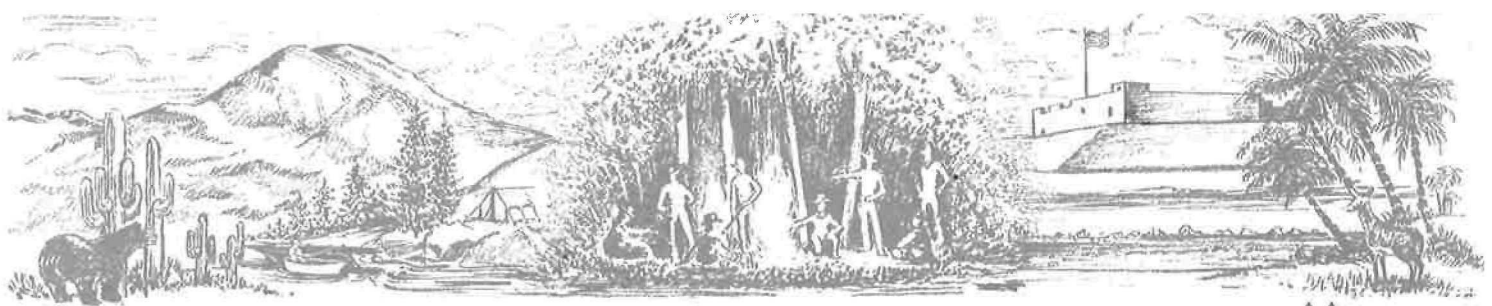




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Secretary Udall Dedicates Park

Eastland Gardens Park, a newly developed small park in northeast Washington, was dedicated on Tuesday, November 14, at 2:00 p.m. by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall and Mrs. Rheudine G. Davis, originator of a new community park idea which led to its development. Included in the park plan are a fountain, a community Christmas tree, and floral and landscape plantings.



Under a cooperative agreement accepted at the dedication ceremonies by Superintendent Earl Steele of East National Capital Parks, Eastland Gardens Flower Club and the Eastland Gardens Civic Association will assist the National Park Service in the perpetual maintenance and preservation of the area. This is the first time that such an agreement has been arranged between a neighborhood group and the National Park Service. Park officials hope that it may be the forerunner of other such cooperative efforts for the beautification and development of park areas throughout the city.

Citizens of the community will assist the Park Service in keeping the area free of litter, mowing the grass, planting seasonal floral displays, and accomplishing periodic weeding, feeding, mulching and pruning. Trained park personnel will provide technical and professional supervision, as well as materials, supplies, specialized equipment, and such technical craft work as may be required.

In commending members of the civic groups for interest shown in the betterment of their community,

Secretary Udall has said: "Such cooperative efforts will become increasingly important in the future if we are to achieve the goal of providing neighborhood park and beautification development over the entire city."

FOST Facts

In the last issue we talked about some highlights of the proposed Park Specialist occupation—a professional occupation for National Park work. It is built on professional level duties that need to be done in parks. (Keep in mind that "professional level" refers to the type of work, not the level of performance expected.)

Doing this makes us face up to reality—much of our work in resource management, visitor services and interpretation is really non-professional in nature. What kinds of duties are we talking about? Such things as fee collection, most interpretive talks and walks, traffic control, recreation program operation, campground and picnic ground operation, fire control, plant disease and insect control, fish and wildlife surveys, preservation of historic structures and objects, and historical house operation. These, and others, are extremely important duties—the front line of park operations. However, they do not require a person to prepare himself with a full college education to do these jobs well.

The bulk of these front line duties can be combined and assigned to Park Aids and Technicians—a new Civil Service occupation being proposed by the NPS. Included in this occupation will be a career ladder from GS-1 through GS-11, and possibly higher. Most people will enter this occupation at GS-3 and GS-4 and advance to a full working grade between GS-5 and GS-7. From here there will be opportunities for higher advancement into supervisory or highly specialized Aid and Technician jobs.

Who will be eligible to work as an Aid or Technician? Many of you who are presently guides, guards, fire control aid, soil conservation aids, forestry technicians and in similar jobs, will probably fit into this occupation. This will depend on the skills you have (or can learn) and the jobs needed to be done in the parks. You will hear more about this as the program gets under way.

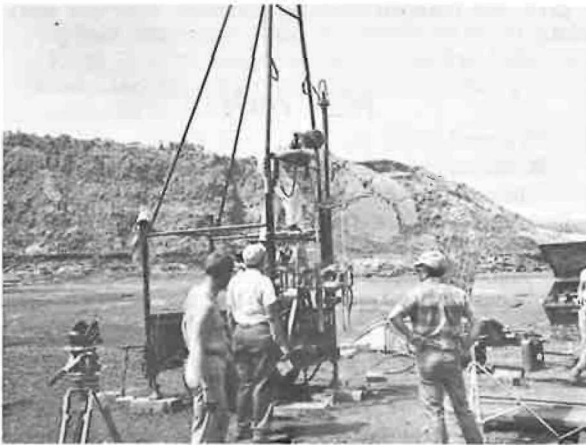
Next Issue: The Park Manager Occupation.

HALEMAUMAU ERUPTS

The Halemaumau Volcano, one of the most active of the Hawaii Volcanoes, erupted on November 5 at approximately 2:20 p.m. The eruptions reached heights of 750 feet, still below the crater rim, and were witnessed by a crowd of 21,830 visitors.

VOLCANO STUDIES

ABC-TV's "Discovery" team films a U.S.G.S. drilling team on the floor of Kilauea Iki. Core samples of molten material were removed from beneath the 78-foot thick, chilled lava crust. Temperature at the bottom of the 78-foot hole is about 2000-degrees F. The U.S.G.S. has a research team stationed in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park conducting volcano-oriented studies.



ABC-TV's "Discovery" Team

SENATE PASSES REDWOOD BILL

On November 2 the Senate passed without amendment Bill No. S. 2515, authorizing the establishment of a two-unit Redwood National Park, California, totaling some 64,000 acres. The proposed National Park includes three State Parks, Jedediah Smith, Del Norte Coast, and Prairie Creek, and a portion of the Mill Creek drainage on the north end. The South Unit will include the whole of Skunk Cabbage Creek drainage, Little Lost Man drainage, portions of Lost Man, and the lower valley of Redwood Creek. It is hoped that the House will take up the bill early in the second session of this Congress.

BUSY MONTH FOR DEATH VALLEY

October 29 and 30 brought approximately 4,480 riders on 3,200 motorcycles to Death Valley National Monument to participate in the 14th Annual Death Valley Motorcycle Tour. Less than two weeks later, the 18th Annual Death Valley Encampment began, attracting droves of campers to the Monument. Sponsored by the Death Valley 49ers, a non-profit corporation, the Encampment boasted such features as campfire programs, a trail ride, conducted tour, special breakfasts, dancing, and religious services.

JETT TO RETIRE

T. Sutton Jett, Director of the National Capital Region, will retire January 1, 1968. Mr. Jett, a 33-year veteran of the Park Service, has been head of the National Capital Region since 1961.

SAN JUAN SUPERINTENDENT NAMED

The appointment of Carl R. Stoddard as the first superintendent of San Juan Island National Historical Park, Washington, has been announced by Director Hartzog. Mr. Stoddard, a park planner in the Western Region Office, reported to his new position in mid-November.

EVERGLADES STORY

The National Park Service has contributed an article on the water problems in Everglades National Park to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources. The article will be published in the next issue of the I.U.C.N. Bulletin.

Health Benefit Information

An article which appeared in Vol. 2 No. 20 of the NEWSLETTER announced that there would be changes in the Health Benefits plans or rates or both, effective January 1968. We have been informed now that benefit changes (most of them minor) will be made in many of the health benefit plans, and some will increase their premiums. The new edition of the Pamphlet, BRI 41-117, Information About Plan Changes Effective January 1968, informs you of changes probably around the end of the year. Check the information in the pamphlet regarding your plan to see if it is making any changes, and, if so, in what respect. Keep the BRI 41-117 with your brochure.

There will be no Open Season for Health Benefits in 1967. The next open season for changing enrollment must be held no later than November 14, 1969, though it may be held before then.

NPS Sons Overseas

The NEWSLETTER staff is grateful for the many phone calls and letters expressing pride in our NPS sons overseas. The father of one of our men in Vietnam, John E. Wisner of Mount McKinley, wrote that the importance of mail to these men cannot be overemphasized. Cards and letters from home show the men that although they "engage in an increasingly unpopular war, the individual warriors have our undiminished support, respect, and love. As surely as anti-war demonstrations tend to destroy morale," John continued, "a heap of mail helps to build it back again."

As the holiday season draws near, all employees are encouraged to remember those who can't come home for Christmas.

See here, Ladies . . .

Did you receive that invisible enclosure of worry and concern in your field-to-Washington travel orders? If so, you're not alone. Be comforted to know that this is standard procedure for all field-Washington transfers.

Shortly after the Bensons left Washington, Mary Benson wrote from Haleakala National Park in Hawaii and recalled the panic she felt upon leaving the field for the city. Now Mary remembers how much they enjoyed their WASO assignment. She recalls the frequent associations with Park Service friends, the outings to the theater and other cultural events, and the joy of owning their own home. Mary says that the biggest adjustment for them was commuting from the Virginia home to the offices in Washington.

Keith and Kris Trexler recently moved to the Washington area with their four small children. The Trexlers had heard of the exorbitant rents and food prices, the long commuting distances, and the hot, humid summers and long, cold winters. They worried about living on the "outside." Nevertheless, the Trexlers report that they found life in the Washington area to have many unexpected advantages. They located a new apartment, complete with air conditioning and a swimming pool and convenient to shopping centers. They found excellent schools for their children and even signed up for some adult recreational and educational courses themselves.

Of course, any transfer involves adjustments, but, by taking advantage of the many unique opportunities each area offers, the transition can be made a happy, memorable one.

NEXT ISSUE: Washington to Field transfers.

WANTED

"Conservation Be-In" needs Park Service Wives to serve as Leaders.

In July 1968 the Campfire Girls will begin their annual Horizon Club Conference in Estes Park, Colorado. The theme will be "Conservation of Natural Resources."

The 1,000 girls selected to attend this assembly will spend the first four days in Estes Park. Groups of thirty girls each will then leave for one of sixteen destinations. These will include 20 National Park Service Areas, 15 proposed parks, and one Canadian Park.

Some of the girls may boat on the Missouri River, ride a raft on the Colorado River or canoe in a wilderness area. Others will hike the high country or enjoy the beauty and natural phenomena of seashore or desert.

In order to make this a successful and memorable conference your help is needed. The Directors of Campfire Girls would like to recruit, as advisors to the girls, as many Park Service wives as possible. One advisor for each ten girls is necessary. Previous experience as a counselor would be helpful, but it is not a requirement. Your back-country experience is more important.

All expenses will be paid for the three-week conference. You will have to assume your own traveling expenses to and from Estes Park. If you are

Profiles William Hershel Glover

William Hershel Glover, superintendent of Fort Frederica National Monument, began his Federal career at Shiloh, Tennessee, in July 1933, as a supervisor in the Civilian Conservation Corps. He served with the CCC until January of 1942, when he was appointed a Park Ranger at Shiloh National Military Park. In March of 1950, Hershel was transferred to Fort Frederica as superintendent. He has served in that capacity since that time.



Hershel was born on November 11, 1900, and it can well be said that he was born in the National Park Service, since his home was at Shiloh. He was educated in the local school system, and attended Memphis State University in Memphis, and Freed Hardiman College in Henderson, Tennessee.

Hershel's tenure at Frederica has been marked with a high degree of excellence, as is indicated by the outstanding development of the monument. He has guided the growth and development of Frederica from near wilderness to one of the most attractive areas in the Service.

Hershel has been unusually active in community affairs on St. Simons Island, and is a highly respected citizen of the area. He is on the Board of Directors of the Fort Frederica Association, a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge, a Steward in the Methodist Church, organizer of Little League Baseball on St. Simons, a Rotarian, and, as all of his associates know, a fisherman of some note.

Hershel and his wife, the former Mildred Tidwell of Adamsville, Tennessee, were married in 1940. They have three children; Marsha, Bill and Joe.

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interested, please write, as soon as possible, to: Mrs. Elizabeth Carson, Campfire Girls, Inc., 65 North Street, New York, N. Y. 10013.

Submitted by: Ila Bromberg

Volunteer Leader

Grand Portage National Monument
Minnesota

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Chura, Nicholas J., to Research Biologist, Off. Nat. Science Studies
 Hekell, William L., to Legal Asst., Off. Land & Water Rights, WSC
 Woods, William J., to Appraiser, Off. Land & Water Rights, SSC
 Woolridge, Lois R., to Realty Spec., Off. Land & Water Rights, WSC

NEW PLACES

Anderson, Keith M., from Archeologist, Navajo NM, to Museum Spec., SWAC
 Apple, Russell A., from Supt., City of Refuge NHP, to Hist., Hawaii Volcanoes NP
 Bradsher, James W., from Gen. Supply Asst., Bryce Canyon NP, to same, Glacier NP
 Davidson, Norman H., Jr., from Supv. Pk Ranger, Blue Ridge Pky., to same, Pictured Rocks Nat. Lakeshore
 Dreschler, Jane E., from Clk. Steno., NNCP, to Sec. Steno, NCR
 Dunning, Jimmie L., from Supv. Civil Engr., SSC, to Civil Engr. (Reg. Ch., Div. Maintenance), MWRO
 Fauber, Claude R., Jr., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Richmond NHP, to same, Morristown NHP
 Graves, William E., from Foreman II (Roads), Grand Teton NP, to Foreman III (Roads & Trails), Zion NP
 Henderson, Warren D., Jr., from Pk. Planner, NCR, to Landscape Arch., SWRO
 Junkin, Dorothy L., from Sec. Typing, WASO, to Hist. Research Clk. Typing, WASO
 Lancaster, John O., from Admin. Asst., WASO, (Duty Sta.: Amman, Jordan) to Admin. Off., WASO
 Lewin, Robert G., from Gen. Supply Asst., Petrified Forest NP, to Admin. Off., Wupatki NM
 Monroe, Thomas D., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Shenandoah NP, to same, Mammoth Cave NP
 O'Bryant, Harry L., Jr., from Pk. Ranger, Yosemite NP, to Enrollee Work Supv., Great Smoky Mtns. NP
 Overton, Howard B., from Pk Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Shenandoah NP
 Partridge, Margaret W., from Pk. Guide, Morristown NHP, to Museum Curator, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS
 Sewell, Joseph L., from Pk. Ranger, Natchez Trace Pky., to same, Pea Ridge NMP
 Shackelton, Leland J., from Staff Pk. Ranger (forestry), Yosemite NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Hawaii Volcanoes NP
 Smith, Dorothy D., from Sec. Steno., Lassen Volcanic NP, to Clerk-Steno., Land & Water Rights, SSC
 Stoddard, Carl R., from Pk. Planner, SSC, to Supt., San Juan Island NHP
 Towles, Garfield, from Tractor Operator, CNCP to Maintenance, ENCP
 Urbanek, John, from Civil Engr., WASO (Duty Sta.: Amman, Jordan), to Highway Engr., SSC
 Whitlock, Sherma E., from Personnel Clk., Grand Canyon NP, to Personnel Asst., Glen Canyon NRA
 Zink, Robert C., from Pk. Nat., Pinnacles NM, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Cooke, Robert G., from Appraiser, Off. Land & Water Rights, WSC
 Fields, Maynard R., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glen Canyon NRA
 O'Neal, Ernest G., from Carpenter, NCR

MSA's Given



On October 24 Chief Archeologist John B. Corbett presented the Meritorious Service Award to Supervisory Archeologist Jean M. Pinkley in the presence of 40 co-workers at Globe, Arizona. Mrs. Pinkley has conducted the major archeological excavation at Pecos National Monument since July 1966.



Another MSA recipient, Bodie Lyon of Lassen Volcanic National Park, was recognized for his proficiency as roads and trails supervisor. Mr. Lyon has been largely responsible for the effectiveness of the annual snow removal operation, which is often carried out under extremely adverse climatic conditions. Shown above, standing, are Bodie Lyon, Mrs. Lyon, and Superintendent Hallock. Seated are Assistant Regional Director R. B. Moore and Mrs. Moore.