

"There's nothing like retirement, IF..."



THIS MAILBOX could well have been the motto of any one of the NPS Retirees who recently gathered at Phoenix, Arizona. Among the group were such "I wanta work" retirees as John Davis, Bill Branch, Bill Leicht, Arthur Clark, Sally Harris, Louis Shellbach, Jack Aiton, Parke Soule, Spike Oakes and many others.

Members of the group converged on the Sheraton Sky Riders Hotel for a reunion with fellow retirees and a meeting with Chief, Branch of Employment and Employee Relations Ivan Parker, and trainees attending the Institute for Supervisory and Group Performance at Grand Canyon. The occasion provided all with an opportunity to renew former associations, meet new members of the Service staff, and exchange ideas.

Retirees reported that they were enjoying their leisure. Jack Aiton, for example, commented that he is now so busy he can't figure out how he ever had time for WORK! The general tenor of the meeting and the recommendation of the conferees for future action: "There's nothing like retirement if you are prepared for it in advance of your separation date."

The Service's retirement counselling and seminar programs were highly praised by the retirees who also favored keeping in touch with the Service after retirement. "Many very worthwhile ideas were obtained by Service representatives present," said Ivan Parker, "and these will be implemented wherever possible."



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"Silent Bobo" Fined \$750 for Poaching

As part of Secretary Hickel's crackdown on alligator poaching, Everglades National Park recently conducted a Seminar on Law Enforcement Techniques in conjunction with the greatly expanded alligator patrol program. Phase one of the Seminar, under the direction of agents from the Miami office of the FBI, concentrated on the procedural aspects of law enforcement. Phase two consisted of a study of the characteristics and modus operandi of poachers, especially, known violators.

Bills presently pending before Congress will help end poaching in the Everglades by prohibiting interstate commerce in alligators and their hides. Current penalties for poaching and other violations related to the killing of alligators can result in fines up to \$10,000 and imprisonment up to 10 years, or both.

In addition to increasing the number of rangers assigned to Everglades National Park, the National Park Service has begun recruiting long-time residents to the area to be trained as a "Conservation Posse" to reinforce the rangers.

Such training is already beginning to produce dividends. Just the other day, "Silent Bobo," one of

the locally well known 'gator poachers, was apprehended in the park and was found guilty on three charges by the U.S. Commissioner. Total fines in his case amounted to \$750. State Conservation Officers also achieved successful prosecution of another noted violator whom the State Judge fined \$500 and sentenced to three months in jail. An unexpected benefit of this project has been an aroused interest on the part of the U.S. Attorney's office in the successful prosecution of long-pending poaching cases in Everglades National Park.



Assistant Chief Ranger Stokes conducts Law Enforcement Seminar.

See Here, Ladies

Orientation Tour Covers Two Historical Eras

NPS Photos by Fred R. Bell



Coffee break! Mrs. Jackson pours.



Jim Walker conducts colonial garden tour at Wakefield, Virginia.

Forty Washington employees from WASO, NCR, and WSC were treated to coffee and homemade cookies by Mrs. Donald L. Jackson, wife of Chief of I. & R.M. at Fredericksburg, upon their arrival at Chancellorsville Visitor Center. This was the beginning of a day re-living history of the Civil War and Colonial period—an orientation bus tour, April 30, 1969.

Don Jackson did an unusually fine job of interpreting the events and sites visited throughout the day. The tour started at Chancellorsville Visitor Center. Here they learned about the Civil War battles fought there by viewing the film, seeing the exhibits, and participating in a live demonstration of the firing of a mortar by Park Ranger Ralph T. Bullard. This will be a new regular interpretive feature for visitors to the area this summer. Superintendent William R. Hollomon greeted the group at Fredericksburg headquarters and escorted them through the offices and the service area. As an added bonus, Mr. Hollomon opened up his home to the group. They wandered through the house and gardens admiring Mr. and Mrs. Hollomon's art

and unusual handcrafted furniture.

After a hearty buffet luncheon at the Princess Anne Inn at Fredericksburg, they were met at George Washington Birthplace by Management Assistant James R. Walker. He took them on a tour of the grounds pointing out the site for the new visitor center, the formal gardens, the farm and its livestock, and the historic mansion.

In no time at all Farmer McKenzie Jackson in his colorful colonial costume, and his team of oxen, had made friends with the group. Then came the visit to the new Morgan Horse Farm—a donation to the National Park Service. All were intrigued with the horses, the three small colts, and especially "Big Mike." All of this is a new venture into the breeding of champion horses for future duty with the Park Police. This was a day to remember. Most commented that they wished they could go on more of these tours and have them more often. It is a rich experience of learning first hand what this wonderful Park Service is all about.

NPS Parties Are Fun To Give

By Alva Cammack

Parties are fun to give! This is one of the great pleasures of a Park Service wife living in areas, either remote or some distance from a town, where we all live, work and play together.

One party that we repeated is an old standby, the Hobo party. Each guest is asked to come in appropriate costume and, for the most part, they have been hilarious. We have decorated with such things as ready made, or improved "out-houses" with all sorts of laughable interiors. There have been the usual, well loaded, clotheslines, bedsprings, or "what-have-you" in our hobo jungles. There have been owls and moons, electrically back-lighted, that we have made and hung around. All other lights turned low, of course!

Dinner consists of a rib-sticking stew served in coffee cans (which guests were asked to bring), hot, foil wrapped bread and a variety of relishes, all tied in a square of bright cloth and fastened to the end of a long stick. We raided our scrap bags for the material and the more wild the better. Then there was coffee in

all shapes and sizes of cans. For dessert we have dozens of homemade donuts and for serving these we took branches (from outside the park, of course) of about 18-24 inches long and stuck them in a wood base and just stacked the donuts as you would rings in a ring toss game. Our guests sat on the floor along side long strips of brown wrapping paper—even taped or stapled strips of newspaper make elegant tablecloths! The donut poles are placed down this, along with candles in holders made from cans (you can get real fancy with these!) and the necessary sardine ashtrays.

We always improvised an open fire, one made of rocks, a red light for flame, and a framework to hold the pot of stew. Guests help themselves to the stew, the hobo bags, coffee, and all the seconds they can manage.

This can be a wonderful family type party with the games geared to all ages and with everyone in old clothes—the more ridiculous the game the more fun you have.



NPS Photo by Jack Rottier

Now, it's official. Don Ripley recently RIF'd from his position as regional coordinator (Job Corps and related Anti-Poverty Programs), has been named assistant superintendent, Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area. He will be the superintendent's primary Service liaison with the Crow Indians.

Born in 1910 at Fort Morgan, Colorado, Ripley was reared on a farm, and here developed his self-reliant, "can do" spirit. He received his BA from Colorado University in 1933, and his early employment covered a wide variety of interesting fields—mining gold and uranium, auditor, cost accountant, commercial artist, C. of C. manager, public relations man, deputy sheriff, lifeguard and instructor for the county schools.

As an Army Air Corps Staff Sergeant (1942-45) he served as an aerial photographer, manager of the post theater, and editor of the post newspaper. He also developed a new system of preparing briefing maps for bombing missions.

Don began his Park Service career at Mesa Verde National Park as a seasonal carpenter and general maintenanceman in 1950. Here he developed a new sign system for the area and wrote and illustrated the Sign Manual.

While on furlough from his Mesa Verde maintenance job, he worked as a seasonal ranger in summers at Hovenweep, Yucca House and Goodman Point National Monuments. He became the first permanent ranger of this "cluster" in 1957. During this time he worked especially hard to build up good public relations with the Indians on the adjoining Navajo Reservation.

From district ranger, Death Valley National Monument (1962-65), Don was promoted to superintendent, Gran Quivira National Monument (1965-67). He transferred to the National Capital Region in 1965 as regional coordinator for the Job Corps Conservation Centers and related Anti-Poverty Programs. Ripley

worked with all agencies concerned with Catoctin and Harpers Ferry JCCC's and with the Neighborhood Youth Corps in the National Capital Parks.

A former Boy Scout leader and Baptist Sunday School superintendent, Ripley also belongs to the American Legion, National Rifleman and Rotary, and is presently executive secretary for the E&A Association.

A professional writer, Don has published three illustrated mining books and an illustrated book on Pueblo Indian Designs. He has also published articles in periodicals such as Colorado Mining Journal, National Mining Journal, Utah Archeological Society, and Keystone (California Archeological Society).

Don's favorite hobbies are "whittlin' and spittin', and swappin' tall tales," or anything else, for that matter, and he is an avid reader, knife collector, gunsmith and archer. An expert wood carver, he specializes in carved furniture and doors. He also designs houses. He especially enjoys working with Indians and studying their culture. Topping all other interests, Don enjoys "Trouble Shooting" of any kind.

Don's basic philosophy: "There is dignity in labor of any kind." "Treat others as you like to be treated." "There's no need to whitewash over the mistakes because eventually, they will show through anyway." "Keep the lines of communication open."

Don married Besse M. Myers in June 1939. The Ripleys call Dolores, Colorado "home." Here they have a ranch with the best fishing on the Dolores River, a 700-foot long swimming and rafting pond, a log cabin (Don built it himself) with a life sized "Dan'l Boone" leaning on his squirrel rifle, carved on their front door.

Tropical Art Colony

By Dale Engquist

The climate of the tropics seems to bring out the artist in one. The south sea island influence made Paul Gauguin a Master. Now the swaying palms and balmy breezes in Everglades National Park have given birth to a group of budding new artists and the park is fast becoming a tropical art colony. For the past year about 15 park ladies have been studying art under the direction of Mrs. Helga Raftery, wife of Superintendent John C. Raftery. The climax of the season's monthly art lessons was an art show and coffee held at the Pine Island chickee on April 24.

The art show featured still life paintings, landscape sketches, wildlife scenes and child portraits. Several of these paintings had already won prizes and acclaim at local county fairs. During the exhibit coffee and punch were served. The attractively set refreshment table also held brownies, tea cakes, banana bread, and homemade cookies of all kinds. The proud husbands of the artists managed to pay a quick visit to the art show during the lunch break to strut proudly before their wives creations.

The art show and refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Everyone looks forward to enjoying another semester of Mrs. Raftery's "School of Fine Arts, South Campus" in the fall.

People on the move~

NEW PLACES

Beattie, Chester M., Jr., from Pers. Off., Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP, to same, Northwest District, WRO
 Bixby, Jack M., from Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy., to same, Everglades NP
 Clark, Jack R., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Flagstaff Group-Montezuma Castle NM, to Pk. Ranger, Lake Mead NRA
 Colville, Donald J., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Statue of Liberty NM, to same, Padre Island NS
 Couraud, Dwayne, from Maintenceman, Canyonlands NP, Arches & Natural Bridges NM, to Foreman II, Trails, Zion NP
 Elliott, Franklin B., from Supv. Civil Engr., Yellowstone NP, to Asst. Supt., Shenandoah NP
 Everhardt, Gary E., from Supv. Civil Engr., SWRO, to Asst. Supt., Yellowstone NP
 Foster, Robert C., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Bryce Canyon NP, to same, Zion NP
 Haddaday, Orlynn J., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Death Valley NM, to Ch. Pk. Nat., Lehman Caves NM
 Krick, Robert K., from Supv. Hist., Ft. McHenry NM & HS, to Mgmt. Asst., Allegheny Portage RR & NHS & Ft. Necessity NB
 Lagerstrom, Paul G., from Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy., to same, Everglades NP
 Licari, Jerome L., from Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to same, Badlands NM
 Olsen, Russell K., from JCCC Dir., WASO, to Asst. Supt., Yosemite NP
 Owens, Harold, from Fiscal Clk. Typing, Zion NP, to same, Southern Utah Group, SWRO
 Sandoval, Jesus S., from Caretaker, White Sands NM, to same, Flagstaff Group-Wupatki NM
 Schaack, James W., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Zion NP, to Pk. Nat., Southern Utah Group, SWRO
 Spiegler, Arthur, from Hist., Allegheny Portage RR NHS & Ft. Necessity NB, to Mgmt. Asst., Ft. McHenry NM & HS
 Spurlock, Robert A., from Mechanic (Heavy Duty), Yosemite NP, to Motorboat Oper., Channel Islands NM
 Williams, Darwin E., from Staff Asst., SFSC to Mgmt. Asst., WSC
 Wilson, James G., from Pk. Ranger, Shenandoah NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Badlands NM
 Wise, John W., from Pk. Ranger, Joshua Tree NM, to Pk. Nat., Catocin Mtn. Park

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Barnes, James S., from Private, Tech. II, U.S. Pk. Police, NCR
 Brown, James R., from Caretaker, George Washington Mem. Pkwy.
 Jones, George M., from Detective, U.S. Pk., Police, NCR
 Whealton, Warren A., Sr., from Maintenceman, National Capital Parks-Central

Silhouette — Dorothy W. James



Dorothy W. James, newly elected employee and alumni chairman of the NPS Women's Organization, is now in her thirty-second year as a Service wife. After spending two years bouncing around with the U.S. Forest Service in the late 30's, Dorothy and Bill, (William C. James) both transferred to the National Park Service.

A graduate of Colorado Women's College (Temple Buell), Denver, and pretty much "a city girl," Dorothy found early park life somewhat rough and rugged. Looking back on it all, though, she believes it has been a very wonderful life. Where else could anyone find such beautiful places to live—and such an outstanding group of people with which to live and associate—than in the National Park Service?

As an NPS wife, her pattern of living has been somewhat unique with respect to "repeat" tours of duty:—San Francisco, Grand Canyon and Rocky Mountain. In each area she has been active in civic affairs—president of the PTA, member of the Church Guild, the Santa Fe Women's Group, and the Estes Park Eastern Star, and Church School and Sunday School teacher.

While her two sons were growing up, she also did her bit with the Cub Scouts and DeMolay. Her oldest son, Phil, is a graduate of Colorado State College and is now employed with the Forest Service. Rich, who graduates from Western State College in Colorado in June, has secured a position with the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Illinois.

A grandmother with two lovely grandchildren, Dorothy loves to play bridge, hike the woods and coastline of California, and she has a continuing interest in the San Francisco Warriors and Giants. The Jameses live at 42 Unionstone Drive, San Rafael, California 94903.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Historian GS-9 plus 5 percent COLA, Christiansted National Historic Site, Virgin Islands National Park. If you are interested and have up-to-date Forms 10-180, 10-181, and 10-182 on file in Washington, you may apply by memorandum through channels to the Branch of Employee Evaluation, WASO, Room 3210. If you have not submitted current forms send them with the memorandum. Applications must reach WASO by June 19, 1969.