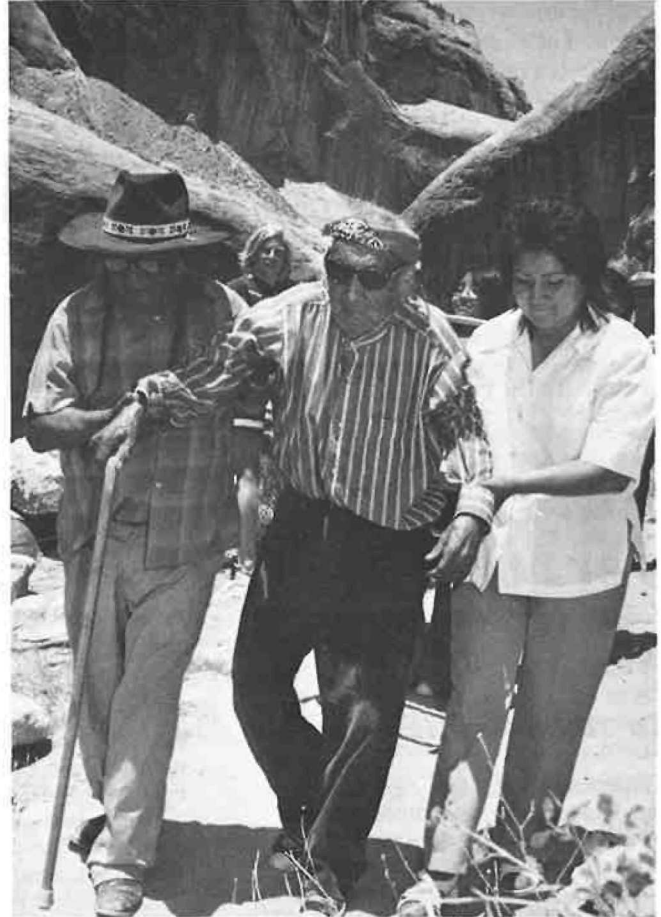




*Lynn Thompson, NPS Rocky Mountain Regional director presents Jim Mike a letter of appreciation and the \$50 guide fee.*



*Jim Mike, 100-year-old Piute Indian, is assisted up Rainbow Bridge Trail by his son, Billie Mike, and great-granddaughter, Mary Jane Yazzie at recognition ceremony.*

## *Park Service honors Indian who led explorers to Rainbow Bridge*

**By James Harpster, Public Affairs Officer, RMRO**

Nearly three-quarters of a century ago, an Indian youth, seeking pasture for the horses he was herding, nimbly picked his way through a red sandstone gorge and stopped short, awed by the massive arch that rose in the distance.

The youngster they called Mike's Boy had just seen for the first time the colossus among the world's

known natural bridges: Nonnezoshe, the rainbow turned to stone.

Recently, the National Park Service honored the now white-haired, Piute Indian for his role in helping to guide what is believed to be the first party of white explorers to the site of Rainbow Bridge in the late summer of 1909.

Now known as Jim Mike, and be-

lieved to be nearing his 101st birthday, he is one of two known surviving members of the group that located the towering arch that was declared a National Monument in 1910. The other survivor is Neil M. Judd of Silver Spring, Md., then a young student assistant to Dr. Byron Cummings, a University

*Continued on Page 5*

# ***LaCovey assumes concessions post***

Imogene B. LaCovey, a career National Park Service employee, has been appointed assistant director for Concessions Management.

Mrs. LaCovey will oversee for NPS the operations of the 343 private companies which provide a wide range of services in 86 of the 298 National Park System areas. These services include lodging and dining facilities, bus and horseback tours, marina services, and the newly-instituted reservation system for campsites in 21 park areas.

The appointment makes Mrs. LaCovey the first woman member of the National Park Service directorate.

She joined the Service as a clerk-stenographer in 1935 and joined the Concessions Management Division as a clerk in 1953. In 1957, she was named a contract assistant. Successive promotions brought her to positions as a concessions analyst and, in 1973, chief of the Division of Concessions Management.

Mrs. LaCovey's entire government career has been with the National Park Service. She has received four performance awards, including the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award in 1967.

A native of Tulsa, Oklahoma, she married August J. LaCovey in 1937. They have three children.



*LaCovey*

## ***Service Intake Program decentralized***

### ***New examination to replace FSEE***

Responsibility for operation of the Intake Program, through which professional employees in the Park Ranger/Park Management (025 Series) are hired and developed, has been transferred from the Washington office to the field.

The program has also been expanded to include trainees for professional positions in park management, administration, maintenance, service center specialties, and other professional occupations.

Regional offices will operate all portions of the program except those applicable to engineers, architects, landscape architects, and other occupational specialties unique to the Denver Service Center (DSC), which will be operated by DSC. All program participants will follow an Individual Development Plan (IDP), graduating upon completion of the training and development experiences specified in the plan. All participants will also attend the "Introduction to Park Operations" course at Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon NP, Ariz.

Maintenance trainee positions will be programmed for regions for which training proposals are submitted by the parks and approved by regional offices.

Participants in the park ranger portion of the program include all employees newly appointed by the field to fill vacant park ranger positions. The field unit is responsible for preparation and implementation of the development plan essential to employees satisfying requirements for the GS-9 journeyman level.

Applicants eligible for transfer or reinstatement may apply to the regions or DSC under "Standing Application File" procedures. Their applications will be kept and considered for one year as vacancies are filled.

Any person who would have to be appointed from a Civil Service register should keep his or her eligibility current and have it maintained in the Civil Service office that services the geographical area in which that person wishes to be considered. Persons in this category who are interested in park ranger or administrative trainee positions and have current Federal Service Entrance Examination (FSEE) eli-

gibility, will remain on the Civil Service register through December 1974. If they desire eligibility after that date, they will be required to pass the Professional and Administrative Careers Examination (PACE), a new Civil Service examination which will replace FSEE.

PACE will be announced in late October 1974, with the first examination scheduled for late November. After November 1974, PACE examinations will be given once each in January, February, March, April, and May 1975. It has not yet been determined whether the PACE examination will be given after May. This will depend on the number of available applicants on the register at that time. Persons desiring eligibility under PACE will be required to apply for the examination and be scheduled by the Civil Service Commission as to time and place.

Inquiries concerning vacancies or details of operational procedures of any program area should be directed to DSC, to the appropriate regional training officer or—for Washington, D.C. employees—to the appropriate personnel generalist in the Branch of Personnel Operations, WASO.

# Bethune Memorial unveiled



*Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial,*

Washington, D.C. is a city of many statues and memorials. But nowhere in the Nation's Capital until July 10 was there a statue on public land in honor of a woman. Now there is a memorial to a woman, a black woman—Mary McLeod Bethune, who founded the National Council of Negro Women and was an advisor to four Presidents.

Dedication ceremonies were held July 10 at the Bethune Memorial in Washington's Lincoln Park which

lies in the center of a residential neighborhood about 10 blocks from the U.S. Capitol.

Interior Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton spoke at the morning ceremonies.

"All of us who are gathered here today are the beneficiaries of her tireless spirit and example. This occasion represents the culmination of unceasing efforts by committed individuals and groups who have worked together for many years to construct an appropriate

tribute to a truly monumental, inspiring woman," Secretary Morton said.

NPS Deputy Director Russell E. Dickenson presided as master of ceremonies.

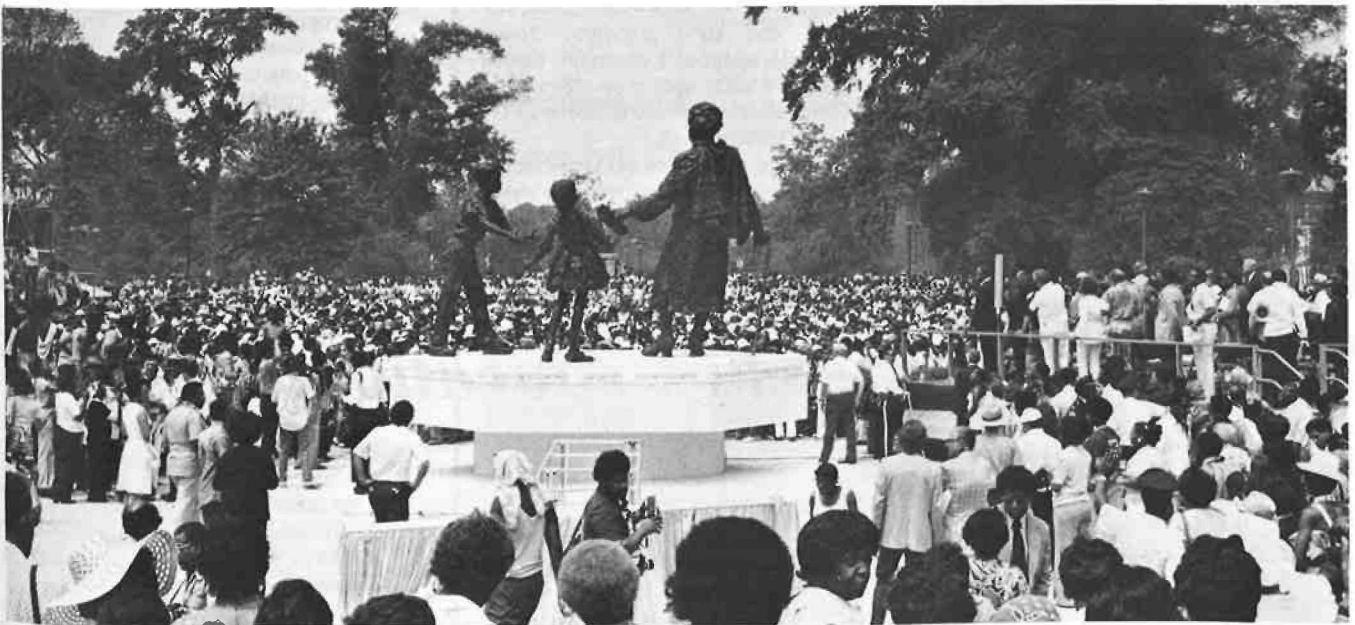
Born to slave parents, Mary Bethune contributed her expertise on a range of issues to four U.S. Presidents—Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, and Harry Truman. Coolidge first invited her to the White House in 1928 to participate in a conference on child welfare. Under FDR she was director of the Division of Negro Affairs in the National Youth Administration.

She was also a special assistant to the Secretary of War for the selection of minority candidates for the first Officers' Candidate School for WACs. During the '30's she was the only woman in President Roosevelt's unofficial "Black Cabinet."

She founded the Bethune-Cookman college in Daytona Beach, Fla. in 1904.

Dr. Bethune, "the distinguished educator, humanitarian, church-woman and First Lady of her Race" would have been 99 on the day of the dedication. She died in 1955.

The statue, by sculptor Robert Berks, shows Dr. Bethune handing her last will and testament to two children.



*A crowd estimated to be nearly a hundred thousand attended the Mary McLeod Bethune Memorial dedication ceremonies in Lincoln Park, which is administered by National Capital Parks.*

## **Leets-Kow reappears at Nez Perce**

The first leets-kow (basket hat) to be made on the Nez Perce Reservation in more than 70 years was recently completed by Mrs. Ida Blackeagle.

Mrs. Blackeagle is a cultural demonstrator at the Spalding site of Nez Perce National Historical Park, Ida. She has been doing cornhusk weaving since she was a child, but has not made leets-kows before.

The basket hat dates back to aboriginal times in the Northwest and was once a common item of dress for many Indian women.

These hats were originally woven of beargrass and hemp but the coming of the white farmer saw cornhusk replace the beargrass and colored yarn used for designs.

Using earlier leets-kows as examples, Mrs. Blackeagle completed her first hat, using cornhusk and yarn, in 80 hours.



**Loretta Lawrence, Nez Perce student trainee, models Leets-kow.**

## **Second World Conference proceedings published**

A 504-page compilation of the proceedings of the "Second World Conference on National Parks" has been published by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) on behalf of the National Parks Centennial Commission.

The book, which will be published in English, French and Spanish, summarizes the discussions of the delegates to the Second World Conference on National Parks held Sept. 18-27, 1972 at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. The French and Spanish editions are slated for publication later this year.

Distribution will be made to all participants (from 82 countries) in the conference. In addition copies will go to about 350 libraries in the U.S. and Canada, some members of congress, conservation organizations (worldwide) and to NPS field offices. The State Department will send a copy to each U.S. em-

bassy abroad and it will be on hand in U.S. Information Agency libraries.

The IUCN publication contains all of the background papers of the conference.

NPS employees deeply involved in the publication of the book include former deputy secretaries general Gordon Fredine and Bob Standish and Vince Gleason of Harpers Ferry Center who handled graphics.

Copies will also be available for sale through the IUCN in Morges, Switzerland for \$10.

## **Hazardous duty pay authorized some employees**

Environmental differentials may be paid to wage grade employees who are exposed to certain hazards, physical hardship and working conditions of an unusually severe nature.

Supervisors who believe their employees may be entitled to such differential pay should submit a detailed description of the work situation together with a list of employees affected by name, title, series, grade and salary rate to the regional personnel officer. Such submissions should be through proper channels.

The regional personnel officer will then decide whether such payment should be made, according to Associate Director for Administration, J. Leonard Norwood.

## **Federal Women sponsor seminars**

The first in a series of six monthly seminars sponsored by the Federal Women's Program Committee was held July 30 in Washington, D.C.

At the first session, Jeanne Randall, chief of Personnel Operations, WASO, spoke on "Personnel Generalists and Their Role in Career Development."

Topics for future sessions include training, EEO, incentive awards, upward mobility and job restructuring.

## **Cookbook enriches educational fund**

Through their diligence, a group of Western Regional Office employees has raised about \$10,000 on behalf of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service for the association's Educational Aid Fund.

The sum was raised through the sale of "What's Cooking in Our National Parks," a cookbook of fa-

vorite recipes contributed by employees and spouses from the parks and monuments of the Western Region.

Anne Walker, the Director's wife, also provided a recipe--for noodle casserole.

Almost 5,000 of the cookbooks have been sold. The initial printing will be 25,000.

Region committee members are Peggy Rolandson, chairperson; Catherine Hjort, Milton, "Murph" Kolipinshi, Ronald Replogle, David Hughes, Harry Sloat and Charles Adams.

Loans from the Educational Aid Fund are made to the children of NPS employees.

## Jim Mike

Continued From Page 1

of Utah professor who is generally credited with the first recorded viewing of Rainbow Bridge by a white man.

Jim Mike joined a group of National Park Service officials at Rainbow Bridge on June 18 for the recognition that was 65 years in coming.

He was presented a special citation, a letter from Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton, and a check for \$50 as belated payment for the guide service he rendered.

The presentation was made to publicly and officially recognize Jim Mike's contribution to the success of the Cummings party in 1909. Heretofore, authors have most frequently identified the guide as Nashja-begay, a Navajo Indian who died in a flu epidemic in 1918.

Jim Mike's role in the adventure was established by researchers including Dr. Jay Haymond of the Utah Historical Society and by Zeke Scher, a reporter for The Denver Post, who supplied data to The National Park Service and urged the agency to extend proper credit.

Jim Mike makes his home in the small community of White Mesa, south of Blanding, Utah. He lives with a daughter.

Through an interpreter, he told Dr. Haymond last year that he first saw Rainbow Bridge as a youngster while herding horses with three others, including his father, Big Mike; Nashja-begay, and another Indian companion.

Upon making the abrupt discovery alone, Jim Mike said, he scrambled back to where he had left the other three men. He told them of the arch, but only Nashja-begay accompanied Jim Mike back to the place where he, too, viewed the arch for the first time.

That discovery apparently occurred in about 1900, Dr. Haymond said, based on Jim Mike's comments during the interview.

While Jim Mike's age is uncertain, friends and family members last summer staged a celebration honoring him for what they considered to be his 100th birthday.

Jim Mike was brought to the ceremony by boat from Hall's Crossing, Utah, at the northern extremity of Lake Powell.

In the official party honoring Jim Mike at Rainbow Bridge were

Temple Reynolds, superintendent of Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Rainbow Bridge National Monument; Arthur H. White, general superintendent of the Navajo Lands Group of the National Park Service

at Farmington, New Mexico; Lynn H. Thompson, regional director of the Park Service's Rocky Mountain Region at Denver; and other National Park Service representatives.



## Safety: Always in Season

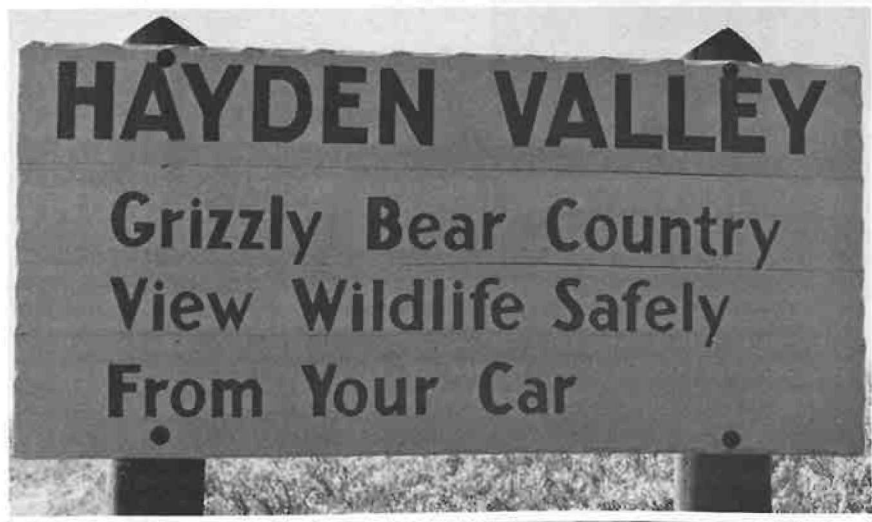
### Safety award

The Presidential Citation of the National Water Safety Congress recently was presented posthumously to T.K. Brown, park technician (Water Activities) at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nev. Brown suffered a fatal heart attack while on a scuba training dive August 31, 1973.

Brown began working at Lake Mead in 1969 after retiring from the Los Angeles Fire Department. A "T.K. Brown Memorial Fund" has been established to continue his work.

"T.K. first saved a life when he was a 13-year-old Boy Scout," said his widow, Gwen. "He dedicated not only his career, but also his entire life to public safety."

### Yellowstone warning sign



## Golf course contract signed

Langston Golf Corporation Inc. (LGCI) became the fourth minority concessioner with National Capital Parks with the recent signing of a contract between LGCI and National Park Service. The corporation will manage Langston golf course located off Benning Road in Washington, D.C. Participating in the signing were: (seated, l to r) George McNeil, president of the corporation, Russell E. Dickenson, deputy director, National Park Service, Imogene LaCovey, assistant director, Concessions, and (standing, l to r) George Tate, vice president of LGCI, Ira J. Hutchison, superintendent, NCP East and John Townsley, deputy director, NCP.



## Hunter superintendent at Bandelier

John D. Hunter, superintendent at Stones River National Battlefield and Cemetery, Tenn. has been named to the superintendency of Bandelier National Monument, N.M.

Hunter will succeed Linwood Jackson, who accepted a position in the Washington office as a budget analyst.



John D. Hunter

An Army veteran, Hunter has an A.S. degree in forestry from North Dakota School of Forestry and a B.S. degree in wildlife management from Montana State University.

Born in Devils Lake, N.D., Hunter began his National Park Service career in 1961 as a seasonal employee at Badlands National Monument, S.D. where he served for three summers as a naturalist doing research on the rare and endangered black-footed ferret.

## Whalen heads parks in California Bay Area

Appointment of William J. Whalen, 34, as general superintendent of four National Park Service areas in San Francisco and Marin Counties was announced recently by Howard H. Chapman, Western Regional director of the Service.

The areas involved are Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Point Reyes National Seashore, Muir Woods National Monument and Fort Point National Historic Site.

Under a recent reorganization, the four parks will be divided into a Northern Unit including Point Reyes, Muir Woods and that portion of the Recreation Area in Marin County north of Fort Cronkhite; and a Southern Unit consisting of Forts Baker, Barry and Cronkhite on the Marin side, plus Fort Point and all Golden Gate NRA parklands in San Francisco.

Each unit will be headed by a superintendent in charge of day-to-day operations who will report to general superintendent Whalen.

Chapman also announced the appointment of Jerry L. Schober, 43, as superintendent of the Southern Unit, GGNRA. He said John L. Sansing who has been superintendent of Point Reyes since 1970 will assume additional management responsibilities for the Northern Unit of GGNRA as well as continuing his present responsibilities at Point Reyes.

Chapman said the reorganization is expected to provide unified policy direction and more efficient management for the four parks which are geographically close together and have adjoining boundaries.

He emphasized that each park will continue to be administered on the operating level as an individual unit and will retain its distinct identity as established by the Congress.

## Sully Plantation subject of book

Sully Plantation, home of the uncle of Robert E. Lee, which is located near Dulles International Airport in Herndon, Va., is the subject of a new publication written by Robert Gamble, a staff historian for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

"Sully: The Biography of a House" can be purchased for \$7.50 from the Sully Foundation, Ltd., Box 371, Herndon, Va. 22070.

Richard Lee was a member of the first U.S. Congress and was one of the two or three men instrumental in having the Capital of the new nation located on the banks of the Potomac River.

## **Harney named superintendent at Prince William Forest**

Robert L. Harney has been appointed superintendent of Prince William Forest Park, Va.

Prince William Forest Park, comprising 18,000 acres, is the largest area under the jurisdiction of National Capital Parks. It is popular with residents of the Washington, D.C. area for camping, picnicking, and fishing.

Harney, a native of Elizabeth City, N.C., has been employed with NPS since 1971. Two prior assignments have been with NCP-East.

He comes to his new position from the area manager's office where he assisted the superintendent of NCP-East with the management of such sites as Frederick Douglass Home, Lincoln Park and Fort Dupont Activity Center.

Harney received a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., and has done graduate work at the University of Maryland.

He is married and has one child. The family will move to Triangle, Va., which is near Prince William Forest Park.

## **Fort Union replica built**

Using such material as balsa wood, cardboard, glue, toopicks, pins and patience a retired Army colonel has fashioned a miniature replica of Fort Union as it looked in 1891 and donated it to the National Park Service.

Fort Union National Monument superintendent Ross Hopkins recently accepted the model from Col. Dale E. Thomas of Littleton, Colo. who worked on it for 2,321 hours spread over 18 months.

Hopkins said the model, which is so small that one inch of it equals 65 feet of the old supply fort that served the U.S. between 1851 and 1891, will be put on display at the monument.

"It's a remarkable job," said Hopkins. "And it will help our living history program."

Hopkins explained the "living history" program as an attempt to

## **Construction at Independence**



*In Philadelphia, Bicentennial construction moves ahead at Independence National Historical Park. Demolition of the Irvin building within the park at Fourth and Walnut Sts. (above) now is three-fourths complete. A vest-pocket park containing a small amphitheater will replace the office building. At Third and Chestnut Sts. (below), walls and roof are in place for the \$5 million visitor center for the park. NPS officials expect to welcome the first visitors next spring.*



Continued on Page 8

## 'Signers of the Declaration' in new radio series

"Signers of the Declaration," a recently released NPS publication, has been converted into a 52-week radio series by the NPS Office of Public Affairs.

The five-minute programs feature two narrators discussing the lives of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Dr. Ernest A. Connally, Associate Director, Professional Services, and Dick Coughlan, radio free-lancer provide the narration.

The programs are now being aired on station WAVA, Arlington, Va. and will be released nationally. They are also being used by the American Forces Radio and Television Service which has a potential overseas audience of more than 25 million.



*Associate Director, Professional Services Dr. Ernest A. Connally and free-lance announcer Dick Coughlan go over their script while preparing to tape a five-minute radio spot on the "Signers of the Declaration."*

## Fort Union

Continued From Page 7

recreate life at the fort as it existed in the 19th century. The monument staff, outfitted in historic dress, demonstrate military weapons and frontier style cooking and has set up a tent encampment.

"With Col. Thomas' model we're also able to help the visitor visualize exactly what the fort looked like," Hopkins said.

"Working from old photographs, blueprints and post records together with a close personal inspection of the ruins, Thomas laboriously put the tiny fort together with material costing only about \$50.

The completed model contains 79 buildings with 1,145 windows, 302 doors and 208 chimneys. One building, the mechanics' corral, contains 107 windows, each a 16th of an inch wide.

The buildings are less than an inch tall. The 38 by 40 inch model represents an area 2,510 feet by 2,632 feet.

"The most time consuming construction was making the 208 chimneys," Thomas said. "Sixteen separate operations were necessary in making each chimney."

Thomas began building model frontier forts in 1968. His first project was Fort Laramie, Wyo. He now plans to build a third fort.

## Dedication at Fossil Butte

Wyoming's newest national monument, Fossil Butte, was dedicated June 29 in official ceremonies attended by many distinguished guests.

On hand for the ceremonies were Governor Stanley Hathaway, Senator Clifford Hansen, Congressman Teno Roncalio, and Kemmerer, Wyo. Mayor David Nelson. The dedication program included remarks by Rocky Mountain Regional Director Lynn Thompson.

"Fossils have been collected at this locality for almost a century, and specimens from this site are exhibited in museums throughout

the world. Fossil Butte is unquestionably of national significance from a scientific viewpoint...This site is of major importance because of its unusual concentration of aquatic vertebrate remains," Thompson said.

Fossil Butte NM, containing 8,180 acres, was established by Congress in October, 1972. The area will have only minimal facilities this summer. A visitor contact station near the entrance will provide information. Park Manager Wayne E. Welch will maintain an office in nearby Kemmerer.



U.S. Department of the Interior  
Secretary Rogers C.B. Morton  
National Park Service  
Director Ronald H. Walker



Issued biweekly by the Office of Director as a communication medium for Service personnel. Edited and published by the Office of Public Affairs.

Al Rayford.....Editor  
Daniel S. Hughes.....Assistant Editor  
Glenn Snyder.....Art Editor  
Ronnie Spiewak.....Editorial Clerk

Department of the Interior, National Park Service, Wash.D.C.  
20240. Tel. (202) 343-4481.