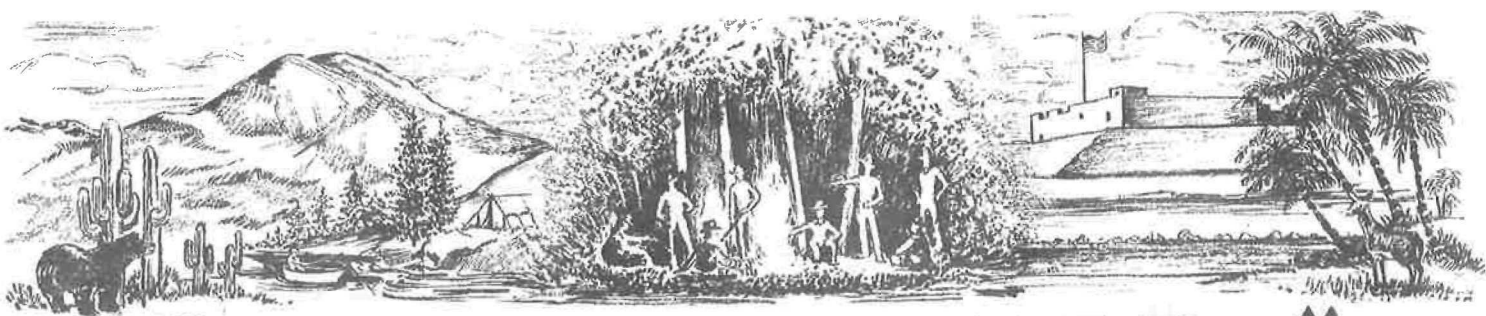




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IDRA Field Day

The 1967 IDRA Field Day fulfilled all expectations and turned out to be a great success. A tremendous group of Interior Department employees and their families and friends flocked to Fort Hunt, Virginia, on August 5 to take part in the festivities.



As always, there was something for everybody. For the youngsters there were foot races, sack races, and



other competitive sports, and the kids huffed and puffed their way to the finish line with the determination of Olympic stars. The Park Police's Canine Corps provided the crowd with drama and excitement. The highly trained German Shepherds demonstrated their skills in a series of stunts, such as the spectacular leap

through a flaming hoop, upon command from their master. Indians in native costume gave a colorful dance, after which they returned to mingle with the Bermuda short crowd.

Highlight of the program, the final judging of the Miss Interior Contest, resulted in the coronation of



lovely Miss Paulette Babbington, Bureau of Mines. Second Place went to Miss Peggy Rhodes, Office of the Secretary, and Third Place to Miss Phyllis Rucker, Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife.

IDRA Photos by W. H. Spradley NPS



Peggy Rhodes, Paulette Babbington, Phyllis Rucker

Back to School

In a few weeks Judy Lansaw, a graduate of the Class of '67 at Death Valley High School, will begin her freshman year at Stanford University. Judy's departure for college will be a big day for Death Valley employees. Judy has been the center of attention and a great source of pride for all employees since she was named valedictorian of her graduating class. Maintaining such high marks hasn't been an easy task for Judy. Death Valley students must commute a round-trip distance of 120 miles to the high school in Shoshone, California every day, leaving little free time in the evening.

"Judy has always known exactly what she wanted to do in life," her mother said, "and minded not at all working for it." Judy set her goals high, and her hard work paid off. She has been awarded a \$1,500 State Scholarship for tuition and fees to Stanford University, a \$900 University Scholarship from the Board of Trustees at Stanford, and a \$350 award from the Federal Personnel Council of Northern California.

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Defendorf, Pank E., to Realty Spec., WASO
Gray, Andrew W., to Realty Off., WSC
Gray, David T., to Landscape Arch., WSC
Knowlton, Richard N., to Safety Off., ENCP
Rourke, James E., to Realty Spec., WSC
Swanson, Craig M., to Management Analyst, WASO

NEW PLACES

Benson, Forrest M., Jr., from Pk. Planner, WASO, to Supt., Haleakala NP
Brotherton, James R., from Admin. Off., Jefferson Nat. Expansion Mem. NHS, to Mgmt. Asst., Lake Mead NRA
Carson, Stanley W., from Forestry Tech., SWRO, to Pk. Ranger, Petrified Forest NP
Catterton, Norman E., from Laborer, Prince Wm. Forest Pk., to Sheet Metal Worker, NCR
Cawood, Hobart G., from Supv. Hist., Chickamauga-Chattanooga NMP, to Hist., WSC
Doyle, Edward F., from Realty Off., WASO, to same, SWRO
Dyer, William E., from Supt., Pea Ridge NMP, to JCCC Dir., Great Smoky Mtns. NP
Ellis, Frederick P., from Laborer, Prince Wm. Forest Pk., to Bus Driver, NCR
Fene, Kim M., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pky., to Staff Pk. Ranger (Wildlife Mgmt.), Grand Canyon NP
Fletcher, Natalie V., from Clk. Steno., Cape Cod NS, to Sec. Steno., WSC
Griffin, Horace G., from Gardener, (Landscape), Prince Wm. Forest Pk., to same, CNCP
Ichelson, David, from Vis. Info. Spec., Western Museum Lab., to same, Eastern Museum Lab.
Jackson, Robert W., from Realty Officer, WASO (DS: Omaha, Nebraska), to same, MWRO
Larson, Paul A., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Flaming Gorge NRA, to same, Crater Lake NP
Lewis, Jack E., from Foreman IV (Maint.), Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Foreman III, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
Lewis, John G., from Supv. Pk. Ranger., WRO, to Asst. Supt., Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
Martin, Carol A., from Admin. Clk., Tuzigoot NM, to Admin. Asst., Custer Battlefield NM
Morey, Charles R., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to same, Glacier NP
Morrell, Fred R., from Admin. Off., WASO, to Staff Asst. (A & E) Contracts), WSC
Olson, Roger D., from Pk. Guide, Carlisbad Caverns NP, to Pk. Ranger, Glen Canyon, NRA
Price, Raymond S., from Staff Curator (Museum Design), Western Museum Lab., to same, Eastern Museum Lab.
Quesenberry, Fred W., Jr., from Supv. Personnel Mgmt. Spec., SERO, to same, SWRO
Reynolds, Carl D., from Reg. Coordinator (JC Activities), WASO, to JCCC Dir., Catocin Mtn. NP
Schesventer, George F., from Mgmt. Asst., George Washington Birthplace NM, to Supt., Mound City Group NM

Sullivan, Theodore W., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glacier Bay NM, to same, Curecanti NRA
Wheat, Jack, from JCCC Dir., Catocin Mtn. NP, to same, Great Smoky Mtns. NP
Whitehouse, James R., Jr., from JCCC Dir., Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Pk. Planner, NERO
Wing, Kittridge A., from Supt., Petrified Forest NP, to same, Cape Hatteras NS

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Barnhill, Charles B., from Foreman III, Elec., NCR
Lix, Henry W., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Great Smoky Mtns. NP
McKee, John H., from Maint. Supt., Glen Canyon NRA
Webb, Donald C., from Caretaker, Lake Mead NRA

Awards

THE WHAT & WHY OF THE INCENTIVE AWARDS PROGRAM

(This is the 8th in the Incentive Awards program series of articles and the final item on the honor awards.)

In addition to the well-known awards mentioned in previous articles, the National Park Incentive Awards Committee participates in screening and recommending to proper officials, candidates for the following special honorary awards:

THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD — this high honor is granted for outstanding achievement in the improvement of government operations or to an employee otherwise serving the public interest. The standards for this award are high and normally an employee who has not been granted the Distinguished Service Award of the Department will not be considered for this award. The nominations are made by the Secretary in collaboration with Bureau officials. Selections for the award are made by the President's Distinguished Federal Civilian Service Awards Board.

THE ROCKEFELLER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD — this is another high-level award and is granted to men and women whose careers in the Federal Government have been marked by sustained excellence in service to the Nation. Normally, only five awards are given each year — one in each of five broad fields of government activity: administration, foreign affairs or international operations, the general welfare or national resources, the sciences or professions, and law, legislation, or regulation. Its purpose is to strengthen the public service by bringing special recognition to a small number of truly distinguished civilians in the Federal Government, and to improve the public image of government service as a career worthy of the best efforts of our most capable citizens. Recipients of the award may visit colleges for consultation with members of the faculty and students interested in some phase of public affairs.

CAREER SERVICE AWARD — sponsored by the National Civil Service League. Ten employees who exemplify outstanding careers are selected annually.

FEDERAL WOMAN'S AWARD — started in 1960 specifically to recognize women who have rendered distinguished service to the Federal Government.

ARTHUR S. FLEMMING AWARD — an award to recognize outstanding young men in the Federal government stationed in the Washington, D. C. locality. It was originated in 1948 and is sponsored by the Downtown Jaycees of the District of Columbia Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, Potomac Electric Company, and the Washington Gas Light Company.

HANDICAPPED AMERICAN OF THE YEAR AWARD — this award is given each year as a special honor to a handicapped person who has surmounted his or her own disability to become a useful American citizen and who has helped to encourage, inspire, or facilitate employment of other handicapped persons. This year will mark the 17th President's Trophy to be awarded in this category.

THE WILLIAM A. JUMP MEMORIAL AWARD — established in 1950 in honor of the late William A. Jump, Budget and Finance Officer of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who was recognized nationally, for his leadership and distinguished contributions to effective public administration. It is supported through private contributions and is granted to employees who have had an outstanding service in the field of public administration and notable contributions to the efficiency and quality of public service.

MANAGEMENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARD — a newcomer to the award scene, this award was initiated in 1964 to recognize especially significant contribution in government, in private enterprise, or in an educational or research institution. It is restricted to contributions within the Washington Chapter area of the Society for Advancement of Management.

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AWARD — sponsored jointly by the Kiwanis International and American Public Works Association, it is given in conjunction with National Public Works Week — a public education program endorsed by Congress and the President of the United States. It honors ten public works men whose work reflects the highest standards of professional conduct in public works.

PAPER WORK MANAGEMENT AWARD — first presented in 1965, its purpose is to establish impetus for the continuance of outstanding leadership and professional excellence in promoting effective management of paperwork in the Federal Government.

PUBLIC PERSONNEL AWARD — recognizes officials who have contributed to employment of the handicapped in his or her agency — federal, state, county, municipal, judiciary or public college or school — by developing or instituting policies or procedures giving leadership to and finding suitable jobs for the handicapped. Its objective is to increase employment opportunities for the handicapped who have prepared themselves for certain jobs.

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Profiles

John W. Stratton, superintendent of Death Valley National Monument, was born in Denver, Colorado, March 21, 1911, but left there after only four years and received all of his formal schooling in California. He graduated from San Jose State College in 1934 with a B.A. degree in Education.



John this month chalked up his 31st year with the National Park Service. His career to date has been varied from the standpoint of both job and area assignments. In 1936 he entered the Service as a clerk at Pinnacles National Monument and then served in the same job at Lassen Volcanic National Park. In 1941 he became a park ranger at Joshua Tree National Monument and returned to the same position in 1946 after 51 months of active duty with the Army. In 1948 he was assigned to Mount Rainier National Park as personnel assistant, and then transferred to Southwest Regional Office in the same capacity. From Santa Fe he went into the personnel job at Gila Pueblo in Globe, Arizona, then headquarters of Southwestern National Monuments. His first superintendency was at Tuzigoot National Monument, after which he spent nearly four years as management assistant at Yosemite National Park. In 1961 he became the first superintendent of Haleakala National Park, and then moved back to the mainland to serve as programs officer in the Western Regional Office. He has been at Death Valley since early 1966.

John has had a second career in the Army, serving in the Reserves, National Guard, and on extended active duty during World War II. He attained the rank of lieutenant colonel before his assignment to the retired reserve in 1960. Other outside activities have included offices in several Rotary and Lions Clubs, NFFE, and on a number of church boards. He received a special service award in 1966, and served on the Servicewide Evaluation Committee the same year.

John and his wife, the former Alice Weidlein, were married in 1934.

NIPS

HOMAGE PAID TO CONSERVATIONIST

On July 14 the Interior Department Conservation Award was presented to an 83-year-old Minnesotan in a touching ceremony in Canada. Seventy-five years ago Ernest Oberholtzer of Rainy Lake, Minnesota, fell in love with the American wilderness and has been exploring and nurturing it ever since.

Stricken with rheumatic fever in high school, he managed to overcome his illness and graduate from Harvard with an architecture degree. He became a noted explorer, conservationist, photographer, and writer, and was one of the founders of the Wilderness Society.

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Mr. Oberholtzer received the Conservation Award for his work in helping preserve the beautiful Quetico-Superior region of Northern Minnesota and Ontario, Canada, and for his work in perpetuating interest in the folkways of the Indians of the area.

Because of his poor health, the presentation site had to be changed from Milwaukee to Fort Frances, Ontario, only a short distance from Mr. Oberholtzer's home. Arrangements were made with Canadian officials to make the presentation at the end of the Canadian Centennial Voyageur Canoe Pageant.

After Fred C. Fagergren, Midwest Regional Director, had presented the award, a group of Indians from the Wild Potato Tribe, who had been the subject of Mr. Oberholtzer's research and writings, crowded around and extended their congratulations. Their enthusiasm meant a lot to the elderly gentleman, and he was completely overwhelmed.

NEW SCIENCE PARK PLANNED

Plans are underway to convert the Buescher State Park near Smithville, Texas into a 17,000-acre retreat for professional thinkers. Researchers, professors, and even college students will go to the "science park" to find a little peace and quiet in this mad, hectic world in order to study without interruptions. All phases of natural sciences will be emphasized here, particularly the ecology of man. The University of Texas, responsible for development of the park, will preserve the wilderness areas and will work towards strengthening man's bond with nature.

DANIEL B. BEARD RETIRES

Regional Director Daniel B. Beard, Southwest Region, has submitted his application for retirement to be effective September 9. Mr. Beard visited the Washington Office the first week in August to attend the Regional Director's meeting and was given a coffee party in his honor in the Executive Dining Room on August 3.

PETERSBURG MUSKETEERS

Park Rangers and Park Historians at Petersburg National Battlefield, Virginia, have combined their energies to come up with an educational presentation on Civil War rifle-muskets. Pictured below is Ranger John Little demonstrating the actual firing of a musket to a group of children from Project Head Start.



The demonstrations, initiated by Historian Conway, have earned much favorable publicity for the park. Superintendent John T. Willett is quite pleased with the program and says that "without exception it is an overwhelming success."

Demonstrations are presented five times daily, seven days a week.

CARLSBAD EMPLOYEE HONORED

On July 25 Elevator Operator Charles F. Leeman, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, received an award for thirty years of federal service. While presenting the award, Superintendent Neal G. Guse noted that except for a two-year stint as assistant storekeeper and senior operator engineer with the Army Air Service Command, Mr. Leeman has spent his entire federal service career at Carlsbad Caverns.



Supt. Neal G. Guse (left)

Operator Charles F. Leeman

CAPE LOOKOUT HEADED

Thomas W. Morse has reported to Beaufort, North Carolina, to serve as the first superintendent of Cape Lookout National Seashore. Since early 1966 Mr. Morse has acted as assistant superintendent of Cape Hatteras National Seashore.



Mr. Morse was a member of the Master Plan study team and participated in a field study of the area during the week of June 19. The team members shown in the photograph are, left to right: Bill Smith, Don Robinson, Les Moore, Tom Morse, Barry Bohnet, Fred Arnold, Bill Faylor (team captain), Page Painter, Grady Barnes, Dennis Major, and Frank Ugolini. Not shown are Otto Florschultz and Joe Karban.

Cape Lookout encompasses a 59-mile-long section of the Outer Banks extending from Ocracoke Inlet on the north of Beaufort Inlet on the south. The establishment of the new 30,000-acre park was authorized by the 89th Congress and the Act signed by President Johnson on March 10, 1966.