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Your roving editors take a lot of pictures, many of which don't always appear in the NEWSLETTER or COURIER. Here are a few from our files. How many do you recognize? Names are on page 7.



A PARK'S EYE VIEW OF SAN FRANCISCO

By Loretta DeLozier



An artist at the Oakland Museum shows trainees how she makes her realistic displays. Left to right are : Dwight Storke, Ron Sanchez and Frank Ackerman.



One of the high points of the trip was when the class, named after Dan Tobin (retired director of the Northeast Region), had a picnic with the Tobin family. Shown, left to right are: Lon Garrison, director of the Albright Academy; Dan and Irma Tobin; sons Chuck (maintenance supervisor at Yellowstone and member of the class) and Jim (associate director of the Western Region).

There are lots of ways to see San Francisco, from the glitter of China Town and Fisherman's Wharf to the Top of the Mark—or the top of any hill high enough to provide a glimpse of the bay. (There's even a nice view from San Quentin, if being around all that fortress-yellow doesn't depress you.)

However, there's another way to see San Francisco, the way the

trainees in the Introduction to Park Operations class from the Albright Training Academy do during their urban field trip.

More than just glitter, they see San Francisco at work and in its parks and playgrounds.

They visit and meet with people from all levels of parks and recreation—national, state, regional, city and private. Then meet local government officials and tour museums, such as the Oakland Museum. They see different methods used for interpretation, environmental education, protection, maintenance, transportation, planning and community relations—particularly as these are used in an urban environment.

(Only half the class visits San Francisco; the other half tours either Los Angeles or San Diego. The basic purpose of the trip, however, remains the same, and trainees benefit doubly as they share their experience back at Albright.)

The following is an on-the-scene photo report of the class's recent field trip to San Francisco; a few of the places and people they visited; and some of the things they learned along the way.

(Special thanks goes to Public Affairs Specialist Ed Pilley and others in the Western Regional Office who helped organize the trip—and who made it such a success.)

CITY PARKS FOR CITY PEOPLE

"Any place children gather and play we call a recreation area," said Mike Morton, district manager for the Oakland City Parks and Recreation Department. (Trainees toured city parks in both San Francisco and Oakland.)

"Before you can understand recreation in our district, you have to understand the problems of the people living here. For instance, 74.1 percent of the population are on fixed incomes (social security, welfare, etc.) We have 6000 senior citizens."

Mike said his staff visits the homes in the area to get neighborhood participation. "Ours is a year-round program. Seventy percent of it is centered on sports. We also have crafts, music and drama—activities for all ages."



Park Ranger Donna Symms is a swinger—at one of San Francisco's city parks.

Tom Malloy, executive assistant for the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department, outlined the problems and needs of the city's 120 parks. Like Oakland, San Francisco has several mini-parks—small plots of land, often wedged between buildings, with playground equipment for neighborhood children.

"We need more local participation and improved maintenance," Tom said. "Our problems are too little money, too much vandalism, a lack of equipment and over population."

"Like many park systems today, we've had to branch out to the business community for funds. A new group, 'Friends of San Francisco Recreation and Parks,' was just formed to help get more money and support."

Why Regional Parks?

"We're not in the tourist industry," declared Chris Nelson, chief interpreter for the East Bay Regional Parks. "Our job is to offer a large open space close enough so that local people can drive there in an hour, do some fishing or hiking, and then go home the same day."

The East Bay regional park system contains 26,000 acres within two counties. Activities include archery and firearms target shooting, horseback riding, hiking, fishing and swimming. Interpretation programs include nature walks, lectures, puppet shows and tours of a miniature farm.

Shown in the picture is the Old Wharf Classroom at Alameda Beach. Converted from a hospital ward, it contains old maps, lanterns, a cut-away display of the bay and seats made of kegs and packing cases. It is used for ecol-

ogy and other classes throughout the year. "We felt that kids should come to a different type of classroom when they come out here," Chris explained.

East Bay parks are financed through property taxes. Their major expenses are for salaries and for

land purchase and maintenance.

"Recreation needs have been growing three times the population rate," he continued. "The trend is toward more regional concern for parks. More and more regional parks are being set up all over the country."



Chief Interpreter Chris Nelson talks to trainees in the Old Wharf Classroom at Alameda Beach, one of East Bay Regional Parks.



Trainee Bob Butterfield at Muir Woods National Monument.

Ben Brown (in the foreground) and other trainees look over North Beach, at Point Reyes National Seashore.



Visiting

The class visited three NPS areas, all within a short drive of San Francisco: Point Reyes National Seashore, Muir Woods National Monument and John Muir National Historic Site. They also toured sites planned for inclusion in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area.

"Many people think of a seashore only as a beach," said Doris Omundson, information specialist at Point Reyes. "There's so much here. We have four types of vegetation; 300 species of birds; woods and hills; several natural fresh water lakes; a large roadless area; and a tremendous variety of trails."

Doris and Chief Ranger Phil Ward gave the group a tour of the park. Phil said that visitor centers and interpretive programs serve over 200,000 annual visitors, mostly from urban home environments. Much of the park is still under private ownership. All horse and bicycle rentals are handled outside the park, and no car camping is allowed within it. A unique feature is a private oyster farm which is open for tours by school groups. "So many kids don't know where their food comes from," Doris explained. "This is a part of their environmental education."

Muir Woods

"Good development is often the best protector of the resource where public use is heavy," said Marvin Hershey, chief of interpretation and resources management at Muir Woods. His resource is, of course, the giant redwood trees contained within the park.

"Our best protection is this little fence," he said, pointing to the new wood fencing which edges the wide asphalt trails through the trees. Last year a braille trail was added and 150 new redwoods were planted in the park.

Also at Muir Woods, trainees discussed the role of state parks

NATIONAL PARKS



John Muir National Historic Site.

with Bill Allison, area manager for the Golden Gate Area, California State Beaches and Parks. Afterwards they visited Stinson Beach, a state facility.

John Muir NHS

John Muir National Historic Site is located next to a freeway and a railroad, in the midst of an urban area with huge power lines and the constant drone of traffic. The home of John Muir ("The Father of the National Park Service"), it was once a huge ranch with orchards and vineyards. Only the exterior of the house has been restored.

"Our purpose is to tell the story of John Muir as a great conservationist, and not just to show off a house," said Pete Allen, park technician. Superintendent Roger Siglin agreed and added, "We can't do any further restoration until our \$300,000 ceiling on development is lifted."

Roger said that the site is part of the San Francisco Bay Group and that he reports to John Sansing, superintendent of Point Reyes.

Golden Gate NRA

Although Golden Gate National Recreation area doesn't yet exist (plans have been waiting approval for a year), the class toured sites which might be included within it. "Our real purpose is to save the open space that's here," said Doug

Cornell, an architect/planner on the Golden Gate Study Team.

"We've gotten some really innovative ideas. Our plan is to design for people to use the parks within the framework of their own life styles." (A report on some of these innovative ideas will appear in a future issue of the NEWSLETTER.)

Trainee's Wives are VIP's

While their husbands attend the 36th Introduction to Park Operations Course (and tour San Francisco or Los Angeles), these three women work as Volunteers in Parks (VIP's) at the Grand Canyon.

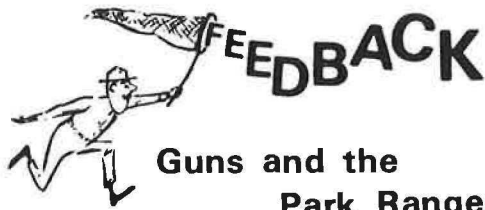
Barry Fink (left) works at the Grand Canyon visitor center and collects fees, among other duties. She serves two four-hour shifts a week. (Her husband is trainee Bill Fink).

Jan Krambrink (center) wife of trainee John Krambrink, spends every morning helping to reorganize the Training Academy's library.

She also spends two afternoons a week helping in the visitor center.

Dollie Cox (right) was one of the first VIP's. She has been busy updating the photographic files and working at the Painted Desert Visitor Center at Petrified Forest. Her husband, Tom, has been with NPS ten years, is chief of Resource Management at Petrified Forest and is now at the Training Center. The Coxes will return to Petrified Forest the end of December, and Dollie will resume her VIP duties there three hours a day, twice a week.





Guns and the Park Ranger

Dear Editor:

Larry Clark's letter in the Nov. 15 issue of the Newsletter is sure to draw the interest and praise or ire of many in the NPS. Although I may not completely agree with the tone of the letter I, and I would guess a vast majority of the field Rangers, will agree with most of the thoughts and opinions expressed.

I have worn a revolver, mace, handcuffs and full police leather as standard uniform for approximately four years. I have found that the only people who question or so much as look at the equipment around my waist are employees of the NPS, visitors who travel in and utilize NPS areas extensively and the criminal element.

When visitors ask about the equipment I find being able to explain why it is worn invariably draws comments such as: "It's too bad, but I guess it's necessary" and "I'm glad to see you wearing guns. I think you have a right to defend yourselves." I have also found that wearing professional equipment in a professional manner will not detract from the uniform.

Very few of us joined the NPS to be law enforcement officers. No one loves to hunt and fish more than I do but the time has come for the NPS family to realize that our visitors are not all the old time "love the parks" types.

Fortunately most of our visitors are peaceful and law abiding and we welcome them. Some are not. I have been assaulted twice while on duty and have arrested a lot more felons than I especially care to remember. I've been called pig, tree fuzz and a lot of other names.

I've also found lost kids, rapped with kids for hours about drugs and their problems, assisted confused senior citizens and put in one heck of a lot of uncompensated overtime because I like people and my job. These things are the daily fare

of all the field Rangers. Ask them. They're the ones who know where it's at!

Douglas A. Barnard
Park Ranger
Lake Mead National Recreation Area

No Goggles?

Dear Editor:

Regarding the Nov. 15 Newsletter YCC article and specifically the photo showing the stove restoration—the "challenge" for Mike, 17, could very well be how to function in the future with impaired eye sight. Using a wire brush attachment (most likely) with an electric drill, in THAT position, WITHOUT GOGGLES, if not "outa sight" certainly is inviting just that.

John B. Sage
Landscape Architect
Denver Service Center

Herb Martin, director of the YCC camp at Harpers Ferry, explains: "We goofed pictorially. During the actual work on the project Mike wore his safety goggles. However, photographic coverage was performed by YCCers who asked Mike to remove his goggles because they could not see his face. Safety was a major concern of both trainees and staff so the photo was misleading."

Yosemite-Not So New, After All

Dear Editor:

I was quite interested to read about "Yosemite Finds A Way" in your November 1 issue. I was somewhat pleased to see what is being done in the interpretive field; in large measure, I suppose, because most of it had a familiar ring to me.

You see, back in the 1930's and 1940's we also held informal campfires in Yosemite (ask Carl Sharsmith), and also in some of the other parks, where we discussed

various park problems. We didn't restrict it to youth, however. In Yosemite we also had a ranger—Uncle Billy Nelson—who helped the campers and was a "general problem-solver" along with his horse Sheik.

We also had conducted walks from the Yosemite Lodge for older people (and younger ones too). Yosemite had a school for young people—the "Junior Ranger School"—and it was quite successful.

We also had guided bike tours of Yosemite Valley (I enjoyed leading them). We had a number of hikes to such places as the top of Yosemite Falls, Half Dome and Glacier Point—all attracting large numbers of young people. In fact, the one up the old Ledge Trail to Glacier Point became so popular it had to be discontinued—too many hikers!

We had special walks that drew large numbers of visitors—bird, geology and flower walks. We had Indian cultural demonstrations in the garden back of the old museum—shades of Tabuce. Informal talks at on-site assignments were commonplace.

Oh, yes, in cooperation with the Curry Company, Park Service personnel even demonstrated evening folk dancing. What happened to all these programs—at Yosemite and elsewhere? That is still a tender subject with some of us.

Thus, this latest program in Yosemite, while it contains some activities that we oldsters didn't do, does sound very familiar in many aspects. Perhaps you should have tilted your article "Yosemite Finds a Way—Back—With Some Modern Additions."

In closing, it might also be worth noting that demonstrations on mountain climbing and fire control were practiced in more than one area. Also that Yosemite had a "Yosemite School of Field Natural History" that was quite successful. But enough. I congratulate Ken Thelen and his group for helping to bring the parks back to the people—even though I don't subscribe 100% to everything being done!

Russ Grater
NPS Retired

No Hard Hat?

Dear Editor:

We feel the cover picture on the Nov. 1, 1971 NPS Newsletter is ridiculous so far as safety procedures are concerned. It seems to be a poor picture to be on the face of a service publication at a time when the National Park Service is to "Zero in on Safety."

Although we realize the picture was posed, it should have been done with at least a hard hat, adequate foot gear and belay line.

Perhaps the Newsletter should add a safety committee member to prevent publication of flagrant safety violations.

Ronald V. Trussell
Acting Superintendent
Bryce Canyon NP, Utah

You are right. It was posed. The object was to show the various types of activities being offered to Yosemite visitors. Although this particular climber was only five feet off the ground, he should have been photographed with proper gear.

Dick Marks, Chief Ranger and Safety Officer at Yosemite when this photo was taken, says "Demonstrators should be properly equipped at all times. Both the fire fighting and rock climbing demonstrators did use correct equipment when showing their techniques to the public. It was unfortunate that the VIP pictured did not have on his hard hat, Vibram soled shoes and belay rope, all of which he used in his actual demonstrations."

Holiday Photo Faces (From Page 1)

1) Roy Graybill, Pacific NW;
2) Bob Garvey, WASO; 3) Ernie Escalante, Tuzigoot; 4) LaVerne Cook, WRO; 5) Meredith Guillet, Mesa Verde.

6) John Lissimore, William H. Taft NHS; 7) Lee DeRossi, Yellowstone; 8) Sheila O'Dea, NCP; 9) Herb Evison, Retired; 10) Don Robinson, SERO.

11) Kate Richie, George Washington Parkway; 12) Bob Krick, Fort Necessity; 13) Ro Richert, SW

Archeological Center; 14) Lucille Almquist, Boston Group; 15) Jo Puckett, Canyon de Chelly.

16) Eugene Fraber, Brentwood, NCP; 17) Captain Jerry Wells, US Park Police; 18) Gordon Le Garde, Grand Portage; 19) Pervy Smith, Grand Canyon; 20) Ed Trout, Horse-shoe Bend.

21) Paul Schumacher, WRO; 22) Ed Nichols, Montezuma Castle; 23) Retha Condriff, Platt; 24) Frank Caresia, Grand Teton; 25) Charles Clapper, Denver Service Center; 26) Glen Gray, Saugus Iron Works. 27) R. D. Jeffery, Yosemite.

Under our hat

NEED BOOKS AVAILABLE: New environmental lesson books, "Adventure in Environment," are available from the Silver Burdett Company, Morristown, New Jersey 07960. Two of the books are for pupil use (one for the classroom and the other—small enough to slip into a jacket pocket—for outside). The third book is a teacher's guide.

TEST DATES FOR SUMMER JOBS:

The Civil Service Commission has announced test dates for 1972 summer jobs in federal agencies. Applications received by Jan. 7 will be tested Feb. 12; applications received by Feb. 2 will be tested Mar. 11. Applications postmarked after Feb. 2 will not be accepted. Complete information is in the CSC Announcement No. 414, Summer Jobs in Federal Agencies, available from any area office of CSC, major post offices, college placement offices or from CSC, Washington, D.C. 20415.

MEBANE & ELLIS NOMINATED:

Alan Mebane, environmental education specialist for the Southeast Region, and Vincent Ellis, assistant director for park support services for the Southeast Region, have been nominated for the 1972 American Motors Conservation Award.

GOODBYE MR. BILL: Harthon "Spud" Bill, NPS deputy director, has retired after over 35 years with the Park Service. "We don't let anyone out of the Park Service—you take a continuing role," said Director Hartzog at Spud's retirement party on December 8. He presented Spud with a sculpture made of a huge block of obsidian from Yellowstone, on a block of redwood from Redwood National Park. "There's stability here and a lot of other things," Spud said. "That's all I can say. You've touched me."

COURSE CHANGES AND NEW BOOK FOR TRAINING:

The Division of Training has cancelled the following courses: Law Enforcement Mgmt. Seminar, 12/12-17/71; Environmental Interp., 1/10-14/72; Park Mgmt., 1/31-2/4/72; Orient. to Service Operations, 2/7-18/72; Ecol. Fact. in Pk. Mgmt., 2/21-25/72; and Living History, 4/17-28/72. "We have been directed to assume the salary, training and travel costs of 34 technicians eligible for conversion to the park ranger series this fiscal year, explained Frank Goodell, chief of the division. "This was an unbudgeted and unforeseen expense which can be absorbed only through course cancellations and other cost reduction measures."

Frank also said that the new training catalog is now being distributed. Undated, it contains course descriptions and application procedures applicable through 1973. A four page insert will announce course dates and locations and will be updated from time to time. Offices needing more copies should contact their region office or the Division of Training, Harpers Ferry Center, telephone (304) 535-6224 or 6215.

"We recommend that copies of the new booklet be distributed to each supervisor for use in employee development and counseling," Frank said.



People On The Move

New Faces

Allen, Raymond R., to Cartographic Tech., ESC
 Despain, Don G., to Research Biologist, Yellowstone NP
 Knowles, Paul H., to Mining Engineer, WASO
 Purkerson, L., Lee, to Research Biologist, WASO
 Scown, Roy John, to Civil Engineer, Jefferson Nat'l. Expansion Memorial

New Places

Bainbridge, James L., from Civil Engineer, ESC, to same, SERO
 Baker, Harry L., from Landscape Architect, to same, Rocky Mountain NP & Shadow Mountain NRA
 Barclay, Virginia F., to Clk. Typist (DMT) ESC
 Barrette, Betty M., from Clk. Steno., ESC, to same, SERO
 Baynes, Randall K., from Pk. Tech., to Pk. Ranger, NCP-Antietam-C & O Canal NPS Group
 Bohnet, Barron H., from Landscape Architect, ESC, to Pk. Ranger, NERO
 Bryant, Jeannette R., from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, SERO
 Claybrooks, Claudette M., from Clk. Typist, ESC, to same, WASO
 Creighton, John S., from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, SERO
 Delaney, Dyrel P., from Appraiser, ESC, to same, SERO
 Dilonardo, Kathleen L., from Pk. Ranger, Ft. Pulaski NM, to Pk. Manager, Ft. Caroline NM
 Elswick, Patricia Ann, from Staffing Clk. (Typing), NCP, to same, WASO
 Engles, George F., from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, SERO
 Forester, Brown N., from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, SERO
 Gagnon, Joseph L., from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, SERO
 Greenberg, William A., from Legal Asst., ESC, to same, SERO
 Harbert, Stephen R., from Appraiser, ESC, to same, SERO
 Hermance, Ronald E., from Engineering Tech., ESC, to same, SERO
 Hill, Warren H., to Supt., Home of FDR and Vanderbilt Mansion

Johnston, Thomas H., Jr., from Civil Engineer, ESC, to same, SERO
 Jones, Thomas R., from Architect, ESC, to same, SERO
 Knopf, Frances, from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, NCP
 Kummings, William W., from Legal Asst. (Gen.), ESC, to same, SERO
 Levine, Abe, from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, SERO
 Ley, Frederick, Jr., from Landscape Architect, ESC, to same, SERO
 Maxfield, Maurice K., from Realty Spec., ESC, to same, SERO
 Medwick, Emma, from Realty Asst., ESC, to same, SERO
 Morgan, Billy F., from Landscape Architect, ESC, to same, SERO
 Nix, Francis A., from Hydraulic Engineer, ESC, to same, SERO
 Panton, Robert J., from Realty Ofc., ESC, to same, SERO
 Piehl, Thomas W., from Appraiser, ESC, to same, SERO
 Pierce, John L., from Appraiser, ESC, to same, SERO
 Rayburn, Finus T., to Appraiser, ESC
 Scanlon, Carole T., from Pk. Programs Spec., WASO, to Pk. Ranger, Independence NHP
 Sheppard, Grace A., from Clk. (Fiscal), ESC, to same, SERO
 Sipes, Dale B., from Const. and Maintenance Supv., NCP, to Maintenance Supv., NCP-Antietam
 Smith, Harding L., from Appraiser, ESC, to same, SERO
 St. John, Kenneth P., Jr., from Pk. Ranger, Vicksburg NMP, to Supervisory Pk. Ranger, Shenandoah NP

Stokes, Richard A., from Pk. Ranger (Mgmt. Asst.), ESC, to same, SERO

Out of the Traces

Bassan, Jacob, from Statistician (General), WASO
 Brooks, Ernest, from Pk. Guide, Mammoth Cave NP
 Gray, George Thomas, Jr., from File Clk., ESC
 Hayes, Carolyn, from Clk. Typist, ESC
 Lynch, Michael L., from Realty Specialist, WASO
 Martinez, Ray G., from Chief, Procurement/Contracting/Property Management & General Services, ESC
 Maxson, Jean L., from Clk. Steno., Yellowstone NP
 Meredith, Loyd G., from Pk. Technician, Mammoth Cave NP
 Miller, Alma J., from Personnel Clk., ESC
 Nelsen, Alice E., from Clk. Typist, NCP
 Petillo, John, from Teacher, Mammoth Cave NP
 Rhea, Deloris E., from Clk. Typist, Cowpens NBS
 Robinson, Cyrus D., from Civil Engineer, ESC
 Schroeder, Richard K., from Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP
 Segeren, John A., from Exhibits Specialist (General), Harpers Ferry Center
 Symes, Nancy L., from Personnel Staffing Specialist
 Thompson, Linda L., from Clk. Typist, ESC
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