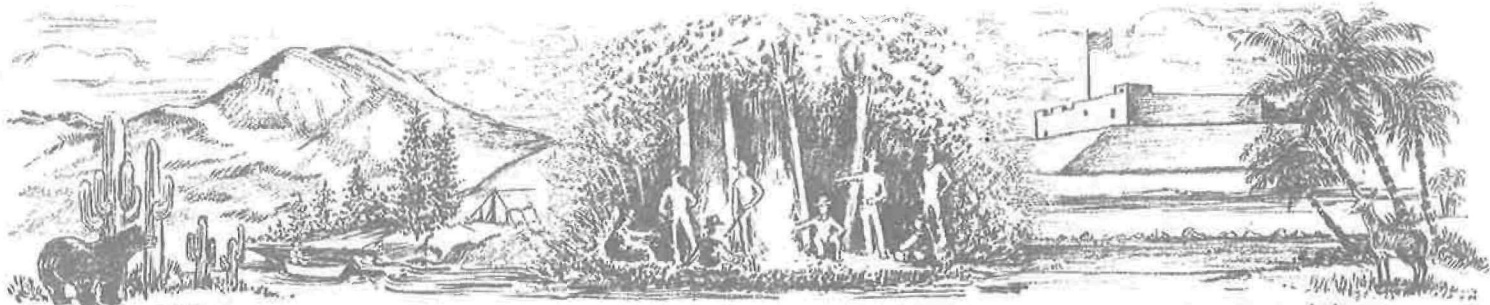




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Kudos for Catoctin

There is good reason for pride among Job Corpsmen at Catoctin Mountain Park. Last year the corpsmen completed conservation projects valued at \$250,000, providing facilities for park visitors and assisting in beautification programs. Of the 112 corpsmen at Catoctin, half of them work a week on conservation or vocational training while the other half attend classes.

Last year the boys assisted in clearing and developing Thurmont Park and worked in other areas installing roads and parking areas, constructing maintenance buildings, burying overhead power and telephone lines, and facing bridges and roadside areas with rocks. During the winter months the boys brought their work indoors—turning out over 400 picnic tables, a large number of benches, and over 500 directional and informational signs for such areas as the Antietam National Battlefield, Catoctin Mountain Park, and the National Capital Parks. This spring the corpsmen have been busy constructing chestnut rail fences in Gettysburg National Military Park and hope to complete rehabilitation of a group recreation area in the Catoctin Park.

The Catoctin Job Corps graduates are still another source of pride. Henry Epps, 18, one of eleven boys to become the first Job Corpsmen in the nation in January, 1965, came to the enrollment center with a poor record, attitude—and future. For the first three or four months, Henry seemed to be getting very little out of the Corps, except for a new nickname, "Toughie." He often thought of leaving the Corps, but for some reason managed to stick it out.

Before long his sub-average math and reading ability had improved to the point when he was tutoring other students in both subjects. He learned the fundamentals of electricity and then took a night course in electrical theory at Hagerstown Junior College. His outlook changed, and he started to persuade other reluctant corpsmen to stay in. He became a barracks leader and a work leader.

After 22 months in the Catoctin Job Corps, Henry's story ends with a glowing record and a bright future. He was quickly hired for a two-year apprenticeship with the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company at a salary of more than \$73 a week. He had developed good work habits, displayed leadership qualities, and had an outstanding attitude.

Although not all the stories have such happy endings, Mr. Jack Wheat, JCCC Director at Catoctin, has watched many of the boys go on to demanding jobs, military service, or further education. The splendid leadership and dedication of the Catoctin employees in no small way account for many of the boys' successes.

Photo by William Spradley, NPS



President Johnson attends Catoctin dedication ceremony

Violators Fined

Park Rangers at Natural Bridges National Monument apprehended three men last March who were discovered digging Indian ruins in the area. The two older men appeared in court last month and pled guilty. Both men were fined and received ten day suspended jail sentences and six months probation. The third member was tried in Juvenile Court.

Canyonlands National Park Superintendent Bates E. Wilson pointed out that digging or molesting ruins within state and federal lands is unlawful. The Antiquities Act of June 8, 1906 prohibits such activities and specifies that anyone who disturbs or removes objects of scientific or archeological importance upon lands owned or controlled by the Federal Government, without proper permission, "shall upon conviction, be fined in a sum of not more than five hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a period of not more than ninety days, or shall suffer both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the court."

Since many park visitors do not realize that they cannot conduct their own archeological excavation in such areas, it is imperative that field employees explain to the visitor the Service's policy on preservation and protection of these irreplaceable remains.

On April 14 the Anheuser-Busch brewery in St. Louis became the first brewery in the United States to be dedicated as a Registered National Historic Landmark. Director George B. Hartzog of the National Park Service and August A. Busch, Chairman and President of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., unveiled the bronze plaque which designated the site as having 'exceptional value in commemorating or illustrating the history of the United States.'



Photo by Anheuser-Busch

During the dedication ceremonies, Mr. Hartzog remarked that "Too often those responsible for historic preservation have tended to concern themselves almost exclusively with what might be called 'birth-places and battlefields.'" The historic landmark designation includes three locations within the St. Louis plant: the brew house, dating back to 1891-1892 and having a five-story hop vine chandelier; the circular stable built in 1885 and now the home of the famous Clydesdale eight-horse hitch; and the administration building, constructed in 1898 and once the Lyon School which was attended by August A. Busch, Sr.

Mr. Hartzog pointed out that he was proud of "the National Park Service historians who recognize that the tapestry of history contains many and varied threads." He said that the award is "a tribute not only to the Anheuser-Busch brewery, but more significantly a tribute to Adolphus Busch, one of the founders, who came to this country to achieve what in his homeland had been reserved for the few--and whose success and that of his successors we salute today."

Mr. Busch, in accepting the honor for the brewery, remarked that "This is a proud day in the history of Anheuser-Busch. The real credit for this important award rightfully belongs to the founder of this company, to those who have followed in his footsteps and to the employees. Today, it is because of their vision that Anheuser-Busch receives this national recognition. All of us are pledged to preserve this heritage."

"TOURMOBILE" TIME

Although the "tourmobiles" weren't running on May first as originally scheduled, the little bus-like vehicles will start taking visitors on a tour of Washington's Mall and Tidal Basin some time this summer.

TRAVELLING EXHIBIT



Photo by William Spradley, NPS

Virgin Islands Department of Commerce Commissioner, Dr. Albert Prendergast, and Governor Ralph M. Paiewonsky and Mrs. Paiewonsky assist as Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson cuts the ribbon of the U.S. Virgin Islands travelling exhibit. The specially constructed 56-foot mobile exhibit tells the story of the Virgin Islands from their discovery by Christopher Columbus in 1493 to the present. The travelling show, keyed to President Johnson's designation of 1967 as 'Discover America' year, will tour six eastern seaboard states until July 1 and is expected to attract about 500,000 visitors. Admission will be free, and arrangements will be made for group visits by school children. Free educational material will be distributed.

Training & Personnel Highlights

INTAKE TRAINING STUDY — Uniformed Occupations

Several months ago the National Park System engaged the firm of Park Consultants for the purpose of making a study of the intake training process as it now operates with respect to entrance-grade park rangers, naturalists, historians and archeologists. Since that time a number of key personnel throughout the Service have been interviewed to provide background source material for questionnaires now being prepared.

Within a few weeks, all intake and backlog trainees who have attended Albright Training Center since the intake concept was implemented will receive questionnaires in the mail. Supervisors and superintendents in parks with intake and backlog personnel will also receive questionnaires.

These questionnaires are to be returned as promptly as possible consistent with doing a good, thoughtful job in filling them out. Dr. Irving Handlin, director of Park Consultants is hopeful that they will be conscientiously answered and returned by all who receive them.

After the questionnaire phase of the study has been completed, Dr. Handlin will personally interview a random sample of those trainees, supervisors and superintendents who had been previously contacted only by mail.

Awards

Meritorious Service

Charles F. Hill, former Asst. Supt. Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks
David deL. Condon, Asst. Supt. Yosemite National Pk.

SUGGESTION SYSTEM ACTIVITY

An analysis of suggestions dockets, rejected and approved, revealed that during the first three quarters of the 1967 fiscal year, employees in 129 areas or offices participated in the program. This includes the Washington Office, the Regional Offices, Park Police, Field and Job Corps offices, and the three Planning and Service Centers. During this period, 988 suggestions were received. Final action was taken on 828 suggestions, 306 of which were granted awards. Eight additional awards were granted for reopened suggestions and supplemental monetary awards based on additional use of an awarded idea or on unanticipated savings. In the third quarter, the award rate for suggestions acted on finally was 34 percent, or a better than one to three ratio of awards to rejects. Eighty-four employees received cash awards for their ideas during January-March 1967.

Roy E. Coign, U.S. Park Police, suggested a procedure involving the processing and serving of TVN moving traffic violations. His idea will result in first year tangible benefits of \$7,000 and netted Mr. Coign a \$350 cash award.

Albert P. Qualls, National Capital Region, suggested a new complaint and reporting system for U.S. Park Police. This idea resulted in a \$250 award.

Samuel H. Reck, Administrative Assistant, Wellfleet Job Corps received a \$210 award for his suggestion that until the Defense Personnel Support Center is able to fill back orders on Corpsmen clothing, all Centers investigate the possibility of procuring clothing items in short supply through the Clothing Salesroom at the nearest sizeable military installation. This idea is expected to result in a first year tangible benefit of \$4,200.

See the next issue of PLOWBACK for details on suggestions awarded this quarter.

See here, Ladies . . .

Since my letter appeared in your column, I've received requests for the address of Hanover House (Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331) and for more information on the "Ironee" products—which I find is not listed in the new catalog.

Now there is a similar—yet different—thing called "Iron-No-More." "Ironee" is supposed to last the life of the garment, while the other lasts only 6-20 launderings.

I have not had to redo any of the garments I treated despite repeated washings both by hand and machine; so "Ironee" may be better than the other. Still, I plan to try it.

Last year we traveled across the U.S. for a month without touching an iron. Even a temporary treatment would be worthwhile when living out of a suitcase for that long.

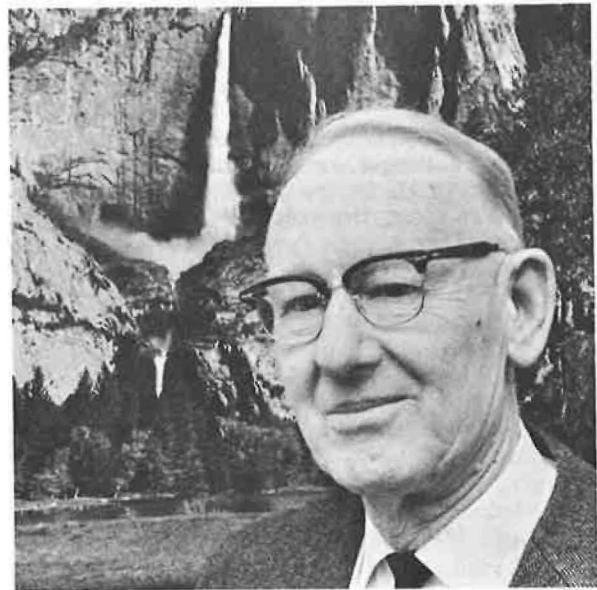
Marjie Sims Box 152 Death Valley, Calif.

Profiles

John M. Davis

John M. Davis, the Superintendent of Yosemite, was born June 25, 1901 at Crookston, Minnesota. He attended Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, and entered the Service in 1926 as Park Ranger at Mount Rainier.

During his 41 years of service Mr. Davis has acted as: Asst. Supt. and Acting Supt. of Zion and Bryce Canyon; Asst. Supt. of Grand Canyon; Asst. Regional Director, SWRO; and Supt. and Gen. Supt., Southwestern NM Headquarters in Globe, Arizona. He spent some time in the Washington Office serving as Chief, Conservation & Protection, and as Chief of Ranger Activities. In 1959 he became Supt. of Sequoia and Kings Canyon, and in 1966 was assigned to his present position.



Mr. Davis received a citation in 1936 for his participation in a mountain rescue at Mount Rainier. In 1951 he served as a member of the Service Committee set up to determine functions of Regional Offices, and from 1957 to 1959 served as Chairman of the MISSION 66 Advisory Committee. His many contributions to the Service include spearheading the acquisition of Gila Pueblo at Globe, Arizona; establishing the Division of Ranger Activities in the Washington and Regional Offices; and acquisition of Cedar Grove and Tephite Valley for Kings Canyon National Park. He received the Superior Performance Award in 1965.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Executive Committee for the Silver Ski Races at Mount Rainier for many years, and in 1937 was a member of the Executive Committee for the American Olympic Trails for the U.S. Downhill and Slalom Team held at Mount Rainier. He was president of the Rotary Club in Globe, Arizona, and is Honorary Member of the Rotary Club at Merced. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, Visalia; Recreation and Resources Committee, San Joaquin Valley Section of California State Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors, Globe Arizona Chamber of Commerce, and Chairman of the School Board, Grand Canyon.

Mr. Davis and his wife, Marie, have two children, Ann Marie and John.

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People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Rabone, Howard M., Jr., to Appraiser, SFSC

NEW PLACES

Arbunich John P., from Proc. Agent, WRO, to same, Yosemite NP
Ashley, Kenneth R., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger (Ch.) Blue Ridge Pky.
Clapper, Charles P., from Landscape Arch., SFSC, to same, SWRO
Drotos, Edward J., from Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pky., to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Prince William Forest Pk.
Fisher, George A., Jr., from Adm. Asst., White Sands NM, to Adm. Off., Badlands NM
Gannon, Vincent S., from Supt., De Soto NM, to Adm. Off., Cape Hatteras NS
Hehr, Arthur, from Mgmt. Asst., Lake Mead NRA, to Supt., Chalmette NHP
Kusek, Richard J., from Arch., SFSC, to same, WSC
Langston, Doran L., from Mechanic Heavy Duty, Big Bend NP, to Mechanic Auto., Grand Teton NP
Martinek, Julius A., from Asst. Supt., Yellowstone NP, to Supt., NNCP
Mowery, Hugh, from Caretaker, Pinnacles NM, to Painter, Yosemite NP
Nicholson, Malcolm S., from Pk. Ranger, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP
Petticord, David V., from Pk. Ranger, Colorado NM, to Pk. Nat., White Sands NM
Reid, Donald G., from Engr. Tech., SFSC, to Enrollee Wk. Supv., Great Onyx JCCC
Rogers, Orville E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Olympic NP, to same, Lake Mead NRA
Rouse, Homer L., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Kings Canyon NP, to same, Blue Ridge Pky.
Seleno, Lenarda J., from Sec. Steno., NCR, to same, WASO
Sellers, Robert E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glacier NP, to same, Yellowstone NP
Speed, Bert L., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Mammoth Cave NP, to same, Capitol Reef NM
Stark, Anthony E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Cape Hatteras NS, to Pk. Ranger (Staff Asst. Visitor Protection), SERO
Westphal, William V., from Pk. Nat., Shenandoah NP, to same, Mammoth Cave NP
Whalen, William J., from Education Psychologist (Counseling), Catoctin JCCC, to Staff Asst. (JC Activities), WASO
Widmer, Edward J., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to same, Great Smoky Mtns. NP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Givens, Frank R., from Supt., Virgin Islands NP

Dendur Decision

For the past sixteen months a debate has been going on in the United States over who should get the Temple of Dendur. The 2,000-year-old 800-ton temple is a gift from the Egyptian Government to the United States, a token of appreciation for the 16 million dollar U.S. grant given to rescue ancient monuments from the rising waters of the Aswan Dam. After the United States decided to accept the monumental gift, a problem arose over where it should be kept—in a desert, a museum, a city? There seemed to be more than enough applicants and every one of them had a pretty good reason for wanting Dendur. After lengthy discussion, a Presidential Commission narrowed down the list to two potential candidates—New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art and Washington's Smithsonian Museum.

New York proposed to place the temple indoors in a newly constructed wing of the museum. The Metropolitan, having one of the best Egyptian collections in the world, could easily exhibit the temple in a meaningful way and assure its protection, but the Washington applicants argued that Dendur should be located out-of-doors.

The Washington supporters pointed out that since the temple had originally been located on the banks of the Nile, a similar location on the banks of the Potomac would be most appropriate. They contended that the monument should be viewed as a work of architecture and an element in the landscape, both of which are impossible in the confines of a museum. Since Dendur is built of a very weak sandstone, many experts pointed out that it would suffer from freeze-thaw action or vandalism if not protected in some way. The Washington solution was to impregnate the stone with a synthetic resin, Pencapsula, developed by the Texas Company for the National Park Service. The resin had been rigorously tested on materials far weaker than sandstone, such as adobe or even loose earth excavation sites, and under conditions much more severe than Washington winters, and the materials showed no erosion or other damage.

With Pencapsula on their side, it looked like the Washington supporters had it in the bag. Nevertheless, Metropolitan Director Thomas P. F. Hoving's promise of that weather-proof room for the temple was the deciding factor, and New York won the case.

Washingtonians can rest well, however. They may have lost Dendur, but they still have an obelisk.

Editor Honored

Mr. Mel Ruder, Editor and Publisher of the Hungry Horse News in Columbia Falls, Montana was presented the Interior Department's Conservation Service Award at a ceremony held at Glacier National Park last April 25. Assistant Director Edward A. Hummel made the presentation and read Secretary Udall's letter of award. The Pulitzer prize winning editor was honored for having provided a greater appreciation and knowledge of Glacier National Park.

About 80 persons attended the ceremony, including the mayors of Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls. Superintendent Keith Neilson served as Master of Ceremonies and later on in the day took Mr. Hummel on an inspection trip of the West Side Tunnel.