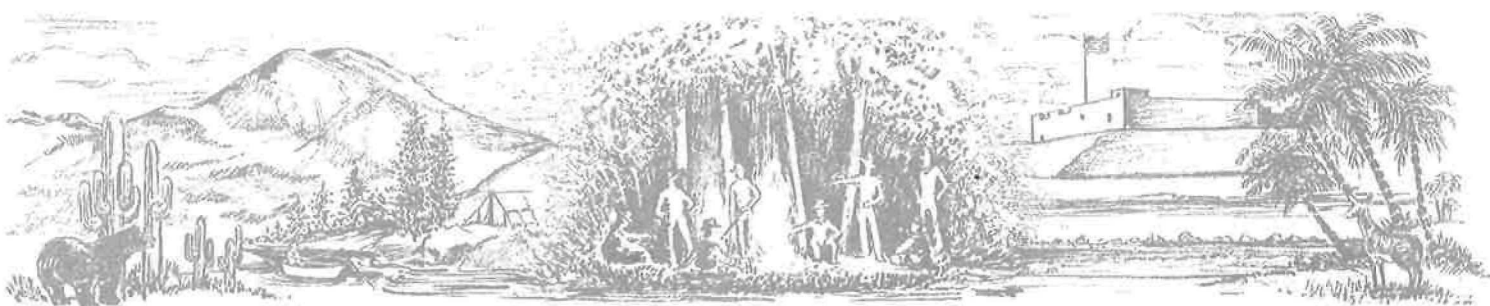




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Times Have Changed

On February 26, 1929 President Coolidge approved an act of Congress establishing Grand Teton National Park. Thirty-nine years later, the park has grown so much in size and complexity that it now accounts for a major portion of the county's economy. Shown in the photograph is the park's original staff. Left to right: Dr. F. M. Frywell, seasonal park naturalist; S. T. Woodring, superintendent; Mrs. Julia Woodring, clerk; Edward Bruce, park ranger; and Phil D. Smith, seasonal ranger. The photograph was taken at park headquarters located in the Elbo Ranch Store.



H. Crandall photo

Washington's Birthday Celebrated

On February 22 a number of National Park Service areas formally observed the 236th birthday of the First President of the United States.

Over 1,150 visitors flocked to the George Washington Birthplace in Westmoreland County, Virginia, where they were served spiced cider and gingerbread, prepared from a recipe of George Washington's mother. The visitors were greeted by members of the Wakefield National Memorial Association, dressed in costumes of the era.

The Washington Monument Society held its traditional ceremony at the monument. Chief Justice Earl Warren read excerpts from the words of Washington, and the United States Air Force Band provided music. The ceremony was highlighted by a joint color and honor guard from the military services and placement

of a wreath by the D.C. Masonic Club.

Other areas honoring Washington's birthday were Federal Hall National Monument in New York, Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, and Morristown National Historical Park in New Jersey.

Good Luck Sutton

Over 500 well-wishers filled the gaily decorated Interior Department cafeteria on February 23 to pay their respects to retired Regional Director T. Sutton Jett, National Capital Region.

The head table was decorated to represent a canal clipper and above it was draped a 'Good Luck Sutton' bunting. Panels depicting the landmarks in Mr. Jett's career were set up along the 'T. Sutton Jett Towpath.' The area's superintendents, dressed in Gay 90's costumes and handlebar moustaches, tended the bar.

Following the dinner, during which dignitaries were serenaded by a three-piece band, Secretary Udall and Director Hartzog spoke of Mr. Jett's many achievements. Master of Ceremonies Nash Castro, who referred to guests as 'members of the Jett set,' presented Mr. Jett with a color television set and a shovel, on which was written 'Worn Out in Beautification Campaign.'



NPS photo by Jack Rottier

The retirement function was indeed a success, thanks to Joe Antosca (Chairman), Bill Bahlman (Co-Chairman), Joe Prentice and Ben Howland (Decorations and Theme) and the many other energetic workers.

MASTER TEAM INSPECTS TETON

The National Park Service blue ribbon Master Plan Team has been making an inspection of winter activities in Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

Led by Chairman Chester Brown, chief of National Park System Studies, the team includes Harold Fabian, Conservation Consultant, Salt Lake City; Dan Poole, Wildlife Management Institute; Joe Penfold, Isaac Walton League; Sig Olson, Conservation Consultant, Ely, Minn.; Nels Murdock, assistant regional director, National Park Service, Omaha; Merrick Smith, park planner, National Park Service, Denver; Jack Anderson, superintendent, Yellowstone; John McLaughlin, superintendent, Sequoia-Kings Canyon; and Howard Chapman, superintendent, Grand Teton.

The team, formed last April, has made several trips through the parks and surrounding area. The men have flown over the areas, met with city, state and federal officials and talked with interested citizens at public meetings in the three states adjacent to the parks.

Mr. Brown said the purpose of the present trip is to see first-hand the possibilities and use now being made of the parks and to become acquainted with the problems.

As a result of these studies, firm recommendations will be made regarding future development of the parks.



NPS Official Photo

Shown above is the team as it departs from Beaver Creek to accompany Dick Barker on his Snowmobile trip to Jenny Lake.

SCOUTEN TO NEW POST

Director Hartzog has announced the appointment of Rex Scouten as assistant regional director for the National Capital Region. Mr. Scouten, a deputy regional director since joining the Park Service in 1966, will be the principal assistant to Regional Director Nash Castro.

DIAMOND HEAD RECOMMENDED

Diamond Head, the symbol of the Hawaiian Islands, has been recommended by the Advisory Board of National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings, and Monuments as a Registered Natural Landmark. Secretary Udall has announced his approval of the recommendation.

PISCATAWAY PARK ESTABLISHED

Piscataway Park, across the Potomac River from Mount Vernon, was formally established in a public ceremony on the site on February 22. Co-sponsoring the event with the Interior Department were the Accokeek Foundation, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, Inc., and the Moyoane Association. Together with Members of Congress, interested citizens and Government agencies, officials of these organizations worked for more than 20 years to acquire the lands necessary to establish a park that would protect the view that George Washington enjoyed, from commercial and industrial development.

NCR Photo by Jack Kottler



Hon. Frances P. Bolton Sec. Udall Turkey Tayac

MOJAVE DESERT STUDY

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management, through State Director Russell Penny of California, has requested National Park Service assistance in a comprehensive recreational study of the Mojave Desert in southern California. The study area would comprise some 11 million acres. Regional Director John A. Rutter and Assistant to the Regional Director Gustav Muehlenhaupt met with Mr. Penny on January 31 to explore the objectives and composition of the proposed joint study.

YELLOWSTONE SCOUT MEETS LBJ



Associated Press Photo

Donald Lee Armstrong, son of Maintenance Foreman William G. Armstrong, Yellowstone National Park, is shown during a recent visit to the White House. Don is one of thirteen Explorer Scouts selected as "Report to the Nation" representatives. Donald is standing immediately left of the President. Canadian Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson stands to the right.

Silhouette



How many other superintendents can claim a secretary who has served under every superintendent that the park has ever had? Irma T. Bucholz has served as secretary to every civilian superintendent at Sequoia-Kings for the past twenty-four years!

Irma joined the Park Service at Sequoia-Kings under the superintendency of Col. John White in 1943. She has since served in the same secretarial capacity for Eivind Scoyen (1947-1956); Tom Allen (1956-1959); John Davis (1959-1966); Frank Kowski (1966-1967); and John McLaughlin (1967 to date).

Irma was born in Lead, South Dakota, and later attended business college in Duluth, Minnesota. In 1940 she moved to Three Rivers, California with husband John, who later became (and still is) the Postmaster of this gateway community. Wanting to keep her hand in the business and secretarial game, Irma inquired into Park Service employment in 1943 and has been at Sequoia-Kings ever since.

Imagine, if you can, the value to a superintendent of having a secretary who has a memory of the past twenty-four years of park activity. As far as recall of past situations is concerned, Irma is better than three sets of file cases! Moreover, she is a "secretary's secretary." Her knowledge of Service activities beyond Sequoia-Kings is broad and accurate, and she lists a number of past directors and assistants as personal friends.

Irma not only has earned a number of suggestion awards during her career but received a Superior Performance Award in 1963. She serves as editor of the bi-weekly park newspaper, The Gigantea, and is very active in park community affairs.

See here, Ladies

NPS WOMEN IN OMAHA SCORE HIGH

In the past two years, the NPS Wives in the Omaha area have formed two bowling teams, both of which are members of a ten-team league. Nell Fagergren, Mickey Hanson, Helen Rundell, and Ruth Van Kirk form one team, with Wilma Crawford, Pauline Kawamoto, D. J. Moore, Kathy Pope, and Shirley Strait making up the other. Clara Ayers, once named Bowler-of-the-Week for the entire Omaha area, and Fay Thompson had to give up their membership when their husbands transferred out of MWRO.

Profiles Meredith M. Guillet

Meredith M. Guillet, superintendent of Mesa Verde National Park, was born September 10, 1910 at Mancos, Colorado. He attended Grand Junction Junior College (now Mesa College) and took some art courses at Chappel House (Denver University School of Art) in Denver. His education was interrupted by the economic depression in 1930, and in September of that year he started his first job with the National Park Service as rodman with a survey crew at Mesa Verde.



During the early depression years, he worked at various jobs, including Indian trader, plasterer, paperhanger, and painter. From 1934 to 1935 he was an enrollee in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mesa Verde, where he was the principal worker on the construction of the Basket Maker III diorama and was one of the three CCC enrollees chosen to work as interpreter and conduct tours through the ruins. In 1935 he returned to Indian trading and merchandising.

Two years later he returned to the Park Service to spend the next five years as seasonal ranger in charge of Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument. In December 1942 he received his first permanent position as park ranger at Casa Grande National Monument.

Since that time he has served as superintendent of Canyon de Chelly, Chaco Canyon, and Walnut Canyon National Monuments. He returned to Canyon de Chelly as superintendent and special Indian relations officer serving as a member of the Overall Economic Development Planning and Technical Committee for the Navajo Tribe. He was assigned superintendent of Mesa Verde in mid-August 1966.

Meredith is a past president of Northern Arizona Artists and served on the Board of Directors for the Keep Arizona Green Association while stationed at Flagstaff. He is a 20-year member of Gallup, N.M. Lodge 1440, BPOE, a member of Flagstaff Lodge No. 7, A & FM, and a member of the Cortez, Colorado Rotary Club. He has been listed in Marquis' "Who's Who in the West."

He is married to the former Emma Dean of Mancos, Colorado. The Guillets have one daughter, Marjory Diane (Dani) — the wife of Superintendent John E. Cook of Canyon de Chelly-Hubbell Trading Post NHS — and two grandchildren, Kayci, 6, and John LaFitte, three months.

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People on the move . . .

NEW FACES

Clay, Monroe A., to Realty Spec., WSC
Hall, Leonard T., to Management Asst., WASO
Pilcher, Milton A., to Budget Off., WASO
Robinson, Cyrus D., to Civil Engr., WSC

NEW PLACES

Blair, Dwayne H., from Payroll Clk., WASO, to Clk., CNCP
Cook, John E., from Supt., Canyon de Chelly NM-Hubbell Trading Post NHS, to Gen. Supt., Navajo Lands Group, Chinle, Ariz.
Eden, James M., from Supt., Blue Ridge Pky., to Asst. Reg. Dir., Operations, SWRO
Huggins, D. L., from Pk. Ranger, Ft. Matanzas NM, to Supt., Aztec Ruins NM
Liles, Granville B., from Asst. Reg. Dir., Operations, SERO, to Supt., Blue Ridge Pky.
Mackintosh, Harry, from Hist., Castillo de San Marcos NM, to same, Booker T. Washington NM
Mahurin, Joseph V., from Med. Tech., Mammoth Cave NP, to Admin. Off., Sitka-Glacier Bay NM
Murphy, Eleanor, from Sec. Steno., Glacier NP, to same, SFSC
Partin, Willie A., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Padre Island NS, to same, Sanford NRS
Raftery, John C., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to Asst. Supt., Everglades NP
Wood, Gerald L., from Archeologist, Mesa Verde NP to same, Bandelier NM

JOINING THE ALUMNI

O'Neil, William E., from Asst. to the Reg. Dir., Prog. Coord., SERO
Williams, Thomas J., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, SWRO

FOST Facts

"Park Ranger and Management" (formerly called "Park Specialist and Management") and "Park Aid and Technician" are the titles of two proposed new Park Service occupations sent to the Interior Department on January 31. Two days later, the Department's Director of Personnel transmitted these proposals to the Civil Service Commission. You have read the highlights of these occupations in past issues of NEWSLETTER.

The CSC will now pass judgment on the Service's suggested qualification standards and also check to see how other agencies feel about the occupations. The next step is to write classification standards—FOST Task Force has already started on this. These standards will reflect the thinking of many of you. In fact, some of you will be called on specifically for ideas, suggestions and comments.

Meanwhile, the task force is helping put together a plan for orderly use of the FOST concepts on on-going park organizations. The intent here is to look ahead—to predict what needs to be done when, and how it can be done best.

Training & Personnel Highlights

At the Director's Staff Meeting on February 15 Director Hartzog presented certificates to the eight 1967-68 Departmental Management Trainees who have recently completed their five-month training program.

The consolidated Departmental Management Training Program is made up of two groups of trainees—those employees having interest and potential for management positions and those showing promise in the administrative field. Those selected for the program transfer to the Washington Office for two years, where they spend five months of active participation in one of the two programs and the remaining time as a regular member of the Washington Office staff.

The 1968-69 program will be announced within the next several weeks.



Photo by M. W. Williams

Seated, left to right: C. Richard Steeves, Gene V. Daughtery, Freeman L. Nelson, Harold W. Hawman
Standing, left to right: Robert E. Benton, Delmar P. Robinson, Maxwell E. Hancock, James W. Mardis

Awards

JAMES SIPE HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY



On February 15 at Weiser, Idaho, Superintendent Robert L. Burns of Nez Perce National Historical Park presented the Posthumous Commendable Service Award to Mrs. James Sipe in honor of her late husband. Mr. Sipe was employed as an operator general at Olympic National Park at the time of his death on June 6, 1967. Shown in the photograph are, left to right, Superintendent Burns, Mrs. Sipe, and Mrs. Carol Gamet, Administrative Clerk at Nez Perce.