



"WHETHER" REPORT



COLD FRONT REMAINS STABLE THROUGHOUT THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM WITH CONSIDERABLE CLOUDINESS AND LOW PERSONNEL CEILINGS. RELATIVE VACANCY-FILLING LIMITATIONS HOLDING AT 60%. SCATTERED SUNSHINE ANTICIPATED IN FEW SELECTED AREAS IN RESPONSE TO INTERMITTENT EMPLOYMENT AND STUDENT AIDS. PROBABILITY OF FULL RE-EMPLOYMENT SUNSHINE: SHORTRANGE FORECAST 0%; LONGRANGE FORECAST 50%. # # #



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REPLACEMENT LIMITATIONS STILL TIGHT

Public Law 90-364, The Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968, effective July 1, 1968, greatly restricted the National Park Service in the filling of its vacancies, both permanent full-time as well as temporary and part-time.

During the months of July and August, 1968, the Service was permitted to fill only three of its permanent full-time positions, including new positions provided for in the 1969 appropriations, for every four positions that became vacant after June 30. This rate was reduced to seven for every ten in September and October and further reduced to six for every ten effective November 1. The 60 percent vacancy-filling limitation is still in effect. Priority attention has been given to the filling of positions in the field.

Public Law 90-364 limits the number of temporary and part-time employees at the end of any one month to not to exceed the number of similar employees on the rolls at the end of the corresponding month of calendar year 1967. This restriction proved to be a heavy burden for this Service in January, February, and March. Some relief has been obtained for the remaining three months of the fiscal year, but not enough to permit hiring all seasonal employees that are needed on other than an "intermittent" basis.

"Intermittent" employees and student aids (formerly referred to as "YOC's") serving under the special excepted authority are exempted from these restrictions and do not count against the temporary and part-time ceilings. The ceiling restrictions for permanent and temporary employees have thus often left the field official with only one alternative to get a job accomplished and that is through "intermittent" employments. Thus, long term seasonals who remain

in the vicinity of the parks or are residents of communities near park offices have been offered the alternative choices of being terminated from seasonal full-time employment or accepting "intermittent" employment as needs for personal services remain on a job-to-job basis. We regret this, but we know many loyal National Park Service employees will recognize the factors involved, until such time as the restraints are relaxed.

A continual effort is being made to obtain relief from the above restrictions. Offices will be notified immediately of any success in this endeavor.

Dept. Mgt. Training Programs Curtailed

In view of current personnel ceilings and budget restrictions, there will be no Servicewide announcement concerning the Departmental Manager Development Program or the Administrative Management Training Program for FY 1970. Training positions allotted to this program may be limited to two, with selections being based on current data available in the Branch of Employee Evaluation. Questions regarding these programs should be addressed to the appropriate regional office.

The Service is currently working on another Employee Development Program, details of which will be announced through the regional offices at a later date.

DESIGNER OF WASHINGTON'S FIRST "TULIP LIBRARY"

By Sandra Alley

Sometime ago, Regional Director Nash Castro decided he'd like to have a new kind of library—a "Tulip Library," similar to one he once saw at Sterling Forest Gardens, N.Y. It would be designed to give visitors an opportunity to study and compare various tulip varieties as well as view them at a leisurely pace and at close range.

To plan and develop this library, he chose Darwina Neal, a native of Pennsylvania and one of the few women landscape architects in the country. With a masterful touch, she developed a colorful library containing some 13,000 tulips of 95 different varieties and covering a quarter-acre plot of land near the Tidal Basin. Each variety is labelled and grass paths guide the visitors from bed to bed. Darwina planned the library so that the late double tulips will carry the blooming season well into May. Following the spring season, the tulips will be replaced with masses of annuals such as begonias, petunias, marigolds, zinnias and ageratum for summer bloom, and seven varieties of chrysanthemums will be planted later for fall color.

Since the first clusters of tulips went into bloom, the vari-colored library has attracted wide attention from both visitors and residents of the area, and the "Tulip Library" is probably a key reason people have been calling this spring one of Washington's best and most beautiful.

Darwina doesn't look at herself as a woman in a man's field, but rather as a woman doing a creative and satisfying job. "I think the reason more women are not in the field," she says, "is simply because they are not familiar with it and don't consider it a choice as a potential profession."

What does she like about landscape architecture? "It's creative and satisfying," she says. "It's designing something and then seeing it built. It's especially satisfying in the environment we're serving today in the Washington metropolitan area."

Her enthusiasm for her job is undisguised as she talks about her work and what NCR's beautification task force is doing to make the Nation's Capital a "city of flowers" and beauty—and to keep it that way.

Darwina received her BS degree in landscape architecture from Pennsylvania State University in 1965, starting out as a horticulture major. Then she switched to landscape architecture because she felt it would be more of a "creative challenge."

The summer before graduation she spent with the National Park Service in Washington—working primarily with the design and preparation of planting plans and estimates, the drafting of base sheets, and the design of site development plans.

Her summer experience—coupled with the desire to work in an urban park area—drew Darwina back to Washington and the National Park Service as soon as she received her degree. Since then, she has assisted in planning and designing numerous park landscape projects—not only in areas associated with Washington's major monuments and memorials, but also in the various neighborhood areas.

It's not all plants and flowers for Darwina. She is also involved in such projects as developing the first



artificial ice-skating rink to be built in the park system—and she's already working on plans for a second rink to be built at Lansburgh Park, a southwest Washington neighborhood area.

Outside of her NPS job, she is also active in the Potomac Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects and has served as program chairman for them as well as participating in workshops to discuss urban design and planning.

International "NIPS"

NATIONAL PARKS BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF KENYA

On May 5, the National Parks Board of Trustees of Kenya, East Africa, will arrive in the United States for a month-long visit to the Department of the Interior in Washington and to national parks and related conservation areas across the country. They will be guests of the New York Zoological Society. The twelve-man delegation will be headed by The Hon. A. P. Achieng, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, and will include members of the Board of Trustees, the Director of the National Parks of Kenya, and other officials associated with tourism and conservation.

After short periods in New York City and Washington, the group will visit Everglades National Park, National Key Deer Refuge, and Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park in Florida; Rocky Mountain National Park; Grand Canyon National Park; the Western Regional Office, and Yosemite National Park. The delegation will be escorted by Fred M. Packard, International Cooperation Specialist, WASO.

ONTARIO PARK MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE

A six-man task force from the Province of Ontario visited the Washington Office, Washington Service Center, and Shenandoah National Park during the week of April 28 to study National Park Service master planning procedures. The task force will prepare a master plan for Algonquin Provincial Park, an area of 3,000 square miles located some 140 miles north of Toronto. Algonquin Provincial Park is widely known for its superb canoe trails.

EARLY ELECTION RETURNS

The recently revised bylaws for the NPS Women's Organization now provide for the election of a specified national officer by each region every two years. Following is a list of these offices by region with the names of the officers who have been elected to date. Two years hence, the election of officers for each position will advance to the next region (counterclockwise):

NATIONAL OFFICERS

NATIONAL CHAIRMAN (SW Region): Nancy Dayton, Petrified Forest National Park, Arizona 86025

ALTERNATE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN (SW Region): Betty Turney, White Sands National Monument, Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310

COMMUNICATION CHAIRMAN (SE Region): Jean Beal, Great Smoky Mountains NP, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIRMAN (National Capital Region): (No report)

SAFETY CHAIRMAN (NE Region): Gail Arnberger, Cape Cod National Seashore, South Wellfleet, Mass. 02663

HOUSING CHAIRMAN (MW Region): (No report)

EMPLOYEE & ALUMNI CHAIRMAN (W Region):

Dorothy James, San Francisco Planning & Service Center, National Park Service, 450 Golden Gate Ave., Box 36025, San Francisco, California 94102

AREA CHAIRMEN

SOUTHWEST: Betty Peterson, Big Bend National Park, Texas 79834

SOUTHWEST (Alternate): Gail Stark, Platt National Park, P.O. Box 201, Sulphur, Oklahoma 73086

SOUTHEAST: (No report)

NATIONAL CAPITAL: (No report)

NORTHEAST: Suzanne Banton, Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, Lincoln City, Indiana 47552

MIDWEST: (No report)

WESTERN: Dagmar Robinson, Channel Islands National Monument, P.O. Box 1388, Oxnard, California 93030

WESTERN (Alternate): Alice Murphy, Death Valley National Monument, Death Valley, California 92328

NW DISTRICT: Julia Contor, North Cascades National Park, Sedro Wooley, Washington 98284

NW DISTRICT (Alternate): Mary Spaulding, Crater Lake National Park, P.O. Box 7, Crater Lake, Oregon 97604

GARDEN PICNIC

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE WIVES . . . Circle the date of June 24th on your calendar. Make a notation "Garden Picnic at the Hartzogs, 12:00 noon." Get out your Virginia map and find 1643 Chain Bridge Road in McLean. Go to your recipe file and pick one of your favorite recipes for sandwiches, salad or dessert. Pack your picnic basket with a sample of your recipe, a plate and your silver. Carry with you a "Sit-upon." Don your sunbonnet and come to the party to see old Park Service friends and to meet new ones.

The hostesses will be Helen Hartzog, Jane Bill, Marie Freeman, Becky Hummel, Ann Montgomery, Helene Jensen, Helen Swem, Mary Bahlman, Mary Everhart, Helen Butterfield, Lois Bean, Sylvia Stagner, Marguerite Harrison, Francis Flynn, Shirley Moore.

A special table will be set up to display arts and crafts of park women . . . needlework, artwork, ceramics, Christmas and other decorations, children's toys and many more. Pocket your modesty and share your secrets and talents with others. A list of names and numbers will be made available to you, so please contact one of these women to tell them what you will

contribute to this display.

In case of rain, the alternate date of June 25th is set aside. If the weather looks threatening and you're in doubt about whether or not to come, please refer to the following list and call the lady in your area for the current information:

Mrs. Rob Milne - Reston, Va. - 437-3179

Mrs. Doug Hubbard - Springfield, Va. - 461-8720

Mrs. Robert Utley - McLean, Va. - 356-1858

Mrs. Frank Harrison - Fairfax, Va. - 273-0431

Mrs. Stan Joseph - Alexandria, Va. - 354-8075

Mrs. Vince Gleason - Chevy Chase, Md. - 656-3596

Mary Bahlman is contacting the wives of park retirees. This is a huge undertaking, so please, if you have not been notified by anyone, pack your basket and come. If you have any questions call Mary at 365-2367.

Parking space will be limited. Gather together for transportation whenever possible.

Please mention the Garden Picnic to other park wives. They may not have seen the Newsletter or the flyer. They will be missed if they're not there.

CATOCTIN MOUNTAIN

More than 150 persons were treated to a spaghetti supper at Catoctin Mountain Park, April 1. Food was prepared by Chefs Norman Hinson, park ranger and Clarence "Bud" Rice, Catoctin JCCC staffer.

Sampling the meatballs and spaghetti, home-made French bread, and salad were staff members and their families from Catoctin Mountain Park, Catoctin Job Corps, Greenbelt Park, and Camp David Maryland.

Catoctin Park women hosted a pot-luck and game party at Camp Greentop for personnel and their families in February.

The younger set was entertained with a Valentine's Day party by Miss Susan Mentzer. She was assisted in the planning by Miss Carol Hill.

Serving on the committee for the adult party were Herbert Grimm, William Gray, Frank Mentzer, Norman Hinson, "Bud" Rice, and Duncan Burchard.

Approximately 15 people from Catoctin Mountain Park attended the special dress rehearsal of "Trumpets of the Lord" at Ford Theater in Washington, D.C. in March. National Park Service employees and their families were special guests at the dress rehearsal.

"MISS KITTY" (Amanda Blake) and CHILL WILLS joined with DR. HARRY PFANZ last year as he accepted a "Wrangler" trophy for Guggenheim Productions, Inc. This was in recognition of their documentary film "Time of the West" which tied for winner of the 1967 Western Heritage Award.



Harry W. Pfanz, recently appointed superintendent of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the St. Louis riverfront, was born in Columbus, Ohio, on December 9, 1921. He graduated from the Ohio State

University in 1943 with a B.S. degree in Education (Social Science major).

During World War II he served as a Lieutenant of Field Artillery from 1943 to 1947. Part of this service was in Europe with the 87th Infantry Division.

Following the war he returned to Ohio State University for graduate work and received an M.A. degree in History in 1948 and a Ph.D., after interruption, in 1958.

Harry was employed as an historian in the U.S. Army's Office of the Chief of Military History, in Washington, D. C., from 1952 to 1956. He transferred to the National Park Service in 1956, serving as an historian at Gettysburg National Military Park from 1956 to 1966. He was fortunate to be at Gettysburg throughout the time of its Mission 66 development program.

He was assigned to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial as chief of Interpretation and Resources Management in 1966 and promoted to superintendent in December of 1968.

Harry and his wife, the former Letitia Earll of Washington, D. C., have three children, Frederick, Donald, and Marion, ages 13, 11, and 6. Both are active in their congregation of the Lutheran Church and Tish is active in the League of Women Voters. Harry is currently a member of the Civil War Round Table of St. Louis and Rotary, and coaches Donald's Little League Baseball Team.

People on the move—

NEW FACES

Wilson, Hubert S., to Appraiser, SFSC

NEW PLACES

Anderson, Alvin W., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy., to same, Ozark NSR
 Bowen, George H., from Pk. Ranger, Channel Islands NM, to same, Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP
 Brock, LeeRoy C., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Bandelier NM, to same, Lassen Volcanic NP
 Brown, Juin C., from Clk. Steno., Fire Island NS, to Admin. Clk. Typing, Flagstaff Group
 Dilomardo, Kathleen L., from Hist., Cape Hatteras NS, to same, Fort Pulaski NM
 Dobrovolny, H. John, from Hist., Fort Sumter NM, to Mgmt. Asst., Boston Group, Salem Maritime NHS
 Howe, Gary K., from Maintenance Supt., SWRO, to same, Grand Canyon NP
 Jensen, John E., from Hist., John Muir NHS, to Supt., John Muir NHS
 Ketterson, Francis A., Jr., from Hist., Golden Spike NHS, to Supv. Hist., Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NS
 Lemmon, Loraine A., from Sec. Steno., Zion NP, to same, Southern Utah Group
 Nolte, Patricia A., from Admin. Clk. Typing, Flagstaff Group Off., to Pers. Clk. Typing, WRO
 Parkes, John S., from Oper. Gen., Bryce Canyon NP, to same, Glen Canyon NRA
 Reinhart, Mary O., from Hist., Manassas NBP, to same, Independence NHP
 Reisch, Roger E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Padre Island NS, to same, Carlsbad Caverns NP

Ries, Joseph J., from Pk. Ranger, Virgin Islands NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Glacier NP
 Trussell, Ronald V., from Supv. Pk. Ranger (West Dist.), Zion NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Bryce Canyon NP
 Webb, Robert B., from Supply Clk., SWRO, to Gen. Supply Asst., Carlsbad Caverns NP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Krueger, Charles E., from Asst. Dir. (D & C), WASO
 Mac'kie, Mary L., from Concessions Record Clk. Typing, WASO

Shenandoah Ladies

The Shenandoah National Park Women's Club held its monthly meeting on Friday, April 11, at the North Entrance Ranger Residence of Mrs. Forrest E. Johnson, with Mrs. John R. Davis, Jr., serving as co-hostess.

Mrs. Robert E. Cook of Front Royal was welcomed as a new member of the organization, and Mrs. Sue McGovern and Mrs. Helen Smith of Front Royal were welcomed as guests.

The program was presented by Mrs. Alpha Connors of Luray who gave her audience an interesting and informative account of her tour of "duty" when stationed with her husband in Turkey. Her narrative accounts were supplemented by a presentation of color slides and many unique momentos from this ancient country which is located only a ferry ride from Asia.