



## Andrus backs Alaska parks

Interior Secretary Cecil D. Andrus has informed the Congress that "the establishment and protection of large areas and complete ecosystems in Alaska . . . is one of the highest environmental priorities of this Administration.

In a statement read to the House Subcommittee on General Oversight and Alaska Lands March 3, Andrus said the creation of new units of the National Park, Forest, Wildlife Refuge, and Wild and Scenic River Systems in Alaska is "the most important land allocation and conservation program in the history of this country."

Andrus' statement was presented at an informal briefing of the Subcommittee which is reviewing the major legislation called for by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. The legislative proposals of the

Department of the Interior, submitted in 1973 as directed by the Congress, recommend that 83.47 million acres be added to the "Four Systems" of national parks, refuges, forests, and wild rivers.

The proposals were designed to provide lasting protection for some of the remarkable natural and cultural areas in the forty-ninth State. The lands in the Department's proposals are in the public domain, owned by all American people and currently managed by Interior's Bureau of Land Management.

Under the 1971 law, the Congress gave itself until December 1978 to act on the recommendations of the Department of the Interior for establishing new lands within the "Four Systems." Until that time Congress directed that these lands be carefully protected.



Photo by Woodbridge Williams

The Crater of the proposed Aniakchak Caldera National Monument, Alaska, has its own lake, river and volcano. Bowl could hold New York County (Manhattan) and several Central Parks.

## Dan Beard—some words of appreciation

By Herb Evison

The last of the many enjoyable letters that I received from Dan Beard was written on Christmas night, 1976. As usual, it covered a wide range; its first paragraph ended with: "Migawd, 1977, how quickly we age. Let us all hope that we survive it!" Characteristically, it included a description of Christmas as it is celebrated in Santa Fe and among the nearby pueblos; there was also some "vocabulary" from "Hominy Miles to Plains." And, as usual, it gave the latest on the condi-

tion of several NPS old-timers, resident in Santa Fe—some of it very saddening.

Dan will probably be remembered longest, and most favorably, for his various assignments to Florida's Everglades—first, as a student of, principally, its natural history, several years before the national park was established; later as manager of the Everglades National Wildlife Refuge, that preceded the park establishment; and then, for almost 11 years, as its superintendent. Dan's light-heart-

ed account of those years fails to reveal the difficulties that he overcame there—including the ticklish job of getting rid of the squatters, of many years standing, at Flamingo; it does slight justice to the part he played in planning the park's development or to the unique interpretive facilities—most notably the Anhinga and Gumbo Limbo trails—for which he was largely responsible (see Dan's taped excerpt adjacent).

Early in his Everglades superintendency, Dan wrote an arti-

cle on the new park for the National Geographic; I remember that we had to get a special authorization from the Secretary of the Interior from him to do it since, at that time, writing for pay by Interior employees was against the regulations! He was a forceful, articulate, and effective writer; he was also an artist and cartoonist of talent. I remember one of his early letters from the park; it contained a cartoon portrait of himself being superintendent—with a packing box for a desk.

During several of his retirement years in Santa Fe, Dan was New Mexico chairman of Common Cause, and he took deep pride in that organization's accomplishments. Dan was a man of conviction, and convictions, and he believed in working for them.

Above all, he was a warm, compassionate human being, with an immense capacity for making and holding friendships. He is going to be greatly missed.

(Editors Note: Extract from a 1963 recorded interview with Dan Beard—speaking of the early days of Everglades National Park)

We had people coming into the park and I remember my wife and I went down there one time just as someone was coming out. I was driving my own car and I stopped the fellow and said, "Is this Everglades Park?" and he said "Yeh." And I said, "What is there to see down there?" And he said, "Don't miss it, brother. Not a damn thing." Well, this was kind of a shocker to me but, unless things were pointed out to people they didn't see them. . . .

One of the first acquisitions was for the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs to give us Royal Palm State Park and that

became the Royal Palm Area. There was an old lodge there in the middle of the hammock, so we built a little board walk up



Dan Beard in the late '40s when he was superintendent of Everglades National Park.

this Taylor Slough, one of the few places that stayed wet all year and you'd get concentrations of wildlife. . . .

So we built this little Anhinga Trail, just a boardwalk on stilts up in the slough, hoping maybe some of the wildlife would stick around, and it did. It did, and the alligators and egrets and animals—otters—everything came in there, and it seemed like they came in there more before the people showed up. The people didn't bother them at all, because the people were up on the boardwalk.

And then in the hammock itself we built the Gumbo-Limbo Trail, named after the Gumbo-Limbo tree that was on the nature trail wandering through the hammock. These have become fixtures, and they have become prototypes of what we did later on as we built the new road.

## Ray Rundell working on Pacific NW bus trip

Since the cancellation of E&AA sponsorship of the Mississippi River trip, Ray Rundell has been working a proposal for a 2-week bus tour of the Pacific Northwest.

Although no firm data is available now, Ray hopes to have arrangements for a fall trip ready for publication in the May Courier.

Ray is working with his co-chairman, Ed Kurtz, E&AA PNWR employee representative, and they have studied many brochures. Ed is negotiating with the Cascade Trailways Bus Company, hoping to work out a trip as follows: Leave Seattle, Wash., for the North Cascades National Park; take a ferry to Victoria, B.C.; take a ferry to Olympic National Park;

then head west and south to Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Ore., and Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Wash., and on to Mount Rainier National Park, before returning to Seattle. Ed estimates the trip will last 12 days and hopefully cost less than \$500 per person, exclusive of travel to Seattle and return to place of residence.

"No firm data will be available for the Courier April issue deadline," Ray said in a recent letter. "However, we hope to have full information as to whether a good trip package can be obtained this late in the season," he said. "If it is possible, we shall outline costs, dates and full reservation instructions for the May issue of the Courier."

## Park Service film makers— an "Oscar-winning" team

Making National Park Service films is becoming an award-winning event for a gifted team of Harpers Ferry Center photographers and producers. In fact, the film industry recognizes this audiovisual group, called the Division of Audiovisual Arts, as the producers of some of the finest movies to come out of the Federal Government.

Most of the items they produce are used in NPS visitor centers, but in recent years, several general films were made for the Bicentennial. HFC handles various phases of production—concept, script writing and filming. But much of this work—and all processing—is contracted out.

Rick Krepela, producer, and Tom Gray, photographer, for example, cinched four domestic and international awards last year for "Victory at Yorktown," a film depicting the British surrender here. The shooting and production was done entirely at the Harpers Ferry Center with the help of a very accommodating NPS employee cast. The film won the following awards: The Columbus Film Festival, "Certificate of Recognition"; The International Film and TV "Bronze Award"; The Council on International Non-theatrical Events (CINE) "Golden Eagle Award"; and the U.S. Industrial Film Festival, "Silver Screen Award."

Krepela also produced "To



The Harpers Ferry audiovisual crew (l to r): Lee Allen, Brian Jones, Rick Krepela, Tom Gray and Carl Degen.

Keep Our Liberty," a film made for Minute Man National Historical Park, Mass., and "Mount McKinley—The Land Eternal". Both won Golden Eagle awards. McKinley also won first place in the Atlanta

International Film Festival. In addition to these, Gray and Krepela received a trophy from the Salerno (Italy) International Film Festival for "Stone Forest," a movie depicting the process of petrification and the

stark beauty of the Painted Desert.

Leland F. Allen, audiovisual production officer, who recently retired after 36 years with the Interior Department, won a CINE Golden Eagle for "Okla-

homa Oasis" a film for Chickasaw National Recreation Area that explains Indian attitudes and recounts Chickasaw's formation into a recreation area.

Brian Jones, audiovisual production specialist won an American Film Festival Award for "Seneca Glass," a motion picture made for the Historic American Engineering Record which will be used to document traditional basic industrial practices which are disappearing.

Carl G. Degen, chief of the Division, received a Golden Eagle for three of his highly acclaimed Bicentennial pictures: "Independence," a 30-minute documentary directed by John Houston for Independence National Historical Park; Pa., "The Early American, 1776" which focuses on the native Americans of that time; and "Americans, 1776," a half-hour film on the political attitudes of the Colonists. Each of these films won a CINE Golden Eagle and, along with the other films mentioned, are being used extensively overseas by the United States Information Agency.

The audiovisual shop at Harpers Ferry Center was born 9 years ago, a modest supplier of audiotapes and an occasional sound/slide program. Since then, innovative Carl Degen has built the small unit into a productive studio not only for motion pictures, but for the making of videotapes, sound/slide programs, and audio messages.

## Buck Lisle dies; former E&AA treasurer

Ewell Manson (Buck) Lisle, 76, who retired from the assistant regional directorship of the Southeast Region in 1965, died in a Richmond hospital on Feb. 17 after many years of precarious health. Buck had 32 years with the National Park Service; most of that time, from 1938 to 1965, he had the title which he held at retirement; he served successively in the Third Region under the late Erle Weatherwax; in Region One; and in the Southeast Region.

Few have served continuously for so long in a responsible position in a regional office. As someone remarked, "Regional Directors come and go, but Lisle goes on forever".

Like numerous others who came to the Park Service in the 1930s, Buck had been with the

C&O RR until the repeal of the Railway Recapture Clause in the Interstate Commerce Act left him without a job. His early employment with the Service was connected with the designation and acquisition of Recreation Demonstration Areas in the Third Region and in Region One, established in 1936. His concern with those areas continued until all in the region had either been established as new areas of the National Park System, or had been added to existing areas, or had been transferred to non-Federal agencies.

As his boss during the 16 months when the newly established Region One was responsible for oversight only so-called "emergency" activities, and as his close associate during two periods of service in

Richmond, I can attest to Buck's fine character, his intelligence and initiative, his complete reliability and trustworthiness, and his capacity for friendship. Skilled in accounting, he gave valuable service to the Employees & Alumni Association as treasurer after his retirement in 1965. He and his wife, Elizabeth Myers Lisle (known to her friends as Jack), had lived, since retirement, at 6516 Crenshaw Road, Richmond, close neighbors to Pinky and Virginia Harrington and Bill and Lib O'Neil, associates in the Regional Office for many years.

Buck is survived by his wife, a daughter, Miss Jamie Lou Lisle, and two sisters. His funeral was held on Feb. 17 and interment was in the Signal Hill Memorial Park, Hanover, Va. For many years, while Buck was employed by the Park Service, he and Jack owned and operated an extensive farm in the neighborhood of Hanover Court House. - Herb Evison

## Two coop students get history kudos



James Miculka and Ronald Merrill

At the annual meeting of the Texas State Historical Association held in Dallas, March 3 thru 5, two cooperative education students at Fort Davis NHS, James E. Miculka and Ronald P. Merrill, were recipients of the 1977 Caldwell Memorial Award for historical writing.

Miculka's paper, "Indians, Soldiers and Hollywood," giving a brief analysis of the legends and myths created by Hollywood relating to the Indian Wars, captured first place in the competition. Merrill's work "Old Army Punishments at Fort Davis" won third place honors.

His paper gives a brief account of the various methods of discipline bestowed upon errant soldiers stationed at Fort Davis between 1867 and 1891.

Both Jim and Ronnie are senior history majors at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Tex., and both are aspiring to make the Park Service a permanent career. Competition for the coveted Caldwell Memorial Award was open to all students attending a 4-year college in Texas. Both Miculka and Merrill received engraved plaques and cash awards for their winning entries.

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### Correction

In the article on page 6 of the March Courier entitled "Funds sought for historic preservation book," Ronald F. Lee was incorrectly referred to as the "first chief historian of the National Park Service." Actually, Verne E. Chatelain was the first chief historian of NPS, having been brought into the Service by Director Horace M. Albright.

## Florida hotel named landmark

The 86-year-old Tampa Bay (Fla.) Hotel building was recently named a National Historic Landmark. The structure has housed the University of Tampa since 1933.

The 511-room, five story expression of Moorish and Turkish architecture was constructed by railroad magnate Henry Bradley Plant. It took 3 years to build and was completed in 1891. It was the center of Tam-

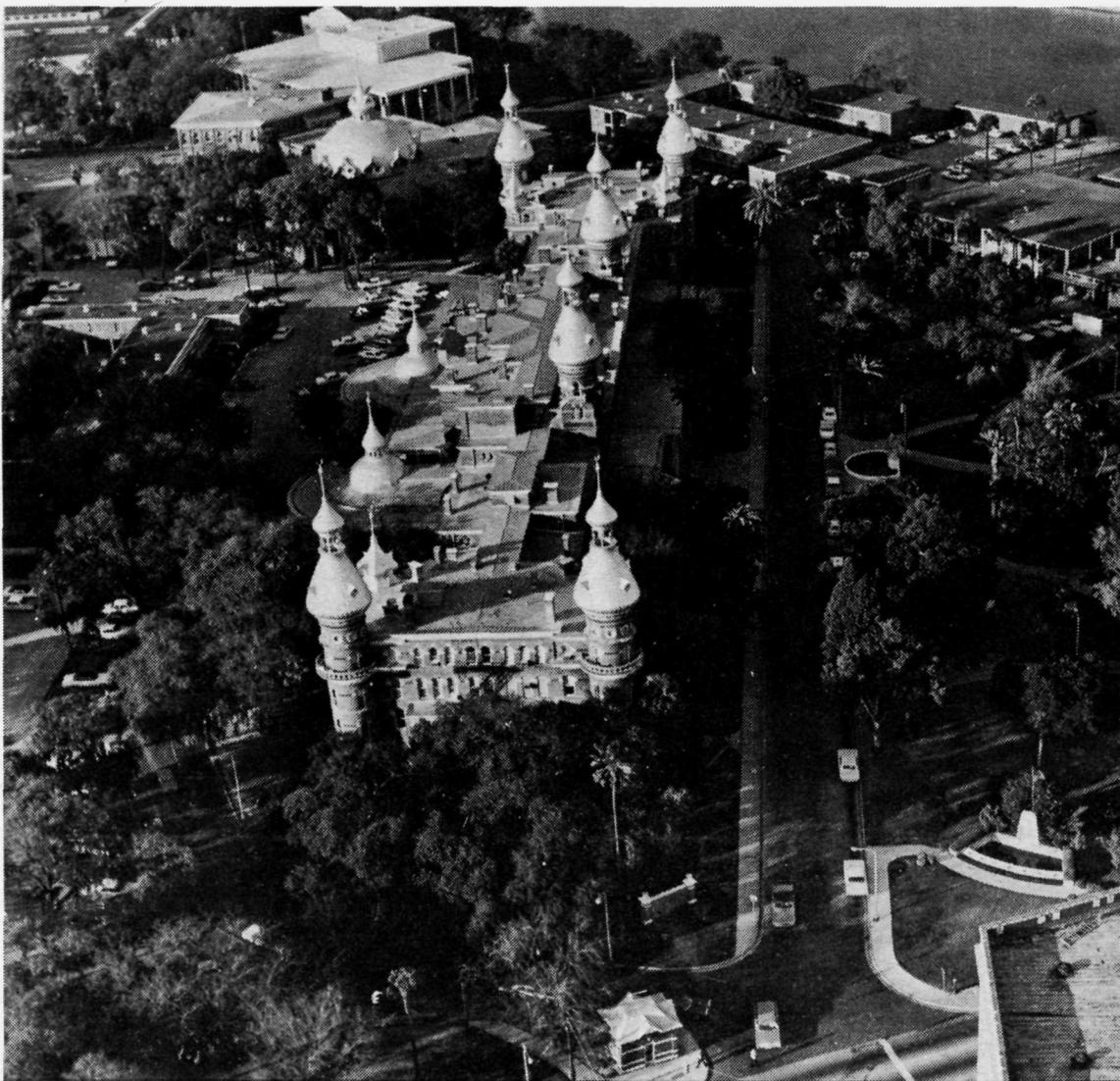
pa social life until the late 1920s and is now the heart of the 92-acre University of Tampa campus.

Plant was a towering figure responsible for the growth of modern western Florida. During the last two decades of the 19th century, he stimulated railway growth, commerce and investment on Florida's Gulf Coast.

During the Spanish-American War, the hotel was headquarters for military operations in

Cuba. The grand hotel overflowed with writers and war correspondents like Stephen Crane and Richard Harding Davis, as well as the military.

National Historic Landmark designation means recognition that a site is very significant in U.S. history. The site does not change ownership but its administrators are encouraged to apply high standards in preservation.



University of Tampa photo

**Aerial view of the Tampa Bay Hotel, now part of the University of Tampa (Florida). The 86-year-old hotel recently was named a national landmark.**

## New NPS museum man at JNEM, Mo.

Raymond L. Breun of Florissant, Mo., has joined the staff at the Museum of Westward Expansion at the Gateway Arch to develop maximum utilization of the park resources by local schools.

Norman G. Messinger, Museum Director, said: "Breun

will develop, produce, and guide the presentation of museum programs for school groups, including pre- and post-visit packages for the various age groups. In addition, he will organize and coordinate technical lectures and academic seminars designed to encourage

greater community utilization of the museum resource."

He will also manage the Volunteers-In-Parks program at both the Old Courthouse and the Museum.

Born in Anoka, Minn., Ray Breun is 34. He holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees in psychology and education and has had broad experience in education and museum work, having been with the St. Louis Art Museum from 1971 until his employment at JNEM. He is a member of numerous professional associations, among which are the American Association of Museums, the Midwest Museums Educators Association, the Missouri Museums Association, and the White House Conference on Education.

Breun has published a number of articles on museum and educational topics in professional journals. He holds membership in a number of related committees.

He lives with his wife, Joan Clark Breun, and their two children, Benjamin D. and John L. Breun, at 2332 Lost Hollow Court, Florissant.

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## Park Briefs

**CUMBERLAND GAP NHS, KY.**—A pack of wild dogs is roaming the park and has attacked park employees on two occasions. In one recent incident several of the animals forced two employees to seek shelter in a barn. The dogs then attacked some nearby livestock before being driven off. A live-trapping program has been initiated to control the dogs. If this fails, the dogs may have to be destroyed. Meanwhile, park people are advising hikers to stay in groups or take to the trees if they meet the dogs.

**FORT LARNED NHS, KAN.**—Construction has been completed on the interior of one of the two 1868 barracks buildings at the fort. Now open to visitors, the building contains an auditorium and museum-exhibit room. Temporary exhibits have been moved into the new facility and additional traveling exhibits are expected to arrive this summer.

**JOSHUA TREE NM, CALIF.**—Monument visitors are getting an opportunity to participate in spring walks and share with rangers their knowledge and concern for the desert at evening campfires. Special programs include "Planets, Stars and Galaxies," or "Joshua Tree Night Sky," where visitors gaze through one of the Monument's telescopes; "Bighorn Rap Session;" or learning about a little desert resident in "Phainopepla What?" Even Sunday morning campfire coffees are included.

**GOLDEN GATE NRA, CALIF.**—Fort Mason held an "enterprise" garage sale March 5-6 as a fund-raising event for Enterprise for High School Students, Inc., a non-profit group in San Francisco that provides job counseling for teenagers. The sale featured a large selection of sports gear, clothing, furniture, and other unusual items, including boa feathers.

**J.F.K. CENTER, D.C.**—This huge center for the performing arts, not yet 6 years old, has a leaky roof in need of repairs with an estimated cost of \$4.5 million. Rugs have disintegrated. Plaster has peeled. Expensive wall coverings have mildewed. Chandelier stems have corroded. Opera goers and theater buffs have yet to be rained on because some 150 metal pans have been used to catch the falling water. It may take a lawsuit against the designer to settle who is at fault.

**STATUTE OF LIBERTY NM, N.Y.**—Several demonstrators recently chained themselves inside the crown of the statue to protest the treatment of political prisoners in Iran. The demonstrators particularly protested the arrest of 18 opponents of the Shah and said they were being held without trial and under torture. NPS obtained a Federal court order telling the protesters to leave. The monument was cleared of visitors 2 hours before usual closing time.

**VALLEY FORGE NHS, PA.**—NPS officially assumed control March 31 of this site where George Washington's Continental Army spent its "winter of despair" in 1777-78. Plans to put the 2,255-acre reservation under Park Service control were included in legislation signed by President Ford at Valley Forge last July 4. The State of Pennsylvania, which managed the site as a State park, is building or renovating facilities to complete its commitment of \$13.5 million in improvements before the end of 1977.

**HALEAKALA NP, HAWAII.**—For the first time since the birth of the famous "Christmas miracle" quintet of nene goslings in 1972, the Hawaii geese in the park's special enclosure have failed to produce young. Park Superintendent Hugo Huntzinger thinks that it is because of the drought conditions Maui has experienced for so long. At least three females produced eggs, but they ceased to develop, probably due to lack of moisture in the ground where the geese were nesting.

**FORT UNION NATIONAL MONUMENT, N. MEX.**—A California pilot who buzzed the fort over a year ago faces a 60-day suspension of his license by the FAA. Jack Glassford of Newport Beach, Calif., flew his plane at less than the minimum safe altitude of 500 feet. An administrative law judge from the National Transportation and Safety board also found him guilty of reckless flying.

**ELLIS ISLAND, N.Y.**—August C. Bolino, chairman of the Washington, D.C., chapter of the Restore Ellis Island Committee (REIC), is seeking \$1 contributions from each descendant of those who came to the United States through Ellis Island. He says that with such a donation he could raise \$70 million to restore the 27-acre island in New York Harbor, which is considered by many to be in a shambles. NPS says it will be glad to work in cooperation with REIC, but cannot itself solicit private funds.



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**Dave Canfield laid to rest at 72**

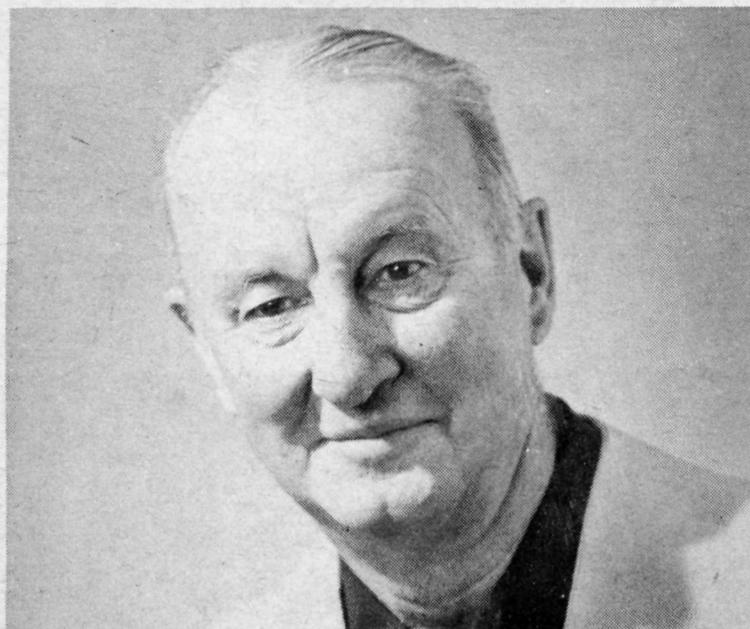
By Tom Ela

This really is addressed to all those in or near the National Park Service who knew David H. Canfield, who departed this mortal world in Santa Fe, N.Mex., March 8, 1977.

The very perfunctory official notice to the field of his passing was no more than that. Perhaps it was about the right length to suit Uncle Dave, who did not do things by fanfare; however, it did not hint of the impact this man had on many individuals of the Service and often to the members of their families and friends. He was the superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park when I received my first assignment as a seasonal park ranger, and I can never forget how much he did to influence me and my subsequent career for the past 35 years.

It wasn't his fault that I didn't climb the ladder higher. No matter where I was stationed, or what little group of park people I found myself in, someone was bound to mention Dave Canfield sooner or later when the names of our best known entered the conversation. In later years, those away from Santa Fe who had the good fortune to know him always inquired how Uncle Dave was getting along.

His generosity was always amazing to me. Most of us will never realize how much the Canfields gave nor to whom they gave it. Many of us with our families have been able to spend a week or two at a time at "Canfield North" at Estes Park, Colo., in the summer season or at "Canfield South" near Phoenix, Ariz., in winter months. These "cabins" were fully furnished, and all that was required of the visitor consisted of buying his own grub and refreshments and leaving the beds made up and the place clean. What a wonderful gesture this has been over the years to so many of us who were able to schedule a visit! Time, space, and incomplete knowledge prevents me from attempting to list the many and substantial philanthropic gifts made by the Canfields, but many of these



Dave Canfield

touched our lives even when we did not realize it.

Dave's house in Santa Fe was always open to his friends. The best in current literature, magazines and newspapers always graced the coffee tables, and the gang would gather for special occasions such as the World Series on the color TV. The political scene, park happenings, vital statistics, war and peace, and a myriad of other topics were grist for the conversational mill, but this special man, even with ample justification, seldom dwelt on the shortcomings of his friends and acquaintances. Sometimes when I dropped in, particularly in recent months, we would sit quietly and think deep thoughts, perhaps contemplate the passing of the sun in relation to the yardarm, and then call it quits for the day. I hope all our little calls helped Uncle Dave when his once iron constitution failed him and locomotion became difficult. Perhaps only a handful remember what a fine athlete this man had been. He excelled in many sports, was the kind who picked up such skills easily. At the end of his life, only his strong and sincere handshake remained to remind us that he earned various trophies now gathering dust in storage.

And, Dave's parties were beautiful! Whether it was a

small gathering of Old Timers, or the big annual Rocky Mountain People garden party, it was well done. Sometimes it was to get all the visiting superintendents together after an arid conference behind the "Ancient Adobe Walls," or to honor other visiting firemen, or to lend ample space for a wedding. All showed the fine hand of a warm-hearted and generous master. It is fun to remember when Dave was well and able to participate fully.

Thank God, Dave was not destined for a prolonged invalid situation. He went out quickly, and I believe he had a premonition of this some weeks before. He regretted he had to leave a lot of things undone, but he had left instructions and requests with his attorney, who was also a close friend, confidant, and in whom Dave had great trust. He delivered a fitting and heartfelt eulogy before the military honors were performed that finally laid David Canfield to rest. It was a difficult thing to do but appropriate and appreciated by most of the old friends that gathered in the Santa Fa National Cemetery.

We will all miss this man who proved his ability many times in his career and who left his mark on us who remain and regret his passing. He deserves far more than these few words.

**Glades maintenanceman gets recognition**



Superintendent John Good of Everglades NP, right, congratulates Carl Walden, Shark Valley maintenance foreman on receipt of his 30-year length-of-service pin.

Carl Walden, maintenance foreman for the Shark Valley area in Everglades National Park, recently received a 30-year length of service pin from Superintendent John Good.

Walden began his Federal career at 18 by enlisting in the U.S. Navy—serving an 8-year hitch during which his ship was torpedoed and he ended up spending some time in the Pacific Ocean by himself. Thought to be lost, he went on to become captain of the admiral's barge.

After leaving the Navy, he worked in an Arizona Post Office and a supply depot in Albany, Ga.

He came to Everglades in 1959 as a laborer at Flamingo.

Since then he has served as caretaker and equipment operator at Pine Island, a boat captain and maintenanceman at Fort Jefferson National Monument, Fla., and as maintenanceman for a short time at Cumberland Island National Seashore, Ga.

It is also reported that Carl, during his NPS tenure at Everglades, has served the park in such unofficial roles as "funky dance instructor" and "chief chef."

"Carl is a person who is a good combination of enthusiasm and ability—ingredients that help keep some of the parks more fragile programs intact," according to Management Assistant Ralph C. Webb.

**Attention NPS Women**

Would you search through your experience of being a woman related to the Park Service, note one or two jobs, people (women), events, incidents (or accidents?) that stand out above all the others in your career as an employee or wife of an employee and send to:

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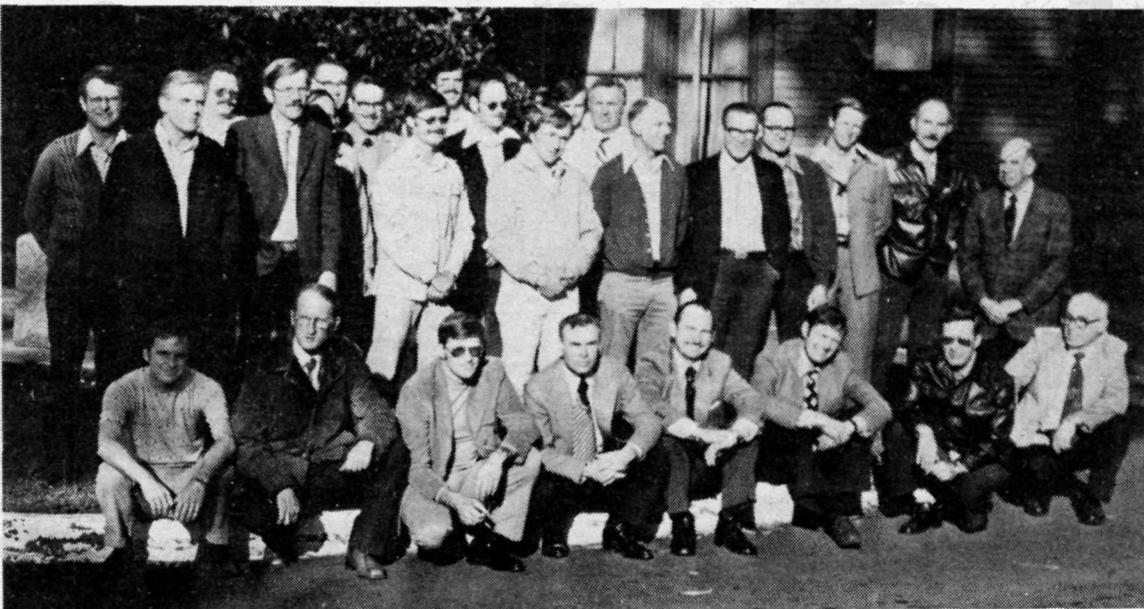
Mrs. Huyck is a free-lance writer who's written a number of articles about national parks (for the *N.Y. Times*, *Washington Post*, *Ford Times*, *American Forests*, *Parents*, etc.) She's collecting data on a long-overlooked subject: the contribution of women to the National Park Service. Can you give her a hand?

## WR chief rangers meet

Twenty chief rangers from parks in the Western Region attended a training program at Fort Mason, Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Jan. 24-28. The theme of the conference was "Ranger Image" and the agenda items covered such essential Ranger activities as fire management, emergency medical technician program, tort claims, search and rescue, backcountry management, fee collection, physical security, safety management and concessions management.

Regional Director Howard Chapman discussed the topic, "Ranger Image," and gave a resume of the task force recommendations on that subject. Associate Regional Director, Operations, Lyle McDowell, discussed Board of Inquiry Report requirements. Messrs. Andy Hutchison and Dave Butts, WASO, made presentations on the Authorities Act and Fire Management Program.

Three case histories of events that occurred in the Western Region this past summer were presented. An illegal campfire at Point Reyes National Seashore, Calif., that resulted in a project fire costing \$50,000 in suppression costs was discussed in detail. The case was prosecuted to



Twenty-seven individuals recently attended the Western Region chief rangers conference in San Francisco. Front row, from left, are Andy Ringgold, Roy Allen, Lee Roy Brock, Newton Sikes, Bill Orr, Bill Wendt, Al Schneider, and Homer Leach. Rear, from left, are Virgil Leimer, Jim Langford, Phil Ward, Don Colville, Lyle McDowell, Dick Hardin, Don Squire, Lee Shackleton, Jon Radtke, John Tucker, Pete Nigh, Scott Connelly, Bob Smith, Dick Rayner, Les Gunzel, Jerry Chilton, Chris Cameron, Ray Murphy, and Dick McLaren.

successful completion in criminal court, and will now be tried in civil court in an effort to recover damages.

A search and rescue effort at Lassen National Park, Calif., was the subject of the second

case study. It lasted 6 days and ended happily with finding the lost boy. It was truly remarkable that the boy was found at all, but that he was alive was nothing short of a miracle.

A homicide at Yosemite provided the third case study. The quality of the investigation conducted by the Law Enforcement Office was exceeded only by the presentation of the case to the Chief Rangers.

The conference chairman was Bill Orr, Chief, Visitor Use Management Division, Western Region. Other instructors and discussion leaders included Deputy Regional Director Jack Davis, Field Solicitor Ralph Mihan, Regional Public Affairs Officer Ed Winge, Protection Specialist Phil Ward, Yosemite Law Enforcement Officer Lee Shackleton, Fire Management Officer John Bowdler, Forest Service Fire Investigator Bill Derr, Point Reyes Resource Management Specialist John Aho, Regional Tort Claims Officer Vera Poston, Regional EEO Officer Walter Robinson, Regional Personnel Officer Bob Mullen, Regional Training Officer Hoop O'Sullivan, Regional Safety Officer Dick Wilburn, Concessions Specialist Howard Solomon, Research Scientist Jan van Wagendonk, at Yosemite; Regional Finance Officer Roland Johnson, Supervisory Accountant Foon Lee, Regional Chief of Interpretation Dick Cunningham, Regional Law Enforcement Officer Carl Thomas and Criminal Investigator Scott Connelly. The photographer for the session was Assistant Public Affairs Officer Larry Quist.

## Field classes for Yosemite this summer

A field seminar program in natural science and history will be offered in Yosemite during the coming summer, according to Leslie P. Arnberger, park superintendent.

Backpacking in Yosemite's high country, measuring the movement of a living glacier, learning basketry techniques of the Ahwahneechee Indians, and studying their early culture are four of the seventeen seminar subjects to be presented.

For those interested in Yosemite's wildflowers, Dr. Carl

Sharsmith will lead classes in high-elevation botany and Bob Fry will cover the flora within the 5-10,000 foot ranges.

The story of Yosemite's unique geologic history will be unfolded in the course "Geology of Rock and Ice".

The phenomenon of the annual migration of Yosemite's many bird species and the techniques of bird-banding will be covered in several birding classes.

Yosemite's meadows, its amphibians and reptiles, its

Giant Sequoia are other seminar subjects and, for star watchers, there will be an astronomy class at Glacier Point, a fine location for studying the heavens because of the dependably clear skies.

Dana Morgenson, well-known Yosemite photographer and flower authority, will lead a class in flower photography.

For those aspiring to become naturalists, an "Interpretive Techniques" course will cover the methods followed by the

Park Service in training its naturalist-interpreters.

While the level of instruction is within the grasp of the interested layman, for those who elect, classes carry one, two or three quarter units of extension credit from the University of California, Berkeley. All instructors are accredited by U.C.B.

Program sponsor is the Yosemite Natural History Association, a private, non-profit educational organization which aids the NPS in its naturalist pro-

grams for park visitors. The association is not funded by any Federal, other public or private agencies.

The summer program starts June 17 and continues through August 26, with most of the classes held in the Tuolumne Meadows area of the park.

Complete information schedules, fees and other details are available from Yosemite Natural History Association P. O. Box 545, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389; phone (209) 372-4532.

## Jewel Cave honors Conns

"The Jewel Cave Adventure," a spirited account of Herb and Jan Conn's exciting exploration of Jewel Cave, National Monument, S. Dak., has just been published. Now everyone can share the fun, the sorrow, the anxious moments, the numerous happenings, and the excitement of discovery with the Conns through the captivating pages of this book.

Lester F. McClanahan, superintendent of Wind Cave National Park and Jewel Cave National Monument, hosted an open house on Sunday, March 20, at the Jewel Cave Visitor Center to honor the Conns' accomplishments. Herb and Jan Conn were present to autograph copies of their new book. Copies of the book were for sale during the open house by the Wind Cave Natural History Association. It is available in paperback at \$5.95, or hardbound cover for \$10.50, plus tax. Free cave



Herb and Jan Conn explore Jewel Cave.

tours were offered every half hour.

Herb and Jan arrived in the Black Hills in 1947. Both are accomplished technical mountain climbers and are the first to climb most of the needle-like rock spires in the Black Hills. Herb is probably best known as the "makeup man" for the faces of Mount Rushmore that he patches annually.

Their love for adventure led them finally to the underground world of caves. Since their first experience in Jewel Cave in 1959, Herb and Jan have nearly single-handedly continued to explore and map the intricate network of cave passages of Jewel Cave. In 1959 less than one mile of cave passageway had been mapped. As of 1976, the Conns have increased this mileage to over 56 miles. Due to their discoveries, Jewel Cave now ranks as the fourth largest cave system in the world.

# NPS alumni notes

## More on the late great Stan Abbott

We have more about the late Stan Abbott. A letter from William E. (Bill) O'Neil suggests something that Stan's old friends might be interested in. We quote from Bill's letter: (His address, by the way is 5608 Crenshaw Road, Richmond, Va. 23227) "... "Blue Ridge being one of the early national parkways, there was a natural compulsion for the Service to rigidly apply most of the same development standards and restrictions which apply to the national parks. This

precluded introduction of any artificial lakes from being approved in the development plans. However, the Peaks of Otter Lake was strongly advocated by Stan with an enduring persistence and convincing justification, which in my judgment had important influence on policy changes which eventually permitted and resulted in the present development. I never see the lake without thinking of Stan and his patient tenacity, which did so much to bring this beautiful and tranquil scene

into being now enjoyed by so many people."

Bill solicits support for the Board of Geographic Names (Washington, D.C.) for the naming of the lake in memory of Stanley W. Abbott. Perhaps some of the alumni will wish to contact the Board of Geographic Names on this matter. We do not recall the exact procedures for doing this, but know that Gary Everhardt favors it, so a letter or copy to him would seem appropriate. We vote for it. It is a lovely place.

## Gatekeeper lives in Fairfax, Va.

When Connie Wirth was Director, Belva Brandon was his top secretary. Her desk was located at a strategic spot that permitted her to control ingress and egress to Connie's office unless you dared slip through the side door from the conference room.

She did not control a gate—it was not that crude—but you darned well could not just slip by Belva without her knowing it and quietly taking such action as she, in her long experience, knew to be advantageous to the boss and the smooth flow of business in that always busy office. She knew everybody who was vital to the NPS in WASO, the Department, on the Hill, and in the field. She had tact and plenty of it, enough to keep a Congressman sitting quietly in the outer office looking at the big oil painting of grizzly bears by Walt Weber. And who says you have to wear a uniform to be a dedicated NPSer?

She retired in 1969 after having been assigned as staff assist-

ant to the Job Corps. Anyhow, we think that those who knew her would like to be brought up to date on her whereabouts and such. Her latest address is 12806 Madeley Court, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

After retirement, Belva, Nellie Shepherd, and another friend took a trip to London, Paris, and The Hague. "In '73", Belva wrote, "Ronald and I drove out to Iowa for Christmas and New Years and enjoyed some of the 20 below zero weather they have out there."

Belva's health began to fail in early 1975 when she had a slight stroke, which made it difficult to type with her right hand. Then she developed heart trouble, which put her in the hospital for 22 days and, then again, for 6 days recently. But she is much better now and has come up from 84 pounds to 102, cooks her meals, does light housework in her two-story "town house," as she calls it, and drives her car.

## West coast retirees lunch

With John McLaughlin as emcee, a number of local NPS retirees and wives attended an informal "get together" luncheon at the Oakmont Inn in Santa Rosa, Calif., Jan. 31st.

Honoring the group was Regional Director Howard Chapman and his assistant Jack Davis. After the luncheon the regional director brought the group up-to-date on recent activities and decisions of the Service as well as answering questions directed to him. Among topics discussed were the burro problem at Grand Canyon, mining in Death Valley, the raising of Morgan horses at Point Reyes, and matters pertaining to Yosemite and the Mineral King area.

Among those attending the luncheon were Howard and Marian Chapman, Jack and Bobbie Davis, John and Gen McLaughlin, Tom and Maud Allen, Dixon and Bee Freeland, Dorr and Peg Yeager, Ernie and Grace Schultz, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Grunigen, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Novak, Jess Lombard, Ross McKendry.

It is hoped that from time to time similar meetings will be held to keep retirees abreast of NPS activities.

## How to beat the cost of living

Of note is a clipping from the *Washington Post*. Although it is not fresh news, alumni away from the Washington area probably have not heard of it.

Hilory Tolson, former assistant director, reached an out-of-court agreement to receive \$100,000 from the estate of his brother who had been a long-time associate and companion of the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover. We will not go into details. We do not need to do so, but we suggest it is better than the cost of living increase members of the alumni are hoping to get soon.

## Tucson-area retirees party

Bill Carnes, in a letter to Elbert Cox, reports that retirees of the NPS in the Tucson, Ariz., area sponsored a retiree get-together on March in Tucson, with golf, cocktails, and dinner. Some 14 attended from Santa Fe; there were many from Phoenix-Sun City and Globe. "So there were 96 of us all told, a fun evening," Bill wrote. The Regional Director from San Francisco (Howard Chapman) brought us a message from the director.

## 'Two-Gun' Merrill a California writer

The drivers of the huge logging trucks that rumble around Lake Crescent in the Olympics used to call him "Two Gun," and were always on the lookout and obeyed the speed limit when his patrol car was in sight. They also had a signal to each other when they passed on the road—holding up two fingers meant that "Two Gun" was ahead. His real name is Wilfred K. Merrill and he now lives at Rancho Sonora Estates, Route 4 Box 830-77, Sonora, Calif. 95370. He retired in 1958.

His wife, Margaret, wrote a book with the title, "Bears in My Kitchen." Then Bill went on to write numerous books about the outdoors and wilderness travel. They are all very down to earth giving advice to those who love the outdoors. He is just coming out with a new one called "Vacationing with Saddle and Packhorse." You will have to write him to get the name of the publisher because this is not an advertisement. Suffice it to quote from former Chief Forester Ed Cliff: "W.K. 'Bill' Merrill's 40 years of experience as a ranger and outdoors man come through clearly in his new book... His numerous tips and practical advice on safety, comfort, and care of stock show his respect for the great outdoor's experience." He is busy and active at 73.

## Gertrude S. Cooper Settles in Connecticut

Gertrude S. Cooper retired as superintendent of Vanderbilt Mansion in 1945. Her present address is Aaron Manor, Chester, Conn. 06412. When she left the Service she went to Greenwich House in New York City as director then to Portland, Ore., to work at their largest Episcopal church in charge of various groups of young people, then back East "where I belong" to be housemother at a girls' school in New Hampshire. From there she moved to Boston and tried a nursing home, but decided to move to Connecticut to be closer to her children and grandchildren. Oh yes, and somewhere in between she moved to San Miguel in Mexico. Now, she is settled, well, and happy at 87 years of age.

## Fitch honored at Santa Fe

Monte E. Fitch, associate director of the Southwest Region, has retired after more than 30 years service with the agency.

Fitch was sent into retirement at a dinner at the Elk's Lodge in Santa Fe, which included a program featuring his life in the Park Service. More than 150 friends, family and associates attended the fete and Fitch was alternately roasted and praised by master of ceremonies John E. Cook, Southwest Regional Director, and division chiefs and park superintendents who worked under Fitch.

Fitch joined the Park Service shortly after service with Patton's 3rd Army in Europe during World War II. He became a park ranger at Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., in 1946 and in 1951 was promoted to chief ranger at the coordinated areas of Colorado National Monument and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colo.

Chief ranger stints followed at Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N.D. and Big Bend National Park, Tex., before he received his first superintendency at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Ariz., in 1959.

Fitch was later named superintendent at Saguaro National Monument, Ariz., before moving to Washington, D.C., first as a forester and later as superintendent of Central National Capital Parks.

## 4.8% Annuity Increase

A 4.8 percent increase in Federal retirement annuities became effective March 1, reflected in April 1 checks.

The next adjustment, under the 1976 law for computing annuity adjustments, will be effective Sept. 1 for October 1 checks.

Another adjustment will become effective March 1, 1978, for April 1, 1978, checks.

## Roy Applemans planning move

The current address of the Roy E. Applemans is 7650 West 68th Ave., Apartment 320, Arvada, Colo. 80004. Later this year he expects to move to a new home in Colorado Springs.

## Paul & Shorty return to Kentucky

Paul McG. Miller and his wife Shorty have taken the sands of Lake Park, Fla., off their shoes and returned to Kentucky, where Paul started his NPS career in the 1930's and ended it when he retired from the superintendency of Mammoth Cave National Park in 1965. Their address is 459 Carle Moor Drive, Bowling Green, Ky. 42101.

## Letters:

## Oliff & Freeman thank all great NPS people

Dear National Park Service Family:

I guess I have been in "retirement" long enough now—cooking, baking, sewing, washing, ironing, shopping, dusting, mopping, vacuuming, cleaning cabinets, typing recipes, putting pictures in albums, needlepoint, crewel embroidery, crocheting, spending the day at H & R Block, bowling, Town Council meetings, Church committee meetings, Church Clerk, etc., etc.—to let everyone know that I like it.

Although I had not worked for the National Park Service 40, 30, or even 25 years, I have many fond memories that I can cling to. If there were any bad memories, I am not letting them cling to me. Last but not least, fond memory was the nice farewell party. I want to thank everyone again who contributed and honored me with their presence. My very special thanks to the committee that put so much effort into making the party a success.

One person said, "I only regret that you chose to retire just when your funny way of talking has finally become fashionable within the Executive Branch of the Government." Well, maybe I'll be able to sit by the fireside and help put the cardigan sweater on the best-seller list.

Sincerely,

Hazel Oliff  
4016 Madison Street  
Hvattsville, Md. 20781

Dear Gary and all great NPS people:

It is difficult to express in words how much Marie and I appreciated and enjoyed the retirement party on Jan. 7.

It was just the "right" party. The people were beautiful, the food excellent, and the remembrance presents were great.

I have the sand painting hanging in our recreation room. The beautiful attache case will certainly be needed once I start traveling and doing part-time work.

Of course, most of you know how much I appreciate and like carvings. The "motherhood" owl is simply great. The pewter eagle along with the fine book of letters will be great reminders of the fine Service people.

Marie and I thank you all very much. We hope to see you all from time to time. It has been a privilege to work with and know you all. I appreciate the opportunity.

Best wishes,

Ray Freeman

**VPI students like Granny Liles**

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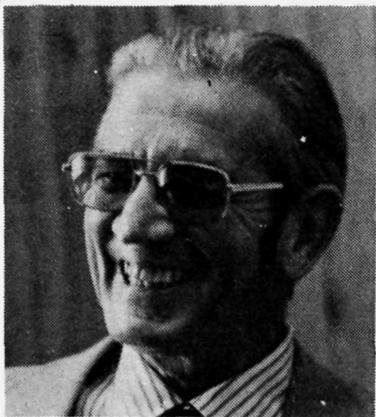
You can't catch him stalking wild asparagus or hunting deer with a long bow, but around Cheatham Hall he's becoming known as the "grand old man of the parkway."

The description is of Granville Liles, 63, retired superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, that ribbon of scenic beauty that stretches 469 miles from Waynesboro, Va., to Cherokee, N.C., who is visiting professor this winter quarter in Tech's School of Forestry and Wildlife Resources.

This is the second consecutive winter that the tall, silver-haired Liles has left his Asheville, N.C., home to teach a course in park management and recreation. This year, he has about 40 students in his class, most of whom are seniors eager to get their careers under way.

Otis F. Hall, head of the department of forestry and forest products, where the course is taught, said Liles "was with us last year for one quarter and the student reception was so enthusiastic that they wished to have him back again."

Liles brings to his classroom at Tech 40 years of Federal service, 35 of them with the Park Service. Fittingly enough, he ended his long and distinguished NPS career June 30,



**Granny Liles**

1975, where he had begun it as a young park ranger in 1939—on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

It was his service as a ranger for 8 years on the Parkway in the '40s that gave him "a different perspective" and brought him into "intimate contact" with problems of park management. He discusses these problems with his students quietly and wisely, in a modern day context of preservation versus utility.

Liles see Americans' demand for expanded outdoor recreational areas as opportunities for students entering the field to which he's devoted his own professional—and to a great extent—his private life.

It's sad, he says, that so much of our park land is in the West and out of reach of so much of that 80 percent of the population that lives in the cities. He tells his students we must have more "urban parks" and that their intensive use by an increasingly outdoor hungry American will call for more intensive and intelligent management.

Citing the Blue Ridge Parkway as an international example of "intelligent land use planning," Liles is convinced, nevertheless, that the planning of the '30s is not adequate for the '70s. There is an urgent need, he says, for State, Federal, and local development of a fully regional use plan.

The Tech visiting professor, who in December received the Interior Department's Distinguished Service Award, said America's cry for more outdoor recreation area also entails the need for a "new land ethic and stewardship of the soil."

The veteran of service in eight different park areas from California to North Carolina, Liles has been interested in Tech's forestry program for more than a decade and has served 6 years on its advisory board. It's not uncommon to find him on campus besides winter quarter as he participates in many of the school's forums and educational activities.

Liles, who is the father of four grown children, is a native of Peachland, N.C. A graduate of Louisville College, he has studied at Penn State, the University of California and at Georgetown University.

An avid reader, Liles has taken advantage of this quarter's snow-bound hours to reflect on the past and future of America's most precious assets—her national parks. And he's convinced that many of the students in his classroom at Tech will be playing major roles in the urgent national need for the type of land use that made the Blue Ridge Parkway possible.

**Two retire in SWRO**

Robert M. Bone and Michael J. Becker, appraisal and rate specialists with Southwest Regional Office have retired after long careers in the Federal Government.

Becker was superintendent at Tumacacori National Monument, Ariz., Fort Davis National Historic Site, Tex., and Lake Meredith Recreation Area, Tex., during a Park Service career that began in 1946.

A graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in forestry, Becker was a Navy lieutenant during World War II. He moved to the Southwest Regional Office in 1969.

Bone has been with NPS in Santa Fe since 1958. His prior Government positions were at Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., and with the Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Reclamation.

Bone was born in Monte Vista, Colo., and graduated from Alamosa High School in Alamosa, Colo. During World War II he served as a machine gunner in the Army Air Force.

Bone and Becker were honored recently at a retirement party at the Elk's Lodge in Santa Fe.

**Letter:**

Dear Editor:

In your February issue of the National Park Courier, there was an article about me, reporting that I had a stroke in November while at our winter home in Mesa, but you had been unable to find out anything further. So I'd best bring you up to date.

My wife and I arrived back in Mesa from our home in Omaha Oct. 28. We always spend 6 months in Omaha and the other 6 months each year at our home in Mesa. This is our 9th year to be coming to Mesa and we thoroughly enjoy life out here.

I had my stroke on Nov. 6 and spent the rest of November in the Mesa Lutheran Hospital. I was moved into the Mesa Christian Nursing Home Dec. 1 and spent 3½ weeks there until Dec. 23 when I went back to our home in Mesa and have been there ever since.

I am taking therapy 2 days each week and other treatments 3 days each week, so I am getting very good treatments and everybody tells me I am making good progress. I can walk with a cane and do some walking all alone in our house. The stroke affected my left side, so I do not have use yet of either my

left leg or left arm, but the therapists are treating those parts regularly and I hope to have normal use of those parts soon.

I think we may decide to stay at our home here in Mesa all summer, so I can take advantage of the fine therapy. I called the NPS office in Phoenix to get your address, but I don't believe I know anyone in your office.

I had 31 years with NPS, although I started with the Service expecting only 6 months. I was always a park planner, recreation planner or landscape architect, and served first at Mount Rainier, then Yosemite under the regional office at San Francisco, and last for 16 years as chief, Federal and State Cooperation in the Omaha office and retired from there in 1964.

I don't suppose you care much for all this information, but here it is. I hope I may sometime visit the Phoenix office.

Very sincerely,

Russell L. McKown  
150 S. Windsor Drive  
Mesa, Ariz. 85204

**Big sendoff for 1st Rocky Region retiree**



**Forrest Benson and his retirement cake**

It was a gala affair, with no "this is your life" type speeches, when the Rocky Mountain Regional Office bid adieu to its first retiree—Forrest M. Benson. After 34 years of Government service, 30½ years with the Park Service, Forrest turned in his badge.

The party, on Feb. 27, was attended by many friends from the Regional and Service Center offices, nearby parks and the surprise attendance of a friend of many years ago—Mary Rutter, who was vacationing nearby. Also, astronaut and Mrs.

Wally Schirra, with whom Forrest had become friends through his coordination of the Secretary's Advisory Board activities, were in attendance. Wally's sense of humor was apparent when he remarked that "now we can see the trees for Forrest will be gone."

The big surprise of the evening was when a voice came over the club's public address system recounting some early incidents in Forrest's life, and ended with, "The man we are here to honor tonight is my

Dad." Forrest's and Mary's older son Bob had flown in from Vicksburg, Miss., to surprise and pay tribute to his father. To say that Forrest was surprised and pleased is an understatement—he was stunned. Tears came to many eyes, particularly to Forrest's.

The show-stopper of the evening was when doors folded back and from a large crepe-paper cake, out jumped four lovely young ladies from the office (including Forrest's secretary) and to the tune of "Bye-Bye Birdie" did an absolutely original song and dance. Rita Smith, Rose McKee, Cathy Eckberg and Gayle Smith brought down the house; laughter reigned supreme.

A bronze sculpture of a bison by Indian Artist Charles Pratt was presented to Forrest by Regional Director Lynn Thompson, along with the traditional book of letters from friends from all over the Service. After dinner there was dancing to the tunes of the 40's until the witching hour approached ending a retirement party to end all retirement parties! Its success was in a good time, with a lot of good laughs and with a lot of good friends—and without the parade of long-winded speeches that mark so many occasions of this type. As Forrest said "It's the only way to go."

Forrest and Mary plan to move to Green Valley, Ariz., in late summer or early fall and extend a welcome to their many friends to join them there for a bite to eat, a sip of wine, or a warm bed.

**People on the move**



**New faces**

- ALBERTS, Wendell E., Engineering Tech, Graphic Services, DSC
- BARBOT, Theresa M., Park Tech, National Mall
- BLADEN, Joseph L., Maintenance Worker, NCP-East
- BOLINGER, John R., Laborer, Cumberland Gap NHP
- COFFMAN, Opal L., Administrative Services Clerk, Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP
- COLE, Elaine M., Clerk-Typist, Big Cypress Land Acquisition Office
- CONRAD, Randall A., Architect, Historic Pres Div, DSC
- DESPAIN, Debra, Info Receptionist, Bighorn Canyon NRA
- EGE, Raph W., Engineering Draftsman, DSC

- FLETCHER, Sharon B., Supply Clerk, Cumberland Gap NHP
- GABEL, Kareen M., Clerk-Steno, Alaska Area Office
- GENTILE, Ralph L., Tractor Operator, Grounds Maintenance, NCR
- HOOTS, James A., Laborer, Lincoln Home NHS
- HORTON, Eva M., Correspondence Clerk, Labor Relations Branch, WASO
- JOHNSON, Andy W., Laborer, Ford's Theatre, NCR
- KIMSEY, Paul T., Maintenance Worker, Delaware Water Gap NRA
- KINSEY, Patricia S., Clerk-Typist, Interpretation, Recreation & Resource Mgmt, NCR
- KIRSCHNER, Rick, Manitor, Mount Rainier
- KOPER, Alan M., Supv Accountant, MARO

KRAUKLIS, Vilhelms A., Architect, NCP Team, DSC  
 LANGINO, Nancy M., Sec, Office of Communications, WASO  
 LEHMAN, Lou, Clerk-Typist, Historic Pres Div, DSC  
 LIPPAI, Istvan, Civil Engineer, W/PN Regions Team DSC  
 LOBATO, Rudolph B., Architect, W/PN Regions Team, DSC  
 MASON, Douglas L., Auto Worker, Yellowstone NP  
 MELTON, Michael T., Purchasing Agent, Coulee Dam RA  
 MOORE, Kath D., Procurem't Clerk, Blue Ridge Pkwy  
 MOORE, Michael V., Park Tech, Shenandoah NP  
 MORAN, Mary V., Clerk-Typist, WASO Personnel Office  
 MURRAY, Marion K., Maintenance Mechanic, Kennesaw Mountain NBP  
 NEJDLIK, John, Laborer, Manhattan Sites  
 RHODES, Mary J., Clerk-Typist, Concessions Mgmt, NCR  
 RUMMEL, Rita Ann, Clerk-Steno, Canyonlands NP  
 RYAN, Kenneth D., Mail & File Clerk, Alaska Area Office  
 SMART, Barbara J., Clerk-Typist, PNRO  
 SMITH, Patricia S., Clerk-Typist, Colonial NHP  
 SNOW, David E., Architect, Historic Pres Div, DSC  
 STRENG, Christine D., Clerk-Typist, Big Cypress Land Acquisition Office  
 TALLEY, Anna M., Mail & File Clerk, Big Cypress Land Acquisition Office  
 TAYLOR, Debra C., Clerk-Typist, Labor Relations Branch, WASO  
 TAYLOR, Lisa Ann, Clerk-Steno, Yellowstone NP  
 WILLIAMS, Richard N., Park Tech, Cuyahoga Valley NRA  
 WOLF, Debra M., Payroll Clerk, Administration, RMRO

LEE, Ray T., General Engineer, Construction Contracts, DSC, to Supv Civil Engineer, DSC Operations, DSC  
 LESCALLEET, David G., Park Tech, Independence NHP, to Same, Blue Ridge Pkwy  
 LOPENSKE, Robert A., Architect, MA/NA Regions, DSC, to Same, DSC Operations, DSC  
 MOREFIELD, Richard A., Park Tech, Cumberland Gap NHP, to Same, Blue Ridge Pkwy  
 ONTIVEROS, Leonard R., Laborer, Tuzigoot NM, to Maintenance Worker, Montezuma Castle NM  
 POND, Enola E., Sec, Administration, RMRO, to Same, Bighorn Canyon NRA  
 SCHELL, Carroll, J., Park Ranger, Christiansted NHS, to Same, Big Cypress National Preserve  
 SIMS, Danny R., Supply Clerk, Blue Ridge Pkwy, to Admin Service Assist, Guilford Courthouse NMP  
 SPICKA, Colleen A., Park Tech, Interpretation, Recreation & Resource Mgmt, GW Mem Pkwy, to Park Ranger, Roads & Trails Sec, NCR  
 TAYLOR, Kent J., Supv Park Ranger, Fort Pulaski NM, to Park Ranger, Independence NHP  
 TENNENT, Michael D., Park Ranger, Manassas NBP, to Same (Historian), George Washington Carver NM  
 TOTHERO, Jacob E., Construction Rep, RM/MW Regions Team, DSC, to Same, MA/NA Regions Teams, DSC  
 VARGOCKO, John E., Maintenance Mechanic, Lincoln Home NHS, to Maintenance Mechanic Foreman, Indiana Dunes NL  
 YARDIC, George T., Admin Officer, Lassen Volcanic NP, to Same, Valley Forge NHP

YOUNG, Claire Y., Park Tech, Interpretation, Recreation & Resource Mgmt, GW Mem Pkwy, to Park Ranger, Roads & Trails Section, NCR  
 ZENISEK, Paul J., Civil Engineer, NCP Team, DSC, to Same, DSC Operations

**Out of the traces**

ARBITMAN, Deborah L., Admin Clerk, Gateway NRA  
 BURNETT, Lee C., Motor Vehicle Operator, Blue Ridge Pkwy  
 DANIEL, Powhatan J., Program Analyst, NCP-East  
 ENGLER, George F., Realty Spec, De Soto NM  
 GAINES, Carolyn J., Librarian, Park Operations, SERO  
 GASSER, Many L., Sec, NCP-East  
 GATLING, Archie Bud, Laborer, National Mall  
 HALL, Luther L., Maintenance Worker Foreman, Blue Ridge Pkwy  
 HASKETT, Lester O., Foreman II, Lake Mead NRA  
 HO, Janice G., Sec, Operations, MWRO  
 McDONALD, Leonard D., Engineering Equipm't Operator, Sequoia NP  
 MORGAN, James R., Buildings & Utilities Maintenance, Point Reyes NS  
 NULL, Betty M., Sec, Gettysburg NMP  
 PERRY, Aubrey E., Motor Vehicle Operator, Baltimore-Washington Pkwy  
 PUDLO, Ruth A., Supply Clerk, Indiana Dunes NL  
 RICHARDSON, Charlie R., Laborer, Special Events Support Group, NCR  
 SALUS, Aileen L., Clerk, Finance, MARO  
 SILVAN, Edmond M., Purchasing Agent, Cape Cod NS  
 TOWNLEY, Jack R., Forestry Worker, Sequoia NP  
 WARD, Sandra L., Clerk-Typist, Colonial NHP

**Deaths**

**Jack B. Gray**

Jack B. Gray, 76, died Feb. 5 following a critical illness of more than 6 months. Catholic memorial services were held in Denver Feb. 12. Mr. Gray was a warehouse supervisor for the Park Service from 1939 to 1950 and worked at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Ariz-Nev., Grand Canyon National Park, and Mesa Verde National Park, Colo. He also worked at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs for 9 years. He is survived by his wife, Kate, who will remain at the Columbine Residence, 1750 S. Federal Blvd., Denver, Colo. 80219

**Robert P. Fuller**

Robert P. Fuller, who retired in 1975 as a park ranger at the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Mo., died March 15 of cancer in Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. He was 63. Mr. Fuller was an NPS ranger specializing in environmental education at the riverfront memorial for more than 10 years. Before that, he was a historian for 15 years at the George Washington Carver National Monument, Mo. Mr. Fuller was born and reared in Jacksonville, Tex., and came to Missouri when he began working for the Park Service. He was a graduate of Langston University in Oklahoma. He is survived by his wife, Mary; two daughters, Mona Lisa of St. Louis, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Mukes of Wichita, Kan.; two sons, John, of St. Louis, and Robert Jr., of Tulsa, Okla., and two grandchildren. He was buried in Texas.

**Julian C. Spotts**

Julian Clyde Spotts, former superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Mo., died Feb. 20 at St. Louis Jewish Hospital. He was 80. Born in Norborne, Mo., he was graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in civil engineering in 1918. In 1934 he received his law degree in Washington, D.C. Mr. Spotts joined the NPS and was commissioned as the engineer of design and construction in 1936. He was superintendent of Mount Rushmore National Memorial, S. Dak., from 1936-38, and super at JNEM from 1940 until his retirement in 1958. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, and two sons, R. Rolla Spotts of San Francisco, and Phillip G. Spotts of Downers Grove, Ill.

**Harold Fowler**

On Monday, Feb. 14, Mrs. Helen Schanck Abbott, widow of the late Stanley W. Abbott, and Dr. Harold Lees Fowler, former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at William and Mary College, were married in Williamsburg, Va. Less than a month later, on March 11, Dr. Fowler suffered a fatal heart attack while he and his bride were in Englewood, Fla. They were to have returned to Mrs. Fowler's long-time home in Williamsburg around the first of April. Dr. Fowler was a member of the William and Mary faculty for 40 years and was a historian and lecture of wide renown; though he was an administrator for 10 years, he preferred to be remembered as a teacher. Helen can be assured of the deep sympathy of her hundreds of friends in the National Park Service.

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