and send their scorecards, together with \$3 entry fees to Earl Hasebrock, tournament director, in the Southwest Regional Office, Santa Fe, N. Mex.

Scoring will be based on the Callaway system so your 145 duffer score may look like that of a champion. There will be prizes for the best duffers.

HFC women meet, eat and enjoy

The Harpers Ferry Chapter of the National Park Women—an organization of Park Service Family members who support the E&AA—was reactivated last February at Harpers Ferry, W. Va. The chapter includes Mather Training Center, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry (Design) Center, and the Harpers Ferry Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center. Mary Lou Lee was elected chairperson for the year for the group; and meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month—alternating a luncheon meeting and an evening meeting.

The May meeting of the Harpers Ferry Chapter was a covered dish luncheon. Jean Tobin and Liz Pound from the Metro Chapter of Washington, D.C., were guest speakers. They discussed the E&AA Education Fund and circulated literature on the program, as well as literature on other activities, other chapter newsletters, and fund-raising ideas. A question and answer period followed.

The June meeting, which was held at the Job Corps Center, was in the evening and Luis Banchs, a recreation specialist,

demonstrated ceramics-making techniques; and the Job Corps Center Choir, the Harmonizers, under the direction of Larry Wilson, entertained with a musical program.

The meetings are open to all NPS employees, their spouses, members of the E&AA and friends of the National Park Service.

Castro really does love New York

Nash Castro, former National Capital Parks Regional Director who became Executive Director of the White House Historical Association in January, has returned to his previous position as General Manager of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission of New York and New Jersey.

Nash, who joined NPS at Grand Canyon National Park in 1939 and retired in 1968, discovered in his recent connection that he greatly missed "the diversity of park work" and decided to go back to it. His resignation was effective June 30 and he was scheduled to resume work with the interstate park agency July 5.

(Editor's Note: See March 1979 issue, page 9.)

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NPS people in the news

Adams' secretary now superintendent

By Holly Bundock
Public Information Specialist, NARO

She remembers dinners in the old mansion and traveling to the far corners of the world for her employer. She recalls the time when she, as a student at the Faelten School of Music, accepted the job as secretary to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Adams, which was the beginning of her association with the "Old House" and the presidential Adams family.

That was back in the 20s when Mrs. Harris, now superintendent of Adams National Historic Site in Quincy, Mass., first began working for the famous Adamses.

Today at 82, she is a retired annuitant with NPS who has just received her 30-year pin. In 1948, when the Site was newly owned by the Service, she became an historical aide. By 1950 she was named superintendent of the Old House. This spring, with the Service acquiring the two Quincy birthplaces of John and John Quincy Adams as part of the Omnibus legislation, Mrs. Harris will oversee management of all three sites.

Those visitors fortunate enough to hear Mrs. Harris occasionally reminisce, are in for a treat. She must be getting used to people referring to her as Mrs. Adams—it's a frequent occurrence—and reciting the Adams family tree, which includes two U.S. presidents, statesmen, authors, merchants, college officials (Harvard), and corporation presidents.

She is a perfectionist on historical detail and has prevented any attempts to change the appearance of the Old House. In addition to working in the historic buildings, she still lives across the street from the Old House where she first lived after marrying Brooks Adams' friend, Colonel Frank E. Harris.

In 1970 she was awarded the highest honor from the Department of the Interior—the Distinguished Service Award—from then Secretary Walter Hickel for outstanding management of the Adams' site.

Director Whalen had planned on presenting her with her 30-year pin last November. She was, however, ill when he arrived in the Regional Office. He said, "I'm awful sorry Mrs. Harris couldn't be here. She's one of my favorite people. I just had the opportunity to meet her once and have her take me through the Adams house and it was a very memorable experience.

"I remember vividly that I had a meeting over in the White House as I am, by law, the Chairman for the Committee



for the Preservation of the White House, and one of our roles is to acquire original paintings for the White House to hang in perpetuity for the country to see in the state rooms. And, as you all know, there are some magnificent paintings in the Adams House. I was admiring them, and halfway in jest, I was mentioning to Mrs. Harris, 'Gee, they'd look pretty good hanging in the White House.' Well, she didn't take it in jest at all.

"She reminded me very quickly that the Deed of Gift from the Adams Family would never allow such a thing to occur!

"She's an outstanding person. Her extraordinary National Park Service career began in her early fifties when most of us are thinking of how many years before retirement. As her career has been so remarkable I think she deserves special recognitions . . ."

With the acquisition of the two birthplaces which are on a main street of Quincy nearly a mile away from the Old House, Mrs. Harris is busy organizing this season's interpretive program to include an outside walking tour of the buildings.

Posing for a photo during the swearing in of John Cook as new NPS Area Director for Alaska are (from left) Keith Shreiner, Alaska Area Director for FWS; Assistant Secretary Robert Herbst; Alaska Area Director for HCRS Janet McCabe; and Cook.



First woman regional director

Lorraine Mintzmyer, who as been Acting Regional Director for the Southwest Region, has been appointed to the position. She is the first woman to serve the Park Service as a Regional Director.

New SWR associate director

Leslie P. Arnberger, superintendent of Yosemite National Park, has been named associate director for Operations in the Southwest Region.

Arnberger had been superintendent at Yosemite since 1974.

He succeeds Douglas Warnock who has transferred to Alaska.

Director Whalen received special recognition in a formal ceremony and reception at the White House this summer when Mrs. Jimmy Carter presented awards to several individuals for significant environmental contributions. Occasion was the 25th Annual Landscape Awards Program of the American Association of Nurserymen.



**Press women honor
Jamie Petitti**



Jamie S. Petitti, park technician, Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Okla., was honored on May 6, by the Oklahoma Press Women Association for her personal column "Natures the Thing" which appears weekly in the *Sulphur Times-Democrat* and *The Davis News*.

Petitti was one of several persons receiving the Association's highest award for communications. Winners were selected from such categories as news stories, editorials, personal columns, feature stories, special articles, critics review, interviews, headlines, page makeup, photography, editing and special editions.

Category winners will be entered into national competition with results to be announced at a later date.

The Oklahoma Press Women Association is an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women, Inc.

**Grand Canyon's Stitt
gets Arizona's highest**

The "Thomas E. McCullough Award" was presented to Merle E. Stitt, superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, at the annual awards banquet of the Arizona Wildlife Federation during the organization's convention in Phoenix, May 19. This is the highest annual conservation award offered in Arizona. Stitt was recognized in the professional category for his outstanding achievement in improving natural resources management practices on national park lands, especially for his attempt to stop feral burro damage to native wildlife habitat.

Haleakala National Park alumnus, Jerome J. Pratt, received the "Editor's

Award." The citation stated it was for "superior reporting on conservation issues in a most timely and reliable manner."

Among the dozen or more dignitaries on the convention program were members of both Houses of the Arizona State Legislature; Frank Gregg, Director of the Bureau of Land Management; and Lynn A. Greenwalt, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Benton winds up
38-year career**



Edwin F. Benton, superintendent of Fort Smith National Historic Site, Ark.-Okla., has retired after a 38-year Government career.

Benton has been superintendent at Fort Smith for the past 10 years, during which time he oversaw a major land acquisition program that added several historic properties to the site.

His NPS career began as a seasonal ranger at Shenandoah National Park, Va., in 1941. He served there, except for 3 war years, until transferring to Cape Hatteras National Seashore, N.C., in 1950. He also served at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Ky.-Va.-Tenn., as deputy director of the Job Corps.

Benton and his wife, Helen, plan to return to their native Virginia for retirement.

**Jo Ann Kyral
heads Fort Smith NHS**



Jo Ann Kyral, administrative officer at Buffalo National River, Ark. since early 1976, has been named superintendent of Fort Smith National Historic Site, Ark. Kyral will replace Benton, who recently retired.

Fort Smith, one of the first U.S. military posts in the Louisiana Territory, was the center of authority for the untamed region to its west from 1817 to 1890.

Southwest Regional Director Lorraine Mintzmyer said "I worked very closely with Jo Ann when I was superintendent at Buffalo National River and I know that she has excellent managerial skills and a strong commitment to the resources of the National Park System. She will make an excellent superintendent."

At age 28; Miss Kyral already has experience in a regional office and in a number of parks. She began her career with NPS in 1968 while still a junior at South High School in Omaha, Nebr., serving as a student aide at the midwest Regional Office in Omaha.

She worked at the Omaha office throughout her years at the University of Nebraska. In 1972, she attended the Second World Conference on Parks, held in Grand Teton, working as a bilingual assistant.

The day after her graduation, in 1973, she returned to Grand Teton as an interpretive park technician and also worked as a programming assistant in the maintenance division.

In 1975, Miss Kyral was selected to the NPS Administrative Intake Training Program and then was assigned to Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo.

YACC cleans Vicksburg headstones

Freshly-cleaned headstones sparkled May 28 at the annual Memorial Day ceremony in the National Cemetery at Vicksburg National Military Park, Miss.

Twelve Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) enrollees, who steam-cleaned about 18,000 headstones, and Park Service officials participated in the ceremony. A wreath, made by Corpsmembers from greens found in the park, was placed on the grave of the unknown soldier.

The enrollees, ranging in age from 16 to 23, spent weeks sprucing up the park for the ceremony, cutting the grass and cleaning up the area.

The steam-cleaner used on the headstones was affectionately dubbed "Donna" in honor of Don Scott, YACC project director, and was designated the 13th corpsmember.

The Vicksburg YACC camp is one of 29 located in Mississippi.

Three get on-job training at NCR

Three grounds maintenance employees at National Capital Region-East recently had an opportunity to train for higher-skilled jobs through a pilot program begun this year.

Joseph Lewis, a tractor operator, got a chance to broaden his skills as a

mechanic on a 90-day detail to the auto shop; James Armstrong, a maintenance worker went to the auto shop as a mechanic's helper, and Charles Sherman left his motor vehicle operator job to wield a paint brush in the paint shop.

"These men were selected for the program based on their previous experience or training in a particular field," said NCR-East Chief of Maintenance Burnice T. Kearney. "Although there is no guarantee of a job in the higher-skilled positions the men are training for, this will give them an opportunity to demonstrate their skills and abilities."

Kearney hopes to put three to four persons through the program each year.

Editor's request

I wish to thank all of you who sent in back issues of the COURIER for our files. We are still in need of additional copies of the following issues: Vol. 1, No. 4, Feb. '78; Vol. 1, No. 5, Mar. '78; Vol. 1, No. 9, July '78; Vol. 1, No. 11, Sept. '78; and Vol. 10, No. 20 of the NPS NEWSLETTER Dec. 17, 1975.

—Naomi L. Hunt

Letter of appreciation

Mr. Phillip O. Stewart
Assistant Director,
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Washington, D.C.

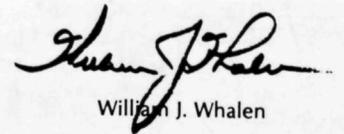
Dear Phil:

Phil—Friday, May 18, 1979, was the day when the National Park Service suffered a great loss with your retirement. We lost the services of an outstanding administrator, a first-rate intellect, and, above all, a compassionate human being.

It was all too appropriate that you should join the National Park Service, an Agency dedicated to the preservation and the enhancement of unique resources and a proud tradition of dedication and service to the public. You stand out as one of the unique human resources in the National Park Service.

To buttress that great personal courage you have exhibited all these years, on behalf of myself and my colleagues, let me assure you that you will always be held in great admiration and affection in our minds and hearts as you continue life's journey.

Sincerely,


William J. Whalen

Sillas brothers replant Carlsbad

An extensive site restoration and re-vegetation project is presently underway in front of the visitor center at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex.

The project involves removal and replacement of topsoil, replacement of a waterline, and transplanting of cacti and other plants.

Leading in the restoration work are maintenance workers Jimmy J. Sillas and Jose G. Sillas.

According to Superintendent Don Dayton, the two Sillas brothers have worked willingly and very hard on this difficult project despite the extremely rocky soil they have had to dig in and the thorny and spiny cactus plants which they have had to handle.

Among other park maintenance division employees helping on the project are Roads and Trails Foreman Jesus G. Chavez, summer aid David Robertson and temporary Gardener David Rauch.



Shenandoah luncheon

The Shenandoah National Park Women's Club's Biennial Luncheon will be held on Sept. 17, on the grounds surrounding Superintendent Jacobsen's home, near park headquarters. Food prepared by the Shenandoah Women will include homebaked goodies. There will be a folk singing group and demonstrations for entertainment. Also, Lucy Cook, renowned weaver of white-oak baskets, promises a weaving demonstration and basket sale.

Proceeds from the sale of craft items, homemade bread and canned foods, and other items will be donated to the E&AA scholarship fund.

All NPS women are invited to attend the luncheon. For reservations and further information, call June Campbell or Lynn Rothgeb at the park, (703) 999-2241; or in the Washington, D.C. area, call Jean Tobin at (703) 978-0447.

Corrections

In the article "Supers move about," page 11 of the July COURIER a line was left out of the fourth paragraph, which we regret resulted in an incorrect statement. The paragraph should have read as follows:

James E. Jones, former superintendent of Badlands National Park, S. Dak., has been named to succeed Glen D. Alexander as unit manager of Canyonlands National Park, Utah. Alexander has been named to succeed James W. (Bryne) Packard as superintendent of Curecanti National Recreation Area, Colo.

The article in the May COURIER regarding the sale of volcanic rock by Capulin Mountain National Monument, N.Mex., to visitors was incorrect. Acting Superintendent James P. Vuckonich informs the COURIER that the monument gives away rocks obtained from a nearby cinder quarry in order to discourage souvenir hunters. We regret the error.

Into the valley of DIPS rode the 600

Approximately 600 persons were listed in "Out of the Traces" in the June COURIER. These employees were mostly seasonals who were terminated during the winter months and their names did not show up on the computer printout until late February and early March. Then

because of space limitations in the COURIER, they were not published until June.

If you were one of those listed and have since been re-hired your name will eventually show up again in "New Faces."



People on the move



Out of the traces

(Submitted to COURIER, Mar. 1, 1979.)

BYRD, Rodney G., Laborer, George Washington Birthplace NM
CAIRO, Linda Christine, Clerk-Typist, Independence NHP
CALABRO, Robert B., Supply Clerk, Lake Mead NRA
CALARA, Renato Gutierrez, Supply Clerk, Gulf Islands NS
CARSON, Annette V., Clerk, Grand Canyon NP
CARTER, Cornelious, Jr., Colonial NHP
CASSIDY, Ora B., Laborer, Harpers Ferry NHP
CAYLOR, Lind S., Laborer, Great Smoky Mountains NP
CELLA, William B., Computer Tech, Glacier NP
CHRISTOPHER, Terri L., Clerk-Steno, Andersonville NHS
CIFANI, Dawn M., Lead Park Tech, NC Team, DSC
LANCE, Charles L. Jr., Park Tech, Golden Gate NRA
COFFIELD, William A., Park Tech, Wind Cave NP
COOK, Lynda I., Clerk-Typist, Redwood NP
COPPELMAN, Donna C., Park Tech, Longfellow NHS
CORMACK, David B., Motor Vehicle Operator, Redwood NP
COSCO, Maria L., Clerk-Typist, Administration, NARO
CRAWFORD, Twila S., Office Services Supv, Administration, SERO
CREECH, Dianne P., Clerk-Typist, Finance, NCR
CUMBERBATCH, Gary P., Park Tech, Prince William Forest Park
DAHL, Nancy K., Museum Aid, Midwest Archeological Center
DAVIS, Cindy L., Laborer, Death Valley NM
DEAN, Francis J., Park Tech, Grand Canyon NP
DESHAYES, James C., Laborer, Hawaii Volcanoes NP
DEWHURST, Katharine H., Park Tech, Yellowstone NP
DIZE, Marilyn A., Park Tech, Canaveral NS
DOWDY, Buford, Maintenance Worker, Ozark NSR
DOYLE, Michael R., Gardener, Professional Services, NCR
ECHOLS, Lawrence E., Facility Mgr, Lake Mead NRA
EMANUEL, Barbara J., Sec, NC Team, DSC
ENNIS, John N., Mechanic Helper, Whiskeytown NRA
FOX, Doris S., Clerk-Typist, Southern Arizona Grou

FRANCIS, Victoria P., Clerk-Typist, Community Services, NCR
FRANK, Douglas A., Park Aid, Mount Rainier NP
REETO, Pearl R., Realty Clerk, Land Acquisition Office, MARO
FRYE, Michael T., Park Aid, Shenandoah NP
GAFNEY, David J., Park Tech, Golden Gate NRA
GAGER, Marina L., Personnel Clerk, Sequoia NP
GARCIA, Mary S., Janitor, Grand Canyon NP
GARDINO, Rose P., Clerk-Typist, Big Cypress Land Acquisition Office
GENTZEL, Michael M., Laborer, Richmond NBP
GLENN, Harrison M., Laborer, Blue Ridge Pkwy
GOECKERMANN, Charles M., Park Tech, Community Services, NR
GOYER, Leland E., Heavy Mobile Equipm't Mechanic Helper, Grand Canyon NP
GRAHAM, Gerald M., Maintenance Worker, Community Services, NCR
GRANT, Bruce J., YACC Group Leader, Golden Gate NRA
GRUBE, Delynn M., Engineering Equipm't Operator, Yellowstone NP
GUNN, Paul A., Student Assist (Lab Aide), MA/NA Team, DSC
GUNZEL, Louis L., Supv Park Ranger, Saguaro NM
HAIL, Carolyn K., Clerk-Typist, Mesa Verde NP
HANSEN, Kevin D., Park Tech, Death Valley NM
HANSEN, Patricia L., Park Tech, Joshua Tree NM
HARRISON, Lanier A. Jr., Park Tech, Andersonville NHS
HAVENS, George R., Engineering Equipm't Operator, Rocky Mountain NP
HAYS, Paul B., Park Tech, Mammoth Cave NP
HILL, Jane W., Purchasing Agent, WASO.
HITZEMAN, Judith Mary, Maintenance Worker, Golden Spike NHS
HOCKING, Ralph F., Park Tech, Bighorn Canyon NRA
HOESTEREY, John W., Geographer, MW/RM Team, DSC
HOILMAN, Bobby G., Laborer Leader, Blue Ridge Pkwy
HOLLER, M. Carolyn, Sec, Museum Services, HFC
HOLMES, Anita I., Park Aid, Sunset Crater NM

To: Director Bill Whalen

I wish to express the deep appreciation my family and I feel for all that those in your department have done to establish and maintain the many national parks we have visited.

They have been a great source of pleasure to us as we've traveled numerous times through the United States, and in fact, have usually been the highlight of our visit to your country.

We want to thank not only the pleasant and courteous park rangers, but also those who construct and pave the roads into what would otherwise often be inaccessible land; those who put together the informative and interesting Information Centers; those who plan the trails and choose the lookout points; those who design and print the helpful maps and brochures, and those who keep the national parks in such excellent condition.

We have just come back from Utah, and what magnificent scenery we found in the national parks there! Dinosaur and Capitol Reef and Canyonlands will certainly be among our special favorites and we look forward to further holidays in them.

The spectacular grandeur of the areas that have been chosen for national parks is without equal in our estimation and your department can be very proud of such a marvelous park system in which to display these natural beauties and wonders.

Sandra Tillyer
Vancouver, B. C., Canada

To: Priscilla Baker
Office of Public Affairs

Many thanks for sending me the June issue of the COURIER with its pictures of the unveiling of the plaque. While I was in England I met a Washingtonian who said he had recently been walking through the park with a friend. They both remarked about the plaque at that time, and wondered when and how the park came to be named for Ed. Of course in my innocence I thought everyone knew!

COURIER is a very interesting document.

Janet (Mrs. Edward R.) Murrow
South Hadley, Mass.

To: Director Bill Whalen

For years my family has wanted to visit the Western States. This year the trip became a reality. Our expectations were confirmed: ours surely is a magnificent country. Our 5-week trip included visits to 14 national parks and monuments, with extended stops for backpacking in Navajo National Monument, Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks.

An unexpected pleasure was in our dealings with National Park Service personnel. At each place, we found them to be uniformly courteous, informative and genuinely interested in helping make our visits successful. Our particular thanks go to

Rangers Tom Goldsmith and Dan Reardon for their assistance when our car was vandalized in Yellowstone.

The morale and motivation of Park Service personnel is impressive, especially given the not so pleasant task of dealing with thoughtless and irresponsible visitors. Your methods for selection, training and management could well serve as a model for other government agencies.

Thank you sincerely for a job well done.

Joel S. Pratt
Princeton, N.J.

To: Superintendent
Cape Hatteras NS, N.C.

My family and I wish to convey to you and the ranger personnel at Frisco Campgrounds, our feelings of enjoyment and good fortune we experienced at the park on every visit we've made there.

We love the campgrounds and the beach but even more, all the people who are employed there are something special and this is unique to us, in these times. They carry out the functions of operating this campground, consistently with cordiality, good spirits and cheerfulness and consideration for campers' comfort and peace of mind.

We are simply touched and impressed to where we feel we should praise and thank them by this letter.

Bernard Beard
Alexandria, Va.

To: Director Bill Whalen

On behalf of the Wild Gardens of Acadia, I want to express our deep appreciation for the magnificent and meaningful Certificate of Appreciation "for the many years of developing the Wild Gardens of Acadia, an effective environmental education project at Sieur de Monts Spring, Acadia National Park." We were utterly taken by surprise and feel very proud.

We will strive to live up to this honor and to continue to make improvements. As you must know, we have a very happy working relationship with our Acadia National Park staff and they deserve much credit for the many services they have gladly rendered.

Betty Thorndike
Wild Gardens of Acadia Committee
Bar Harbor, Me.

To: Regional Director
Western Region

Rarely does one find a civil servant who is helpful above and beyond the call of duty, not to mention knowledgeable in his field.

We visited your Montezuma Castle National Monument, Ariz., and were very impressed by the presentation at the park.

The highpoint was meeting Mr. Dwayne

Collier at the reception desk, who was not only very courteous, but gave us most valuable information about the sights to be seen in the States of Arizona and New Mexico.

It is a real pleasure to meet someone who is obviously dedicated to his chosen field and has a love of the native people of the area.

We were born and raised in Australia and South Africa and have traveled those countries along with most of North America and the West Indies and Europe and so we feel our opinion of this young man to be of some value.

He should go far in the service of the touring public in your great country.

Alkin M. Willies
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

To: Regional Director
Western Region

Mrs. Dawson and I have just returned from Sequoia National Park where we had our first experience with the campground reservation system in effect at Lodgepole.

These were the major advantages for us:

1. We were assured of a campsite before leaving home.
2. We were not bothered by the extra traffic of latecomers seeking a campsite.
3. We could leave the campsite to drive to the trail head without worrying about leaving something in the hope of being able to return to that same campsite in the evening.

I realize that your budget limits how quickly and widely you will be implementing this program but I certainly look forward to the time when *all* national park campgrounds will be under a reservation system.

Charles H. Dawson
Menlo Park, Calif.

To: Director Bill Whalen

I would like to compliment the National Park Service for the excellent way they run the national parks, monuments and other sites. I was just looking at the list in the July *National Geographic*, and realized that, over the years, I had visited quite a few of these places and I have never been disappointed. They are all interesting and informative and maintained well.

So far this year, we have visited Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Cumberland Gap, Badlands, Mount Rushmore, Wind Cave, Jewel Cave and Pipestone and at each one the programs have been excellent, the facilities very good, the personnel well-informed and helpful, and the brochures interesting and informative.

Our 13-year-old gave this travel advice to his grandparents, "Skip all the tourist traps and stick to the national monuments, they're the best."

You do a very good job and we are very appreciative.

Joan and Carl Koelsch
No address given

Of roses, the BBC and Hopewell Village

In late May, a BBC film crew came to Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pa., to film a documentary on the Industrial Revolution in England and America in conjunction with the 200th anniversary of the building of the first iron bridge in the world at Colebrookdale, England.

Also in May, Joan B. Gilbert, a staff writer for the *Reading Times*, Pa., wrote a feature article about the Reading-Berks Rose Society and the Bicentennial gift of roses to the park. The women of the rose society had planted 17 types of roses, all with origins prior to 1867.

As one descends the steps leading to the Brooke home at Hopewell Village, the three landings are flanked with cedar trellises adorned with White Bath, Common Moss, Queen of Denmark and Thousand Beauties roses. There are also Celsiana, Harrison's Yellow and Purple Martins.

Because the society's gift was a living Bicentennial gift to the community, work didn't stop with the planting. Periodically the members visit the site to spray and fertilize and prune the bushes.

And they visit to view and enjoy their gift and hope others will do the same.



Reading-Berks Rose Society members, Mary W. Knoll, left, and Ruth H. Ricker, visit Hopewell Village to admire the group's living Bicentennial gift to the community. The roses are historic varieties which produce a once-a-year spectacular show.



A BBC film crew documents iron working at Hopewell Village in preparation for an upcoming British television special. The crews spent 2 days at the iron-making village recently in an effort to recreate a colonial atmosphere for the film.

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