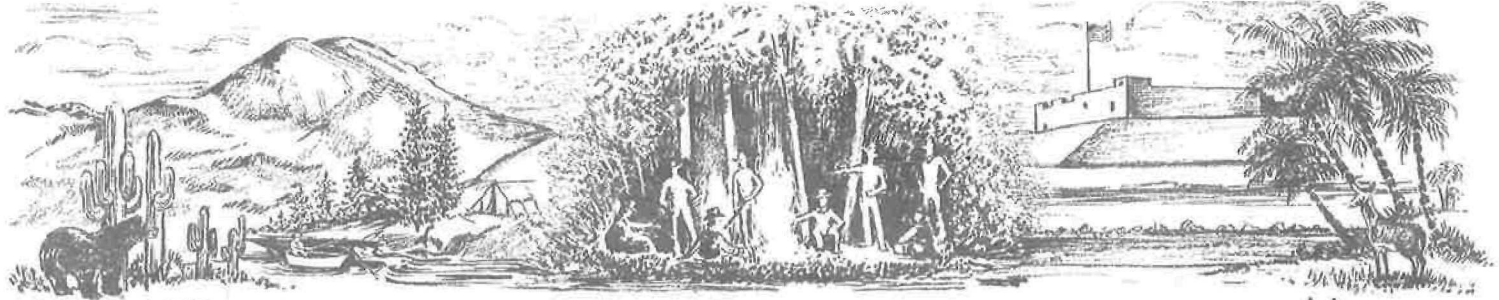




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Cape Lookout Team

A three-man team of Park Service personnel returned May 19 from a four-day tour of the proposed Cape Lookout National Seashore, North Carolina. The men conducted a preliminary study of the ecology and natural history of the seashore in order to determine a plan for overall development and preservation of the area. During their field study the team members visited Shackleford Banks, Core Banks, and Portsmouth Village.



Shown studying a chart of the area are left to right: Bob Johnsson, Ecologist, Office of Resource Planning, WSC; Arnold Tolson, Engineer Aid, Cape Hatteras National Seashore; and Don Robinson, Naturalist, SERO.

On June 19 a Master Planning Team, made up of Park Service employees from Washington, Philadelphia, Richmond, and Cape Hatteras as well as representatives of the Canadian National Park Service and the Corps of Engineers, went to Cape Lookout for further study. They were accompanied by Thomas W. Morse, Acting Superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The team spent several days inspecting the area and later met with representatives of various agencies which are in some way affected by the development of Cape Lookout.

Water for Everglades

Everglades National Park has suffered from a water shortage for some time. Animal and plant life has been adversely affected, and the habitat has been extensively altered.

Several programs to alleviate the situation, such as the release of water from the Flood Control District, have met with temporary success, but a permanent solution is needed.

Until recently the major obstacle encountered by planners was the FDC's Canal 111, a large drainage and barge canal near the southeast boundary of the Park. The canal was completed except for a "plug" of earth left to carry traffic across the canal until the construction of a bridge. The plug has served to keep salt water out and let fresh water into the Park, and its removal would greatly endanger the fresh-water ecology of the Park.

On June 13 the Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service announced the details of plans to replenish the water supply and prevent the intrusion of salt water into the Park. Under the first phase of the plan, which has already gone into effect, a new plug of earth will be set up 2,000 feet downstream. The new barrier will include three seven-foot culverts, containing gates to control water flow, permitting the removal of the original plug.

The first phase is estimated to cost about \$70,000, with construction expected to begin by late summer.

A second phase has been proposed, calling for the construction of a gated structure, or lock, to replace the new culverted barrier. However, this phase will be deferred until an economic need has been established.

Gates on the culverts at the new plug will be open and closed according to conditions at a water control structure farther upstream on Canal 111. The plug may also be temporarily removed, to permit the infrequent movement of barge freight on the canal. Even if fully removed, the plug can be replaced within about one day, Army Engineers said.



**ACCIDENTS
SPOIL
VACATIONS**

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Bowser, Richard B., to Mechanical Engr. (Gen.), Jefferson Nat. Expansion Memorial
Connally, Ernest A., to Architect (Ch., Office of Archeology & Hist. Pres.), WASO

NEW PLACES

Adams, Vernon D., from Pk. Ranger, Hot Springs NP, to Realty Asst., WSC
Askins, James S., from Constr. Rep., PSC, to Exhibits Spec. (Restoration), WSC
Byers, David P., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Saratoga NP & St.-Gaudens NHS, to same, Blue Ridge Pky.
Chittum, Harold J., from Foreman IV, Maintenance, Wind Cave NP, to Constr. Rep., SSC
Coleman, James W., Jr., from Supt., Mound City Group NM, to same, Saratoga NHP and St.-Gaudens NHS
Doyle, Edward F., from Realty Spec., WSC, to Realty Off., WASO
Edmunds, Allen T., from Supv. Pk. Planner (Ch., Office of Resource Planning), PSC, to Assoc. Reg. Director, Field Office for Great Lakes Area
Hanson, Lee H., Jr., from Archeologist, Mound City Group NM, to same, WASO
Hendrickson, Wm. H., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Prince Wm. Forest Pk., to Research Biologist, WASO
Jackson, Robert W., from Mgmt. Asst., Virgin Islands NP, to Realty Officer, WASO
Jenkins, Barbara J., from Sec. (DMT), WASO, to Sec. Steno., Field Office for Great Lakes Area
Kaminski, Vance L., from Architect, SSC, to same, MWRO
Larson, James W., from Ch., Pk. Nat., Haleakala NP, to Research Biologist, WASO
Lowe, Thomas R., from Civil Engr., SERO, to Supv. Civil Engr. (Ch. of Pk. Maintenance), Shenandoah NP
Maxon, James C., from Archeologist, Bandelier NM, to Pk. Nat., Lake Mead NRA
Meyer, Frederick L., from Appraiser, SSC, to same, WASO
Morse, Thomas W., from Asst. Supt., Cape Hatteras NS, to same, Cape Lookout NS
Smathers, Garrett A., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Lava Beds NM, to Research Biologist, WASO
Stansberry, Dickie W., from Foreman III, Maintenance, Flaming Gorge RA Project, to Foreman II-Maintenance, Chiricahua NM
Thompson, Lynn H., from Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to Concessions Analyst, WASO
Wilkins, Keith M., from Carpenter, Glen Canyon NRA, to Foreman III, Buildings & Utilities, Zion NP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Brown, William J., from Caretaker, Guilford Courthouse NMP
Cox, Leonard, from Truck Driver (Heavy Duty), NCR
McDill, Alfred H., from Constr. Engineering Technician, WSC
Reynolds, Harry V., Jr., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glacier NP
Sumner, Lowell, from Research Biologist, WASO

NIPS

DAHLIA DONORS*

The National Capital Dahlia Society of Washington, D.C. has donated 36 different varieties of dahlias to form a colorful display at the northern end of Meridian Hill Park this summer. National Capital Regional Director T. Sutton Jett accepted the generous offer of the Dahlia Society, whose members not only planted the bulbs but will provide such special care as pruning, disbudding, and tying. Mr. Jett hailed this cooperative endeavor as a good example of how park administrators and groups of citizens can work together to create greater beauty and interest in the parks of the Nation's Capital.

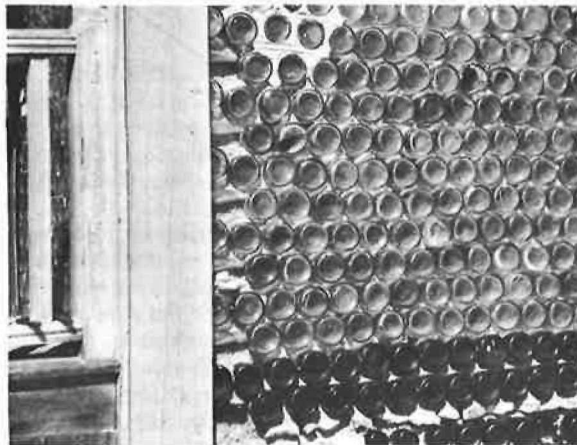
DEAD, ALIVE, OR SLEEPING?

The last eruption of Mount Rainier may have occurred about 500 years ago, but geologists at the Geological Survey think the old 14,410-foot volcano might still have a little life left. The Survey suggests that Mount Rainier may be dormant, still making it quite distinct from the active Kilauea volcanoes of Hawaii.

NEW MEXICO FORTS

All those interested in the history of the Southwest should get a copy of "New Mexico Military Installations," a twelve-page pamphlet recently published for Fort Union National Monument. The author, Lee Myers of Carlsbad, New Mexico, is a long-time student of Southwest military history and has done a great deal of research through original documents in the National Archives and other sources. The lucid discussion of more than 25 frontier military posts eliminates much of the confusion surrounding many of the early New Mexico forts by giving in detail such things as exact dates, reasons for the name and location, and the related history of the area.

WHAT IS IT?



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Silhouette Besse Ripley

Besse Ripley once said, "I have never met a person from whom I cannot learn at least one good thing," and she has welcomed the opportunity to serve as the NPS Women's Organization's new Area Chairman for the Southwest Region. Born Besse Marie Myers in Boulder, Colorado, she received a B.A. degree in Education from the University of Colorado. Throughout the years she has worked in various capacities, having been employed as a bookkeeper, waitress, high school English and foreign language teacher, caseworker in the Department of Public Welfare, administrative assistant in the Department of Agriculture, and WAE employee in Mesa Verde National Park. She spent eight summers working in the Rocky Mountain National Park hotels and has enjoyed the experience of operating her own gift and antique shop.



Besse's many hobbies and interests include playing the organ, sewing, and planning and building houses with her husband, Donald. Besse and Donald have served at Mesa Verde National Park, Hovenweep and Yucca House National Monuments, and Death Valley National Monument, and are presently at Gran Quivira National Monument where Mr. Ripley is Superintendent.

NPS EMPLOYEES IN MIDDLE EAST

The Newsletter for June 15, 1967, in a 'Nip' about NPS employees in Jordan, reported that the families of all the men had returned to the United States. Later information has disclosed the following: Families of the Jordan employees were flown to Athens, Greece, prior to the outbreak of hostilities in the Middle East. The team members remained in Amman, the capital of Jordan, during hostilities, and after the Amman airfield was repaired, U.S. Air Force planes evacuated several thousand American personnel. NPS specialists spent several days in Tehran, Iran, where, at the request of the Iranian Government, they reviewed park plans for the capital city, and also visited outstanding scenic and archeological sites. As of this writing, the NPS employees have joined their families in Athens, where they will remain pending their expected return to Jordan in the near future.

Profiles . . . Luther T. Peterson, Jr.



Luther T. Peterson, Jr., Superintendent of Carlsbad Caverns National Park, was born April 6, 1922 at Ferris, Texas. He received his B.S. degree from the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas in 1943 and shortly thereafter entered the Army to serve three years with the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Peterson joined the Park Service in December, 1946 as a Civil Engineer at the Western Regional Office. In 1954 he became a Park Engineer at Yosemite and in 1958 was transferred to the Midwest Regional Office where he served as Regional Engineer and Regional Chief of Maintenance. He was appointed Assistant Superintendent, Grand Teton, in 1964 and Superintendent, Carlsbad Caverns, in September 1966.

Mr. Peterson is currently a member of the Rotary Club of Carlsbad and an honorary member of the Board of Directors of the Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Peterson and his wife, Betty, have two sons, Luther T. III, and John Eugene. Luther T. III has just completed a four-year tour of duty in the Navy and intends to make his home in California following his June marriage. John, who also recently married, resides in Carlsbad, New Mexico.

I think that I shall never see
A billboard lovely as a tree
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall
I'll never see a tree at all.

... Ogden Nash

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The What and Why of the Incentive

Awards Program

(This is the sixth in the Incentive Awards article series. See Newsletter June 15 for the fifth article.)

THE COMMENDABLE SERVICE AWARD

To be eligible for this award, an employee must have had five or more years of service with the Department and have earned a consistent rating of satisfactory or better. The award is granted in recognition of dedicated and loyal performance by an employee who has retired or died.

As in the case of other honor awards, the Commendable Service Award is developed by the immediate supervisor or a higher level official who has first-hand knowledge of the employee's performance and accomplishments. Whenever possible, arrangements for approval of the award are made far in advance in order that the award may be presented prior to the actual time of retirement. The Director of the National Park Service signs the citation which constitutes the major part of the award. A bronze medal and pin are also presented. The presentation is made by a Division Chief, Superintendent, or another designated official.

In the latter part of April alone, eleven Commendable Service Awards were approved to honor the following:

Robert A. Barlow, Park Guide, Shiloh NMP
Aaron Davis, Ferry Operator, Mammoth Cave NP
John R. Didio, Foreman II, Mixed Gang (Roads),
Mount Rainier NP
John H. Easterbrook, Park Ranger, Yosemite NP
Roe Esters, Park Guide, Mammoth Cave NP
Catherine M. Fritz, Administrative Assistant,
Hopewell Village NHS
Ted. B. Gray, Maintenance man, Shiloh NMP
Jepthey H. McDonald, Caretaker, Blue Ridge Pky.
Herman G. Randolph, Laborer, CNCP
Louis R. Sepulveda, Private, U.S. Park Police NCR
Grover W. Shepherd, Caretaker, Blue Ridge Pky.



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EMPLOYEES SELL SERVICE

Do you see yourself as a Federal recruiter? Apparently you are. A recent survey conducted by the Civil Service Commission revealed that about 30 percent of the applicants for the Federal Service Entrance Examination learned about it through other Federal employees.

Federal employees should take advantage of the opportunity to attract qualified applicants to the Federal Service.

WHAT IS IT?



Readers may recognize the above photograph as the 'Bottle House' in the abandoned town of Rhyolite, Nevada near Death Valley National Monument. The walls of the house are made of bottles and cement.

NEW HOME FOR LIONS

By next Easter visitors to South Africa will be able to see shaggy manes and hear the rumble of vocal chords within only a few miles of Johannesburg and Pretoria. A group of Johannesburg businessmen have gotten together to endorse the establishment of a 100-acre game reserve for lions, to be known as Lion Park.

Unlike most game reserves which are located hundreds of miles away from population centers, Lion Park will be a mere 30-minute drive away from the two major cities. Nevertheless, the more convenient it is for the people to get to the park, the easier it is for the lions to get to the cities.

The lions may do as they please within the boundaries of the park, but precautions have been taken to prevent the lions from wandering into populated areas. The reserve will be surrounded by an inner 5-foot high barbed wire fence and an outer 12-foot high fence with a 2-foot overhang. For added security the park boundaries will be patrolled every hour throughout the day and night.

At first 50 lions will be roaming around the reserve, but the number will be increased by breeding and additions to a maximum of 100. Other forms of wildlife will be kept in another area of the park.