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Where are those Policy Handbooks ?

In May 1968 the Director requested the Regional Directors, who were in Washington for the Regional Directors meeting, to critically review and submit suggested revisions of the Administrative Policies governing the Natural and Recreational area categories of the National Park System.

At that time, statements of administrative policy for both types of areas were available in handy booklets — a green covered booklet covered Administrative Policies for natural areas of the National Park System, and a blue covered booklet covered Administrative Policies for Recreation Areas of the National Park System. The "brown covered" booklet to cover Administrative Policies for Historical Areas of the National Park System was then still being processed.

Since May, the Regional Directors, as well as the Assistant Directors and Division Chiefs, have recommended numerous changes with regard to policies for natural and recreation areas. These changes, were

significant, and have been incorporated in the revised booklets scheduled for publication in August.

HISTORICAL AREAS

Suggested changes and comments on the draft of "Administrative Policies for Historical Areas" have just been received in the Director's office, and no publication target date has yet been announced.

NATURAL AREAS

Significant changes in the Natural Area policies were adopted to reflect new emphasis on quality road design, recent developments in Wildlife management policy and research activities.

RECREATIONAL AREAS

The Recreation Area Policies have been similarly revised to reflect the foregoing as well as wilderness policies and policies relating to reservoir projects and their use.

Rangerettes at Bryce Canyon



This season, more than ever before, Bryce Canyon National Park has filled important public contact positions with young women who wear the uniform of the National Park Service. Shown left to right are: Jenny Hammond, Gunnison; Kathy Allen, Panguitch; Janet Goulding, Henrieville; Glenna Lindsay, Panguitch; Kay Bulkley, Panguitch; Linda Bardwell, Logan; Kay Lynn Black, Panguitch.

For several years now, the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association has employed women to attend the

information-sales desk in the visitor center. This is the first year, however, that the park has employed women in the uniformed position of Entrance Station Attendant. All of these lovely young "Rangerettes" are college students or have just completed college.

Placing women in some of these key public service positions has been highly successful. Their courtesy, enthusiasm, dedication and unflagging sparkle have added an impressive dimension to the job of welcoming and assisting the many thousands of visitors to Bryce Canyon National Park.

Recent Legislative Action

REDWOOD NATIONAL PARK: Conferees met, in executive session, August 1, to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed version of S. 2515, authorizing establishment of Redwood National Park, California, but did not reach final agreement, and will meet again on Wednesday, September 4.

CENTRAL ARIZONA PROJECT: Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of S. 1004, authorizing construction and operation of the central Arizona project, Arizona and New Mexico.

TRAILS SYSTEM: Senate disagreed to House amendment to S. 827, to establish a nationwide system of trails for recreation purposes, asked for conference with House.

FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED: S. 222, as cleared for the President authorizes the Administrator of General Services, in consultation with the Secretaries of Health, Education and Welfare; Housing and Urban Development; and Defense, to prescribe regulations establishing standards for design and construction of all public buildings in the future, so that they will be reasonably accessible to persons who are physically handicapped.

The proposed legislation provides that the department or agency of the Federal Government having responsibility for the design and construction of any public building shall prescribe such standards as will insure that such public building, or buildings, are so designed and constructed as to provide reasonable and adequate access and use to persons who are physically handicapped. Before adopting such standards, the department or agency shall consult with the Administrator of General Services, who is hereby authorized to undertake studies and recommend model standards based thereon which in his judgment will assure reasonable access to public buildings.

BADLANDS: H.R. 9098, has been cleared for the President. Among other things, the proposal calls for:

- Expansion of Badlands National Monument to include about 133,000 acres of additional land.

- Transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, of all excess gunnery-range lands, including those which may become excess in the future.

- Permission for former Indian owners of excess gunnery-range lands within the enlarged monument to acquire either a free life estate in the lands, or acquire excess lands outside the monument not desired by former owners, or acquire excess lands elsewhere on the reservation.

- Inclusion within any conveyance by the Secretary, of language prohibiting uses detrimental to the survival of the black-footed ferret.

- Provisions for the tribe to convey to the United States not to exceed 10 acres of tribal land on the reservation as a site for permanent facilities to interpret the natural phenomena of the monument and the history of the Sioux.

Silhouette

Katherine Wright



Katherine Wright attractive and vivacious wife of Grant Wright, newly appointed Chief of the U.S. Park Police, has shared all of her husband's 22 memorable years with the National Park Service here in Washington, D.C.

The Wrights first met as students at Virginia Union University in Richmond, where Katherine majored in sociology. She once considered teaching as a career because of her love for young children, but then decided to put her sociology courses to even better use—as wife and mother. And in this role she has been eminently successful. Their two children, Stephen and Nena, will both be going to college next fall. Stephen, 20, is now attending Virginia Union University and is also majoring in sociology. Next year he plans to transfer to the new Federal College in the District of Columbia. Like his father, Stephen is an excellent golfer and is on the team at school. "When he is not on the golf course," his mother says, "he is a model-car enthusiast."

Nena, 17, was graduated this spring from McKinley High School, and plans to attend Bloomfield College, New Jersey, this fall. She has not yet decided in which direction to guide her academic interest, but will spend the first two years in liberal arts study. Nena, an expert seamstress, makes most of her own clothes—"a talent," says her mother, "that is not handed down."

Aside from being an A-1 homemaker, Katherine Wright's favorite occupation is gardening. "She spends most of the winter anticipating spring," says Chief Wright, "when we can all get together again on our favorite family project." And what about her retirement plans? Far too early to predict, of course, but we suspect that she would like to operate a greenhouse.

Completely feminine, she frequently takes leave of absence from her homemaking chores, interior decorating projects and her garden, to indulge in another competing hobby—shopping!

Though she shies away from taking an active role in politics, we are told that she is quite sensitive to national and local problems and quite outspoken—but all within the family circle.

To get away from it all, the Wrights enjoy motor tours of the local countryside. Their favorite vacation circuit is through the rich historyland of Yorktown and Jamestown—and on to the ultimate destination—Williamsburg. Could it be the famous gardens? Next year, the Wrights are planning a motor trip to California, taking in as many of the national parks as possible on their way—fulfilling a lifelong ambition for all the family.



John P. Hauanio, Jr., forestry technician at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, is a native Hawaiian. As most visitors to the Hawaiian Islands quickly note, the Hawaiian people are a rapidly disappearing race. Marriages with other peoples have left just a few pure Hawaiians, and Hawaii Volcanoes is fortunate to have one such man.

In Hauanio's 25 years with the Park Service at Hawaii Volcanoes, he has served as laborer, park warden, park ranger, caretaker, truck driver, forestry aid, and a forestry technician.

He handles the park horses and pack stock, and is an excellent horseman. Hauanio supervises the exotic plant control program, and knows the Hawaiian names of almost all plants on the island. He takes a very active part in the feral animal control program and having lived in the area for all of his 55 years, knows every nook and cranny of the park. This knowledge is of tremendous value in planning for the various back-country activities. He is also assigned to patrol duty during periods of heavy visitor travel and when the volcano is erupting. He is especially valuable in ranger work when contacting "local" visitors because he can speak Hawaiian, English, and Pidgin.

Hauanio was forced to retire in 1951 under disability due to active tuberculosis. In 1954, he was ordained a minister in the Hawaiian Christian Church, Hoomana Haauao, meaning "Reasonable Service." He entered the ministry as a direct result of being healed of tuberculosis, which he says occurred when he turned to the Lord for help.

In 1955, Hauanio returned to work at Hawaii

Volcanoes where he still serves as forestry technician. In this present position, he has earned a Superior Performance Award and a Quality Increase for his outstanding performance.

As well as being a regular minister in his Church, he is the president of the Young People's Association of his Church on the Island of Hawaii. Hauanio is also an outstanding fisherman and always supplies the supper meat for the men on coastal patrols, with one or two throws of the typical round Hawaiian fish net. He owns one of the few hand-made, authentic Hawaiian outrigger canoes and is very adept in its operation. One of his "spare time" hobbies is maintaining and riding a motorcycle in a safe and sane manner. He says this helps him to relieve his tensions and clear his brain. Hauanio is a good mechanic and knows how to improvise when regular parts or methods are not available.

Hauanio and his wife, Elizabeth who is also pure Hawaiian, have four sons and two daughters: John, at the age of 26, has recently been discharged from the Army after serving in Germany; Thelma, the second oldest at 24, works on the island and lives at home; Matthew, age 23, has also recently been discharged from the Army after serving in Viet Nam; Gladys, age 19, is employed by the Hawaii Natural History Association as a receptionist at the Headquarters visitor center; Clarence, age 15, is a student at Pahoa High School; and Darren, age 3, was adopted by the family two and half years ago.

Besides being an outstanding "park man", Hauanio is well respected in the community. At his home adjacent to the park in Kalapana, which he built himself, he raises much of his family's food, including taro, bananas, garden vegetables, breadfruit, and hogs that made excellent "Kalua Pigs." On Sundays, he is a minister at the Hawaiian Church in the community of Mountain View where he gives his sermons completely in the Hawaiian language.

See here, Ladies

NATIONAL CAPITAL KIOSKS

For the last three years the Service's information kiosks located at various places in the most heavily visited areas of the Nation's Capital have admirably served the needs of both local and out-of-town visitors. Every fall however, with the summer staff returning to college, an acute shortage of personnel results. This fall — with an additional shortage of help occasioned by personnel ceilings — the problem is compounded.

The suggestion has been made that an auxiliary group of volunteer ladies might be recruited from the ranks of National Park Service wives residing in the Washington Area. Under a plan discussed by a steering committee, no volunteer would be expected to serve more than one day each week. The program would terminate at the end of the visitor season or about November 1.

Perhaps a similar volunteer program might be applicable at other areas of the nation.

MEMORIAL FUND

A memorial fund has been initiated by the National Park Service Women's Organization to provide a headstone for the grave of the late Lola Rush, wife of William Rush, Administrative Assistant at Petrified Forest. Gifts have already been contributed by her many Park friends from all over the United States.

Lola Rush, who died on June 29, is survived by her husband, and their two children, Nancy and Tom. Nancy, 16, works seasonally for the Museum Association in the Visitor Center at Petrified Forest, and Tom, 22, recently graduated from the University of Utah.

Very active in Park Service work, Mrs. Rush was especially interested in the challenge of solving Service women's housing problems. From 1956 until her death, the Rush family resided variously at Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, and in San Francisco and Santa Fe. At Santa Fe, Lola Rush was Publicity Chairman for the National Park Service Women's Organization.

Hazard Pay

A change in the regulations governing differential pay for General Schedule employees who perform hazardous duties has been approved by the Civil Service Commission, and several additional duties have been added to the schedule for which hazard pay is authorized.

The change provides that when an employee performs a hazardous duty for which a differential is authorized he will be paid the hazard pay for all hours served in the pay status on that day.

Previously, payment of the differential depended on when, during the day, the employee performed the hazardous duty. If he performed it during his regularly scheduled tour, he received hazard pay for all hours in that tour but not for any additional hours beyond those regularly scheduled. If he performed the hazardous duty during the additional tour, he received the differential only for those hours but not for his regular tour.

New duties recently added to the hazard pay schedule, and for which the Commission approved a 25 percent differential are as follows:

1. Participation in flights involving launch and recovery aboard an aircraft, low-level helicopter flights, low-level tactical flights in fixed wing aircraft, and tactical flights for collections of measurement data in support of research, development, or test activities.
2. Sea duty aboard Deep Research Vessels when sea state is high.
3. Performing as a Centrifuge subject to test the effects of gravity on humans.
4. Performing as a Rotational Flight Simulator subject for research in stress situations anticipated in space operations, and to measure their effects on the limitations of human tolerance and man's capacity to adapt.
5. Participation in liquid missile propulsion tests and certain solid propulsion operations.

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People on the move

NEW PLACES

Blackburn, Verna F., from Fiscal Clk. Typing, Zion NP, to Program Clk. Typing, Lake Mead NRA
Budge, Charles A., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Padre Island NS, to same, Canyonlands NP
Fisher, James T., from Foreman II-Maintenance, Yellowstone NP, to Constr. & Maintenance Rep., Flagstaff Group
Gale, Richard T., from Pk. Ranger, Glacier NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Lake Mead NRA
Griffiths, Thomas W., from Pk. Ranger, Rocky Mtn. NP & Shadow Mtn. RA, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Canyon Subdistrict, Yellowstone NP
Holmes, Robert F., from Hist., Virgin Islands NP, to same, Pea Ridge NMP
Kippes, Edward H., from Realty Spec., SFSC, Land & Water Rights, to same, WRO
Lane, David L., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Christiansted NHS & Buck Islands Reef NM, to same, Everglades NP
Lazer, S. George, from Realty Spec., WSC, to same, SERO
Lewis, Victor L., from Pk. Ranger, Lake Mead NRA, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Sanford RA
McMann, Walter S., from Teacher Supv., Acadia JCCC Center, to Supv. Training Instr., Cumberland Gap HP
Novinger, Clarence P., from Realty Spec., WASO, to same, Land & Water Rights, WSC
Rabone, Howard M., Jr., from Appraiser, SERO, to same, Land & Water Rights, WSC
Reeser, Donald W., from Pk. Nat., Muir Woods NM, to Pk. Ranger, Hawaii Volcanoes NP
Robertson, Everett E., from Foreman II-Sanitation, Grand Canyon NP, to Foreman I-Bldgs. & Utilities, Lake Mead NRSA
Rourke, James E., from Realty Spec., WSC, to same, SERO
Rubin, James A., Sr., from Welder, Div. Central Repair & Services, to Foreman III-Maintenance, George Washington MP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Hunter, Flave, from Plumber, Hot Springs NP
Morrow, Robert, from Foreman IV-Constr. & Maintenance, Independence NHP
Tagert, Charles L., from Caretaker, Fort Caroline NM

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