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Jean Lafitte celebrates anniversary of Battle of New Orleans

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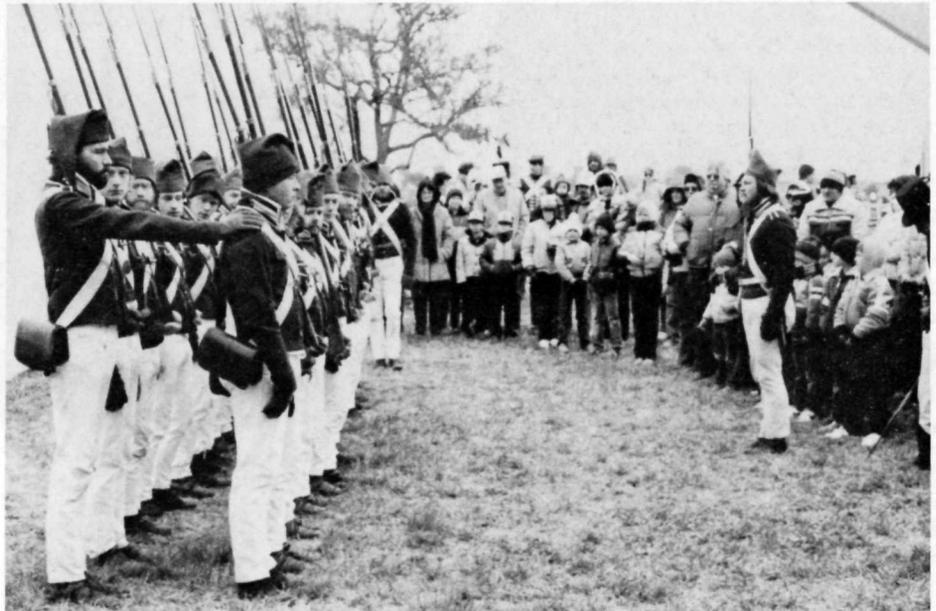
Despite record low temperatures, over 4,000 visitors participated in celebrating the 170th anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. The observance was held at the Chalmette Unit of Jean Lafitte National Historical Park, La. Donations and volunteerism were a major factor in this year's success. Approximately \$28,000 for the week-long event was contributed in the form of services, supplies, advertisements and cash donations.

Those who braved the cold and freezing rain were in for a treat. Soldiers from Fort York in Toronto, Canada; Fort Meigs in Perrysburg, Ohio; and Fort Snelling in St. Paul, Minn., rose to the occasion with small arms and cannon firings; drilling; period music; and historic encampments. Counting camp followers, there were approximately 90 people in costume for the weekend.

Rev. Williard Heimbeck returned as the only veteran of the past four celebrations. He dressed as a War of 1812 Chaplain and held services on Sunday morning. The program was fitting since the battle took place on Sunday, January 8, 1815.

On Tuesday, over 1,200 school children from metropolitan New Orleans visited the park for a special children's day. Each school comprised a company and they elected their officers. One school went against tradition and insisted on electing a female as their sergeant. The children learned how to answer calls, wear their uniforms, and march and drill in formation.

Other activities during the week included television appearances, off-site school group programs, British and U.S. soldiers providing interpretation aboard the paddle-wheel boats so popular in New Orleans, culminating with a mass encampment.



Drilling.



Cannon firings.

National Black History Month

By Charles K. Rattley
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WASO

For the past 59 years, during the month of February, Americans have paused to commemorate and learn more about the contributions of Afro-Americans to the discovery, pioneering, development and continuance of America.

In recent years, a growing and expanding interest in Black History Month has developed throughout the United States. This interest is due primarily to an ever increasing awareness of the innumerable contributions Afro-Americans have made which have helped forge this nation into greatness. Their contributions span the gamut from science to the humanities.

In 1926, Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a Harvard PhD who 11 years earlier founded the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, Inc., initiated Negro History Week. It was his hope that through this special observance, all Americans would be reminded of their ethnic roots and togetherness among the United States' racial groups and would develop mutual respect for backgrounds. He was keenly conscious of symbolism in the American psyche. Dr. Woodson wisely chose February for the Negro History Month, which includes the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

During America's Bicentennial Celebration in 1976, President Ford proclaimed February as Black History Month. This celebration has continued annually with a proclamation by succeeding Presidents to devote the entire month to call attention to the contributions of Black Americans and their exploits for the good of the country. The theme chosen for the 1985 observance was, "The Afro-American Family: Historical Strengths for the New Century." Director Dickenson, in a memorandum to employees, remarked: "The theme is both timely and appropriate. It addresses the unique role that the Black family has played historically to people in America and internationally. To celebrate this month you will have the opportunity to participate in the activities planned in your region, which may include films highlighting Afro-American history, music or exhibits for your cultural enrichment and enjoyment."



Eastern High School jazz and gospel choral.

Since the mission of the National Park Service is one that relates to American culture and history, a wide effort was made to publicize specific units and affiliated areas that honor careers of Black men and women as well as the often little known but critical contributions made by Blacks in the history of this country.

More than 130 activities commemorating Black History Month were reported by the regions. Some of the highlights of activities held at WASO, regional offices, and the parks included:

National Capital Region

Frederick Douglass Home National Historic Site, Washington, D.C. A public ceremony and wreath-laying to commemorate the 168th birthday of Frederick Douglass was held at the home. "An American Life," a film depicting the life and times of statesman, orator and abolitionist Frederick Douglass was presented during a special gala at the National Geographic Society.

Fords Theatre National Historic Site, Washington, D.C. Charles Blockson, curator of the Afro-American collection

at Temple University's Palcy Library in Philadelphia, Pa., presented a lecture on the underground railroad during the Civil War.

Also, a play, "Finding a Way Out of Nowhere," was presented by the Garnett-Patterson Junior High School Drama Class for employees and visitors to Ford's Theatre.

Rock Creek Park Nature Center, Washington, D.C. Dunbar High School concert choir presented a musical Black History program at the park.

North Atlantic Region

Federal Women's Program Committee, Boston, Mass. Pam Cross, a Boston newscaster, spoke to more than 80 employees and community leaders on the achievements of Black women.

Old South Meeting House, Boston, Mass. Renee Neblett, poet, teacher, artist, and actress, presented readings which highlighted the many great achievements of Blacks. Janet Wolf, former superintendent of Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site, gave a slide talk on the home where Dr. King was born, the family church, Ebenezer

Baptist Church, and the surrounding neighborhood.

Midwest Region

Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Mo., celebrated using the theme, "Forgotten Footsteps: We Too Met the Challenge." A variety of programs were presented with support from Friends of the Arch. Vernon Smith, a St. Louis artist, was commissioned to paint a collage that would capture the year's theme. Panhandle Slim, a guitar-plucking, horse-riding, tale-telling, cowboy enthusiast, spun yarns and sang songs about the Black West. The Dred Scott Drama, a dramatic reenactment of the events surrounding Dred Scott's 1850 trial was presented. This multi-media presentation featured some of the memorial staff and volunteers, and live music, provided by various community choral groups.

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, Mo., featured a display and exhibit entitled, "The Black Soldier in the Civil War."

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, Ohio, issued a press release on Blacks involved in the Battle of Lake Erie, and is pursuing research on the significant contributions Blacks made in that decisive victory.

Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Ohio, featured a 15-panel traveling exhibit entitled "Negro Cloth," a program on the history of Black music in America; a program entitled, "Exploring the National Park System: Black Americans," and a program honoring the lives and work of Black Americans.

George Washington Carver National Monument, Mo., provided programs and assistance to other Park Service areas and institutions. The superintendent was interviewed on a local radio station and informational spots ran periodically on Carver and other prominent Blacks.

Western Region

Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Calif., commemorated Black History Month with a cultural celebration which featured ethnic foods and entertainment for employees.

Lava Beds National Monument, Calif. The wife of a park employee rustled up an African meal for the park community during an evening get together. She had served in Africa as a member of the Peace Corps. She entertained the group with stories of African culture.

Lake Mead, National Recreation Area, Ariz.,-Nev. Roosevelt Fitzgerald, a history professor at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas, delighted park personnel with a lecture on "Blacks in the Media"—from minstrel days to the present at a program in the park. Later, park personnel enjoyed a gourmet ethnic luncheon.

Joshua Tree National Monument, Calif. The employees joined members of the Marine Corps Ground Air Combat Center at the Twentynine Palms Base for a special Black History Month program featuring civil rights advocate Reverend Wiley Burton.

Southeast

Cumberland Island National Seashore, Ga., featured an exhibit and slide program entitled, "Freedom Across the Water," at the St. Mary's Visitor Center. The exhibit consisted of 12 burlap covered panels displaying historical photographs, drawings, and text as well as a slide program on the history of Black people on the remote barrier island.

Cowpens National Battlefield, S.C., featured a special exhibit entitled, "Black Women—Achievement Against the Odds." The exhibit consisted of several panels focusing on the contribution Black women have made to various aspects of American life, including art, medicine, labor, politics and sports.

Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, Ala. The film, "Life and Legacy of Booker T. Washington," was presented to employees and visitors at the Visitor Orientation Center. Tours of the Oaks, home of Booker T. Washington, were conducted daily. A photographic exhibit featured 150 famous Blacks at the City of Tuskegee Cultural Affairs/Lobby of Municipal Complex and the Macon County/Tuskegee Public Library.

Mid-Atlantic Region

Harpers Ferry Center/Stephen T. Mather Training Center, Md.-W. Va. George T. Austin, Associate Professor of Social Work at Bowie State College, discussed the Black History Month theme at the Curtis Freewill Baptist Church for employees and the public.

The Job Corps Harmonizers provided music for the program. This group of Harpers Ferry Job Corps trainees sings in the Baltimore and Washington, D.C. areas.



Kim Lambert, clerk typist, Office of Planning and Development, modeled at the fashion show.

Southwest Region

The Regional Equal Opportunity Office distributed flyers on Black's historical contributions to America to staff in the region and the park areas.

Alaska Region

The Regional Office presented two showings of the film entitled, "Booker," highlighting the childhood of Booker T. Washington.

WASO

The Bureau Equal Opportunity Office provided an exhibit with eight panels and an audio-visual presentation on Black Heritage in the National Park Service.

A fashion show was presented by Toast and Strawberries, which featured nine volunteer models. The show provided employees with a greater awareness of how the Afro-American culture has influenced the dressmaking industry.

Two musical programs were presented in the auditorium, featuring the Jazz and Gospel Choral of Eastern High School in a musical program entitled, "We Are a Proud People." The concert choir of Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School provided a musical program entitled, "We Are a Determined People."

National Park Service housing policy

In December 1983, NPS Director Russell Dickenson established a special Task Force on Long Range Housing Policy. The Task Force, chaired by Alaska Regional Director Roger Contor and made up of NPS employees reflecting the wide spectrum of housing needs in the Service, found itself faced with the charge of setting the tone and direction for many of the Service's decisions on in-park housing for the next two decades and beyond. Current housing policies and practices were examined in light of long-term management needs, employee requirements and expectations.

The Task Force contacted NPS employees Servicewide to let them know what the Task Force was about and to encourage comments by telephone or in writing. An article in the March 1984 COURIER provided that avenue to employees. Requesting the Task Force on the National Park Service Employee Survey to see that a portion of the survey dealt specifically with the housing issue provided another avenue of contact. The information received through these two efforts was invaluable.

The Task Force learned through the employee survey that most employees have a strong commitment to the Service and its mission, and that many employees basically feel "good" about NPS housing. The survey revealed that less than one-fourth of permanent employees live in Government housing; another one-fourth have lived in Government housing at some point in the past. Employees were satisfied with the space, value, and quality of the housing. A majority saw housing as a part of job compensation. Actually, employee housing is not a form of compensation for Government work. The Service is prohibited by law from using housing to recruit or retain people. Similarly, rental rates cannot be set to augment salaries or subsidize living costs. The survey further identified a sizable minority of employees who felt that a change was needed in the quarters policy, with many people of the opinion that rental rates should be reduced in some way, an option not generally available to the Service under current law. The Task Force also became aware of general confusion regarding "required occupancy" and finally, criticism surfaced concerning the quality of quarters maintenance.

Armed with the survey data, employee feedback, and other background information, the Task Force determined and ultimately recommended to Director

Dickenson that special emphasis be placed on upgrading and rehabilitating existing housing. Furthermore, it recommended that all quarters furnished by the Service be safe and sanitary, as required by law and regulation, with support services and amenities appropriate to each area's needs. The Task Force also recommended that trailers, a long time "sore spot" in Service housing, be phased out within the next ten years and that further purchasing be limited to emergency situations or actual mobile housing needs. In order to deal with the general confusion concerning required occupancy, the Task Force recommended the development of Servicewide standards and criteria to guide required occupancy decisions. A follow-up effort is now underway.

Since the effort was focused on the future and not the present or past, the Task Force did not address the controversy concerning rental rates, which admittedly was on the minds of many employees. The Task Force did, however, generally touch on employee concerns by drawing up an extensive list of the pluses of living in National Park Service areas—such as security and protection of park resources and visitors, staff cohesion and motivation—and likewise the minuses—such as construction and maintenance costs of quarters, utilities, and the difficulty for employees to accumulate financial equity in private housing.

The Task Force's ultimate goal was to emerge with a series of recommendations and a basic policy statement to guide the Service in one direction, ensuring the development of a uniform Servicewide housing policy based on solid cost-effective decisions regarding removal, reconstruction, relocation, construction and management of housing. The main result of that goal was the special directive entitled, "National Park Service Housing Policy," which was approved for publication on December 12, 1984. In the development of this special directive, the Task Force realized that there is a very real need to continue to provide housing within remote areas. The special directive states:

"It is the policy of the National Park Service to construct or permanently retain year-round, Federally-owned quarters in units of the National Park System only where required by remoteness. . . . Exceptions to this policy will be considered in specific situations deemed essential to the accomplishment of the NPS mission."

The decisions to construct, repair, or

eliminate housing will vary among parks, and so the Task Force regarded the development of a Quarters Management Plan as crucial to ensure that each park appropriately assesses its current housing stock and determines future housing needs.

The Quarters Management Plan will be the principal vehicle used in implementing the Long Range Housing Policy. Director Dickenson recently designated a team, headed by Valley Cuyahoga National Recreation Area Superintendent Lew Albert, to design the substance and format of the Quarters Management Plan. This is currently being pilot-tested in Rocky Mountain National Park, Valley Forge NHP, Gateway NRA, and Statue of Liberty NM. As with the Task Force's charge, this Team effort will be focused on the future. As Director Dickenson stated in a memorandum to the Team, "Adjustments in housing, whether they will involve the construction of needed new quarters or the elimination of housing no longer justified, ought to accommodate change that is sensitive to current and future employee needs and expectations, that is cost-effective in recognizing the scale and currency of present capital investments and maintenance expenditures, and that 'tough mindedly' analyzes the alternatives and their effectiveness. This is neither a ratification of the status quo nor an effort to force disruptive change. But it is a change in direction. With an implementation target of the year 2005 there is no reason this effort need cause significant hardship; there is more than ample time to plan for and adjust to change."

Change, no matter how slight, often creates suspicions and fears which become a disservice to everyone. During their work, Task Force members became aware of an undercurrent of misinformation regarding their goals as a Task Force. Efforts were made to inform employees correctly about the Task Force and its charge and hopefully through those efforts, and the final product of the Task Force, many of those concerns and doubts were dispelled. In this same vein, the Quarters Management Plans Team will open a line of communication with employees at the pilot test parks, and all employees will be kept up to date with the progress of the Quarters Management Plans Team through the COURIER. Anyone wishing to comment on the development of the Quarters Management Plans is invited to write or call Superintendent Lew Albert.

-Tracy Fortmann
Policy Development

Blue Ridge Parkway's 50th anniversary featured in new PSAs

Two television public service spots will play a major role in the observance and promotion of the 50th Anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va.

The TV spots were produced by WASO's Office of Public Affairs and features a range of videotape moves and animation, using 35mm slides from the parkway's files and location shots by WASO.

Each public service announcement highlights the wide scope of attractions and activities along the 470-mile parkway connecting Shenandoah National Park, Va., and Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn.

The use of slides and animation, employing the latest state-of-the-art electronic equipment, saved thousands of dollars in the production of the PSAs. Location "cinematography," for example, was pared-down to the cost of three rolls of 35 mm slide film.

In part, the narration reminds viewers that the parkway is *"where customs and crafts blend with year-round recreation, (with) hiking, biking, camping, cookouts. Places right on or just off the parkway for watching wildlife, for walking trails, for wildflowers or rainbows of fall foliage."*

Distribution to television stations and cable outlets will be handled from the parkway's headquarters in Asheville.

By coincidence, the producer, photographer and narrator of the TV spots, Leo Willette of WASO's Office of Public Affairs, resided in Asheville in the early 1960s. He was a news director and newscaster at WLOS-TV there.

The TV spots are 30 to 60 seconds in length.

By blending new video technology and in-house capabilities, thus shaving production costs, WASO's Office of Public Affairs plans to broaden its role in TV public service spots of a regional nature. Last season a pair of PSAs was produced by WASO for the Natchez Trace Parkway; as well as PSAs for national release on park, animal, hiking, and trail safety.

NPS sites and regional offices are invited to propose such PSAs. Those events pegged to park site anniversaries and events offer immediacy and impact to TV stations and cable outlets. Most often, the TV soundtrack can be "lifted" to provide radio PSA versions.



Blue Ridge Parkway.

Mid-Atlantic planners go West

Planners from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office staff have been asked by the Bonneville Power Administration to help complete a comparative assessment of all the rivers in Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

The mountainous Northwest area has 250,000 miles of stream courses that include the Columbia River with tributaries such as the Snake and the Salmon, the Bitterroot and the upper reaches of the Missouri.

The Pacific Northwest Rivers Study, an interagency effort, will be modeled after the river assessment methods developed by MARO planners on rivers of the Northeast.

"The recent increased demand for hydropower energy in the Northwest has resulted in greater public awareness of possible conflicts between hydropower development and river resources," said J. Glenn Eugster, chief of the Division of Park and Resource Planning. Eugster will guide the Mid-Atlantic effort.

"The Bonneville officials were impressed with the assessment we produced for Maine that provided the basis for the 1983 legislation that now governs river

protection in that State," Eugster said.

The Northwest River Study is unique in that it will be a cooperative effort between the States of Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, the Northwest Power Planning Council, Bonneville, the Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference, the Native American Tribal governments and Federal resource agencies, including the National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

Separate studies will be conducted, one in each of the four States. The results will form an information base for use in all future hydropower planning to be undertaken by Bonneville, the Northwest Power Planning Council and the individual States.

The studies will identify river segments and systems of significant value, including wildlife, fisheries, recreation, natural features, social and cultural features and institutional constraints.

The Pacific Northwest Regional Office will be an active study participant along with the Mid-Atlantic planners.

-Art Miller

Scout Conservation Camporee at Blue Ridge Parkway

What began as an idea of Seasonal Park Ranger Duke Barr could become an annual fixture on the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., and might spread to other National Park Service areas throughout the nation.

Barr, assigned to the parkway's Roanoke Valley District in Va., felt that NPS could enhance the environmental awareness and skills of Boy Scouts in the Roanoke area and, at the same time, increase their appreciation for the role and mission of the parkway and Service.

The vehicle to accomplish this was a weekend "camporee" at the parkway's Roanoke Mountain Campground with other NPS employees and volunteers in instructional and support roles. Barr's suggested activity quickly won approval from Superintendent Gary Everhardt, and soon became a reality.

After evaluating the results of what became known as the Scout Conservation Camporee (SCC), Assistant Superintendent for Resource Management and Visitor Services Art Allen was enthusiastic. "The event obviously was fun while educational. We plan to rotate the camporee through other districts along the parkway and are pursuing possible locations and projects for the next and succeeding year. Based on this first-year experience, we believe this would be a good NPS program nationwide," Allen said.

Barr planned for and supervised the operation of the camporee. Some of the goals were to: enable Boy Scouts to become more familiar with their environment; broaden the Scout's awareness of the purpose and function of NPS; present a camping trip with the sole purposes of learning, having fun and experiencing a national park area; and provide volunteer time rehabilitating a Blue Ridge Parkway trail.

Because this was the first time the program had been attempted, the camporee was labeled "experimental" and the number of Scouts allowed to participate was kept at 40. Ages ranged from 11 to 14.

Each participant received a "Volunteer in the Parks" certificate of appreciation for the volunteer labor contributed during the conservation project and a camporee patch.

Parkway management and participants were pleased with the results of the



Seasonal Ranger Duke Barr with the first Boy Scouts who attended the new Scout Conservation Camporee.

weekend. Barr has received many favorable calls from scouts, parents, and volunteer adults who are interested in continuing the program again this year.

Parks with an interest in the SCC program should contact Duke Barr, c/o Blue Ridge Parkway, RR 3, Box 39 D, Vinton, Va. 24179.

Pele reclaims a silversword

The sign in Haleakala National Park, Hawaii, reads, "Please take only pictures." But as Interpretive Supervisor Adele Fevella will tell you, not everyone reads or heeds signs. "Almost daily we receive rocks in the mail—some are large and some are small. I sometimes wonder if they did not try to take the whole park home."

Haleakala, like all national parks, is dedicated to preserving the natural and cultural heritage of the area. The task is not easy and each employee has their own story about the struggles to educate the public and protect the park's resources.

Standing at the visitor center desk, Park Interpreter Carol Beadle impresses visitors with cultural reasons for leaving Haleakala's rocks where they lie. Legend says, "All Hawaii is Pele's land and she's very protective of her domain. If you take anything of hers you may end up with a little bad luck."

But many people learn the hard way. Hawaii Natural History Association employee Bill Eichenlaub recalls one phone conversation with a distressed former visitor: "We talked about Pele's legend for 15 minutes—daytime rates from California! Two days later we got a "Federal Express" package—it cost her \$14 to mail us a couple of lava rocks. The money and time meant nothing to her—but the fact that she was involved in a recent automobile accident did!"

Sometimes the effect of Pele's bad luck is immediate. "There was a car at Kalahaku Overlook with the keys locked in the trunk, but there were also rocks in the car." Park Technician Jitsumi Kunioki smiles as he finishes his story, "As soon as they moved the rocks out of the car, I was able to break into the trunk and get the keys."

There is more to letting rocks alone than the legend. Former Park Technician Pat Jamieson puts it this way, "The

rocks are an important part of the environment up here. Most of the plants you see at the summit tend to be growing near rocks—that's because rocks form a shelter from the cold winds and intense sunlight. Sometimes a rock can give a seed or small plant the needed edge to survive in this harsh environment. People think that one rock won't make any difference, and that might be true, but we get over 600,000 people at the summit every year! When you think about 600,000 rocks being moved and many sheltered seedlings not making it,

that becomes quite an impact."

Fevella says, "Some people take rocks and others pick flowers or silversword leaves. I tell people if you pick this flower no one else can enjoy it. We are here to preserve and protect for future generations—and it's a fulltime job."

And sometimes it is an especially trying job. Last month visitors reported a silversword plant being dug up and smuggled into another visitor's car trunk. When Park Ranger Lisa Eckert searched the offending vehicle, "I almost cried," she said, "I was expecting a little

keiki and when I opened the trunk there was this huge ancient silversword—the whole plant!" Removing or possessing any plant, animal, or rock from its natural state violates park regulations and the person involved may receive a fine of \$50 to \$500. "When such a rare plant is involved," says Eckert as she replanted the stolen silversword, "there is no penalty that can compensate for its loss."

-Hugo H. Huntzinger

Personnel exchange between NPS and Parks Canada

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial, Ohio, offers a unique opportunity for visitors. Each summer for one week, a personnel exchange takes place between the National Park Service and Fort Malden National Historical Park of Parks Canada. An interpreter from each park switches respective duties for that week.

Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial commemorates the victory of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry over the British fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. The British fleet, under the command of Captain Robert Barclay, used Fort Malden near present day Amherstburg, Ontario, as their base of operation. Perry's Victory also celebrates the longstanding peace

that the United States and Canada have had since the close of the War of 1812.

The program is in its third successful season. Last August, Ranger Darren Saylor spent the week at Fort Malden while Interpretative Guide Scott Armstrong spent much of his time giving the Canadian viewpoint of the War of 1812 in living history costume. He portrayed a member of the British 49th Regiment of Foot stationed at Fort Malden during the War of 1812. During his stay in Canada, Saylor presented the American side of the War of 1812 while portraying a member of the American 17th Infantry Regiment.

Both participants had a profound effect, not only upon the visitors to both parks, but upon the staff as well. "Scott and

the exchange program have really helped the visitors here at Perry's Victory and the visitors at Fort Malden see both sides of the War of 1812," said Harry Myers, superintendent of Perry's Victory.

The exchange program has elicited nothing but positive comments from everyone concerned. It is this spirit of effort and cooperation that allows the United States and Canada to "share the longest undefended boundary in the world."

Sincere thanks to the staff on both sides of the border for an excellent program! Special thanks to Parks Canada and a "Happy Birthday" as they prepare to celebrate 100 years of dedicated service!

New film for Frederick Douglass Home



Burnice Kearney, superintendent, National Capital Parks-East (left), and William Greaves, producer of the film.

A new film, "Frederick Douglass: An American Life" is now shown daily everyhour at the Frederick Douglass Home Visitor Center. The 30-minute dramatic presentation, produced on contract through the Harpers Ferry Center, portrays Douglass in slavery, his rise to prominence as an abolitionist leader, Civil War recruiter and advocate of voting rights for Blacks and women. Generous grants from MCA Foundation Ltd., the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, Frederick Douglass Housing Corporation and Tourmobile Services, Inc., helped to make the film possible.

The Home at Cedar Hill, where Douglass resided in the last years of his life, serves as the setting through a flashback mode for his reminiscences about the events and persons so important in his life. Visitors are

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introduced to such notable figures as Harriet Tubman, William Lloyd Garrison, John Brown and Abraham Lincoln. In addition, viewers gain rare glimpses into Douglass' private family life.

The film was introduced to the public at a gala premiere on February 13, the eve of Douglass' birthday, at the National Geographic Society. Approximately eight hundred guests attended the affair, during which Regional Director Jack Fish introduced

William Greaves, producer of the film and Hugh Morgan, the actor who portrayed Frederick Douglass. Other members of the cast were present and remained to greet the public at a reception following the showing.

Director Dickenson and Deputy Director Mary Lou Grier were in attendance, as was Dr. Benjamin Quarles, Douglass' biographer and a historical consultant to the film.

Superintendent Burnice T. Kearney expressed the hope that the large,

favorable response to the film will generate increased interest in Frederick Douglass and the Home at Cedar Hill. Copies of the film are available from the Harpers Ferry Historical Association and the National Audiovisual Center. Information on the Frederick Douglass Home may be obtained by contacting Site Manager Derrick Cook at the Home, 1411 W Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20020, (202) 426-5961.

-Marilyn W. Nickels



Park Briefs

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY, Miss.-Tenn.-Ala.—An interpretive program at the Mount Locust Home began on February 3. Superintendent Jim Bainbridge said the program will be conducted seven days a week through November.

Mount Locust was both a home and a stand along the Old Natchez Trace during the early part of the 1800's.

Mr. Rainbridge said: "Mount Locust is one of the older houses in Mississippi, with its beginnings in 1779 to comply with the land grant to Thomas Harmon by the British Government of West Florida. Although elaborate by frontier standards, Mount Locust makes an interesting comparison with the numerous antebellum homes in nearby Natchez."

Today, Mount Locust is the sole survivor of the approximately 50 stands that existed for varying periods of time to serve travelers along the 500-mile-long Old Trace.

SHENANDOAH NP, Va.—ARA Virginia Sky-Line Company, a subsidiary of ARA Services, Inc., of Philadelphia, Pa., has been awarded a 20-year contract to continue to provide food and lodging services for the public within the park.

According to park Superintendent Robert R. Jacobsen and local ARA Regional General Manager Richard A. Good, the terms of the new contract will require the company to make a capital investment of \$3,854,000 in new visitor accommodations as recommended in the park's General Management Plan. Two additional motel-type buildings will be constructed at Big Meadows, adding 30

new guest rooms. At Skyland, three motel-type buildings overlooking the valley will be constructed to provide 34 additional guest rooms. Extra parking for guests will also be provided at the new units.

In addition, the park concessioner will move five cabins now at Big Meadows and four at Skyland to the Lewis Mountain area, where ten rental cabins are already available. The company will also build a six-room dormitory at Big Meadows for employees; and a campstore, wood/ice sales, shower and laundry facility at the Mathews Arm Campground.

New water and sewer lines, service roads and walkways to service the lodging units will be constructed by NPS at an estimated cost of \$1,295,000.

Planning and design will begin in 1985, but construction of the first units may not occur until fiscal year 1986.

Superintendent Jacobsen said he is pleased to be able to continue this longstanding business relationship with the ARA Virginia Sky-Line Company, and the close partnership which the park and the company have developed, in their provision of necessary support services for visitors to the park.

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NS, Md.-Va.—A research project recently completed at the national seashore has identified six new species of plants.

Superintendent Roger K. Rector said the comprehensive botanical survey of the Maryland portion was conducted by Dr. Steven R. Hill of the University of Maryland, with funding from the Eastern National Park and Monument Association and NPS.

Dr. Hill mapped the major vegetation types of the island and identified the location of many plants which appear on the Maryland Natural Heritage Program List of Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants. During the survey, six species of plants never before recorded in the State were found. He also produced a mounted herbarium collection of over 1,000 specimens, now housed at the national seashore headquarters. Some specimens have been sent to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., and to the University of Maryland Norton-Brown Herbarium, where Dr. Hill was formerly curator. Dr. Hill also created a collection of photographic slides which will be used by the seashore staff for interpretive programs and identification.

"We are extremely pleased with the fine work Dr. Hill has done for us. The herbarium collection and the detailed vegetation maps he produced will become valuable elements of our resource management and interpretive programs here at Assateague," Rector said.

Superintendent Rector said Hill's work, which also identified 133 species not previously found on Assateague, was the first major botanical study of the island in 20 years.

CRATER LAKE NP, Oreg.—Thirty-six employees representing ten parks in the Pacific Northwest Region participated in a cultural resource management training course held at the park. The course, "Introduction to Cultural Resource Management," was presented by the Cultural Resources Division, PNRO, as a comprehensive introduction to NPS policies affecting cultural resources.

It was designed for field staff who work directly with cultural resources and those who had not received prior training in this area. Response to the course was enthusiastic, with requests for future follow-up classes in specific areas such as programming and budgeting and preservation maintenance.

Participants in the Cultural Resource Management training course.



CANAVERAL NS, Fla.—Christmas trees, girl scouts, and dune restoration, an unlikely combination, but one which worked in a resource management effort at the national seashore.

After reading articles on the successful use of discarded Christmas trees to rebuild dunes, Park Technician Pam Darty decided to give it a try. The natural process of rebuilding dunes sometimes takes years.

Darty heads a project to rebuild dune areas at the national seashore.

But, with a small staff and more than a million visitors annually, there was not enough staff or time for projects of this nature. Thus, Darty thought this might be a project for volunteers.

She contacted Paulett Faircloth, service unit coordinator for the local Girl Scout troops, who organized five troops from Daisy to Junior scouts to collect discarded Christmas trees. She had the younger girls do the preliminary work of removing any tinsel or decoration from the trees, and convinced a local construction company to donate a large dump truck to get the trees to the park.

In January, a truck load of more than 60 trees arrived at the national seashore. Along with it came about 50 Girl Scouts. Darty and the Girls Scouts, along with the help of park VIP George Ely, Bill Herridge and Ann Snyder, secured the trees in the cross walks.

By the end of the day nearly all the trees were in place. Both the park and the Girl Scouts benefited from the project. The girls enjoyed a day at the seashore, learned about the importance of the primary dune, and completed a service project. The park in turn accomplished in one day what would have been impossible without volunteer help.

In the coming months Darty will be monitoring the progress of the dune restoration in the old crossovers to

determine the success of the project and its potential for future use.



(From left) Janette Kelly, Sara Ireland, Tracy Bochiardy, VIP George Ely, Kemisha Rainge, and Ranger Pam Darty. Photo courtesy of Daytona Beach News Journal.

RICHMOND NBP, Va.—The park has hit on a novel way to keep bothersome pigeons off the roof of Chimborazo, the historic park headquarters and visitor center.

Chief Ranger Chuck Raskind bought a half-dozen six-foot-long inflatable vinyl snakes from a company in Tennessee and spotted them at the pigeons' rooftop landing areas. "It worked!" Chuck crowed. "They scared the pigeons away."

The trick, he says, is to move the brown

and orange-dotted snakes every couple of days. And you have to re-inflate the crawly things once a week.

Chuck figures he has come up with the perfect pest management solution. His inflatable serpents are non-toxic, non-chemical, non-poisonous, inexpensive—they work. Of course they can, and did, scare unsuspecting female interpreters who go out on the roof at dusk to take down the park flag!

Vaughan, superintendent of Chaco Culture

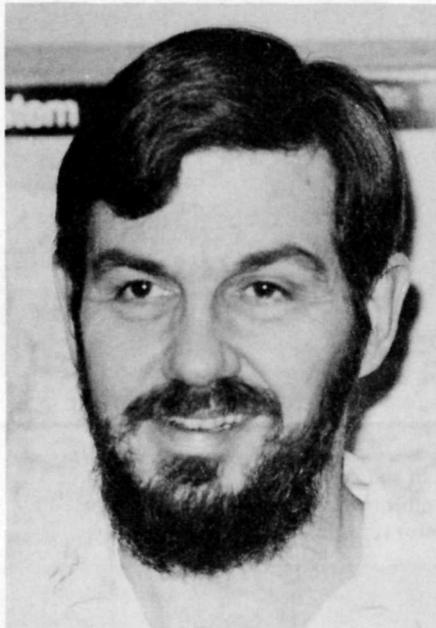
Thomas G. Vaughan, staff curator with the Curatorial Service's Branch, Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Md.-W. Va., has returned to the Southwest Region as superintendent of Chaco Culture National Historical Park, N. Mex.

He served as superintendent of Hubbell Trading Post National Historic Site, Ariz., from 1974-1977.

Vaughan replaces Walter Herriman, who retired after 33 years of Federal service; 11 years were spent in Chaco.

Vaughan will be responsible for over 33,000 acres which includes 16 major Indian ruins and hundreds of smaller ruins that represent the highest point of Pueblo pre-Columbian civilization.

A native of Merrill, Wis., Vaughan joined NPS in June 1966 as a seasonal ranger in Mesa Verde National Park, Colo. His first permanent assignment was in Hawaii where he became chief of Visitor Services at City of Refuge National Historical Park in May 1967. He then moved to Haleakala National Park in 1969 as district ranger.



Thomas G. Vaughan.

After two stints in Hawaii, Vaughan in 1972 became assistant chief naturalist at Point Reyes National Seashore, Calif., until 1974.

He also served as superintendent at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Mont., 1977-1980.

He then transferred to Harpers Ferry Center, W. Va., in 1980 as chief for the Branch of Conservation Laboratories and in 1982 was assigned as staff curator, Curatorial Services Branch, in WASO.

Before joining NPS, Vaughan served 3½ years in the U.S. Army.

Vaughan received a Bachelor's degree in sociology from Pacific Lutheran, Tacoma, Wash., in 1965 and completed two years of graduate work in anthropology at Southern Illinois University.

He is currently a member of the Western Interpreters Association and the Washington Conservation Guild.

Vaughan is married to the former Jan Wade, who grew up at Mesa Verde National Park where her father, Jack Wade, worked as a ranger. Vaughan has one daughter, Beth Jean Hoppe, 22, of Casper, Wyo., from a previous marriage. The Vaughans have two children, Drayton Wade, nine, and Noi Anne, seven.

Holm to Knife River Indian Villages

Michael O. "Mick" Holm has been named superintendent of Knife River Indian Villages National Historic Site, N. Dak. Holm succeeds Sandra H. Key, who received a promotion and transfer to Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah.

Currently serving in Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Mont.-Wyo., Holm has served in progressively more responsible positions since joining the National Park Service in 1975. He began his career as a seasonal Museum Aid and Park Interpreter at Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, Mont., from which he was selected to participate in the Park Ranger Intake Training program for new permanent employees in the ranger field. Holm then served as a park ranger-historian at Knife River Indian Villages for nearly two years prior to becoming south district park interpreter at Bighorn Canyon, working out of Lovell, Wyo.

"Having been a field interpreter for the last ten years, I look forward to the

challenges of management," Holm said.

Holm, 35, was born in Minnesota but grew up in Brady, Mont., which he considers his home town. He received his B.S. degree (1973) in physical education and science from the University of Montana in Missouri.

Before joining NPS, Holm taught science at Willow Creek, Mont., secondary schools. Among his interests are camping, fishing, skiing and western history.

Holm has received several performance awards, including the Department of the Interior Superior Service Honor Award. He has been active in community organizations and currently serves on the board of directors for the local recreation district in Lovell.

Holm is married and the father of two sons, Nathan, five, and Eric, three. His wife, Patti, is a former elementary school teacher and enjoys creating stained-glass art.

Wylie to Florissant Fossil Beds

Thomas C. Wylie has been appointed superintendent of Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument, Colo.

During his 18 years with the National Park Service, Wylie has served in a variety of park ranger and resource management specialist positions in Yosemite National Park, Calif., and Canyonlands National Park, Utah.

Wylie, 47, prior to this assignment was staff resource manager in such controversial issues as the siting of a proposed nuclear waste dump, tar sands leasing, air quality, and backcountry use regulation.

On three separate occasions, Wylie has been recognized for his outstanding work performance.

"This is a tremendous opportunity, and one I've been looking forward to for some time," Wylie said. "I am happy to be going to Florissant, yet sorry to be leaving the fine people in Utah with

whom I have lived and worked over the last 11 years."

A native of Indiana, Wylie spent much of his childhood in New Mexico. He is a graduate of Indiana University, where he received his B.S. degree in Botany.

Wylie served in the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963, which included a brief tour in Germany.

Over the years, Wylie has been actively involved in community groups and organizations such as 4-H and the Parent-Teachers Association. He enjoys carpentry and other hand crafts, as well as hiking, backpacking and canoeing.

Wylie is married and the father of three daughters, Kelly, 15, Lisa, 13, and Kathryn, 11. His wife, Pamela, is a registered nurse and is active in community affairs and in Girl Scouts.

Armstrong promoted to deputy chief

Robert S. Armstrong, 52, superintendent of Ninety Six National Historic Site, S.C., has been named deputy chief of the Park Protection, Visitors Services and Science Division in the Southeast Regional Office.

Armstrong, who was honored with a Special Achievement Award last November, had been superintendent at Ninety Six since January 1978. The Ada, Okla., native was a school teacher in Houston, Tex., and a Job Corps counselor before joining NPS in Atlanta in 1972, as training officer for the Southeast Region.

He later served as a park ranger at Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Fla., and the Natchez Trace Parkway at Hohenwald, Tenn.

Armstrong and his wife, the former June Henry, also of Ada, Okla., have been married 27 years and have three children: Robert Jr., 26, Lorrie, 23, and Allen, 18.

Armstrong has bachelor's and master's degrees from East Central University, Okla., both in history and government. He has done post graduate work at Western Kentucky University.

In his new job, Armstrong will be responsible for overview of activities in the 53 areas of the National Park System in the Southeast Region that relate to preservation and use of the natural and cultural resources.

King to Lake Mead

John King, administrative officer at Colonial National Historical Park, Va., has been appointed administrative officer at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Ariz.-Nev. He replaces Ben Hensley who retired.

King, a 1971 graduate of Mississippi State with a degree in business administration, first worked for the Park Service as a seasonal park technician at Natchez Trace Parkway, Miss.-Tenn.-Ala. He entered permanent duty with the Park Service as an intake ranger at the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., in 1972. Since then he has held administrative officer positions at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga.-Tenn.; Isle Royale National Park, Mich.; and Big Bend National Park, Tex.

During his career with the Park Service he has received two outstanding performance awards, a special achievement award, and was recognized



for his outstanding contributions to the EEO program.

At Lake Mead, King will oversee the concessions and administrative support programs. King, his wife, Martha, and their three children, Jason, Joshua, and Jordan, reside in Boulder City, Nev.

Kardos, super of Black Canyon of the Gunnison

Andrew R. "Andy" Kardos has been named superintendent of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colo., succeeding Joseph A. Kastelic, who retired after 25 years of Federal service. Kastelic became superintendent at Black Canyon in 1973.

Kardos, 49, began his National Park Service career in 1968 as a seasonal naturalist and interpreter at Grand Teton National Park, Wyo. In turn, he was an interpretive specialist at the Midwest Regional Office from 1972 to 1974; an instructor at the Mather Training Center, Harper's Ferry, W. Va. from 1974 to 1977; an historian and chief of interpretation at Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., from 1977 to 1982.

He has a PhD degree in American cultural studies from Pennsylvania State University (1968), and B.A. and M.S. degrees from Rutgers University in Earth

Sciences, Anthropology and Geology (1960 and 1962).

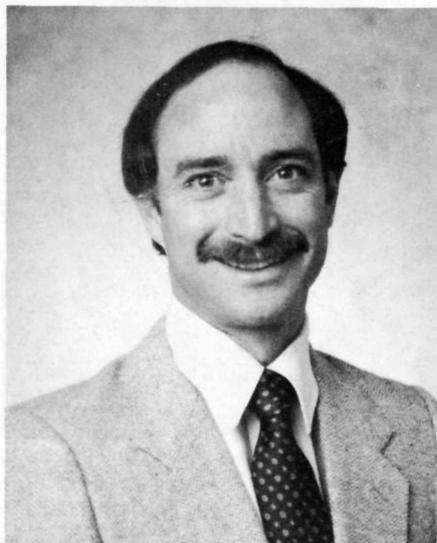
He taught cultural anthropology and historic architecture from 1966 to 1970 at Penn State and in the State University System of New York.

During 1980 and again in 1982, he served assignments in Ireland as a consultant to Irish National Parks and Monuments.

His wife, Sue, worked as an interpreter at Antietam National Battlefield, Md.

He served from 1952 to 1956 in the U.S. Navy, including duty aboard the Destroyer U.S.S. Garmick in the Pacific. He is a member of the American Association for State and Local History, the Association of Interpretive Naturalists and the Appalachian Consortium, an organization dedicated to the preservation of local and regional heritage.

Ponce heads new Water Rights Unit



Stan Ponce, formerly with the U.S. Forest Service, has joined the National Park Service as chief of the Water Rights Unit at Fort Collins, Colo.

The Water Rights Unit is part of the Water Resources Branch created to coordinate the Service's water rights activities. Ponce will be responsible for developing and recommending Service-wide water rights policy, developing strategies and guidelines for securing Federal Reserved Water Rights in park units, directing the operation and technical support activities of the water rights program through park management, and providing Servicewide training in the area of water rights.

Ponce has an extensive natural resources and scientific background. From August 1980 until he joined NPS, Ponce was a staff hydrologist with the U.S. Forest Service's Washington Office Watershed and Air Management staff. From January 1976 to August 1980, he was an associate professor of Earth Resources at Colorado State University (CSU) in Fort Collins. He developed and conducted research programs individually and as an interdisciplinary team member in areas of wildland water quality, watershed management and land-use hydrology. Although his primary emphasis was research, he also taught water quality-related courses at undergraduate and graduate levels and directed the Department of Earth Resources' Water Quality Laboratory.

While at CSU, Ponce served as a water quality consultant for the U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Geological Survey and numerous private firms.

Ponce has published more than 30 scientific articles and has presented

numerous professional papers at national and international meetings about wildland water quality, hydrology and water rights.

He received a Bachelor's degree in forest management from the University of Missouri in 1971; a Master's degree in

forest engineering from Oregon State University in 1973; and a Doctorate degree in civil and environmental engineering from Utah State University in 1975.

Walker, super of Fort Clatsop



Frank Walker, 39, has been named superintendent of Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Ore. He replaces Bob Scott, who moved to Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho, after ten years at Fort Clatsop.

Walker joined the National Park Service following graduation in 1967 from New Mexico State University. He served at Yellowstone National Park before being called to active duty as an Army officer.

In 1969, he rejoined NPS as a naturalist, at White Sands National Monument, N. Mex., and then moved to Jefferson

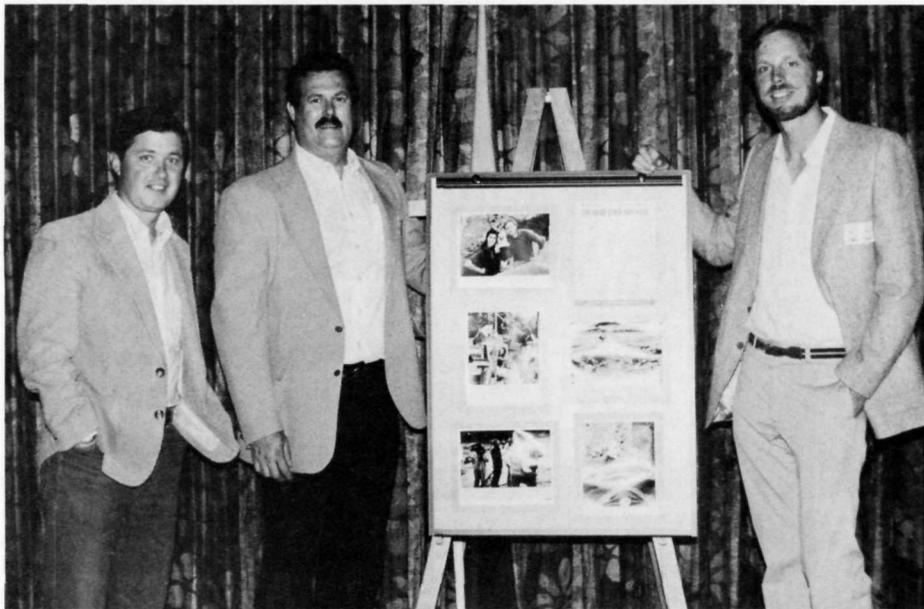
National Expansion Memorial, Mo., as a park ranger.

Subsequent assignments were at Gulf Islands National Seashore in Mississippi and a return to Yellowstone as a supervisory naturalist. He has been at Carlsbad Caverns, N. Mex., since 1980.

Walker has earned five performance awards during his career, including an award last year for efficient use of funds and manpower.

Walker and his wife Judy, have three children: Mark, twelve, Kathy, ten, and Phillip, eight.

Film on Yellowstone wins top award



(From left) Tom Buek, regional director of Public Relations-Denver, Conoco; Hank Snelling, director of Editorial & Film Services; and Producer/Director Dave Drum at the film premier.

A recently produced film entitled, "The Faces of Yellowstone," received top honors by the International Film and TV Festival of New York for 1984.

The history of Yellowstone's geology is the subject of this 22-minute film produced by Conoco Inc., in conjunction with Dave Drum and Associates of San Francisco for the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association (YLMA). YLMA's challenge to Dave Drum was to find a way to simplify the complex geologic concepts that underlie Yellowstone's volcanic history, so that the film would be appropriate for people of all ages, educational levels, and nationalities. The Division of Interpretation worked closely with Drum throughout the project. "The Faces of Yellowstone" was incorporated into the programming offerings at the Canyon Visitor Center during the 1984 season and will be regularly scheduled at the visitor center throughout future seasons.

Using puppets and a variety of other devices, the film focuses on the 1,000-square-mile caldera which was produced 600,000 years ago. The caldera was created by an explosion 1,000 times the size of the blast caused by the eruption of Mt. St. Helens in 1980. This explosion disgorged hundreds of cubic miles of

rock fragments and ash. Recent geologic evidence suggests that magma lies relatively close to the surface and is pushing the floor of the caldera upward at the rate of 22 millimeters per year.

Today, because it is one of the continental "hot spots" of volcanic activity in the Western Hemisphere, Yellowstone is the site of increasing geologic research about the earth's interior.

The technical advisors for the film were Dr. Robert Christiansen, a volcanologist with the U.S. Geological Survey and Dr. Robert Smith, a geophysicist at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. Dr. Christiansen has been studying the volcanic aspects of Yellowstone's geology since the early 1970s and was the coordinator of geologic studies at Mt. St. Helens for the USGS. Dr. Smith is currently conducting a seismic study in the park under a grant from the Department of the Interior.

"The Faces of Yellowstone" was Drum's third film in the Wyoming/Montana area. It follows "Wellspring," made for the Environmental Protection Agency, and "The Pride of The Capital City," an award-winning documentary about Helena, Mont.



Eagle puppets created for the film, "The Faces of Yellowstone," describe the park's volcanic geology with the aid of a working model of Yellowstone's subsurface and a map of the park's features.

Prints of "The Faces of Yellowstone" may be borrowed for public use by contacting any Conoco public relations office or by writing: Public Relations Department, Conoco Inc., 1007 Market Street, Wilmington, Del. 19898.

Park interpreter honored

Eleanor Gesensway, a park interpreter, and devoted historic preservationist at Independence National Historical Park, Pa., was named "Preservation of the Year" for 1984 by the Philadelphia Historic Preservation Corporation.

Gesensway, an active supporter of historic preservation causes, was specifically cited for her work in organizing support for preserving the Lit Brothers building on East Market Street and for promoting a stronger preservation ordinance in Philadelphia which was signed into a law by Mayor W. Wilson Goode on December 31, 1984.

Schober cited for achievements

Jerry Schober, superintendent of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Mo., recently received special recognition for his achievements in providing equal opportunity in employment.

During a ceremony Schober was presented the Service's Equal Opportunity Award for his accomplishments, which included having the highest level of permanent minority employment within the ten-state Midwest region.

Regional Director Charles H. Odegaard told Schober, "The role you have played in the regional and servicewide equal opportunity program has long been recognized. Your leadership in the use of special authorities for appointments of law enforcement specialists and cooperative education program graduates illustrates active commitment."

Odegaard commended Schober for his fairness that consistently resulted in equitable resolutions of equal opportunity complaints and for his routine consideration of equal opportunity in daily management actions and decisions.

The superintendent was also cited for his strong support of Black History Month and the Federal Women's and Hispanic Employment programs.

Historical architect recognized

Henry J. Magaziner, regional historical architect of the Mid-Atlantic Region, was recently presented with an award for his efforts in saving a Victorian landmark in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Ebenezer Maxwell Mansion was about to be demolished in 1965 when Magaziner and Judge Harold Saylor convinced the owners to rent the building to the Germantown Historical Society. Later Magaziner helped found an organization and raised funds to buy the old structure. Now beautifully restored, it is the first Victorian house museum in Philadelphia.

Award to park employee



(From left) Superintendent Norman Reigle, Joan Sanders, and Regional Director Charles Odegaard.

Joan L. Sanders, administrative technician at the Harry S Truman National Historic Site, Mo., was recently awarded a Quality Performance Award. Regional Director Charles H. Odegaard made the presentation and made special note of her sustained high

level performance since assuming her position in November 1983. Superintendent Norman J. Reigle said, "Joan's dedication and contributions were a major factor in the opening of the home on schedule and providing an orderly transition into the operational phase."



Southwest Regional Director Bob Kerr presents safety awards to Salinas National Monument Chief Ranger Glenn Fulfer, left, and Superintendent Tom Carroll, right. Fulfer worked on various regional office projects and helped Safety Officer Galen Warren with inspections and evaluations to relieve a regional office backlog.



Lon and Inger Garrison Scholarship established

An endowed scholarship fund has been established at Texas A&M University in honor of the late Lemuel A. "Lon" Garrison and his wife, the late Inger Wilhamina Larsen Garrison. The award to be known as the Lon and Inger Garrison Scholarship, will be given annually to the junior or senior student in the Department of Recreation and Parks who best demonstrates a commitment to the wise and effective stewardship of our nation's natural resources, a subject very close to the heart of both Lon and Inger.

Lon Garrison was one of the unique leaders who has graced the National Park Service in the history of the agency. He spent more than 40 years in the seasonal and permanent ranks, working in numerous parks, regional and WASO positions. He was a ranger in Sequoia and Yosemite, assistant superintendent of Glacier and Grand Canyon, superintendent of Hopewell Village, Big Bend and Yellowstone and regional director of the Midwest and Northeast Regions. He also served in WASO in the Office of Information, the Office of Conservation and on the Mission 66 Steering Committee. Lon ended his NPS career as Director of the Albright Training Academy, retiring on January 19, 1973. Almost everyone who worked for NPS from 1931-1973 knew this very gracious and enthusiastic man. He was awarded the Interior Department Distinguished Service Award in 1961.

Upon retirement, Lon and Inger moved to College Station, Tex., where Lon undertook new duties as a visiting professor in the Department of Recreation and Parks at Texas A&M University. Lon taught several undergraduate and graduate courses each year and worked on his book of experiences as a National Park Service employee.

Lon's book entitled, "The Making of a Ranger: Forty years with the National Parks", was published in 1983 and dedicated "to Inger, my wife and partner in these adventures." Director Dickenson wrote the foreword for the book.

Lon and Inger had the same positive effect on the faculty and students in the Department of Recreation and Parks at Texas A&M as they had on their friends and co-workers in NPS. The Garrisons home became the frequent center of social and professional interaction in the

department as Lon and Inger spread out the red carpet. Dr. Edward H. Heath, Professor of Recreation and Parks, wrote of Lon, "He had a way of bringing out the best in people—of encouraging them to reach a little further, to put aside their doubts, to accomplish their goals and to truly enjoy their lives."

Inger, a native of Norway, always pursued her interests with a vigor and intellectual vitality similar to Lon's. In addition to being a Park Service wife and mother, she was a potter and sculptor active in local, national and worldwide craft programs. She consulted with NPS on a variety of Living Interpretation and Living History programs, especially those for native American Indian Cultures. She also served on the Parks, Art and Leisure Task Force co-sponsored by NPS and the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Lon continued to serve in the Department of Recreation and Parks at

Texas A&M until his death on February 14, 1984, at the age of 80. Failing health in the last few years had reduced the level of his activity somewhat. Inger remained in College Station following Lon's death. The rapid progression of Lou Gerhig's disease, however, sapped her strength and curtailed her activities. She died in January.

Lon and Inger are held in such high regard that shortly after Lon's death it was recommended by both faculty and friends that a scholarship be established in their honor. Substantial contributions have already been made by the faculty resulting in the establishment of a permanent endowed scholarship by Texas A&M University. Any person wishing to contribute to this scholarship fund may do so by sending a check to the Texas A&M University Development Foundation (noting that it is for the Lon and Inger Garrison Scholarship), Texas A&M University, College Station, Tex. 77843-2261.

Herbert E. Kahler Research Fellowship established

Eastern National Park and Monument Association, a nonprofit educational-service institution cooperating with the National Park Service in support of its educational and interpretive programs, has established a Herbert E. Kahler Research Fellowship.

Kahler, for many years chief historian of NPS, was the first chairman of the association's board in 1947 and has been active in association affairs since then. He currently serves as secretary-treasurer.

The fellowship of up to \$5,000 will be granted annually to support a scholarly study other than a doctoral thesis focusing on cultural, historical, and natural resources of the National Park System. The award may be used for

travel and support during the period of research and writing.

There is no application form, but applicants must present a comprehensive statement on the research proposal, together with a research and writing schedule. Letters and applications should be sent no later than August 1, 1985, to Frederick L. Rath, Jr., executive director, Eastern National, P.O. Box 671, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

The Eastern National Research Committee will review all applications; the board of directors will select the recipient of the fellowship in September. Funds will be available immediately upon notification.

E&AA announces newly elected leadership



Jim Tobin.

As a result of an election held in January among the members of the board of directors of the Employees and Alumni Association (E&AA), of the National Park Service, the E&AA is pleased to announce that Daniel J. "Jim" Tobin, Jr., and Vernon Ingram have been elected as chair and vice chair, respectively.

Jim Tobin is currently serving as regional director of the Pacific Northwest Region and Vern Ingram is a recently retired Southeast Regional Office employee.

The son of the late Daniel J. Tobin, Sr., Tobin was born in Sequoia National Park, Calif. He has served as associate director, Management and Operations in WASO; superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., and associate regional director, Western Region.

Tobin began his permanent NPS career as a ranger in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park in 1951; prior to that he served as a seasonal Ranger in Yosemite National Park (1946-1951) and as a laborer in Sequoia National Park and Death Valley National Monument, Calif.-Nev. He has received many awards in his career, including the Pugsley Gold Medal in 1979, the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award in 1982, the Departmental Manager's Safety Award in 1980, a citation for Performance as superintendent of Hawaii Volcanoes during successive volcanic eruptions in 1969 and the NSPR Award for Excellence in 1983.

Tobin and his wife, Jean, reside in Seattle, Wash.

Vern Ingram retired as chief of the



Vern Ingram.

Contracting and Property Management Division in the Southeast Regional Office after more than 37 years of Federal service.

Ingram's Federal service began in the South Pacific Theatre in World War II as a B-20 bomber crew member; he subsequently served as an instructor of B-29 air combat crews in the Korean War.

After graduating from the National Business College in Roanoke, Va., with a degree in Business Administration and Business Law, Vern began his NPS career at the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va.; serving also at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, Ky.-Va.-Tenn.; Richmond National Battlefield Park, Va.; and the Southeast Regional Office.

He served as the Southeast Region's employee representative on the E&AA Board for more than six years. He remains active on the Fulton County School Board, the Interagency Advisory Board of GSA, and as consultant to two local businesses, as well as being involved with other civic activities.

Ingram received a number of awards and certificates in his NPS career, among them the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award. He stays active in the Executive Reserve Office of the President; serves as chairman of the Interagency Advisory Committee, GSA; is a council member of the Lutheran Church of America; a member of the Chamber of Commerce and serves as treasurer on the board of directors for the Federal Credit Union.

Ingram and his wife, Clara, reside at 1260 Sheppard Court, Stone Mountain, Ga. 30083.

Odegaards make generous donation to Education Trust Fund

Midwest Regional Director Charles Odegaard and his wife, Evelyn, recently made a very generous donation to the Education Trust Fund of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service. The donation was from the sale of raffle tickets which entitled the lucky winner to a candlelight dinner for two, plus a bottle of champagne at Maxine's in the Red Lion Inn in Omaha. The Odegaards donated the candlelight dinner and champagne.

Lorraine Ruther, secretary to the Public Health Consultant, won the candlelight dinner and Randy Swanson, MWRO's coffee shop concessioner, won the consolation prize (a gift certificate from Stuart Anderson's Cattle Company Restaurant). Associate Director Jim Ryan and his wife, Carol, donated the consolation prize.

The E&AA is deeply thankful and appreciative of Mr. and Mrs. Odegaard's and Mr. and Mrs. Ryan's personal financial support of the Trust Fund. Special thanks are also extended to Linda Witkowski, Bill Padmore and Viola Long for their assistance.

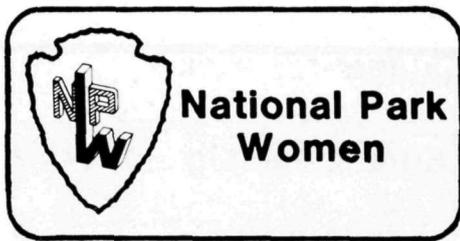
THE MIDWEST REGION LEADS THE OTHER REGIONS IN ITS GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND!

The Seashore Sampler cookbook

The Education Trust Fund recently received a \$5,000 donation from the Cape Cod National Seashore Women's Club. This fantastic amount was raised through the sales of "The Seashore Sampler," a 96-page cookbook that features delicious, easy-to-prepare recipes from the Cape Cod area as well as other parts of the country.

In the seven years the Cape Cod women have been selling "The Seashore Sampler" they have faithfully donated all the proceeds to the Education Trust Fund of the E&AA for a total donation of \$14,000.

The cookbook is available at the low, low price of \$3. Please order by sending your check or money order to Cape Cod National Seashore Women's Club, c/o Mrs. Dorothea Stevens, Box 136, Eastham, Mass. 02642.



Morristown women report

In December 1779, George Washington's Continental Army arrived in Morristown, N.J., and was greeted by the cruelest winter of the war. General Washington made the Ford Mansion his headquarters, while four miles to the south, Jockey Hollow provided an ideal cantonment for 12,000 soldiers. Many winters have come and gone since the encampment, but none so harsh and brutal. It was here that lack of food, clothing, and money tested the endurance and will of every man during the merciless winter. It was here that Washington, determined to overcome these problems, enlisted support from allied nations. It was also here, that through the patience and perseverance of Washington and his men, the patriot cause survived.

It was also here in Morristown, in the midst of rental increases and the uncertain administrative future, that Morristown National Park Women began. We felt a need to keep informed of how Park Service policy was affecting our lives. We formed an organization whose purpose was a demonstration of service and commitment to the National Park Service, its employees, and their families.

From the beginning, a portion of our meetings has been scheduled for information and instruction. These segments include a variety of topics such as: self-defense demonstrations, survivors benefits, and Employee & Alumni Association information. All guest speakers highlight issues pertinent to our lives as National Park Women. We also have quite an impressive list of routine activities. We do everything from planning park dinners, parties, and picnics to sending "get well" wishes and dinners to those in need. We have recently sponsored CPR and first aid courses for park employees and their families. Our biggest accomplishments to date have been \$600 raised for the Employee & Alumni Association Scholarship Fund and an information packet prepared for new employees. Our future promises a continuation of these and new achievements.

Morristown NPW sees the E&AA loan fund as a worthwhile expression of

interest in our children, deserving of attention from all chapters. We are busy with the preparation of a theme cookbook to provide needed donations to the fund. Brainstorming has produced a list of new ideas for dinners and parties, guaranteed to stem the winter doldrums. Teas have been planned with neighboring parks to get acquainted and make new friends. We have built a dependable reputation in the park, and there is no hesitation to enlist our support in a variety of areas.

Such acclaim may lead one to believe that our ranks are large. We have maintained a membership of seven women. Most of us work full time and have families. Our meetings are monthly and require a few hours of precious time. We are a small organization in a

small park. The secret of our success is the dedication of members to the organization and what it represents. There are areas in every park that need attention and are sometimes overlooked for one reason or another. Perhaps, these areas are best addressed by National Park Women. Find a place for NPW in your park. You will be surprised by the number of issues that warrant your concern. With this as inspiration, perhaps we can meet NPW's goal of a chapter in every park!

-Deborah J. Gorman
Morristown NHP Chapter

Editors note:

Contributions to this column may be made to NPW Correspondent P.O. Box 1602, Crescent City, Calif. 95531.

NPS Alumni Directory update

The Employee and Alumni Association (E&AA) plans to update the November 1984 Alumni Directory in November 1985. Please send to the E&AA Administrative Offices, 3830 Pinewood Terrace, Falls Church, Va. 22041, any changes, deletions and additions, no later than **August 1, 1985**.

We have received numerous complaints about alumni missing in the 1984 edition—this is because the alumnus did not send a complete form to the

administrative offices for inclusion. There are two prerequisites for inclusion in the directory:

- you must personally complete the update form and forward it to Harry M. Elsey, treasurer, 3830 Pinewood Terrace, Falls Church, Va. 22041, and
- you must be a member in good standing in the E&AA to be included.

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Louis Kelekolio



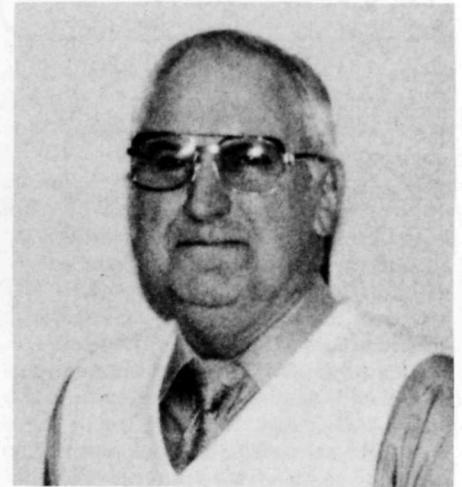
Louis K. Kelekolio.

Louis K. Kelekolio, maintenance worker at Pu'uhonua o Honaunau National Historical Park, Hawaii, retired on November 31, after 12 years with the National Park Service. Kelekolio is the first employee to retire at the park since

its establishment on July 1, 1961.

Prior to joining NPS he spent 16 years with the Merchant Marine, and 13 years with Glenn A. Buhtold, doing farm work in Portland, Oreg.

Ernest Reissig



Ernest Reissig, supervisory contract specialist in the Southwest Regional Office, retired on Feb. 1, closing a 25-year career of Federal service.

At a coffee in his honor attended by regional office employees, Reissig received a retirement plaque from Earl Hassebrock, associate regional director for Administration. Reissig said, "The National Park Service has provided a good wholesome career and afforded the opportunity, because of diversification of assignments, to establish many friendships."

Born in Bunkerhill, Kans., Reissig was a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart while serving in the medical branch of the U.S. Army in 1943-1945.

Reissig's NPS career began in 1962 as a supply-maintenance clerk at Yellowstone National Park. In 1966, he transferred to the Western Colorado Group in Montrose, as procurement agent, until 1975.

During 1975-1976, Reissig was an inventory management specialist at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, before transferring to Glacier National Park, Mont., as procurement officer, 1976-1980.

In 1980, he served as supervisory contract specialist at the Southwest Regional Office, a position he held until his retirement.

Prior to joining NPS, Reissig worked for the Skelly Oil company in Russell, Kans., from 1947-1962.

Reissig and his wife Ruth Lee, who retired in April 1984, after 28 years of Federal service, will make their new home in Powell, Wyo.

They have two daughters, Mrs. Michael Roller of Powell, Wyo., and Mrs. Mervis DePiano of Los Angeles, Calif., and three grandchildren.

William Burgen



William N. Burgen, Yosemite National Park's assistant superintendent, retired December 31 after 30 years of Government service. He had been assistant superintendent of operations for the past eight years.

Burgen began his career with NPS in 1956 as a seasonal naturalist at Lake Mead National Recreation Area in Nevada. Later that year he took a career position as a park ranger in Blue Ridge Parkway, Va., and moved to Yellowstone National Park as a sub-district ranger in 1960.

He was named chief ranger at Death Valley National Monument Calif.,-Nev., in 1963 and transferred to Shenandoah National Park, Va., as chief ranger in 1965. He later joined the staff of the Albright Training Center at the Grand Canyon as assistant supervisor and was named superintendent of Coulee Dam National Recreation Area, Wash., in 1972. He became Yosemite's assistant superintendent in January 1977.

Burgen and his wife Imogene, will reside near his hometown of Auburn, Calif.

Mary Jennings

Mary Ellen Jennings, administrative officer at Assateague Island National Seashore, Md.-Va., retired on March 2 after 25 years of service in the Federal Government.

During her tenure with the National Park Service she has had an opportunity to serve in several diverse areas such as Shenandoah National Park, Va., where she started her NPS career in 1957 as a payroll clerk, and then moved after five years to Carlsbad Caverns National Park, New Mex., where she was a personnel management assistant. She moved to the central office in Washington, D.C., as a budget analyst in the administrative division for nine years. She moved from Washington to the Harpers Ferry Center, W.Va., for a three-year assignment and resigned in 1977 to become a housewife.

She attended Arkansas Tech University from 1978 to 1980 and in May 1980, received the first Associate of Arts degree ever awarded by that institution. She returned to NPS in 1980 as administrative officer at Assateague Island National Seashore.

Jennings served in the United States Marine Corps in 1945 and 1946 and then worked in private industry for a ten-year period prior to accepting a permanent job at Shenandoah National Park in 1957. She has been an active member of the American Legion since 1946.

She has two sons, Bill and John, who live in Alexandria, Va. She plans to make her retirement home with her mother, Mrs. Edna E. Burrill, and sister Gladys, in Luray, Va.

Deaths

Inger Garrison

Inger Wilhamina Larsen Garrison, 74, of College Station, Tex., died January 21 after a long illness. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Lon Garrison, on February 14, 1984. Mrs. Garrison was born in Gresvik, Norway.

As a potter and sculptor, Mrs. Garrison gave lectures throughout the world on crafts and Native American art work. She was past president of Texas Designer-

Craftsmen, a consultant on cultural affairs and living history for the National Park Service, a consultant of Indian Art for the American Commission of the Arts, a charter member of the World Crafts Council, and adjunct professor of Arts at Northern Arizona University.

Survivors include a son, Lars Addison Garrison of Weston, Conn., a daughter, Mrs. Karen Garrison Reyer of Santa Fe,

N. Mex., ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made in Mrs. Garrison's name to the Education Trust Fund of the Employees and Alumni Association, 3830 Pinewood Terrace, Falls Church, Va. 22041 or to the A.T.L.A.T.L. (Indian Arts and Crafts), 402 W. Roosevelt, Phoenix, Ariz. 85003.

Jack Dodd

Jack B. Dodd, 75, died at the Montana Veterans Home on January 21 after a long illness.

He was assistant superintendent at Glacier National Park, Mont., from 1963-1969 when he retired. His NPS career began in 1932 as a seasonal ranger at Glacier National Park. He also served as assistant superintendent of Everglades National Park, Fla.

Mr. Dodd, a 1932 University of Idaho forestry graduate, received the Department of the Interior Meritorious Service Award in 1969.

An active civic worker, Mr. Dodd served as president of Whitefish Rotary Club and later as Rotary's district governor. Last July 30, he was presented the Rotary National Paul Harris Award for outstanding service. He was a member of the North Valley Hospital Board, and in 1975 was chosen Whitefish Winter Carnival king. He became a member of the Columbia Falls Masonic Lodge in 1935.

When the Montana Department of Health Air Surveillance program started in the Flathead in the early 1970s, Dodd was selected as air pollution control officer.

On Aug. 4, 1933, he and Helen Tellifero were married. She survives at the family home in Whitefish. He is also survived by a daughter, Ann Hillerman, and granddaughter, Betsy.

The family suggests memorials may be sent to North Valley Hospital or the Montana Veterans Home memorial fund.

Hugh Peyton

At 87 plus years, Hugh Peyton, the colorful former superintendent of Coulee Dam National Recreation Area, Wash., died in Spokane on January 22. There was no funeral, no burial; but cremation. His ashes (with those of his wife Edith who died on June 7, 1984) were scattered over the mountains of the West.

During World War I, Hugh served in the U.S. Army in European combat zones. In later years, he gave up ranch life in Montana and began his National Park Service career with the ranger force in Glacier National Park, Mont. In the late 1930s, he was transferred to Yellowstone National Park as assistant chief ranger. During the early part of World War II, he took military leave and enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard. Working out of Seattle, he helped plan and develop the U.S. Coast Guard beach

patrol along the Pacific Ocean. He attained the rank of lieutenant.

In 1945, Hugh returned to his Yellowstone National Park position. He then transferred to a recreation area in California and later to the superintendency of Coulee Dam National Recreation Area where he later retired.

James Carpenter



James Medray Carpenter, 73, died of cardiac arrest at his home in Montrose, Colo., on January 28. He had been suffering with Ideopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis since 1982.

Mr. Carpenter began his career with the Federal Government as service clerk for the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., in 1934. He became a permanent employee of NPS in 1942 at Colorado National Monument where he worked as a ranger. During World War II years he was a civilian employee for the Seventh Service Command in Grand Junction, Colo., and Abilene, Kans.

He was administrative officer for several years at Mesa Verde and later became auditor for the Southwest Regional Office.

His rewarding career took him next to Washington, D.C. where he was assistant accountant for NPS and then back to Santa Fe as administrative officer where he later became assistant director of

Administration. In 1965 Medray became associate superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. His last assignment was as general superintendent of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colo., Colorado National Monument, and Curecanti National Recreation Area, with headquarters in Montrose. In 1967 he received the Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Carpenter is survived by his wife, Jamie, who resides at 1304 Bristol Drive, Montrose, Colo. 81410. In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, and one daughter: James E. Carpenter, Denver, Colo.; Kenneth M. Carpenter, Phoenix, Ariz.; Charlene C. Vieira, Page, Ariz.; and five granddaughters and one grandson. Also surviving are a brother and sister: J. I. Carpenter, Santa Fe, N. Mex., and Eleanore Blundell, Chimney Park, Colo.

The family requests that those wishing to remember Mr. Carpenter may do so by sending a contribution in his name to the Education Trust Fund of the E&AA, 3830 Pinewood Terrace, Falls Church, Va. 22041.

Charles Peterson

Charles L. Peterson, 75, died on January 27 in Ashland, Oreg.

After serving for 40 years in the National Park Service, Peterson retired in 1969. His career took him to Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Oreg.; and Fort Smith National Historic Site, Ark.-Okla.; as superintendent. He also served at Glacier National Park, Mont.; Mount McKinley National Park (now Denali National Park), AK; Olympic National Park, Wash.; Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo.; and Morristown National Historical Park, N.J.

The Petersons moved to Ashland in 1969. His widow, the former Faith C. Cushman, survives him at their home address of 2344 Black Oak Way, Ashland, Oreg. 97520. He is also survived by two daughters, Karen J. Arvin of Oregon and Susan Peterson of Portland, and three sisters.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Ashland's building fund, N. Main and Laurel Sts., or to the Education Trust Fund of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service, 3830 Pinewood Terrace, Falls Church, Va. 22041.

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The Touch of Spring

*Of Winter's chorus I grow tired;
 'Tis Her sweet voice I long to hear,
 Yet, She keeps me ever by my fire,
 As is Her wont year after year.*

*From far above the anxious trees
 Trumpets proclaim that She draws nigh,
 And on to northward the heralds speed;
 Northward—and home they swiftly fly.*

*Greeted with joy by Nature's throng
 She enters in splendid array,
 And scatters bits of color upon
 Flowers waiting along Her way.*

*A master artist without peer,
 She dabs Her paints in elfish glee;
 Then off into the wood She steers
 To show Her work for all to see.*

*The dogwoods all dressed up in white
 Gather around the drowsy oak,
 And waving their arms in sheer delight,
 They flaunt their clean and lovely coats.*

*The mockingbird She now inspires
 To melody so pure and clear,
 That even Apollo rests his lyre,
 And sends down gifts of golden spears.*

*Her fragrant breath She gently breathes
 Warmly upon my willing ear,
 And softly sings Her songs to me,
 As is Her wont year after year.*

-Lloyd Whitt
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In the early 1970s Tumacacori National Monument, Ariz., was the site of a successful cultural live-in program—the culmination of a 24-hour period of reliving history for the grade school classes. As a result of a comment “too bad there isn’t something like this for adults,” a series of three-day seminars in Papago basketry was started in 1976. Designed to introduce residents to the cultural heritage of the region, the sessions have been very popular with people from Green Valley, a retirement community 20 miles north of Tumacacori. Many of those who took the seminar expressed a desire for more active participation in the interpretive activities at the monument, and 100 of the alumni were polled to see who might be interested. From this survey the volunteer organization known as Los Amigos de Tumacacori was formed in May 1982.

In keeping with the wishes of the membership, organizational structure was very loose; no officers, no dues, no regular meetings or committees. The primary purpose was to assist with the annual Fiesta, a one-day event celebrating cultural continuity in the valley that draws about 5,000 visitors. The 65 members represented a wide variety of skills, backgrounds, interests and professions and had reached that point in their lives where regimentation has lost its appeal. Hence the comments of one member: “I imagine that all these people have long ago lost interest in power plays and politics, and want the *satisfaction* of simply having a common bond of knowing they can work together toward a reachable, tangible goal. I have a very positive feeling that many Green Valley people are eager to give time and service to Tumacacori National Monument.”



Tumacacori National Monument

It was soon realized that some sort of structure was necessary. The only requirements to this point were that each Amigo sign the standard volunteer form and participate in an intensive three to four hour on-site training session, including NPS organization and history, regional history, staffing, budget, and cooperating association activities. Six committees were formed, responding to the various needs of the monument, and members were asked to serve if they so desired; everything continues to be voluntary. Committee captains were elected by committee members, sometimes by default, and it was decided by a majority vote of the membership to begin collecting annual dues to be used for the expenses of Los Amigos de Tumacacori. The committee handling finances also began the laborious and ultimately successful task of having the organization declared nonprofit by the Internal Revenue Service. Not all of the activities are onerous; there are trips to northern Mexico, the delicious potlucks, and other social events just for fun.

Over the past three years the group has given 18.8 pay periods of service to Tumacacori National Monument at the Fiesta, the annual Christmas eve luminaria program, at the 75th anniversary celebration of the monument's establishment and in other projects. Through fund raising activities such as a booth at Fiesta and sale of special Diamond Jubilee cachets, the organization contributed over \$1,500 to interpretive activities at Tumacacori. Future plans include a series of monthly seminars relating to the region; a more active on-site, uniformed and highly trained public contact role for some Amigos; trips to the Papago Nation and again to northern Sonora; and, of course, the outstanding potluck suppers.

Much has been made in recent years about volunteer organizations, how to organize and train volunteers, funding, duties, reports and so on. Los Amigos de Tumacacori evolve and respond to its needs and those of the monument in a symbiotic relationship that will produce interesting and mutually beneficial results for years to come.

-N. J. Bleser

Yellowstone to hold summer courses in natural history and science

People with an interest in natural history, wildlife, and earth science should take note of a variety of special field courses offered in Yellowstone National Park this summer. Of the millions who visit this huge wilderness area, only one in ten thousand experience these select classes of the Yellowstone Institute.

One class will devote three days to study edible, poisonous, and medicinal plants. Another will use five days for field work and discussions about the birds of Yellowstone-field identification,

food chains, and adaptations to the unusual hydrothermal conditions.

Participants in yellowstone sky exploration will take advantage of the park's clear, dark skies to discuss astronomical phenomena and observe the firmament. Many courses such as Natural History of Beaver, Ponds, and Marshes; Large Mammals; Grizzly Bear Biology, Ecology, and Management; and Calderas and Hydrothermal Systems may be taken for academic credit.

Most classes are held in rustic cabins overlooking the scenic expanse of the Lamar Valley, a

haven of wildlife. However, courses such as Lakes of Yellowstone by Canoe, Backcountry Photography, and Wilderness Horsepacking each take students on five-day ventures deep into remote, pristine areas of the park's wildlands.

Thirty-seven classes will be offered between June 10 and September 1 by the Institute under sponsorship of the Yellowstone Library & Museum Association. For details on dates, fees, and a free course catalog, write P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, Wyo. 82190.

Books

Life on the New River, a Pictorial History of the New River Gorge. Written by William E. Cox, chief of Visitor Services at New River Gorge National River, W. Va. This detailed text includes more than 80 historical photographs of the New River Gorge. It includes two maps and text covering coal mining, lumbering, railroading and people who once lived in the gorge. Cox, who is a historian, said, "This was a labor of love for me." Many photographs are from private collections of people from the New River region and have never been published or in circulation. Cox said, "Many area residents have contributed to this book, and I am very thankful for their support."

Published with the cooperation of Eastern National Park and Monument Association (ENP&MA), the book may be purchased at the two visitor centers at Canyon Rim, near Fayetteville, and at Hinton. The book can also be purchased by writing: the National Park Service, PO Drawer V, Oak Hill, W. Va. 25901. Make check or money order payable to ENP&MA. The price is \$7.30 including tax. Please add \$1.40 for postage and handling.

Freshwater Wilderness: Yellowstone fishes and their World, a book about the fishes of Yellowstone National Park by John D. Varley and Paul Schullery.

Published in 1983 by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association (YLMA), *Freshwater Wilderness* won top honors in its class in a biennial competition sponsored by the Conference of National Park Cooperating Associations. The book was also a significant factor in YLMA's winning the overall Park Service Award for Excellence in interpretive publications.

Freshwater Wilderness was evaluated on the basis of content as well as design quality and production values. It is an 8x10 inch, 140-page volume which is a field guide to species found in the waters of the park, as well as an absorbing natural history of its aquatic treasures.

"Fish are not widely thought of as being wildlife," say Varley and Schullery. "It is our conviction that the fish deserve the same kind of attention the other wild inhabitants of the park receive. They are important in their own right, as natural inhabitants of Yellowstone. They are wild animals."

Varley, research administrator for Yellowstone National Park, has been a professional fisheries biologist for more than 15 years and has written numerous scientific papers and technical reports on the topic. Schullery, after working in Yellowstone as a ranger-naturalist and as park historian, is now a Livingston, Mont., based free-lance writer and author of several books on park-related subjects.

Freshwater Wilderness is available from: Yellowstone Library and Museum Association, P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY. 83012. The price for the hard back cover is \$19.95; the soft back is \$12.95.



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Farewell Party for
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**BON VOYAGE, RUSS!
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NPS employees, concessioners, and others bid a fond farewell to Director Russell Dickenson and his wife, Maxine, at an enjoyable, and packed, cocktail-buffet party held at the National Capital Region.

The Dickensons received various gifts: Tom Mack of the Tourmobile presented lifetime pins to Mr. & Mrs. Dickenson which entitles them to free rides on the tourmobile.

Stan Albright, associate director of Park Operations and the Director's representative on the E&AA board, introduced Terry Wood who presented the Director and Mrs. Dickenson with an honorary Founder Membership in the E&AA. In presenting the certificate, Ms. Wood told the Director that by unanimous vote of the E&AA board, he was granted the highest level of membership. The award was presented in appreciation for his support of the E&AA throughout his career and especially for his encouragement and backing during his tenure as Director.

Chief Lynn Herring of the U.S. Park Police presented the Director with a plaque in recognition of his leadership and assistance to the Park Police and for his many years of dedicated public service.

National Capital Regional Director Jack Fish, who served as master of ceremonies, presented the Director with a set of golf clubs and a bag from the employees of NCR and WASO. The clubs were protected with very attractive covers which were made by the Dickenson grandchildren. Mrs. Dickenson received a golf poncho and a pocket calculator and ruler to help Mr. Dickenson measure his putts accurately.

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