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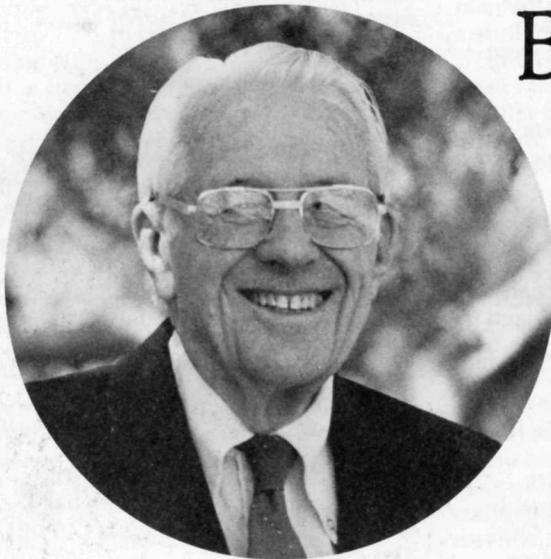
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Special Holiday Edition



Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and for the New Year!

Elsewhere in recent issues of the COURIER I have been sharing with you thoughts of mine about our work together on behalf of the National Park System—all 337 jewels in the crown, as I have called them and now you are calling them. I will continue to do that, because I think it is important that you know my views on management topics, especially those illuminated for me as I have opportunity to visit individual areas and meet with employees, their families and others.

In this seasonal message, however, I want to say more than 20,000 individual "Thank you's"—one for every member of the National Park Service and its extended family.

Thank you for your dedication and hard work on behalf of the National Park System. Thank you for your commitment to excellence and for your performance that confirms it. Thank you for your ideas that will help further improve the quality of the National Park experience for millions of visitors to the units of the System. Thank you for your teamwork that multiplies the efforts of each alone. Thank you for your patience when it was needed. Thank you for accepting new challenges and for fulfilling old commitments. Thank you for being steadfast in support of our mandate.

We will have many occasions in the year ahead to need your support, creativity and enthusiasm, and I want to indicate to you my own personal excitement and commitment to our future together.

Have a wonderful Holiday Season. Drive carefully, stay well, and enjoy your family and friends during this joyful time of year.

WILLIAM PENN MOTT, JR., Director

Director Mott participates in ceremonies at Herbert Hoover

August 10 is always a special day at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site; it was on that day in 1874 that Herbert Hoover was born in the Iowa community of West Branch. This year the ceremonies commemorating the occasion were enhanced by the participation of Director William Penn Mott, Jr., who was an honored guest.

Herbert Hoover National Historic Site was established in 1965 to preserve historic structures associated with the boyhood of Herbert Hoover, 31st President of the United States and the first President born west of the Mississippi River. The two-room cottage in which he was born in 1874 still stands and has been restored to appear as it might have when the Hoovers lived there. Near the Birthplace Cottage is a replica of a Blacksmith Shop similar to the one Herbert Hoover's father owned and operated in the 1870s. The Friends Meetinghouse in which the Hoovers worshipped and the first schoolhouse in West Branch were moved to the site and restored to their 1870s appearance. The site also contains the final resting place of the President and Mrs. Hoover, a 76-acre reconstructed native Iowa prairie and several historic structures which provide a setting similar to the West Branch of the 1870s.

Many events took place over the weekend, including a reception on Friday evening at the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum where guests had an opportunity to preview the special exhibition entitled, "First Ladies: Influence Beyond Social Duty," which opened to the public on Saturday, August 10. The exhibit marked the opening of the personal papers of the President's wife, Lou Henry Hoover, to researchers. At the former President's request, the papers had remained sealed for 20 years following his death in 1964.

Employees and their families had an opportunity to meet with Director Mott on Saturday morning at a reception in honor of the Director. Mac Berg, superintendent of the 186-acre site, gave the Director a dinner gong made on-site in the Hoover forge. The Director presented Special Achievement Awards to Chief of Maintenance Ted Deets and Maintenance Foreman Doug Pratt for work consistently exceeding expectations.

Later in the morning, the ceremony which marked the 111th anniversary



of the birth of Herbert Hoover took place near the simple, dignified graves of the President and his wife, which overlook the site and the Birthplace Cottage. Among those attending were several members of the Hoover family, including the former President's son Alan, his grandson Andrew, and his niece Hulda Hoover McLean.

U.S. Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa delivered a message from President Reagan. The President paid tribute to "an outstanding American and one of the greatest statesmen and humanitarians of any nation or time." The President honored Lou Henry Hoover, whom he stated "was not only a lifetime companion sharing in her husband's considerable achievements, she was also a vital, active, and accomplished individual in her own right." He concluded, "Our nation continues to be a better place because of their lifelong service to humanity."

The commemorative speech was delivered by U.S. Representative Tom Tauke of Iowa. He compared Hoover with Benjamin Franklin for his impact on government, his influence in the world, and his success in other fields of endeavor. Representative Tauke discussed Hoover's agricultural policies, calling them visionary and stating they were never implemented because they were ahead of their time.

Following the gravesite ceremony, Director Mott and Superintendent Berg traveled to Bishop Hill, Ill., which is a reconstruction of a village first settled by Swedish immigrants in the mid-1800s. It is a site of major significance to the Swedish people and is considered the most important Swedish cultural site outside of Sweden. The Director designated the

Director Mott (right), Superintendent Mac Berg, and Herbert Hoover's grandson, Andy Hoover (center) at ceremonies commemorating the 111th anniversary of the birth of Herbert Hoover.

site as a National Historic Landmark and unveiled a plaque in a dedication ceremony which took place before an audience that included the Swedish Deputy Ambassador, Cultural Attaché, and Consular Officer.

A banquet held Saturday evening concluded the weekend's activities. Director Mott presented a NPS Special Commendation Award to Floyd Fawcett, a resident of West Branch, in recognition of his "outstanding contributions to the National Park Service, Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, and the memory of our 31st President."

Several of those attending the events of the weekend expressed their belief that the 1985 celebration was the best to date. Even the changeable Iowa weather cooperated. Superintendent Berg summed up by saying, "The events commemorating Herbert Hoover were very successful this year. The park staff and those of the Library and Association deserve a great deal of credit for their efforts. As one individual said, 'There wasn't a blade of grass out of place.' We are pleased that Director Mott was able to attend as an honored guest. We are confident that anyone visiting our site will agree that this park containing the birthplace, Presidential Library-Museum, and burial site of the great humanitarian and American Herbert Hoover is indeed a 'jewel in the crown'."



The Director's Report

By William Penn Mott, Jr.

Mission: Interpretation

In 1957 Freeman Tilden could write that "interpretation . . . has so recently come into our cultural world that a resort to a dictionary for a competent definition is fruitless." Tilden went on (in his creative book on this subject "Interpreting Our Heritage" published by the University of North Carolina Press) to say that interpretation was an "educational activity . . . to reveal meanings and relationships . . ."

It is hard to imagine a modern etymologist improving on that concept as one key element of the mission statement for today's National Park Service.

I recently had occasion to meet with part of the Service's interpretive leadership at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, where I confirmed for myself again the importance of the Service's interpretive program and the vital need in it for innovation, ideas, and people motivated for change. I saw evidence of all three, and more, and will look forward in the months ahead to seeing on-the-ground examples and results. [As many parks already know, I often take an opportunity when it is available to "drop in" on a program or park activity when my travels permit. My intention is not to intimidate or be critical—in fact, not a single such occasion has done less than reinforce my belief that the National Park Service has the finest cadre of interpreters in the world!]

But I do have some added messages I think bear conveying to all the National Park Service staff and family about our interpretive activities.

First, I want to acknowledge the essential professionalism of each interpreter's role. It is a task that requires a solid and continuing attitude and demeanor of competent professional discipline. It demands continuing personal education and enlightenment. It requires judgment, skill, and craft in an activity now so much a part of the National Park experience that many visitors take it sublimely for granted.

But interpretation is also a part of many other people's jobs bearing other labels—from maintenance staffs who respond thousands of times daily to questions and comments from visitors to food service personnel in the park concession who do the same. And from a law enforcement officer on a patrol to an archeologist or planner only temporarily in a park for a study or planning function.

Interpretation is some part of a great many people's daily jobs, and for that reason virtually everyone needs to know and to understand the parks and their resources and their "meanings and relationships."

Second, it seems to me we have a special role and obligation to extend the interpretative mission beyond the boundaries of the parks, into the schools and community, to inform and to relate the parks and their resources to the people whom they serve and for whom, ultimately, they are preserved and protected. For units of the National Park System in and near urban areas the linkage with the community is vital, and the outreach essential. The interpretative message can not only enrich the person's later visit to the park, it can be the vehicle that relates the park and its vital life systems to those on which the city dweller depends.

Third, I think we need to expand the horizons of our interpretive message, not only to include at each park the message that there are many parks, but something of the meanings and relationships of those other elements to the National Park System as a whole. Each unit of the System is made something larger by being part of a system that now embraces 337 sites and areas—many jewels, I have called them—and our message should articulate that relationship. But there are other messages we need to also tell—straightforward and without partisan embellishment—of conservation topics and issues elsewhere in the world, some of which hold portent of major opportunities or serious problems for

the future. The subjects of acid rain; the desertification of lands in the tropics; the large-scale cutting of tropical rainforests; the search for places to safely store long-lived radioactive wastes; and so forth.

I must not be misunderstood. Many of these issues are controversial and some of them spark highly politicized responses. I do not advocate the Service become partisans on any of these issues, only that we illuminate their "meanings and relationships" in a carefully drawn professional way.

These topics are not, however, things we should ignore. We need to be informed on these important issues, not only for their inherent importance, but because in the final analysis they will involve us directly in our role as managers of the National Park System.

Finally, it seems to me there is a special part of the National Park System role we need to both know a great deal more about ourselves and help others understand its significance: the role of the parks as gene pools, as places where natural processes have preserved species of plants and animals in forms that may be forever altered elsewhere. As the bumper sticker asserts "Extinct is Forever," and the national parks must be places where only nature makes those decisions. I will be calling for a seminar on this subject in the next year to more fully explore the role and implications of the parks as gene pools.

So there will be much more about interpretation in the months ahead.

NPS NewsDigest

Urban rangers

Patrolling their 'range' of city streets, guides explain how man bent nature

By Sharon Britton

Lowell—Standing alongside the Pawtucket Canal, tourists giggle and joke as National Park Ranger Amy Woo shows them how to play the parts of a canal's locking gate.

Hands on hips, retirees and children alike open and close their arms, allowing imaginary water to flow into make-believe lock chambers.

A young tourist playing the part of lumber-laden "Miss Barge" moves through the chambers and pretends to pay an 8-cent toll to Woo, now playing the part of gate-keeper.

The pretend barge bypasses the treacherous Pawtucket Falls, heads easily through the canal and down river to Newburyport; and the delighted tour group understands graphically how the 19th century transportation canal's lock system worked.

Games like that are all in the day's work for a ranger at Lowell's National Historical Park.

A ranger's biggest challenge is preventing an audience from developing the "TV-set look," said Woo, a 19-year-old Lowell native who began conducting tours two months ago as her summer job between semesters at Stanford University.

She learned the lock trick from another ranger. Not only does the demonstration help explain the canal technology that will be restored and working next year on the Pawtucket Canal, but it prevents tourists from becoming bored, passive listeners by involving them in what they are learning.

Telling Lowell's story

In a national park like Lowell's, where there are no mountain ranges or scenic overlooks to do the talking, tourists depend on rangers to interpret what they see before them, says Hugh Gurney, deputy superintendent.

"It's still a bit complicated to find your own way around the canal system," he said.

Knowing how to scale a rock face or build a firebreak might help you in your job as ranger at Yellowstone National Park. But good public speaking skills, an ability to handle people and a knowledge of history will serve you better in Lowell, said Gurney.

City rangers teach how man bent nature

To tell the story of how water technology transformed the area, rangers depend on other teaching tools as well.

They carry dated maps to hold up for display to tourists at appropriate points along the tour.

In the 1700s, the only interesting feature on the map is the Merrimack River, rangers point out. But as the years pass, a canal system emerges and a farming community grows into a major industrial center.

Lowell Heritage State Park interpretive guides lend another dimension to the experience by playing the roles of 19th-Century characters who tell the story of gatekeeping and mill working.

To handle the many canal, trolley and walking tours, the national park employs about 10 permanent and 25 temporary seasonal rangers.

The pay isn't princely. Permanent rangers make only \$11,000 to \$12,800 a year.

Still, between 150 to 200 people apply for the seasonal jobs by completing a long, complicated form. The applications are ranked by the Interior Department in Washington, and those with sufficiently high ratings are sent along to the local parks where people with appropriate skills are hired from the batch.

Even before the park and its exhibits are fully developed, few rangers today face the interpretive challenge that Marc Vagos found when he arrived as the park's first ranger in 1978.

Sent by the National Park Service in Boston as sort of a "forward observer," Vagos operated from a telephone booth for the first few months, he said.

"We didn't even know where the park was in those days," said Vagos, explaining that boundaries were vague and that there were few prepared materials to guide early interpretive efforts.

Some people knew national park rangers only from Yogi Bear cartoons, said Vagos. Hecklers would yell "Boo Boo" and cat calls as he walked down the street, he said.

One person even mistook him for a Boy Scout leader, said Vagos, now a ranger with the park's visitor and property protection division.

For tourists, "the experience in Lowell was what you gave them," said former ranger Maude Salinger, remembering leading groups of skeptical locals down a grim-looking Market Street.

People felt, "I grew up here: what can you tell me?" said Salinger, now the park's public relations director.

The challenge then was "trying to convey a positive sense of the city," she said. "Now the challenge is to present an historically accurate picture of what happened here."

To offer an accurate picture, rangers themselves have to learn a lot about the industrial revolution.

Summer rangers get a two-week crash course. They are given a reading list, are taught pertinent Lowell history and then suddenly begin leading tours.

Industrial revolution

Before coming to Lowell six years ago, George Price was a ranger at Minute Man National Historical Park in Lexington and at a colonial site in Morristown, N.J. At both sites, he fed an avid interest in colonial history.

Everyone knows something about the American Revolution, said Price. But the industrial revolution is "a story that is generally skipped over. There was Eli Whitney and then there was Andrew Carnegie," he said.

In addition to his love for colonial history, Price has come to recognize that what happened in Lowell was socially far-reaching, he said.

"All we did with the American Revolution was separate ourselves politically. What we did with the Industrial Revolution was to change society. That's pretty heavy stuff," he said.

Six years after taking the job, "I'm still excited about it," he said.

Upcoming park developments will flesh out the story that is now sometimes still told with makeshift props. A water power exhibit run by the Lowell Heritage State Park on Shattuck Street gives a thorough overview of the city's waterpower history.

By next year real lock mechanisms installed at various points in the canal system will give tourists an authentic taste for traveling down a 19th Century canal in a barge.

By 1987, the national park will open an elaborate mill exhibit in the Boott Mills that will use working cotton looms to show what early mill commerce, industry and labor were like.

Additionally, the Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center will show the at-home life of early mill girls.

But trolleys and barges alone have done a lot to entice visitors, said Price.

The park has seen a 22 percent increase in visitation between July 20 last year and July 20 this year.

Officials counted 243,000 visitors during that time in 1984 and 312,000 this year, said Price.

Attendance on the park's combined tours is up 33 percent this year to 43,000, he said.

After two months on the job, Woo is as surprised as anyone that she enjoys it as much as she does.

Performing is the challenge that keeps the job interesting, even when questions like "How deep is the canal?" and "Where's the bathroom?" are what you hear most often, she said.

Rangers have to avoid getting bored and sounding like a tape recorder even if they've answered the [same] question a hundred times, said Woo.

"It doesn't matter what I have to say as long as they're interested," she said.

"Enthusiasm is the key to it. If you start bouncing up and down the walls, they'll bounce off the walls," she said.

"If I can have people remember a couple of things about Lowell—that's my objective," she said.

Lowell Sunday Sun
Lowell, Mass.

Woman fulfills, surpasses early dream of being ranger

By Marsha Keele

MOAB-Sherma Bierhaus' dream came early. She was only 10 years old when she set her sights on being a park ranger. She had a natural connection. Her father was an employee at Grand Canyon National Park.

But at that time, a career in the Park Service wasn't a realistic goal for a woman. When she whispered her intentions to her father, he laughed. In those days, it was almost unheard of for a woman to be a park ranger.

But times changed. Bierhaus not only became a park ranger, but she expanded her dream. She became Utah's

first female national park superintendent, overseeing Arches National Park.

The climb to her present position wasn't easy. After attending high school in Mt. Pleasant, Sanpete County, Bierhaus got her foot in the federal system door by working as a clerk in the Department of the Army.

That led to another clerk job with the Forest Service. Eventually she ended up as an administrative clerk with the South Utah Parks Group in Cedar City.

"Until that time, I had little support in my desire to advance, as a woman." However, two of her supervisors believed in career advancement for women as well as men, and she was soon enrolled in a managerial training program.

After the Utah Group closed, Bierhaus was transferred to Denver to work in personnel management. Her training program gave her an assignment as an acting superintendent at Timpanogos Cave National Monument. She later was appointed as the monument's full-time superintendent, a job she held for eight years.

In 1981, Bierhaus was named Arches National Park district manager. Unfortunately, her father, who died in the 1970s, couldn't share in the fulfillment of his daughter's dream.

Although she admits to a few problems with being a female in the Park Service, Bierhaus can't name any permanent ones. Currently on her 26-person staff there is a female chief park ranger and a female chief interpretive ranger.

Her staff is responsible for maintenance, protection, safety, interpretation, and preservation of the 73,080 acres of land that make up Arches National Park. Bierhaus loves the rangers' work and will frequently relieve a ranger of his duties so she can work in the field.

"Many people who visit the parks from urban areas don't seem to comprehend that they are out in the wilds." This accounts for an occasional need to help find people who become lost or who don't take proper precautions with animals and vegetation, she says. "It is hard for young people to understand why they can't take just one wildflower." They don't realize that with 330,000 people visiting the park just in 1984, if everyone were to take something, there would be nothing left."

She finds it particularly challenging to keep people on the trails so that haphazard trails don't spring up to erase vegetation. When people do come to understand the reason for park rules, they often go the second mile to help, she said. Bierhaus said voluntary contributions paid for an entire revegetation program recently.

Even though they must occasionally be reminded of the rules, Bierhaus loves meeting park visitors. The visitors plus the scenic beauty of the park make Arches Bierhaus' favorite assignment with the Park Service. She hopes to stay at Arches until her retirement in five years.

Deseret News
Salt Lake City, Utah

For Tom Hobbs, its parks,...

By Jim Goffin

Isle Royale N.P.—It's a long way from the West Virginia farm Thomas Hobbs grew up on to Isle Royale National Park, and the park's new superintendent has enjoyed every step along a 25-year career that has centered on people as well as the preservation and conservation of some of the most beautiful areas in the U.S.

"I feel a definite commitment to people—that there are times when they need to get off the treadmill," said Hobbs recently. "It's a personal thing. I know I need it and know that everyone else does too."

The former chief ranger of Yellowstone National Park is just moving into town now to assume his new job from acting park superintendent Stu Croll. He will be responsible for overall management of the park and its 125 employees. It is job that is as varied as the 800 square mile pristine wilderness and demands an awareness of everything from business to environmental issues.

Hobbs got an early start thinking about this land and how it should be managed from his parents—both high school teachers.

"My mother was very interested in conservation and my father was a biology teacher and an outdoorsman," he said. "We grew up in the woods and all developed an interest in conservation."

Hobbs' brother also made a career with the NPS, and is now assistant chief ranger at Great Smoky Mountain National Park.

Much like many NPS people, Hobbs slid into a career in the park system while looking for a summer job—at Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky. From that seasonal job in 1960 he took more temporary duty at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, Virginia.

"I said to myself, 'this isn't bad,' and even though I was working to become a schoolteacher, the idea of spending all my time in a classroom didn't really sound too good," he said.

So Hobbs skipped the classroom and landed a job as a park ranger at Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado. He later moved rather regularly through Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park, Georgia; Acadia National Park, Maine as assistant superintendent; and took over his first superintendency at Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah before moving to Yellowstone.

"The National Park Service offers an enormous variety of not only geography, but types of work as well," he said. "It's a way of life and a gigantic business."

At Isle Royale, the NPS has exclusive jurisdiction over all activities—making it necessary that its superintendent be a jack-of-all-trades, something that appeals to Hobbs' nature.

"I like a lot of variety . . . And my basic nature is to look for adventure," he said.

Hobbs already has definite ideas about his new job and the major issue he believes he will face—protecting the park's uniqueness while encouraging visitors to come and enjoy.

"The park is a self-contained ecosystem," he explained. "Our mandate is a conflict—a balance between preservation and usage. On Isle Royale, there is a nice balance. People come from all over the world to see it . . . You can't hike for two or three days here and be uptight."

Hobbs said 4,000 more visitors have been on the island this season than at this time last year, and believes that through the use of their new computer system and other management tools, even larger numbers of people can be accommodated smoothly.

"With 80 percent of the people in this country living on two percent of the land, it's my business to make sure that people have places like this available to them," he said.

Hobbs listed three main purposes of the park:

—To show a "piece of real estate that is like it was . . . is the major, number one, bottom line" to Isle Royale.

—To see visitors gain an understanding of that pristine region and bring back the knowledge that there is a value in keeping it that way.

—The youth ethic. "With a little guidance, young people can set their life pace, their lifestyles and life direction" while visiting places like Isle Royale, according to Hobbs.

And how does Isle Royale's superintendent make that happen? Hobbs listed several key elements of his job:

—"Futuristic foresight . . . You can't run to the corner store on Isle Royale."

—"The ability to motivate staff and help them do their best. Our staff is committed to the preservation ethic."

—Volunteers.

—Input by a variety of conservation groups to get an "international picture."

—Know your politics. "We need to make sure that our representatives know what is going on and get their support."

Hobbs said he was happy to move to a national park which is "very popular on a national basis."

"It's one place where taxpayers can see their money put to good use," he said. "Isle Royale is unique and is known service-wide as probably the epitome of what a park is supposed to be."

Daily Mining Gazette
Houghton, Michigan

Women—making their mark on the Park Service

By Janelle Stoddard

Zion National Park—Their role has changed, but women are here to stay in the National Park Service.

That was the word Sandra Key, superintendent of Bryce Canyon National Park, and Dr. Polly Kaufman, who is researching a book on the history of women in the NPS, told the Fourth Annual Federal Women's Program Workshop at Zion National Park.

"When I started (my research), I didn't think a 35-year-old woman would be a pioneer," said Kaufman. "But if women don't network and if they don't recognize that they're pioneers, progress will continue to be slow," she warned the 50-strong crowd of women employees of the NPS, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service.

Being a pioneer means facing some difficult choices, said Key, who has been Bryce Canyon's top administrator for almost a year now. The career questions that face women—mobility, husband/wife careers and equity—are all tough, especially when combined with the struggle to gain acceptance in NPS ranks.

"I grew up in an environment where being a woman wasn't an issue," said Key, 38, a native of North Dakota. "If you could ride or outwit a cow, you were just as valuable as a man."

"It was quite a shock to learn how the rest of the world perceives things," she said.

Her philosophy is simple: The NPS is a man's world, and since "there's no two ways around it" a woman just has to do what she can within the confines.

For Key, one of only two women park supervisors in the Intermountain West, that happened to be a lot. Joining the Park Service 16 years ago as a secretary, she worked her way through the administrative ranks.

"When I started I knew there was no reason I couldn't be a

park superintendent as far as my abilities go," she said.

But despite the influx of women, an employee's sex still remains an issue within the office of the NPS, said Key.

"Outside, people accept you on how well you perform; they care about what I can do for them and how cooperative I am. That's what matters. Whether you're a woman is a side issue. Inside, there's still a lot of attention given to being a woman," she said.

Key sees an increase in dual career couples and adds that more hiring officers are trying to make additional opportunities available. "That's an upbeat thing," she said, "because it's not just an issue of women, but of getting good candidates."

At the same time, she points to a "cadre of women" coming in at lower job grades. "They're more and more willing to put their personal lives on hold," she explained.

The decision of postponing the traditional role of wife and mother for a career in the NPS "is a very difficult choice," said Key. It's one which Key and her husband, Gilbert Key, compromised on, with Gilbert retiring so she could take the Bryce Canyon position. "Again, that's a tough choice," she said.

Key views her job in the NPS as a "nice combination" of her love for people and her love for the outdoors.

"I really like people. My life has been full of all kinds of experiences, and I tend to forget that people react to me as a woman."

Her relationship with fellow women workers is "the funnest part of the job," she says.

"The most wonderful thing I've seen in my 15 years of work is the sisterhood that's grown up among women. It didn't exist at all when I started," she said.

She is also keenly aware of women's place in the working world and foresees continued acceptance of women. "That has to come," she said. "Inequity has never worked in the world, and inequality based on sex makes about no sense at all."

However, she warned the conference-goers during her speech, while women are often the brunt of discrimination, "we can also dish it out."

"When you label someone, you cut off any communication between that person and yourself," she said.

Kaufman defined the major issues that have a greater impact on women than on their male counterparts as:

—*Dual careers.* When young NPS employees meet and fall in love, how are they going to handle career moves; which will give up a job to follow the mate? questioned Kaufman.

—*Mobility.* The climb to become a park superintendent necessitates a lot of moves through the years. "A woman superintendent has to have a husband who will move around, or no husband at all, which is more often the case," said Kaufman.

—*Equity.* "What do equal qualifications mean?" she asked. For example, when a woman is considered side by side for a position with a man, she may lag in experience, but make up for it in potential.

Kaufman's solution: List job openings in a way to make them upwardly mobile; instead of a grade of 12, list the job as an 11/12, "so women have a chance to come in at a lower grade and work up to it," suggested Kaufman. "Instead of just a score, give a thought to potential."

Kaufman also had a suggestion for making transfers easier for dual career couples. She advised all federal agencies in an area to list job openings, to give the couple a wider range to choose from.

Daily Spectrum
St. George, Utah

Park Briefs



CAPE COD NS, Mass.—A brand new boardwalk that will allow visitors easy access to the museum and relieve wear and tear on the fragile dune landscape is the result of a two-month long YCC construction project this past summer at the park. Seven local teenagers, supervised by Maintenance Worker Mike Rivetts and given technical instruction by carpenters Rick Lorange and Dick Williams, dug holes for supports, measured and cut the 50 tons of boardwalk lumber and hammered lots of nails.

Superintendent Herb Olsen said, "They did an exceptional job and we are delighted with the results. The construction would not have been accomplished without their help. Any lack of technical skills was compensated by their enthusiasm, devotion and unselfish application to the work."

The seven said they "enjoyed making new friends" and learning some outdoor work skills.

The boardwalk will serve as a daily reminder of the positive influence young people can have in a park environment and it will meet the needs of thousands of park visitors for many years to come.

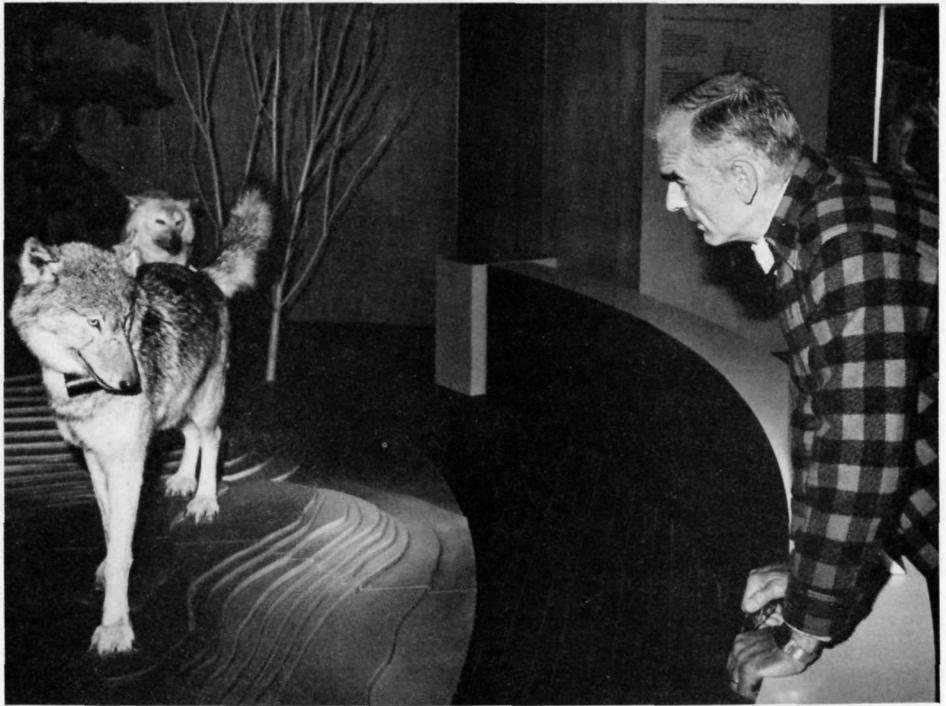
BIG THICKET NP, Texas—Park Naturalist Leslie DuBey and volunteer Geraldine Watson made a special effort this past summer to see that kids interested in the Junior Ranger Program had the chance to earn their status. Many were not able to travel to the park's information station or isolated trailheads because the park's 84,500 acres are divided into 12 units sprinkled over a three-million-acre area. Despite the obvious obstacle, DuBey and Watson managed to reach the children by bringing the program to them.

The Jack Gore Baygall Club was developed as an extension of the park's Junior Ranger Program to meet the needs of local children living near the Jack Gore Baygill unit of the park. A small travel trailer was moved to the unit to serve as a "clubhouse" where the kids and rangers met each Tuesday and spent the day doing environmental education activities and working on various trails.

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YELLOWSTONE NP—A museum exhibit entitled, "Wolves and Humans: Coexistence, Competition and Conflict," was presented this past summer at the Grant Village Visitor Center. Created by the Science Museum of Minnesota and developed with a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the exhibit looks at both the biology of the wolf and human attitudes toward the species. It examines the relationship of wolves and humans over time as reflected in our art, myths and stories.

Defenders of Wildlife, a national wildlife conservation organization active in protecting Minnesota's wolves, recognized the positive influence the exhibit had on the way Minnesotans viewed wolves. So when the Science Museum announced plans to put the exhibit on tour, Defenders was first in line to reserve the exhibit for Yellowstone—a potential Rockies wolf recovery area. The organization



Secretary Hodel at Wolf Exhibit. (Photo by Dick Randall, Defenders of Wildlife).

contributed nearly \$100,000 to bring the exhibit to Yellowstone.

Director Mott visited the exhibit and commented, "This is a quality exhibit that's displayed in such a way that the public can understand the whole story of how wolves fit in. Our

interpreters at this exhibit need to let the people know that there are no wolves in Yellowstone National Park now, but that there could be with public support."

NORTH CASCADES NP, Wash.—Seven German students and five U.S. students took part in an International High School Student Conservation Association work project hosted by the park in August. Their work project was to re-roof Perry Creek shelter, construct a hiker camp and rehabilitate a section of the park trail in Little Beaver Valley. The students are jointly sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency, part of the President's Youth Exchange Initiative and the Federal Republic of Germany. The Student Conservation Association, which has been in partnership with NPS since 1957, has allowed high school and college students to carry out maintenance and visitor services that otherwise would not have been accomplished.

BUFFALO NR, Ark.—Significant archeological finds were recently discovered, excavated and removed when a eroding bank along the river washed out and revealed the cross-section of a prehistoric Indian baking pit. Among the items examined and collected were several broken fragments of shell-tempered pottery, some fire-cracked rocks and blackened corn kernels, all of which will provide valuable information about the culture at that time and geographical location. NPS archeologist John Stein said that the site was probably used between 900 AD and 1300 AD and all materials will be taken to various laboratories for meticulous analysis.

Archeologists John Stein (R) and Guy Weaver examine an Indian cooking hearth which may be 1000 years old. The baking pit was excavated from an eroded bank along the Buffalo River. (Photo by Pat Toops).



CAPE COD NS, Mass.—The staff at the Salt Pond Visitor Center commemorated the park's 24th birthday with several festive and fun activities on August 7. Student Conservation Association Assistant Nancy Crivello made a giant birthday card for visitors to sign, and the Eastern National Park and Monument Association chipped in to buy a bouquet of balloons for the event. More than 60 children joined in the fun by preparing their own handmade birthday cards and singing a rousing chorus of "happy birthday" to an impromptu audience in the visitor center as part of a program organized by Rangers Janet Regan and Diana Boucher.



Children sing happy birthday to Cape Cod with Ranger Diane Boucher. (Photo by Michael Whatley).

MOUNT RUSHMORE NM, S.D.—*"Mount Rushmore—The Shrine"* has replaced the existing film *"Four Faces on a Mountain,"* thanks to the efforts of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society of Black Hills. The society, championing the cause of preservation and improvement of the

memorial, enlisted the support of eight contributors who were responsible for donating most of the \$75,000 necessary to produce the film. It is translated into German for park visitors since requests in this language outnumbered all others, and Dutch, Norwegian, French, Spanish, Japanese

and Chinese translations are played on cassette tape in conjunction with the film. Earthrise Entertainment of New York produced the movie, and well-known National Broadcasting Company Anchorman Tom Brokaw is the narrator.

LINCOLN BOYHOOD NM, Ind.—This past summer, more than 86,000 park visitors were treated to the first major exhibition of this century of engravings and lithographs of Abraham Lincoln. The exhibit,

developed in honor of the 175th anniversary of Lincoln's birth, featured some of the finest and most popular Lincoln print portraits together with some of the rarest. Most of the prints assembled for the exhibit

came from the Louis A. Warren Lincoln Library and Museum in Fort Wayne, Ind., which loaned the exhibit to the park.

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN PARK, Md.—"I-220," the basic course on the Incident Command System in the park, was presented by NPS instructors this past March. Twenty-three persons from seven agencies attended, and the primary discussion exercise dealt with the planning and command structure for response to a helicopter mishap or fire within the park. Present were personnel from Cunningham Falls State Park, the Thurmont and Blue Ridge Summit Fire Departments, Maryland State Police, Maryland National Resources Police, Naval Support Facility—Camp David, U.S. Park Police and NPS rangers.



Incident Command System Training Class. (Photo by Ranger James W. Voight).

SPRINGFIELD ARMORY NHS, Mass.—The Springfield Historical Commission recently awarded this site a Preservation Citation for its efforts to restore the historic iron fence surrounding Armory property. The Digital Equipment Corporation shared the honor as it installed the historically appropriate fence and did the landscaping.

The restoration work is in its second year and is more than 80% complete. The original fence, built in portions from 1840 to 1861, was made from melted-down cannons and became brittle, especially in cold weather. Souvenir hunters and "short-cut" makers also damaged the fence. The new fence is made of tougher material and when completed (2,500 feet including three gates) it will enclose NPS land from State, Byers and Pearl streets. The NAR Historic Preservation Center staff are responsible for the research and engineering work on the project. A Chicago foundry is supplying the iron posts for the restoration.



Superintendent Doug Lindsay inspects the new iron fence. (Photo by Stanislaus Skarzynski).

FORT NECESSITY NB, Pa.—Ranger Hugh Manar represented the Service last June at the 27th Annual Seminar for Historical Administration in Williamsburg, Va. The four-week seminar of intensive training in historic site management was sponsored by the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Association for State and Local History, and the American Association of Museums. Eighteen staff members from private, State and Federal

agencies participated in class work, field trips and project assignments, in the areas of administration, museum management and care of collections, interpretation, fund raising and budgets. Manar presented several training sessions for the park staff this past summer. He has also been invited to consult with three local museums. He said the seminar was one of the most valuable training experiences he ever had and it will definitely benefit his contribution to NPS.



Ranger Hugh Manar provided curatorial training after the seminar to technician Mary Beth Zavislan at Fort Necessity.

JEAN LAFITTE NHP, La.—The Palmetto Trail, connecting the Visitor Center and the Bayou Coquille Trail, has been cleared and boardwalked by a YCC crew of eight girls and boys. Safety talks, field trips and environmental education exercises provided by park staff prepared the youths for the job, and crew leader William A. Sanders said they accepted the challenge with a good attitude and a sense of responsibility. It is the fourth season that YCC crews have constructed trails in the Baratavia Unit, and, as in past years, the park is grateful for the high quality of work as well as the significant savings that resulted.

FORT DAVIS NHS, Tex.—A commemorative Buffalo Soldier replica revolver to honor the exploits of America's black regulars during the Indian Wars period has been created for the dual purpose of promoting awareness of black American history and raising funds for a barracks restoration project in the park. Park Technician Bill Gwaltney thought that a replica of a Colt .44 revolver issued and used by Troop K of the 10th U.S. Cavalry would be of interest to military buff firearm collectors as well as students of black American history, and Superintendent Douglas McChristian agreed. McChristian said that the project will heighten public

awareness of the black military experience and help make the refurbishing of the already restored enlisted men's barracks a reality. The commemorative will be specially engraved and stamped to add distinction, and each revolver will be accompanied by a 10th Cavalry enamelled crest and an autographed copy of "Buffalo Soldier," by William Leckie. The project is being sponsored by the Friends of Fort Davis, and interested parties can obtain a brochure with the necessary ordering information by writing to: Friends of Fort Davis, P.O. Box 1023, Fort Davis, Tx. 79734.

NPS People on the move

Sholly, new chief ranger at Yellowstone

Dan R. Sholly, former chief of Ranger Activities in WASO, has been appointed chief ranger of Yellowstone National Park. For Sholly, it is a homecoming of sorts—he began his career with NPS in Yellowstone 22 years ago as a seasonal.

"I'm very excited to go back and see what changes have taken place after 21 years, and what the National Park Service has done since I've been gone."

Returning in the capacity of chief ranger, Sholly expects that his position will include sharing the serious challenge of protecting the park's resources and "slowing down" some of the unfavorable changes that are taking place as a result of increased visitation.

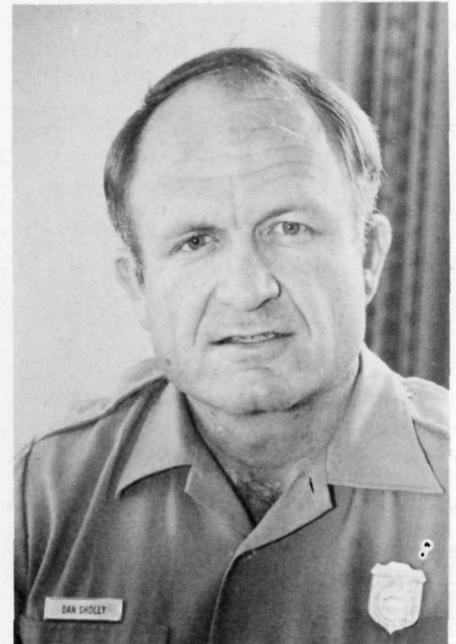
A native of Fresno, Calif., Sholly is the son of a career ranger and describes himself as a "Park Service brat." He has lived in Big Bend, Shenandoah and Badlands National Parks with his family while growing up, then came to Yellowstone in 1963

as a teenager where he began his career with NPS. He worked as a seasonal there for two summers and was later graduated from New Mexico State University with a bachelor's degree in Police Science and a minor in Wildlife Management. He spent two and a half years with the Marine Corps before obtaining a permanent appointment with NPS in 1971.

Sholly has had extensive field experience, holding a variety of positions including chief ranger in Hawaii Volcanoes and Crater Lake National Parks, supervisory ranger in Yosemite National Park and various other assignments in Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve, and Saguaro and White Sands National Monuments.

Sholly and his wife, Tana, a NPS naturalist, have four children: Cameron, 16, Alexandra, 12, Brooke, 5, and Trevor Makoa, 2.

—Cheri Groves



Dan R. Sholly

Spencer new super of Casa Grande



Donald L. Spencer.

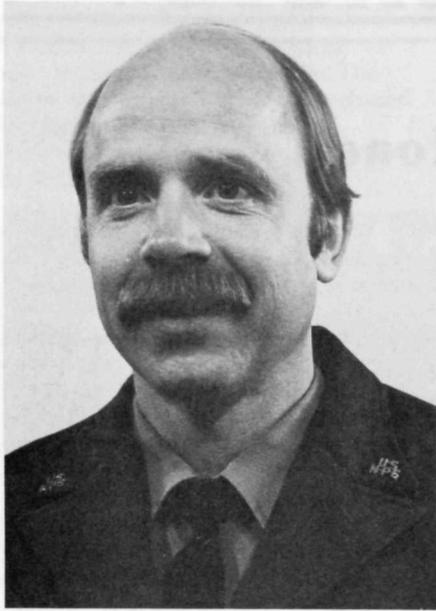
Donald Spencer, a 14-year veteran of the National Park Service, has been named superintendent of Casa Grande National Monument, Ariz. He was chief of ranger activities at Gateway National Recreation Area, N.J.-N.Y. He replaces Sam Henderson who became superintendent of Walnut Canyon National Monument near Flagstaff.

A native of southern California, Spencer began his NPS career in the Service's Western Regional Office as an environmental specialist. He has served as a ranger at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Ariz., and New York's Fire Island National Seashore and Gateway National Recreation Area.

"I am thrilled to be moving back to Arizona and the southwest desert and to once again be working in an area rich in archaeology," Spencer said.

He has a bachelor's degree from California State University in Recreational Administration and graduate credits toward a master's degree in public administration. He enjoys restoring old automobiles and camping with his family; wife Irma, son Brent, 14, and daughter Deanna, 11.

Frye to Old Faithful



Stephen Frye.

Stephen Frye, former supervisory park ranger at North Cascades National Park, Wyo., has been appointed Old Faithful District Ranger in Yellowstone National Park.

Frye began his National Park Service career in 1970 as a seasonal fire lookout in Glacier National Park. He worked seasonally in Glacier until 1978 when he was appointed a permanent park ranger. He transferred to North Cascades National Park in 1982 where he directed the resource management and visitor protection operations in the Ross Lake area and coordinated the fire management program for the park's north district. He also was a member of an inter-regional fire management cadre.

A native of St. Paul, Minn., Frye obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Minnesota. Prior to his career with NPS he was employed as a member of an interagency fire crew in northern Idaho.

He is married to Beth Blacker, a former National Park Service employee. Beth worked in the Water Quality Lab for the U.S. Geological Survey in Denver, as a technical editor for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and as a contract researcher for Western Washington University.

Steve and Beth are the parents of one daughter, Kimberly, 3. They are enthusiasts for all outdoor sports, including hiking, backpacking, and cross-country skiing.

Gerald Patten named to manage Denver Service Center



Gerald D. Patten, who has helped plan NPS developments from Yosemite to the Statue of Liberty, has been named manager of the Denver Service Center in Colorado.

Patten succeeds Denis P. Galvin, who was appointed Deputy Director of NPS. Since 1979 Patten has been assistant manager in Denver.

Patten 47, a landscape architect has been with the National Park Service since 1963, except for a brief period when he was employed with a private firm in California in 1971-72. He assisted in planning for a number of park areas, including those in Alaska before the 1980 legislation that formally established them as units of the park system.

He has received numerous awards, including the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award, for his work in park planning and design.

He was national Vice President of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He also is a committee member and technical consultant to the National Recreation and Parks Association for the revision of recreation space standards.

Patten also has been a guest lecturer and speaker at a number of colleges and universities, and has written numerous articles dealing with public park planning and design.

The new DSC manager has degrees in landscape architecture from California State Polytechnic University (B.S., 1965) and from the University of California (M.S., 1971). He also was a fellow at Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1978-79.

He joined NPS as a student assistant in San Francisco in 1963, and moved to Denver with the creation of the Service Center there in 1969. He served as chief of park planning and environmental quality in WASO from 1973-78. At the Denver Service Center, he has been team captain, project manager, chief of research and consulting, chief of special programs and, most recently, assistant manager.

He was born January 24, 1938, in Midway, Montana. He and his wife, Eleanor, are parents of sons Scott, 17 and Eric, 16.

Special People

VIP helps improve facilities for disabled at Denali



Paul Shearer assists VIP Harold Hoover onto shuttlebus.

When Harold Hoover arrived at Denali National Park as a Volunteer in the Park (VIP) in the summer of 1984, he brought with him a perspective that his coworkers didn't share. Harold is a double leg amputee who had been active in obtaining better facilities in national parks for the disabled.

Due to his efforts the housing area for seasonal employees was improved by a ramped entrance to one of the cabins and the washhouse. During that summer he reviewed the park's facilities, including the concessions, for ways Denali could become more accessible to disabled visitors.

This past summer several projects were also developed due to Harold's

efforts. With the help of a Boy Scout troop from Fairbanks, four campsites were improved with enlarged gravel pads and picnic tables were raised and extended so that a wheelchair could pull into the table and the occupant could sit comfortably.

One of the most visible improvements was a wheelchair accessible shuttlebus. Since 1972 Denali had limited private traffic on the park road and offered free shuttlebus service to its visitors. However, since many disabled visitors could not ride the shuttlebus, the only way they could get into the park was with a special permit for their own vehicle. This summer the bus contractor, Transportation Marketing Systems,

provided a bus with a lift that enabled disabled visitors to enjoy the park with other visitors. National Park Service was also able to borrow a wheelchair from Alaska Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., so that persons on crutches or someone without their own chair could enter the bus with friends and family. The bus became a regularly scheduled run and a success. In the beginning it was not used often but by the end of the summer disabled visitors used it almost daily.

One of the bus drivers, Paul Shearer, had a special interest in this added attraction—his father came to visit him and was able to view, with Paul, the grandeur of Denali National Park—from his wheelchair.

Eight USPP Officers promoted to lieutenant

Eight sergeants of the U.S. Park Police have been promoted to Lieutenant, including the first woman on the 600-member force to attain that position. All but one of the officers will be assigned to National Park Service areas in metropolitan Washington, D.C.

The officers promoted were: Dale L. Dickerhoof of College Park, Md.; Valerie Fernandes, College Park, Md.; William M. Hall, Stafford, Va.; Noel P. Inzerille, Brunswick, Ga.; Jerry W. Jones, Washington, D.C.; Terry K. Morrison, Brandywine, Md.; Thomas G. Pellingier, Springfield, Va.; and David H. Stover, Alexandria, Va.

Lt. Fernandes, a member of the U.S. Park Police since 1976, was previously assigned to the New York Field Office. She and another officer were the first two women to be assigned to the Horse Mounted Patrol Unit. Lt. Fernandes now becomes a field commander with the U.S. Park Police Central District in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Inzerille, also previously assigned to the New York Field Office, takes a new assignment at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Glynco, Ga., as instructor for the Marine Law Enforcement Division.



Valerie Fernandes receives congratulations from Chief Lynn H. Herring (left) and Regional Director Manus "Jack" Fish upon becoming the first woman promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the history of the United States Park Police. (Photo by Charles Pereira).

Gryszkiewicz to Liberty Island

Alice Gryszkiewicz, a veteran Park Service employee, has transferred from Gateway National Recreation Area (NY-NJ) to the Statue of Liberty/Ellis Island National Monument as administrative assistant. At Gateway she was the procurement and contracting officer.

Gryszkiewicz joined Federal service in 1957 as part of the Engineering Group at Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, N.J. Ten years later, she joined the Park Service at Morristown National Historical Park. Other Park Service assignments included the first

administrative assistant pilot training position for future administrative officers at the former Boston Group; supply specialist at Gateway; and administrative officer at the Western Archeological Center in Tucson, Ariz.

Gryszkiewicz, a native of Elizabeth, N.J., attended various colleges in New Jersey and Arizona, pursuing career development-related subjects. A widow, she has one daughter, Susan Ujvary, and a grandson, Robert. She has earned various merit awards for her work-related activities.



Alice Gryszkiewicz.

USPP promotions at Gateway

Four U.S. Park Police officers in the New York Field Office at Gateway National Recreation Area, N.J.-N.Y. recently were promoted to sergeant. The promoted officers are Roger Gross, Salvatore Lauro, Raymond McKeough and John Mugavin.

Gross will complete 10 years of service with the U.S. Park Police in December, all of which have been with the New York Field Office. He is a graduate of John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a bachelor of science degree and is a state certified crime prevention officer. He currently is working toward a master's degree. Gross is married, has one child and resides in Valley Stream, N.Y.

Lauro, who directs the Park Police Marine Unit, holds a bachelor of science degree in engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and is working towards his master's degree in public administration from John Jay College. He entered Federal service with the Department of Defense in 1975, and in 1978 joined the U.S. Park Police in Washington, D.C. He was assigned to New York in 1984, and is a trained CPR instructor. He is married, has one child and resides in Brooklyn.

McKeough joined the U.S. Park Police in 1977. All of his service has been in New York. For the past five years he has been assigned to the Criminal Investigations Branch. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from St. Frances College and a master of arts degree in English from Hofstra University. He is single and resides in Brooklyn.

Mugavin joined the U.S. Park Police in 1975 and was a member of the first class to attend the Federal Law Enforcement Training Course in Ga. He has been assigned to several special details in Washington, D.C., and Pa. Mugavin is a third-generation police officer. His father is a retired New York Police Department officer. Mugavin holds a bachelor of business administration degree from St. John's University in New York. He is married and resides in Nassau County.



(From left) Sgts. Raymond McKeough, Sal Lauro, John Mugavin and Roger Gross.

Special People

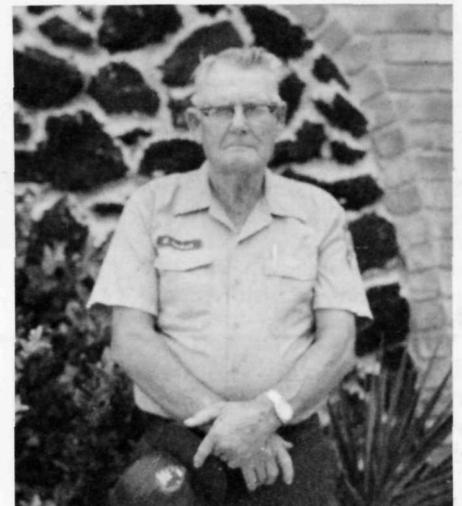
Kudos for Blackwell

It wasn't the usual celebration when employees of the Big Thicket National Preserve, Texas, gathered to wish Ara Blackwell "happy birthday," because it was his 76th.

Blackwell has only been working for the National Park Service for four years. He retired once and didn't like it. So after working as a maintenance foreman with Hardin County, he applied for a job with Big Thicket.

When he walked into the office four years ago and asked for a job, the maintenance chief looked him over and said, "Well, let me tell you one thing, we work here!" Ara responded, "Let me tell you one thing. If you hire me, I'll show you that I can work!" After several months on the job the maintenance chief told him that he was one of the best workers he'd ever had.

Ara Newton Blackwell is not only a faithful, hardworking and knowledgeable maintenance worker,



Ara Blackwell.

but as a resident of Hardin County for 45 years he is an in-house authority on Big Thicket. Blackwell resides with his wife in Kountze, Texas. They have five children.

VIP Bowman to the rescue

What's the total to date on Item 26? What's George's phone number? Did the contractor call in that price yet? The boss is coming what day? For construction projects at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Joyce Bowman is the person with the answers.

Like most volunteers she is what "keeps the outfit running." As a VIP Joyce works as secretary, rodman, sometimes "draftsman" and "gofer" to the Denver Service Center field at the Memorial. Project Supervisors Jerry Shaffer and Les Bowman (husband of Joyce) say that without Joyce's help they would never get the projects at the Memorial done. VIPs and wives of many DSC project supervisors have found the work to be challenging, interesting — and the pay? "Well Joyce, we thank you for a job well done, and keep up the good work!"



(From left) Project Supervisor Jerry Shaffer, Joyce Bowman, and Les Bowman.

Awards

Lidfors, winner of Appleman-Judd Award

Kathleen Lidfors has received the 1984 Roy E. Appleman-Henry A. Judd award for her achievements as a historian at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, Wis. This award, instituted in 1971, honors sustained interest and competence in cultural resources management within NPS. It is named for two outstanding NPS professionals, a historian and a historical architect.

Lidfors, who recently left Apostle Islands to join the Alaska Regional Office staff, received this award in recognition of her superior research skills and initiative. While at the lakeshore, Lidfors conducted and coordinated research to gather basic data on park cultural resources, which she then used to develop, assess, and recommend approaches to management of those resources. Through her efforts, systematically gathered historical information is now part of decision-making processes that affect the lakeshore's cultural resources, and the park has developed comprehensive and sensitive strategies for management of those resources.

Jerry Rogers, NPS Associate Director for Cultural Resources,



Superintendent Pat H. Miller presents Historian Kate Lidfors Appleman-Judd Award.

praised her resource management plan for historic logging sites for its use of the Resource Protection Planning Process methodology.

Lidfors prepared a National Historic Landmark nomination study of the Bishop Hill Colony, a Swedish community in Illinois, that was a model for clarity and comparative

analysis. She has worked with the community outside the park in other ways as well, helping to organize the Bayfield (Wisconsin) Heritage Association. Through her numerous accomplishments at Apostle, she has demonstrated her commitment to historic resources both within and outside the National Park System.

"Jack" Fish receives award honoring top Federal employees

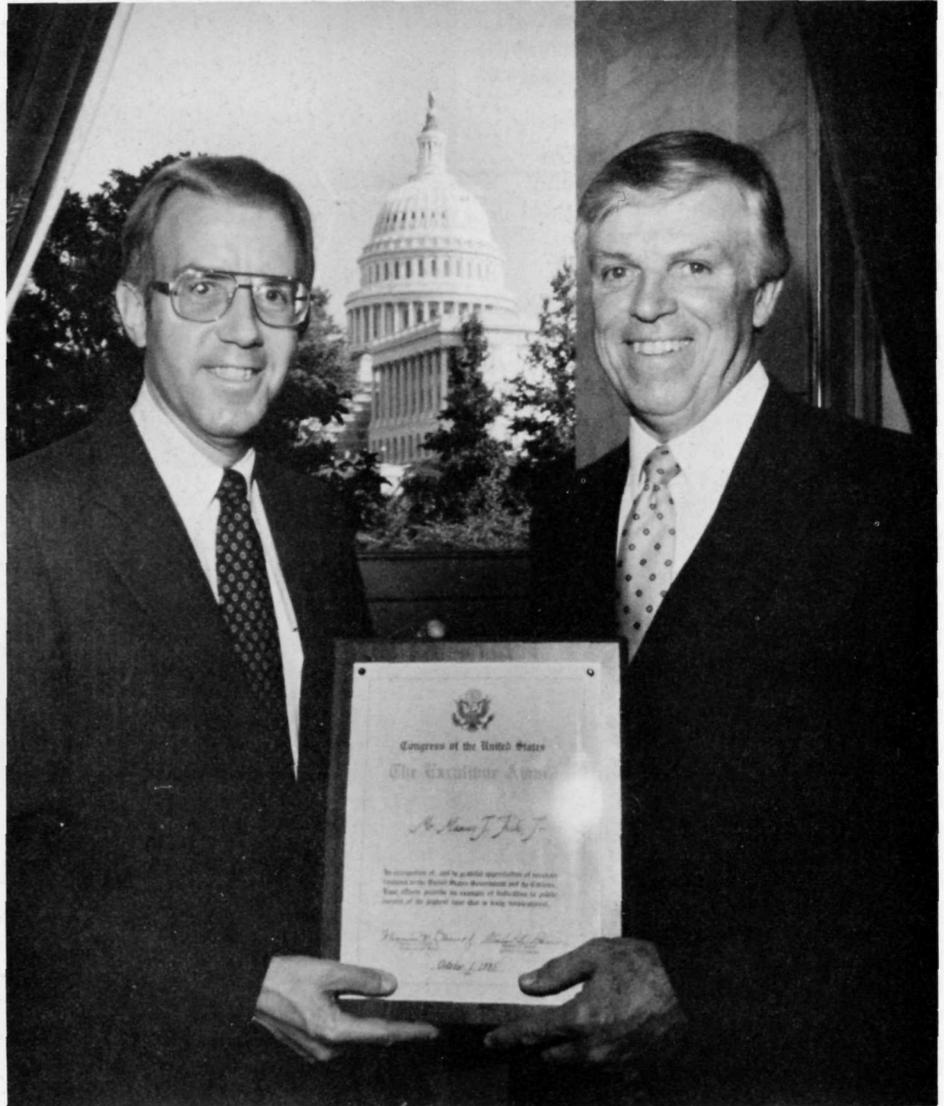
Manus J. "Jack" Fish, regional director of NCR since 1972, was named one of three top Federal employees when he was presented the Excalibur Award by Congressman Michael D. Barnes of Maryland.

Barnes, co-chairman of the Federal Government Service Task Force, a congressional caucus concerned about the quality of federal employment, initiated the award in 1979. The award recognizes and honors outstanding contributions made by Federal civilian and military personnel.

In presenting the award, Congressman Barnes said, "All you have to do to appreciate the work of Jack Fish is to look out of the window. Jack's work has made Washington, D.C. one of the most beautiful cities in the world."

Fish was cited for his constant efforts to maintain high quality beautification in the nation's capital and high levels of visitor service for the millions who visit annually. He was honored also for his efforts to improve safety and environmental protection along the Potomac River and the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park, to stage the highly successful July 4th celebrations on the National Mall, to provide administrative and support services to the White House and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council, and to assist in rebuilding Wolf Trap Farm's Filene Center.

Honored with Fish were Dr. Walter R. Dowdle, director of the Center for Infectious Diseases, Atlanta, Ga., and Tadao Furue, U.S. Army Support Command, Ft. Shafter, Hawaii.



Congressman Michael D. Barnes (left) and Regional Director Jack Fish.

White Sands employees recognized

David E. Evans, Mary Jane Tate, and John C. Neilson, White Sands National Monument, N.M., were recently recognized for outstanding job performances.

Park Ranger Evans received the Departmental Exemplary Act Award in recognition of his alertness and attention in handling a mentally

disturbed visitor. His action prevented the woman and her one-month-old baby from suffering the effects of hypothermia and possible death.

Park Ranger Tate and Park Technician Neilson each received a Special Achievement Award.

Tate was recognized for exceeding her performance and also performing

the duties of the vacant budget assistant position. Neilson was recognized for filling in as acting cooperative association agent during the absence of another agent in addition to performing his regular law enforcement duties.

Harpster and Rouse receive Meritorious Service Awards

The Meritorious Service Award—we've all seen someone else get it and, if we're honest, most of us have wondered what it takes to receive this honor. A career-long string of accomplishments bordering on heroism at times? You bet! Evidence of professionalism above and beyond the duty call? Certainly! But, the third and vital key is someone who recognizes that another person has merited the distinction.

A brown bag lunch with William Penn Mott, Jr., on the lawn of the Denver Service Center and the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, provided the setting June 28, for the Director and Regional Director Lorraine Mintzmyer to demonstrate such recognition. The genuinely surprised and gratified recipients were Homer L. Rouse, associate regional director, Park Operations, and James D. Harpster, public information officer, both of the Rocky Mountain Region.

Rouse's career has surely been characterized by upward mobility, but began long before the term was coined. From a career start as a seasonal ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park in 1959, to his current position as associate regional director in the Rocky Mountain Region, Rouse has touched bases as student trainee park ranger (Yellowstone); superintendent (Scotts Bluff National Monument, Joshua Tree National Monument, and Bighorn Canyon); new area studies planner in WASO; and associate regional director for Park Operations in MARO. These assignments and numerous task force responsibilities demanded that Rouse convert real problems into real opportunities; he did, and he still does. And the consistency with which he successfully employs that management philosophy yields results that have been noticed...and now recognized.

Harpster has been with the Department of the Interior almost 20 years; the last 11 in the Rocky Mountain Region. He founded the Public Information Office when the region was established and helped mold public recognition of the new region's identity.

Harpster's widespread recognition among the media as a remarkably articulate and gifted journalist has roots in his early career as a reporter and editor with daily and weekly newspapers, and with United Press and Associated Press. With this solid



(From left) Homer Rouse, William Penn Mott, Jr., Lorraine Mintzmyer and James Harpster. (Photo by Dan Huff, Denver Service Center).

foundation, Harpster was uniquely prepared to represent the National Parks through the very medium from which he emerged. Deft handling of press arrangements for visits to parks by the President, cabinet officers, and foreign dignitaries, as well as proactive participation on special task forces (including participation on the North Dakota Garrison Diversion

Commission), and careful management of sensitive media events (such as the American Indian Movement occupation of a trading post and church at Wounded Knee, South Dakota) enhanced Harpster's reputation for accessible information tempered with professional judgment and discreet control.

Freeman Tilden Award to McDowney

Walter E. McDowney, park ranger at the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in Northeast Washington, D.C., is the winner of the 1985 Freeman Tilden Award for Outstanding Interpretation of a national park unit. He was presented the award at the Rangers' Rendezvous in Lake Geneva by NPS Director Mott on November 3.

"I was completely stunned," McDowney said. "When they were reading my life history at the presentation ceremony, it suddenly dawned on me that I had won the award."

He received a small bust of the late naturalist Freeman Tilden, hailed as the "father of park interpretation," and a check for \$2,500. His name, along with previous winners, will also be affixed to a larger bust of Tilden permanently displayed at the Stephen T. Mather Training Center in Harpers Ferry, W. Va.

McDowney was chosen for his

innovative interpretation of the Gardens—for starting programs such as pond ecology, reptile walks, greenhouse tours, bird walks, and night walks for the blossoming of exotic plants, and other inspiring programs. One of his most successful undertakings is the Junior Ranger program wherein youngsters between the ages of 11 and 16 learn about the parks, and assist him with tours and meeting and greeting visitors. McDowney has been there since 1977.

Aquatic Gardens, a magnificent spread of floral wonders in an inner city setting in Washington, D.C., is located across from the public housing project that McDowney called home since age 10. It is here that his attachment to the Gardens and its environment began. He has often referred to it as his "second home".

Says National Parks and Conservation Association President Paul C. Pritchard, "this is the classic lesson in how a young

man from the inner city can achieve the highest level of professionalism."

McDowney was chosen as the winner from among nine regional finalists. Other regional winners included:

Nicholas J. Blesser, Western Region;
Nancy Jones, North Atlantic Region;
Robert J. Holden, Midwest Region;

William S. Gwaltney, Southwest Region;
Russell P. Smith, Mid-Atlantic Region;
Rosemary Wagy, Alaska Region
Phillip W. Evans, Southeast Region;
Daniel Dattilio, Pacific Northwest Region; and
Fred Armstrong, Rocky Mountain Region.

The four-year-old Freeman Tilden award is made possible by the National Parks and Conservation Association through a grant from K.C. Publications. The Park Service provides the bust. NPS also provides the lithograph that is awarded to each regional finalist.

Two awards for Captain Green



(From left) Superintendent "Jack" Morehead, Captain "Cliff" Green, and U.S. Coast Guard Captain Alan Dempsey. (Photo by Pat Tolle).

Grover C. "Cliff" Green, captain and engineer of the NPS motor vessel "Activa" was recently honored with two awards at a ceremony in Key West, Fla. He was presented the U.S. Coast Guard Public Service Commendation by Captain Alan C. Dempsey, commander, Coast Guard Group Key West, for "... courageous, unselfish and commendable assistance to the Coast Guard and local maritime community generally and to personnel assigned to Coast Guard Light Station Dry Tortugas particularly."

Light Station Dry Tortugas is a Coast

Guard aid to navigation facility located within Fort Jefferson National Monument, one of the most unique combinations of natural and historic resources in the National Park System. Located approximately 80 miles west of Key West, it is accessible only by boat or amphibious aircraft. The 62-foot Activa makes the weekly round-trip from Key West to transport supplies and personnel to the fort.

John M. "Jack" Morehead, superintendent of Everglades National Park, used the occasion to present Captain Green with a Sustained Superior

Performance cash award from NPS. Morehead commented that although the NPS award was, perhaps, not as eloquent or impressive, it was a good bit easier to spend, emphasizing not only Captain Green's capability as a professional seaman, but his contribution to the mission of the fort and NPS.

And, if the Coast Guard knows how to recognize excellence of service, it also knows how to humble the proud, as evidenced later in the day when the illustrious Captain Green was unceremoniously dunked in the harbor, uniform, badge and all!



E&AA news and notes

Vern Ingram elected E&AA interim chairman

The Board of Directors of the Employees and Alumni Association (E&AA) of the National Park Service recently voted unanimously to elect Vern Ingram as interim chairman in order for the business of the Association to proceed as usual. Vern has been serving as vice chairman.

Vern has agreed to assume these duties until the Board votes on a Chairman to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Jim Tobin. The Executive Director is currently canvassing the Board members for their vote for a chairman to serve until the regularly scheduled E&AA

election in September 1986. At that time the entire E&AA membership will receive ballots to vote for a representative from their respective region or office and category. Half of the Board members will be due for reelection or replacement in 1986. After the new Board is elected they will vote among themselves for a chairman and a vice chairman.

The E&AA was deeply saddened at the sudden death of their leader, Jim Tobin, and wish to express their deep appreciation for all the fine tributes paid to Jim and to express their thanks for the numerous donations

received in his memory. As of October 24, 1985, \$2,602 has been donated to the Education Trust Fund in Jim's memory. A donation to the Trust Fund is a most special way for the National Park Service and its E&AA to remember a departed loved one.

Jim was greatly loved by those in the Service who had the pleasure of knowing and working with him throughout his career. He always had a smile and a friendly word for everyone. His cheerful disposition was an inspiration to all. He is greatly missed.

Education Trust Fund

The Education Trust Fund Trustees, Terry Wood and Lou Krebs of E&AA met on July 31 to discuss the numerous loan applications received from the National Park Service families as their children sought an undergraduate degree. The E&AA received 36 loan applications; all were approved for a total amount of \$35,318.

Terry and Lou are currently working closely with Maureen Hoffman, E&AA treasurer, to ascertain the funds available for the granting of loans for the 1986 Spring semester. These applications must be received in the E&AA administrative office no later than January 15, 1986, and must be accompanied by the pertinent E&AA representative's recommendation.

The E&AA was most pleased with the full and timely repayment of the majority of the loans due in 1985. However, we have one very serious problem of a total indebtedness as of May 31, 1985, of \$2,750. We have called upon the E&AA representative, the regional director and the trust fund officer and all these efforts have failed to bring payment. The matter is to be turned over to an attorney for legal action. (It was necessary for the E&AA to use legal methods earlier in a delinquent loan case, and we are pleased that we were awarded the total indebtedness, court costs, legal fees and interest due from the original due date of

the loan). We are confident our decision to seek legal assistance will also result in full repayment plus costs and interest.

The E&AA continues to be pleased and grateful for the numerous faithful and generous donations from the National Park Women, the Kowski Golfers, and the various Superintendents Conferences. A large amount is also donated annually to the trust fund in the form of memorial gifts and various other donations.

Len Hooper, Denver Service Center employee representative, sponsored an Education Day at the Denver Service Center and this resulted in a donation of

\$646.56 to the fund. Margaret Davis, National Capital Regional employee representative, donated two of her personal Washington Redskin tickets for a raffle and this resulted in a donation of \$200 to the fund. Most of the E&AA representatives are working diligently to do all they can to not only raise funds for the trust fund but also to increase the membership of E&AA.

The Silent Auction held at the 1985 Founders Day, the 69th anniversary of the National Park Service, netted \$425.50 for the fund.

A very large thank you to the trust fund's many donors.

Bed and Breakfast—Are you interested?

Your E&AA would like to hear from you if you are interested in a Bed and Breakfast Directory for National Park Service Employees and Alumni. Anyone interested in becoming a Bed and Breakfast host or in receiving a list of where Bed and Breakfast accommodations are located across the country, please write to

Terry Wood, Executive Director, E&AA, P.O. Box 1490, Falls Church, Va. 22041, for further details.

(Sorry, although E&AA members who are living in government quarters may participate as guests, Federal regulations would preclude you from becoming hosts.)

Shenandoah National Park Reunion, April 9 and 10, 1986

Plans are being finalized for the April 9 and 10, 1986, Employees and Alumni Association Reunion in Shenandoah National Park, Luray, Va.

The committee headed by Bill and Ann Loftis and Bob and Stella Johnson have a commitment from ARA Virginia Sky-Line Company, Inc., for a block of 110 rooms at Skyland Lodge on the Skyline Drive. These rooms will accommodate 220 people.

A banquet is planned for the evening of Thursday, April 10. Because of seating capacity restrictions in the dining room, reservations will be limited to those persons who will be overnight guests at the Skyland Lodge.

Several activities will be planned to include hikes (short and long, hard and easy), field trips, mixers, card games, and social gatherings. The E&AA also plans to hold a board meeting of those board members present, followed by an open meeting for those interested on the current status of the E&AA.

Cost of the room will be \$40 a night, single or double. Please call or write to: Sales Office, ARA Virginia

Esther Jepson celebrates birthday

Esther Jepson celebrated her 85th birthday at her home at 210 West 400 South in Cedar City, Utah, with about 65 friends, neighbors and relatives, on August 31.

Esther's husband Carl retired in 1966 as chief naturalist at Zion National Park. Other parks where Carl and Esther served were Petrified Forest, 1939-1941 and Grand Teton 1941-1955. Carl passed away in 1980.

Esther's scrap book contains numerous pictures of people and places from past NPS events. Photography was one of Carl's hobbies. His *Wildflowers of Zion, Bryce, and Cedar Breaks*, published in 1958, were very popular with park visitors, especially backpackers.

Esther is very interested in park service activities and enjoys hearing from her many friends.

Sky-Line Company, Inc., P.O. Box 727, Luray, Va, 22835, or call 703-743-5108. Reservations will be accepted immediately.

Reservations must be made before March 8, 1986, with an advance

deposit of \$41.60 due not later than March 10, 1986. After March 8, 1986, rooms will be on an availability basis only.

Please attend to make this a great NPS/E&AA gathering.

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him or her that he or she is now a member of the E&AA and will receive a year's subscription to the National Park Service Newsletter, The COURIER, and also be the beneficiary of the many benefits the E&AA offers. If the recipient is already a member of E&AA, your gift will extend the membership for another year.

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Founders Day celebrated at DSC

Due to the generous and careful planning on the part of Len Hooper, employee representative, the Denver Service Center took on a festive atmosphere August 22 when its employees participated in Educational Day. They also celebrated Founders Day, the 69th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service.

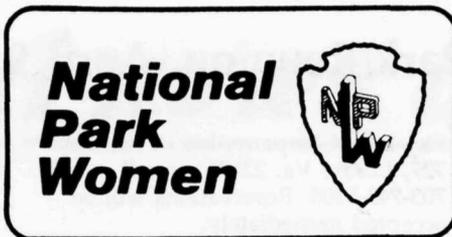
The day was dubbed Educational Day because all proceeds were donated to the Education Trust Fund administered by the Employees and Alumni Association of the NPS. It also gave families and friends a chance to see where the employees work and what they do. All sections of DSC participated in a pot-luck luncheon and a silent auction.

Employees donated their artwork and other items and, by way of written offers, they were sold to the highest bidder. The site served as a meeting place for employees, families, and alumni and also as a place to have refreshments.

A raffle was held for a "weekend for two" at the Aspen Lodge in Estes Park, a popular Colorado resort town outside Rocky Mountain National Park. The winner of the "weekend" was Robert Shelley, assistant manager of the Alaska/Pacific Northwest/Western Team. Bob has been an avid supporter of the E&AA. The "weekend," including meals, was donated by former Associate Director L.E. (Buddy) Surles who now owns and operates the Aspen Lodge. Deny and Martha Galvin donated a bottle of wine to add to the weekend festivities.

Denver Service Center employees contributed more than \$640 to the Education Trust Fund via this activity.

— Sandra C. Wayner,
Development Clerk, DSC



Park people standing

It is comforting and intriguing to think of all our national park people **STANDING FOR** the promotion of the preservation, conservation and enjoyment ideals under which the NPS was established and is mandated. But it is equally pleasing to think of our personnel actually **STANDING OVER** and really caring for the great resource-treasures for which each area is set aside. Everyone on the team and in the family is indispensable as we all are **STANDING WITH** our fellow NPS employees and neighbors trying to do a good job. We work, play and live in a unique togetherness related to the past, the present, and the future, with folks in the same area or thousands of miles apart.

The constant nationwide moving of many NPS folks has often demanded the development of great self-reliance and independence, even more than is necessary in many other occupations and careers. Because of this it is observed that park people have a tendency to develop skills and hobbies by which to entertain themselves, especially in remote areas or before becoming acquainted in a new area. They also have learned to integrate themselves by means of special friendliness, skills, interests, or needs in the community. This is not easily done by everyone and patience and perseverance become desirable growth attributes. New challenges provide opportunities for development of additional aptitudes and skills. Hence, park folks can be seen quite often **STANDING OUT** as leaders, contributors and innovators in communities everywhere in many avenues of personal or public endeavors.

But another aspect in this lifestyle is the way we have of **STANDING IN** for absent family on occasions of all kinds. The helping hand for the new mother, the exchange of baby-sitting for each other, the sharing in emergencies, and the special joys of graduations, showers, and weddings are all examples. We attend funerals or retirements that take place wherever they may be, not necessarily because the friendships are the closest, but because we are perhaps **STANDING IN** for those who cannot be present. We do this for each other because we are an extended family.

Great pleasure and support can be derived by the feeling of **STANDING TOGETHER**, denoting a type of shared experience in spirit rather than an actual physical presence. This is not to say that we are all the best of friends who all think alike, are all dedicated, conscientious, sincere, honest and true. But it does mean a kind of caring that prevails. It means hoping for the best for even unknown cohorts when the weather report signifies a hurricane in Florida, a tornado in Texas, or a flood in Colorado. Knowing about snowpiles in Crater Lake and heatwaves in Death Valley and abilities to adapt by folks who have gone before us, can help us surmount obstacles in our future, too. The longings for transfers, the hopes of promotions, the wish for a new boss, all are concerns shared from time to time that remind us it isn't always easy being stationed too long in one area. We commiserate as we also celebrate together.

It is easy to pat ourselves on the back and think we are the **ONLY** government agency with such a tremendous network for acquaintances and communication. (Can you think of any group as bonded as we are?) Our paths have great potential for crossings throughout a lifetime. We have a positive, upbeat frame of reference for our very existence. It is important for us all to **STAND ABOVE** trite, mundane, and ordinary and pursue a quest of adventure made possible by a challenged adventurous life.

—Thelma Warnock,

Denali Alaskan quilt raffle

On September 19, the National Park Women of Alaska culminated a project close to their hearts when Director William Penn Mott drew the name of Sharon Paige from Glacier Bay National Park, as the winner of the Alaskan quilt. There were 2000 entries.

The Alaskan NPW contrived a project of creating a hand-quilted heirloom representing the twelve parks of Alaska, which would be raffled throughout the National Park System. Each park in Alaska and the Alaska Regional Office was represented by a square on the quilt.

The quilt blocks sewn were:

Grizzly—Judy O'Neale, Denali
Kayaker—Jan Case, Glacier Bay
Chickadee—Sharon Gerhard, Lake Clark
Canada Goose—Barb Tipton, Glacier Bay
Eskimo Lady fishing—Bess Rose, Bering Land Bridge
Walrus—Betty Cunningham, Denali
Anaktuvuk caribou mask—Jane Ring
Gold Miner—Marcie Paleck, Wrangell-St. Elias
Dall sheep—Judy O'Neale, Denali
Dog sledding—Sheri Tingey, Denali
Gone Fishin'—Margot Haertel, Lake Clark
Brooks Falls—Judy Morris, Katmai
Puffins—Janet Moore, Kenai Fjords
Whale—Lynne Jensen, Glacier Bay
Klondike Gold Rush—Lorene Snow, Anchorage
Russian church—Marie Suazo, Sitka
Moose—Paula Kaye, Kenai Fjords
State Flag—Kathy Mossestad, Anchorage
Hot air balloon (ARO)—Raine Wiggin, Anchorage
Caribou—Judy O'Neale, Denali
State in the center—Betty Cunningham

Judy O'Neale and Betty Cunningham hand-printed and mailed the raffle tickets to each park and central office. Betty Cunningham assembled the quilt top and hand quilted some 80 hours the efforts of the Alaskan women. The result was a magnificent quilt, a true collector's item.

Bob Peterson, Alaska Deputy Regional Director, hosted a banquet culminating the Fall Superintendent's Training Session, during which the quilt was presented to Sharon Paige, and \$3,600 was contributed to the E&AA Educational Trust Fund as a result of the combined efforts of the Alaska women.

The Alaska NPW would like to thank all those who sold tickets for the quilt raffle and all who supported the project by buying tickets. It was a great service—wide effort to contribute to the Educational Trust Fund.

—Betty Cunningham
National Secretary, NPW

Contributions to this column should be made to NPW correspondent.

—Thelma Warnock
P.O. Box 1602
Crescent City, CA. 95531



Betty Cunningham (left) and Judy O'Neale.

The Yosemite "family"

It was a beautiful day under the pines and firs on the Wawona Hotel grounds. Everyone who had ever lived or worked in Yosemite National Park had been invited to the Fifth Annual Yosemite Reunion on September 21. Hence there were employees and alumni of NPS, Yosemite Park & Curry Co., Postal Service folks, resident dentist's family, nurses, and children—all part of an extended family far beyond what is possible in other NPS areas. They came from Montana, Washington, Oregon and from all over California.

Since it was this correspondent's first opportunity to attend the annual event, I learned a lesson invaluable for future times . . . in conversing, one must get right to the point and say what needs to be said in a hurry, because an interruption WILL take place. I was as guilty of interrupting as were others joining into my conversations. From one exciting moment to another, seeing familiar faces of old friends and acquaintances kept the pace and the pitch

of thrill and delight the order of the day. Unique among the party-goers were the seasonal couple with 40 years (next year) in the park. "Old seasonals never die, they watch the permanents come and go!" Even standing in the buffet line was a pleasure; but who could stay in one place that long? Food was delicious but who remembers the food? It was as if the past was being served and enjoyed in unforgettable moments.

Superintendent Bob Binnewies drew the group to order, giving flower gifts to special helpers. Former Superintendent Lyn Thompson said a few words. Winners of the Kowski Golf Tournament were cheered as was the \$339 raised for the E&AA Educational Trust Fund. The "Yosemite Award to someone special in the park each year," went to Warren "Red" Guthrie for restoring four carriage-wagons requiring many skills of a blacksmith, cabinetmaker, carpenter, designer, engineer, painter, trimmer and welder; each restoration taking four or five months.

—Thelma Warnock,

Retired

Thelma Smith



Thelma Smith displays her winning smile and an historic coverlet as part of the furnishings she cared for at Arlington House.

Arlington House, The Robert E. Lee Memorial in Virginia has been left well-served and well-furnished by the singular contributions of Mrs. Thelma Smith, who recently retired after 11 years with the National Park Service.

Visitors for years to come should have occasion to admire the results of Mrs. Smith's accomplishments. Among them an inventory of more than 400 authentic period costumes worn by volunteer and staff interpreters when they give talks and tours of the historic home.

During her tenure at Arlington House as a park technician, Mrs. Smith sewed reproductions of 19th-century window dressings for the parlors and bed chambers. She made many other textile items for the historic rooms such as bed curtains and covers, and became very proficient in bobbin lace making and glass beading, both popular with women in the 19th century.

Working from research and specifications developed by site curator Agnes Mullins, Mrs. Smith sewed a wide variety of mid-19th-century costumes. She produced work

dresses and aprons, petticoats, evening and day dresses, and men's work and dress clothes.

Much of the work was done by hand since most of the costumes required plentiful lace and ribbon trim or other adornment, as well as numerous buttons, hooks and "eyes." For the volume work she used a sewing machine, consistent with the historic fact that some sewing machines were in use in this country immediately prior to the Civil War.

Under the direction of curator Mullins, she sewed reproduction window dressings and a wide variety of other textile items needed for

furnishings restoration. Examples include satin curtains and valances for the parlors, a sunburst canopy and window dressings for the bed chambers, reupholstered seats for parlor chairs, and bolsters and bed coverings. These items were all hand sewn except for some machine work where extra strength was needed.

Mrs. Smith, a native of West Branch, Iowa, has lived in Arlington, Virginia since 1955. After raising a family, she joined the Arlington House staff in 1970 as a volunteer and stayed four years in that capacity and then as an employee until she retired in July.

Theodore DeCristofaro



Theodore P. DeCristofaro

Theodore DeCristofaro, chief of Maintenance at Adams National Historic Site, Mass., retired on August 2 after 28 years with the National Park Service. He began his NPS career in the mid-fifties and worked at all maintenance levels before becoming chief in February 1983.

As safety officer, DeCristofaro's accomplishments included the development and implementation of a Documented Safety Plan. The site was a recent recipient of a 30-year Safety Award and in 1984, Joseph Wadland, NARO chief of Safety recognized DeCristofaro's personal accomplishments with a Safety

Achievement Award for "his outstanding work in the protection of the public and employees."

DeCristofaro was also responsible for implementing exhibits and preparing the site for special events such as the visit by (former) First Lady Johnson; the 1976 Bicentennial celebration and the annual lecture series.

DeCristofaro, a Quincy Mass., city councilman, received the Meritorious Community Service Award in 1979. He and his wife Betty, and their family were honored at his retirement dinner by park employees and friends.

Deaths

Mount Rainier employees killed

A permanent park ranger and two seasonal park technicians from Mount Rainier National Park were killed in a vehicle accident on September 16.

Edward W. "Wayne" Casto, age 53, David A. Horst, age 27, and Polly A. Nash, age 24, were riding in a private vehicle when an oncoming car crossed the centerline and struck the victims head-on. Casto and Nash died at the scene and Horst, who was flown by helicopter to Harborview Hospital in Seattle, died in surgery.

Casto had been a park ranger at Mount Rainier for nearly 13 years. Born in Rock Springs, Wyo., he graduated from the University of Utah in 1958 with a degree in Geology and began his NPS career with seasonal tours covering a ten-year period in Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. He received a career-conditional appointment in 1969 at Grand Canyon National Park with re-assignments to Curecanti National Recreation Area and Washington, D.C. prior to his assignment at Mount Rainier.

Casto is survived by his sons, Robert K. of Tacoma, Wash., and Richard K. of Packwood, Wash., and daughters Kristi Barnson Fahey of Pismo Beach, Calif., and Julie G. Barnson of Tacoma, Wash. He also had three grandchildren.

The family requests that any remembrance be sent to the Audubon Society, Ducks Unlimited, Sierra Club or Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD).

Horst, a native of Racine, Mo., and a graduate from the University of Missouri with a B.S. degree in Forest Management, had been a seasonal park technician at Mount Rainier for four years, with most of his duties being associated with revegetation work in the sub-alpine areas of the park. Other National Park Service areas Dave worked included Death Valley National Monument, Calif., and Wrangel-St. Elias National Park and Preserve in Alaska.

Horst is survived by his parents, Fred and Adelyn Horst of Racine, and a sister Kathleen Rutter of Albuquerque, N.M. His family

requests that any memorials in Dave's name be sent to the American Cancer Society and the First Baptist Church Library at 7th & Pearl, in Joplin, MO 64801.

Nash, from Little Falls, N.Y., and a graduate from the University of Maine with a B.A. in Recreation and Parks Management, was in her first season at Mount Rainier. Her primary duties were involved with law enforcement. Previous experience with the NPS included three summers as a park technician at Yellowstone as well as one year with the Student Conservation Association program.

She is survived by her father, Jeremiah Nash, of Little Falls, a sister, Faith Kiger of Westerville, Ohio, and her fiancé, Dennis Geving, of Cody, Wyo. She was planning to be married in October. The family requests that any memorials be sent to MADD, 669 Airport Freeway, Suite 310, Hurst, Tex. 76053.

Peter De Gelleke



Peter De Gelleke

Peter De Gelleke, who played a leading role for the NPS in the authorization and planning of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, died September 4 at Newton, N.J., after an extended illness.

After serving as planner-in-charge of the recreation area from 1965-1966, De Gelleke was appointed its first superintendent in 1966. He guided the park until he retired in 1973.

Born in 1908 in Newark, N.J., he grew up in Morris County, N.J., and

received a B.S. degree in landscape architecture from the University of Massachusetts in 1932. He started his NPS career in 1933 as a landscape foreman in a CCC camp in Vermont under the Emergency Conservation Works Program, later serving in the Washington and Chicago offices as a landscape architect and CCC project officer.

In 1943 he left the Service to operate a poultry farm near Asbury in Franklin Township, Warren County, N.J. Returning to NPS in 1957, he took charge of the park and recreation study phase of the comprehensive survey of water resources of the Delaware River Basin.

In 1974, Pete received the Meritorious Service Award. He was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts from the Philadelphia College of Arts and was elected to the Board of Trustees of Keystone Junior College which operates the Pocono Environmental Education Center.

He is survived by his wife Rosamond and a daughter, Gay Plog, of Newton, N.J. Condolences may be sent to Mrs. De Gelleke, Box 526, R.D. 2, Newton, N.J. 07860.

Ethel Hawkins

Ethel Hawkins died in a car accident on October 17, 1985, at the age of 52. Her car collided head-on with a cement truck near her home at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area.

Ethel belonged to what is now a vanishing era of partnership and volunteerism in the National Park Service. She was a PARK SERVICE WIFE. Ethel made more than her share of cakes and cookies, arranged luncheons, dinners and receptions for Park Service functions; she manned ranger stations, served on committees in the parks and in her communities, and most recently completed a two-year term as the alternate Mid-Atlantic regional chairman for the National Park Women's Organization. She was always, in her quiet cooperative way, a willing contributor to her park and to the Service.

Surviving Ethel are her three children; her husband Amos, superintendent of Delaware Water Gap; and her many, many friends in the National Park Service.

Paul Heaton

Paul Norwood Heaton, 78, died at North Florida Regional Hospital in Gainesville, Fla. on July 26, 1985.

He entered the hospital for routine tests on June 10 and suffered a cerebral hemorrhage a few days later. He was in a coma for several weeks before his death.

Heaton began his Park Service career at Castillo De San Marcos in 1937, moved to WASO as chief clerk in 1939, and then to Everglades National Park in 1952. Upon his retirement as administrative officer in 1970, he received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award. A few years later, on his 70th birthday, he was particularly pleased to receive a letter from Secretary of the Interior Thomas Kleppe sending greetings and commending his career with NPS.

In 1971 Heaton moved to Orlando and married Tommy Lee Hollingsworth, a family friend of over 30 years. He enjoyed playing golf at the Winter Park Country Club, and had sufficient energy and good health to play several times a week until early 1985. On March 29, 1985, his wife Tommy died.

Heaton is survived by two sons, Cherrill Paul Heaton and Alan Parker Heaton of Gainesville, and a daughter, LaDonne Schulman, of New York City. Donations in his memory may be made to the Education Trust Fund of the Employees and Alumni Association, P.O. Box 1490, Falls Church, Va. 22041. The family may be contacted through Cherrill Paul Heaton at 1023 S.W. 21st Avenue, Gainesville, Fla. 32601.

FYI

COURIER Trivia

1. One of our National Parks is 96 per cent under water. Which one?
—Jim Harpster, RMRO
2. What state contains the most areas administered by NPS?
—Joe L. Sewell
Tumacacori NM
3. What university has produced the most NPS directors?
—Ben Moffett, SWRO
4. It's made of Indiana limestone and cost more than \$600,000 to build and you'd probably feel out of place here in jeans and a T-shirt. Where are you?
—Richard "Dixie" Tourangeau,
NARO
5. The homes of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Carl Sandburg are units of the National Park System. A third poet, Walt Whitman, is honored by an NPS-administered site, where?
—Duncan Morrow, WASO
6. Where is the tallest flagpole in the National Park System?
—Charles Wieser, MWRO
7. What National Park was once named Mukuntuweap National Monument?
—Dan Steed, SWRO
8. The same individual is honored at five different national park areas in as many states. Who is that individual, and what are the sites?
9. Where is the deepest lake in the U.S.?
—Gale Brammer, PNWRO
10. What state has no National Park Service units?
—Vicki Bemah, WASO

(Answers on page 31)

Hopewell Furnace redesignated

On September 19, 1985, Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pa., was redesignated Hopewell Furnace National Historic Site by Secretarial Order. The Order, signed by Acting Secretary of the Interior Anne Dorr McLaughlin, better identifies the historic character of the site. Hopewell

Furnace, built in 1771 by Mark Bird, processed iron ore for more than a century. The site reflects its peak period, 1820-40, with the furnace as the focal point of the community. Many of the associated buildings are also preserved within the national historic site.

Ceremonies honor Golden Anniversary of Blue Ridge Parkway

By Leo G. Willette
Public Affairs Officer
Office of Public Affairs, WASO

The 50th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway...

Less of a formal set of ceremonies; more like friends and neighbors a'talkin' old times, looking forward to the tomorrows.

Speakers? Sure. Dignitaries? By the handful...

Yet, it was a common touch that tied the ceremony package into ribbons of remembrances and recollections:

An elderly man, looking down on his gnarled and calloused hands, recalls "I was gettin' 40 cents an hour, and lucky to be gettin' that." In the crowd of some 7,500 spectators, at least two WWII vets, edging toward the stage: "We were with him (Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.) in the North African invasion in '42. I doubt he'll remember us, but..."

From a grassy slope at the Cumberland Knob, N.C. event, fiddles were fiddled, country singers twanged their voices, and the rhythmic clop-clop of the clog dancers wafted to the ceremonial stage. Tots and toddlers scampered about, aware it was a "real" event, what with the presence of all those television cameras.

The Great Depression Era dreams, visions, sweat and sinew of a half-century ago had been turned into reality along the Blue Ridge Parkway. And here it is today: A lovely 470-mile band of beautiful, leisurely paced, winding parkway, connecting two great National Parks — Shenandoah in Virginia and Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina.

No speaker, no spectator failed to recall the enormity of the challenges facing the parkway pioneers in 1935. And the mood of time and place. Already hard-hit Southern Appalachia, further suffocated except in spirit by the Depression.

Resident host for the day-long ceremonies on September 11th was Gary E. Everhardt, former Director of the National Park Service and currently the fifth superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

NPS Director William Penn Mott, Jr., was the concluding speaker at the



Director Mott at Blue Ridge Parkway 50th — With a stage full of dignitaries looking on, NPS Director William Penn Mott Jr. received a gift of folk-art blacksmithing from Gary Everhardt, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway. The celebration took place close to the North Carolina-Virginia state line, at Cumberland Knob, N.C., where the first shovels, picks and axes went into action in 1935. (Photo by Leo Willette).

1 p.m. ceremony, "A Salute to the Parkway: The Dream is Born." Mott praised the many talents and plain old hard work which made the parkway a reality. He also hailed the blending and cooperative efforts of both Virginia and North Carolina governments and individuals who worked with a myriad of federal agencies and entities to chart, carve, and create the parkway.

Other speakers, in order, included: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., whose father had the vision and the muscle to get the project going; Harry Flood Byrd, Jr., former Virginia Senator, whose father will ever be remembered as a guiding force in the parkway's destinies; Governor Charles S. Robb of Virginia and Governor James G. Martin of North Carolina.

Governors Martin and Robb underscored the between-states cooperation which ignited the political and persuasive efforts to forge dreams into a reality.

Leo Willette of WASO's Office of Public Affairs served as general master of ceremonies through the day.

The first event was a "Cancellation Program;" a disquieting designation until it unfolded that it was postage stamps being cancelled. The U.S. Postal Service offered a selection of special Golden Anniversary envelopes, with cancellation marks on vintage postage stamps. The stamps themselves illustrated wildlife, nature, folk arts and crafts, folk music, pioneers, and the American Indian.

Lines of people in the stamp sales area were matched by clusters of crafts lovers, gathering around the tents and tables where Virginia and North Carolina craftsmen demonstrated and sold items ranging from folk dolls, woodcarvings and stained glass, to weaving, basket and broom making, pottery, and blacksmithing.

Another program element was presented by the American Society of Landscape Architects and the American Society of Civil Engineers, with remarks and welcomes by Robert A. Hope, resident landscape architect for the parkway and J.R. Brotherton,

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deputy superintendent of the parkway.

Under the banner, "A Dream Realized," parkway pioneers told the stories of the way it was. Featured speakers included Dr. Harley E. Jolley, professor of history at Mars Hill (N.C.) College and Edward H. Abbuehl of Boca Raton, Fla., former landscape architect of the parkway.

Of the scores of good yarn-spinners whose presence graced the

day's events, none told more riveting first-person stories than those old-timers who served along the Blue Ridge Parkway with the old Civilian Conservation Corps. Their bare-knuckle grit under primitive working conditions spoke volumes of the human history of the parkway.

Superintendent Everhardt's welcoming remarks hailed workers, past and present:

"It is obvious that their's was a labor of love, for nowhere are the traditional Southern Appalachian

values of pride in person, pride in place, and pride in product more evident than on the Blue Ridge Parkway... those who used pick, shovel and other primitive equipment to carve it from a wilderness, and those who have managed and maintained it over the past half-century."

(Photo Coverage on Back Page)

Books

The Birth of the National Park Service. By Horace Marden Albright as told to Robert Cahn. Excerpts from Chapter 3, "The Campaign for a Park Service."

The most important piece of unfinished business for Mather and me was getting Congress to pass legislation to create the NPS. Support for a park service had been growing for several years among various organizations and individuals, and with the tireless energy Mather had been putting into promoting it since arriving on the scene a year earlier, the idea was now gathering momentum.

At the end of 1915 and in early 1916, a group of us were meeting fairly regularly for talks on the substance of the new bill to be introduced, and on political strategies for getting it passed.

Some historians incorrectly credit Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., with writing the bill. He did not do so. Olmsted was, however, responsible for the wording of the governing sentence, and contributed his ideas on other matters of policy.

So we agreed to have the bill include Olmsted's language: that the purpose of the proposed National Park Service "is 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."

Despite Mather's intense efforts to rally support, the bill got bogged down in Congress. But an amended bill was passed by the House on July 1.

With the House bill passed, proceedings began on the Senate floor on the companion bill which Senator Reed Smoot of Utah had introduced, and within a short time it too was passed, but it included some variations from the House version.

During most of August I kept going to the Hill, trying to find some way to get a conference set up among the six members from the two houses. It was vital to get their few differences settled so the House and Senate bills could be reconciled and the revised legislation be put to a vote in both houses. But the six members were never in town at the same time. So I persuaded the Senate public lands committee chairman, Henry L. Myers of Montana, and the House committee on public lands chairman, Scott Ferris of Oklahoma, to come to an agreement on allowing grazing in all parks except Yellowstone, to accept the \$19,500 limitation on funding, and to agree to other minor changes. Ferris and Myers finally were able to get all the members of the conference committee in town at the same time so they could convene a conference. I sat in on the conference and answered some of their questions, and they finally agreed to the compromises I had worked out with the two chairmen. The Senate quickly approved the revised bill when it came back from conference.

The measure went to the floor of the House and was approved by voice vote. Now all that remained was for President Wilson to sign the bill into law.

Mather was deep in the Sierra mountains when the bill passed and there was no way to contact him. He and his party would be emerging from the wilderness at Visalia, California, on August 26, and I knew what a great thrill it would be for him to be greeted with the news that the

bill had been signed by the President. That left less than four days to get the official document through the bureaucratic maze, onto the President's desk, and get it signed.

I persuaded congressional staff friends to speed up the process of getting the act printed on parchment, then got it hand carried to the vice president for his signature, and to the speaker of the House, before going to the President. The cabinet officer involved also had to give approval. In this case, of course, it was Secretary Lane, and to save the document from being sent to him, then back to the White House, I arranged for the secretary to give me a note saying he approved the bill. On August 25, I went to the White House to get acquainted with the legislative clerk, Maurice Latta. I told him how Mather had worked so long and hard for the bill, and asked if he could speed things up. He said he would be glad to help, and even agreed to get me the pen the President used in signing, so I could give it to Mather.

I then went up to the Capitol and saw the enrolling clerk. He said they hadn't had any call for this legislation and the President signed bills only on certain days. As we were talking, the phone rang. I gathered from the conversation at my end that it was the White House calling and that they wanted some bill sent over to be signed. When the enrolling clerk hung up, I asked politely if that was the White House, and the clerk said yes, adding that they wanted the army appropriations bill sent over. I said, "Be a good fellow and stick the Parks Act in the same envelope." He did, and I hopped a street car and got to Mr. Latta's office before the bill arrived.

Latta said he would see if he could get it to the President some time during the evening. I was going to be

at a friend's house for dinner, so I gave him the phone number where I could be reached. About 9:00 p.m. the phone rang and it was Latta, who told me: "the President signed the bill." I went right down town to the postal telegraph office and sent Mather a night letter which he would receive when he checked in to the Palace Hotel in Visalia: "Park Service bill signed nine o'clock last night. Have pen used by President in signing for you."

—Excerpted by Fred L. Rath

Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson: The Lincoln Family in their Springfield Home by Thomas J. Dyba (Executive Vice President, Illinois Benedictine College) and George L. Painter (Historian, Lincoln Home National Historic Site), IBC Publications, Illinois Benedictine College, Lisle, Illinois 1985.

In 1844, Abraham Lincoln took up residence with his family in a house on the corner of Eighth and Jackson Streets in Springfield, Ill. This was to be the only home he ever owned. Here, Lincoln enjoyed 17 years of family life before he became President.

Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson tells this story through the experiences of Abraham Lincoln as a homeowner, husband, father, lawyer, and political aspirant. Equally important, it presents another dimension from the viewpoint of Mary Todd Lincoln as a wife, mother and homemaker for a future President.

The book unfolds a touching image of the relationship between Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln. For example, it discusses their common enjoyment of the written word: "The couple loved literature and books of various kinds. Theirs was the special congeniality of minds which share a sensitivity to literary artistry which can unite in the mutual enjoyment of stately prose or the cadence of poetic expression."

The National Park Service has conducted extensive research on the Lincoln Home since the establishment of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in 1972. *Seventeen Years at Eighth and Jackson* is perhaps the first book to draw upon this corpus of research material in an attempt to paint a complete picture of life in the Lincoln Home.

The book is available for \$5.00 postpaid. It may be ordered by writing to: Lincoln Book, c/o Thomas J. Dyba, Executive Vice President, Illinois Benedictine College, 5700 College Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532.

—James T. O'Toole

Letters

August 1, 1985

Dear Mr. Mott:

Our family of four just returned from a six-weeks cross-country camping (in a tent!) trip. We visited more than 30 national parks or national monuments and we have come home with never-to-be-forgotten memories and a new appreciation for the beauty and wonder of natural America. We also have an enhanced appreciation for the National Park Service and how it tries to entice us to visit these places and make our visits more comfortable, at the same time trying to protect these wonders from us.

And the NPS does it so well—and with good humor, politeness and knowledge—that it brings new meaning to the almost-forgotten concept of "public servant." In all our dealings with what must have been hundreds of NPS employees (including your enthusiastic, young and talented trainees, and also those "affiliated" workers of restaurant and gift shop concessioners who wore smiles and name tags with their first name and home state in places like Yellowstone, Mt. Rushmore and Glacier), I don't recall a single sour moment. They were always cheerful, helpful, courteous (even when correcting a wrong) and quite knowledgeable. The campgrounds were clean and well-tended (oh, that KOA would learn from you!), the sites generous-sized and well located, the bathrooms plentiful and clean, the roads good, parking convenient, information readily available, and concessions good and usually reasonably priced. You especially shine at your interpretive centers with exhibits that inform on several levels (technical stuff for those who understand it and simpler versions for those of us who don't). We loved

your living history portrays at places like Ft. Clatsop and Yosemite and wished we had had time to take fuller advantage of your ranger talks and hikes everywhere.

We appreciated the fact that you give tenters equal rights with RVs. Most of the private campgrounds give the best and most convenient sites to RVs, leaving tenters in cramped, often untenable sites, sometimes with no water and usually farthest from bathrooms (or right on top of them so that the lights and noise keep you awake).

We also wish you would "annex" Mt. St. Helens because, although the Forest Service does a good job, the NPS could do it better.

We thought our Golden Eagle pass a steal at only \$10. Frankly, we feel you should charge a bit more than that, and certainly more than \$1 or \$2 for single gate admission—and do it in every park. Your \$6 camping fee was too low and could easily stand an increase to \$7 or \$8 (and still be a better deal than the private campgrounds on your borders).

Our criticisms were few:

—We would have liked late-night shower hours at Yellowstone. (With limited time and late-coming darkness, we chose to sight-see past the 7:30 or 8 p.m. cutoff and just go showerless.)

—We would have enjoyed greater automobile access to the sights of Canyonlands.

—We would have appreciated some sort of temporary housing (even a tent) for the interpretive displays at Devil's Tower which were closed due to refurbishing of premises. (So I bought a book to read about it.)

—And we wished the shop at Ft. Clatsop had carried postcards with portraits of Lewis and Clark, and other L&C memorabilia. (As a Lewis family member, I had wanted to send postcards of Uncle Meriwether to kin; instead I had to settle for views of the fort. I bought books, medals and some brass reproductions, but I would have liked portraits, prints of their drawings, busts—and even some of those crass commercial things like hat pins, spoons, trivets.)

Living in the National Capital Area, we naturally use and appreciate (and sometimes take for granted) the work of the NPS. We have also been great admirers of your work on the North Carolina coast (Ft. Raleigh, Bodie and Hatteras Lights programs, etc.). But it was this six-weeks venture which really opened our eyes to the

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scope of the NPS. We don't resent one nickel of our tax money which goes to NPS; in fact, we think it may be the *best* use of our money and we wish it got more. Certainly it is one use of our money where we feel we have gotten something back.

I wanted to write this fan letter because I felt you should know how impressed an average family has been with the work of your agency, and how much we wish you well in following the lead of your predecessors in successfully handling the dichotomy of accessing-while-preserving our national splendors.

Susan L. Flinner
(Mrs. Charles E.)
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20 September 1985

Superintendent
Olympic National Park
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Port Angeles, WA 98362

Dear Superintendent Chandler:

In April, Olympic Mountain Rescue provided \$1,000.00 for Olympic National Park to purchase life support equipment. Realizing that your funding would still not provide for all of the necessary equipment, we have been considering ways to provide additional support.

Because of generous donations, we would like to make an additional donation of \$800.00 for life support equipment. The extra donations to Olympic Mountain Rescue are primarily related to the Browne search and body recovery.

With this additional money we hope the program can get going and be a real asset to those who enjoy Olympic National Park.

Roger R. Beckett
Chairman
Olympic Mountain Rescue

To the Editor:

I feel you used poor judgement in printing the article *Equine Incentive* in the September, 1985 issue of *COURIER*. As the article states: "The NPS Incentive Awards Program is designed to reward outstanding employee performance." The publication of an article describing the presentation of an incentive award to a horse is counterproductive. And, to add insult to injury, the incident as described is not even noteworthy.

The article is counterproductive for a number of reasons. It turns the Incentive Award program into a farce, it deflates the prestige of the awards, it's a slap in the face to the many employees working hard to do a superior job and not receiving recognition, and finally, infers there are people in the Service with nothing better to do than waste taxpayer money dreaming up asinine ideas.

For years I've respected the *COURIER* and have looked forward to each issue. I've noticed this most recent issue has more pages than most. Please don't allow the quality of the publication to be compromised simply to increase pages.

I've not signed this letter because I may someday wish to work at Guadalupe Mountains.

A Ranger

(Editor's note) In the words of Robert Louis Stevenson: "There is nothing like a little judicious levity." This light moment, at cost of only a piece of paper and a few minutes time, is part of what makes life pleasant for those who must be very serious about their important jobs. We regret that a reader cannot accept the gentle lightness intended. We would be far more concerned about awards for people who have not earned them than those for horses who have provided yeoman service.

To the Editor:

I generally find the *Courier* informative and well-balanced. Thus I was deeply offended by the tone of the items on pp. 12 and 19 in the September, 1985 *Courier*. I do not believe that the *Courier* should be a forum for pushing religious fundamentalism, any more than I would expect reports in the *Courier* on "Abortion Rights Group Visits the Parks," or "Gay Organization Plans Strategy in Yosemite."

In a country where there is a mandated separation of church and state, I believe it is particularly troublesome to find the evangelical Christian movement so highlighted in a Federal publication. A simple report of volunteer activities will suffice, without going into the details that "the youths offer their services in hopes of witnessing their faith through personal actions" such as cleaning campgrounds.

I believe that the *Courier* has made a serious editorial error in judgment, and owes its readers an apology.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Preston Reese
Park Ranger
Golden Gate National Recreation Area

Trivia Answers

(from page 26)

(1) Biscayne. (2) Arizona with 15 national monuments; 2 national parks; 2 national recreation areas; 2 national historic sites; and 1 national memorial for a total of 22 areas. (3) University of California, has produced three—Stephen Mather, Horace Albright and William Penn Mott, Jr. (Director Mott received his masters degree there). (4) Vanderbilt Mansion, Hyde Park, N.Y. (5) Washington, D.C. Walt Whitman Park is the official name of the rectangular city park opposite the Office of Personnel Management bounded by 19th, 20th and the eastbound and westbound lanes of E Street, N.W. (6) Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Indiana. (7) Zion National Park. (8) Abraham Lincoln—his birthplace (Kentucky), boyhood home (Indiana), home (Illinois), his memorial in Washington, D.C., and Mount Rushmore (South Dakota). (9) Crater Lake, Oregon, at 1932 feet. (10) Delaware.

Correction

In the August issue of the *COURIER*, the photo story, "Length of Service awards at Yosemite," the names of those receiving this award (second row) were omitted.

Staff members of Yosemite National Park were presented with Length of Service pins by Superintendent Robert O. Binnewies and Assistant Superintendent James O. Laney on May 7. James Lee received a 20-year pin and the others received 10-year pins.



(From left, first row) Dana Jackson, Mary Lou Cant, Lisa Dapprich, Robert Carroll, James Lee, Maggie Price, Superintendent Robert O. Binnewies.
(From left, back row) Larry Harris, Christine Thorpe, Mike Lalone, Dan Horner, Don Coelho, Gary Gissell, Assistant Superintendent James O. Laney.

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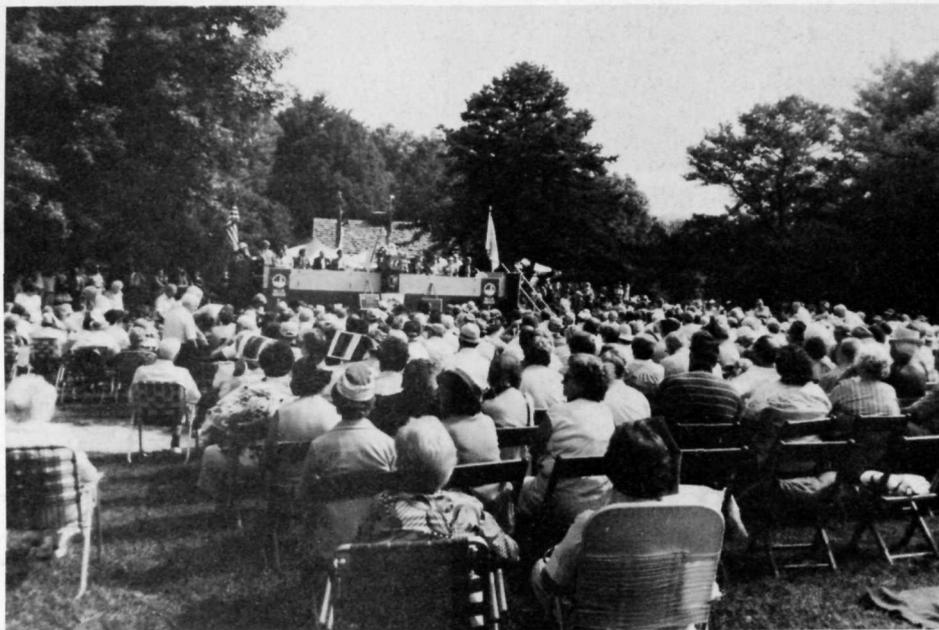
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Ceremonies honor Golden Anniversary of Blue Ridge Parkway



Blue Ridge Parkway, A Media Event—Television and video cameras prowled the scene at Cumberland Knob Visitor Center, covering the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Parkway Superintendent Gary Everhardt is shown being interviewed. That evening, CBS-TV Evening News telecast a five-minute profile of the parkway.

Blue Ridge Crowd Exceeds Fondest Expectations—Some 7500 persons took part in the celebration ceremonies, marking the 50th anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Undaunted by limited parking space at the Cumberland Knob N.C. Visitor Center, hundreds walked miles to reach the event. Cumberland Knob is virtually astride the North Carolina/Virginia State Line.



Director Mott At Blue Ridge Parkway—One of the principal speakers at the Golden Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway was NPS Director William Penn Mott Jr. Others shown, left to right, include: Bob Baker, Regional Director, Southeast Regional Office of NPS; Virginia Governor Charles S. Robb; North Carolina Governor James G. Martin; and Franklin D. Roosevelt Jr.

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