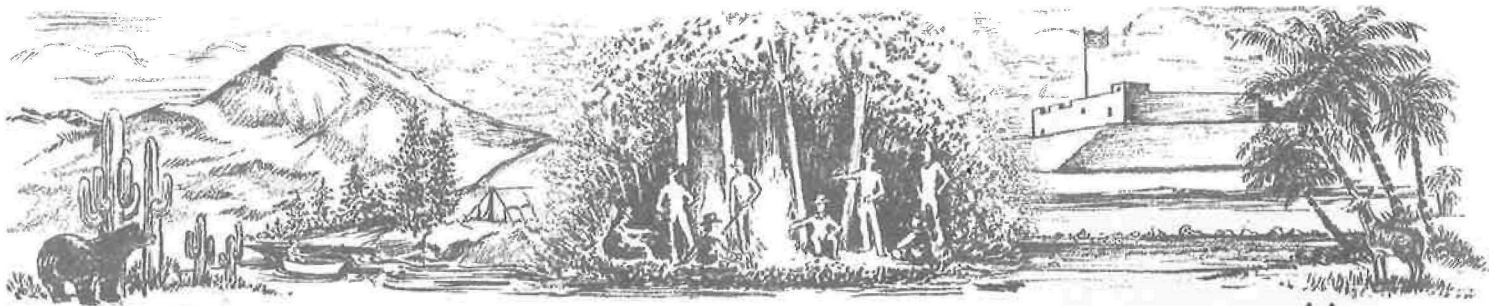




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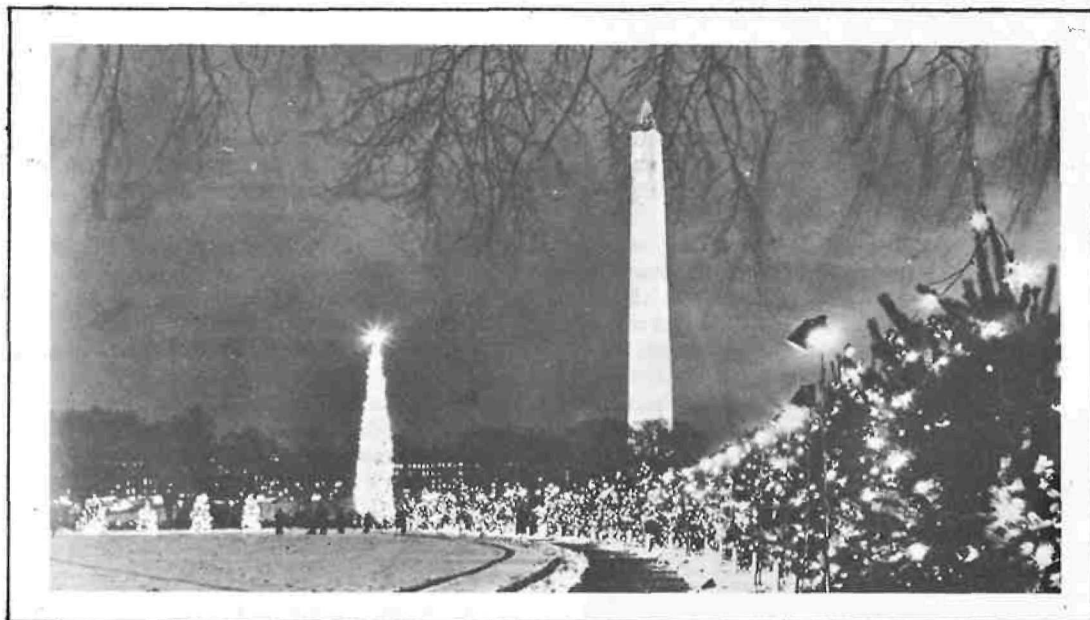
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Seasons Greetings



He saw it for the first time in 1923. To most, it was just another young fir tree. But to Riley Bostwick of Rochester, Vermont, the lush, symmetrical Balsam fir was to become the object of many decades of care and hope.

Forty-four years later, lumberjacks moved in on the 70-foot giant. A jagged stump, mounds of yellow dust, and parallel dried-mud ruts testified to the tree's fate.

But it was December 1967. The

Ellipse in Washington was swarming with workers hurriedly putting the finishing touches to the setting for the nation's annual Christmas Pageant of Peace. Hundreds of on-lookers watched eagerly as the President of the United States walked to the center of the tree-lined Pathway of Peace. The President pressed a button, and the 4,000 lamps adorning the magnificent National Christmas Tree were lighted. It was Riley Bostwick's tree.



TV RANGER SHOW

"National Geographic" photographer John Alonzo is shown shooting a scene at Albright Training Center for next fall's CBS-TV special on the life of a National Park Ranger. For this one-hour color program, Mr. Alonzo and Producer Dennis Kane will visit many Park Service areas to get the necessary pictures and sounds.

YORKTOWN CELEBRATES



The 186th anniversary of the decisive military victory of the Revolution was celebrated October 19 on the Yorktown Battlefield. The patriotic exercises were opened with the firing of 18th century cannon by a battery of the Colonial Williamsburg Militia.

EVERGLADES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

The third largest park in the National Park System, the 1,400,533-acre Everglades, celebrated its 20th anniversary on December 6 with ceremonies at the Flamingo recreation center. Secretary Udall delivered the main address commemorating the dedication of the Park by President Harry S. Truman in 1947.

RUNDELL RETIRES

Raymond K. Rundell, Assistant Regional Director, Midwest Region, will retire on December 29, 1967 after nearly 40 years of Federal Service. After retirement, the Rundells will continue to reside in Omaha.

TURKISH MAYORS VISIT PARK POLICE

Five city mayors from Turkey visited with the Park Police, National Capital Region, on November 21 for a full orientation on the structure and functions of the Park Police Force. The dignitaries later visited the Rock Creek Stables and viewed an exhibition by the Service Dog Unit.

Overseas Addresses

Employees are urged to send Christmas greetings to the following NPS sons serving in the Armed Forces overseas:

PFC James H. McLeod
RA 19840314
109th QM Co. (A.D.)
APO San Francisco 96377
(son of John B. McLeod, Office of Land & Water,
San Francisco Service Center, & Mrs. McLeod)

Captain P. Kent Henderson
A Co. CAG Sub Unit #4
Hq. Bn., 3rd Marine Div.
San Francisco 96602
(son of Floyd A. Henderson, retired, and Blanche
Henderson, Administrative Officer, Fort Clatsop)

RDSN Donald M. Robinson, Jr. B834209
OI Division
U.S.S. Cavalier (APA-37)
FPO San Francisco 96601
(son of Mr. & Mrs. Don Robinson, Ventura, Calif.)

SP/5 John E. Wisner, III
RA 52586337
523rd Trans. Co. (Lt. Trk.)
APO San Francisco 96238
(son of John E. Wisner, Procurement Assistant,
Mount McKinley, & Mrs. Wisner)

Cpl. Gordon D. Howe
Hq. & Hq. Sq. K.M.C.A.S.
Security Department
FPO San Francisco 96615
(son of Mr. Wayne Howe, Chief, Branch of Visitor
Activity Management, WASO, & Mrs. Howe)

SP/4 Paul Vanasse R.A. 16974760
210th. cbt. AVN. BN. USARV. FLT. Det.
APO San Francisco 96307
(son of Mr. Wendell Vanasse, Electrician, Grand
Canyon, and Mrs. Vanasse. Paul has been in
Vietnam since June 6, 1967, and is serving as
a crew chief on a helicopter)

Airman Steven Lee Butts, 20, will return from Vietnam in a few weeks to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Helen Butts, Secretary for the Division of International Affairs, WASO. It will be Steve's first Christmas home in four years. Presently with the Heavy Attack Squadron, Steve has served two consecutive tours of duty in Vietnam. As for his plans for the future, Mrs. Butts said, "Steve never asks for anything. But when he gets out, he wants to go to college real badly."

See here, Ladies . . .

Leaving the city for a first assignment in the field can be a worrisome experience. There will be many changes in your pattern of living, but the transition can be a most rewarding one. Judy Lovegren and Kate Richie offer you their personal reactions to this type of move.

Judy writes from Yellowstone National Park that she is "indeed having new and exciting experiences in the field. We have been warmly welcomed and do feel much more a part of the whole of the Park Service." As others have said, it's like this in any new field assignment. What a wonderful spirit.

"The outdoor life is a little staggering, and we're enjoying every minute of it, from skiing to canoeing, fishing, and hiking. This type of life is particularly good for the children. Here they have the freedom to grow in a more leisurely atmosphere. No one seems to be pressuring them into becoming adults.

"Oddly enough, what I miss is not so much the plays and concerts and art galleries, but the sense of involvement in the political life of the community."

Kate Richie who went to Mount Rainier National Park after many years in the Washington area wrote a breathless account of their field life. The number one winter activity at Rainier is skiing and Kate explained that a huge chunk of their leisure time was spent just getting the family properly equipped for the sport. Kate enjoyed the closeness of a park community, the group activities, the natural beauty, and the FRESH AIR. Every area has its drawbacks, however, as Judy explained. "It's just great for husbands and children," she said, "but Mother drives a hundred miles to a supermarket and then forgets the tomato soup or the bouillon cubes, comes home to a dark house (power failure), and finds out that she has company for dinner!" Now that Kate and her husband have moved to Grand Coulee Dam the power failure problem has been solved.

NEW AREA CHAIRMAN FOR MIDWEST

Mrs. Stewart Maule (Maggie) resigned her position as Area Chairman of the Women's Organization for the Midwest Region when she transferred with her husband from Effigy Mounds National Historic Site to Roosevelt-Vanderbilt.

Maggie has contributed countless hours of typing, duplicating, and editing in order to keep the ladies of her region well represented and informed of the activities of the National Organization. She has indeed earned a rest.

Mrs. Richard Holder (Shirley) has taken over as the new Area Chairman. Shirley, now living in Scotts Bluff National Monument, is a native of Nebraska and is enjoying residency in her home state again.

Shirley and Dick have lived in National Park Service areas east and west, including Blue Ridge Parkway, Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, the Washington Office, Yellowstone National Park, and now Scotts Bluff. Although Shirley looks very much like a teenager herself, she is, in fact, the mother of two teenagers, Cathy, 15, and Steve, 13. Carol, her youngest child, is ten.

Shirley's enthusiasm and dedication will forward the cause of the NPS Women's Organization.

Profiles

Frank F. Kowski



Frank F. Kowski, Southwest Regional Director, was born March 10, 1910 in Burlington, Iowa. He received the B.S. Degree in Forest Management from Iowa State College in 1933 and did graduate work in Public Administration at the University of Montana and George Washington University. During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Coast Guard with duty in Hawaii.

In 1938 after four years employment with the Forest Service, Frank donned the uniform of a National Park Ranger at Yellowstone National Park. As District Ranger and Acting Assist. Ch. Ranger, Frank excelled at Yellowstone and, in 1951, was promoted to Placement and Training Officer, Branch of Personnel, WASO.

In 1957 he was transferred to Yosemite to serve as Supervisor of Albright Training Center. From 1962 to 1965 while he was working as Albright Supervisor at Grand Canyon, Frank was awarded two Outstanding Performance Ratings, the Superior Performance Award, and the Distinguished Service Award.

In 1966 Frank became the Superintendent of Sequoia-Kings and was given a special assignment to serve as State Coordinator for Southern California. In 1967 he was promoted to his present position as Southwest Regional Director.

Frank is active in the National Recreation and Park Association, the Sierra Club, the Wilderness Society, and the National Parks Association. He is a member of the Federal Executive Board, the FBI Associates, the Rotary Club, Kiwanis, Lions, and the Boy Scouts Executive Council.

Frank and his wife Lois have two children, daughter Tomena Jo, now in college, and son Wyatt, presently serving in the Army.

NPS Author Honored

Kenneth L. Smith, Engineer, Washington Service Center, and author of the book 'The Buffalo River Country,' was recently named Arkansas Conservationist of the Year. An award was presented by Arkansas' Lieutenant Governor Maurice Butt at a ceremony in Little Rock sponsored by the Arkansas Wildlife Federation.

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Anderson, Olof R., to Theater Liaison Off., CNCP
Watterson, Joseph B., to Arch. (Ch., Div. of Hist.
Arch.), WASO

NEW PLACES

Crane, Clark D., from Foreman II (Maintenance),
Wupatki-Sunset Crater NM, to Foreman III (Maintenance), Sanford NRA
Crosland, Patrick D., from Pk. Nat., Petrified Forest
NP, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Hawaii Volcanoes NP
Devine, Dale L., from Proc. & Prop. Mgmt., Rocky
Mtn. NP-Shadow Mtn. NRA, to Admin. Off., Cure-
canti NRA
Fleetwood, James P., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Natchez
Trace Pky., to same, Blue Ridge Pky.
Hagood, Allen R., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Zion NP, to
same, Flaming Gorge NRA Project
Patterson, Ralph E., from Pk. Ranger, Great Smoky
Mtns. NP, to same, C & O Canal NM
Rudy, Jack R., from Supv. Archeologist, Mesa Verde
NP, to Archeologist, WASO
Wineholt, Ellwood F., from Pk. Ranger, Big Bend NP,
to same, C & O Canal NM
Wyatt, Charles D., from Pk. Ranger, Canyonlands NP,
to Admin. Off., Timpanogos Cave NM

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Allis, Alice B., from Clk. (Typing), WASO
Turner, William D., Jr., from Gen. Supply Spec.,
Natchez Trace Pky.
Unger, Norman E., from Proc. Off., NCR

Unit Awards for NCR

Employees of NCR's Sign Shop and the Branch of
Employment and Placement were recently awarded
Unit Citations for Excellence of Service by National
Capital Regional Director T. Sutton Jett.



The men in the Sign Shop, Floyd Snyder, LeRoy F. Juillerat, Robert Herndon, John LoBianco, and Kenneth Gray, were recognized for having manufactured more than 1,150 coordinated signs for the 'Congress for Recreation and Parks' and a number of signs, posters, and decals for the shuttle tour of the Mall in Washington, D. C. The signs were produced in addition to the regular workload.

Employment and Placement employees were cited for 'demonstrating work effort and accomplishment beyond that normally expected during the period of July 1 to December 31, 1966.' NCR's Personnel Office had increased by between 150 and 200 employees scattered in numerous decentralized parks and offices because of the delegation of personnel management responsibility for the Washington Planning and Service Center.



Shown left to right, bottom row: Winifred M. Tippet, Ada J. Blankenship, Dorothy W. Curtis, Joan M. Dize; top row: John M. Ewing, John V. Craig, Stanley F. Robinson, William P. Brill, T. Sutton Jett. Absent: Gwendolyn Tyce, Christine Estepp, Elsie Splitt.

Travel Expenses Totaled

\$252,300 in additional travel and transportation allowances was paid to Service employees during fiscal year 1967 as a result of Public Law 89-516, according to a report recently compiled at the request of the Bureau of the Budget. The average additional allowance was \$368 for the 686 employees whose transfers to new duty stations came under the provisions of the act.

The largest amount of additional payments was for the miscellaneous expense item which totalled \$96,200. The smallest amount was \$6,200 for the advance house hunting trip. Additional costs for other allowances provided by the act were: per diem for family en route to new station, \$41,900; temporary quarters allowance, \$28,500; additional weight allowance on household goods \$39,800 and allowance for real estate \$39,700.

SAFETY SAYING OF THE WEEK:

The best way to watch the road is through the windshield.

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