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We wonder how many of our people who read the first issue of our new NEWSLETTER two weeks ago took note of the issue date. It had not been planned that way, but it just happened that the August 25th date coincided with the Service's 50th Anniversary, and a happy coincidence it was! What better way to celebrate our birthday than to launch a new communication medium intended to bring our people closer together, and to keep them better informed. Somehow, we have the feeling that Steve Mather would have liked it that way.

Many commemorative ceremonies, parties and celebrations were held throughout the land that day, August 25th, both Service and non-Service. The one held at the Statler Hilton Hotel here in Washington, sponsored by some twenty-two national conservation organizations, was a jamb-packed, gala occasion sold out weeks in advance. The list of the distinguished personages who paid their respects to the National Park Service that night was an impressive one, indeed. It included Senators, Congressmen, and other national leaders in conservation, science, and education.



Anniversary party at the Statler Hilton Hotel.



Secretary Udall speaks at anniversary party.

C.R. Gutermuth, Vice-President of the Wildlife Management Institute, was a most capable Toastmaster and the principal address was delivered by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall who also brought a message from President Johnson. National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., and Anthony Wayne Smith, President of the National Parks Association, were featured speakers.

Three particularly noteworthy events occurred at the Washington banquet. The first, and singularly appropriate event of the evening involved a direct telephone connection with that first of all national parks where the people of Yellowstone and those at the Washington banquet joined hands electronically, so to speak. At the Yellowstone end, Dr. Stanley A. Cain, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, spoke to employees and friends of the park assembled in the Mammoth Hot Springs recreation hall, and to those at the other end of the line in the City of Washington. Recalling the years of develop-

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People on the move 8/15 to 8/28, '66

New Places . . .

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

New Faces . . .

Clarence J. Constant from U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in Los Angeles to Appraiser, SSC
James B. Smith from Curator, George Washington University to Museum Specialist, WASO
Robert I. Standish from Ketchum, MacLeod and Grove, Inc., Washington, D.C. to Public Information Officer, WASO
John R. Vosburgh, Editor and General Manager for Audubon Magazine to Writer, WASO
Bobby W. Warner from U.S. Army Engineers in Omaha to Realty Specialist, SSC

Larry Cook Passes

The Service lost one of its most dedicated and loyal supporters with the passing of Lawrence F. Cook. Since his retirement on December 30, 1965, Larry has been serving with the Servicewide Evaluation Committee and contributing his wealth of knowledge of service programs toward the proper selection of employees for important Service positions.

Entering the National Park Service on May 5, 1924, as a park ranger at Sequoia National Park, Mr. Cook, through outstanding qualities of leadership and professional competence became, and for many years has remained, a leading national figure in the field of park administration.

The Director has written, "I feel a great personal loss, as so many of you do, with Larry's passing. His dedication and contribution to the cause of conservation and the fine things the Service stands for were outstanding."

Death Claims Thomas M. Moran

Chief of Maintenance Thomas M. Moran, Southwest Regional Office, died of a heart attack on August 25. His services and counsel will be greatly missed. Mrs. Moran will continue to reside at 134 Serrino Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

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Recent Awards

Secretaries Helen C. Sauls and Helen W. Johnson, Office of the Director received cash awards of \$250 and \$350 respectively for the outstanding manner in which they carried out their duties during the past year. Eleanor Calhoun, Supervisory Technical Writer and Editor in the Branch of Publications received superior performance recognition in the form of a cash award of \$400. Quality increases were granted to Marilyn B. Wandrus, Exhibit Specialist in the Eastern Museum Laboratory; Edward J. Bierly, Visual Information Specialist, Branch of Museum Development; and Charles S. Schuster, Landscape Architect, Design and Construction, Washington Planning and Service Center.

Veteran Photographer Honored

Abbie Rowe, long-time National Capital Region photographer, was signally honored on his 61st birthday, August 21. Covering a White House event, the President called Abbie forward and presented him with an autographed photo and the bronze Presidential medallion. See full story and pictures in the October "Courier," out in late September.

Chief of Safety Honored

Nathan G. Baker, Chief, Division of Safety, Washington Office, was granted the Department's Meritorious Service Award for his many service contributions and especially those in the field of safety. He has completed over 30 years of Federal service. The Director extended personal congratulations to Natt on this special occasion.

Color Film on African Wildlife

C. Gordon Fredine, Chief, Division of International Affairs, announces the showing of Color Films on African Wildlife -- "Escape to Samburu" and "What About Elephants?" -- in the Audiovisual Studio, Room 8028, Interior Building, at 2:00 p.m., September 8, for persons involved in international zoological presentation and interpretation.

These new releases depict, in striking and dramatic wildlife scenes, the situation in Africa today and describe steps being taken to conserve native animals in national parks and wildlife refuges.

Profile . . . Daniel B. Beard



Daniel B. Beard, born in Flushing, New York, November 28, 1906, and the son of famed naturalist Daniel Carter Beard, who started the Boy Scout movement, received his A.B. degree in political science from Syracuse University and did graduate work at Columbia University. Dan served as a wildlife technician, was Regional Biologist for the pre-war Region Two Office in Omaha and later served as Superintendent at Dinosaur, Everglades and Olympic. He assumed his present position in 1963.

Dan entered the Service in December 1933, under the Emergency Conservation Works program at White Plains, New York, as Foreman, and later received an appointment as a Wildlife Technician. He handled the numerous wildlife programs in the CCC for the Region Two Office, in Omaha, during the late 30s, and served as Superintendent of Dinosaur National Monument in 1942-43. With military service from March 1944 to October 1945, he returned to become Refuge Manager, (Fish and Wildlife Service), Everglades National Wildlife Refuge, October 26, 1945 to August 26, 1947. On August 27, 1947, he was appointed first Superintendent of the newly established Everglades National Park. Reassigned to Olympic as Superintendent in June 1958, he was promoted to Chief of Interpretation, WASO, January 10, 1960, and became Assistant Director (Public Affairs) in WASO in October 1961. In July 1963, he was made Regional Director of the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe, where he and his wife, the former Betty LeMessueir, reside at the present time.

Dan is a member of many professional societies and civic organizations; received a superior accomplishment award in 1953 for services rendered as the first Superintendent of Everglades, and was recipient of the Department's meritorious service honor award.

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ment of the national park concept, Dr. Caintold of the present and future challenges which face our Service.

The second event was the presentation of special albums of 50th Anniversary commemorative postage stamps to Secretary Udall, Director Hartzog, and General U.S. Grant, III, whose grandfather was President of the United States when Yellowstone National Park was established in 1872. The presentations were made by Frederick C. Belen, Deputy Postmaster General.

The formal printed programs of the evening, presented to each of those attending, contained a 50th Anniversary postage stamp which had been cancelled at Yellowstone with the date of release, just 50 years to the day of the signing of the National Park bill by President Woodrow Wilson.

The third event disclosed a well-kept secret that came as a complete surprise to everyone. U.S. Forest Service Chief Edward P. Cliff presented the National Park Service, on behalf of his organization, a handsome bronze bust of the famous naturalist John Muir. A grateful Director Hartzog accepted it for the Park Service. Rudolph Wendelin, Forest Service staff artist who created the bust, was introduced at the presentation.

The evening was fittingly concluded with a musical program staged by Jack Morton Productions.

There are many things of which we in the National Park Service may be justifiably proud—our leadership in the conservation movement, our contribution of technical knowledge to a new philosophy, our healthy growth in the number of areas we administer in our service to the people, the general acknowledgement that the national parks are the jewels in the crown of a blessed land, the diversity of opportunities we can offer our visitors with their many diverse interests. These matters are truly important to the American way of life.

But we can be particularly proud of the fact that the national park light has now shown 'round the world—and that we lighted the first candle. Today, we have fifty of them burning brightly.



Director Hartzog accepts bronze bust of John Muir from Edward P. Cliff of the U.S. Forest Service.

Left to right - Former Secretary of Agriculture, Clinton P. Anderson, Secretary Udall, Director Hartzog, and Edward P. Cliff, Chief, Forest Service.

Director's Staff Meeting

The format of the Director's staff meetings has been changed to improve further our communications with employees. Every other meeting now will be an open forum type, with the alternate session following our traditional pattern.

The open forum meeting provides an in-depth look at a particular subject. The presentation of each topic is limited to about 25 to 45 minutes, after which the meeting is open for questions and discussion from the floor.

The first topic for the new format was the "Servicewide Evaluation Committee" on July 21. The meeting of August 18 was devoted to the subject "Wilderness."

Scheduled for the next topical meeting on September 15 is: "Land Acquisition" with presentation by Assistant Director Price.

Regional Directors Meet

A rewarding meeting with Regional Directors Elbert Cox, Dan Beard, Fred Fagergren, Ed Hummel, and Lon Garrison was held in WASO, August 18-25, 1966. Topics discussed with the Director and keymen of his staff, included the 1968 FY Program and Budget, current reorganization problems, the new "PPBS" (Planning, Programming and Budgeting System), Land Classification, and Wilderness Act Implementation.

Health Benefits

The Federal Salary and Fringe Benefits Act of 1966 (PS. 89-504) amended the Federal employees Health Benefits Act to -

- (1) extent health benefits coverage for children to age 22
- (2) increase the Government health benefits contributions and
- (3) permit employees who are on approved leave without pay for the purpose of serving an employee organization to continue or acquire health benefits coverage.

An informational memorandum on this subject has been issued by the Washington Office. See your local administrative officials if a copy has not been circulated to you.

An open season for health benefits enrollments and changes in options and plans under the Federal Employees Health Benefits Act is being scheduled for November 14-30 by the Civil Service Commission. This will be the first open season since February 1965. Watch for additional information as the target date approaches.

Several people have inquired about the Employees and Alumnae Association, and "how to get the Courier." It's simple. Dues are \$2.00 a year. Send with correct house address to "Courier," P. O. Box 2068, Eads Station, Arlington, Va. 22202.