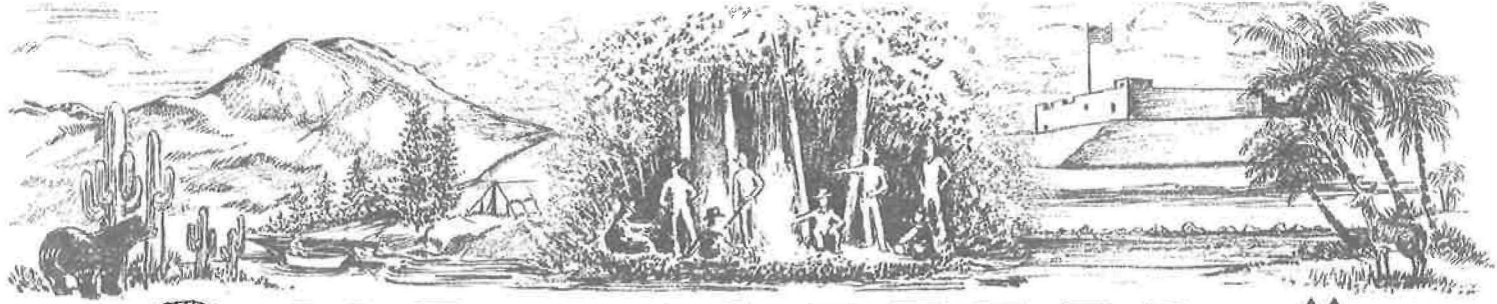




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Christmas for NPS Sons Overseas

The many National Park Service sons stationed in Vietnam or at other overseas posts will have a much merrier Christmas if they are remembered by their friends back home. The Post Office Department has made a number of suggestions concerning the mailing of letters and packages.

Photographs, tape recorded messages, local newspaper subscriptions, and other items of a personal nature are particularly appreciated. Other gift suggestions include paperback books, small games, magazines, hard candy, stationery, cookies, and toilet articles. Perhaps a gift the men never have enough of is Kool-Aid, as every G.I. carries a supply of mix and drink to the field.

The mailing of perishable foods, including chocolate candies is discouraged. Aerosol cans should not be mailed, as they would explode in a non-pressurized plane.

The Post Office does not permit the mailing of alcoholic beverages or flammable goods, such as lighter fluid or matches. Some countries have special restrictions on the kinds of items that may be mailed into the country. Vietnam prohibits the mailing of firearms, securities, and U.S. currency, but postal money orders are allowed.

Postal rates for letters and parcels to be sent to Armed Forces posts overseas are the same as for mail sent within the United States, as the Military Postal Service carries all Armed Forces mail without charge after it leaves this country. Compute postal rates from the mailing point to the Army Post Office (APO) or Fleet Post Office (FPO), meaning San Francisco, Seattle, or New York.

Gifts should be packed in cartons of wood, metal, or double-faced corrugated fiber board; wrapped in heavy brown paper; sealed with gummed tape; and tied with strong twine. Addresses should be printed on both sides of the package and on a piece of paper inserted inside the package to assure delivery if the outside wrapping is damaged. A return address and a description of the package's contents should be included.

Cards and small parcels sent by regular mail must be mailed by December 1 to arrive in time for

Christmas. The deadline for large parcels sent by regular mail is November 11 and for cards and parcels sent by airmail, December 11.

The NEWSLETTER staff would like to publish the names and addresses of all Park Service sons stationed overseas. Anyone having this and other information about our boys, is invited to write in care of this office.

Fast Facts

FOST—who, what, when, why. Watch this column regularly for FACTS about FOST.

Q. What is this proposed Park Specialist occupation?

A. This occupation will be like an umbrella—it covers the jobs we do in park work that involve visitor services and resource management. You know most of them—concessioner services, law enforcement, interpretation, wildlife control, campgrounds operations, fire control, and many others. The key word is PARK—these jobs are common to all parks in varying degrees and their execution requires a mixture of skills, training and experience. The work is professional in nature and unique to parks.

Q. Who will be Park Specialists?

A. Most of us who now wear the Stetson hat will fit into this occupation. Exception: Park Guides, Guards, Fire Control Aids, and similar occupations.

Q. What will happen to the job titles we now have?

A. Park Specialist is an occupational title. Organization titles are something else. Example: Right now the title on the name plate sitting on your desk may be District Ranger, but all your personnel papers say Supervisory Park Ranger. Under the new occupation your name plate would remain as is but the personnel papers would read Supervisory Park Specialist. Positions in interpretation would be comparable. But let's remember that our visitors will continue to think Park Ranger.

NEXT ISSUE: -The proposed Park Aid and Technician operation.

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Desimone, Robert C., to Appraiser, Off. Land & Water Rights, WSC
 Doerner, Leon P., to Admin. Off., Liberty Pk. JCCC
 Hewitt, Arthur W., to Legal Asst., Off. Land & Water Rights, WSC
 Martin, Henry L., to Realty Off., Off. Land & Water Rights, SFSC
 Roush, Don A., to Corpsman Supv., Harpers Ferry NHP
 Thelen, Kryan D., to Pk. Planner (Rec.), Off. Resource Planning, WSC

NEW PLACES

Bahr, Volney P., from Enrollee Wk. Supv., Acadia NP, to Foreman II (Maintenance-Constr.), Harpers Ferry NHP
 Barham, Grover M., from JCCC Dir., Acadia JCCC, to same, Liberty Pk. JCCC
 Beattie, Hugh P., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Sanford NRA, to Supt., Pictured Rocks Nat. Lakeshore
 Boyer, Richard H., from Asst. Supt., Natchez Trace Pky., to Supt., Lassen Volcanic NP
 Burns, Albert S., from Gen. Engr., SERO, to Program Coord., WRO
 Ferraro, William J., from Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to same, Glen Canyon NRA
 Franklin, Homer W., from Foreman III (Maintenance Supv.), Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS, to Foreman IV (Maintenance), Great Smoky Mtns. NP
 Haskell, David A., from Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to same, Glen Canyon NRA
 Kowalkowski, Stanley, from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pky., to Supt., Booker T. Washington NM.
 Lichtenstein, Ronald D., from Resident Youth Worker, Wellfleet JCCC, to same, Great Onyx JCCC
 Martin, Elvira B., from Sec. Steno., Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP, to Sec. Typist, WRO
 Menning, Edgar P., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Yosemite NP, to Asst. Pk. Nat., Great Smoky Mtns. NP
 Orr, Charles H., from Deputy Dir. Education, Cumberland Gap JCCC, to JCCC Dir., Wellfleet JCCC
 Peterson, Dean V., from Electrician, Yellowstone NP, to Foreman II (Electrician), Mount Rainier NP
 Richie, David A., from Asst. Supt., Mount Rainier NP, to Supt., Coulee Dam NRA
 Robinson, Stanley, F., from Personnel Mgmt. Spec., NCR., to same, SERO
 Royce, Rodney D., from Staff Pk. Ranger (Wildlife Mgmt.), Olympic NP, to Pk. Ranger, WASO
 Schiffman, Saul W., from Ch. Pk. Nat., Hot Springs NP, to Supv. Pk. Nat. (Ch., Div. Inter. & Res. Mgmt.), Prince Wm. Forest Pk.
 Smith, Richard W., from Admin. Off., Timpanogos Cave NM, to same, Padre Island NS
 Walker, James R., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Big Bend NP, to Mgmt. Asst., George Washington Birthplace NM
 Weig, Melvin J., from Supt., Edison NHS, to same, Morristown NHP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Jeffrey, William L., from Foreman II (Maintenance), Fort Laramie NHS
 Lillis, David M., from Exhibit Spec., WASO
 Rundell, Raymond K., from Asst. Reg. Dir. (Admin.), MWRO
 Vanous, Fred, from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Richmond NBP

Navajo Honored

Maintenanceman Tom D. Yazzie was honored at ceremonies held at Petrified Forest National Park. Yazzie was presented with a lapel pin representing ten years of service with the National Park Service at Petrified Forest National Park by Superintendent Donald A. Dayton.



Mr. Yazzie, an army veteran, is a native of Indian Wells, Arizona. He was first employed by the Park as a seasonal laborer and later received a permanent appointment as caretaker. He was promoted to the position of maintenanceman earlier this year in recognition of his outstanding work and ability.

The Yazzie family make their home near the Painted Desert entrance to the park.

Exclusive Recognition Given



As another example of the Park Service's continuing program of Employee-Management Cooperation, Exclusive Recognition was granted to the National Federation of Federal Employees Local # 1505. Superintendent Benjamin H. Davis presented the Certificate of Recognition at the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt and Vanderbilt Mansion National Historic Sites. Accepting the certificate were Mr. Archie Curnan, President of Local # 1505, and Mr. John A. Whiten, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer.

See here, Ladies . . .

A survey made by the women at Grand Teton National Park proved to them once again the "Grand Teton must be the Crown Jewel" of the Park Service. While getting to know the seasonal families better, the ladies found that:

1. There are 18 people who travel over 4,000 miles every summer to work at Grand Teton.
2. There are 34 people who travel between 2,000 and 4,000 miles.
3. One family of four has returned for 18 summers — another, for 13 summers.
4. A third family of four has returned 11 summers, traveling 3,000 miles each year.

These figures tell us not only of the beauty of Grand Teton National Park but of the people who live and work there as well.

NEWCOMERS TO WASHINGTON

Your transfer to Washington, D. C. will be made much more easily if you take advantage of the information in a new complete booklet printed by The Evening Star, a Washington newspaper. The booklet was compiled from a series of very excellent articles appearing in the Star during the first part of October 1967 and includes most helpful information about house-hunting in the Washington area. If you wish to receive a copy of the booklet send \$1.00 with your request to The Evening Star, Room 415, Washington, D. C. 20003.

Note of Thanks

Dear Friends and Former Associates:

I trust you will forgive me for using this approach to acknowledge the hundreds of letters, cards and gifts that we have received since the notice of my retirement, as it would be impossible for me to write each of you individually. My special thanks go to those responsible for printing this in the NEWSLETTER, the COURIER, and the Director's staff meeting minutes.

Alma and I were most surprised and greatly pleased to receive the wonderful oil painting of the scene in Glacier Bay National Monument. Artist Bonnett captured the spirit and color of the scene which is quite familiar to me. As many of you know, I hope that some day Glacier Bay will be established as a National Park. The painting will be a constant reminder of our former associations with the finest group of people in the world. In addition to the painting, Director Hartzog wrote enclosing a sizeable check from your donations which I will use to indulge in some type of a hobby.

I am at home recuperating from a second trip to the hospital. We plan to stay in the Washington area for an extended period of time and will be happy to have all of you visit us.

We are most grateful for your generosity, and it has been a great satisfaction for us to have been associated with many of you for so long a time.

Again, our humble thanks and best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely, Alma and Clark Stratton

Profiles

Ira B. Lykes

Ira B. Lykes, Chief, Division of Park Practice, was born in Trenton, New Jersey, on November 23, 1907. He was educated at the Trenton public schools and Rider College of Business Administration.

In October 1933, after six years of employment with the Land Title and Engineering Divisions of the New Jersey State Highway Commission, Mr. Lykes joined the Park Service as Cultural Foreman, Voorhees State Park, New Jersey. In October of the following year he was called to the Regional Office in Richmond.

In March 1935 he was assigned District Officer for ERA Projects under the NPS in Atlanta, Georgia, and was in charge of RD areas in Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. With the consolidation of Regional Activities in 1937 he returned to Richmond where he had charge of a Special Services Section and was responsible for the publication of the Regional Review.

In 1939 he was at various times in charge of all Virginia Wayside development, Superintendent of North Carolina Beach Erosion Project (now Cape Hatteras National Seashore), Superintendent of Kings Mountain, and State Inspector for Florida. In September 1940 he was made Manager of Prince William Forest Park, serving in that capacity until early 1943 when he joined the Marine Corps.

In 1946, having been discharged from the Marines with the rank of Major, Mr. Lykes returned to the managership of Prince William Forest Park. In October 1951 he assumed the superintendency of Shiloh National Military Park and Cemetery. While at Shiloh, Mr. Lykes raised the funds for, produced, and directed "Shiloh—Portrait of a Battle" in conjunction with Historian Charles E. "Pete" Shedd. The dramatic film is still the principal interpretive device shown in the auditorium at Shiloh Visitor Center.

In March 1956 he was called to the Washington Office to reorganize and extend the Park Practice Program. Mr. Lykes conceived the idea of Design in its present form, Grist, Guideline, Plowback, and Trends, and has been responsible for the publication of the Newsletter.

Ira has received numerous awards, including the Meritorious Service Award for "Shiloh—Portrait of a Battle" and the Department's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award.

He is interested in Masonic and Eastern Star affairs and is a member of the Board of Directors of the Family Camping Federation. Until recently he served on the Board of Directors of the National Conference on State Parks. He is well-known for his literary talents, a number of his poems having appeared in the frontispiece of Trends.

Mr. Lykes and his wife, Betty, presently reside at West Springfield, Virginia.



TWO NAMED TO DIRECTORATE

On October 16 Director Hartzog announced the appointment of Johannes E. N. Jensen as Deputy Associate Director and Charles E. Krueger as Assistant Director for Design and Construction.

WILDERNESS HEARINGS ANNOUNCED

Public hearings will be held in Utah on the 11, 12, and 14 of December to receive comments and suggestions on proposed wilderness areas. Portions of Bryce Canyon National Park, Arches, Capitol Reef, and Cedar Breaks National Monuments are being considered for recommendation under provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964.

CUMBERLAND ISLAND STUDY REPORT

The Department of the Interior has released a 40-page study report prepared by the Park Service on the proposed Cumberland Island National Seashore. The report deals with the present conditions on Cumberland Island, its potential for public recreation, and its natural values. Featuring sepia photographs and maps, it presents vivid descriptions of the formation and history of the island, and recommends a plan for development as a national seashore. Copies of the report may be obtained upon request to the Southeast Regional Director.

WHY EMPLOYEES QUIT

In February 1967 the Civil Service Commission initiated a new method for collecting data on why employees resign. An evaluation of the reasons given during the first three months of this new procedure revealed that the three most frequent explanations for leaving the Department of the Interior were:

- Move to different area for personal reasons (Geographic Location)
- Not enough pay (Economic Considerations)
- Further education (Self-Development)

The above reasons accounted for 39.1 percent of all quits for which specific reasons were given and categorized (1,330 voluntary quits were recorded for the period considered).

In submitting the above report to Bureau Personnel Officers, the Office of the Secretary urged that: bureaus make an analysis of the reasons given for voluntary quits to identify possible areas for management action. This will help reduce the number of quits and will save money in obtaining and training replacements.

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ALASKAN DEER FOR DINNER?

An agreement has been signed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Land Management and the State of Alaska to turn the Alaskan reindeer population into a self-sustaining industry. It is hoped that by increasing the number of reindeer, presently estimated at approximately 42,000 and divided into 16 private and two government herds, Alaska may provide the answer to the steadily rising demand for red meat protein in the United States.

Reindeer were brought to Alaska around the turn of the century. By 1932 the herds numbered over 630,000, but adverse conditions reduced the population to an estimated 26,000 in 1950. The available range land in Alaska can support 500,000 reindeer.

The agreement calls for the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take charge of the ranching aspects of the program until the responsibility can be assumed by local leaders. An Alaska Reindeer Industry Advisory Committee, composed of one member from each of the three signatories and the Herders Association, will supervise the program.

NOGGINS UPPENI

Loafing on the job? Employees in the computer room as Los Alamos National Laboratory are prodded by the following sign:

"ACHTUNG! Alles lookenpeepers! Das computer-machine is nicht fur gefingerpoken und mittengraben. Ist grosse easy schnappen der springenwork blowenfusen, und poppencorken mit sparkenspitzen. Ist nicht fur geworken by das dumnpkopfen. Das rubbernecken sightseeren bin keepen das hands in das pocketisch-relaxen und vatchen das blinkenlighten und whirlin-wheelsisch. Bitte."

Sound Off!

Dear Editor:

It seems to be the style these days to run our country down. Articles with photos of billboard-cluttered highways, slums, and dumps are as popular in Europe as the exaggerated accounts of our race riots and American brutality in Vietnam. The books and articles are meant to guide us closer to perfection. Misused, they depict us as a nation of quarrelsome malcontents.

Because we criticize ourselves so freely, people of other nations, who rarely speak of their homelands in less than glowing terms—and who expect this same courtesy from us—are not a bit shy about criticizing Americans, here or abroad. And to our faces!

It isn't suggested that we be less honest about our shortcomings. But we could be more discreet in discussing them. Ours isn't the only country which has problems. We have much to be proud of. This is no time for false modesty. Let's make patriotism popular again. Everyone else is doing it, so why not America?

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