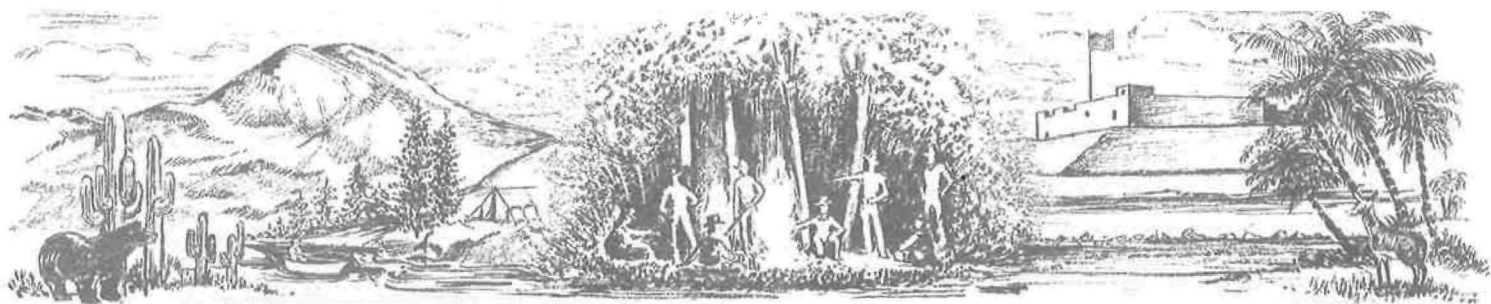




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Space Technology for Parks

By 1969 the first of a series of unmanned satellites may be circling the earth to gather information about the earth's natural resources. Announced by Secretary Udall on September 21, 1966, Project EROS ("Earth Resources Observation Satellites") will be headed by the Director of the Geological Survey, with a coordinator from each participating bureau. Mr. Robert Rose, WASO Resources Mgmt. Geologist, is the "space man" handling Project EROS Coordinator responsibilities for the Park Service.

In a recent briefing of the WASO staff, Mr. Rose summarized the operations and implications of the project. The first of the series is to be a 700-pound satellite which will circle the earth in a near-polar orbit every 90 minutes at an altitude of 490 miles and which will cover the contiguous 48 states in repetitive cycles of 17 days during its estimated 1-year lifetime. EROS I will carry a television camera and a small telecommunications unit. Television and still cameras, infrared scanners, radar, and possibly still other remote-sensing instruments such as microwave radiometers and laser altimeters will be used in future satellites of the series.

Similar studies and probes have been made during the past two years by the Geological Survey in cooperation with NASA and such institutions as the Universities of Michigan and California. The Forest Service has also been active in the application of remote-sensing methods and techniques to tasks such as the detection of insect and tree disease damage, reforestation assessment, and fire detection and suppression. Environmental monitoring, snow surveys, glaciological studies, prediction of volcanic eruptions and earthquakes, and general archeological reconnaissance are among other potential applications of aircraft and satellite remote-sensing data which can benefit the Service.

Mr. Rose added that "the potentialities for benefit to the Service from Project EROS observations stir the imagination and pose a new challenge." He continued to remark, however, that "about the time man snaps his buttons in self-centered pride and admiration for his scientific and technologic accomplishments, Mother Nature steps in and cuts him down to size." To illustrate this point, he said that "we have only to consider some of the mysterious phenomena of nature

such as the capabilities of whirring concentrations of bats to avoid collisions in total darkness, the ability of the sea turtle to steer an unerring course back and forth across the South Atlantic..., and the exploits of the Arctic Tern in commuting twice annually nearly half the distance around the world..." These phenomena, he said, "make us realize that many creatures in nature have built-in remote-sensors possessing capabilities and a degree of sophistication which man, with all of his intelligence and ingenuity, will be striving for countless years into the future to duplicate."

Master Plan Study Team



Master Plan Study Team for Hot Springs National Park met in Hot Springs, Arkansas during the week of April 10-15 to consider a plan for the park as related to Hot Spring's proposed Model City program. From left to right are: David Henderson, Park Planner, ORP; Edward S. Zimmer, NPS Consultant and former Chief, EODC; William R. Failor, Team Captain, ORP; Supt. Bernard T. Cambell; William E. O'Neil, Jr., Asst. to the Regional Director, SERO; and Don Goldman, Park Planner, ORP. Not shown in the photo is team member Steve Leding, Concessions Management, WASO. The team plans to present an interim planning report to the Director's Office prior to the preparation of a formal Master Plan.

Awards

EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE RECOGNIZED

The 56 employees who were recognized for superior performance during January-March, brought the total number of performance awards for the 1967 fiscal year to 141. Sixty-one awards were granted in the superior performance category, 46 in the special act of service group and 34 quality increases. The following field office employees were honored during the third quarter:

SPECIAL ACT or SERVICE

Joseph Vernon Acton, Maintenceman, Mound City Group
Francis L. Bawden, Supervisory Fire Control Aid, Sequoia and Kings Canyon
William R. Jones, Supervisory Park Naturalist, Yosemite
John LaBianco, Signwriter, National Capital Region
George J. Sakos, Foreman II, Gardener, National Capital Region
Richard H. Sims, Park Ranger, Badlands
Theodore H. Spence, General Clerk (Typing), NERO
William C. Trotter, Admin. Asst., Oconaluftee JCCC
Hoyt H. Wilcox, Center Director, Acadia

SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE

Joseph E. Anaya, Jr., Digital Computer Systems Operator, SWRO
James F. Batman, Conservation Center, Director, Cumberland Gap
Gertrude R. Bennett, Voucher Examiner, SWRO
Bessie L. Butler, Payroll Clerk, SWRO
Rosie M. L. Ching, Budget Analyst, WRO
John J. Curran, Supervisory Horticulturist, Prince William Forest Park
Geraldine H. Farrelly, Payroll Supervisor, SWRO
Melinda O. Gallegos, Voucher Examiner, SWRO
Martha R. Garcia, Voucher Examiner, SWRO
Vern Gibson, Supervisory Voucher Examiner, SWRO
Kerel G. Hagen, Park Ranger, Glacier
Patsy M. Matsuo, Secretary, Hawaii Volcanoes
Agnes B. Orton, Payroll Clerk, SWRO
Ivan D. Parker, Regional Personnel Officer, SWRO
M. Teresa Puyear, Clerk-Stenographer, Bighorn Canyon
Alice H. Quist, Personnel Management Specialist, Sequoia and Kings Canyon
Gilbert E. Smith, Digital Computer Systems Operator, SWRO
Jack Wheat, Conservation Center Director, Catoctin JCCC

QUALITY INCREASES

Charles E. Arnold, Asst. Personnel Officer, NERO
Frederick R. Brueck, Asst. Ch. Park Ranger, Zion
Reginald R. Hancock, Soil Conservation Technician, Blue Ridge Parkway
Doris L. Johnson, Secretary (Steno.), Mount Rainier
Sharon P. Jordan, Secretary, Independence
Catherine A. Leahy, Admin. Assistant, Cabrillo
Joseph Margolis, Architect, PSCDC
Eleanor F. Moffatt, Secretary, NCR
Helen I. Morris, Secretary, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt
Mabel H. Owen, Mail and File Clerk, SWRO

Gustave F. Quarles, Mail and File Clerk, NCR
Evelyn F. Sims, Clerk-Steno., Horseshoe Bend
Clyde C. Wyatt, Soil Conservation Technician, Blue
Millard W. Wilcox, Supervisory Civil Engr., SSC DC

What & Why of the Incentive Awards

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

This is the third in the Incentive Awards Program article series. The second was published in V. 2, No. 3 on February 9, 1967.

To be eligible for the Meritorious Service Award, the employee must have made a significant contribution to an important scientific or management program, or have had a notable career marked by major accomplishments in administration or management as well as a record of consistently executing his responsibilities in a superior manner. He must have shown initiative in devising new and improved work methods and procedures or have made superior achievements in improving the safety and health conditions of workers.

Nominations for this award are initiated by supervisors and high level officials who have first-hand knowledge of the employee's accomplishments. Justifications for the awards are prepared by the official in charge or a key member of his staff who develops the recommendation from first-hand knowledge of the employee's accomplishments or in collaboration with previous supervisors who can provide specific information on outstanding accomplishments in previous assignments. Nominations are carefully screened first at the originating level, next by the National Park Incentive Honor Awards Subcommittee and finally by the Interior Incentive Awards Committee before approval by the Secretary of the Interior. The MSA represents the second highest honor which the Department can bestow on an employee.

Ninety National Park Service officials received the MSA in 1966. The two most recent MSA awards went to two former officials of the Washington Office Division of Lands and Water Rights as follows:

H. Richard Garrett, formerly Assistant Chief, Division of Lands and Water Rights. He received his award for significant contributions to the lands and water rights program of the National Park Service.

J. Frederick Imirie, formerly Chief, Branch of Appraisals. Mr. Imirie's award was granted in recognition of services during ten crucial years of accelerated land acquisition activity by the National Park Service.

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Abbie Rowe

"PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE PRESIDENTS"



Abbie Rowe, National Capital Parks Photographer for 35 years and official White House photographer for 25 years, died on April 17 at Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Alexandria, Virginia. Although he had been ill for more than a year, he faithfully reported to work and courageously pursued his many activities.

Abbie's camera has recorded all of the Presidents and First Families since the Franklin D. Roosevelt Administration, as well as kings, queens, premiers, princes and other headline personalities at the White House. "Photo by Abbie Rowe" is not just a by-line—it is a byword. The phrase is a trademark among fellow-photographers, editors and newsmen. A favorite of the Presidents he photographed, he treasured autographed pictures of several of them, as well as Christmas cards, letters, and other mementoes which had been presented to him through the years. On his last birthday, August 23, 1966, President Johnson presented to him a commemorative medal and autographed pictures of himself and of Abbie "shooting" the President at a press conference.

In addition to his White House assignments, his camera recorded the many events that took place in the National Capital Parks and many other events and projects in the Nation's Capital. In 1963, he received the Distinguished Service Award of the Department of the Interior. Secretary Udall has made the following comment: "Abbie's dedication to his calling and his ability to take the right picture during a generous time span will make the White House scene more graphic in the eyes of history."

Born at Strasburg, Virginia in 1905, he was employed with the Dept. of Agriculture in 1930, transferred to the Bureau of Public Roads in that year, and in 1932 to the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks, the forerunner of the National Capital Parks.

While serving as Special Policeman for the Roaches Run Waterfowl Sanctuary in the early 1930's, Abbie was inspired to capture the birds in photographs. His photographs displayed such talent that a demand was made for his pictures by newsmen and publishers and he was apprenticed to the National Capital Parks Photographer. He later became Assistant Photographer with the Parks Office. One of the early pictures which won recognition for him was a shot of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt riding horseback along the Mount Vernon Memorial Highway.

Abbie made his home at the Arlington Towers Apartments in Arlington, Virginia. He is survived by two sisters - Mrs. Maxine E. Barkley of 21 Grove Street, Alexandria, Virginia, and Mrs. Inez Hupp of 1935 S Street, S.E., Washington - and numerous nieces and nephews.

Profiles

Harold G. Smith

Harold G. Smith, recently detailed to the office of the Director as Executive Assistant to the Director, was born February 2, 1910 in Batavia, Iowa. He attended Business College at Fort Madison, Iowa, spent two years learning all the angles of aeronautical engineering and drafting at Columbia Technical School in Washington, D. C., and studied accountancy at Benjamin Franklin Univ.



Mr. Smith entered the Service in 1935 as Assistant Clerk in the Building Branch, Washington Office, and two years later was promoted to Senior Clerk. In 1943 he became Budget Officer in the Office of the Director in Chicago, and in 1954 moved up to Chief of the Branch of Programs in Washington. Since 1960 Mr. Smith has served as Chief of the Division of Program Coordination in Washington.

Mr. Smith received the Unit Award for Meritorious Service for his expert management of the tremendously increasing Park Service program under MISSION 66. He received the Superior Performance Award in both 1963 and 1966 for his outstanding achievements.

Mr. Smith and his wife, Mattie, reside at 5619 34th Street in north Arlington, Virginia. They have three sons—Alan, Donald, and Robert.

See here, Ladies . . .

Please accept this letter as my formal resignation from the position of General Chairman of the NPS Women's Organization. This action is required because of the decision, made by charter members of our Organization a number of years ago, that the General Chairman should be the wife of a Park Superintendent. My husband, Bob, jerked the gavel from my hand last month when he accepted a transfer to the Washington Office.

It is with reluctance that I leave this position for you have allowed me the stimulation and satisfaction of working with and for an exceptional group of American women.

These are exciting times because the NPS Women's Organization has the personal support of Director Hartzog and the interest and cooperation of the Service.

It is with a feeling of confidence (and delight?), however, that I release the responsibility and hard work of this office to our new General Chairman, Carolyn Shaw. Carolyn is a very capable person who is sensitive to the needs of Park Women, and who has the ability to further strengthen our Organization. She will appreciate your assistance and support.

Thank you again for your confidence and your help. I wish that each of you might have a similar opportunity of serving as an officer to our fine Organization.

Respectfully, Phil Jacobsen

People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Accardo, Joseph J. to Arch., WSC

NEW PLACES

Anderson, Lee E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Olympic NP, to Pk. Ranger, Lassen Volcanic NP
 Batman, James F., from JCCC Dir., Cumberland Gap NHP, to Reg. Coordinator (JCA), NERO
 Bender, Herbert G., from Pk. Ranger (Staff Asst. Visitor Protection), SERO, to Supv. Pk. Ranger (Reg. Ch., Div. Resources Mgmt. & Visitor Protection), MWRO
 Dexter, Joseph W., from Caretaker, Yellowstone NP, to Maintenanceman, Tumacacori NM
 Doramus, Dewey G., from Pk. Guide, Carlsbad Caverns NP, to Pk. Nat., Chiricahua NM
 Harrison, William H., from Adm. Off., Lake Mead NRA, to same, Fire Island NS & NYC Group
 Herrmann, John W., from Maintenanceman, Saguaro NM, to Mechanic, Heavy Duty, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
 McMullin, William J., from Asst. Budget Off., WASO, to Mgmt. Asst., Grand Canyon NP
 Pacht, Noel J., from Foreman III, Big Bend NP, to same, Grand Canyon NP
 Perkins, Robert N., Jr., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Great Smoky Mts. NP, to same, Delaware Water Gap NRA
 Prentice, Joseph R., from Supt., Harpers Ferry NM, to Cons. & Maintenance Supt. (Gen.), NCR
 Riddel, Preston D., from Cons. & Maintenance Supv. (Reg. Ch., Div. Facilities Maintenance), NCR, to Asst. Supt., Cape Hatteras NS
 Rumburg, Joseph C., Jr., from Supt., Bighorn Canyon RA, to same, Natchez Trace Pky.
 Shultz, David C., from Mechanic, Heavy Duty, Crater Lake NP, to Mechanic, Automotive, Olympic NP
 Shaw, Bruce W., from Supt., Muir Woods NM, to same, Bighorn Canyon, RA
 Sigler, Charles B., from Pk. Ranger, Mount Rainier NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP
 Spalding, Donald M., from Supt., Platt NP, to same, Crater Lake NP
 Torres-Reyes, Ricardo, from Hist., San Juan NHS, to same, Tumacacori NM
 Townsend, Curtis K., from Civ. Engr., SFSC, to Supv. Civ. Engr., Yellowstone NP
 Volz, J. Leonard, from Supt., Crater Lake NP, to Staff Pk. Ranger, Off. of Deputy Director, WASO
 Wilmes, Raymond J., from Foreman III, Zion NP, to same, Grand Canyon NP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Curtis, Basil G., from Procurement Agent, Yosemite NP
 Hiatt, William E., from Caretaker, Grand Teton NP
 Jacobs, Laura M., from Pk. Guide, Morristown NHP
 Sakos, George J., from Foreman II-Gardener, Landscape, CNCP
 Street, Joseph S., from Private, U.S. Pk. Police, NCR

Coming to Washington?

The Statler-Hilton Hotel has announced that it has special week-end rates which are now available to Department of Interior employees. The special rates are: \$11.00 single room and \$15.00 double or twin bedroom, and are available on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. These rates apply to individual and small group reservations but not conventions or conferences. To make sure that the Department of Interior employees are easily identified for the special reduced rates, the hotel suggests that individual or group reservations be made as far in advance as possible. Reservations may be made by calling or writing: THE STATLER-HILTON, 16th & K Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Area code 202 EX 3-1000.

Economy Champions



Lon Garrison

Gus Muehlenhaupt

Luis Castellum

Deputy Asst. Director Luis Castellum, Glen Canyon Supt. Gus Muehlenhaupt, and Northeast Regional Director Lon Garrison inspect the NPS Economy Champion panel on display during the month of April at the Civil Service Commission in Washington. NPS employees Lyle E. Jamison, Management Asst., Cape Cod National Seashore, and John H. McKee, Maintenance Supt., Glen Canyon NRA, got the bright idea of using surplus pontoon boats for docks, piers, and walkways at Glen Canyon instead of building such facilities. Their proposal produced net savings of \$60,000 and earned them, from the Incentive Awards Program, a joint suggestion award of \$950.

California Leads

Where do Federal civil servants settle down in retirement?

At the end of fiscal year 1966, California led all states with 81,536. New York was second with 59,566, Pennsylvania was third with 40,165, followed by Florida, 39,463, the District of Columbia, 37,028, Virginia, 36,758, Texas, 33,144, Maryland, 30,407, Illinois, 27,201, and Ohio, 24,951 rounding out the top 10.

The 10 states ranking next in order were Massachusetts, Washington, New Jersey, Missouri, Georgia, Alabama, Michigan, Oklahoma, Indiana, and North Carolina. Alaska had fewest with 1,019.

In all, 559,458 employee annuitants, residing in each of the states, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, the Panama Canal Zone, Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and foreign countries were receiving a total of \$118,166,465 monthly. Survivor annuitants numbered 190,790, and they were receiving a total of \$18,214,522 monthly.