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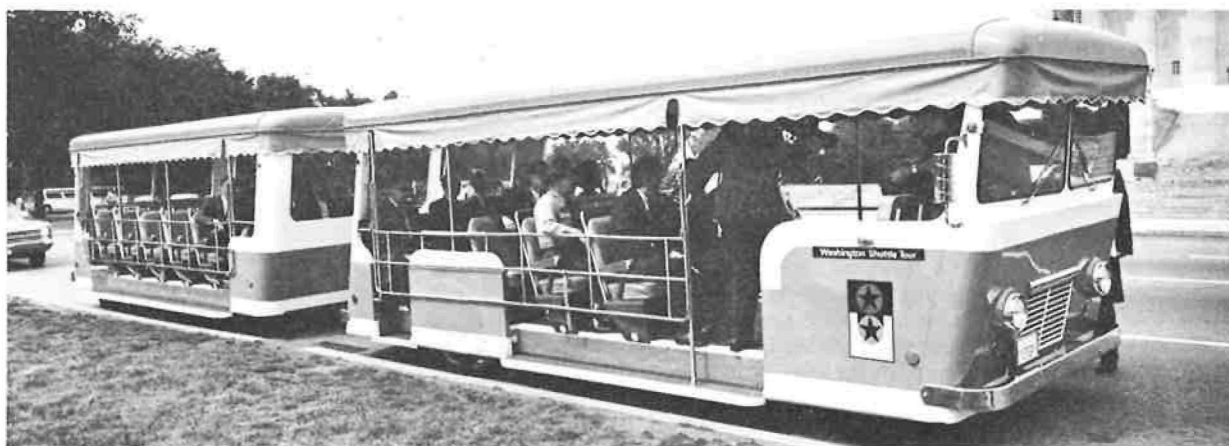


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National Park Service, U. S. Department of the Interior

As soon as the word was out, the race was on. The Universal Interpretive Shuttle Corporation, recently awarded a 10-year contract with the Department of the Interior, will operate a regular schedule of bus tours around Washington's Mall and Tidal Basin beginning in late June. A uniformed tour guide will be stationed aboard each 59-passenger "tourmobile" to provide an interpretive narration, and additional guides will be posted at various stops along the route to answer visitors' questions.

From May 15-19 the U.I.S.C. held interviews at seven local colleges to choose the tour guides for the coming season, and although the requirements were stiff, student response was overwhelming — over 250 applicants for 35 positions. To be eligible, the guide must have successfully completed at least one year of college and be prepared to participate in an extensive training program. Information gleaned from tours of the landmarks along the proposed route as well as from studying 120 pages of facts will form the basis of the "ad lib" presentation, making verbal ability of paramount interest. The guide must be courteous, friendly, and neat, and "Beatle" hair-cuts are not permitted.

The tourmobile's big attraction for the campus set includes the chance for the "most deserving" male and female guide to work in the same capacity in California's Universal City Studios — the world's largest

movie lot. Initially, recruitment will be done locally, but a national or even international student exchange program is envisioned for the future. If the plans materialize, the student guide working in Washington will be eligible for a similar position in such places as the world-renowned Tivoli Amusement Park in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The U.I.S.C. plans to keep a year-round staff, with some of the guides working weekends or part-time throughout their academic year. With a pay-rate of \$2.25 an hour and a raise to \$2.40 after thirty days, the job promises a salary almost double that paid by most colleges for on-campus employment. Other benefits include an exceptionally good union contract, the opportunity to meet visitors from all over the world, and, of course, the chance to acquire first-hand knowledge of the historical process in the Nation's Capital.

Until July 1 when the first specially designed tourmobile arrives, the service will be provided by two vehicles previously used by the U.I.S.C. in California. Every month thereafter two vehicles will arrive until twelve are received. The service will be provided every day except Christmas day, and in inclement weather the tourmobiles will be enclosed in plexiglass windows.

HABS Appointments Announced

The appointments to the Historic American Buildings Survey Advisory Board were announced last May 15 by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall. The Survey, sponsored by the National Park Service, the American Institute of Architects, and the Library of Congress, was established in 1933 to insure a thorough record of the nation's architectural history, from the earliest settlements through the 19th century.

The nine eminent architects and historians who will advise Secretary Udall on aspects of the program are Orin M. Bullock, Jr., Barkley Jones, Raymond Girvigan, William J. Wagner, Jr., H. Roll McLaughlin, Donald H. Parker, George B. Tatum, Mrs. William Slater Allen, and Dr. William T. Alderson, Jr. F. Blair Reeves and L. Quincy Mumford are ex officio board members.

The HABS archive at the Library of Congress now contains more than 30,000 measured drawings and 40,000 photographs for approximately 12,000 historic buildings throughout the nation. Priority has been given to buildings of architectural merit and historical association which are marked for alteration or destruction.

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Bulman, William M., to Civil Engr., PP & SC
Dell, John A., to Prin. Teacher, Harpers Ferry JCCC
Fehrer, Joseph W., to Realty Specialist, WSC
Saxon, Robert S., to Arch., PP & SC
Stoughton, Cecil W., to Visual Info. Off., WASO

NEW PLACES

Claycomb, Ray L., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Gettysburg NMP
Dame, Vernon D., from Pk. Nat., Lake Mead NRA, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Cape Cod NS
Ellsworth, Ivan J., from Supt., Shiloh NMP, to same, Richmond NBP
Feser, Lawrence H., from Pk. Ranger, Petrified Forest NP, to same, Glacier NP
Gale, Richard T., from Pk. Ranger, Coulee Dam NRA, to same, Glacier NP
Gingery, Marshal A., from Enrollee Wk. Supv., Acadia NP, to Cartographer, PP & SC
Hastings, Frank E., from Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to Mgmt. Asst., Hot Springs NP
Hill, Warren H., from Pk. Nat., Great Sand Dunes NM, to same, Grand Canyon NP
Hoffman, Richard E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glen Canyon NRA, to Pk. Ranger, Fire Island NS & NYC Group
Jeter, Richard R., from Truck Driver, Prince Wm. Forest Pk., to Gardener (Landscape), ENCP
Krick, Robert K., from Pk. Hist., Albright Training Center, to Hist., Ft. McHenry NM

Kryston, Cynthia E., from Hist., Adams NHS, to same, Minute Man NHP Project
Lamb, Charles A., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Yellowstone NP
Lawler, Mary Ann, from Voucher Examiner, MWRO, to Clerk-DMT, WASO
Maeder, Richard H., from Pk. Planner, WASO, to JCCC Director, Cumberland Gap NHP
Marr, Galen R., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Whiskeytown NRA
Martindale, David L., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Hot Springs NP
Mazzer, Edomo P., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glen Canyon NRA, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Everglades NP
Morris, Manuel, from Supv. Hydraulic Engr., SFP & SC, to Hydraulic Engr., WASO
Olsen, Herbert, from Supt., Russell Cave NM, to same, Shiloh NMP
Pardee, Thomas W., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Natchez Trace Pky.
Paro, John F., from Pk. Nat., Albright Training Center, to Pk. Ranger, Grand Teton NP
Ringgold, Andrew T., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
Rowell, Leroy A., from Supv. Pk. Planner, NCR, to Pk. Planner, WASO
Russell, Charles B., from Adm. Asst., Manassas NBP, to same, Liberty Pk. JCCC
Schoch, Henry A., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Natchez Trace Pky.
Scorsone, Frank A., from Adm. Off., Harpers Ferry NHP, to same, Acadia JCCC
Stark, Jace E., from Supt., Coronado NM, to same, Platt NP-Arbuckle NRA
Supernaugh, William R., Jr., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Natchez Trace Pky.
Swan, Thomas S., from Adm. Off., WRO, to same, Harpers Ferry NHP
Vickstron, David E., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Canyon de Chelly NM
Wiggins, James P., from Pk. Ranger, Albright Training Center, to same, Great Smoky Mts. NP
Wolfe, Andrew C., Jr., from Concessions Analyst, WASO, to Concessions Program Spec., SFP & SC
Wyker, Paul V., from Policy Analyst, WASO, to Asst. Supt., Rocky Mt. NP-Shadow Mt. NRA

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Hart, Pristtest, from Gardener (Landscape), CNCP
McKinney, George D., from Caretaker, Wupatki-Sunset Crater NM
Michos, Lydia H., from Sgt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCR
Nelson, Martin W., from Constr. Rep., SFP & SC



There's a
FIRST TIME
for every accident!

National Safety Council

See here, Ladies . . .

The 10-month old Women's Organization at Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park boasts of a roster of talented and interested ladies under the leadership of Mrs. Judy Wintch, President; Mrs. Zola Fillmore, Vice-President; and Mrs. Florence Sullivan, Secretary. Organized last September, the club plans many social activities for the Park employees and provides the members with a chance to learn various handicraft techniques.

This past winter the ladies made candleholders and decorative clusters of plastic grapes and soon became interested in Indian beadwork. At present, Dr. Ralph Hubbard, the Curator of the Medora Indian Museum, is teaching the ladies the skill of Indian bead and quill work and plans to assist them in learning basket weaving.



Shown in the photograph are the members and samples of their handiwork. From left to right, front row: Mrs. Florence Sullivan, Mrs. Judy Wintch, Mrs. Zola Fillmore. Second row: Mrs. Tillie Jump, Mrs. Caroline Hecker, Mrs. Mary Holt Brooks, Mrs. Loretta Wyckoff, Mrs. Aileen Terry, Mrs. Alice Kile, and Miss Sue Ann Martwick.

Swedish Dignitaries at Yellowstone

Yellowstone National Park welcomed its first official foreign visitors last May 9. General Thunberg, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Swedish Air Force, Mrs. Thunberg, and three members of the General's staff were flown to the Park in United States Air Force helicopters, escorted by Colonel Bartalsky of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D. C. Highlights of the dignitaries' visit included a trip to Old Faithful and a reception held in their honor at the President's House.

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Profiles

Kittridge A. Wing



Kit Wing, Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park, is of Vermont parentage but regretfully admits to have been born away from the Green Mountains in Cambridge, Massachusetts on May 12, 1913. Twenty years later, in 1933, he graduated from college in the same city, receiving a B.A. degree in Literature from Harvard University.

His first job, which he held until 1935, was with the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in the West, and the experience fostered a persistent desire to make the Southwest his home. His next job sent him back to New England to handle a dictaphone for the Telechron Company, but in 1939 he escaped the swivel-chair to work with a geophysical prospecting crew in the jungles of the Magdalena River in Colombia.

Kit spent five years in the Army during World War II, serving mostly as a Combat Engineer and being discharged in 1946 as a Lieutenant Colonel. He then entered the University of Arizona as a graduate student and spent two years as an Instructor in the English Department. The summer of 1946 was spent as a Ranger-Naturalist at Grand Canyon, and for the next five summers Kit served as one of Park Naturalist Louis Schellback's "regulars," while spending the winter months in the ski business at the Arizona Snow Bowl at Flagstaff. In 1952 he accepted permanent NPS employment at the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe. Assigned Park Ranger at Bandelier National Monument in 1954, he was promoted three years later to the first Superintendent of Fort Union National Monument. Subsequent administrative positions include four years as Superintendent, San Juan National Historic Site, one year as Assistant Superintendent, Shenandoah National Park, and three years as Superintendent, Gettysburg National Military Park.

Kit has authored the Historical Handbook for Bandelier National Monument, two area Investigation Reports—Hubbell Trading Post and Phosphorescent Bay, Puerto Rico, and various magazine articles. He is a member of the Gettysburg Civil War Round Table, the Westerners Corral of Prescott, a fellow of A.I.P.E., a Rotarian, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Holbrook Chamber of Commerce.

Kit and his wife, Eleanor, have a daughter, Betsy, a Gettysburg Centennial baby born in 1963.

The What & Why of the Incentive Awards Program

(This is the fifth in the Incentive Awards Program article series. See Newsletter June 1 for the last article.)

THE VALOR AWARD

Any employee or group of employees, who demonstrated unusual courage involving a high degree of personal risk in the face of danger, qualifies for this award. The act of valor need not be related to official duties, and the site of the incident is immaterial—it need not occur at the official duty station. The award is based on the nature of the act and is given individually. Like the Distinguished Service Award, it is presented at the Department's Honor Award Convocation in Washington, D. C.

The four young men who received Valor Awards at the 34th Department of the Interior Honor Awards Convocation on June 8, 1967, risked their own lives to save others—

Private Carl R. Holmberg of the U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region, jumped into the icy waters of the Tidal Basin on February 6, 1967 to rescue a mental patient who attempted suicide.

Frederick T. Anderson, Supervisory Park Ranger, Yosemite; Gary N. Brown, Supervisory Park Ranger, Yellowstone; and David W. Huson, Supervisory Park Ranger, Olympic, participated in three rescues in which visitors to Yosemite National Park became injured or stranded. The rescues involved hazardous rock climbing operations and required extreme bravery in addition to exceptional climbing ability. In all three rescues the efforts of the participating rangers saved the life or lives of persons who were helpless and would have perished without the aid which these men gave them.

CARNEGIE HERO AWARD

Following the presentation of the Valor Awards, the Service recommends the recipients of the award for further recognition by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. Valor award recipients who are recommended, must meet the criteria established by the Commission for the designated category—that is, drowning, burning, disaster—and nominations are further reviewed by the Commission. If the heroic deed meets the criteria, they are awarded either the bronze, silver, or gold medal of heroism. In some instances, pecuniary awards supplementing the medals are granted to the nominees.

Awards

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

Glen T. Bean, Chief Office of Resource Planning, San Francisco P & SC
Robert B. Moore, Assistant Regional Director, Western Region

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PARK PLANNERS IN MIDDLE EAST

Under the direction of George F. Baggley, a 12-man team has been in Jordan working on a plan for the development of the country's natural resources. The park plan, to be completed in late 1968, centers around six historic areas, Amman, Petra, Jerash, Qumran, Jericho, and Sebastya, and has received the support of King Hussein.

The group, consisting of Landscape Architects John Mosely and Robert Chamberland, Archeologists Charles R. Steen, Charles B. Voll, and Douglas E. Scovill, Architect Hugh C. Miller, Engineer Linn Spaulding, and Naturalist Paul F. Spangle are concerned primarily with preserving the character of each site while establishing facilities for the visitors.

Another National Park Service employee, Robert F. Gibbs, is also in Jordan directing the completion of various projects, including the construction of new rest houses at Kerak and Ras en Nageb, a scenic park overlook at Wadi Mujib, and a visitors' reception center, parking for 140 cars, and stables for 40 horses at Petra.

The families of all the men have returned to the United States.

GET WELL NOTE

Mr. Robert Steenhagen, Team Captain, Office of Resource Planning, WSC, has been in Veterans' Hospital in Washington for eight weeks recuperating from an operation. We know all our readers join us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

UDALL VISITS TUZIGOOT

Employees at Tuzigoot National Monument reported that they were honored by a visit from Secretary Udall, Mrs. Udall, and their son last April. While at Tuzigoot, Secretary Udall inspected the new bridge and approach road, took a trip through the historic ruins, and examined the artifacts in the museum. Southwest Regional Director Dan Beard, Grand Canyon Superintendent Howard Strickland, and the enthusiastic Tuzigoot staff, headed by Acting Superintendent Carla Martin escorted the Udall family. From Tuzigoot the group went to Jerome for a dedication of the old copper mining town as a National Historic Landmark.



Verde Independent Photo

Left to right: Seasonal Clerk-Typist Erni Escalante, Secretary Udall, Administrative Clerk Carla Martin, and Archeologist Bill Tanner