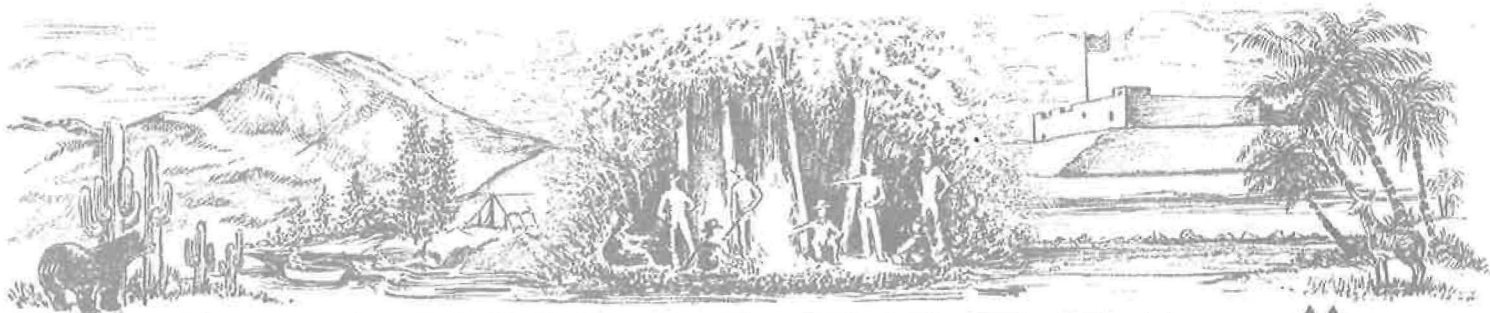




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Lighting the Lantern

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Secretary Udall

All of the annual cherry blossom festivities were cancelled this year because of the civil disturbances here in the Nation's Capital. All except the lighting of the Japanese Stone Lantern, the official opening of the 1968 Cherry Blossom Festival. The rest of the festival never took place.

Here we have excerpts from the remarks made by Secretary Stewart L. Udall at the opening on April 2.

"Mr. Ambassador, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen. As we officially open the 1968 Cherry Blossom Festival, many thoughts pass through our minds. Once again we mark an event that reflects a spirit of appreciation, freshness and beauty...an occasion that ties two nations together in stronger friendship.

"The aura of this festival is best expressed by the sheer beauty and grace of these blossoms. Yet, behind the elegance of nature's product lie deeper and significant stories. These accounts have grown in meaning since Mrs. William Howard Taft, wife of the President of the United States, and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese Ambassador to the United States met here in 1912 to plant the first two cherry trees and began what was to become a continuing international ceremony expressing friendship between two countries.

"We are delighted at the ever-growing numbers of Japanese citizens who come yearly to see our country

for themselves. Last year, 69,164 Japanese citizens came to the United States on business or for pleasure, an increase of 48.5 percent over those who came here in 1966. And in April 1967, the month when our cherry trees bloom, the increase over the same month of 1966 was even greater—53 percent. We were also privileged to have more than seven thousand Japanese students choose to study in our schools and universities during 1967. Overall, the number of Japanese citizens visiting this country has grown more than 100 times since 1950. What better evidence can there be of our mutual friendship?

"We live in a troubled world. But it also is a wiser world. It is a world in ferment. But it also is a world with a future.

"This I believe—and will believe—so long as there is a flower and a tree that bears fruit.

"I look forward, in the years ahead, to the blossoming and reblossoming of these trees and others newly planted in this—our capital city. I look forward to a time, not too distant, when men will again be able to swim in the Tidal Basin by which we now stand as they did when the first trees were planted.

"I look forward to the growth of the new trees. For they will not suffer—as have these older ones—the ravages of sullied air.

"I look forward to a time—not, I hope, too distant—when the laving of the waters and the murmuring wind through the branches will sound louder than the noise our civilization has created.

"Yes, I look forward because even tonight, while there will be darkness, there also will be stars.

"And I will know that others—in other places—will also see the stars through the darkness, and thus blessed, will see the light, will radiate the light, tomorrow.

Today, we observe the start of another Cherry Blossom Festival. We open it officially with the lighting of this ancient stone lantern by which we now stand. This lantern was carefully selected from among thousands in Japan and was given to our city fourteen years ago. Just as for centuries in Japan the lighting of these lanterns has been a traditional mark of an important ceremony, so the lighting of this lantern has brought a gracious oriental touch to what is now a cherished American tradition.

"May I thank all of you for joining us at the start of this 1968 Cherry Blossom Festival."

Training & Personnel Highlights

MOTIVATION PAYS OFF

Title V of the Economic Opportunity Act has had fruitful results for Evelyn E. Jackson of Omaha. Evelyn came to the Midwest Regional Office in June 1967, when she was assigned to the Park Service by the training coordinator for the Title V Program.

Since then, Evelyn has worked in various divisions throughout the office and has received thorough training and counselling by the Personnel Division. But this alone would hardly have earned her a permanent clerical position.

Evelyn has worked hard to acquire the necessary skills to qualify under the examination. She is continuing her program of self-improvement and is currently enrolled in night classes at Technical High School, concentrating on English, vocabulary, and spelling. Her great motivation and fine attitude have made her highly regarded in the Regional Office. In fact, when the Property Management Division lost an employee, the Division specifically requested that Evelyn take the job.

The program in Omaha is coordinated with the Douglas County Assistance Bureau. Each participant is given approximately one year of classroom training combined with work experience.

PURSUIT DRIVING AT BLUE RIDGE

During the week of March 18-23 park rangers on Blue Ridge Parkway received instruction in pursuit driving through the cooperation of Chief Walter Lange of the U.S. Park Police. Sergeant William R. Kinsey and Private James C. Woolfenden were the instructors.

The training consisted of three 16-hour sessions conducted at Peaks of Otter, Doughton Park, and Asheville to facilitate attendance by all the Blue Ridge park rangers scattered throughout the 469-mile parkway.

The course included pursuit operation and safety, reaction and stopping timing, defensive driving, car stops, verbal approach to violators, and removing violators from vehicles.

Sgt. Kinsey and Pvt. Woolfenden designed the training course around the various levels of driving proficiency exhibited by the park rangers and intake trainees. All trainees participated in the course.

MANAGER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The Third Consolidated Departmental Manager Development Program and the Third Departmental Administrative Management Training Programs have been announced in a recent memorandum to All Regional Directors. Field areas should have the announcement from their respective Regional Office by this time. Both programs have a reporting date of August 12 with applications due in the Washington Office no later than April 29. Employees interested in applying for either of these two training programs are urged to contact their supervisors for specific information regarding eligibility criteria and application procedures.

See here, Ladies . . .



A TIME IN DECEMBER

A recent heavy snowfall in Arizona, which caused much inconvenience and concern to park families, instigated the following comments by Carol Clark of Montezuma Well and Pat Binnewies of Tuzigoot National Monument.

Carol wrote: "The storm finally brought to a head a concern we have had during our last eleven years in NPS — that of having a single source of heat only. Last December our electricity went off three days at the height of the storm. That we had no phone, water, or lights was incidental, as we've learned from experience to store plenty of food, water, and lanterns. What was critical was our loss of heat when we were trapped by the snow . . . I thanked heaven we had no young children with us at the time, for we literally had no more protection than just a 'roof over our heads' . . . all because of prolonged electrical failure."

Pat Binnewies said that "in December an unbelievable two feet of snow covered Tuzigoot National Monument. Our electricity went off Thursday night and wasn't restored until the following Saturday afternoon. Three families at the monument, all with children, had to move into town until power was restored. I had a sick baby . . ."

Both Carol and Pat suggested that an inexpensive Franklin-type stove or the equivalent be installed in NPS homes which are located in isolated, cold areas.

YOU ARE INVITED

All National Park Service wives are invited to join the Springfield ladies for lunch at Evans Farm Inn, McLean, Virginia on May 15. A luncheon will be served in the Plantation Room for \$2.75 per person. Mr. Ted McCann, Coordinator of the Summer Parks Program, will be the guest speaker. Mr. McCann will define the program and suggest ways in which park wives can participate.

Please enclose your check with your reservation. Evans Farm Inn can accommodate only a limited number, so make your reservations early to be sure.

Please clip, fill out, and mail before May 5th to: Natalie Bradley, 7427 Grace St., Springfield, Va. 22150.

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WOODLAWN PLANTATION EXHIBIT

Over twenty NPS women in the Washington area had a field day acting as hostesses at Woodlawn Plantation during their week-long exhibition of old and new needlework.

Woodlawn Plantation, located a short distance from Mount Vernon, was George Washington's wedding gift to Nellie Custis, Martha Washington's granddaughter. The beautiful home is open to visitors year-round and is particularly interesting to visit during the annual needlework showing.

This year's show was larger and more elaborate than any in the past, and needlework from all over the country was exhibited. Among those displaying old needlework were Jean Howe, Kris Trexler, and Dorothy DeHaven. Eleanore Suazo exhibited her own lovely hucked bag. Becky Hummel's intricately embroidered Norwegian dress was entered into the competition and won the blue ribbon in the embroidery category.

Professional judges, including Doris Bowman, lace and embroidery expert in the Textile Department of the Smithsonian, carefully examined the workmanship of the hundreds of exhibits, so Becky can be confident and proud that her needlework is among the best in the country.

If you are interested in exhibiting your needlework in next year's show, please write to: Woodlawn Plantation, Mount Vernon, Virginia.



Left to right, Mary Lou Whelan, Jerri Ferris, Becky's dress, Kris Trexler and Mary Ochsner.

New Officers Named

On March 22 Director Hartzog named Elmer W. Watkins chief of the Division of Finance, and Milton A. Pilcher chief of the Division of Budget.

Mr. Watkins is the former assistant regional director for administration in the Southwest Region. Mr. Pilcher has served in the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation as a program analyst and chief of the Division of Federal Programs Review since 1965.



Leslie P. Arnberger, deputy assistant director operation was born on March 29, 1924 in Grand Forks, North Dakota and was reared in Arizona. Les' education was interrupted by a two-year tour of duty with the Army Air Corps after which he continued his studies at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. In 1947 he received a B.A. degree. He later did graduate study at the University of Utah.

During the summer of 1945 Les worked as Jr. laborer and ranger-naturalist in Grand Canyon National Park. He accepted his first permanent assignment with the National Park Service in 1948 as park ranger at Casa Grande National Monument. In 1950 he transferred into the headquarters office of the Southwestern National Monuments as park naturalist, and in 1955 he moved to Blue Ridge Parkway Office as park naturalist. His appointment as park specialist, Southwestern Regional Office came in 1956, and he remained in the Regional Office for nine years serving as supervisory park planner, supervisory recreation planner, and assistant regional director. During his tour in Santa Fe, Les headed field study groups of proposed new areas in the Southwest which resulted in the authorization of Padre Island National Seashore and Canyonlands and Guadalupe Mountains National Park.

In 1965 Less became the third superintendent of Point Reyes National Seashore, California. In January, 1967 he transferred to his present position in Washington.

His special assignments have included participation in the first Departmental Jr. Management Trainee Program and in 1964, the Educational Program for Federal Officials at Mid-Career which was held at Princeton University.

Les, his wife, Gail, and their three children, Robert, Susan and Howard live at 9540 Old Creek Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030.

People on the move

NEW FACES

Streeter, Edward F., to Guidance Counselor, Harpers Ferry NHP

NEW PLACES

Acheson, William, from Admin. Off., WML, to same Point Reyes NS
 Barham, Grover M., from Center Dir., Liberty Pk. JCCC, to Education Spec., WASO
 Berens, James J., from Prop. Mgmt.-Proc. Off., Mt. Rainier NP, to Admin. Off., Coulee Dam NRA
 Carmon, Willie, from Gardener (Landscape), CNCP, to Truck Driver, NCR
 Cintron, Heriberto, from Supply Clk., Liberty Pk. JCCC, to Pk. Guide, San Juan NHS
 Doernor, Leon P., from Admin. Off., Liberty Pk. JCCC, to Supv. Accounting Spec., NERO
 Engquist, Dale B., from Pk. Nat., ENCP, to Ch. Pk. Nat., Hot Springs NP
 Foster, Lewis E., from Res. Youth Worker, Liberty Pk. JCCC, to Accounting Tech., WASO
 Gingery, Marshall A., from Deputy Dir. for Works Prog., Liberty Pk. JCCC, to same, Harpers Ferry NHP
 Groves, David E., from Prop.-Proc. Mgmt. Asst., Death Valley NM, to Admin. Off., Isle Royale NP
 Hall, Lorine C., from Clk.-Typist, Liberty Pk. JCCC, to same, Fire Island NS-NYC Group
 Hamer, Bettyle, from Supv. Operating Accountant, NERO, to Admin. Off., PSC
 Hout, Paul A., from Hist., Hot Springs NP, to same, Ft. Frederica NM
 Kelly, Robert M., from Maintenceman, Hubbell Trading Post NHS, to Foreman II (Maintenance), Canyon de Chelly NM-Hubbell Trading Post NHS
 Kump, Cloyd A., from Admin. Off., Hawaii Volcanoes NP, to Mgmt. Asst., City of Refuge NHP
 Lewis, Maymie E., from Teacher, Liberty Pk. JCCC, to same, Harpers Ferry JCCC
 Martinez, Billy E., from Laborer, CNCP, to Garage Serviceman, NCR
 Mayo, Vallie A., from Enrollee Wk. Supv., Liberty Pk. JCCC, to Maintenceman, Fire Island NS-NYC Group
 McKibben, Kevin, from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Navajo NM, to same, Canyon de Chelly NM-Hubbell Trading Post NHS
 Painter, Page F., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Cape Hatteras NS, to same, Blue Ridge Pky.
 Pearson, Roger D., from Hist., Hopewell Village NHS, to same, Grand Portage NM
 Primus, Rudolph J., from Res. Worker, Liberty Pk. JCCC, to same, Harpers Ferry JCCC
 Rockwell, Joseph A., from Exhibits Spec., WML, to same, WASO
 Schulmeyer, Alfred W., from Pk. Ranger, Cumberland Gap NHP, to Pk. Hist., Theodore Roosevelt NMP
 Sikes, C. Newton, from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Grand Portage NM, to same, Blue Ridge Pky.

Smith, Dale L., from Pk. Nat., Platt NP-Arbuckle NRA, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Zion NP
 Webster, Dorothy M., from Sec.-Steno., Liberty Pk. JCCC, to Accounting Clk., Fire Island NS-NYC Group

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Bell, Burnby M., from Hist., Ft. Clatsop NM
 Cary, Edward K., from Pk. Guide, NERO
 Hoyt, Edith, from Clk.-Typist, Coulee Dam NRA
 Lennartson, John A., from Admin. Off., PSC
 Pigg, John H., from Tractor Operator, Natchez Trace Pky.
 Ramsey, Ralph R., from Admin. Off., Lake Mead NRA
 Thibodeau, Josephat N., from Laborer, Mt. Rainier NP

Award

The National Park Service's Commendable Service Award has been presented posthumously to Thurman H. Reeder. Superintendent Joseph C. Rumburg, Jr., left, made the presentation during a ceremony at the Natchez



Trace Parkway Headquarters. Accepting the award for the Reeder family is Mr. Reeder's daughter, Miss Shelia Reeder. The award was given in recognition of Mr. Reeder's high quality performance in various responsible positions during a career of more than eleven years. At right is Chief of Maintenance Glenn C. Farrar.

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