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DIRECTOR REAFFIRMS ELK PROGRAM

Director Hartzog, on March 1, 1967, announced details of an elk management program from Yellowstone National Park Wyoming-Montana-Idaho, based on the recommendations approved by an advisory board to the Secretary of the Interior.

The Director said, "The Northern Yellowstone elk herd will be maintained at a level to assure restoration of the winter range so as to support proper numbers of elk and other animals living on the range. Public hunting outside the Park is recognized as the most desirable means of controlling elk numbers. Therefore, elk migration out of the Park will be facilitated whenever possible."

Program:

A. The Northern Yellowstone elk herd will be maintained at a level to assure restoration of the winter range so as to support proper numbers of elk and other animals living on the range.

B. The control program to achieve this objective is as follows: Public hunting outside of the Park is recognized as the most desirable means of controlling elk numbers. Elk migration out of the Park will be facilitated whenever possible.

The normal hunting seasons prescribed by the States begin in

September. If this public hunting between September and December 1 has not reduced the herd to levels required by the program then other phases of the program will be initiated during the period of December 1 through February 28 when the elk are most apt to be concentrated on the winter range and the elk carcasses may still be utilized for human consumption.

The additional phases of the program shall be as follows: 1. extended special seasons for public hunting outside the Park as established by the States; 2. live-trapping in the Park for transplanting elsewhere; 3. research specimens for National Park Service and cooperating scientists; and 4. direct reduction by National Park Service personnel. It is recognized that it may be necessary, on occasion, to carry on each phase of this program simultaneously. The National Park Service will adjust the use of these control methods to meet varying weather and other relevant conditions each winter, giving highest priority to the opportunities for public hunting outside the Park and live-trapping in the Park for transplanting elsewhere.

C. Cooperative studies and management plans with States and

other Federal agencies are to be continued.

D. The short and long term research on distribution and abundance of wildlife populations, changes in habitat conditions, and trends in forage utilization is to be continued and enlarged to provide the basis for continuing evaluation of the management program and to determine annual wildlife reduction requirements. The existing ecological study of Yellowstone National Park is to be enlarged to include more data: 1. vegetation and soils on wildlife winter range, 2. elk migration patterns, 3. elk food habits and changes in herd sex and age structure and productivity, and 4. better methods of controlling the elk herd, including biological control.

Latest development was a successful public hearing at Casper, Wyoming, on March 11. Conducted by Seantor Gale McGee, and held before the Senate subcommittee on Appropriations, it permitted the Director to outline the complex problems, and the Service program, to the subcommittee and several score distinguished citizens of the mountain states. The direct reduction phase of the Service program was discontinued, for this season, as of March 11.

DSA for Merel Sager



Among the several Service officials who were awarded the coveted Department's Distinguished Service Award was Merel S. Sager (retired, December 1965, from Chief Landscape Architect, NPS, WASO). His citation, as presented to him by Secretary Udall, reads as follows.

Mr. Sager began his professional landscape architect career with the National Park Service in June 1922. During his early career he pioneered in landscape planning and development programs at Hawaii National Park. Here he served with distinction as the Service's consultant with the Territorial Planning Board on a recreational study of five major islands of the territory. He was reassigned to the National Capital Parks in 1945 where he made many valuable contributions to development of new facilities in and adjacent to the National Capital, including re-design and reconstruction of Du-

pont Circle Park, design of Judiciary Square and renovation of the White House grounds. In 1952, Mr. Sager conducted a seminar on national parks at the Congress of the International Federation for Housing and Town Planning at Lisbon, Portugal and addressed the International Federation of Landscape Architects on national park planning in Zurich, Switzerland. Mr. Sager's direction of the Service's landscape architectural program resulted in high quality developments and contributed greatly to the stature of the Service in the development field. In recognition of his outstanding achievements and contributions over a prolonged period which spanned many landscaping innovations and during which the Service gained recognition, in part through Mr. Sager's contributions, as a world leader in park planning, the Department of the Interior grants to Mr. Sager its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

MALL BUSES OKAY

Our November issue reported on the experimental visitor's shuttle service being conducted by the National Capital Region around the Mall and national shrines. An evaluation of these operations indicated an enthusiastic response from the public, and a distinct need for this type of service.

A total of 53,040 persons - an average of 1,326 per day - rode the shuttle trains, and many others could not be accommodated due to the limited number and capacity of the vehicles. Although it was determined that the service provided was not of the level desired, this was due to the limitations of the vehicles rather than to other aspects of the experiment.

Judging from the telephone calls made to the National Park Service --as many as 300 calls in one week--and the great number of letters received, the public appreciated the service. They praised the quality of interpretation and the personal attention and courtesy shown by the National Park Service uniformed personnel. (Most of these interpreters were "borrowed" from National Park areas in nearby states for the six-week trail run).

Visitors were enthusiastic about the open design of the vehicles and the ease of boarding, and found it to be a convenient, time-saving (and feet-saving) way to see the points of interest - in a leisurely, un-

tiring manner. Letters came from 20 different States and at least one foreign country.

The Secretary released results of an opinion survey in mid-January, which showed overwhelming approval by the public.

The survey was conducted by Sidney Hollander Associates, Baltimore marketing and opinion research firm. Some 990 patrons of the "Mall minitrains" were interviewed for their reactions to the service between October 17 and 30, including 41 "in-depth" interviews.

Only one respondent opposed the minitrain concept, and most people said their first ride exceeded expectations, Secretary Udall said.

Over 45,000 persons rode the trains during the six-week experimental period from October 4 to November 15. The seven trains once were used to haul visitors at the New York World's Fair, and were borrowed from a Sandusky, Ohio, amusement park operator, for the experiment.

The opinion survey, Secretary Udall said, is part of the evaluation being made by the Department of the Interior to determine whether the Minitrains should become a permanent feature on the Mall, operated by a private concessionaire on contract from the Park Service.

--Twenty percent of the riders interviewed were Washington-area residents and ten per cent were foreign visitors.

30 YEARS FOR MINISH

Flaming Gorge Superintendent Weldon W. Graton announced that Chief of Maintenance Arthur N. Minish was awarded a 30 year pin in recognition of his completion of 30 years of service with the U.S. Government, all of it in the National Park Service. Minish completed the 30 years on February 7, 1967 and was honored during ceremonies held at the Dutch John Administrative Headquarters on February 24.

Minish began his National Park Service career when he was assigned as road foreman in Yellowstone National Park in 1937. He transferred to Lake Mead National Recreation Area as Maintenance Supervisor in 1938 and remained there until 1950. From 1950 to 1955 he was assigned as Engineer Technician in Big Bend National Park, Texas and then transferred to Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Minish returned to Yellowstone in 1959 when he was promoted to Superintendent of Construction. He transferred to Flaming Gorge in the spring of 1965 as Chief of Maintenance.

During the same ceremonies, maintenanceman Harold D. Oaks and his wife Evelyn were given a farewell party. Harold accepted a promotion to Foreman II in Yellowstone National Park. Oaks began his National Park Service career as a truck driver at Dinosaur National Monument in 1962. He transferred to Flaming Gorge in December, 1963.

CHEERY REUNION--



28 YEARS OF COLONIAL SUPERS

(left to right)

Elbert Cox (1939-1942), Jean C. Harrington (1942-1946), Edward A. Hummel (1946-1952), Stanley W. Abbott (1953-1965), and Lawrence C. Hadley (1966- ?).

(Since its establishment on December 30, 1930, Colonial has had only two other Superintendents, William M. Robinson, Jr. (1931-1933), and B. Floyd Flickinger (1933-1939)).

Photo taken during the Superintendents' Conference, Southeast and National Capital Regions in Williamsburg, January 23-26, 1967.

TR-3 HAVOC

Virginia police are looking for the Triumph which, when pursued by a park ranger in Petersburg National Battlefield recently, not only failed to stop but

slammed through a four-inch iron bar at the gate, knocked a heavy oil drum 50 feet, and kept going. Ranger Melvin Proffitt said the most unusual thing about it is that the car could keep moving after such treatment.

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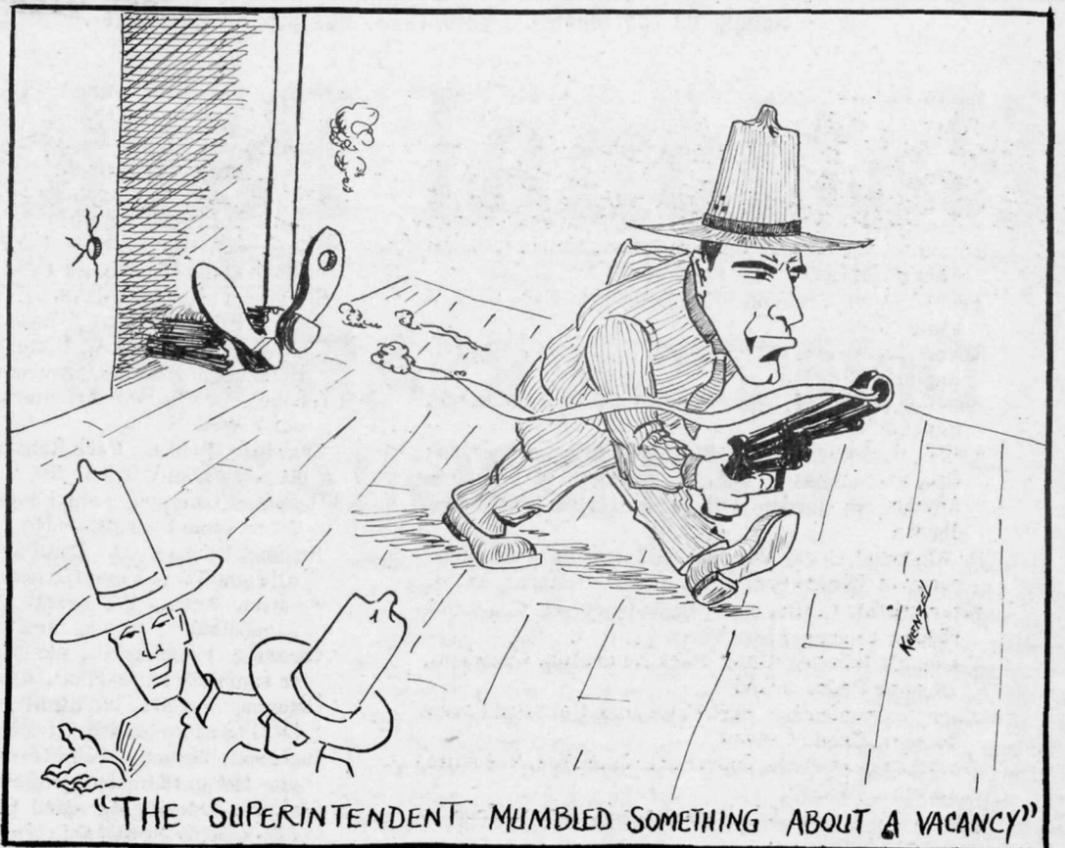
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PERSONNEL ACTIONS

People on the move

New Places

Bruce, G. Gordan, from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Acadia NP,
to Staff Pk. Ranger, NERO
Bryce, John W., from Hist., Antietam NBS, to same,
Pea Ridge NMP
Carpenter, James M., from Asst. Supt., Yellowstone
NP, to Supt., Curecanti RA-Colorado & Black Canyon
of the Gunn. NM
Chapman, Howard H., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Blue
Ridge Pky., to Supt., Coulee Dam NRA
Davis, Margaret T., from Clk. Steno., NCR, to Sec.
Steno., WASO
Delgado, Ramon J., from Admin. Off., Independence
NHP, to Contract Spec., PP & SC
Dickenson, Russell E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, MWRO
to Supv. Pk. Planner, WASO
Ehorn, William H., from Pk. Ranger, Lassen Volcanic
NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
Estes, Earl W., Jr., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Cape Cod NS,
to Pk. Nat., NERO
Franklin, Avis E., from Admin. Off., Chiricahua NM,
to same, Lehman Caves NM
Harris, Earl R., from Hist., Scotts Bluff NM, to same,
Nez Perce NHP
Holloway, Sandra, from Clk. Steno., Canyonlands
NP, to Sec. Steno., Yosemite NP
Isenogle, James L., from Pk. Planner, PP & SC to Pk.
Programs Off., Delaware Water Gap NRA
Kelly, Robert M., from Eng. Technician, Canyon de
Chelly NM, to Maintenance, Hubbell Trading
Post NHS
Loveless, Andrew M., from Hist., Custer Battlefield
NM, to Supv. Hist., Minute Man NHP
Martinson, Elmer C., from Pk. Planner, NERO, to
same, PP & SC
Montgomery, Frank, Jr., from Admin. Off., Liberty
Pk. JCCC, to same, Delaware Water Gap NRA
Moore, Pat K., from Sec. Steno., Curecanti RA,
to same, SWRO
McCabe, Joseph O., from C. E. (Gen.), Zion NP, to
C.E., SFSC
McClanahan, Lester F., from Mgmt. Asst., NYCG, to
Asst. Supt., Fire Island NS-NYCG
McIntyre, Robert N., from Supv. Educational Specialist
Admin., Mather Training Center, to Asst. Supt., Blue
Ridge Pky.
McKinney, Zeb V., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Everglades
NP, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Isle Royale NP
Norris, Thomas F., Jr., from Pk. Planner, WASO, to
Asst. Supt., Fire Island NS-NYCG
Palmer, Michael W., from Clk. Typing, Death Valley
NM, to Budget Analyst, WRO
Platt, John D., from Supv. Hist., Independence NHP,
to Hist., WSC
Reed, Gerald E., from Admin. Asst., Great Onyx JCC,
to Admin. Off., Harpers Ferry JCCC
Reichard, Ronald R., from Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge
Pky., to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Minute Man NHP
Ronek, Roger L., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training
Center, to same, Gettysburg NMP
Scovill, Douglas H., from Archeologist, Gran Quivira
NM, to Archeologist, WASO
Skevington, Charles D., from Operator Gen., Death
Valley NM, to Foreman II MG (Roads), Mount Rainier

Truesdell, William G., from Pk. Ranger, Shenandoah
NP, to Pk. Nat., Everglades NP

Staggers, Allen C., from Realty Off., WSC, to Realty
Off., Asst. Chief, Operations, WASO

Von der Lippe, George M., from Staff Pk. Ranger
Training Specialist, WASO, to Chief Pk. Ranger,
Grand Canyon NP

Williamson, Lynn B., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Lake
Mead NRA, to same, Yellowstone NP

Zollar, Lawrence J., from Reg. Coordinator (JCA),
NERO, to Asst. Supt., Fire Island NS-NYCG

(Last autumn - not prev. listed) :

Acheson, William, Propt. Mgmt. Asst., Grand Canyon
NP, to Admin. Asst., WML

Antosca, Joseph N., Civil Engineer (Gen.), NCR, to
Supv. Civil Engineer, WSC

Ball, Roseanne T., Clerk-Steno, NERO, to Clerk-Steno,
PSC

Barnard, Douglas A., Park Ranger, Horace M.
Albright TC, to same, Lake Mead National Recreation
Area

Beck, Groo, Procurement Asst., Mt. McKinley NP, to
Property Mgmt. Asst., Yosemite NP

Berry, Russell W., Jr., Pk. Historian, Horace M.
Albright TC, to Historian, Jefferson National Ex-
pansion Memorial

Black, Bruce W., Ch. Park Nat., Cape Hatteras NS,
to Park Nat. (Team Member), SFPC

Buckingham, George E., Jr., Park Ranger, Horace M.
Albright TC, to Archeologist, Chaco Canyon NM

Button, Margaret D., Clerk-Typist, Harpers Ferry
NHP, to Sec. (Typing), Stephen T. Mather Interp.
Train. & Res. Center

Chapman, Kramer L., Construction Repre., PSC, to
same, WSC

Cooley, Clark R., Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC,
to same, Hot Springs National Park

Denslow, James A., Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright
TC, to same, Everglades National Park

Dobrovolsky, Herbert J., Pk. Historian, Horace A.
Albright TC, to same, Fort Sumter National Monu-
ment

Druen, Ronald L., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright
TC, to same Natchez Trace Parkway

Edmondson, Billy H., Admin. Asst., Castillo de San
Marcos NM, to same, Oconaluftee Job Corps CC

Foster, Donald E., Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright
TC, to same, Pinnacles NM

Fritz, Paul, Landscape Architect, SFPC, to Supt.,
Crater of the Moon NM

Grafe, Harold L., Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright
TC, to same, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP

Gray, William G., Historian, Guilford Courthouse Nat.
Milt. Park, to same, Appomattox Court House NHP

Griffin, John W., Archeologist, SERO, to Supv. Arche-
ologist, WASO

Hanson, Coy J., Supv. Park Ranger, Olympic NP, to
Enrollee Work Supv., Oconaluftee Job Corps Cons.
Center

Harry, G. Bryan, Supv. Pk. Nat., Yellowstone NP, to
Supv. Pk. Nat., Yosemite NP

Heiser, Bruce E., Supv. Acct., SERO, to Supv. Oper.
Acct., MWRO

Ice, Ronald J., Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC,
to same, Petrified Forest National Park

Jackson, Eunice G., Mail & File Clerk, D&C, to File
Clerk, SFPC

Johnson, Duane C. I., Project Clerk, Mt. Rainier NP,
to Admin. Asst., Pinnacles NM

Kegler, C. Kenneth, Admin. Asst., Western Museum
Lab., to same, North National Capital Parks

Knick, Osborne W., Prog. Asst. Blue Ridge Park-
way, to Admin. Asst., Cumberland Gap NHP

Knight, Sherman D., Landscape Arch., SFSC, to
Supv. Landscape Arch., WRO

Lawrence, S. Paige, Historian, Horace M. Albright
TC, to same, Cabrillo & Channel Islands

Lonjin, Marilyn S., Clerk-Typist, SFPC, to Inform.
Recp., Whiskeytown National Recreation Area

Metherell, Robert D., Staff Park Ranger, Yosemite
NP, to Park Ranger, Yellowstone NP

Miller, Pat H., Asst. Ch. Pk. Nat., Rocky Mt. NP,
to Ch. Pk. Nat., Everglades NP

Mohlhenrich, John S., Interp. Spec., Flaming Gorge
NRA, to Park Planner, WASO

Moseley, Mark A., Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright
TC, to same, Everglades NP

Nielssen, Conrail, Realty Spec. WSC, to Appraiser,
SFPC

Olsen, Robert W., Jr., Historian, Pipe Spring NM, to
same, Whitman Museum NHS

Palmer, John J., Supv. Pk. Nat., Glacier NP, to same,
Blue Ridge Parkway

Pfanz, Harold W., Supv. Historian, Gettysburg NMP,
to same, Jefferson NEM

Reck, Samuel H., Admin. Asst., Cape Cod NS, to same,
Cape Cod NS Job Corps Conservation Center

Rector, Alvoid L., Supv. Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge
Parkway, to Supt., Appomattox Court House NHP

Roan, Ralph T., Admin. Officer, Cape Cod NS, JC
Conservation Cen., to Mgmt. Asst., WASO

Schenk, William W., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright
TC, to Park Ranger, Natchez Trace Parkway

Schippleck, John Louis, Park Ranger, Horace M. Al-
bright TC, to Park Ranger, Lake Mead NRA

Schober, Jerry Lamkin, Historian, Shiloh NMP, to
Supv. Historian, Central NCP

Steel, Darryl L., Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC,
to same, Yosemite NP

Stockert, John W., Park Naturalist, Grand Can. NP, to
Chief Park Nat., Badlands NM

Terry, Ted W., Foreman III (B&U), Grand Can. NP, to
Foreman III, Maint., Canyonlands NP

Tupper, Garlyn G., Carpenter, Mount Rainier NP, to
Enrollee Wk. Supv., Harpers Ferry JC Conservation
Center

Twogood, Theron T., Jr., Park Ranger, Horace M.
Albright TC, to same, Great Smoky Mount. NP

White, W. Lowell, Supv. Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge, to
Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP

Zinck, James R., Park Ranger, Lake Mead NRA, to
Staff Pk. Ranger, Stephen T. Mather Interp. Train.
& Res. Center

Tillman, Larry J., Park Naturalist, Prince William
Forest Park, to Asst. Chief Park Naturalist, Ever-
glades NP

Urbanek, John C., from Civil Engineer, NCR, to same,
WSC

Vetter, Mary B., from Sec. (Steno.), NCDC, to same,
WSC

Vollmer, Herman C., from Const. Mgmt. Engineer,
WASO, to Civil Engineer, WSC

Wilson, Frank E., from Historian, L. Morro NM, to
same, Pecos NM

Stevens, James R., III, from Civil Engineer, NCDC, to
Supervisor Civil Engineer, WSC

Thoen, Curtis E., Admin. Asst., Platt NP, to Personnel
Staffing Specialist, WASO

Thompson, James B., Mgmt. Asst., Jewel Cave NM, to
Program Specialist, WASO

Wood, Marshall T., from Surveying Technician, NCR,
to same, WSC

People on the Move-- Late 1966, not previously listed

Joe H. Beer, Landscape Architect, PSC, to same SERO
 William A. Biastoch, Prop. Mgmt. Asst., Yellowstone, to Proc. & Prop. Mgmt. Off., Sequoia and Kings Canyon
 Roger J. Contor from Superintendent, Craters of the Moon, to Assistant Superintendent, Canyonlands
 Robert E. Davidson, Historian, Fort Union, to same Bent's Old Fort
 John H. Davis, from Supv. Park Ranger, Cape Cod, to same NERO
 Robert L. Davis, Highway Engineer, SSC, to Civil Engineer, SERO
 Charles J. Gebler, Park Naturalist, Mount Rainier, to same WRO
 Robert F. Gibbs, retired from Superintendency at Cape Cod, reemployed to serve as Parks and Monuments Advisor to Jordan with headquarters in Amman, Jordan
 H. Raymond Gregg who retired from the Superintendency at JNEM reemployed as Park Planner, WASO
 Meredith M. Guillet from Superintendent, Canyon de Chelly, to same Mesa Verde
 Derek O. Hambly, Chief Park Naturalist, Curecanti, to same Padre Island
 Larry E. Henderson, Park Naturalist, Petrified Forest to same Grand Canyon
 Douglass H. Hubbard, Supv. Park Naturalist, Yosemite, to same WASO
 Alsen, E. Inman, Jr., Park Ranger, Joshua Tree, to same Point Reyes
 Frank G. Keller, Park Guide, Fort Sumter, to same Mammoth Cave
 Richard W. Ketcham from Civil Engineer, SSC, to Hydraulic Engineer, WSC
 Jerry D. Lee, Park Ranger, Cabrillo, to same Lava Beds
 Douglas B. McHenry from Park Naturalist, Big Bend, to Asst. Chief Park Naturalist, Shenandoah
 Raymond L. Nelson, Supt., Grand Portage, to Naturalist (Instructor), Mather Training Center
 Raymond T. O'Dell, Gen. Supply Spec., Everglades, to Proc. Analyst, WASO
 Norberto M. Ortega, Forestry Aid, SWRO, to Trail Maintenance, Big Bend
 Ernest R. Reissig, Clerk, Yellowstone, to same Curecanti
 David A. Richie from Pers. Mgmt. Spec., WASO, to Asst. Supt., Mount Rainier
 Mrs. Jean R. Swearingen from Clerk (DMT), Yellowstone, to Staff Curator, SWRO
 Miss Barbara L. Taylor, Park Guide, Carlsbad Caverns, to Park Naturalist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon
 Dale C. Thompson from Park Naturalist, Dinosaur, to same Lava Beds
 Robert G. White, Supv. Park Ranger, Cabrillo, to same Curecanti
 Keith K. Williams from Acctg. Officer, WRO, to Budget & Acctg. Officer, MWRO

Appling, William V., Supv. Park Ranger, Craters of the Moon to same Cabrillo & Channel Island NM
 Badour, Marguerite M., Sec. (Steno.), WRO to Clerk Steno., Mt. McKinley NP
 Barbee, Robert D., Park Ranger, Point Reyes NS to Park Naturalist, Big Bend NP
 Bean, Norton M., Supv. Park Ranger, Lake Mead NRA to same Cape Cod NS

Beatty, Steven M., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Shiloh NMP & Cemetery
 Benham, Martin N., Supv. Park Ranger, Everglades NP to same, Craters of the Moon NM
 Breo, Donald M., Caretaker, Casa Grande Ruins NM to Work Leader Foreman, Liberty Park JCC
 Bishop, Norman A., Supv. Park Naturalist, Yosemite NP to same Mt. Rainier NP
 Brower, Frederick J., Asst. Superintendent, Morristown NHP to St. Asst., WSC
 Carrera, Gregorio S.A., Historian, Appomattox Court House NHP to same Independence NHP
 Carroll, Orville W., Architect, East. Office, D&C to same WSC
 Crawford, Paul B., Park Ranger, Grand Canyon NP to same Lassen Volcanic NP
 Denslow, James A., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Everglades NP
 Fontes, Richard A., Jr., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Harpers Ferry NHP
 Franzen, Archie W., Architect, East. Office, D&C to same WSC
 Gjessing, Frederik C., Architect, East. Office, D&C to same WSC
 Houston, Oni P., Jr., Civil Engineer, East. Office, D&C to same NERO, Off. of Reg. Coord. (JCA)
 Ingersoll, William T. Historian (Pk.), Sitka & Glacier Bay NM to Historian, WASO
 McLane, Donald M., Civil Engineer, Mt. McKinley NP to same NERO, Off. of Reg. Coord. (JCA)
 Mulcahy, Paul R., Civil Engineer, Glacier NP to Supv. Civil Engineer, Rocky Mountain NP
 Nichols, Emmet A., Park Historian, Horace M. Albright TC to Historian, Gettysburg NMP
 Pearson, Duane R., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Blue Ridge Parkway
 Petrak, Joseph, Architect, East. Office, D&C to same WSC
 Reed, John V., Mech., Automotive, Blue Ridge Parkway to same Colonial NHP
 Smirlids, Michael D., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Big Bend NP
 Siglin, Roger J., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Big Bend NP
 Souder, Norman M., Architect, East. Office, D&C to same WSC
 Steele, Darryl L., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Yosemite NP
 Thompson, Perron A., Park Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC to same Yellowstone NP
 Williams, Darwin E., Mgmt. Assistant, Grand Teton NP to St. Assistant, SFSC
 Berry, Elmer F., from Carto. Technician, WASO, to same, WSC
 Bracey, William R., Civil Engr., NCDC, to same, WSC
 Champion, Roger L., from Civil Engineer, NCDC, to Supervisor Civil Engineer, WSC
 Daniels, David J., Admin. Asst., Chickamauga-Chatanooga NMP, to Program Specialist, WASO
 Davis, Scott W., from Civil Engineer Technician, NCDC, to same, WSC
 Dunmire, William W., Supv. Park Naturalist, Isle Royale NP, to Park Naturalist, WASO
 Hart, Ruben O., Supv. Park Ranger, Mount Rainier NP, to same, Glacier NP
 Hornberger, Hilda L., from Sec. (Steno.), NCDC, to same, WSC

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 Kuiper, Gary J., from Park Ranger, Natchez, Trace PW, to same, Blue Ridge PW
 Lancaster, John O., Admin. Asst., Assateague NS, to same, WASO
 Loper, Betty J., Voucher Examiner, Midwest Reg. Office, to same, WASO
 Liston, William T., from Surveying Aid, NCDC, to same, WSC
 McDonald, Ola M., from File Clerk, WRO, to Mail & File Clerk, SSC
 McGregor, Patricia G., Clerk-Typist, Southeast Region, to same, WASO
 Markvardsen, Peter K., from Maint. Supt., V.I. NP, to same, Coulee Dam NRA
 Mebane, R. Alan, from Park Naturalist, Grand Teton NP, to same, Mammoth Cave NP
 Moeller, Richard A., Supv. Park Ranger, Rocky Mt. NP, to same, Lake Mead NRA
 Murphy, Augustus W., from Clerk, WASO, to Office Serv. Supervisor, WSC
 Myers, Marion W., Park Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to Supv. Park Ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP
 Rayner, Richard S., Supv. Park Ranger, Platt NP, to Staff Park Ranger, WASO
 Reid, William O., from Supervisor Civil Engineer, NCR, to same, WSC
 Reiner, Mary L., from Sec. (Steno.), NCDC, to same, WSC
 Reynolds, Carl D., from Personnel Officer, Grand Teton NP, to Regional Coordinator, JC Activities, NCR
 Ross, Ralph R., from Supervisor Civil Engineer, NCR, to same, WSC
 Schneider, Albert C., Park Ranger, Cape Cod NS, to Supv. Park Ranger, Death Valley NM
 Stenmark, Richard J., from Supv. Park Ranger, Grand Teton NP, to same, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP

New Faces . . .

Acker, Clifton C. to Deputy Director for Work Programs, NERO
 Bryant, Steward L. to Legal Asst. (Gen.), WSC
 Ford, Robert B. to Park Naturalist, North Capital Parks
 Mullen, Robert B. to Personnel Off., NERO
 Newton, Myra L. to Historian, Petersburg NB
 Smith, Harold J. to Park Ranger (Gen.), Canyon de Chelly NM
 Swift, Ellsworth R. to Supv. St. Curator (Mus. Design), WASO
 Wright, John W. to Realty Spec., Liberty Park JCC
 Ritchie, John E., to Realty Off., WSC
 King, G. Joseph, to Leg. Staff Asst., WASO, Off. of the Asst. to the Director for Legislation

IS YOUR "COURIER" SUBSCRIPTION CURRENT?

Time in Temporary Grade Counts Toward Increase

When an employee is promoted to a temporary position that pays more than his regular job, is he entitled to within-grade increases in the temporary job? The Comptroller General and the Civil Service Commission say yes.

And when the employee returns to his regular job, can he count the time spent in a temporary, higher, grade against his waiting time for the next in-grade increase in his regular job? Again yes.

In such a situation, the employee is serving two waiting periods simultaneously; one in his regular position from which he was temporarily promoted, and one in the position to which he is temporarily promoted.

The Civil Service Commission has informed Federal agencies that an employee who receives a promotion designated in advance as temporary is entitled, upon restoration to his former position, to any within-grade increases in his regular position, to which he may be entitled after the expiration of the required waiting period. The waiting period is measured from the last equivalent increase received in his regular position.

For more details, see 30 Comp. Gen. 82.

Worried About Weight? Medic's Advice Soothing

A Government psychiatrist says the old belief that fat people are happier than thin people may be true—for some people, anyway.

In any case, he suggests, it might sometimes be better to let well enough alone.

Dr. Howard D. Kurland, Chief of the Psychiatry Service at the VA research hospital in Chicago, said some very fat people have no serious mental problems "until their food intake is restricted and weight reduction is required."

He based his findings on a study of 30 service men and reported that the most important factor in a person's return to a fat condition may not be the need to over-eat but the need to be overweight—which has the effect of changing his relationship with society.

The psychiatrist said the situation may be similar to the problem of the drug addict whose basic problem is not his need to take the drug but his need to "alter his state of consciousness in order to change his relationship with his environment."

"Perhaps," he said, "the physician might best serve the health needs of some patients by abstaining from unrealistic demands for weight reduction."

Change Allows Retirees to Get On-Job Insurance

A change in Civil Service regulations permits retired Federal civil servants who are re-employed to be covered under the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program, so long as their employment is not on a temporary or intermittent basis. In addition, they will be assured of life insurance benefits while employed which are at least equal to the benefits they had as annuitants.

The action, effective December 6, was taken in line with the President's directive to the Attorney General to seek to clarify the application of the Federal insurance law with respect to re-employed annuitants.

G.I. Insurance Dividends

Veterans holding G.I. insurance will be paid \$211 million in dividends this year, the VA has announced. Payments will be made on the anniversary date of the veteran's policy, as in 1966.

The 4,222,000 World War II veterans who retained their G.I. insurance will receive average payments of about \$46. In addition, 196,000 World War I veterans will receive an average payment of \$76.

Joining the Alumni

Carter, Dalton H., from Detective U.S. Park Police, NCR
 Gregg, Percy A., from Supv. Accountant, WRO
 Jennewine, Violet B., from Supply Clerk, NCR
 Andrews, Homer B., from Foreman II, Maintenance, Yellowstone NP
 Bailey, Ernest L., from Guard & Spec. Policeman, Central NCR
 Brady, Grace M., from Corr. Clk., DMT, WASO
 Campbell, William M., from Hist., Independence NHP
 Carter, Albert, from Operator, Gen., NCR
 Coan, Newton B., from Landscape Gardener, North NCR
 Day, Francis L., from Foreman II, Landscape Gardener, Central NCR
 Didio, John R., from Foreman II, Mixed Gang, Roads, Mount Rainier NP
 Drake, L. D., from Foreman II, Bldg. & Utilities, Platt NP
 Eckenrode, Paul P., from Foreman I, Grounds, Gettysburg NMP
 Gantt, Hilda D., from Sec. Steno., WSC
 Garrett, H. Richard, from Realty Off., Asst. Ch., West, WASO
 Garrett, Joseph F., from Foreman III, Pipefitter, NCR
 Imirie, J. Frederick, from Appraiser, Ch., Br. of Appraisals, WASO
 Jones, Gleen T., from Foreman III, Maintenance, Mount Rushmore NM
 Lee, Donald E., from Ch., Div. of Land & Water Rights, WASO

MSA TO EDEN

James M. Eden, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, has been presented a citation and medal by the U.S. Department of the Interior in recognition of his work with the National Park Service.

The meritorious service awards were presented to Eden by Granville B. Liles, assistant regional director for the Southeast regional office of the National Park Service in Richmond.

The citation honor Eden for his work as superintendent of the Park Service's Organ Pipe Cactus reserve and his work as superintendent of the Glen Canyon Recreation Area in Arizona.

Eden, who joined the Park Service in 1934, was named assistant superintendent of the parkway in August 1964. He became superintendent Jan. 1 of this year, succeeding Sam Weems.

HARP TO JORDAN

Norman Harp, architect of SWRO left Santa Fe in February for a 90-day assignment in the Kingdom of Jordan.

In Jordan, Norm will join the 12-man planning and advisory team, sponsored by the U.S. Agency for International Development, that is assisting the Jordanian Government in development of a system of national parks in that country. Two other members of the team are from the Santa Fe office: Charlie R. Steen, archeologist, and John J. Moseley, landscape architect and park planner. Charlie and John, who left in October, will remain in Jordan for two years.

Sites at which the team will work have important biblical and historical connections: Jericho, oldest known community in the world; Jerash, probably the best preserved Palestinian city of Roman times; Qumran, site of the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls; and Petra, ancient city carved in stone.

The Office of Resource Planning is responsible for detailed studies, reports, and recommendations regarding areas proposed for inclusion within the National Park System and for preparation of master plans for existing units of the system. The San Francisco office is concerned with areas in North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas and all states farther west, including Alaska, Hawaii and the Trust Territories.

GLACIER GLIMPSES

WEST SIDE TUNNEL

The work of realignment and straightening of the West Side Tunnel on the Going-to-the-Sun Road is on schedule. Plans call for this safety hazard to be corrected prior to next travel season.

BACKCOUNTRY SKI PATROL

On January 18, Park Naturalist B. Riley McClelland, District Ranger Robert E. Sellers and Supv. Park Ranger William M. Lukens, left Park Headquarters on the first leg of a 4-day backcountry ski patrol to Howe Ridge Patrol Cabin, Arrow Lake and return, for the purpose of observing snow and wildlife concentrations. They were brought to the head of the Howe Ridge Trail in the Tucker Sno-cat and from there they proceeded on skis. The first night was spent at the How Ridge Patrol Cabin. After a good nights rest, they left at 8:10 a.m. Very wet snow began to fall and temperatures were above freezing. Snow conditions grew progressively worse. The group did not arrive at the Arrow Lake Cabin, a distance of 7.4 miles, until 6:45 p.m. They were sinking down 8 - 12 inches, and lifting approximately 20 pounds of snow on each ski. Tracks of moose, marten and snowshoe rabbits were observed; a small herd of elk, a few chickadees, 1 immature bald eagle and a dipper were seen. Avalanches were fairly numerous, the snow cover was approximately 4 1/2 feet. They spent the following day in the Arrow Lake area, and on the fourth and last day they slogged back on skis to Rogers Ranch where they were met by Chief Naturalist Elmore and Park Ranger DeSanto in the Tucker sno-cat. The new partly transistorized radio communication system was tested - they used a portable 2-watt hand-talkie - excellent communications were made with Walton Ranger Station, St. Mary and Park Headquarters.

TRANSFERS

Park Ranger (Forestry) Ralph E. Roye has been designated as the Coordinator for Glacier's 1967 NYC Program. Assistant Park Engineer Paul Mulcahy was the coordinator during 1966, but then we lost Paul, due to a promotion and transfer to Rocky Mountain. Park Engineer Keith Fellbaum was then designated these duties, he is now transferring to Mt. Rushmore. Ralph has been busy studying and making plans for the summer's operation.

Mr. John A Tyers and family moved to Glacier from Wind Cave National Park where John was Chief Park Naturalist, GS-11. John entered on duty 1-29-67, as Assistant Chief Park Naturalist, GS-12 replacing John Palmer who transferred to Blue Ridge Parkway, in September of 1966. John and Idessa have two sons, Mark, age 14, and Daniel, age 11.

Miss Charlotte E. Redekop, Information Receptionist, GS-4, was promoted, effective 1-29-67, to Secretary-Stenographer, GS-5, in the Chief Ranger's Office.

Mrs. Lorraine M. Robertson, who has worked in Glacier on a seasonal basis for many years, received a permanent appointment, effective 12-4-66 as Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4, in the Division of Interpretation.

LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CONFERENCE

Glacier National Park held a Law Enforcement Training Conference from January 24 through January 26, at the Conference Training Hall. There were a total of 40 in attendance, 29 of these were Glacier personnel and 11 were personnel from the U.S. Forest Service and local neighboring city and county law enforcement officers from both Flathead and Glacier Counties. Sessions were conducted by personnel from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Attorney's Office and Montana State Highway Patrol, and Assistant Chief Ranger Harry V. Reynolds, Jr., Glacier.

SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

After 5-years as the hardworking, devoted Chairman of the Safety Committee in Glacier, Foreman III W. J. Yenne has been designated the duties of Vice Chairman, and Assistant Chief Ranger Harry V. Reynolds, Jr., Chairman. Mr. Yenne is to be complimented for his enthusiasm, dedication and perseverance in getting the point across.

Martha M. Sloan,
Courier Representative

Letter from Sam Houston

Was great to see the story about us in the January "Courier." It has been quite a while, hasn't it? We recently got back from a six week trip to the Midwest-Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri and Kansas. Saw Nels Murdock and Frank Childs while in Omaha, and Tom Williams, Dan Beard, George Miller and a good many others in Santa Fe, including Natt Dodge with whom I worked as a seasonal in Mount Rainier NP in 1931 and 32.

About three years ago I bought a little place nine miles south of Florence, Arizona, and about 11 miles east of Coolidge. We are happy here in the desert with the quail, the rabbits and all the other little birds and beasts and the cactus, palo verde, ironwood and creosote.

We have a guest house now and you may be sure that the latch-string is always out for our friends here at Houston's Roost.

Best regards - and keep up the good work.

As ever,
Sam Houston
Route 2
Florence, Arizona 85232

Located at the southern end of the State of Florida, Everglades National Park extends farther south than any other part of the United States mainland. Summer rains flood the Everglades and create extensive breeding grounds for small fish and other aquatic animals and feeding places for alligators, birds, and mammals.

POINT REYES FAULT



Point Reyes Park Ranger Jim Liles examines earthquake recorder with excited employees, Janice Martinson and Ivonne Gillman.

Recently Point Reyes National Seashore acquired a seismograph from the Earthquake Mechanism Laboratory of the Department of Commerce, which is used at Headquarters for both interpretive purposes and for the collection of data on micro-earthquakes along California's San Andreas Rift. The fact that the world famous Fault runs directly beneath the Administration Building and is known to have moved 16 feet laterally in the infamous San Francisco earthquake of 1906, was a factor in acquiring this piece of equipment.

Point Reyes will become one of many links in a chain of seismic stations in the Far West, operated by the Environmental Science Service Agency (ESSA).

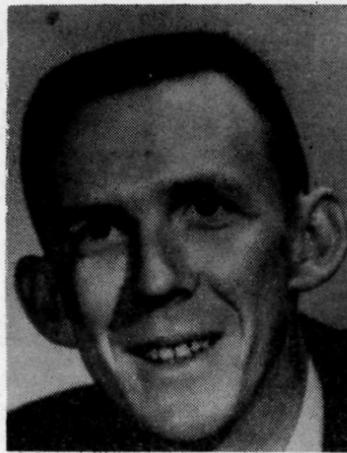
The purpose of the network is to see if there is any discernable pattern to micro-earthquakes preceding major quakes, from which a system of earthquake prediction might be possible.

At any rate, the seismograph is proving of value in the interpretation of the Seashore's geology. Then, too, most informed visitors know what a seismograph is, but as the majority are located in University basements, surprisingly few people have ever seen one operate.

We expect several other new earth movement measuring devices from this source in the future when we can house and absorb them.

Harry W. Wills
Point Reyes correspondent.

Eubanks to Sierras



Eubanks graduated from Mississippi State University in 1959 with a BS degree in civil engineering. He was employed for a short time with the Mississippi State Highway Department prior to beginning his Park Service career with the Natchez Trace Parkway at Tupelo, Mississippi. He transferred to Cape Hatteras in 1962.

Both Eubanks and his wife, Anne, are natives of Attala County, Mississippi. They have two daughters, Mary Anne (six years old and a first grade student at Springfield Elementary School), and Deborah (age three years).

The Eubanks have been active in the Main Street Baptist Church and the Springfield School PTA as well as Park social activities - he as President of the Shenandoah Employees' Association, and she as Secretary of the Park Wives group.

Eubanks is a member of the McCool, Mississippi, Masonic Lodge and is affiliated locally with various other Masonic bodies and the Rotary Club. He also is a member of the Caverns Shrine Club and the parent Acca Temple in Richmond, and the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Jerry A. Eubanks of Maintenance for Shenandoah is being promoted to the position of Park Engineer for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in California, Superintendent R. Taylor Hoskins announced late in January. Eubanks has been in Shenandoah since May of 1964, at which time he was promoted to the area from the engineering staff of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore in North Carolina.

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BOOK REVIEWS

"The Ahwahneechees," by John W. Bingaman, 64 pages and cover and with 12 full-page illustrations; John W. Bingaman, 240 Pocahontas Street, Palm Springs, California, at \$2.50.

By James E. Cole
c/o Cropper
4513 Middlebury Circle
Cypress, California 90636

John W. Bingaman's pamphlet, "The Ahwahneechees," - A Story of the Yosemite Indians" has saved for posterity a heretofore little known facet of history. He deserves full credit for recording the biographies of the Yosemite Indians. Moreover, John has gathered together into one book and presented in an interesting manner, much previously scattered information about the Yosemite Indians.

Unfortunately, I have to point out one error. The name of the Indian woman pictured with the acorn carrying basket on her back in Tabuce. If the exhibits in the Indian Room of the Yosemite Museum have not been changed, they contain a small basket which Tabuce made and into which she wove TABUCE.

The story of how this happened should also be recorded. During the summer, visitors to the Indian Demonstrations contributed coins for the winter support of Tabuce and Chief Leemee. Chief always took his share each fall, but Tabuce left her portion with the naturalists at the Museum. Each Friday afternoon Tabuce came for five dollars with which to buy groceries. One Friday in the fall of 1938, I was all alone, gave her the money and wrote out a receipt advising her that she should sign it since there was no one to witness the withdrawal. Tabuce replied, "Jim I no can write." Of course, I knew she could not, so I printed TABUCE on the receipt and told her she would have to sign her name the next time she needed money.

The next morning when Bert Harwell, Ed Beatty and I were in the office, I heard Tabuce shuffling upstairs with the aid of her cane. She wanted another five dollars. This was unusual as she had never previously requested as much money in one week. I gave her the money and a receipt upon which she promptly printed TABUCE. To my knowledge this closed the incident except when we discovered and purchased for the museum the basket with the letters T-A-B-U-C-E- woven in it.

No doubt many persons have similar rich memories of Tabuce and other Yosemite Indians. Reading "The Ahwahneechees" will re-focus these memories and the enchantments of Yosemite National Park.

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Herb Evison has added some words by Carl Russell, on this same subject, as follows:

The Ahwahneechees, John W. Bingaman's little book about the Indians who lived in the Yosemite region, has already been referred to in the Courier. Carl Russell, who wrote the book's foreword, begged off from writing a review of it, probably feeling that he was too close to it.

"Bingaman's biographical data," Carl wrote, "obtained with the help of Phoebe Hogan and

her Indian collaborators, principally, facilitate the placement of each present-day Yosemite Indian upon the historic genealogical tree representative of the several groups who formerly peopled the Yosemite region." And he noted that the "original Yosemite" didn't originate in Yosemite; the great chief, Tenaya, immortalized in the lovely lake beside the road to Tioga Pass, "did himself proudly point to his Mono forbears."

In a letter about the book, Dr. Russell remarked that there were aspects of the biographies, of which there are 67, brief and extended, deserving special attention. He refers, for example, to the brief treatment of Julia Parker, "This young woman," he wrote, "happens to be quite beautiful, but she is also a true artist and a fine citizen at heart." Mrs. Parker is an extraordinarily skilled basket-weaver who gives demonstrations of her art - it is an art - each summer day in the Yosemite Valley museum garden. Unhappily, the portraits of Indians included in the book - and not very well reproduced - do not include one of Julia.

"Good Hunting; Fifty Years of Collecting and Preparing Habitat Groups for the American Museum," James L. Clark, Director Emeritus of Preparation and Installation, University of Oklahoma Press; Norman, 1966; 242 pages, 40 black and white photographs. \$5.95

By Jean R. Swearingen
Regional Curator
SWRO, Santa Fe, N. Mex.

An amateur reviewer's review reflects the interests of the reviewer. This book was great! (That from a museum curator)

Now, more objectively... Written by the man in his eighty-second year, this is a personal retrospective summary of a life that this man deemed successful--and so have millions of visitors to the American Museum of Natural History. His is not a literary hand, but it is a hand that modeled what his eye for beauty and wildness saw and his love for nature felt.

Read it if you are interested in animals, hunting and/or the out-of-doors; read it if you like fast-moving African adventure; read it if you are interested in museums, their history and the men who built the foundations they now stand on; read it if you are interested in vignettes of our national parks in their early stages; read it if you want to enjoy an out-of-the-ordinary life vicariously; and you might just read it anyway, even if none of these tickle your fancy.

Mr. Clark's feeling for beauty in everything comes through and it is easy to see why his sculpted animal figures are full of life--wild and restless.

Passing Thought - Training

Training basically is passing on to the inexperienced knowledge and experiences of those who have already been trained, so that the inexperienced can more rapidly and efficiently perform their job, without having to repeat all the trial and error experiences that others had to go through.

Mary Ellen Jennings,
WASO Budget

TWO FOR THE DESERT

Two new Park Rangers have assumed their duties at Death Valley National Monument. Donald W. Carney and Louis A. Hendrickx, arrived in February and are getting acquainted with their new assignments.

Carney, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, began his Park Service Career at Morristown National Historical Park, New Jersey. He has served the past three years at Mammoth Cave National Park in Kentucky and will be the Grapevine District Ranger.

Hendrickx transferred from Glacier National Park, Montana, where he has been assigned for four and one-half years. Prior to that he was employed with the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and worked on a seasonal basis at Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. A graduate of Montana State University, Hendrickx will be assigned to the Furnace Creek District as a Park Ranger.

BOY SCOUT WORK

The annual Boy Scouts of America pilgrimage camporee was held at Westmoreland State Park, Virginia the weekend of October 22, 1966. The staff at Richmond National Battlefield Park constructed and manned a historic exhibit at this gathering.

It consisted of 4' x 8' panels. Since the camporee was held in the vicinity of the birthplaces of both George Washington and R.E. Lee, a panel was devoted to the major events in the lives of each of these men. The third panel gave emphasis to the 50th Anniversary of the NPS and the several NPS areas within the state of Virginia. After the scouts had had an opportunity to study the material on the panels, each patrol attempted to answer a 10-question, multiple-choice quiz. Out of 31 patrols, 27 made grades of 70 or better, and several answered all of the questions correctly.

Over the past two years the staff at Richmond NBP has worked closely with BSA officials of the R.E. Lee Council, whose headquarters are in Richmond.

BAUMANN RETIRES

Michael P. Baumann is retiring from Point Reyes National Seashore on December 30 after twenty-two years of Federal Service. Mike and Marie have lived in Point Reyes area since 1964 when Mike was transferred from Glacier National Park to the National Seashore as Maintenance man.

Most of Mike's active career was spent in the State of Montana where he worked for many years with the Forest Service and as a carpenter at Glacier National Park. It was also in Montana that the Baumann's raised their six children.

Locally Mike has made many contributions of time and talent at Point Reyes. Among his various accomplishments on the local scene are his beautiful signs now gracing the Bear Valley Trails and entrances to the Beaches. Point Reyes folks say it won't be easy to replace talent Mike takes with him in retirement to Oregon. They all wish him and Marie the best.

RANGER TO NAVY

John F. Chapman who for over two years has been Assistant Annie Springs District Ranger, at Crater Lake National Park, left January 29, 1967 for active duty with the Navy. Sue, John's wife, is planning on going back to Colorado State University to finish her degree. Sue spent most of her childhood years at ROMO in the summers, where she was an enthusiastic naturalist program fan there back in the days of Dave Canfield,

SEQUOIA'S HILL RETIRES



Frank Kowski (Sequoia-Kings Canyon Superintendent) seems incredulous! December 30, 1966, was the date of Assistant Superintendent Charles F. Hill's retirement. Mr. and Mrs. Hill seem to have been better prepared for their D-Day than was brother Kowski.

He began his National Park Service career in Sequoia National Park in May 1932 as an Assistant Storekeeper. He progressed to Purchasing and Voucher Clerk, then transferred to Kings Canyon National Park as Chief Clerk. During World War II he was assigned to the War Department in San Francisco as Administrative Assistant.

In 1945 he was appointed Chief Clerk at Yosemite National Park. That position became Administrative Officer in 1952, and he held that until his transfer and promotion to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon in January 1962.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill have been active in community activities, in the Parks, and in Three Rivers. Charles was one of the organizers of Local 615, NFFE, at Sequoia National Park

in June 1937, and served as its first Secretary-Treasurer. The following year, he was President of the group. He continued to be one of the mainstays of NFFE both in Yosemite and in Sequoia and Kings Canyon.

Mrs. Hill was a charter member of the Federal Women's Club of Sequoia National Park, and served as President of the group for two different terms.

At the party given in honor of their retirement, Charles and Ruth each received a gift of money, with stipulation that his would go toward some rock or gem cutting equipment so he could pursue his hobby at home, and hers for some special piece of antique china to add to her collection.

The Hills have moved to Three Rivers where they have rented a home at Alta Acre Heights. They plan to do a lot of golfing and to travel.



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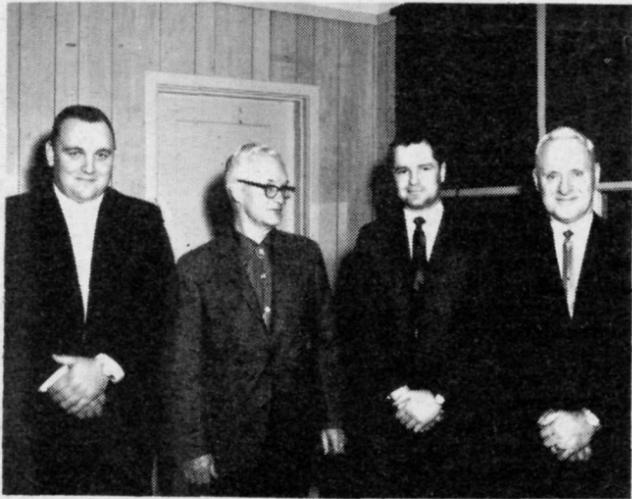
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Keith Klub down to three---

The four Glacier National Park "Keiths" pose at the going-away party for Park Engineer Keith M. Fellbaum who is transferring to the Black Hills area. From left to right - Keith Warner, Superintendent Keith Neilson, Keith Fellbaum and Keith Shew.

NATCHEZ TRACE

The boys on the Trace put out a real sprightly, but meaty "Ranger Bulletin" every two weeks. From one of their recent ones are these excerpts:

Last winter a local doctor called the Chief Ranger's office to report loss of a Volkswagon which went off the road into a stream bed late evening the previous day during a heavy rainstorm.

Rangers Sewell, Fleetwood and Soper did some fancy casting from a drainage relief structure with a 20-ft. tow chain. The second try netted a whopper! After much pulling and tugging a 1965 Volkswagon sedan was brought up from the bottom. Results: One grateful doctor, one frustrated insurance adjuster and three Rangers boasting about their biggest catch that didn't get away.

Drivers traveling far distances need no longer be troubled by sleepiness and blurry vision. According to the Medical Journal, the solution is simple: Take off your shoes and drive in your stocking feet. Apparently the stimulation of the nerves on the bottom of the feet is sufficient to keep the whole body alert.

If you can't stop drinking, why not start a Pub in your home? Be the only barfly and you won't have to buy a license. Give your wife \$55 to buy a case of hooch. There are 360 drinks in a case (twice as many as the Pub gets). Buy your drinks from your wife at 60 cents a "shot" and in 12 days (when the case is gone) she'll have \$161.00 to put in the bank and \$55 to buy another case. If you live ten years and buy all your whiskey from your wife and then die in your boots, your widow will have \$55,009.00. . . enough to bring up your "kids," pay the mortgage, marry a decent man and forget she ever knew a bum like you.

Bucks to Batman



Superintendent Joseph Kulesza, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, presented James F. Batman, Jr., Center Director, Gap Job Corps Conservation Center an award of \$500.00 in recognition of his superior performance as Center Director during the period January 1, 1966 to December 31, 1966.

Mr. Batman was selected in 1965 to administer one of the early Job Corps Conservation Centers and through his initiative, resourcefulness and dedication to the program the Job Corps Conservation Center at Cumberland Gap became a model and show case, widely recognized as a successful operation by representatives of the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Department of the Interior, and officials of the Regional and Washington Offices of the National Park Service.

This award is made under the Department's Incentive Awards Program which is devised so that achievements by employees over and above the normally expected in day-to-day activities may be recognized by cash or citation. In 1963 Mr. Batman was given a Special Act Award for his outstanding performance as Acting Superintendent, Badlands National Monument, Interior, South Dakota.

Mr. Kulesza states that this Superior Performance Award is well deserved and he joins the Regional Director and the Job Corps Staff in extending congratulations to Mr. Batman on a job well done.

WASO GIRLS AWARDED ROAD SOON

Howard Baker smiling broadly, presented green checks to three career girls at a January Director's Staff meeting. Lucky recipients were:

Carol A. Bradfield - \$75 for suggesting a change in the NPS Form "Request for Eligibles."

Frances O. Hanks - \$25 for suggesting a change in the Follow-Up Slip, which allowed for additional writing space.

Maureen M. Hoffman - \$400 Superior Performance Award for the very fine way in which she carried on the duties and responsibilities of her position despite major disruption caused by the physical move of all Washington Office, Design and Construction, functions from the Interior Building to Rosslyn, Virginia.

TO PADRE ISLAND

Award of an \$840,480 contract to the B & E Construction Company of Corpus Christi, Texas, for road construction and other work at Padre Island National Seashore, Texas, was announced recently by the Department. Under the contract, an entrance road will be constructed to a visitor use site which will be developed at the north end of the Seashore. The contract also calls for the installation of water and sewer systems, site grading, and paving of a 1,200-car parking area. A public service building and campground are among facilities programmed for construction later this year.

Word from Weems

Sam Weems has advised his old crew on "The Parkway" that Australia is interesting. He has written:

My first week has been exciting! I've been to five national parks and two historic areas. . . Had to sign an agreement to live here for 12 months (Glenhurst Gardens - Flat #95) and I take a bath before going into the swimming pool. Also, put up \$100.00 deposit to insure I would not run off with the furnishings; had to pay \$21.50 for a meeting of the Apartment Board of Directors to look me over to see if I was fit for the 'flat.' Had to get a letter of recommendation from the Minister of Lands, N.S.W. and U.S. Consulate! Took two days to get in. . . The Superintendent at Morton National Park (30,000 acres) has one ranger and one laborer - and we think we have problems! Best wishes."

WEDDING BELLS

Miss Thelma Rae Wolfrey, secretary to Ralph Lewis, Chief, Branch of Museum Operations (WASO,) was married to Hugh B. McDonald of Riverdale, Maryland, in the First Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Maryland, Saturday, September 17, 1966. The wedding was a candle-light ceremony at 7:00 P.M., followed by a sit-down dinner at the Royal Arms Restaurant, Hyattsville, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis joined in the festive occasion. The couple honeymooned at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Thelma's husband is with the Department of Justice and they are living in Greenbelt, Maryland. Thelma is continuing to work for Ralph Lewis in their new offices in Springfield, Virginia.

Gettysburg Notes

The licensed battlefield guide service at Gettysburg National Military Park is almost unique, and these men perform a fine service. In 1966 they conducted 17,875 bus and auto trips, or a total of 172,703 people over the Park. These men, numbering 48 in all, are licensed by the National Park Service and are under the direct supervision of Supervisory Historian Milton E. Thompson.

On December 31, Superintendent and Mrs. Emery entertained at an "Open House" for members of the Park staff and their spouses. The punch was delightful; the snacks were delicious; and everybody enjoyed good fellowship and a chance to say "Happy New Year" to each other.

Foreman I (Grounds) Paul P. Eckenrode retired effective December 30. Paul spent his entire NPS service at Gettysburg and lived in the Historic Hummelbaugh House. Paul and Lottie are now living in Gettysburg and Paul is learning how to wash dishes! Members of the staff got together and presented Paul with a clock-radio as a little retirement gift.

Gettysburg welcomes Ted Bryant and Roger Ronek, intake trainees from the Training Center at Grand Canyon, who have nicely filled out the ranks of our Ranger force. Ted hails from San Diego, California, and Roger calls Chicago, Illinois, home.

We also welcome Thomas J. Harrison, recently transferred from Fredericksburg National Military Park, who is filling our Chief Historian vacancy.

C. J. "Joe" Virostek and family are settled in the historic Culp House since transferring to Gettysburg from Colonial National Historic Park. Joe is our new Maintenance Superintendent.

For Our Workin' Gals--

Boss to his new stenographer: "I've fired three girls for revising my letters. Now take a letter and take it the way I tell you."

The next morning, Mr. O.J. Finkle of the Rucky Trucking Company received the following letter:

Mr. O.J. or A.J. or something, look it up, Finkle, President of the Rucky, what a name, Trucking Company, Baltimore, that's in Maryland. Dear Mr. Finkle, Hmhmhmhm. You're a devil of a businessman. No, start over. He's a crook, but I can't insult him or he may sue me. The last shipment you hauled was damaged, and I want you to understand -- no, scratch it out -- I want you to understand-Hmmm unless you can ship -- furnish -- ship, no furnish us with better service, you needn't ship us any more, period or whatever the grammar is, and pull down your skirt. This darn cigar is out again. Where was I? Paragraph. Your shipment wasn't here when you said -- I'll say it wasn't. I'd like to cram it down his fat throat. Now, read it over -- no, don't bother. We've wasted enough time on that bonehead. Fix it up and sign my name. What do you say we go out to lunch?

Natchez Trace Ranger Bulletin

On December 8, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt created Petrified Forest National Monument by proclamation, under authority granted only a short time before in the Act for the Preservation of American Antiquities. On December 9, 1962, the area became known officially as Petrified Forest National Park, having met all the requirements set forth in an act of Congress passed in 1958, authorizing the establishment of Petrified Forest National Park.

ROCKY FLIGHT

Gettysburg reports an interesting event.

In November a six-ton boulder was moved from near Devil's Den to the Eisenhower Farmstead, a distance of about two miles, by a U. S. Army Chinook helicopter. On this boulder was mounted a bronze plaque designating the Eisenhower Farmstead as a Registered National Historic Landmark. Members of the Park staff were involved in this operation, especially with removing the sod around the boulder for easier pick-up. After the boulder was placed at the farm, barberry bushes were planted around the base of the rock. Quite a sight--to see a six-ton boulder floating through the air under a helicopter!--Says Betty Dietz, your Courier correspondent.

HELP WANTED!

What do you know! Woody Widman, our argus-eyed membership clerk discovered an old ledger-type record book showing the early days of your Association, back in the Wind Cave days. From entries therein, seems there was a second issue of Steve Mather's Family Paper in 1956 - November 16, 1956 to be exact. We don't have even a fragment of this issue - assuming there actually was one! So - any readers, librarians, antiquarians or string-savers have one of these around? We'd sure like to get a photostat of this rare item so the Headquarters would have a complete file. Appreciate any help, from anyone - run down a copy of this elusive dealie for us and we'll give you a free three-year subscription!

Editor

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FIFTY YEARS AGO

A Memo from our First Director

The National Park Service was created by the Act of August 26, 1916. This event was splendidly celebrated all through the year 1966 with demonstrations, pageants, meetings, writings, and the issuance of a special stamp. One would think that we have now passed the time for 50th anniversary celebrations. There is really one more to come. Authorization of the Park Service on August 25, 1916 did not establish an operating bureau, it merely provided a sound statute - working charter - foundation on which to build.

The Park Service was actually not established until the Act of April 17, 1917 was enacted. That was what we called in those days a "Deficiency Appropriations Act." Mr. Stephen T. Mather continued during the remainder of 1916 as the Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior. He was very busy throughout the rest of the year. He made several more park inspections in 1916 after the Park Service Act was signed and continued his work of reorganizing the Yellowstone Park concessions. His plan provided for consolidation of the two main horse-drawn stage lines; the one from the west entrance and the one from the north entrance; the consolidation of the permanent camps (afterwards called lodges), and certain other changes in the concession set-up. This was very difficult because some of the permanent camp people fought him - even the Montana Senators; especially the late Senator Thomas S. Walsh. There were some very harrowing interviews and the Senator was quite cruel in his criticism of Mr. Mather's program.

Always a believer in the government-controlled monopoly in the National Parks because of the short season, the expense involved in building in the remote areas, and other conditions, Mr. Mather wanted to consolidate almost all Yellowstone operations in one company including hotels, camps, transportation, etc. (The stores were not involved at the time). He finally succeeded in the transportation consolidation and had to settle for a separate camp concession but one of the two of the poorer equipped camps were eliminated. Of course all this revision of concessions was due to the change-over from the horse-drawn transportation system that had been in effect since 1883 and the installation of a modern bus transportation line. It was a complete overhauling and the work of doing the job was harrowing.

Then there was a job we had of carrying out the program worked out by the then Chief of Staff of the Army, Major General Hugh L. Scott, and Mr. Mather for the removal of the troops from Yellowstone Park who had been there since 1886. This involved the evacuation of Fort Yellowstone and the soldier stations throughout the Park and the turning over of much property. The details of this program fell to me as Mr. Mather's assistant but it had to be watched by the "Chief."

The transfer was to take place on September 16 then came an investigation ordered by Congress of the sand dunes of Indiana, between Gary and Michigan City. The study was organized over a period of time and at the end of October Mr. Mather and I were in the dune country with lovers of the dunes, other conservationists, and scientists from several universities. We concluded our work just before the elections of 1916 but a report had to be written and it was

prepared in November. A department report on all National Park activities in 1916 had to be done. Robert B. Marshall was the Chief Geographer, Chief of the Typographic branch of the U.S. Geological Survey. He had been borrowed by Mr. Mather at the beginning of 1916 and was Mr. Mather's candidate for the first Director of the National Park Service. He had been called General Superintendent of National Parks during 1916. While a man of great ability, a noble gentleman, a conservationist of wide experience, he proved not to be the kind of an executive that Mr. Mather had expected. Mr. Mather had to release him and this was a heartbreaking thing to do. He had to send him back to the Geological Survey. This occurred in late 1916. Mr. Marshall did not take the change with understanding and felt that he was mistreated. He had many unkind things to say about Mr. Mather.

Finally Mr. Mather had planned a conference to be held in Washington in January and had made broad plans for it and for an exhibit of paintings by great artists of the early West and especially the National Parks. The meeting and the exhibits were to be held in the Hall of the Smithsonian Institution. All of these problems and plans kept us extremely busy. Everything seemed to go well until after the conference in January when Mr. Mather had a nervous breakdown. He had to go to a sanatorium and was away from Washington practically the entire year of 1917. I was left to carry on his programs and policies.

We submitted estimates for funds to initiate the building of the National Park Service. Before the meeting of Congress in December 1916, the estimates were given no consideration by Congress in that short session. Congress was called into special session in March, 1917; war was impending declared on April 6, 1917 after the sinking of the Lusitania. We succeeded in getting funds in the Deficiency Appropriations Bill that was passed

and signed April 17, 1917. I as designated Assistant Director and Acting Director of the new bureau. There were no other men apparently available for the two high positions in the new bureau except Mr. Mather and myself. We had visited more national parks and had been involved in more park problems of recent origin than anybody else. The President was asked by the Secretary of the Interior, Franklin K. Lane, to waive Civil Service examinations and cover both of us into the Civil Service by Executive Order. Orders were signed by the President permitting our appointments as Director and Assistant Director respectively. The Secretary promptly appointed me Assistant Director and I was unable to begin the operations of the new bureau as Acting Director. Mr. Mather was too ill to take the oath of office as Director and it was past the middle of May before the doctor permitted papers to be put before him making him the first Director of the Park Service.

So we have another 50th anniversary to consider in April but it would seem that no celebrations are needed. Those of 1966 sufficiently told the story. Mr. Mather's illness and my deep involvement in getting the new bureau underway prevented my entering an officer's training camp or otherwise personally being involved in the war. On the other hand, the war made the problem of establishing the bureau exceedingly difficult because funds had to be conserved

at every turn and men suitable for national park service activities were in the armed forces except a few who were beyond military age.

1917 was a most unusual and difficult year. I carried on through the year, wrote the estimates for the fiscal year 1919, wrote the report for 1917, and undertook many other projects that had to be considered. It must be remembered that Lassen Volcanic National Park and Hawaii National Park were authorized in 1916. We were unable to get appropriations to undertake their administration and nothing could be done with them so far as the Interior Department was concerned.

In February 1917, Mount McKinley Park was authorized. That, too, had to be ignored so far as administration was concerned. However, we made valiant efforts to get some money to at least do some protective work but without results. All these things added to the general confusion and chaos. However, we were hard to discourage. It might be finally added that not a month went by in 1916-17 that we did not try to secure the extension of Sequoia National Park by adding the Kings and Kern River Watersheds.

Horace M. Albright
427 Landfair
Los Angeles, 90024
(Jan. 31, 1967)

So, some recollections of our Service in its nascent period, fresh from the pen of our first Director who was very much there at the time - a half century ago!

Flo Parr Leaves Cave

Carlsbad Caverns' Newsletter carries an item of interest to all CACA alumni:

Have you missed a familiar face in Cavern Supply gift shop lately? After 27 years of employment with our Concession, Flo Parr resigned December 20th to become associated with New Mexico State University-Carlsbad Branch. She is now a secretary to Director of the Branch-Paul Johnson- who, incidentally, is the husband of Supervisory Park Guide "Johnnie" Johnson.

This indirect link with Park Service interest is only part of a chain which keeps her in our "family", for her husband Roy Parr retired from the Park Service only a few years ago. Roy served as an elevator mechanic and an electrician during his many years at Carlsbad Caverns.

To further this bond, Flo's oldest son, Howard Parr, started his Park Service career as a Guide at the Caverns. He later became a ranger at Glacier National Park and is now a supervisor of a Job Corps unit at Cherokee, North Carolina.

Flo's younger son, Walter Roy, is also a familiar figure at Carlsbad Caverns. Although now a graduate student in the Law School of the University of New Mexico, his pre-college days were spent in the underground lunchroom as a Cavern Supply employee.

We miss you, Flo-not only your Park Service friends, but the young people of Cavern Supply, whom you counseled and helped in so many ways. Come to think of it - you'll probably continue associating with some of them because many of these hard working young people are continuing their education at Carlsbad Branch at night, while working for the Concessioner during the day.

Platt National Park is somewhat unusual in its wildlife, for here there is an overlapping of eastern and western species.

22 FEB BIG DAY

Visitors to George Washington Birthplace National Monument, in Virginia, on the 235th anniversary of the birth of the first president, were served a special treat of spiced cider and gingerbread prepared from a recipe handed down through the generations from Mary Ball Washington, mother of George Washington.

Dressed in costumes of the era, members of the Wakefield National Memorial Association served the same refreshments the first president's mother prepared and served her guests more than 200 years ago at Wakefield, then the family home on Popes Creek on the Potomac River.

Every year people from nearly all the States of the Union and many foreign countries visit the memorial brick mansion which was erected in 1930-31 on the approximate site of George Washington's birthplace, and pay homage to the memory of the surveyor, soldier, and statesman who was "first in the hearts of his countrymen."

A 50-ton Vermont granite shaft stands at the entrance to the 394-acre National Monument. When the visitors pass this memorial--about one-tenth the size of the Washington Monument in the Nation's Capital--they move into an atmosphere of furnishings from the past.

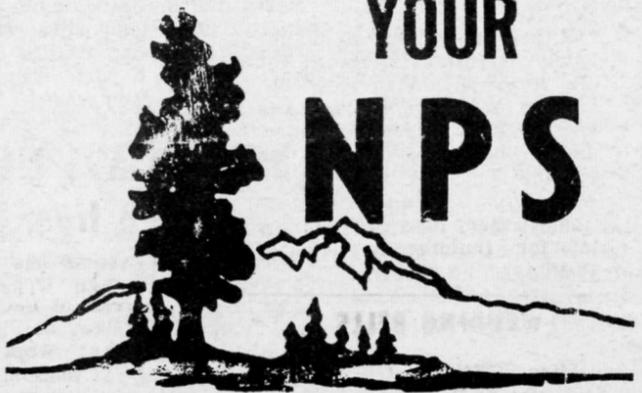
Candor from Coon Holler

Mt. Rainier's sprightly park paper shakes off the mid-winter snow and emerges with its first issue for 1967, as follows:

"Relax, relax. We have returned. And you probably thought we'd never make it! But that exemplary park paper, the utterly fabulous COON HOLLER, continues with its sparkling program of entertaining and informing while leading other park papers into wiser ways.

"All we have been saying for weeks has been 'The Regional Director says' and 'The Regional Director wants' and 'The Regional Director does' Shucks, you would think the Regional Director lived here or something. And as of two weeks ago, he doesn't. John Rutter has shifted his base of operations to a quaint southern village called San Francisco. Now that he is gone, most of us are busy burying the things he hadn't found out about and are practicing our most innocent and guileless facial expressions for the new Superintendent. As he won't be here until late February, we have about a month to develop innocence and to polish up all the pet projects we have been unable to put over on John. Not that we really have much chance of them getting by the new Superintendent either, but hope springs eternal...."

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ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Dudley Bayliss

Dudley and Rose Bayliss' Christmas greetings give some idea of their activities since Dud "graduated into the wonderful world of retirement," as he puts it. Principally, they included four months in Europe, starting early last summer; it was at least their second trip, since they went abroad soon after the end of World War II.

"Highlights included the rugged northern coast of Spain, - beaches, flower-filled towns, and glorious Santiago de Compostela and its baroque cathedral. In the Swiss Alps we enjoyed the bright farmhouses, - wood stacked to the eaves and dripping with flowers. Austria was new to us, and we enjoyed Innsbruck and Salzburg with their castles and churches, trips to the lake district and the mighty Grossglockner, towering over its glacier. Then by boat from Linz down the surging, not-so-blue Danube, past huge abbeys and castles, to Vienna. There we were lucky enough to attend a ballet in the beautiful Opera House and go to the old Sacher Hotel for tortes and "Kaffee mit Schlag."

"Through the Brenner Pass to Verona, and a wonderful week revisiting Venice and the incomparable mosaics of Ravenna. Down the east coast and across the Appenines to Naples via the Amalfi Drive, with its picturesque villages clinging to the cliffs. To Capri and the interesting ruins of Pompeii. A week in Sicily to see its golden Grecian temples and its rugged mountain scenery. By night at Taormina we could see Mt. Etna pouring out lava, - an awesome sight."

Dudley reports that Rose drove their leased Simca throughout, for a total of 7,000 kilometers. "This gave me freedom for taking pictures and navigating," he added.

The Bayliss address is 9901 Indian Queen Point Road, Washington, D.C. 20022.

Are Cabrillo and Channel Islands park rangers envious? They noted in a recent issue of San Diego Tribune an item, dated Paris, and headlined "Latest Dior Fashions." It appears that all Dior's chapeaus were borrowed from the French National Park Rangers, including chin strap and gently rolled brimmed light straws. Would our rangers like U.S. designers to take a page from our friends across the sea so that our models might utilize their stylish mannerisms.

Tennis anyone!

Kay Leahy

Frank Anderson

Wendy, daughter of Frank H. and Mrs. Anderson, who retired from the superintendency of Harpers Ferry a few years ago, is completing her first year with the Peace Corps at Gaikur, Nepal. "She loves her work - teaching English and Nepali at the high school level - and admires and loves the native people there," Frank wrote recently in giving a report on his own activities.

"On a recent vacation she climbed to the 22,000-foot level on Mount Everest with some Peace Corps friends and enjoyed the added pleasure of meeting Sir Edmund Hillary on the trail!"

Though he lives on a 4-acre place on the shore of Lake Chelan, Frank's letter was datelined Big Pine Key, Florida, where he had arrived by way of his old stamping ground in West Virginia. There he renewed contact with many old friends, including a crowd of special trainees - Lee Sneddon, Hank Schmidt, Gramy Liles, and Nate Golub, among others. "We particularly enjoyed hearing Bob McIntyre and his good wife reminisce over bygone days at that 25-mile Creek area at Lake Chelan."

"There, just 2 1/2 miles short of the end of the 25-Mile Creek Road," he reports, "we have 350 feet of waterfront. We harvest four kinds of sweet cherries, two kinds of apricots, Santa Rosa and Duarte plums, pears, peaches, several varieties of apples, almonds, and six kinds of berries!"

Naturalist Awarded

William R. Jones, Assistant Park Naturalist, Yosemite has received a cash award of \$300 under the Department of the Interior's Incentive Awards Program. The award was presented at a meeting of the Park Staff by Acting Superintendent David deL. Condon.

In making the presentation, Mr. Condon cited the high quality of Mr. Jones' performance while acting in positions of greater responsibility during the enforced absence of the regular incumbents of those positions. "Your performance far exceeded normal requirements," Condon said. He added that the major achievement leading to the award was the smooth coordination and operation of the Park's interpretive programs for the overall benefit of the visiting public.

Mr. Jones, who had been District Naturalist in Yosemite Valley, was recently promoted to his present position, succeeding Robert F. Upton, deceased.

Eivind Scoyen

Eivind Scoyen has sent us a note with a clipping (Jan. 3, 1967) from the Fresno, (California) "Bee," to wit:

Fifty Years Ago

Stephen T. Mather, Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, and a group of friends departed for Yosemite National Park to hunt lions.

Eivind writes, "They did hunt lions in the parks in those days. Teddy Roosevelt went lion (mountain) hunting in Yellowstone at one time. Would say the practice was stopped about 1930."

E.T. Scoyen
1317 Westcott Ave.
Visalia, Calif. 93277

Clair Cooke

It was nice to hear from you... I spent over ten years at Chiricahua before retiring.

As for news: After retiring we spent eleven years in the Oak Creek Country; the most beautiful we could find outside of a National Park. Due to the need of a lower elevation and a warmer climate we have been in Tucson the past year and a half, and expect to stay for the duration.

We belong to the National Audubon society and go birding with friends about once a week. I belong to a hiking club and usually go hiking on Saturdays. We have visited all of the western National Parks and five in Canada; some of them several times. So along with photography and activities taking place at the University of Arizona we keep busy enough for old folks.

Tucson is somewhat of a Mecca for retired N.P.S. employees. To name a few there is Louie Schellbach of Grand Canyon, Barton Herschler, from Saguaro, Dale King from Globe and I understand an ex-Superintendent from Devils Tower.

George Merriken left Carlsbad Caverns in the early '40s. He has kept faithful reports on Cavern employees of his time, thru Christmas letters. I will enclose a section of his last report in case you are interested or want to pick out something for your news items.

Clair V. Cooke
521 N. Country Club Rd.,
Tucson, 85716

Frank Childs

Writing from Rancho Cordova, Calif., just before Christmas, where he and Virginia were visiting their son Frank III and his family (three grandchildren) Frank Childs confessed he was already longing for Colorado sunshine.

Having finished three summers of after-retirement employment by the NPS in the promotion of safety, he wrote; "I found the 3-year safety assignment interesting and challenging. Each year, I experienced the same whole-hearted cooperation and plenty of evidence that the Service employees, at grass-root operation level, were putting forth a sincere effort to better the safety record."

"Now," he added, "I will devote myself to some half-hearted (non-profit, it seems) farming; in Colorado, of course. I expect that I will get involved in some other phase of semi-permanent occupation. But for the present, unfinished projects that were neglected over the past three years are keeping me more than occupied." Frank's permanent address is 180 Brentwood Drive, Grand Junction, Colo.

Ex-Carlsbaders, courtesy of George Merriken

via Clair Cooke

From Mr. and Mrs. W. H. "Scotty" Scott at 13681 St. Andrews Drive, #44, Seal Beach, Calif.: "Another year is about to pass on; the old Carlsbad Caverns Gang is about gone and scattered all over the US. Gladys and I are very well situated right here in Leisure World and we love it as there are so many places to see. We both take a lot of bus tours - our last tour was to the Welk Show at the Palladium. There were over 5 bus loads from here and 4000 at the show. We were right up in front of the stage and this was our highlight so far since coming to California. Of course, we have been to Disneyland and Knott's and to a few baseball games. Last week, John Baird was here from Carlsbad. They retired 2 years ago and have an Airstream trailer and are on the move with the fleet. They had their convention in Indio with over 800 Airstream trailers. They have now gone to Death Valley for the winter. Parris are still in Carlsbad and so is Charley Leeman. Others, I do not know where they are. Col. Soles is still getting around. Gladys and I are enjoying ourselves. We will go to Carlsbad next September for the Credit Union Convention, so will see old friends again."

Ert and Mitt Haney just sent a card although they had written before. They live at 409 East Margaret St., in Carlsbad. They have been getting along fairly well. There was Thanksgiving dinner at the Cavern and they were to that.

John E. and Inez Woodrow live at 701 West Pierce, Carlsbad 88220. Their note sez: "We have been having a lot of illness and had to come out of retirement to pay the bills. We are now operating the Rio Vista Motel at the above address." (We can hope that there is a change for the better soon.)

From Lynn and Eloise Coffin at 1000 West Prospect St., Ft. Collins, Colo. 80521, there is this note: "Another year rolls around and time to greet each other again. We surely hope this finds all well with you. We are as usual and enjoying our retirement. We have a larger family this year with both boys being married and with a grandson. Claude, Karen and baby Kenneth will be here from Libby, Mont. where he is starting with the Forest Service. Don is in Helena, Mont. with the USGS. We are getting a lot of things accomplished around here and can take it a little easier. Lynn still finds time to hunt and fish." (No word about Claude and Velma Carpenter, though.)

Brodicks are at 2016 Erie St., Bellingham, Wash. 98225. We got up to see them in September and they have a nice place up on the hills east of town with a nice yard. By looking around some trees, they can see Puget Sound, and a half mile or so to the east and over the hill is a nice lake. They have flowers that were beautiful. They wanted to take us up Mt. Baker but things were pretty well socked in so that was that. They went on a trip to Hawaii in November and enjoyed it thoroughly. They went up to Joyce and Terry's in West Vancouver before Christmas and then things happened. One of the grandchildren looked as though he was about to fall off a chair and Vivian reached for him and she slipped on the floor, breaking a hip which required surgery and two or so weeks in the hospital, but she spent Christmas at Joyce's. They have since come home and we can hope everything will be alright, although it was figured she would be on crutches for some six months. It's a bit tough and we can hope for the best for all of them.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

With the recent retirement of so many personnel from the Service, I am wondering if it might be a worthwhile suggestion to pass on to others the possibility of uniform purchases from retirees.

A good example of this is the recent retirement of a Park Guide from Shiloh NMP. When Mr. Barlow retired, he was in possession of a complete 19 ounce uniform which is comparatively new. If interested, the following uniform articles may be obtained by contacting Mr. Robert A. Barlow, Route #1, Adamsville, Tennessee 38310:

1 19 ounce coat-good condition Size 37, 1 19 ounce pants - good condition, Size 31 x 32-1/2 1 19 ounce pants - never worn Size 31 x 32-1/2, 1 felt hat, size 7, regular oval, good condition with band, 1 straw hat, size 7, regular, almost like new.

I know this isn't a news item, however, if this avenue is explored, it could be a possible source of passing on to others within the Service, the location of Service uniform items available at a reasonable price.

Edward E. Tinney
Supervisory Park Historian

Dear Ed:

Great idea - we do have a sort of Want-ad section starting, and one free run for any member in current (dues paid) status. Glad to run this one as a letter, as a favor to your friend Barlow. Let me know if it did anybody any good.

Ad hoc Editor

NOT A PRESS RELEASE-but an opinion. I definitely preferred the old style Personnel Actions sections. It sure was good to learn how my old associates, young ones too, are advancing in the Service, as well as moving around. Maybe I get jealous sometimes, or even sorry for someone....I can say that I've found it most interesting to follow you fellows around and to gloat at your successes. One other suggestion; how about getting some news about the museum laboratories, and also announce the new exhibits, visitor centers, etc. as they come off the assembly line. The museum lads and lassies are like out of sight. They need a plug now and then too....

Bob Hakala, Forest Service
interpreter-type, Alaska Region

Dear Bob:

Your note - and about 40 others in the same vein - got us back into the checkerboard business again. And we're working on a contact at the museum end with objective of getting news from those shops, too. So, maybe.... Editor

The Tetons probably first became known to white men in 1807-8 when the intrepid John Colter crossed the range on the journey which also made him the discoverer of the Yellowstone country. In 1811 the Astorians, under Wilson Price Hunt, entered Jackson Hole and crossed the range on their expedition to the mouth of the Columbia.



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DINASAUR DOINGS

Jim Tobin accepted a transfer to Hawaii Volcanoes. He, Jean and children left Dinosaur January 21 planning to visit his parents and Jean's father as well as other relatives before leaving California.

The employees of the monument had a farewell party for Jean and Jim at the Hotel Vernal on January 20. Almost all the employees were present to say "goodbye" to the Tobins. Also, some friends from Flaming Gorge attended the dinner. Graham Liles introduced "Doc" White who presented a picture with four of the scenes of the monument to Jean and Jim. Also a book with pictures of many of the families and personnel was given them. A linen luncheon cloth was given Jean by the Park Ladies Club. Members had autographed the cloth.

Jim Jones will be home at the end of the week after having attended the School for Administrative Leadership at the University of Montana January 3 through 27.

Robert L. Warren with his wife Iris and daughter reported to Dinosaur on January 3. They stayed at the headquarters area to get acquainted with the area and personnel before going to Lodore Ranger station. They went to Lodore on the 21. Bob came to Dinosaur from Yellowstone National Park where he was employed as a Supply Clerk. He had also worked there and at Petrified Forest National Park as a Seasonal Ranger.

Lee Wilkins is back at work after having had surgery during December.

Isobel Robinson's father passed away just after Christmas. Isobel and Leon went to Arizona to attend the services.

Debbie Tobin was selected "student of the month" at Rangely High School for the month of December. This selection is made by the student body and faculty for scholastic ability, leadership and character. Debbie was a Freshman at Rangely before withdrawing to move to Hawaii.

Jim Tobin was in St. Louis during the first week in January for a conference with the Director. During this absence and also until the new Superintendent arrives, Graham Liles was designated as Acting Superintendent.

TWO DECADES MAN

James R. Johnson, district ranger in charge of protection activities in the northern section of Shenandoah National Park, has completed 20 years of Federal Government service.

A native of Sperryville, Virginia, Johnson was presented the Department's Length-of-Service Emblem by Supt. Hoskin's in January, 1967.

Johnson's Federal service began as a member of the U. S. Army, in which he served from 1942 until 1945. Following his discharge, he worked seasonally in Shenandoah as a Park ranger and fire control aid.

He entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Virginia, in 1948, and in 1953 graduated with a B. S. degree in forestry and wildlife conservation. He continued to work as a seasonal Park employee during his college career, and thereafter until 1957 when he transferred to the Food and Drug Administration at Baltimore. Later that same year, he returned to Shenandoah to accept permanent employment as a Park ranger.

Johnson, his wife, Stella, and their two sons, Dennis and Jem, reside in the Park Service housing area near Front Royal, Virginia, North Entrance to the Park.

A MILLION DOLLARS

Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., announced on Jan. 12, purchase of a 1,567-acre tract of land within Point Reyes National Seashore, California, for \$1,135,000, from Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gallagher of Nicasio, Marin County. The transaction brings the total Federally owned acreage to about 20,500 acres.

The tract, located in the mid-point Reyes peninsula area, extends from the Pacific Ocean across the peninsula to Drakes Estero. Some 3500 feet of ocean front is involved. Sir Francis Drake Boulevard bisects the property, providing the only road from Inverness to the Point Reyes Lighthouse. Plans call for developing the area for day-use for picnicking, surf fishing, beachcombing and hiking.

GUSE PINNED



Superintendent Guse (left) receiving 30-year pin from Chief Ranger Lindsay. Both are 30-year men. Mr. Lindsay received his 30-year pin in April 1965.

On Saturday, December 17, Haleakala Superintendent Neal G. Guse received recognition for thirty years of Federal Service when he was presented with a 30-year Department of Interior Lapel Emblem. Presentation was made by his Chief Ranger, James C. Lindsay.

Neal began his Federal career with the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936, serving five years as Junior Clerk. After two years with the War Department he returned to the Service at Wind Cave National Park. He was subsequently assigned positions in Grand Teton, the Western Regional Office, and Crater Lake. In 1963, he came to Haleakala National Park as Superintendent.

Being very active in community affairs, Neal is a Director in the Maui Rotary Club, has been Chairman for the "Science Committee - Maui County Fair" for the past three years, served as a member of the "Maui Science Fair Committee - Department of Education" for the last three years, and is a member of the Interagency Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

James E. Potton
Reporter

Montezuma Castle Busy

Travel to the two sections of Montezuma Castle National Monument totaled 235,700 visitors which was the greatest travel year in the history of the Monument. This was a 2% increase over 1965.

Montezuma Castle was proclaimed a National Monument on December 8, 1906 by President Theodore Roosevelt and travel has increased until almost a quarter of a million people now visit the prehistoric ruins and the natural limestone sink which are the two main features of the Monument.

Rising 600 feet, with a sky-high revolving restaurant, Seattle's Space Needle is the city's most spectacular landmark and has been nicknamed the "Eiffel Tower of Puget Sound."

MORE ON RUTTER

Although your January Courier reported on John Rutter's recent appointment as Regional Director, Western Region, we're running Dave Richie's late-arriving story on John's ascension, since it's so much better than our original piece:

SEASONAL LABORER BECOMES REGIONAL DIRECTOR

A former seasonal laborer at Lassen Volcanic National Park has been selected to fill the position of Regional Director, Western Region. Over twenty-five years of service in a variety of positions at several parks has intervened, however, between John Rutter's appointment as a seasonal laborer in 1941 and his transfer to San Francisco recently. John was appointed to the seasonal job at Lassen on August 1, 1941 and he became western Regional Director on January 1, 1967.

Rutter's federal career began with a U. S. Forest Service job in 1934. He was soon converted to the true faith however and in 1935 he moved to park service related jobs with the CCC and ECW (Emergency Conservation Works) Programs. John subsequently worked his way up from the 1941 seasonal laborer appointment through a series of park ranger positions at Lassen, Sequoia-Kings, and Lake Texoma to assistant superintendent and superintendent assignments at Badlands, Rocky Mountain, and Mount Rainier. Like many of his peers, John's Park service career was interrupted by World War II, during which he served as an officer in the U. S. Navy.

Moving to Mount Rainier as assistant superintendent in 1960, Rutter became acting superintendent upon the retirement of Preston Macy in 1961 and was appointed superintendent early in 1962. Rainier saw a great many changes during Rutter's superintendency. Among these were fulfillment of plans for modern employee housing (permanent and seasonal) and a large new visitor center at Ohanapocosh, construction of an outstanding and very modern visitor center at Paradise, improvement of the park road system, and the start of construction of a new headquarters outside the park. Rutter instigated a very aggressive cleanup campaign, the success of which may be judged by a Canadian visitor's letter published in a Vancouver newspaper which said in part that Mount Rainier "... was the cleanest public place we had ever visited." In addition to his duties as Rainier's superintendent, John served as state coordinator of National Park Service affairs and as the North Cascades Keyman during the latter part of his tenure at Mount Rainier.

Rutter moved to San Francisco in early January to take up his new responsibilities, but expects to return periodically to the northwest in conjunction with North Cascades proposal affairs and other service business. Mrs. Rutter (Mary Ellen) and the Rutter's two children, Marilyn, 18 and John, 16, will continue to reside at Mount Rainier through the end of the school year in June, when Marilyn will be graduated from Eatonville High School.

Rutter, now 54, is a native of Twin Falls, Idaho. He was graduated from the university of California with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry.

Although Yellowstone National Park, the world's first national park now in its 94th year, was established in 1872 it was not until August 25, 1916 that the National Park Service was created as a Bureau under the Department of the Interior.

SERVICE AWARD



The U. S. Treasury Department presented its Minuteman Flag to the Midwest Regional Office for 100 percent participation in the payroll savings plan. At the presentation in December were (left to right) N. R. Phillips, State Director of the U. S. Savings Bond Division, U. S. Treasury Department; Vernon E. Hennessey, Superintendent, Ozark National Scenic Riverways, which area also had 100 percent participation; and Fred C. Fagergren, Regional Director, Midwest Region.

Avis Smith Honored

In ceremonies held Jan. 17, 1967, Supt. Alvoid Rector of Appomattox Court House presented a Citation for Commendable Service to E. Carroll Smith, of Appomattox, on behalf of his late wife, Mrs. Avis Brown Smith. This citation, given posthumously cites Mrs. Smith's twenty-eight years of service with the Federal Government. The citation, accompanied by a gold pin, reads, "Mrs. Smith entered Government service on September 7, 1937 as a Clerk-Typist with the Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, in Charlottesville, Virginia. During 1940-41 she was employed by the Department of Labor, Wage and House Division, in Richmond, Virginia. She joined the National Park Service on June 4, 1941, as a Clerk-Typist at Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, where she remained until her death on July 22, 1966. During her many years at Appomattox Court House Mrs. Smith carried out complex clerical assignments. She had a capacity to undertake varied tasks and perform well on any assignment given her. In recognition of her loyal and devoted service, the Department of the Interior grants to Mrs. Smith, posthumously, its Commendable Service Award."

BILL SAVAGE HONORS

SERO reports that at the Staff Meeting for January 18, 1967, the Department's Meritorious Award was presented to Wilbur "Bill" Savage by Regional Director Price. Mr. Price said it was a special pleasure to welcome Bill Savage and to present to him, at the request and on behalf of Regional Director Lon Garrison, the Department's Meritorious Service Award. Bill retired in December 1965 from the position of Regional Chief, Resources Management and Visitor Protection, in the Northeast Region. He had been with the Service for 32 years and formerly served in the Region One Office (now SERO) and several other field offices and areas including Morristown NHP, Fredericksburg NMP, and Great Smoky Mountains NP.

The citation was awarded in recognition of his outstanding accomplishments in safety and protection of park visitors and property, and more particularly in the fields of fire control and tree preservation.

Mr. Savage said he appreciated the award and the privilege of having worked on teams which made such awards possible. Staff members joined Mr. Price in congratulations to Mr. Savage.



Fellow employees and families had a coffee and cake party for GUY SANDERSON who retired from his Maintenance position at Chiricahua National Monument on January 14, 1967. Guy was with the Park Service since 1961 following a career in maintenance and construction in private business and a hitch in the U. S. Navy. Guy is shown here surrounded by his fans, still clutching his well worn safety helmet.



Superintendent Bernard T. Campbell, Hot Springs National Park, extreme right, congratulating award winners. They are: Front row, left to right, Frances Hunter, David Essex and Marie Wilson. Rear row: Dorsey Adams, James Hope, Wilburn Lowder, and Lew May.

Former Guide Honored

Recent ceremonies at Mammoth Cave honored a former guide at the cave, the late Leo Furlong. Park Superintendent Aubuchon presented the Commendable Service Award (Posthumous) of the Department of the Interior, to Mrs. Furlong. It was in recognition of Leo E. Furlong's many years of devoted service as Park Guide at Mammoth Cave National Park. Furlong died in May last year. Mrs. Furlong's daughter, Barbara, and one son Steve, were also present during the presentation at the park.

New Mesa Verde Ranger

Thomas C. Townley has been appointed to the Park Ranger staff at Mesa Verde National Park, Superintendent Meredith M. Guillet announced today.

Townley was born in St. James, Missouri and lived there until he was sixteen years old, when his family moved to Granby, Colorado. He graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. degree in Forest Recreation on August 19, 1966. He entered the National Park Service at Grand Canyon National Park on September 6, 1966, where he attended the 21st session at the Horace M. Albright Training Center.

His previous experience has been as a seasonal employee with the U.S. Forest Service during the summers of 1962, 1963 and 1964, and with the National Park Service at Zion National Park during the summer of 1965.

WASO MEN PINNED

Carl Walker and Bill Ledford were presented with three decade pins at a January Director's Staff Meeting.

William H. Ledford - 30-year service pin. Mr. Ledford's career in the Federal Government began on December 1, 1936. He worked with the Government Printing Office for six years and in 1943 transferred to the Maritime Commission where he remained for more than seven years. In March 1950, he entered the National Park Service as Business Accountant with the Audit Division. In November 1965, he transferred to the Division of Budget and Finance as User Charges Analyst.

Carl O. Walker - 30-year service pin. All thirty years of Mr. Walker's career have been with the National Park Service. He began on December 29, 1936, under the Emergency Conservation Work Program at Santa Fe, New Mexico. He subsequently worked at Zion, Bryce Canyon, Boulder Dam and Grand Canyon, and joined the Washington Office staff in 1953 as Government Systems Accountant in the Fiscal Division. He received \$500 Superior Performance Awards in 1964 for outstanding accomplishments while carrying out duties of both Chief and Assistant Chief of the Division of Budget and Finance, and in 1966 for carrying through to completion several important new programs, despite an extremely heavy normal workload.

Floods at Sequoia

The storm started on Dec. 11, 1966 and the resultant damage in the Parks and at Three Rivers was as bad or worse than the 1955 disaster. Terminus Dam saved the Valley from inundation, and now Kaweah Lake looks like a millpond at a sawmill. Under the floating logs and debris there are septic tanks, cars, trucks, tractors, and who knows that else.

During the storm, Giant Forest had 27.75" of precipitation, Grant Grove had 23.04", and Ash Mountain had 15.52".

Ash Mountain was isolated when the Potwisha bridge went out and the approach to the Gateway bridge below the Ash Mtn Entrance Station was washed away. Giant Forest, too, was hemmed in because of slides on the Generals Highway between the Parks and between Giant Forest and Ash Mountain.

A survey by helicopter showed that the State portion of 180 to Cedar Grove has major slides and washouts, with the portion in the Park fortunately receiving less serious washouts.

Maintenance crews worked long, hard, and dangerous hours to correct what damage they could and prevent even more serious losses, and they'll be working at almost the same pitch for months.

Old Meeting Place Out

Favored by open weather, construction of a new visitor center in Yosemite Valley is proceeding well, according to Acting Superintendent Davis deL. Condon. Meanwhile, however, Park visitors will find the old Yosemite Museum closed for the first time in more than 40 years. The old native stone building near Park Headquarters is undergoing extensive interior remodeling to provide badly needed office and work space for park rangers and naturalists.

Completion of the visitor center is scheduled for May. Resumption of the long tradition of telling the park story to millions of visitors through the medium of exhibits and dioramas is not expected until late fall, however, when new exhibits will be completed and installed.

CORPSMEN TO MARINES

Two job Corpsmen from Caectin Job Corps Camp, near Thurmont, have entered a new corps--The U. S. Marine Corps.

The two, Edward L. Glover, 19, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Tyrone Johnson, 18, of Philadelphia, Pa, reported to the Marine Corps basic training camp at Parris Island, S. C., in January.

The two boys had tried earlier, in their home cities before entering the Job Corps, to enlist in the service, but they were not accepted.

Glover joined the Job Corps in April this year and quickly developed into an outstanding Corpsman, officials at the Camp say. He was promoted to assistant leader, and was put in charge of work details.

Johnson entered the camp here in November, 1965. Initial testing placed him in the non-reading program and at the lowest level of the mathematics program, but officials say he immediately began working hard in education and completed the entire basic program last month. He was promoted to full leader, and was placed in complete charge of his dormitory.

Johnson also excelled in the work program, camp leaders said, and was named Corpsman leader in charge of the camp's sign shop.

The two young men entered the Marine Corps under the Buddy System, which permits friends to go through their training together.

20 YEAR MAN

OWEN E. LUCAS, Route 1, Stanley, Virginia, has completed 20 years in the service of Shenandoah National Park.

An informal ceremony marking the occasion was held at Park Headquarters east of Luray in December. The Department of the Interior emblem denoting his service was presented to Lucas, (Roads and Trails Foreman II), by Superintendent Hoskins in the presence of headquarters staff members.

Lucas is employed in the heavily traveled Central District of the Park. His service began as a temporary laborer in 1946, and two years later he received his permanent appointment as a truck driver. In 1949, Lucas was promoted to operator general and held that position until 1963 when he was again promoted to his present position.

A lifetime resident of Stanley, Virginia, Lucas has been active in the Ruritan Club, having served as treasurer and recently was nominated for a three-year directorship.

Lucas and his wife, Helen, have one son, Gary (14), and two daughters, Carol (16), and Joyce (8).

Sign Collectors

On December 22, 1966, the Sheriff's office in Franklin, North Carolina, notified Great Smoky that Franklin police had picked up a South Carolina car the evening before on speeding charge and found in the car 11 park signs. The Sheriff's office held the boys until the FBI issued a warrant. Jack Lewis and Carl Davis went with FBI Agent Palscar to Asheville to question the boys and identify the signs. At the hearing before the U.S. Commissioner they were given a choice of facing charge or replacing the signs. They chose to replace the signs, which they had taken from places in Tennessee and North Carolina in the park. On December 23 Dick Hardin escorted the boys around the park to replace the signs. The boys said they intended to post the signs in a girl friend's lawn.

YAZZIE PROMOTED



Tom D. Yazzie, a Navajo from Indian Wells, has recently been promoted from Caretaker to Maintenance man at Petrified Forest National Park.

Yazzie, an Army veteran, 37 years old, had worked at the Park as a seasonal laborer and truck driver for six years prior to receiving a permanent appointment as laborer in 1962. "Tom's Outstanding ability and skill made him the logical choice for this job." Said Superintendent Kittridge A. Wing in announcing this promotion.

Mr. Yazzie, his wife Marlene, and two children, Sherry and Tom, Jr., are making their home at the painted desert entrance of the Park.

30-YEAR MAN



W. Blain Burgess, General Supply Specialist for Shenandoah National Park, has earned the Emblem denoting 30 years of Federal Government employment, Superintendent R. Taylor Hoskins announced in mid-January.

Hoskins marked the occasion at a presentation ceremony held recently at Park Headquarters with members of the Park staff in attendance. In his remarks, Hoskins stressed the importance of Burgess' position, which charges him with the responsibility of procuring supplies and materials for Park projects under Federal Supply Contracts.

In June of last year, Burgess was granted a special monetary award for his initiative in discovering an overbilling practice on the part of a Park supplier, which resulted in a substantial saving to the Government.

A veteran of World War II, Burgess served nearly three years with the U. S. Air Force in England and France.

Burgess' Federal employment began in 1936 as a payroll clerk for the Resettlement Administration in Stanardsville, Virginia. Later he was employed by the Farm Security Administration at Stanardsville and at Weldon, North Carolina, as well as at the War Department at Fort Myer, Virginia. He began his career in Shenandoah as an assistant storekeeper in 1940. Following his military service, he returned to the Park as a purchasing clerk, and in 1949 was promoted to the position of purchasing assistant. He received a subsequent promotion in 1950, and in 1963 was promoted to his present position.

Burgess is married to the former Miss Charlotte Shandelson. They reside on South Court Street in Luray.

DeRossette Promoted

The Sequoia staff extends congratulations to Donald L. (Sonny) DeRossette on his promotion to Foreman III Shop, effective January 1, 1967. He was selected from the list of eligibles made up on a Servicewide basis.

Sonny began his NPS career in these Parks as Mechanic, November 26, 1956, just a little more than ten years ago. In 1960, he was promoted to Mechanic, Heavy Duty. His work record here at Sequoia and Kings Canyon, plus responsible supervisory experience in private industry, qualified him for the promotion to Foreman III, Shop.

New Folder Deal

For reasons of economy, all agencies have been asked to reduce publications costs and to seek ways to convert free literature to sales publications. The Service has therefore initiated a program that will eventually result in two types of publications for each area: a mini-folder (3-1/4 by 5-1/2 inches) that will be distributed free and the present folder or booklet that will be sold for 10 or 15 cents. The former will be a "what-to-see-and-do" informational and interpretive. Work has begun on the two types of folders for the new areas.



Mr. Nate Golub, representing Regional Director Garrison, recently presented a Safety Award to Gettysburg National Military Park Superintendent George F. Emery. The award represents going a full year without a lost time accident. Shown in the picture left to right: Mr. Golub; Clyde M. Hippensteel, Chairman of Safety Committee; Committee Members Charles L. Reynolds, Emless S. Nett, and John W. Stevens.

From Fort Clatsop

A new travel record in 1966 for Fort Clatsop, with 87,244 visits being recorded. The previous high year was in 1964 with 71,922 visits. The increase was due to several factors, chiefly the opening and dedication of the Astoria Bridge, the nostalgia associated with the last ferry rides across the Columbia River and those who succumbed to it, the impetus given to travel by the 50th Anniversary observances, and the general upward trend in travel to this region. Six of the months in the year witnessed new individual records for the periods concerned.

Miss Jeanyse Reith, one of the Seasonal information-receptionists for the Memorial was honored recently by being among twelve seniors at the University of Oregon to be selected for initiation into Phi Beta Kappa. She is majoring in liberal arts, being primarily concerned with history. Jeanyse spent the school year of 1965-66 attending classes in Paris, France, as a recipient of a scholarship from Sweetbriar College, Virginia. Out of 100 young ladies selected for this, only two were qualified from the west coast. Jeanyse will be returning to Fort Clatsop for the summer season of 1967.

Maintenance man Ben White recently became the owner of a home in Warrenton, thus finalizing his move from California over a year ago when he accepted the position at the Memorial. Much of his spare time has been spent in fixing up things here and there to make the house suitable for living.

Historian Bell and Supt. Thomson were re-elected to their respective positions as 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President of the Clatsop County Historical Society for the 1967 year.

Retired Maintenance man Vern Sickler was re-employed as an annuitant for two short periods during December and January. Vern helped out by use of his knowledge of where things had been placed in the ground valves to shut things off and various other gems of wisdom acquired through his years of work at the Memorial.

The deer are back feeding on the ivy beds again this winter! Administrative Assistant Houston rigged up some flashing lights and a buzzer system to try and scare them off, but the effect was not permanent. Bloodmeal was also tried but the rains made it economically impossible to keep supplying it. Other repellents are being investigated but in the meantime the ivy keeps disappearing-and-next spring the weeks will keep appearing. Any suggestions from readers?

NEW CURECANTI SUPER



James M. Carpenter, formerly Assistant Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, is the new Superintendent of Curecanti Recreation Area, Colorado. Robert R. Lovegren, Deputy Assistant Director for Administration in the National Park Service's headquarters office in Washington, has been named to succeed Carpenter at Yellowstone.

Carpenter, 55, is a native of Quincy, Kansas. He entered park work in the 1930's as a clerk in Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado, under the Civilian Conservation Corps program and later served there as Chief Clerk.

He has also served as Park Ranger at Colorado National Monument, Colorado; as Assistant Chief Accountant at National Park Service headquarters in Washington, and as Field Auditor, Administrative Officer, and Assistant Regional Director in the Park Service's Southwest Regional headquarters in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He has been serving as Assistant Superintendent at Yellowstone since January 1965.

NEW REGULATIONS

The Service announced revisions in its regulations Jan. 7, including a new regulation prohibiting discharge of waste from boats in fresh waters, or within one mile of the nearest shoreline in the Great Lakes or in salt water areas administered by the Service. Although the number of people aboard vessels on this country's waters averages less than one percent of the total national population, the hazard to human health and esthetics from this source is considered to be substantial.

A new provision also requires photographers, (including still, motion picture, and television), to obtain written permission from the superintendent of the area before photographing any commercial product in any area of the National Park System for use in advertising. This regulation does not apply to any bona fide representative of news media.

The use or possession of explosives, (including fireworks and firecrackers), in the areas administered by the National Park Service is prohibited except upon written permission of the superintendent of the area.

The revised regulations also include the prohibition of discrimination in employment practices at concessions in Service areas.

The Board of Directors, ENP&MA, have voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Rogers to proceed with a printing contract for the book, The Fuller Collection of American Firearms. This new guide to the well-known Fuller Collection exhibit in the Chickamauga Visitor Center should be off the press in late March or early April, the book will sell for around \$1.75 per copy.

"SHOPPING THE COMPETITION"

REVIEW OF VISITS MADE TO SELECTED NATURAL AND CULTURAL AREAS IN EIGHT COUNTRIES IN EUROPE, June 12 to July 16, 1966.

by William R. Hollomon and Beverly Hollomon

of British subscribers to the people of Great Britain and America in 1914. The house is attractively furnished in authentic pieces. There is a fine rare portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart. The gardens are lavishly developed with myriads of spectacular roses, an herb-garden, kitchen garden, rock-garden, and acres of rolling lawn. A very dedicated Stewart and his wife, who live at the Manor, conducted us, along with a group of teen-age-American-girls-on-tour, through the house. They stressed the fine work being done by the Colonial Dames of America in cooperation with the Sulgrave Manor Board in preserving this great heritage.

The Swiss National Park is dominated by the Grisons, cleft with awesome fissures, and rising up 10,000 feet. These mighty dolomites were mystical with a layer of new snow. The dissipating storm clouds shrouded the high peaks which only occasionally peaked mysteriously through. The whole park, comprising about 40,000 acres, is alpine in character, and was established in 1914. No camping or fires are allowed. It is a paradise for the hiker. Guides act much as our Park Naturalists do in taking people on conducted tours to places where the visitor might observe the abundant fauna (ibor, stag, roe, otter, marten, fox, golden eagle, tawny owl, etc.), and flora which is extremely varied and rare. Many varieties are found only in the National Park. The brilliant colors and concentrated masses are joys to behold. The park is administered by the Federal National Park Committee.

The sun went down and touched the white marble columns of the Roman Forum in Rome with a rosy glow. The great coliseum beyond picked up the glow, each shadow making the relic more impressive. At nine-thirty with a display of lights and sounds in four languages, the story of an event in the Forum took place. The ancient men of history could be "seen" conducting their business of state in ghostly fashion before our eyes. The prolific blooming leanders perfumed the soft Italian air as the Roman women must have perfumed it with their beauty and essences. All the visitors were seated, stadium fashion, in sections according to language understood.

In the south of Italy we visited Pompeii. This was a life-long desire. It was even more wonderful than we expected. As we entered the museum, which houses a large collection of artifacts from the excavations, we were met by an attendant. He very graciously took us on a tour of the museum. He interpreted in a very warm way because he had worked on the excavations. He was especially interested in Gregg and keyed his remarks mostly to him. He pointed out that the home ways of the Romans are still the same today. He explained techniques of preserving impressions in plaster. His comprehensive introduction of Pompeii to us made our visit to the ruins more meaningful. There was no charge for this service, but there was a small fee to see the ruins. Out among the ruins we were at a loss to know where to start because the ruins are so extensive.

An Italian who had a bus tour, invited us to join his group. He, too, was an excellent guide, well-informed, well-spoken, deeply appreciative.

There is a pleasant and attractive restaurant-book shop-photo shop among the ruins. We ate lunch outdoors where we could see the ancient walls and absorb more of the feeling of Pompeii.

The Tower of Pisa leans as much as we expected it to lean. At the level of the bells there is a coin operated audio program that gives the history of the tower and some of the interesting statistics. You may get this in any of four languages. We found this type of interpretation in many cathedrals and places of historical interest in the countries we visited. Resume:

We were impressed with the number of camping spots in Europe. Every city and town, and numerous countryside have attractive camping areas. We drove into many of them. We found them to be clean, grassy, and convenient. Each camper assumes his responsibility of keeping and leaving a clean camp. There just wasn't any litter.

Our whole trip was a great joy. It was a thrilling experience from the standpoint of human encounters, seeing great works of art, treading where history was made, eating the delicious foreign foods so beautifully displayed and served, shopping in the lovely shops

where the service is so delightful, and observing the fine ways in which Europeans interpret and live with their heritage. There is a high sense of pride and appreciation visible in every country and village. Beautification has reached a high point—a challenge to us.

Our car, a Mercedes Benz, which we bought in Germany, made it possible for us to see many of the medieval villages that a tour would never touch. We feel that we got a good flavor with the natural local color of these countries: France, Germany, Austria, Liechtenstein, Italy, Belgium and England.

The chartered flight, Air France to London and Paris, with members of the American Association of Museums, was interesting. We made many friends and compared notes. We were the only National Park Service representatives among the 220 people on the flight.

We were very grateful for this opportunity to make the trip to Europe at this time. The Vicar who married us at Stoke Poges, England, and his wife were such fun to see again after twenty years. We were also able to see many of our London friends and seek out our old haunts.

Gregg, our 13 year old, has accepted the trip as a turning point in his life. It has helped him grow tremendously in a cultural and appreciative way. It has spurred his ambition, and released his creativity.

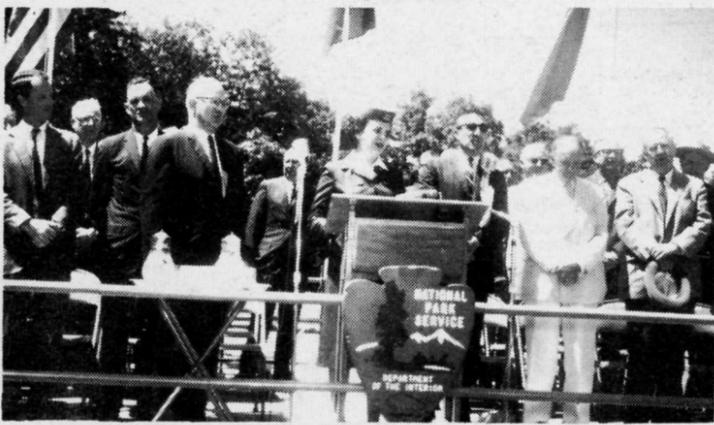
Educationally, we have been enriched. Professionally, we have gained. Spiritually, we have been uplifted.

WASO LANDSCAPER HONORED

WASO L. A. HONORED - Robert K. Bergman, Park Planner, WASO, has been elected president of the American Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Other officers are Claire J. Mueller, vice president; Tevia N. Schlafman, secretary; Donald F. Lederer, treasurer, and Raymond L. Freeman, (also an NPSer), as trustee.

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SINGER IN UNIFORM



OUR WASO GIRL IN UNIFORM—Camille Elias, leading a distinguished group in song - Shenandoah, 1962. The melody was "Happy Birthday." The recipient was Senator Harry F. Byrd. The occasion was a dedication at Thornton Gap.

The diversity of areas in our System seldom fails to surprise new employees and park visitors. Even old-timers in the business are sometimes startled at an even greater diversity in the official responsibilities of Service personnel.

Take comely Camille Elias, of the WASO Audiovisual Laboratory, for example. Although her job is primarily to be the "girl Friday" to Don Erskine and his shop up on the eighth floor of Interior, her official position description includes the duty to represent the Service at special formal events, where a feminine vocalist is desired. Wearing the standard lady's uniform or in period dress, when appropriate—Camille's rich contralto voice carrying the difficult harmony of our Star Spangled Banner, or other patriotic melodies, has often "made" the scene. She saved the day on a number of occasions when rivalry between local vocalists caused program directors much anguish until her availability was made known.

Some of her more interesting

assignments include the program at Fort McHenry when the Secretary first raised the new 50 star flag; the dedication of Wright Brothers National Monument Visitor Center, and several subsequent anniversaries of the first powered aircraft flight; the Everglades Visitor Center dedication; the Centennial of a great Civil War action at Shiloh NMP; a special Flag Day program at Independence Hall, in Philadelphia; dedication of Wirth Hall at the Mather Training Center; Cyclorama dedication at Gettysburg; Centennial of the Surrender at Appomattox - and Visitor Center dedication; and innumerable special events in and around Washington during the past six years, including several solemn and impressive Veterans Day programs.

Although her work load hasn't let her loose lately, these appearances are still included in her job sheet and she's happy to help the Regions or Superintendents who have need for these special talents. Has voice - will travel!



Happy Birthday, Mt. McKinley

The idea of a great national park in this part of Alaska was conceived by the noted hunter and naturalist Charles Sheldon in about 1908. Mr. Sheldon came to the area which is now the park to collect scientific specimens for museums in the United States. Because of the large number of Dall Sheep which he found in this section of the Alaska range, his idea was to protect the area for the benefit of the sheep and other animals. It is also significant that within this same area looms the highest mountain in all North America. Mr. Sheldon was able to interest others, chiefly members of the Boone and Crockett Club. In 1916 bills were entered in Congress and in 1917, just fifty years ago, Mount McKinley National Park was established.

MOWRY HONOR

Thomas R. Tucker, Superintendent of Cabrillo and Channel Islands National Monuments, awarded the Department's Commendable Service Award posthumously to Lynn L. Mowry, who died while employed at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. His widow, Mrs. Sadie Mowry received the award in ceremonies at Cabrillo on Feb. 24, 1967.

The award was rendered in recognition of more than twenty-two years of Federal service, and for loyalty and devotion to his work. Mr. Mowry served in Rocky Mountain National Park, Big Bend and Carlsbad Caverns, with time out for Navy duty in 1942-45. At the time of his death he was Foreman II, Buildings and Utilities. The citation noted that his many years of experience in a wide variety of assignments made him a versatile and valued employee. Patient and understanding, he was held in high esteem by his many friends and associates.

His widow, Mrs. Sadie L. Mowry resides in San Diego at Imperial Mobile Lodge, 325-54th Street, San Diego, California.

CHAPMAN TO COULEE

Howard H. Chapman has been promoted to Superintendent of Coulee Dam National Recreation Area. He replaces Homer W. Robinson, who recently retired.

Chapman received a B.S. degree in Forestry from Colorado State University. He began his Service career in 1950 as a Ranger at Saratoga National Historical Park, and later held positions at Shenandoah, the Northeast Regional Office, Yellowstone, and the Albright Training Center, Arizona. His most recent position was Chief Park Ranger of Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia.

Chapman is highly regarded for his park management abilities. Special training with the Service includes completion of the Departmental Management Training Program and the F.B.I. National Academy program. He is a member of the Society of American Foresters and the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

He arrived at Coulee Dam with his wife, Marion, and their two daughters, Susan and Cynthia, late in February.

ETHIOPIA FLASH

The staff at White Sands finally received an air letter from former Park Ranger Laurence Guth, who resigned last November to accept a position as the first Park Warden of Simien Mountains National Park in Ethiopia. Larry, an old desert hand, set up park headquarters at an elevation of 12,000 feet, where he says the days are warm and sunny, but, oh, those nights! He says the villagers in that high country are still in the 16th Century, and that rare wild animals run true to form—wild—all over the place. In fact, a gelada baboon, a nasty beast, recently attacked and killed a native shepherd boy. Plants are similar to those of Western Europe, but ten times the size. Larry is two days' pack trip away from the nearest roadhead, which might explain why he has yet to greet his first park tourist. He reports that his 14 "game guards" have enough weapons to supply an army, and that they would rather shoot poachers than capture them.

Air letters (11¢ at the post office) can be sent to Mr. Laurence R. Guth, P.O. Box 13, Gondor, Ethiopia.

CRATER LAKE SOLVES PLOW PROBLEMS



For eleven years Crater Lake National Park operated a rotary snowplow composed of a Sicard rotary plow attached to an Austin-Western grader with the plow powered by an engine suspended beneath the grader frame.

It proved to be the most dependable rotary plow in the park and performed equal to or better than standard plows. In addition to daily snow removal, it was the primary rotary used in opening winter closed roads each spring. Eventually it was amortized.

To replace it, a new Austin-Western Pacer 300 grader and a GMC Model 7084-7000 diesel engine were purchased. The Sicard Rotary plow from the old machine was rehabilitated in Crater Lake's shop. The shop assembled the new "rig" and it has been in almost daily operation for six weeks and out performs its predecessor and is equally dependable.

The unit is especially maneuverable. 360 visibility with ease

is provided and operations thus far indicate it is more economical to operate than standard rotaries. The simplicity of assembly minimizes breakdowns and all components are easily accessible when repairs are necessary.

Two man-days work in the shop can convert the unit back to a grader for summer operations by dropping the motor assembly, removing the rotary plow and installing the blade. About three man-days can convert the unit back to a rotary plow.

The complete new unit costs about \$39,000 as compared to approximately \$50,000 or more for a standard rotary. The unit was assembled under the supervision of Shop Foreman Ben Pool assisted by Mechanics Web Hecock and Dave Schulz. Ray Van Wormer, an Operator General but also a master welder, did most of the welding and design of lesser parts such as battery box, motor hood and other lesser components that had to be made and adapted locally.

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