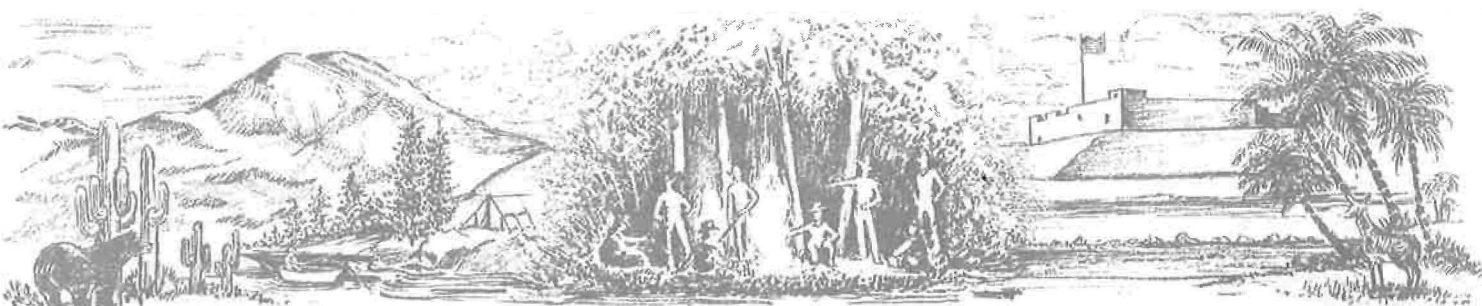




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Grand Canyon Takes On River Patrols

What started out to be an exciting adventure turned into a nightmare for four river travelers in Grand Canyon National Park. Lacking a permit, the necessary experience, and proper equipment and ignoring warnings by commercial river runners, the four set out to conquer Grapevine Rapid—and they did not succeed.

About six miles east of Phantom Ranch the two small boats separated and capsized, throwing all four passengers into the water. One of the passengers stated that she floated for some time under one of the rafts and feared she would drown. Another was separated from the other for over four hours.

Although Grapevine Rapid is rated as only medium in difficulty to run, it can be a dangerous waterway for the inexperienced boatsman. Fortunately, the four adventurers were unhurt, losing only some money (stiff fines), and their pride (stern lecture), instead of their lives.



A member of the abortive boat party

An incident such as this emphasizes the already recognized need for regular river patrols. Because of the greatly increasing number of river running parties, Grand Canyon has made arrangements to have a boat on the Colorado River next season. Employees are busy preparing for the added responsibility, and many will attend the meeting of the Western River Guides

Association held in Salt Lake City in November. In cooperation with other Government agencies responsible for activities on the Colorado River, the Association will review the year's operations and the regulations governing river running.

The introduction of river patrols will begin not a day too soon. In the 10-year period—1956 - 1966—use of the Colorado River through Grand Canyon National Park increased by 178-percent. Forty-two boat parties ran the River in 1966 with a total of 1,067 people. As of October first of this year, over 2,000 people had made the trip down the Colorado.

Rock Creek Park Day

Over 700 persons attended the 77th birthday of Rock Creek Park in Washington on September 24. To start the celebration, a proclamation designating Rock Creek Park Day was signed by officials responsible for the event, including Mr. Howard Stagner, Assistant to the Director.



NPS employees and visitors did a fine job of carrying out the theme of Rock Creek Park Day—“Enjoy yourself in the park.” A free art class was conducted by Miss Pherne Miller, niece of the poet Joaquin Miller whose cabin stands in the park. Exhibits were shown by the Camp Fire Girls, Soil Conservation Service, Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, the National Recreation and Parks Association, and other groups.

For the children, Ranger Hal (shown above with Smoky Bear) and some of his TV “pals” entertained, and the U.S. Park Police gave an exhibition with their Service Dog Unit.

The Charles Carrol Glover award, presented annually since 1958 to an individual or organization supporting and promoting park and recreation activities, was presented to Mr. James D. Deane, conservationist.

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Cordary, Jay L., to Realty Spec., SFSC
Stricklin, Michael R., to Civil Engr., SFSC

NEW PLACES

Anderson, James J., from Hist., Cape Hatteras NS, to same, Kings Mtn. NMP
Butts, David B., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Yosemite NP, to Pk Ranger (Forestry), Rocky Mtn. NP-Shadow Mtn. NRA
Davidson, George E., Jr., from Pk. Hist., Cumberland Gap NHP, to Admin. Off., Chiracahua NM
Davis, John R., Jr., from Pk. Ranger, Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Pk. Nat., Shenandoah NP
Dixon, Kevin T., from Rec. Spec., Iroquois JCCC, to Corpsmen Supv., Cape Cod NS
Essex, David J., from Pk. Ranger, Hot Springs NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Wind Cave NP
Foster, Richard E., from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Everglades NP
Gingery, Marshall A., from Cartographer, PSC, to Deputy Dir. for Works Progs., Liberty Pk. JCCC
Gordon, Kenneth C., from Deputy Dir. of Education, Wellfleet JCCC, to Asst. Dir., Great Onyx JCCC
Hanna, Frank M., from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Cape Hatteras NS
Harper, John W., from Admin. Off., Wupatki-Sunset Crater NM, to same, Saguaro NM
Hatfield, Adrian, from Foreman II, Sequoia-Kings Canyons NP, to Operator (Gen.), Crater Lake NP
Henei, Jane A., from Hist., Albright TC, to same, Independence NHP
Hjort, Frank A., from Supt., Badlands NM, to Pk. Planner, WASO
Jacobsen, Richard D., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Virgin Islands NP, to Pk. Planner, WASO
Joyce, Gordon B., from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Natchez Trace Pky.
Kirby, Kathleen A., from Pk. Hist., Albright TC, to Hist., Colonial NHP
Koretz, Lois S., from Hist., Albright TC, to same, Independence NHP
Lagemann, Robert L., from Hist., Antietam NBS, to Mgmt. Asst. (Hist.), George Rogers Clark NHP
Maule, Stuart H., from Supt., Effigy Mounds NM, to same, Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt-Vanderbilt Mansion NHS
Neilson, Larry K., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Olympic NP, to same, Great Smoky Mtns. NP
Nolte, Patricia A., from Clk. Typist, Gran Quivira NM, to Admin. Clk., Tuzigoot NM
Ogle, Stanley H., from Land Status Analyst, WASO, to Cartographer, WSC
Peterson, Bertil R., from Realty Spec., WSC, to Realty Off., SERO
Smith, Robert E., from Arch., WASO, to same, SERO
Stanton, Linda I., from Pk. Hist., Albright TC, to Hist., Colonial NHP
Tiff, John T., from Hist., Albright TC, to same, Edison NHS
Tolley, Ivan R., from Pk. Ranger, Pea Ridge NMP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Fire Island-NYC Group

Tracy, Bernard G., from Foreman II (Maintenance), Capitol Reef NM, to Foreman III (Maintenance), Sanford NRA*

Turney, John F., from Supt., Walnut Canyon NM, to same, White Sands NM

Tyler, John W., from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Cape Hatteras NS

Woody, Robert E., from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Everglades NP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Beard, Daniel B., from Reg. Dir., SWRO

Johnson, Paul M., from Truck Driver, CNCP

Negron-Rodriguez, Rito, from Ch., Br. Coordination & Control, WASO

Smith, David G., from Safety Engr., PSC

Tillman, Charlie L., from Operator Gen. (Light Duty), Everglades NP

Awards

AWARDS FOR HARPERS FERRY MEN

Thomas S. Swan, administrative officer, and John F. Hedican, maintenanceman, recently received Superior Performance Awards at Harpers Ferry.



Acting Superintendent Walter T. Bruce presented Mr. Swan with his award of \$250.00 for his superior performance while administrative assistance at Muir Woods National Monument.



Mr. Hedican received his award of \$300.00 from Mather Training Center Supervisor Raymond L. Nelson for outstanding work as maintenance supervisor at the Center.

See here, Ladies . . .

A Park Service area which is isolated from good public schools presents a real problem to the NPS family. The choice of solutions is limited to education by correspondence or boarding schools.

Marisabel Atwood, Jo Carruth, and Rosalie Hayes are mothers at Mount McKinley National Park who have chosen the correspondence method for their grade school children, employing the 36-week course provided by the State of Alaska. Each mother teaches her own children in the home, as cooperative methods proved impractical.

At the completion of four weeks of assignments, each student's work is sent to an advisory teacher in Juneau to be graded. Each level has its own advisory teacher who is a willing helper in answering questions, making suggestions, and giving Mom the moral support she needs.

Alaska also provides correspondence courses for high school students through the University of Alaska. The Alaskan students taking these courses compiled an outstanding achievement record for the 1966-67 school year. Six of the ten honorable mention awards made by the University were given to Alaskan students!

The Calvert Correspondence Course has been used by Park Service mothers for many years. Arlene Larson has just made the transition with her children from the Calvert system at Haleakala National Park in Hawaii to public schools in Maryland. She finds that the Calvert school children are up with or ahead of the public school children in all subjects. She was completely satisfied with the lesson plans and material provided for the first and second grades. Arlene felt, however, that the child training course (kindergarten) was inadequate, as the material seemed too infantile and necessitated a great deal of individual instruction and assistance.

School was conducted at the Larsen's about three hours each weekday morning, and Arlene found this to be sufficient time for each child to complete his lesson. The teacher manual was quite detailed with the instructions easy to follow. Advisory teachers are also available.

There are numerous correspondence courses available for mother-teachers. If you are a teacher in your home, please let other Park Service families learn from your experiences through this column.

HINT FOR HUSBANDS

Many Park Service women have inquired about the legality of wearing the NPS jewelry. Here is the official policy:

"The symbol is authorized and encouraged for use on pins and clasps by all employees not in uniform, by former employees, by Service families and by those who have a close association with and interest in our programs and activities and who wish to so identify themselves with the Service; however, such items shall not be made available to the general public."

Pat Binnewies writes from Tuzigoot National Monument: "For our wedding anniversary my husband gave me a sterling silver NPS Arrowhead pin with safety clasp. It was the nicest gift I could ever receive."

Silhouette . . . Wilhelmina S. Harris



The only woman ever to have served as superintendent of a National Park Service area, Wilhelmina S. Harris was born March 22, 1896 in Franklin, Alabama. An accomplished pianist, Mrs. Harris studied the pianoforte under the tutelage of Harold Bauer and other concert artists following her graduation from Alabama College in 1918. She spent the next ten years studying ensemble playing with Louis Speyer of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

From January 1938 to April 1948 Mrs. Harris was self-employed as a teacher of piano, entering the Service in May 1948 as a historical aide at the Adams National Historic Site. In 1950 she was promoted to the rank of superintendent, Adams National Historic Site, where she served until her retirement in 1965. From 1965 to the present she has served in the same capacity as a reemployed annuitant.

Mrs. Harris is the former social secretary to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Adams and is the originator of the Lecture Series presented annually at the site. She also founded the Quincy Junior Concerts and Quincy Junior Concert Orchestra, a group made up of fifty talented young instrumentalists.

Of her honors she writes, "... my greatest honor is having been appointed annuitant superintendent of the finest area in the National Park Service—the Old House, Adams National Historic Site."

Mrs. Harris is a widow. Her late husband, Frank E., was a colonel in the U.S. Army. She has three adult sons, Frank, George, and Brooks Harris, and nine grandchildren. Mrs. Harris presently resides at 156 Adams Street in Quincy, Massachusetts.

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LAWRENCEVILLE SCHOOL OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS

A scholarship program for boys from National Park Service families has been established at The Lawrenceville School. The program is similar to that offered at Andover and Phillips Exeter Academies.

The Lawrenceville School in Mercer County, New Jersey, was established in 1810 as an independent boarding school for boys who are first-class students and who have outstanding talents or abilities in such things as athletics, music, languages, etc. Any National Park Service family interested in the program should write Mr. Frederic W. Schneider, Admissions Officer, The Lawrenceville School, Lawrenceville, New Jersey 08648.

Scholarship applicants must take the December 9 series of the Secondary School Admission Tests (SSAT). To be eligible for these tests, applicants must register no later than November 15. For a copy of "Bulletin of Information for Candidates," write directly to: Secondary School Admission Test Board, Inc., c/o Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FOST?

The latest news from the Field Operations Study Team is that FOST is still very much alive. The members of the FOST Task Force - Mac Gardner, Len Volz, Mati Tammaru, and Dave Ochsner - report that they are working full time on the Study Team's recommendations. In the past year the Task Force has:

1. Made "paper exercise" applications of the FOST ideas in eleven field areas.
2. Written up new ways in which people can qualify to enter the Service in the future. The Civil Service Commission will soon be asked to approve these.
3. Asked each Region (except NCR) to suggest which parks should be clustered into management units.
4. Talked about FOST ideas, hopes, and progress at the Superintendents' Conference last winter and to park employees at every opportunity this summer.

Future issues of the NEWSLETTER will discuss the more important features of FOST and how it affects the employee. Meanwhile, the Task Force members will be glad to answer questions by mail or telephone.

UNDERWATER STATE PARK IS ENLARGED

Some 27,000 acres of submerged land have been added to John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park at Key Largo, Florida, making it one of the largest state parks in the United States. Pennekamp, encompassing over 77,000 acres, is the only underwater state park in the continental United States and has the only living coral formation in North America. Its unique and colorful coral formations and tropical fish have won the park world acclaim.

Under the protection of the Park Board, the area cannot be tampered with by treasure hunters, curio

collectors, or vandals. These submarine growths are the spawning ground for rainbow-hued sea life, safe from spearfishing or poaching.

There are glass-bottom boat trips over the multi-color reefs, where a number of Spanish galleons that met their doom centuries ago lie hidden in the sandy bottoms. A focal point of the reef is the "Christ of the Deep," - a 4,000 ton statue, unique in the western hemisphere, that was placed beneath 50 feet of water to symbolize peace of mankind.

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Excerpted from The Petroglyph

NPS WRITER PRESENTS BOOK

Kenneth R. Smith, author of The Buffalo River Country, is shown presenting a copy of his book to Secretary Udall on behalf of the Ozark Society, the publisher of the book. Deputy Director Spud Bill (center) introduced Mr. Smith to the Secretary.



Mr. Smith, a native of Arkansas, worked on the book while serving as an engineer at Sequoia National Park. He then took a year's leave of absence to complete the book and to do graduate work in Resource Planning at the University of Michigan.

The book comes at a very appropriate time, as two bills have been introduced to designate the Buffalo River in Arkansas a national river. The master plan team, of which Mr. Smith was a member, has recently completed the Buffalo River study. The report will soon be printed.