

Your Money's Safest In Retirement Fund

Ever been tempted to draw your money out of the retirement fund when you retire or leave Government service? The arguments for leaving it in were given in a recent column in The Washington Post. A retiree has questioned why people were not advised to withdraw the money since it did not earn interest in the fund. He believed he could invest the money in stocks and bonds which would yield handsome dividends. As writers Clopton and Causey pointed out in the article, he could also lose his shirt that way. They continued "The fact is that the retirement fund can't—by law—pay interest on contributions made by employees. But, because agencies match those contributions and because most people live a long time after retirement the majority of them get back much more than they put in." As an example, an employee retiring on

August 19, 1969, would get back 85 percent more in dollars than he contributed to the fund, according to a CSC survey.

CSC Chairman Hampton added his logic for leaving money in the fund. "...The employee who completes five years of civilian service acquires valuable annuity rights which are payable even though he may perform substantially less than a full career of service. He also has the opportunity to provide survivor annuity protection for his spouse when he applies for the deferred annuity benefit. Once his annuity begins the survivor protection would be extended to any eligible children who may survive him. By withdrawing his retirement deductions, he forfeits his right to the annuity—a benefit which may and in most cases continues long after his retirement deductions have been

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PARK RANGERS TO TRAIN WITH PARK POLICE

Six park rangers, one from each region, have been selected to attend the U.S. Park Police Recruit School November 17 through March 20. Participating will be Ivan R. Tolley, Fire Island National Seashore; Guy F. Taylor, Natchez Trace Parkway; Herbert R. Gercke, Natural Bridges National Monument; Wayne E. Welch, Dinosaur National Monument; Kenneth T. Miller, Mount Rainier National Park; and Norman D. Hinson, Catocin Mountain Park.

In 1965 a similar session was conducted but the rangers only attended a condensed version of the training. This time they will participate in the entire 16-week course. During the periods that the curriculum does not apply to ranger work (e.g., D.C. Law), they will be assigned on-the-job experiences with regular park policemen. Such experiences may include watching radar in action, accompanying U.S. Park Police in patrol cars on official beats, pistol range practice, etc. The program will consist of several university courses making up 105 of the 630 hours of the total session. Recruit training includes orientation in academy rules and regulations; a brief study of the history and organization of law enforcement groups; court procedures; patrol and traffic methods; procedures of police investigation; police/public relations; and various field trips to the local law enforcement centers, in addition to the university courses. Upon successful completion of this program, the

trainees will be placed in positions, or be given responsibilities, which will properly utilize their training.

The Director is very much interested in this training effort and hopes to make it a continuing program coordinated by the Branch of Training, WASO, and the Division of Park Operations.

Graduates will be asked to critique the U.S. Park Police training course and offer comments and suggestions concerning its application to problems of law enforcement in the areas of the National Park System. Where feasible, these graduates will also be called upon to train other park rangers in the field of law enforcement based upon the material covered in the park police training course.

Civil Rights Decision Reversed in St. Louis

The first suit under Title VII - Equal Employment Opportunity of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 stemmed from construction of the Arch Visitor Center in St. Louis. The District Court, while acknowledging past discrimination of Negroes, held that "There is no pattern or practice of discrimination in this case since the effective date of the Act."

By Jean Beal



Julie grew up in close association with national parks. Her family visited Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks at least once a year from their home in eastern Idaho. Her parents and grandparents had visited Yellowstone when they were young and the many stories of wagon and buggy travel and the experiences that came with them made the "park" experience an integral part of home. The "Idaho" side of the Tetons was a part of her backyard.

It naturally followed that Julie should meet Roger while working as a "savage" in Yellowstone. Soon she became a voting member of the national park team.

From Yellowstone they moved to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, where the family expanded to include three boys. Then off to assignments in Utah, Oregon and Idaho...all fun and nice in their own special way. While they were at Canyonlands in Utah, a special assignment to Australia came their way. Talk about widening horizons and establishing parameters!

The return from Australia was unsettled, but now the Contors are firm northwesterners at North Cascades, truly a park in every sense of the term. Giant trees, cloudbreaking peaks, snow covered vistas framed with the lacy fronds of cedar or hemlock with their bowed heads. Nearby the ocean offers year-round escape to another charming world especially attractive to the children of the North Cascades staff.

New parks have their disadvantages and the biggest is that Roger is so busy Julie doesn't see much of him. To keep out of mischief, she opened an art studio and gallery in Sedro Woolley, site of temporary park headquarters. This keeps her busy and happy meeting so many interesting people and getting acquainted with the new town.

Julie's main hobbies are painting, sewing, hiking, hunting and horses. In the past few years she has become very interested in dressage riding and finds it can be truly fun and challenging to "ride around in circles" in a training ring. In Utah she had the fun of retraining a retired race horse into a riding and trail animal.

The boys are now ages 9, 10 and 12 — providing ample activities and interests to keep the family on its toes. Julie misses not living in a park and feels a bit out of touch with things. She particularly enjoys corresponding with the areas in the Northwest District and hopes they can all work into a good spirit of communication and friendship.

See Here, Ladies

Kiosk Volunteers



"Where's the moon rock?" "Where do we catch the Tourmobile?" These were a couple of the easier questions for Mrs. Failor and Mrs. Durrer during their tour of duty at the Mall Information Kiosk last fall.

IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME when school's out, NCP-Central has a good supply of college students to man the Information Kiosks throughout the city. But what about those critical weeks in spring and fall when visitors are still flocking to the nation's capital? This is when our park wives really come to the rescue.

This fall, for instance, fifteen NPS ladies volunteered their services in order to keep the Information Kiosks operating on a full schedule—Monday thru Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.—on the Mall and at the Lincoln Memorial. Among the Kiosk Ladies who helped this fall—and also last spring—were:

Mrs. William Rosenberg	Mrs. Lyle McDowell
Mrs. Robert Romanowski	Mrs. Ray Martinez
Mrs. Bob Rose	Mrs. William Bahlman
Mrs. Charles Watson	Mrs. Floyd Ewalt
Mrs. Richard Montgomery	Mrs. Edward Hummel
Mrs. Richard Durrer	Mrs. Stanley Joseph
Mrs. Ralph Lewis	Mrs. Howard Stagner
Mrs. William Failor	

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By — Burt Coale, MWRO

As superintendent of Ozark National Scenic Riverways, David D. Thompson, Jr., is one of the trail-breakers of the National Park Service. The area he heads is a prototype.

The move to preserve wild and unspoiled rivers has been gaining momentum in recent years. A climax was passage of the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act in 1968. By that time, Ozark Riverways already was four years old and Dave Thompson had been its superintendent for a year.

For a man who is helping chart a new course, Dave Thompson's own course into his present occupation has been erratic, to say the least. Along the way he was a fighter pilot, jazz musician, school teacher and car dealer.

The zigzag trail started in Mount Morris, Michigan, where Dave was born on March 27, 1924. His tendency to take off in new directions didn't show up much in Dave's first few years. Two days after war was declared in December 1941, he enlisted in the Army Air Corps and learned to fly, thereby acquiring a passion he still retains.

For Dave Thompson, earning a living turned out to be almost as hazardous as fighting a war. After trying other things, in 1946 he became chief pilot and flight instructor for a flying school in Mount Pleasant, Michigan. He held the job until 1949 when, he says, his students' flying helped him decide to quit the job and finish college.

Dave's path through the academic world naturally was just about as circuitous. From Michigan State College in Lansing he returned to Central Michigan College of Education in Mount Pleasant. After his parents moved to Iowa in 1951, he transferred his credits and 1940 Packard to Fayette, Iowa, and in 1952 completed his B.S. in history at Upper Iowa University.

"Then after bewildering the professors at two graduate schools, namely Iowa State Teacher's College and the University of Iowa," he recalls, "I undertook a four-year stint as a public school teacher in Iowa."

In 1956 a friend who was a seasonal ranger at Effigy Mounds National Monument near McGregor, Iowa, was about to move to Mount Rainier and suggested to Dave he apply for the Effigy job. He did and got it.

Dave stayed on as a seasonal at Effigy until 1958. During an inspection trip down the Mississippi with then Midwest Regional Director Howard Baker, it was suggested Dave make the National Park Service a permanent career. The idea sounded good, so he resigned his teaching job and shipped off to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine in Baltimore as a park historian. From there he moved to Manassas National Battlefield Park where the reenactment of the Battle of First Manassas gave him his first opportunity for research in depth.



"By the spring of 1962, I had left the cannonball circuit and arrived at Mount Rushmore in South Dakota," he remembers. "I was just getting my feet on the ground as chief historian there when I was offered the position of chief research historian at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial."

In St. Louis, Dave assisted in completion of a research project and exhibit plans for the Museum of Westward Expansion, and also found himself deep in the planning and development of interpretive programs.

When his next move came, in 1965, it was to the Midwest Regional Office in Omaha, Nebraska, as interpretive specialist. Later he became regional chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services. The call to Ozark National Scenic Riverways came in 1967.

Dave still keeps alive old interests. One, of course, is flying which he does in his own small plane. Another is music. As far back as high school, he had played saxophone and clarinet in a dance band. One night in Detroit in 1941 he sat in with Jack Teagarden's band. Later, when the regular tenor sax man was sidelined by illness, Dave filled in for several months with Teagarden. He played with Armed Service bands later and, following the war, in college combos. The hottest combo in the neighborhood today is composed of Dave; a local music teacher who plays the drums, (and who in her spare time is Mrs. Thompson); a Van Buren, Missouri, motel operator; a power company representative; and the school band director.

One reason Fay Thompson joined her husband in the band may well be that it is one of the few opportunities she has to see him. Among other things he is NPS State Coordinator for Missouri, vice president of the local Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Van Buren Rotary Club.

Fay and Dave have one daughter, Vicki Jo, who this year is a senior in high school.

People on the move—

NEW PLACES

Badour, Marguerite M., from Clk. Steno., Mount McKinley NP, to same, Alaska Cluster
 Breedlove, Bailey O., from Pk. Planner, Mount McKinley NP, to same, Alaska Cluster
 Catalano, Kathleen M., from Hist., Horace T. Albright TC, to same, Independence NHP
 Clark, William D., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Antietam NBS&C, to same, Death Valley NM
 Curran, Earle G., from Pk. Ranger, Padre Island NS, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Death Valley NM
 Evans, Marshall B., from Mgmt. Asst., Crater Lake NP, to same, Klamath Falls Cluster
 Franklin, Joe C., from Training Instr., Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Maintenance Supv., North Cascades NP
 Forsell, Warner M., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Isle Royale NP, to same, North Cascades NP
 Haman, Jon F., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Mesa Verde NP, to Pk. Nat., Grand Canyon NP
 Hernandez, Felix, III, from Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC, to same, Hawaii Volcanoes NP
 Long, Arnold J., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy., to same, Grand Portage NM
 McComb, Philip K., from Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP, to same, Canyonlands NP
 Miller, Kenneth T., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Mount Rainier NP, to Pk. Ranger, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP
 Peterson, Richard R., from Admin. Asst., Rocky Mtn. NP, to Proc. & Prop. Mgmt. Asst., Redwood NP
 Prasil, Richard G., from Mgmt. Biologist, Mount McKinley NP, to same, Alaska Cluster
 Smith, Steven Q., from Pk. Nat., George Washington Mem. Pkwy., to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Prince William Forest Pk.
 Taylor, Victor A., from Gen. Supply Asst., Canyonlands NP, to Proc. & Prop. Mgmt. Asst., North Cascades NP

JOINING THE ALUMNI

Peters, George M., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Mount Rainier NP
 Sager, Gertrude C., from Sec. Typing, SFSC

Names of the one hundred NPS employees who took advantage of the pre-October 31st retirement benefits offered by the Daniels-McGee bill will be listed in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

Retirement Funds

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returned to him in the form of annuity (and possible survivor annuity payments).” That’s a pretty convincing argument for keeping money in the fund, interest or not.

If you’re not sure what you are entitled to under the retirement system, please read your Certificate of Membership or check with your Personnel Office for the facts.

Kiosk Volunteers

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Ladies in the Washington area who want to volunteer for duty at Information Kiosks next spring are urged to contact the Office of Interpretation and Visitor Services at NPS-Central (Telephone 381-7315).

Volunteers are not expected to work more than one day a week, and to make their assignments even more enjoyable, parking space will be provided at NCP headquarters and from here all volunteers will be driven to their place of work. Remember, the bigger our pool of volunteers, the more kiosks that can be operated during the “off season,” and, hence, the more information service we can supply to Washington visitors.

Civil Rights Decision

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The United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit on September 16, 1969, reversed the decision of the District Court and remanded it to the lower court for action consistent with their decision. The Court of Appeals held that:

When the Attorney General initiates a suit, he must prove the existence of a “pattern or practice of discrimination.” The Act, in our view, permits the use of evidence of statistical probability to infer the existence of a pattern or practice of discrimination.

Ed. Note: The reversal by the Court of Appeals, and in particular, the last sentence above, makes this a landmark decision. As a footnote of history, it is interesting to note that the Equal Opportunity decision (reversed) and the Dred Scott decision both occurred in St. Louis, Missouri.

Missing Newsletters

Attention, Newsletter Collectors! We’re trying to round up several complete sets of the Newsletter for permanent binding and find that we’re missing quite a few. Would you please check your files and see if you have a copy of any of the following issues that you wouldn’t mind dedicating to posterity. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks. Ed.

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