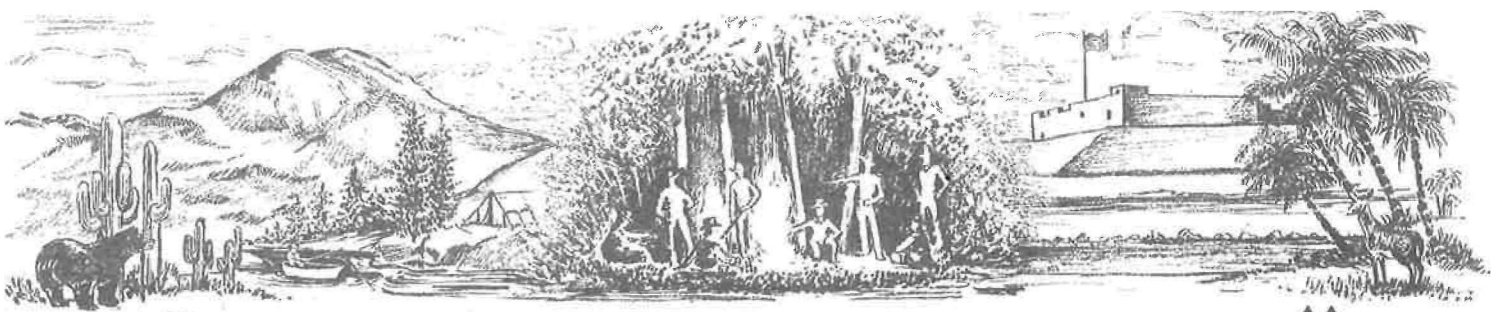




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Bravery During Glacier Tragedy

The night of August 12, when two young girls were fatally mauled by grizzly bears at Glacier National Park, will be shrouded in mystery and sadness for a long time to come. Yet out of these tragic events came a display of raw courage by a young Park Service employee who will be forever remembered by 65 people as "a brave little girl who stood tall and straight at a time when a giant was needed."

J. Riley Johnson, in a letter to Glacier Superintendent Keith Neilson, related the events at Granite Park immediately following the bear attacks. Mr. Johnson, his wife, and their 9-month-old son were among some 65 hikers stranded and leaderless at a time of great anxiety.

As the regular naturalist was away on a fire call, Seasonal Ranger-Naturalist Joan Devereaux, 22, was in the area as a replacement. Realizing that the National Park Service uniform was the key to organizing and reassuring the fear-stricken group, Miss Devereaux took charge of the situation. Although such swift action was not expected of a woman, her leadership was immediately accepted, as she represented the only authority upon which everyone agreed.

Mr. Johnson worked very closely throughout the night with Miss Devereaux: "I know she was terrified and felt very much alone. But her feelings and emotions never surfaced. She took command, drew on the talents of the individuals around her, and radiated much needed strength."

The next morning Miss Devereaux led 59 people, ranging in age from nine months well into the sixties, down the mountain through known grizzly bear country. "I'm sure she was singing and laughing to calm her own fears as much as she was lifting the spirits of her charges," Mr. Johnson said, "but, again, it never showed."

"I'm sure I speak for all in the chalet that fateful weekend," Mr. Johnson continued, "when I express my personal pride and admiration for Miss Devereaux and the National Park Service."

When asked about the incident, Francis H. Elmore, Chief Naturalist at Glacier, answered that he was not at all surprised at Miss Devereaux's bravery: "She is an outstanding naturalist—one of the best—and she did an outstanding job."

Pecos Discovery Changes History

The discovery of the largest and most elaborate church complex ever built by early Spanish missionaries in the province of New Mexico has forced

historians to take another look at their history books. What has long been considered to be the Pecos church of Nuestra Senora de los Angeles de Porciuncula has been proven to be a much later and smaller structure, built from materials salvaged after the original mission burned during the Pueblo Rebellion of 1680.

The discovery of the original mission, lying beneath the existing ruins, began on June 8 when Chief Archeologist at the Pecos site, Mrs. Jean Pinkley, came across a section of white-plastered wall while working on a routine excavation. Mrs. Pinkley and her co-workers traced the wall for some distance and soon realized that they had come across a sprawling pueblo mission of gigantic dimensions. Later excavation revealed a church with adobe walls 9 feet thick, a roof span of 40 feet, and a nave of 165 feet. On the north transept, walls 20 feet thick were found, out of which a 12-foot deep sanctuary has been cut.



Overhead view of excavation site at Pecos National Monument. The outline of the old church can be clearly seen surrounding the existing church.

Old historical sources, such as the accounts of early New Mexico chroniclers Fray Alonso de Benavides and Agustin de Vetancurt, had described the history, size, and complexity of the mission. The existing mission, however, did not support such descriptions, and the accounts were discounted as mere exaggeration. Now historians have begun to re-evaluate the authenticity of the early reports.

The newly-discovered mission, built in the 1620's, is the only one of its type in New Mexico. The use of regularly spaced buttresses, not needed for support of the adobe walls, suggests that the mission may have been patterned after the fortified churches of Mexico or France.

Although further research is necessary to piece together the complete history of the Pecos site, enough has been found to label the discovery as one of the most important archeological finds relating to early New Mexico history.

People on the move . . .

NEW PLACES

Anderson, Jack K., from Supt., Grand Teton NP, to same, Yellowstone NP
 Benton, Robert E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Fire Island NS, to Pk. Planner, WASO
 Bozarth, Hugh H., from Mgmt. Asst., Zion NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, White Sands NM
 Butterfield, Neal A., from Asst., to the Reg. Dir. (Coop. Act.-Pub. Aff.), SERO, to Pk. Planner, Olympic NP
 Chapman, Howard H., from Supt., Coulee Dam NRA, to same, Grand Teton NP
 Cruz, Santiago, from Hist., Jefferson NEM NHS, to same, Chamizal NM
 Daugherty, Gene V., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, White Sands NM, to Staff Pk. Ranger, WASO
 Davis, Benjamin R., from Supt., Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS, to same, Harpers Ferry NHP
 Gerrish, Paul W., from Foreman II (R & T), Wind Cave NP, to Foreman III (R & T), Big Bend NP
 Hancock, Maxwell E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to Pk. Ranger, WASO
 Hawman, Harold W., Jr., from Admin. Off., Padre Island NS, to Admin. Asst., WASO
 Hillery, Allen R., from Foreman III (R & T), Zion NP, to Foreman IV (Maintenance), Wind Cave NP
 Iorio, Ralph M., from Admin. Off., Liberty Park JCCC, to Mgmt. Asst., NERO
 Ives, Raymond L., from Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to Mgmt. Asst., Salem Maritime NHS
 Kowski, Frank F., from Supt., Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP, to Reg. Dir., SWRO
 Lukens, William M., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glacier NP, to Supt., Gila Cliff Dwellings NM
 McKenzie, Leonard W., Jr., from Pk. Nat., Lassen Volcanic NP, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Everglades NP
 Milne, Robert C., from Pk. Nat., Lassen Volcanic NP, to Nat. Instr., Mather TC
 Morton, Lawrence C., from JCCC Admin. Off., Catoctin Mtn. Pk., to same, Cumberland Gap NHP
 Nelson, Freeman, L., from Corpsmen Supv., Wellfleet JCCC, Cape Cod NS, to Admin. Trainee, WASO
 Ray, James E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to JCCC Deputy Dir. for Works, Acadia NP
 Robinson, Delmar P., from JCCC Admin. Off., Cumberland Gap NHP, to Program Spec., WASO
 Robinson, Monroe L., from Foreman I (Maintenance), Dinosaur NM, to Foreman III (Maintenance), Bighorn Canyon NRA
 Smith, S. Preston, from Pk. Guide, Cape Hatteras NS, to same, Antietam NBS
 Soper, William L., from Operator Gen., Grand Teton NP, to Foreman II (R & T), Wind Cave NP
 Steeves, C. Richard, from Landscape Arch. SFSC, to Pk. Planner, WASO
 Tolson, Arnold C., Jr., from Civ. Engr. Tech., Cape Hatteras NS, to Foreman III (Maintenance), Assateague Island NS

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Bowne, Warren P., from Foreman II (Power Plant), Yosemite NP
 Brown, James D., from Caretaker, Prince William Forest Pk.
 Gratton, Weldon W., from Supt., Flaming Gorge NRA
 Ronalds, Francis S., from Supt., Morristown NHP

Awards

Presented August 31 at Director's Staff Meeting

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS

Mr. Carl O. Walker, Chief, Div. B & F, WASO
 Mr. Richard T. Montgomery, Chief Engineer, DC-WSC

QUALITY INCREASE

Mr. Edwin C. Bearss, Division of History, Branch of Park History Studies, WASO (Mr. Bearss also received his 20-year length-of-service emblem)

EEO SYMPOSIUM HELD

A symposium on Equal Employment Opportunity, sponsored by the Midwest Regional Office, was held August 7 in Omaha, Nebraska. Eighteen organizations and businesses were represented, including five minority groups: National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Omaha Urban League, Opportunities Industrial Center, Inc., Neighborhood House, and American Indian Enterprises.

A panel of experts underlined the problems and challenges in the President's EEO program requirements and led a question and answer discussion. Professor Rene R. Beauchesne, currently the Chairman of the Political Science Department at Creighton University and the founder and first Director of the Political Research Center at Creighton, gave the keynote address. Professor Beauchesne in his address challenged the National Park Service and other Federal Agencies to conduct themselves so that when their accomplishments in EEO are judged, they will not be found wanting.

In order to give the National Park Service the greatest amount of exposure possible to this program, a representative from the Washington Office attended, as well as state representatives from North Dakota, Colorado, Missouri, and Montana.

FIRE-WOMEN AT SEQUOIA AND KINGS

Mrs. Lois Harris, clerk-typist at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, is shown using a dry chemical type of fire extinguisher on a small wood fire. Mrs. Harris is but one of the many park wives and women employees who attended an instruction session on the proper methods of extinguishing fires around the home.



Park Ranger Lorne West conducted the one-hour program which included such things as making an escape plan for each home and a demonstration of various types of extinguishers.

In many regional offices the wives seldom have the opportunity to meet one another--let alone their husbands' co-workers. But the ladies of the Southwest Regional Office have made a science out of getting to know all the NPS families in the area. Several years ago three dynamic ladies from Santa Fe, Mrs. Erik Reed, Mrs. Paula McColm, and Mrs. Jerome Miller--better known as the 'Three Furies'--drew up the charter for SWRO's Women's Organization.

The club elects its own officers each year as well as hostesses for the monthly luncheon meetings. There are also two women appointed to a Hostess Committee who keep up with transfers into the Regional Office, visit new families, and welcome the women to the Luncheon Club. Since very few of the Park Service families in the area eat out frequently, the hostesses try to select new, or at least different, restaurants for each luncheon. After a brief social time (for those who imbibe) and luncheon, there is a short business meeting. Those desiring to remain are invited to play bridge or canasta -- or whatever.

Since SWRO's Women's Organization is strictly a social group, the projects are limited to the Christmas store, originated by Mrs. Dave (Helen) Canfield. The ladies donate jewelry and clothing for impoverished families in the area who have been recommended by local physicians or the Welfare Office.

The December meeting is always a pot-luck luncheon at a member's home (someone with a BIG house!). In the spring, the Bandelier women host the other members, and instead of playing bridge after lunch, some of the heartier ladies take hikes. In mid-summer another pot-luck is held, proving once again that Park Service women are indeed great cooks!

The SWRO ladies wouldn't miss the opportunity to welcome other Park Service women passing through the area. If you happen to be around Santa Fe on the first Thursday of any month, be sure to call one of the officers (President, Betty Beard; Vice-President, Janet Pozel; Secretary, Betty Ela; Treasurer, June Giles) and go to the luncheon. Each meeting is too much fun to miss.

ALBRIGHT T.C. GALA

Horace M. Albright Training Center was the scene for a "barbecue your own dinner" party held in honor of Director Hartzog on August 14. Director Hartzog visited the Training Center that morning to talk with the trainees about their role and their future in the National Park Service. His discussion was followed by a lively question and answer period which was most rewarding to all.



A delightful Arizona sunset added a touch of color to the simple courtyard decorations for the party that evening. Over 180 guests were present, including Mr. Leslie Scott, President of the Fred Harvey Organization. Guests were serenaded by the Don Isidro Trio.



Thomas R. Tucker, Superintendent, Cabrillo National Monument, was born October 27, 1922 at San Diego, California. Following his graduation from Mariposa County High School in 1940, he entered the Service as a laborer. In March 1943 he began a three-year tour of duty in the Army and in 1946, after being honorably discharged as a master sergeant, resumed his NPS career.

Until 1962 when he became supervisory park ranger at Cabrillo and Channel Islands National Monument, Tom held various positions at Yosemite, including foreman, BRC Camp superintendent, park ranger, and supervisory park ranger. From 1963 to May 1967 he served as superintendent, Cabrillo and Channel Islands National Monument and from May 1967 to the present as superintendent, Cabrillo National Monument.

Tom has participated in a number of training courses: the Managerial Grid Laboratory Seminar, Asilomar, California; Group Performance and Supervision, Albright TC; GATC, San Francisco; Supervisory Personnel and Instructor's Training, Yosemite; Forest and Structural Fire Management, Fresno, California; Mountain Rescue and Rock Climbing School, Yosemite; Pilot Supervisory Personnel Training Course, Yosemite; and various FBI Law Enforcement Courses held in Yosemite.

In 1961 Tom received the Superior Performance Award for his outstanding actions while administering Mather Ranger District at Yosemite during particularly heavy fire activities. This year the San Diego Chapter of American Business Women's Association named him 1967 Boss of the Year.

Tom serves on the Board of Directors, Cabrillo Historical Association; Board of Directors, Peninsula Chamber of Commerce; Federal Executives Association; Executive Committee Peninsulans, Inc.; and the Cabrillo Festival Executive Committee. He is an honorary member of the Point Loma Kiwanis Club and the Portuguese-American Social and Civic Club.

He and his wife, Evelyn, stay busy trying to keep up with their four children: Eva Linda, 13; Mary Jane, 16; James, 18; and Tom, Jr., 19. Tom, Jr., is a senior at the University of California and a trainee physicist at the Naval Electronics Laboratory Center in San Diego. James has recently entered his freshman year at the University of California, San Diego. James graduated in the top two percent of his high school class of 400 students and has received a number of both academic and athletic scholarships and awards.

SCP WORKERS LAUDED

Superintendent John C. W. Riddle, Hopewell Village National Historic Site, is pictured here representing certificates of participation to Mrs. Georgiana Rose and Miss Carol Rose of Toledo, Ohio, in recognition of their participation in the Student Conservation Program at Hopewell Village this past summer. The presentation was made on August 22, 1967.



Under the auspices of the Student Conservation Program, which is based at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site in New York, selected students participate in conservation and research projects at various national parks all over the country. These projects range from backwoods trail clearing in the Great Smokies to cataloging historic artifacts at Hopewell Village National Historic Site.

During the summer, Mrs. Rose and Miss Rose cataloged historic artifacts and certain antique items to be used in the refurbishing of the buildings at this restored iron-making village.

THE YEAR OF THE GRIZZLY??

Still another grizzly bear incident occurred at Yellowstone National Park on September 12. A camper was awakened by a violent shaking of his trailer and soon realized that a grizzly bear was trying to get inside. For nearly two hours the grizzly shook and banged on the trailer before the bear finally lost interest and wandered on. The trailer was badly dented, but the occupant was unhurt.

ANTI-BOOM CLUB

Those concerned about the destructive effects of sonic booms, as demonstrated by past rockfalls at Canyon de Chelly National Monument and Bryce Canyon National Park, may be interested to learn of the recent organization of an "anti-boom" club. The Citizens' League Against the Sonic Boom, with headquarters at 19 Appleton Street, Cambridge, Mass., welcomes contributions but charges no membership dues.

CAPE COD CYCLE PATH

Ceremonies on September 17 at Cape Cod National Seashore marked the opening of the first trail in the National Park System designed and constructed specifically for bicycles. Other cycle trails now in use are adaptations.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Great Chicago Fire of 1871 which took 250 lives and left behind 98,000 homeless people, \$200,000,000 damage, and 17,450 destroyed buildings is but a reminder to us not to let it happen again. To help us remember, we have Fire Prevention Week every year in October to commemorate October 9, 1871, the day Chicago burned.

OFFICIALS CONVENE AT TETON

The third International Short Course in Administration of National Parks and Equivalent Reserves began on August 28 at Grand Teton National Park. Approximately 40 officials from 26 countries convened for the four-week course which will include visits to Yellowstone, Mesa Verde, and Grand Canyon National Parks, Utah State University, several national and state forests and recreation areas, and the Navajo Tribal parks. The course is sponsored by the University of Michigan and the Conservation Foundation.

BOUQUET FROM HHH

The following letter of appreciation from Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey was sent to all Youth Opportunity Campaign employees.

Dear Summer Employee:

I have heard many good reports on the work of our Youth Opportunity Campaign employees this summer, and I want to thank you for helping with the work of your Government.

Hiring young people for the summer is one way in which the Federal Government expresses its interest in helping you to help yourselves.

As Chairman of the President's Council on Youth Opportunity, I want to urge you to continue your education this fall and in the coming years. Make sure you get that high school diploma—it's one of the most valuable documents in existence.

I hope the summer has been an interesting and enriching one for you.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful future.

Sincerely,

Hubert H. Humphrey

The YOC program this year has been quite successful, and we extend our thanks to all who took part in it, either as supervisors or enrollees.

SAFETY SLOGAN OF THE WEEK:

Drive carelessly. Your car will last a lifetime.

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