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Christmas- Is For The Birds

--By Allegra Collister

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NP, Colo.--Christmas is for skiers and all who love the wintry outdoors in ROMO - Rocky Mountain National Park in north central Colorado, with elevations from 7500' to 14,256'. It is also for the birds and their hardy human friends, the bird watchers.

Each Christmas season at ROMO a count of winter bird species is taken in cooperation with the National Audubon Society which sponsors the nationwide activity. The count is a one-day, dawn-to-dusk affair, supervised by Dr. Ronald A. Ryder of Colorado State University and the Fort Collins Bird Club. Chief Park Naturalist Tom Thomas and his staff lend enthusiastic cooperation to the project.

Rules of the count stipulate coverage of a 15-mile diameter circle, centered one mile west of Estes Park Village. Observers divide into several parties and are assigned to separate areas in the circle. One group may take the count in productive Moraine Park and along Big Thompson River. Another party follows beautiful Fall River up through Horseshoe Park to Endovalley. Bear Lake Road is kept open all winter and provides its share of good bird finds.

Probably the most challenging trek is the one made by snowshoe up Trail Ridge road. This, the world's highest continuous auto road, has long been closed to traffic by winter snows. Here in the cold loneliness at timberline lives the white-tailed ptarmigan, almost invisible in its snow - white plumage. Clait Braun, who has earned his Ph.D. with his study of the ptarmigan (and become a world authority in the process) never fails to find these elusive birds for the Christmas count.

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Blue Ridge Pkwy Extension Authorized

By John DeLay

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- The 25-year dream of extending the Blue Ridge Parkway into the scenic Highlands area of southern North Carolina and the Blue Ridge Mountains in Georgia was finally realized on October 9 when President Johnson signed the bill authorizing the 180-mile extension. The Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to accept donations of land and interests in land and to construct, administer, and maintain an extension of the parkway from the vicinity of Beech Gap, North Carolina, to the vicinity of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park north of Marietta, Georgia.

Traversing the Southern Appalachians, in North Carolina and



Photograph by Abbie Rowe

A Biographical Sketch

PRESIDENT-ELECT NIXON NAMES WALTER J. HICKEL SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Walter J. Hickel, Governor of Alaska, will be the new Secretary of the Interior according to President-elect Richard M. Nixon. This continues the tradition of selecting a westerner for the top conservation post in the President's Cabinet.

Hickel, 49, came to the Office of Governor of Alaska as one of the state's most successful businessmen, builders and civic leaders. He was the state's first elected Republican Governor and its second Chief Executive since Statehood.

In choosing Hickel for the Interior post, Nixon expressed Hickel's "very great and deep concern for American Indians and Eskimos."

Walter Joseph Hickel was born in Claflin, Kansas, on August 18, 1919, the son of Robert A. and Emma Hickel, and the third eldest of their ten children. His parents were tennant farmers on the flat lands of the North Bend area. Young Hickel attended grade school and high school in Claflin, participating in football, track and boxing. In 1938 he won the Kansas Golden Gloves Welterweight Championship.

At the age of nineteen he bought a Claflin insurance business which he sold in 1940 to come to California. His sights were set on Australia then, but his age held him in California doing con-



HICKEL

struction work until he was 21, the legal age to get his own passport and visas for the trip.

It was his eagerness for accomplishment that brought Hickel to Alaska. He found it would be 60 to 90 days before all of his papers would be in order for embarkation to Australia. "Where can I go without a handful of visas and a passport?" he demanded. Someone reeled off a long list of places, the last of which was Alaska. He started immediately for Alaska, and after working his way up the coast, arrived in Seward in October 1940.

The young man began his Alaskan adventure with thirty-seven cents of his own, a borrowed ten dollars, and a job as dishwasher in Anchorage. Through the years, Hickel worked first with the Alaska Railroad, then as a bartender, a carpenter,

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Udall Names Rutter To Head N.W. District

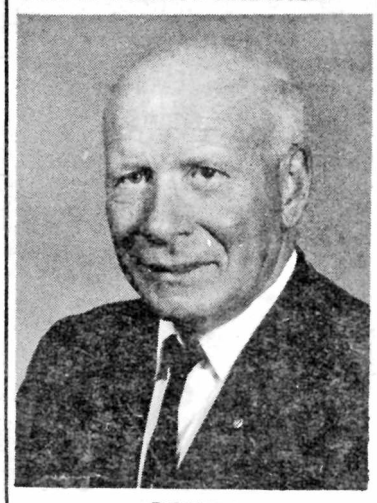
BOWEN APPOINTED DIRECTOR W.R.O.; HENDRIX HEADS DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced the appointment of NPS Western Regional Director John A. Rutter as the first Director of the Service's newly designated Northwest District. His headquarters will be in **Seattle, Washington.**



RUTTER

Under Rutter's direction be all National Park Servi areas within the States of Alask Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and Lava Beds National Monument in Northern California.



BOWEN

William L. Bowen, Chief, Office of Design and Construction, San Francisco Planning and Service Center, was named by Secretary Udall to succeed Rutter as Western Regional Director. Glenn O. Hendrix, Supervisory Landscape Architect at the Center was named to replace Bowen.

This major adjustment in the organizational structure of the Service implements certain recommendations of the recent NPS Field Operations Study Team (FOST) report. In his introduction to this report, NPS Director George B. Hartzog, Jr. said: "This study expresses ways for today's National Parks to best meet today's challenges."

Rutter, 56, began his park career in 1935 as a junior forester in Yosemite National Park, Calif. This was followed by tours of duty as park ranger at Lassen

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SIX APPOINTED TO INTERIOR TRAVEL BOARD

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced the appointment of a special Travel Advisory Board to assist in the recently expanded travel promotion effort of the National Park Service.

Primary purpose of the new Board will be to provide advice, counsel, and the guidance from the travel and transportation industries to the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service in promoting increased and more meaningful travel within the United States, Udall said.

Members of the new Board, who will serve without pay, are: Thomas C. Orr, vice president, Creative Tour Operators Association, New York; Jerome B. Temple, senior vice president, Holiday Inns of America, Memphis; Adam Rumoshocky, director of marketing, American Petroleum Institute, New York; James Gross, director, National Association of Travel Organizations, Washington, D.C.; L. W. Lane, Jr., president and publisher, Sunset Magazine, Menlo Park, Calif.; and William D. Patterson, associate publisher, Saturday Review, New York.

Also assisting the Secretary in an advisory capacity will be: Norman J. Philion, vice president—Traffic, Air Transport Association, and Robert J. Murphy, Jr., vice president, The

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E&AA Elects Howard Baker Board Chairman

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Former NPS Associate Director Howard W. Baker was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Employees and Alumni Association at their December 11 board meeting in Washington, D. C. Thomas R. Tucker, Cabrillo NM, was elected Vice-Chairman, and Earl M. "Tiny" Semingsen was reappointed Trust Fund Officer.

Pending selection by the Chairman of a new Secretary and Treasurer for the E&AA, the incumbent Secretary, Chester O. Harris, and Treasurer, Floyd Hough, were asked to continue in their respective positions during the interim, as was the Editor of the National Park Courier, Colin Ritter.

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Horace Marden Albright

Some men are destined from birth to make notable contributions in all the growth life zones. Horace Marden Albright is one of these. He was born in the little mining town of Bishop, California. Bishop is in Inyo County containing the highest and lowest points in the United States--Mount Whitney and Death Valley. Mr. Albright's career has had the same tremendous growth range. Business executive, lumberman, attorney, political scientist, and consultant to the great and the lowly, he has been all those things. And much more. He knows, like Auden, that a culture is no better than its woods and parks. Conservation took deep root in him as a young man when he saw lands being ruthlessly destroyed. He threw in his lot with the great Stephen T. Mather and in 1929 became the second Director of the National Park Service. Both were pioneers in a stunning new concept that in time was to become worldwide. Few men have done more to protect and conserve the beautiful and remote places in our land than Mr. Albright. The woods, the parks and all the wild places are better because he passed this way. He knows those things are a true reflection of a nation's soul. The American Forestry Association is honored to present its Distinguished Service Award for 1968 to Horace Marden Albright.

Paul M. Dunn
President
The American Forestry Association

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Compliments Of The Hong Kong Flu.

Yours Faithfully,

The Editor

LETTERS

A recent letter from Sam Weems says that his work in New South Wales, Australia will be finished by January 1st. He then goes to New Zealand on Parks consulting work; and then returns to the United States in March. I have suggested to him that I'm in favor of the Service giving him a special assignment of visits to selected offices and parks here at home so that he can catch up on what has been going on here during his voluntary tour down under. He deserves it.

Also, recently we had a Sunday afternoon call from Ralph and Virginia Lipscomb, who had come down to Jacksonville to visit their son and his family at the Mayport Naval Air Station. Their stop with us was part of a tour of St. Augustine. So, there are fringe benefits to having an address that is close to U.S. Highway #1.

As for my retirement, it has consisted of fairly arduous field trips and planning studies.

In 1963 on 67, on general development studies and reconnaisance reports for many areas of the Florida State Park System, & Junior College consultant.

In 1964-5 and 6, as Special Assistant to the Regional Director, Region On/e, on that part of Safety Chief Nat Baker's successful campaign for improved organizations and performance in the Safety Program of the Service. (USDI Award of Merit for this.)

And, in 1968, again back in the fold as a Park Planner, Temp.-WAE, under Chet Brown, and Kenny Dale, of the Div. of Park System plans and Natural Landmarks Surveys.

Sincerely and Best wishes,
C. R. Vinten (Ray)

Dear Editor:

If I am not out of order in making the following request, and not too late—what are the chances of the "Courier" carrying a very brief note to the effect that I send greetings to all my NPS friends and wish I had the energy to send cards to all, but I just can't—much as I love you all.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Isabelle F. Story
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Ed. Note: On behalf of all the members of the E&AA—Season's Greetings and all the best for 1969. Miss Story retired in January 1955, after 44 years of Government service. She entered the Interior Dept. with the Patent Office in 1910, transferred to the USGS in 1911 and joined the NPS in 1917. Until her retirement in 1955, she was Editor-in-Chief of all Service publications. She holds the unique distinction of being the first information officer in the Department. She received the Department of the Interior Distinguished Service Award in 1956.

WILBUR "WIB" DODNA

Wilbur is enjoying retirement but he found his Oregon retirement farm a little too much work and he and Mrs. Dodna now reside in Hanford, Calif. As soon as space opens, however, they expect to move to a real swish retirement retreat, east of Fresno, Calif. With only an hours drive to Yosemite and Sequoia, Wib—a long time Park Naturalist—will, no doubt, find more opportunities to fill in the younger generation on how park naturalists used to do things.

Incidently, Wib is completing a two months tour of the eastern and midwestern states visiting old friends.

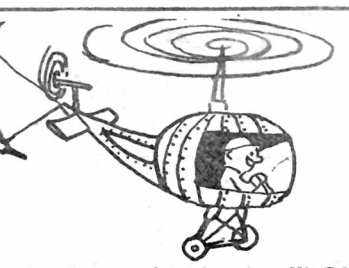
New Faces

Anderson, LeRoy, to Admin. Off., Acadia NP
Dimond, John J., to Realty Spec., WSC
Gilliland, Robert M., to Realty Spec., WSC
Smith, Harding L., to Appraiser, WSC
Kennedy, Joe L., to Asst. Supt., Everglades NP
Cross, Mervin A., to Realty Spec., WSC
McConnell, Paul N., to Realty Spec., WSC
Mullen, Walter P., to Realty Spec., WSC
White, William M., to Appraiser, WASO

New Places

Abelson, Lloyd A., from Supv. Hist., Cumberland Gap NHP, to Supv., Andrew Johnson NHS
Ahalt, Alice K., from Sec. Steno., Harpers Ferry NHP, JCCC, to Sec., WASO
Allen, Arthur C., from Pk. Planner, WSC, to Pk. Nat., WASO
Binnewies, William C., from Supt., Tuzigoot NM, to same, Navajo Lands Group, Navajo NM
Boyd, Gordon D., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to same, Sequoia & Kings Canyon NP
Contor, Roger J., from Pk. Planner, Olympic NP, to Supt., Northwest NP Group, North Cascades NP
Handy, Kenneth M., from Training Inst., Catoctin JCCC, NCR, to same, Acadia NP, JCCC
Hickman, Steven D., from Pk. Ranger, Yosemite NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Rocky Mtn. NP & Shadow Mtn. NRA
Kelley, Daniel G., from Archeologist, Mesa Verde NP, to same, Gran Quivira NM
Hamilton, Chester V., from Hist., Albright TC, to Pk. Hist., SWRO
Linahan, John D., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Olympic NP, to same, Lake Mead NRA
Marshall, William E., from Laborer, George Washington Mem. Pky., to same, NCR
Reed, Gerald E., from Admin. Off., Harpers Ferry NHP, Harpers Ferry JCCC, to Gen. Supply Off., Great Smoky Mtns. NP
Rutledge, Lee R., from Admin. Off., Navajo NM-Navajo Lands Group, to same, Chiricahua NM
Thompson, Peter, from Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Yosemite NP
Voll, Charles E., from Archeologist, SWRO, to Supt., Canyon de Chelly NM-Hubbell Trading Post NHS
Williams, Jack R., from Supt., Navajo NM, to same, Nez Perce NHP
Ybarra, Merechildo E., from Truck Driver, Big Bend NP, to Caretaker, Amistad RA
Young, Foy L., from Supt., Organ Pipe Cactus NM, to Asst. Supt., Grand Teton NP
Lawson, Albert P., from Horticulturist (Mgmt.), NCR, to same, WASO
Lovett, James F., from Gardener, Landscape, NCR, to same, WASO
Lusk, H. Gilbert, from Supv. Hist., Cape Hatteras NS, to Hist. (Interp. Planner), WASO
McNeil, Irving, Jr., from Supt., Tumacacori NM, to Mgmt. Asst., WASO (Assigned SW Archeological Center)
Murdock, Nelson, from Asst. Reg. Dir. (Oper.), MWRO, to Supt., Redwood NP
Posey, William E., from Laborer, NC Parks-Central, to Gardener Helper, Landscape, NCR
Robinson, George B., from Ch. Pk. Nat., Wind Cave NP, to Pk. Nat. (Interp. Planner), WASO

People on the move

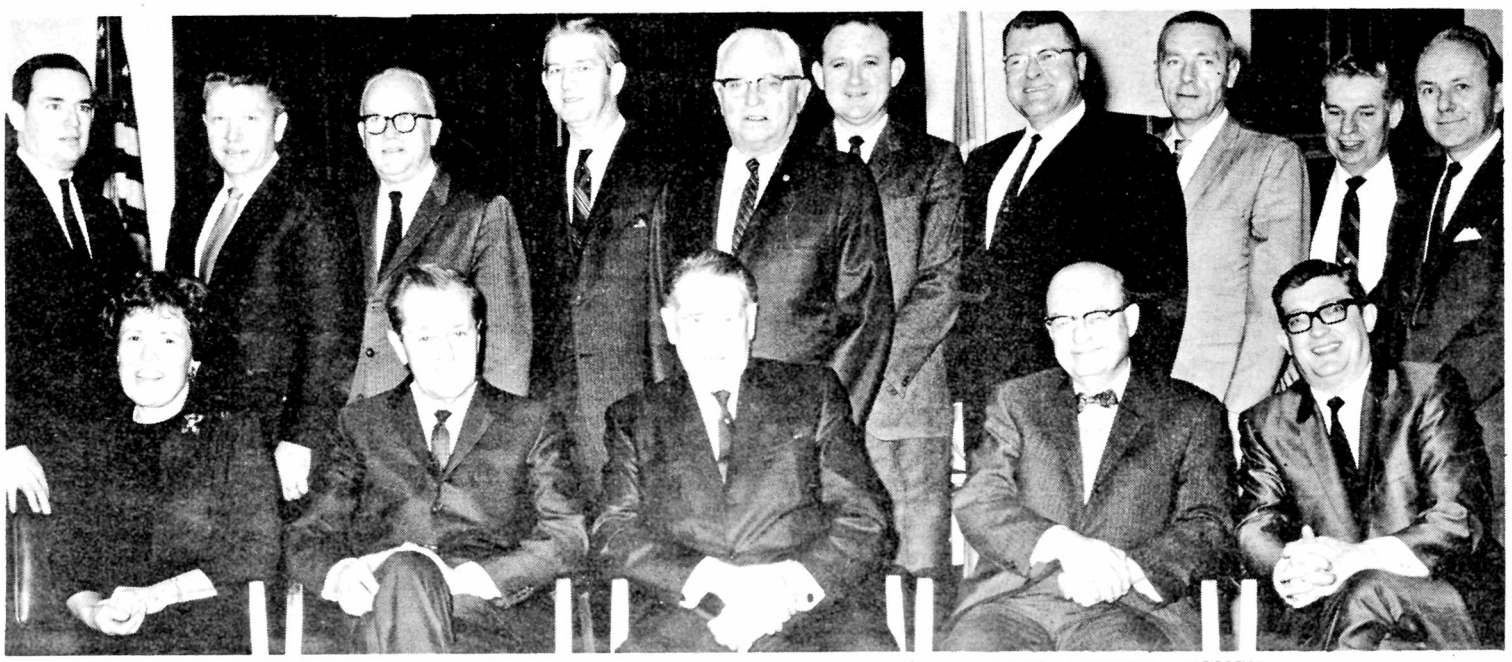


Blackburn, Stephen C., from Cartographic Tech., WSC, DS: Eminence, Missouri, to same, DS: Chesterton, Indiana
Bolton, William C., from Maintenanceman, Grand Teton NP, to same, Kennesaw Mtn. NBP
Donaldson, William E., Jr., from Teacher, Acadia JCCC, to Training Instr., Catoctin Mtn. JCCC
Follows, Donald S., from Pk. Nat., Canyonlands NP, Arches & Natural Bridges NM, to same, Capitol Reef NM
Goodman, Bernard, from Hist., Ft. Smith NHS, to Supv. Hist., Cumberland Gap NHP
Hammond, Jerry W., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Bighorn Canyon NRA, to same, NW National Park Group, North Cascades NP
Johnson, Margaret C., from Sec.-Steno., WSC, to Pk. Planning Clk. (DMT), WASO
Karraker, David O., from Pk. Nat., Olympic NP, to same, NCR
Kaye, Glen, from Pk. Nat., Lassen Volcanic NP, to same, Muir Woods NM
Kornelis, Thomas, from Realty Off. (Ch., Off. Land & Water Rights), SFSC, to Realty Spec. (Exchange Off.), WASO
Lammers, Doyn H., from Foreman III (Maintenance), Hot Springs NP, to Foreman IV (Maintenance), Grand Teton NP
Lewis, Maymie E., from Teacher, Harpers Ferry NHP, JCCC, to same, Acadia NP, JCCC
Linder, Harry P., from Supt., Casa Grande NM, to same, Flagstaff Group, Tuzigoot NM
Matlock, Gary M., from Archeologist, Navajo Lands Group, Navajo NM, to same, Effigy Mounds NM
Ogle, Carroll W., from Asst. Center Dir., Oconaluftee JCCC, Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Center Dir., Tremont JCCC, Great Smoky Mtns. NP
Pastrick, George A., from Appraiser, Land & Water Rights, WSC, DS: Assateague Island NS, to Supv. Appraiser, WSC
Rayner, Richard S., from Mgmt. Asst., WASO, to same, Grand Canyon NP
Robertson, Richard B., from Pers. Off., Olympic NP, to Admin. Off., Dinosaur NM
Scovill, Douglas H., from Archeologist, WASO, DS: Amman, Jordan, to same, WASO, DS: SW Archeological Center
Scurlock, Jack D., from Archeologist, Mesa Verde NP - Aztec Ruins NM, to same, Chaco Canyon NM
Steen, Charlie R., from Supv. Archeologist, WASO, DS: Amman, Jordan, to same, WASO, DS: SW Archeological Center
Sudderth, William E., from Archeologist, Gran Quivira NM, to same, Mesa Verde NP
Younkin, Clair H., from Exhibits Spec., Western Museum Lab., to same, WASO
Waddle, Glen E., from Admin. Off., Chaco Canyon NM, to same, Golden Spike NHS
Wester, Horace V., from Res. Plant Pathologist, NCR, to same, WASO
Basye, Florence M., from Sec. Steno., Grand Teton NP, to same, Padre Island NS
Bressler, Dell R., from Foreman III, Roads & Trails, Mt. Rainier NP, to Maintenance Supt., Lassen Volcanic NP
Bryant, Theodore C., from Pk. Ranger, Gettysburg NMP & NC, to same, NCR
Bullard, William C., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Mt. Rainier NP, to Pk. Nat., WASO
Bala, Gene J., from Pk. Planner, WASO, to Asst. Supt. Hawaii Volcanoes NP
Fenton, Robert F., from Pk. Spec., NCR, to Supv. Hist., Fire Island NS & NY City Group
Garcia, Tillie R., from Clk. Steno., SWRO, to Sec., SFSC
Ginkus, Richard E., from Pk. Ranger, Grand Teton NP, to same, Amistad RA
Gould, Ronald J., from Laborer, Catoctin Mtn. Park, To Garage Serviceman, NCR
Hagan, James B., from Pk. Ranger, Russell Cave NM, to same, Natchez Trace Pkwy.
Hart, Richard T., from Supt., Devils Tower NM, to same, Casa Grande Ruins NM
Masgai, John E., from Pers. Asst., Big Bend NP, to Pers. Mgmt. Spec., NCR
Minor, David C., from Supv. Pk., Ranger, Saguaro NM, to same, Canyonlands NP
Nelson, Kenneth L., from Maintenanceman, Catoctin Mtn. Park, to same, George Washington Mem. Pkwy.
Newbold, Billy C., from Travel Liaison Spec., WASO, to Pk. Spec., National Capital Parks-Central
Peters, Clay E., Jr., Staff Pk. Ranger, Lassen Volcanic NP, to Pk. Planner, WASO
Pimentel, Frank A., from Supv. Constr. Rep. SFSC DS: Grand Teton NP, to same, DS: Lake Mead
Ritchie, John E., from Realty Off., WSC, to same, SFSC
Rothfuss, Edwin L., from Ch. I&RM, Virgin Islands NP, to Supv. Pk. Nat., Mammoth Cave NP
Standlee, Mildred L., from Admin. Off., Craters of North Cascades NP
Steeves, C. Richard, from Landscape Arch., WSC, to Pk. Planner, WASO
Teter, Ray C., from Admin. Off., Joshua Tree NM, to same, Harpers Ferry NHP, JCCC
Vickstrom, David E., from Pk. Ranger, Navajo Lands Group - Canyon de Chelly NM, to same, Navajo Lands Group - Navajo NM
White, W. Lowell, from Pk. Ranger, Yellowstone NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Redwood NP
Wilt, Irene A., from Sec. Steno., Yellowstone NP, to same, Grand Teton NP

Out of the Traces

Berry, Ernest, from Gardener, Landscape, NC Parks-Central
Reed, Walter C., from Foreman IV (Warehouseman), NCR
Smith, Fate, from Laborer, NC Parks - North
Williams, Thomas E., from Garage Serviceman, NC Parks - Central
Bright, Raymond E., from Mgmt. Asst., Olympic NP
Price, Yullie P., from Cartographic Tech., WSC
Butler, Bessie L., from Payroll Clk., SWRO
Richart, John D., from Oper. Gen. - Heavy Duty, Grand Teton NP
Walker, Theodore J., from Janitor, Fort Smith NHS
Card, John W., from Caretaker, Yellowstone NP
Donnelly, John H., from Sec. Typing, Mt. McKinley NP
Meekins, Walton C., from Bldg. Repairman, Cape Hatteras NS
Moore, Johnnie S., from Caretaker, Kings Mtn. NMP

Smooth Transition Follows E&AA Elections



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MRS. JOSEPH, JETT, BAKER, LEE, PARKER

Baker, E&AA Chairman

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Directors attending the meeting were: Thomas R. Tucker, Cabrillo NM; James W. Coleman, Jr., Saratoga NHP; Lawrence W. Quist, Herbert Hoover NHS; Granville B. Liles, Blue Ridge Parkway; Gary E. Everhardt, SWRO; Ivan Parker, WASO; Daniel B. Beard, Alumni Representative, SW; Howard W. Baker, Alumni Representative, MW; and Ronald F. Lee, Alumni Representative, NE. Also present were past Board Chairman T. Sutton Jett; Chester O. Harris, E&AA Secretary; Floyd Hough, E&AA Treasurer; Colin Ritter, NP Courier Editor; and Mrs. Stanley Joseph, representing Mrs. Carolyn Shaw, President of the NPS Women's Organization. Absent were Merel S. Sager, Alumni Representative, NCR; Daniel S. Tobin, Sr., Alumni Representative, WRO; and Donald G. Ripley, Employee Representative, NCR.

Christmas In Colonial Virginia

By William R. Holloman

FREDERICKSBURG, Va.- When George Washington was a boy, the Christmas festivities lasted for days. Jollity in Virginia, harking back to old Royalist England, kept up the Yuletide which the Puritans of New England repudiated.

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There were many good things to eat: venison, beef, roast pig, wildfowl and tame, mince pies, and plum puddings. Like little Jack Horner, little George Washington could sit in a corner, eating his Christmas pie. For the drinkers of strong drink, rum and Madeira stood handy on the sideboard, along with such local brews as persimmon beer.

Before the roaring log fires, family and friends, neighbors and cousins tucked into the seasonal provender amidst the holly and the ivy, perhaps to the tune of a local fiddler; while outdoors the young males shot their muskets, shattering the winter peace to defy the cold north wind.

The staffs of Fredericksburg National Military Park and George Washington Birthplace National Historical Monument plan a season gathering with Colonial overtones, in honor of the accelerated work of George Washington. (Maybe next year, the theme will be Civil War for Fredericksburg.) The question before the arrangements committee is how far to go. Strong drink will perhaps be ruled out. Cider, however, will be quite in keeping, hot or cold. Most of the old foods, or reasonable facsimiles, can be managed. (Though there are deer about, the National Park Service might not condone thinning of the herd at this time. Also, on the George Washington Birthplace "Living Farm," a few fat geese the less would certainly not hurt a really living farm; it is to be feared, however, that the administrative staff will not see the matter in that light.) At any rate, walnuts and hickory nuts are expendable. Now if we can only get the ladies to gather, hull, and crack them.

Decorations should present no great probelm. Certainly, a holly tree or two could be judiciously pruned without compromising the concept of conservation. A Christmas tree will not be needed, since that feature had not been introduced to Virginia in young George's day. Nor was the exchange of gifts a Colonial custom; we shall be happy to hew to the historical line on that. (P.S. Some of the ladies have suggested that we have a Christmas tree of the Civil War period and thus combine that much of the two themes in this year's celebration.)

But what about the noise? Should we fire a Civil War musket and/or a Civil War mortar? Or should we all, as good Southerners (at least, pro tem), just shoot firecrackers? (The Safety Committee might decide for us.)

And what of the traditional Yule log? Before it burns to ashes, a brand will be saved to light the new logs next Christmas eve.

LITERARY RAMBLINGS

By Jean Henderer

So--why literature? Why read fiction today when every newspaper reports more stories of violence, of hatred and love, of nobility and anguish than an ordinary reader could find in a lifetime of reading novels, biographies poetry or essays?

It's become almost a truism to say that we live in the midst of constant change. Still, it's a very human characteristic to be afraid of change. Eric Hoffer, in The Ordeal of Change says that: "we can never be really prepared for that which is wholly new. We have to adjust ourselves and every radical adjustment is a crisis in self esteem...we have to prove ourselves."

Another very human characteristic is the feeling most people have that other people have somehow managed their lives better. That other people really know what they're doing and where they're going and have neat, well organized lives. This feeling is one of the major reasons for the appeal of fiction. Novels were written with a beginning, a middle and an end-most reassuringly, an end--and that, unlike life, the messy details of everyday living didn't stretch out for days or even years.

Detective and murder mystery stories particularly fit this pattern. There was a problem, there were complications, it was solved. It was satisfying to know that problems could be solved.

WALTER KERR, IN THE DECLINE OF PLEASURE, talks about the unspoken pact he and his sister shared with authors of always finishing a book once started. No matter how bad the book, they read through to the end.

Today, he finds it easy to put down a book half read and there must be many more like him. We live in a time of half-read books that somehow go along with the half-digested TV documentaries, the pre-digested TV dinners, and the completely unpalatable facts of modern living.

In this wiser age, we know that our neighbor's lives are not better organized than our own and that, somehow, modern fiction is not going to give us, even vicariously, a sense of completeness, of rounding the circle. Fiction today, like modern art, drama, even newspaper reporting, demands something of us. We're asked, sometimes almost literally as in some off-Broadway shows, to become involved, to participate in the action as it's going on. At the very least, we're invited to lend judgment and interpretation in the arts as well as the exigencies of daily living. Sometimes this is a difficult thing to do - sometimes it's great fun.

ONE OF THE BEST EXAMPLES OF RECENTLY PUBLISHED fiction that's delightful to be involved in and interpret is Mikhail Bulgakov's The Master and Margarita. Bulgakov was born in May, 1891, in Russia and graduated as a doctor of medicine. In 1919, he wrote his first story on a train by the light of a candle and gave up his medical practice the following year. During his lifetime, he was constantly beset by official harrassment and very little of his writing was published while he was alive. In 1932, Bulgakov applied formally to Stalin for permission to leave the country but Stalin refused in a return telephone call. This genius of a writer died in 1940, at the age of 48, without even a mention of his death in the Soviet press.

It wasn't until 1962 that a Literary Commission began to resurrect Bulgakov's work. The Master and Margarita wasn't published in Russia til the winter of 1966-67, although the author had started it in 1928 and worked on it intermittently til his death. It was translated and published in England and America in 1967.

IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND A NOVEL WITH WHICH to compare The Master and Margarita: it's phantasmic but not whimsical; comic without being cute; bizarre yet tightly controlled; satirical on almost every level and yet universally compassionate. It's timeless and placeless; the date could be 1920 or 1960, the place New York or Moscow.

It's a curious book - there's almost an air about it of having come from another world. Written in a rich, imaginative prose, it gives us a glimpse into the mind of a man who was both brilliant, original, and yet quietly contained.

The Master and Margarita is one of the best answers to the question of why read literature today. The form and discipline necessary for a great work of art are within it. It won't solve any of your problems, but your sense of humor will be enlarged and your spirit can't help but be lifted and lightened by this unique, literary experience.

Augsberg College Honors Brooks

ARLINGTON, Va.--Chester Brooks, Planning Team Captain, ORP-WSC, was honored on October 18, with the Distinguished Alumni Award from his alma mater, Augsberg College. Chet attended a convocation in his honor at the college located in Minneapolis, Minn., where the award was presented in recognition of his outstanding contribution to conservation throughout his National Park Service career. Because Mrs. Brooks, also an alumna of Augsberg, was unable to attend, Chet was accompanied to the ceremony by his sister-in-law, a resident of the area. In the audience, watching her father receive the honor, was his oldest daughter, Nancy, a freshman at Augsberg.

ISLE ROYALE

Another season has ended at Isle Royale National Park. Employees have packed up belongings, winterized boats, returned to mainland homes and turned the island over to wolves and moose. Now comes the process of winterizing . . . anti-freeze, snow tires, linament for snow shovelling muscles.

A highlight of the summer season was Luau held by Superintendent and Mrs. Miller at Mott Island. Ladies were colorful with muu-muus and flowers flown in for the occasion on the seaplane.

Electronics Technician Alvin Olson left the Service. He and his family are making their home in Wyoming. Replacing them are the Jack Sossomans, NPS newcomers. Cindy and Jack have 2 children, Jamie and Tanya.

In September Mrs. Bruce Miller and Mrs. Woodrow Bugge cohostessed a baby shower for Mrs. Leonard Yeo. A good time was had by all.

Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Bob Rogers, and Mrs. Warner Forsell are back working as Hospital Volunteers at St. Joseph Hospital. Duties include visiting long term patients and rolling bandages, reading and writing letters to patients.

Mary Margaret Yeo joined the family of First Mate and Mrs. Yeo. She has a sister and two brothers, and arrived in October.

Another new park member is a 1969 Stingray, the pride and joy of Zeb and Chris McKinney.

Snow has begun its steady fall, much to the delight of the winter sports enthusiasts. Ranger III is wearing its winter coat. It is undergoing its usual cleaning and polishing under the direction of Captain Bugge. It was inspected by the Nursery School Classes of Michigan Tech and the children were thoroughly impressed. The Captain was assisted in the conducting of his tour by 3 of the class members, Laurie and Larry Miller and Andy Forsell; the latter feeling very important with their knowledge of the Ranger III.

800 Historians Attend AASLH Gathering in D.C.

By Jerry Shimoda

WASHINGTON, D.C.--An estimated 800 people attended the annual meeting of the American Association for State and Local History, held in the Nation's Capital, Sept. 25-28.

Worshop sessions covered: the Relationship of Historical, Biographical and Geneological Research; Historic Housekeeping, and Youth vs. History.

Technical sessions covered: Preservation and Rehabilitation of Manuscript Materials at the National Archives building; Care and Display of Prints and Photographs at the Library of Congress; Exhibit of Manuscript Materials at the National Archives building; Museum Exhibit Theory and Practice at the Museum of History and Technology; and Care of Museum Artifacts at the Museum of History and Technology.

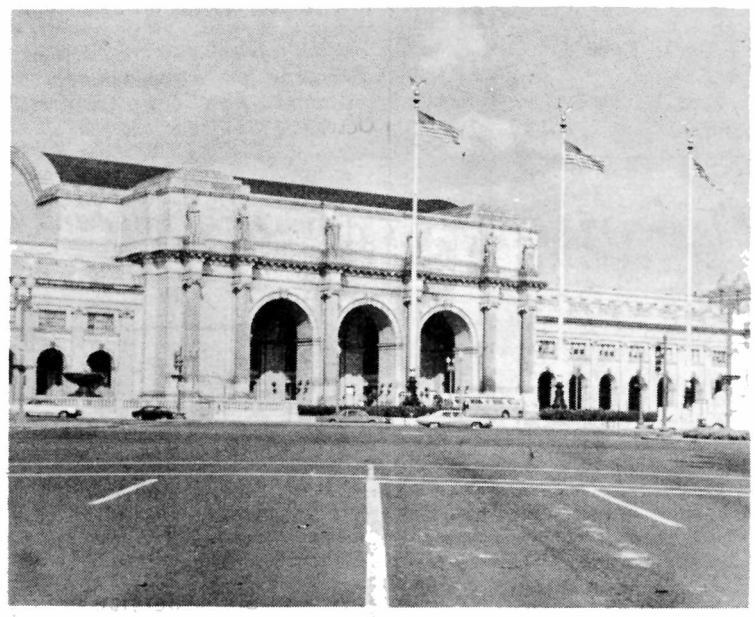
The film festival sessions were devoted to Canadian History, American History, and such varied topics as: The Historical Society in Urban America; Folk Culture and Local History; and Automation in Pursuit of History.

Panel meetings covered State and Historic Site Preservation--Federal and State; Graduate Training Programs for Historical Agency Personnel--a Critical Evaluation; Microcosm and Macrocosm--the Puritans and Local History; Contemporary History-Problems and Hazards; Federal Help for State and Local Historical Agencies; and Emerging Contributions of State Local History Resources to Qualification Studies in U. S. History.

Other highlights of the meeting included: historic tours to Monticello, the University of Va. via Skyline Drive, Historic Annapolis and Harpers Ferry. An evening program of folk music and dance at the Ford Theater followed a reception-buffet at the Department of State, hosted by the Library of Congress, the National Archives and the N. P. S. An afternoon reception at the White House on Thursday was followed by the Annual Banquet of the AASLH at the Mayflower Hotel. Another evening reception featured a preview opening of the National Portrait Gallery.

Among familiar faces at the meeting were Herb Kahler, Rogers Young, Bob Utley, Horace Sheely, Leonard Brown, Frank Barnes, Vera Craig, Elizabeth Albro, John P. Bloom, Jack Boucher, William J. Murtagh, and Albert McClure. Even Comedian Bob Hope was observed in the lobby of the Mayflower Hotel on the evening of the Banquet.

NATIONAL VISITOR CENTER ENDORSED BY INTERIOR



Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has endorsed a proposal by the railroad companies that own Union Station for development of that facility into a National Visitor Center by the National Park Foundation.

Under the proposal, the railroad companies would make available to the Foundation $16 million and title to the Union Station property. The Foundation would supervise construction of an $11 million parking garage and the $5 million renovation of the Station into a Visitor Center.

The Foundation would then lease the Visitor Center facility to the United States Government and the National Park Service would operate it under a 25-year lease, with an option to purchase for $1 when the lease terminates.

The proposal calls for a deferred payment plan under which the Foundation would pay for the property, over the 25-year period, with $3.5 million annual rental payments from the Government.

5 At Coulee Dam Record 67 Years Of Safe Driving

COULEE DAM, Wash.--Five National Park Service employees were honored recently at Coulee Dam headquarters for compiling a total of 67 years of safe driving time among them. Maintenance Foreman Don Everts headed the list with 16 years of accident-free driving time, closely followed by Bert Norton with 15 years and Al Drysdale, Carl Petersen and Jay Atkinson with 12 years each. Several other employees were presented awards for lesser periods.

In making the awards Superintendent Dave Richie pointed out that there were no vehicle accidents in the recreation area during the past year despite increased traffic congestion in the general area.

Job Corpsmen Get Presents For Families

WELLFLEET, MASS. --- Christmas plans at the Wellfleet Civilian Conservation Center start early, as some Corpsmen will be leaving December 16 for home, while others leave the 21st. One of the nicest community projects for the Corpsmen for the past several years has been providing them with gifts that they can take home to their families. The response each year has been excellent, and close to 400 gifts were given last year, so that each Corpsman was able to take at least three gifts home, and some more. This particular community project has been carried out principally by the churches.

On December 11 and 12 women from the communities around Wellfleet will be ready to help Corpsmen select and wrap a gift or gifts they choose for either father, mother, sister, brother, grandparent, or sweetheart. The gifts are spread out on tables for the Corpsmen to see and select from, and after making their choice or choices they then choose the wrapping, ribbon and card they want. It is taken to still another table where some one will help in wrapping the gift, and making out the appropriate card. This way Corpsmen arrive home with attractive present for the family.

"CLARA DOLL" KEEPS TRADITION AT SAGAMORE HILL

NEW YORK, N.Y.--All in Keeping with family tradition at Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, a large Christmas tree, appropriately decorated, will be placed in the North Room of the old mansion. A doll named "Clara Doll," which belonged to Mrs. Charles Carow, mother of Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, will be brought from the Nursery to the North Room and placed in a small rocking chair under the Christmas Tree. Other toys and appropriately wrapped packages will also be placed under the tree.

Forest Service Presents DSA To Horace Albright

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.—Horace Marden Albright, former Director of the National Park Service and a pioneer in the parks movement, received the Distinguished Service Award of The American Forestry Association.

In a presentation made before 500 members of the Association at their 93rd Annual Meeting, AFA President Paul M. Dunn called Mr. Albright a "pioneer in a stunning new concept that became worldwide" and a man who knows that parks and woods are a true reflection of a nation's soul.

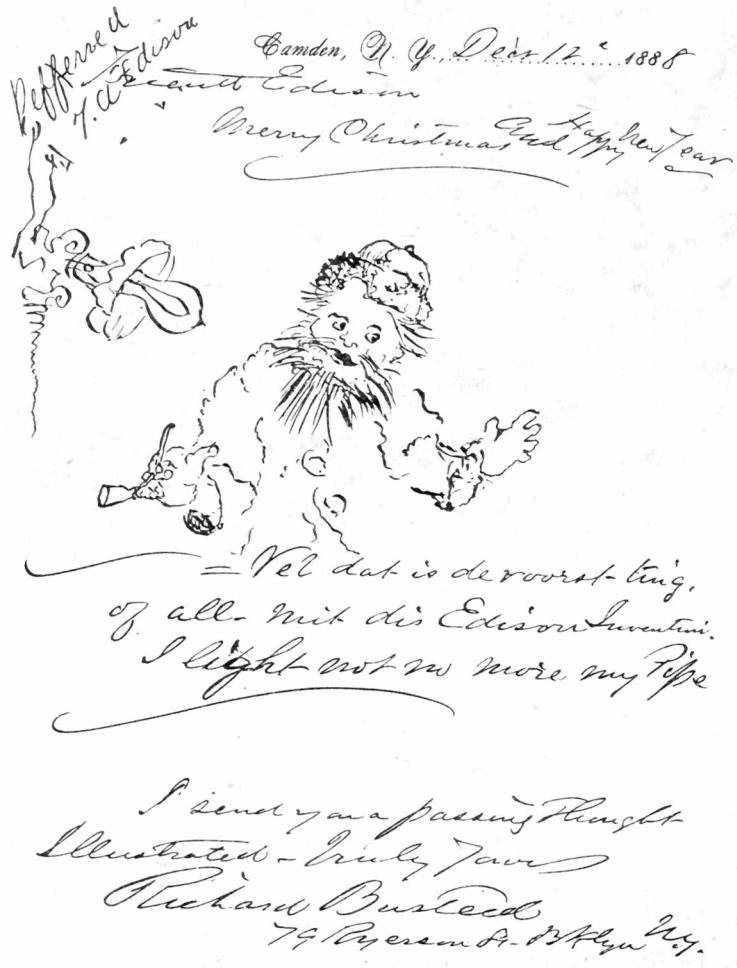
Born in the mining community of Bishop, California, Albright has been a business man, attorney and political scientist in addition to his tenure as the second Director of the National Park Service. As a boy, Albright was depressed by wide-spread destruction of his California landscape and threw in his lot with Stephen T. Mather, first Director of the National Park Service.

"Few men have done more to protect and conserve the beautiful and remote places than Mr. Albright," Dunn said. "The woods, the parks, and all the wild places are better because he passed this way."

The Albright presentation climaxed a four-day meeting on "Man and His Environment" Keynoter was Representative Henry S. Reuss, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and a leader of the conservation block in the U. S. Congress.

Speakers included Dr. Paul Dudley White, heart specialist; Mark Evans, television commentator; Governor John King, of New Hampshire; Rabbi Jacob Weinstein, of Chicago and a pioneer Trail Rider; Sherman Adams, former Governor of New Hampshire and special assistant to President Eisenhower; Ralph A. MacMullan, Director, Michigan Department of Conservation; and Dr Francois Mergen, Dean, School of Forestry, Yale University.

A Christmas Cartoon - 1888



A CHRISTMAS CARTOON- 1888

The first successful incandescent electric light bulb was tested by Thomas A. Edison on October 21, 1879, and burned for forty hours. The long, painstaking experiments were carried out by the light of flaring gas jets in the most modern research laboratory in the world.

Nine years later people all over the country were having the marvelous new light installed in their homes and everyone was happy -- everyone that is except Saint Nicholas!

Here is a Christmas Greeting received by the great inventor in December of 1888. St. Nicholas is depicted "taking ten," pulling out his pipe, and finding to his dismay that you can't get a light bulb. In the words of the cartoon: "Vel dat is de voorst ting of all mit dis Edison Invention. I light not no more my Pipe!"

FORESTERS ELECT HOWARD CHAPMAN DIV. SECRETARY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Howard Chapman, Superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, has been elected Secretary of the Division of Forest Recreation, Society of American Foresters, at its 68th annual meeting at Philadelphia. Superintendent Chapman will serve in this office during the calendar year 1969.

Other officers of the Division of Forest Recreation elected at the annual business meeting on October 2 are Roman H. Koenings, Regional Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Chairman, and Richard J. Costley, Chief, Division of Recreation, U.S. Forest Service, Vice-chairman.

A LETTER HOME –DEC. 25, 1779

MORRISTOWN, N. J. -- A Christmas at Morristown. Morristown National Historical Park commemorates two significant winter encampments of the Continental Army at Morristown, New Jersey. During the second encampment, the "hard" winter of 1779-1780, the American forces were sheltered in a small "city" of log huts. Here was maintained, in the face of bitter cold, hunger, hardship, and disease, the young Nation's will to independence and freedom.

The Park manuscript collection contains an engaging letter written by Erkuries Beatty, an officer of the Pennsylvania Line, to his brother Reading, in which appears the following vignette of a Morristown Christmas 189 years ago:

Camp near Morristown Christmas Day Dec. 25th 79.
Dr Brother,

I am just down from dinner about half Drunk, all dined together upon good roast & boiled, but in a Cold hut, however grog enough will keep cold for which there is no Desiring, tomorrow we all dine at or with the Colonel, which will be another excellent dinner and I think you may call that fair living, but Ah! I am afraid it wont last many Days-- The huts about four miles from Morristown near a place caller Mendham . . Capt Sproat is here and Desires to be Remembered to you. . . I am very busy in Delivering the mens Cloathing in about two weeks I'll set off for home I hope-- Damn the Nonsense I was going to say but I will quit and Remain your

Affectionate Brother,
Erkuries.

TREATY OF GHENT SIGNED ON CHRISTMAS EVE - 1814

BALTIMORE, Md.-- On Christmas Eve, 1814, peace came to the United States bringing to an end the war which gave this country its national anthem. On this day, the Treaty of Ghent was signed by representatives of Great Britain and the United States. The War of 1812, during which Fort McHenry earned its place in history, was thus brought to an end. Earlier, in September of the same year, Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry, Baltimore, Maryland and was moved to write the Star-Spangled Banner. The English melody was a popular tune of the time. In fact it was also used in several songs commemorating the war's end. One such song using the melody of the Star-Spangled Banner began: "Since Peace has return'd from her flight to the skies, And the bright form of honor her steps is attending . . . ."

Another Edison "FIRST"



ORANGE, N.J.-- In September of 1882, Thomas A. Edison completed installation of the first electric generating and distribution system in New York City. In December of that year Mr. Edward H. Johnson of New York City, then vice president of the Edison Electric Light Company, decorated his home with what is believed to be the first electrically illuminated Christmas Tree.

As the tree revolved (driven by a hidden electric motor) the red, white, and blue lights alternated, first one color and then another going out and being relit at every revolution. It must have been a lovely sight and so cought the imagination of one reporter that he compared it to "the tree laden with lambent splendor that sparkles above the fountains in Aladdin's palace."

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Young inhabitants of Gambell, St. Lawrence Island turn on their native charm as the NPS team gets ready for flight to Nome via Savoonga.



All the Eskimos at Point Hope on the Arctic Sea turn out to see the NPS team off on Wien Airlines twin-jet Beaver.

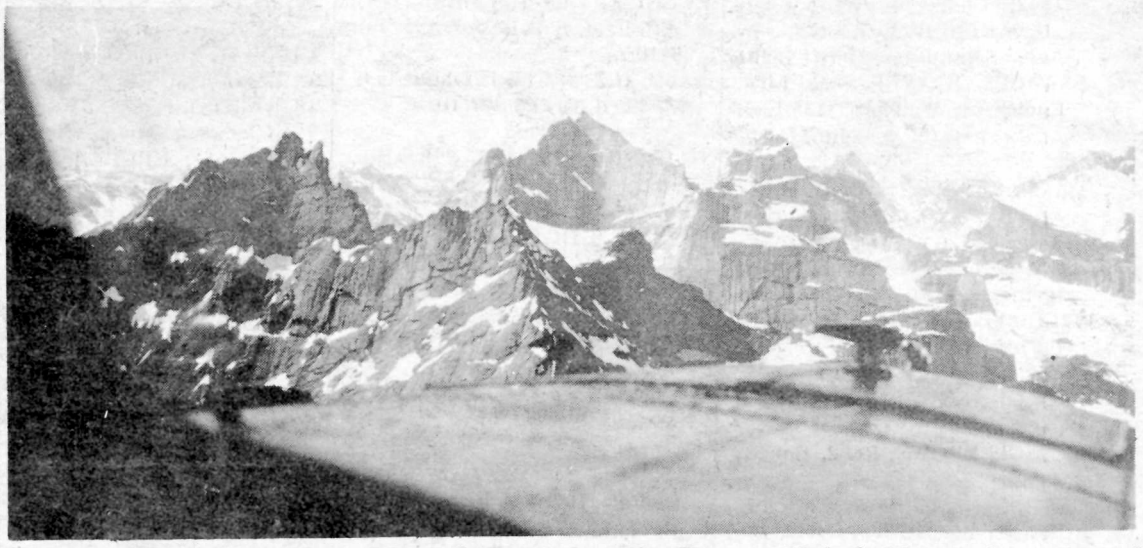


Eskimo women and children greet the NPS team landing at Gambell, St. Lawrence Island, right next to Siberia.



Team Captain Mattes on modern equivalent of a dog-sled at frozen Point Barrow, northern most point on the North American continent.

Mattes Leads Planning Team On Arctic Wilderness Probe



The weird Arragetch Peaks of the Schwatka Range, Kobuk Mountains, viewed by the NPS study team from the Grumman amphibian borrowed from the Fish & Wildlife Service.

Photo Story By M.J. Mattes

The land north of the Arctic Circle is eternally frozen, hostile to man, and an unthinkable place for a National Park. Right? Wrong! Reconnaissance by two National Park Service planning teams, in May and June, 1968, has revealed that the Arctic -- in the springtime at least -- is habitable by non-Eskimos, and contains unique scenic, scientific and historical attractions.

Such is the reaction of Merrill J. Mattes, Office of Resource Planning, San Francisco Service Center, who served as Team Captain for both of these unusual field investigations. In May he was accompanied by Historian Reed Jarvis, San Francisco Service Center, and Archeologist Zorro Bradley, Washington Office, on a tour of Eskimo villages along the Bering and Arctic Sea in connection with a project called Alaska Native Cultural Studies to study the feasibility of preserving one or more typical native villages for posterity. Wien Consolidate Airlines toted the trio on their reconnaissance of Nome, Kotzebue, Point Hope, Point Barrow, Wales and St. Lawrence Island (the last two just a stone's throw from Siberia).

Seals, walrus, whales and polar bears, transportation by dog-sleds, gasoline-powered sleds and skin boat, ancient houses of sod and whalebone and new frame houses -- but no ice igloos -- were observed by the team. Eskimos, all ages, shapes and sizes, were photographed and interviewed. The arrival of a plane at a village was always an occasion for a grand turn-out of the natives in their colorful parias and broad toothy grins.



Walrus hunter Vernon Slwoka takes the NPS team on a skin-boat ride on the Bering Straits, just across the International Date Line from Siberia.

In June Mattes was joined by Landscape Architect Bailey Breedlove and Biologist Richard Prasil of the Alaska Field Office in Anchorage, together with Alden Sievers of the Bureau of Land Management, Fairbanks, to conduct a reconnaissance of the south slope of the Brooks Range, in particular that portion drained by the Upper Kobuk and Koyukuk Rivers. Transportation was arranged by the Fish and Wildlife Service, which provided a Gruman Goose amphibian with Veteran Alaska pilot Theron Smith.

Camping on remote Lake Takahula and Wild Lake, the Brooks study team made an aerial survey of some 10,000 miles of the beautiful but silent Arctic Wilderness, including the famed Mount Doonerak and the Gates of the Mountains described by explorer Bob Marshall. Eskimo villages at Kobuk and Anaktuvuk Pass, route of caribou migrations, the Athabaskan village of Fort Yukon, and the old sourdough hamlet of Wiseman were the only signs of human habitation. The Arctic is a land waiting for civilization to arrive.

Its early arrival is promised by the recent discovery of vast oil fields on the Arctic slope, a situation which demands a road into the now roadless Arctic. Meanwhile Wien and Alaska Airlines are both now happily hauling tourists to Kotzebue, Point Barrow and Fort Yukon, all in the land of the midnight sun.

Is the Arctic Wilderness a suitable place for representation in the National Park System? The forthcoming reports of the survey teams may suggest an answer.



The June midnight sun shines brightly on the Kobuk-Koyukuk study team camped on Lake Takahula, Alatna River, 200 miles above the Arctic Circle.

JAMES ORR IS SEMIFINALIST IN MERIT PROGRAM

LONGMIRE Wash.-- James Orr, son of Chief Park Ranger and Mrs. Joseph Orr of Mt. Rainier National Parks has been named a semifinalist in the 1968-69 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The 15,000 Semifinalists appointed are among the nation's most intellectually able high school seniors and will compete for some 3,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in 1969.

The Semifinalists were the highest scorers in their states on the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, given last February in 17,500 schools nationwide. They constitute less than one percent of the graduating secondary school seniors in the United States.

Winners of four year Merit Scholarships may receive up to $1,500 a year for four college years, depending on their individual need. Winners of the National $1000 Scholarships will receive one-time stipends of $1000 upon enrollment in college.

Lassen Prepares For Ski Season

MINERAL, CAL. — Superintendent Dick Boyer of Lassen Volcanic National Park and General Manager Frankie Donau of the Lassen National Park Company, the concessioner in Lassen Volcanic National Park, have announced that preparations are underway for the operation of the Lassen Park Ski Area this winter.

Mr. Ken Tibbett, last year's manager of winter sports and ski concession at the Lassen Chalet, will return again this winter as overall manager at the Chalet.

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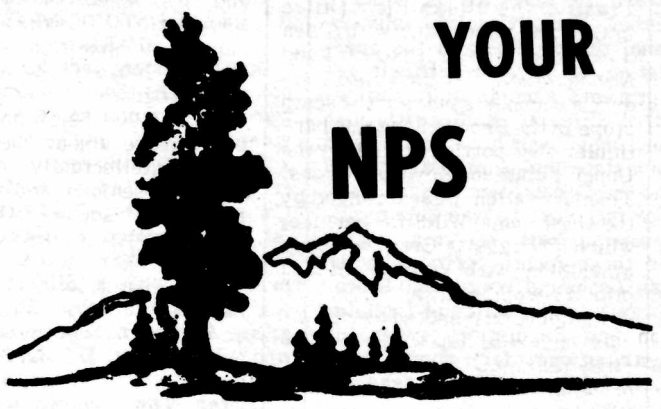
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OMAHA, Neb--John F. Rohn, Jr., Supt. Homestead National Monument of America, who underwent heart surgery at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C., July 30, has now been transferred to the Eppley Care Complex, Room 370, 3612 Cuming Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68131.

PATHWAYS: A STORY OF TRIALS AND MEN, by John W. Bingaman. End-Kian Publishing Co. Lodi, Cali. 1968. 54 pages with maps. Paperbound, $2.50

In his retired years, John W. Bingaman, for 35 years a ranger in Yosemite National Park, has put together his research into Yosemite's past human and natural history with some of his own long experience in the Park Service in occasional small volumes of valuable material. Such is Pathways: A Story of Trials and Men, which for the most part deals with the early Indian and white history of the Yosemite region and the people who blazed the trails there. Many of the present foot-trails in Yosemite Park, it should be noted, follow trails cut by former Indian inhabitants of the Valley, by the whites who followed, and by the Army protectors of the park before establishment of a National Park Service;



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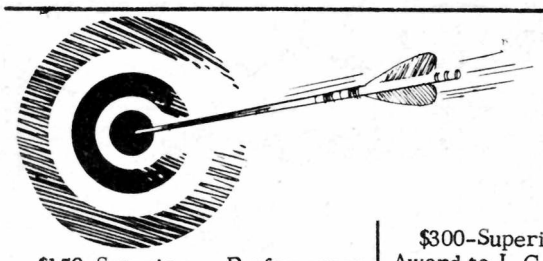
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Quality Performance

$150-Superior Performance Award to Miss SUSAN M. FURNARI, Clerk Typist, Division of Archeology, WASO, in recognition of her exemplary work habits and initiative, and for the extremely significant contribution to the Environmental Education Development Program (NEED), with particular attention to the idea she developed for improving that program.

$350-Superior Performance Award to (Mrs.) NELLIE R. SHEPHERD, Secretary, Office of Deputy Director, for her outstanding performance during significant organizational rearrangements in the Deputy Director's office. Through her patient understanding and timely aggressive efforts, it was possible to move several important decision documents to approval. Both Director Hartzog and Deputy Director Bill mentioned how heavily they have relied upon her competence over the years and congratulated her on her continued and sustained high level of performance.

Quality Increase for Mrs. EUNICE L. BERRANG, Office of the Assistant to Director, Legislation, based on her outstanding performance during the past year. She was cited not only for having provided outstanding services, but for developing skills and techniques which increased the efficiency of her office and facilitated the work of others to whom she provided assistance Mrs. Berrang has consistently maintained accurate and up to date legislative records, and has been an absolutely reliable source of information on legislative topics such as pending hearings, committee action, floor debate, and programs of vital importance to the Service.

Quality Increase for ROBERT M. UTLEY, Chief, Division of History, has been granted a quality increase based on his outstanding performance during the past year, and in recognition of his outstanding leadership which served as an inspiration for his entire staff and resulted in spurring the team effort to unusual levels of accomplishment.

Quality Increase for Mrs. RUTH M. GUMM, Division of Budget, WASO, based on her outstanding performance during the past year. She has consistently demonstrated a high degree of resourcefulness, keeness and objectivity in anticipating the needs of her supervisors. Though a substantial amount of her work necessarily had to be performed under emergent conditions and pressures of deadlines, her completed work was always accurate and of the highest quality. Her cooperativeness, cheerfulness and ability to assume responsibility for procedural aspects of the work have been outstanding.

$500-Superior Performance Award to, PAUL J.F. SCHUMACHER, Division of Archeology, WASO, for his consistently fine performance during the past year during which time, under his direction the programs relating to archeology in Service areas in the Western Region moved at a considerably accelerated rate in comparison with most of the archeological programs in other regions. In addition to conducting successful and extensive work programs in NPS areas with a limited budget, Schumacher was able to arrange for a $12,000 grant from the National Geographic Society for archeological research at Katmai National Monument --a program that has resulted in major and unique contributions to the status of knowledge of Alaskan prehistory.

$300-Superior Performance Award to L.C. "Red" JOHNSON, Maintenanceman at Hubbel Trading Post, in recognition of his sustained superior performance while at Bent's Old Fort.

$300-Special Act Awards to Assistant Chief Park Naturalist STANLEY G. CANTER, and Park Ranger RICHARD A. GUILMETTE, both of Yellowstone National Park, for assuming and performing additional responsibilities of higher grade positions in addition to their own, in a highly competent manner.

$50-Incentive Award to ROY D. PIERCE, Operator General, Wind Cave, for his development of a special attachment to a front-end loader for handling logs, fence posts, etc. more expeditously.

$300-Superior Performance Award to CLAUDE R. FAUBER, JR., for exceptional performance during the past year during which time he assumed the acting responsibilities of Supervisory Park Ranger at Morristown and was on duty 114 out of 117 days straight with no extra salary reimbursement, voluntarily patrolling the Park in the interrest of reducing vandalism, protecting visitors and Government property. Fauber was also cited for the exceptional effort he put forth in learning all he could in the law envorcement field and for performing these duties with high credit to the Service. During the calendar year 1967, he made 72 arrests for various kinds of violations discovered on Park lands-- all of which resulted in court convictions.

$25 Incentive Award to THOMAS E. BROWNSCOMBE, Division of Management Analysis, WASO, has been granted a cash award in the amount of $25 for his suggestion that a listing of books and publications such as The Quiet Crisis be made available to new employees so that they may more readily familiarize themselves with the role of the Service. The idea will be implemented by including in the employee Orientation Kits copies of the two price lists of books and publications relevant to NPS publications and books of interest on Service programs.

$100-Special Act Award to THOMAS M. BAHTI, Division of Safety, WASO for his skillful, errorless typing of the final preparation of the "Liquefied Petroleum Gases Handbook," and for clerical assistance far in excess of what is normally expected of a seasonal employee.

Quality Increase for (Mrs.) HELEN C. SAULTS, Secretary, Office of the Director, in recognition of the ease and aplomb with which she conducts the affairs of the Director's office in furthering good public relations with cabinet officers, congressional leaders and the public in general, as well as with staff members.

$15-Incentive Award to GLENDON D. MILLER, General Supply Specialist at Mammoth Cave for a suggestion he submitted that a sign he installed near the Historic Entrance for the benefit of visitors on the semi-guided trip, stating that in case of power failure in the cave, visitors should remain calm and stay where they were. Miller has been employed at the Park since 1937. Miller and his wife, Verda, live in Park City.

$200-Outstanding Performance Award to Mrs. RETHA CONDRIFF, Clerk-Stenographer at Platt National Park-Arbuckle Recreation Area on the basis of the outstanding nature of her work and her overall contribution to the efficiency of the two areas. This is the second such award that Mrs. Condriff has received since her employment with Platt National Park in February, 1953.

$500 Superior Performance Award to RAYMOND L. NELSON, Supervisor, Mather Training Center, for his fine accomplishments during the past year, putting in many hours of overtime, and overcoming several major handicaps, all of which paid off with more persons trained and more classes conducted than in any preceding year, and at an actual reduction in cost per trainee.

Incentive Award to Chief Park Ranger THOMAS O. HOBBS, in recognition of his idea for a rugged, maintenance-free trail marker now used along the self-guiding Nature Trail at Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park.

$25 Incentive Award to FRANZ DRUCKER, General Supply Assistant, Office of Design and Construction, San Francisco Service Center.

$175-Special Act Awards to Miss BRENDA J. ROANE and Miss GAIL M. ALDRICH, Office of Employee Evaluation, WASO, for their skillful clerical assistance during implementation of the Servicewide Career Development and Placement Plan to a semi-automated McBee Exportable Skills Inventory System.

Quality Increase to VICTOR E. DAHLBERG, Systems Accountant, Division of Concessions Management, WASO. has been granted a quality increase for his outstanding performance during the past year. The citation recognizes his reputation for accuracy, precision and completeness in all phases of his work. The Service benefits from the vigor and enthusiasm with which he performs each and every task assigned to him.

Quality Increase for Miss HELEN W. JOHNSON, Secretary, Office of the Director, in recognition of her capabilities of consistent and sustained superior performance, and her ability to meet every emergency with ease and grace, thus contributing to the smooth operation of a busy and hectic office.

$50-Incentive Award to ROBERT K. SMITH, Office of Assistant to Director, Legislation, has been awarded $50 for his suggestion for revising the method of maintaining files in the Regulations Section of the Office of Legislation and Regulations. The method has been implemented and is working well at an estimated saving to the government of some $850.

$25-Incentive Award to JUDITH A. HARMON, WASO, for suggesting that a separate allotment ledger be maintained for cost account 0122 since it is used more than any other in allotment 0100. The suggestion was reviewed and evaluated by Messrs. Beagle and Watkins and the idea placed into effect beginning with transactions entered as of July 1, 1968.

$300-Superior Performance Award to Mrs. AMY S. WILSON, Temporary Personnel Clerk at Mammoth Cave. Mrs. Wilson began working at Mammoth Cave in 1965 and has worked in the administrative division as both Clerk-Typist and Personnel Clerk. Mrs. Wilson, her husband, John Ray, and one son reside in Munfordville.

Quality Increase to FRANKLIN JOLY, Park Guide at Mammoth Cave, as a result of job performance which exceeded the basic requirements of his position. Jolly began working for the Park as a Guide in 1948. He has since been a Clerk-Cashier, Information Receptionist and Park Guide Cashier. Jolly and his wife, Lydas, live in Cave City. They have one son, Bruce.

Quality Increase to ROBERT G. FERRIS, Historian, Division of History, WASO, for his superior performance during the past year. Horace J. Sheely, Chief, Branch of Historical Surveys stated that through Ferris' coordination of various resources including his own small editorial staff, it was possible to produce or complete four volumes in the Survey series - a record far above normal expectancy. The splendid appearance of these volumes has had important impact from a public service and a public relations standpoint.

Quality Increase to JOHN D. MC DERMOTT, Historian, Division of History, WASO, has been granted a quality increase for his outstanding performance during the past year. In recommending him for this special recognition, his supervisors cited the unusual number and complexity of the studies required for proposed historic sites which he completed during the year. Through his effectiveness the Historic Sites Survey was able to keep abreast of its commitments for presentations to the Advisory Board.

Quality increase to FRANK MELVIN, Office of Assistant to Director, Legislation, WASO, has been granted a quality increase based on his outstanding performance during the past year. Melvin was cited for exceeding the normal expectations of his position, and for long hours of devotion and diligence reflected in the positive relationship of the Park Service with members of Congress. Also recognized was the large workload of Melvin's office, requiring skilled and efficient management, especially with regard to the prompt responses to the thousands of letters which were processed.

$200-Superior Performance Award to ROBERT K. SMITH, Bethel, North Carolina, his unusual thoroughness in the completion of several difficult assignments and his ability to resolve differing opinions through meetings with those who formulate and administer policy and the Department's legal staff. The fact that he was able to accomplish all of this within the three-month period when he was Technical Writer and Editor (Legal) in the Office of Legislation and Regulations rates his contributions far above those normally expected of a seasonal employee.

$300-Superior Performance Award to Miss HILDA D. SULLIVAN, Secretary, Division of Planning and Interpretive Services, WASO, for the highly efficient manner in which she has handled her secretarial duties during the past seven months. Her supervisor, Marc Sagan, Chief, Division of Planning and Interpretive Services, in recommending her for this special recognition cited among other instances, the fact that due to her effective training of a Student Trainee, she is now launched on a career of her own.

ROANOKE, Va.--Identical awards of $20.00 each were presented to Maintenanceman William H. Bowles and Electronic Technician Glen W. Richie by Blue Ridge Parkway Supt. Granville B. Liles. The two men were responsible for the installation of flow-control valves in Parkway drinking fountains. These valves insure a constant flow from the bubbler. Anyone who has been frustrated for lack of or too much water at drinking fountains will surely appreciate the value of their suggestion.



Outstanding Performance Award to HOWARD E. CRANE, Maintenance Superintendent at Platt National Park-Arbuckle Recreation Area on the basis of his exceptional organizational ability and the many improvements he has contributed to work procedures at the two areas. Crane is responsible for the upkeep of all trails, buildings, and grounds at Platt-Arbuckle where he supervises a staff of 12 permanent employees and 20 seasonal employees. A native of Park County, Montana, Crane was formerly employed at Yellowstone and Grand Canyon National Parks.

$50-Incentive Award to JACOB BASSAN, Division of Management Analysis, WASO, for his suggestion that when WASO personnel are assigned to an office outside of the Interior Building, they be immediately informed of procedures to follow in case of accidents. This suggestion has already been implemented, and in addition a First Aid Corps has been designated to handle first aid at the 801-19th Street location where Mrs. Nan Rickey will serve as chief of the Corps.

$150-Superior Performance Award to Miss FRANCES I. GASTELLUM, Colorado State University, for her natural capabilities, initiative and devotion to duty in her capacity as Clerk-Typist, Branch of Visitor Activities, Division of Resources Management and Visitor Protection, during the summer, during which time her performance far exceeded that expected of any seasonal employee.

$25-Incentive Award to MARJORIE M. "Mike" HACKETT, Secretary Yosemite National Park, for her suggestion that timekeepers in field areas use Form 378 to facilitate keeping accurate leave records.

THREE AWARDS PRESENTED AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Superintendent Jack K. Anderson presented three monetary awards to employees of Yellowstone National Park during a special award ceremony. Award recipients included Stanley G. Canter, Assistant Chief Naturalist, and Richard A. Guilmette, Supervisory Park Ranger, each presented with a $350 Special Act Award, and Robert R. Lovegren, Assistant Superintendent, who received a $75 Suggestion Award.

Canter was honored for his excellent performance as Acting Chief Naturalist while effectively carrying out his regular assignment as Assistant Chief Naturalist from March to mid-July 1968.

Guilmette's award was based on his acceptance and successful fulfillment of the duties of a higher graded position. He was placed in charge of the Canyon Sub-District and effectively directed the complex and demanding operation during the past summer.

Lovegren was cited for his suggestion that Equal Employment Opportunity phone numbers be highlighted in the Department of Interior telephone directory. The suggestion was submitted by Mr. Lovegren while assigned to the National Park Service's Washington Office and was later implemented.

YOSEMITE AWARD$

THEODORE R. THOMPSON

Assistant Superintendent Theodore R. Thompson of Yosemite, received a Superior Performance Award for $350. This award was in recognition of his outstanding performance while serving as Superintendent of Dinosaur National Monument.

PETRIFIED LOG

Another busy summer season has come and gone, and now we're busy trying to get all the pieces back together again. Two of the most interesting facets of our summer this year was the introduction of a horse patrol in the Rainbow Forest District and the use of three Neighborhood Youth Corps boys.

HORSING AROUND?

The horse patrol was started on July 10th and finished September 17th. The patrols were mostly in the Long Logs area of Rainbow Forest, but a few were made at Crystal Forest also. It was found that the mounted Ranger (or horse?) attracted many more visitor contacts than the auto patrol did. According to available figures, the mounted Ranger made almost four times as many field contacts per man hour as did a Ranger in a vehicle.

YOUTH CORPS

The Neighborhood Youth Corps supplied the park with three Navajo youths, Tom Begaye, Henry Begaye, and Mark Cook. These three young men worked in various capacities throughout the summer, incluing: tamarisk eradication program, construction of the horse corral, roadside cleanup, trail maintenance, with most of their time put into the Visitor Center Information Desk, entrance station, and field assignments in the high wood theft areas of the park. This program worked out very well, and it is hoped that something of this sort can be repeated next year.

NEW ARRIVALS

There have been several new arrivals since the last PETRIfied log—two Park Guides and two screamers. In addition, District Ranger Hugo Huntzinger has some new arrivals from Korea.

Park Guide Paul Thompson, hails from nearby Flagstaff, Arizona. Paul has lived and worked all his life in the northern Arizona area. His last job was also as a Guide, this time at Sunset Crater National Monument. He worked there for ten months, then moved to Petrified in late May. Paul's wife, Cora Mae, is also from Flagstaff. The Thompson's have three children; Ann, Paula, and Joe.

Park Guide Brantly Dickey, hails from the El Paso area of Texas. He has a BS degree in Range Management from the New Mexico State University, and a BA degree in Business Administration from the University of Texas. He worked for BLM in Oregon and California, then started teaching in Bakersfield, California. From there he came to Petrified. Brant's wife, Eunice, also comes from the El Paso area. The Dickey's have two children; Bill and Brenda.

The first of the screamers arrived on May 23rd, early in the morning. This was Diane Herr, whose parents Bill and Jan Herr have been awake ever since. (Not really, Diane's a very good baby). The second baby in this group is Frances Huntzinger. Frances is a little older, being 2-1/2, and arrived from Korea on Sept. 13th. Her proud parents are Hugo and Ja Huntzinger.

Hugo's other guests are two of his wife's sisters. Sister number one, Ae Ja, arrived August 27th. Sister number two, Hi Ja, arrived October 20th. A third sister is expected around the end of the year. Sounds like Hugo is running a travel agency. Actually, the sisters are immigrating to the U.S. with the help of Hugo and Ja.

PETE BARRETT

Management Assistant Pete Barrett just wrapped up a two day training session in Phoenix. The course of study was entitled "Role of the Federal Supervisor in Equal Employment Opportunities". This type of course is particularly applicable in Northern Arizona, and at PEFO, because of the nearby Indian reservations.

SUPT. DAYTON

Superintendent Don Dayton just returned from a three week stint with the Department of the Interior Personnel Management Evaluation Team. He was one of fourteen members of the team, which had two NPS people on it. The team visited areas in Arizona and Nevada under the jurisdiction of BIA, BLM, NPS, and Bureau of Mines.

FIRE

Ranger Stan Carson was lucky enough to be called in to help fight a BLM forest fire near Manly Hot Springs, Alaska. Blm needed all the help they could get as there was some 500,000 acres in flame in several different areas in the state. The fire Stan was on was about 46,000 acres in extent. Never could figure out why so many guys volunteer to fight fires until I saw Stan's paycheck after he got back. Now, I VOLUNTEER!!

NEW UNIFORMS

Have you seen the Petrified Forest maintenance employees in their new uniforms? Mighty sharp! The only problem GENE HARPER says is getting the men out of the shop. Seems like they object to getting their new uniforms dirty. -- The Petroglyph.

S.W. ARCHEOLOGICAL CENTER WELCOMES IRVING McNEIL, JR.

GLOBE, Ariz.--Irving McNeil, Jr. has joined the staff of the Southwest Archeological Center as Management Assistant. Chief of the Center, Chester A. Thomas, announced that McNeil will participate in all phases of planning for which the Center is responsible.

McNeil began his career in the National Park Service as a seasonal employee at Tonto National Monument in 1937. He was also a seasonal at Bandelier National Monument, N.M. from 1938 to 1942. From 1942 to 1962 he was superintendent at Chaco Canyon and El Morro National Monuments, N.M. and in 1963 became superintendent at Tumacacori National Monument in southern Arizona where he was stationed until his move to Globe. His Park Service duty was interrupted from 1942 to 1944 when he served in the Army in Australia, India, Burma and China.

In 1938 he graduated with a BA in history from the University of Texas at El Paso. He also did some post graduate work in history at George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

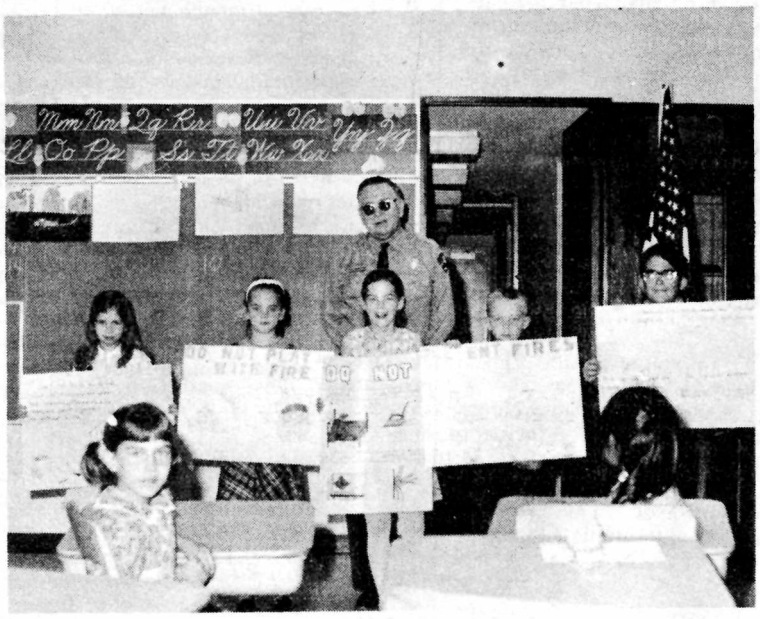
McNeil and his wife Ruth have three children. Irving, III is a senior math major at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and Mark is a junior at New Mexico State University now studying a year at Schiller College near Stuttgardt Germany. He is a linguistics major. Their daughter Jane Ruth is 10 years old and attends East Globe school.

While at Tumacacori McNeil participated in many civic and fraternal organizations in Nogales. He was president of the Nogales Toastmasters, chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Frist Baptist Church and held several offices of the Masonic Blue Lodge. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and ex-president of the Scottish Rite Club in Nogales. He is a Shriner, Rotarian, ex-Associate Patron of the Order of Eastern Star and ex-Chaplain, Tubac Post, American Legion.

His wife is an ex-Associate Matron, Order of Eastern Star in Nogales and was active in church work.

Sigurd Olson Recovers In Fla.

SARASOTA, Fla. — We have just learned that our friend, Sigurd F. Olson—NPS Consultant, wilderness philosopher and author—is recovering nicely from a heart attack which had placed him in the hospital at Ft. Myers on November 12. Sig is recuperating at the Seacrest Apartments, Apt. 11, Siesta Island, Sarasota, Florida 33578. The Olsons expect to remain in Fla. through the Christmas holidays.



A PROGRAM designed to stimulate interest in fire prevention and fire suppression included the Painted Desert school children as well as the adult residents in Petrified Forest National Park. Fire posters were made by all the sudents and prizes were presented by Management Assistant Walter T. Berrett to those showing the most originality and workmanship. Prize winners from left to right are: Karen Berrett, Janet May, Carol May, Roger Caresia and Stephen Dayton. Mr. Berrett is standing behind Carol.



RANGER WALLY NEPRASH teaches the youngsters some facts about water pressure at the nozzle. Left to right are: Brian Neprash, Earl Craig, Jr., Roger Caresia, Tom Yazzie, Jr., Bill Dickey and Mickey Miller.

CAVERN CAVALCADE



Many areas have training sessions on fire prevention and fire control, but Carlsbad Caverns has gone one step further. Using techniques he developed while at Crater Lake, Management Assistant Slim Mabery presented a training session on fire rescue. Attending were CaCa personnel and dependents, members of the Eddy County Rescue Squad, and various other interested individuals. Assisted by Park Guide Bob Turner, Slim demonstrated methods for dragging unconscious or wounded persons from burning buildings. Also shown were ways to take victims out windows, and rescue by means of ladder and belay rope. The methods were simple enough that even many of the younger children were able to practice them.

A NEW MAN

Chief of I & RM Phil Van Cleave returned from the Leadership Laboratory (T Group) at Mather Training Center and declared that he is a new man. We haven't yet figured out whether he meant that was good or bad.

More than fifty CaCa employees and dependents are now graduates of the National Safety Council's Defensive Driving Course. The class consists of eight one-hour sessions featuring lectures, movies, and class discussions.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

We were saddened recently by the passing of Ert Haney, retired Foreman I - Janitor. Ert worked for the park for many years and after retirement stayed on to help out with various facets of the concession. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife, Mitt.

Equally saddening for us was learning of the passing of retired Pump Operator Dave Mitchell. Dave was with the Cavern from the beginning. He helped Jim White take visitors on tour even before the Park Service was placed in charge of the area. Later Dave joined the maintenance force and saw the park to its present size and popularity.

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★ MERITORIOUS SERVICE ★

WILLIAM L. BOWEN was awarded the Department of the Interior's Citation for Meritorious Service, in recognition of outstanding contributions to National Park Service park planning, development and management programs.



Bowen entered the National Park Service on October 16, 1939. Following his initial assignment as a Park Ranger at Montezuma Castle National Monument, he assumed important assignments involving public relations in park management, land use, and recreation planning. Bowen demonstrated outstanding leadership and cooperative qualities during the investigation and evaluation of thirteen areas which have been added to the National Park System. Outstanding among the areas he helped bring into the System are Cape Cod, Padre Island, and Point Reyes and the spectacularly beautiful Canyonlands National Park.

As the first Superintendent of Padre Island National Seashore, Bowen planned for and coordinated the land acquisition and development of an island area of almost one hundred miles in length. His public relations activities at that area resulted in a clear public understanding of the aims and purposes of the National Park Service as related to the Seashore area. Since his reassignment to the position of Chief, San Francisco Office of Design and Construction, Bowen's maturity of judgment in weighing the merits of divergent proposals and in relating proposed developments to existing park features, has captured the best efforts of the highly skilled professional group which he supervises.

PAUL J.F. SCHUMACHER, has been awarded the Department of the Interior Citation for Meritorious Service in recognition of his significant contributions in the professional field of archeology with the National Park Service.

Schumacher's career with the National Park Service began in 1945, as a seasonal Park Ranger at Bryce Canyon National Park. His first permanent assignment as an archeologist was at Hopewell Village. The excavations there were a pioneering project in industrial archeology, which has since developed into a recognized specialty of historic sites archeology. This is largely due to Mr. Schumacher's developments of methodology and technique.

At Independence National Historical Park, his program for historical archeology resulted in highly significant findings, such as, location of the long-lost foundations of Benjamin Franklin's home, and location of outbuildings in Independence Square which substantially increased knowledge of buildings and life in and around Independence Hall during Colonial times.

He gained recognition throughout the National Park Service for the excellence of his archeological presentations at Albright Training Center, through which he has effectively educated an entire generation of National Park Service employees.

At various times, Schumacher represented the National Park Service as a delegate at the International Congresses of Anthropology at Philadelphia, Vienna, Paris, Moscow, and Spain and the 1st Work Conference on National Parks in Seattle, where his fluency in French, German and Dutch were a definite asset. He has also presented and had published numerous technical papers and articles on archeology.

ROBERT H. COOMBS has been honored with the Department of the Interior Meritorious Service Award in recognition of outstanding accomplishments in administration and systems development.

After temporary assignments with the Forest Service, Bureau of Public Roads and Yellowstone National Park, Mr. Coombs began his career with the National Park Service as a Ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway in 1940. Following six years of military furlough and leave of absence for educational purposes, he transferred to Coulee Dam in 1948,



as Supervisory Park Ranger. He served in an exemplary manner during the difficult, formulative years when the National Park Service was attempting to adjust its administrative policies to the management of recreation areas. Because of his demonstrated ability in administration, he became Administrative Officer for the Western Office, Design and Construction. He handled the workload in developing and training the staff in an outstanding manner.

Of particular importance were the contracts and arrangements made for GSA vehicles and acquisition of trailers to house personnel assigned on construction activities. With the reorganization in 1966, Mr. Coombs was assigned as Supervisor and Systems Developer in Development and Planning and Project Control with later responsibility for the estimating section. His capable handling of budget control provides a current analysis of expenditures and obligations necessary to assure efficient use of operating funds. He played a major role in the initial installation of the successful and important microfilm operation.

ROGERS W. YOUNG, has been presented the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior, in recognition of his outstanding professional services in the field of historic preservation with the National Park Service.

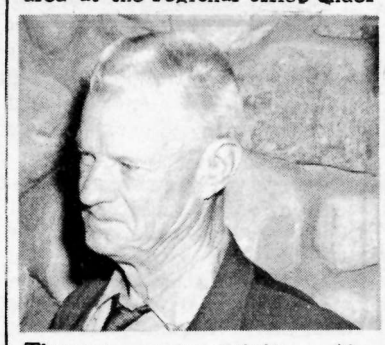
During his career, which covered 33 and one-half years between June 1934 and December 1967, he retired, Young undertook a series of complex assignments, dealing with historic studies and interpretation, both in historical field areas and the Washington Office. He also undertook pioneer studies in the National Historic Sites Survey Program during 1936 - 1940, and served as field historian at Fort Pulaski, Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse, and Vicksburg, 1934 - 1943. Serving in the War Department's historical program during World War II, Young returned to the Service in 1946 and rejoined the History Division. In the 1950's, he formulated the Service's policies regarding the evaluation and disposal of surplus Federal historical properties throughout the Nation. In 1955, he began a series of special assignments for the Service, serving first as Administrator of the John Marshall Bicentennial Commission; and as Service Advisor for the Boston National Historic Sites Commission, 1955-61; the New York City National Shrines Advisory Board, 1956-64; the Battle of Lake Erie Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission, 1963; and the Battle of New Orleans Sesquicentennial Celebration Commission, 1963-65.

In the 1960's, Young again undertook the preparation of guidelines for, and participated in, the reactivated Historic Sites Survey Program, giving guidance in particular to sites and theme studies for The War for Independence, Colonials and Patriots, Explorers and Settlers, and Founders and Frontiersmen. In addition, he was the author of a large number of historical research publications and monographs for the Service, which were published by the Service, the War Department, and various historical Journals.

In the late 1960's, Mr. Young served as the first Chief of the Branch of Park History Studies, and, under his direction, this branch was staffed, operating procedures evolved, and a substantial beginning made on the Service's present Historical Resource Program.

CHESTER A. THOMAS, Chief of the Southwest Archeological Center in Globe, has been presented the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to complex archeological research and management programs in the National Park Service.

Thomas assumed the duties of chief of the Center in 1966. At this time the programs, activities, and responsibilities of the Center were tremendously expanded through a reorganization of Service functions which placed his position directly under the Washington Office. This moved the archeological salvage program and other archeological research activities formerly handled at the regional office under



Thomas, responsibility. Also placed under his supervision was the vital program of ruins stabilization and other continuing field and laboratory functions of the Center. Separate major archeological excavation and stabilization jobs at Pecos and Gran Quivira National Monuments N.M. and special projects as archeological cooperation with the Bureau of Indian Affairs were also placed under his direction.

Thomas entered the Service as a seasonal park ranger at Mesa Verde National Park, Colo. in 1937. He was appointed Superintendent (then called Custodian) of Bandelier National Monument, N.M. in 1939 and handled its difficult problems during World War II and the early development of nearby Los Alamos.

He was moved from the field of archeology in 1947 to become assistant superintendent of Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks in Utah.

After a 30-year absence, Thomas returned to Mesa Verde in 1958 as superintendent. He guided the park through its most crucial years when the Wetherill Mesa archeological project was carried out under his general supervision and constituted the largest and most complex job of archeological investigations undertaken as a Service project.

Thomas was born in Fowler, Colo., and graduated from Fowler High School in 1924. He obtained a BA degree from the University of Denver in 1936 with a major in archeology and anthropology.

He and his wife Iola have two married children, Chester and Kathy, both living in California, and six grandchildren.

He is now president of the Gila County Archeological and Historical Society and a member of the Globe Lions Club.

His hobbies are woodworking and the construction and carving of furniture. He also says he'll hunt or fish anytime from dawn to dark.

EUGENE T. MOTT, Project Inspector for Yellowstone National Park, was recently presented the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior by Charles E. Kreuger, Assistant Director, Design and Construction. In presenting the award, Kreuger cited Mott for his



outstanding quality of work, his consistent practice of good construction principles, conservation and park practices, and his superior record of unselfish service.

Krueger said it is significant and no coincidence, that Mott has been selected to supervise the coming Yellowstone Centennial in 1972.

The presentation was made at the construction site of the Grant Village Ranger Station. Mott took time out from his busy schedule only long enough to accept the award -- then back to the job at hand.

CHARLES R. SIGLER was awarded the Department of the Interior's Citation for Meritorious Service in recognition of an outstanding career in the field of architecture, particularly with the National Park Service.

Sigler began his Government career with the Geological Survey in 1934, followed by employment with the Soil Conservation Service and the War Department. He entered the National Park Service in 1951, in the Region Three office where he first gave indication of his ability to solve architectural problems. In recognition of his superior competence and understanding of Park Service



philosophy of planning and design, he was assigned to the newly organized Western Office of Design and Construction.

Most noteworthy of his ability was the high quality of presentation of design and development of detailed architectural drawings for a large number of projects. Typical examples were the Visitor Center and Concessioner's Building at Carlsbad Caverns, and the Horace M. Albright Training Center at Grand Canyon. He was involved in the latter project from its beginning through completion. His sensitive knowledge and use of materials, appropriate color selection, and methods of construction were outstanding. As Supervisor of the Working Drawings, he improved the quality of work through his guidance and insistance upon expert draftsmanship and thorough delineation of all aspects of plan preparation. He exercises a profound influence on younger architects by requiring complete agreement and interrelated consistency in preparing contract documents.

Fred H. Arnold was awarded the Department of the Interior's Citation for Meritorious Service, in recognition of an outstanding career as a forester and resources management administrator with the National Park Service.

Arnold entered the National Park Service in 1933, as a Forester in the Washington Office. In 1936, he transferred to Richmond where he has served successively as Chief Forester and Chief of Resources Management and Visitor Protection for the Southeast Region. During the Civilian Conservation Corps era, Mr. Arnold directed the development of plans and field inspections to control fires and insect pests and to improve maintenance, planting and mapping of forested lands in Park Service areas east of the Mississippi River.

Arnold established a coordinated resources management and visitor protection program which has minimized overuse by park



visitors, and increased the effectiveness of park personnel in dealing with fires, civil disorders and crime. The accelerated effectiveness of the coordinated program has resulted in saving property and human life.

Laurence Guthe Wins Honors At Haleakala

KAHULUI MAUAI, Hawaii—A meeting of all Haleakala National Park employees was held to honor Park Ranger Laurence R. Guth in recognition of special services performed while acting as Chief Ranger from September 22, 1967 to June 30, 1968.

During this period, in addition to his regularly assigned duties, Mr. Guth directed all maintenance activities, including two construction projects; initiated a cooperative feral animal control program with the Hawaii Fish and Game Department; assisted in the preparation of a new Park Master Plan; initiated a fee collection system; and assumed responsibility for the preparation of reports and correspondence relating to the protection and maintenance functions of the park.

POPCICLE STAKEOUT

From Fragile Beginnings --A New World

By Jean Worth





The kids were all fifth and sixth graders—an age when the approved life stance among one's peers is the "put down."

The place was a camp site near Point Reyes in California, where the determinedly blase youngsters might fairly be described as "out of their element," at least according to their own lights.

The occasion was the on-site portion of a National Environmental Education Development (NEED) project, and the atmosphere was an astonishing one of relaxed good feeling toward the camp situation and toward one another.

"The boys and girls showed their art work and read their essays, and frankly, the rangers and the teachers were all astounded at the freely complimentary attitude they all had toward one another's work."

Charles Gebler, Western Regional Coordinator for the Environmental Education Office of the National Park Service, made his comment after watching 150 children and their teachers go through the first few days of what was to them a completely new experience. He admitted to some prior skepticism; he wound up impressed, enthusiastic, convinced.

"The thing just felt right, he said.

The experience Gebler witnessed, the week just prior to Thanksgiving, is being repeated with minor variations all over the nation, as the NEED program is adopted and put to immediate use by interested schools. Perhaps the most surprising element in the proponderant number of successes has been the completely untutored condition of the children and teachers and the brevity of the orientation period required before both instructors and learners begin to "grasp" what NEED is all about.

Pre-conceived notions as to what environmental education should be have proved actually to be deterrents, in the short operational experience that NEED has racked up with the Park Service. The Marin County NEED camp in which Charles Gebler participated is typical of what can be done with this peculiarly adaptable set of teaching materials—the work of Dr. Mario Menesini, accomplished on contract for the National Park Service through the University of California.

Thomas Kelly School, in Carmichael, California, near Sacramento, has an eager, receptive principal named Virginia Adams, and a small nature area on its school grounds. The Bay Area Girl Scouts have a camp called the Bothin Youth Center, located 15 miles east of Point Reyes. It was discovered in October that the camp was available and would accommodate all of Thomas Kelly's fifth and sixth graders. So, with only four weeks to mount this somewhat formidable operation, the doughty Mrs. Adams, her fifth and sixth grade teachers, Dr. Menesini, and Gebler and several Point Reyes Rangers decided to give it a go.

The NEED program is not a nature study program. Nor is it primarily an outdoor program. Perhaps more than anything else, it is a personal quest—the individual, stretching his eyes and ears and nostrils and fingertips farther out into his environment, with increased sensitivity and awareness of what he and his surroundings are and mean to each other.

As Gebler remarked, "It feels right." And children who have no prior ideas about environmental education pick it up immediately. They aren't "hung up" on taxonomy. They don't struggle to "get the right answer." They seem to sense immediately that there are no "right" answers—only what feels right, for them.

They take to the "conceptual strands" of NEED the way ducks take to water. Within hours, 10 and 11-year-olds are discussing variety and similarity and patterns with the perspicuity of budding philosophers. They see the leaves and the bark and the various grasses, but they also start to see beyond them, to likenesses and diversities and overall patterns in such familiar things as neighborhoods and neighbors.

They begin to see the ways in which things are the same and the ways in which they are different—the seemingly haphazard scattering of certain plants and yet the overall pattern of so many of one kind to so much space. They begin to see the same patterns in the things man has shaped out of nature's basic raw materials. A scattering of houses, but only so many drug stores or laundromats to a residential section—these are recognized as following certain basic patterns of nature. The child is beginning to catch a glimmer of how he relates to the natural world, and of what he and his fellow creatures are doing to that world. He begins, perhaps unconsciously at first, to measure it against the only universal set of checks and balances we seem likely ever to know—the balances of nature.

Philosophy is not stressed in the elementary stages of the NEED program, although the basic building blocks of philosophic thought are introduced. Variety and pattern, continuity and change, interactions and interdependence, evolutionary development—these are the major environmental ideas, called "conceptual strands," that knit the NEED program into a whole. At the elementary level, the stress is on appreciation. The materials from first through sixth grade are aimed at relating all of the environment, through the conceptual strands, to the child himself. The goal is for the child to know himself better, to feel more at home in his immediate environment, to understand the opportunities and consequences of changing the environment.

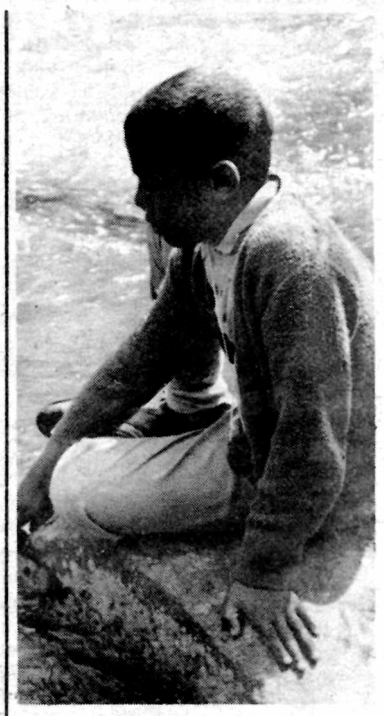
For intermediate school children, the NEED materials expand this "consequences of change" idea, stressing the uses and abuses of our natural resources and the tremendously magnifying effects of technology. The world, at one time, could absorb and "balance out" the effects of small bands of man, afoot and armed with flint and stone weapons. Man with wings and wheels and rocketry, hurling and lunging and gouging his way through life, has built with taste and grace and beauty, and has also chewed up the planet and spit out great chunks of poisoned ugliness where many humans are trapped. For the child who finds himself in an environmental cage, the NEED strands provide a new way of looking at the trap, a new way of bringing about change, a new key for unlocking a way out. Whatever he learns about his world through the intermediate NEED materials, he will have a firm understanding of man's role in effecting change.

Value judgments are encouraged in the senior high school portion of the NEED program. The goal here is to shape the increased will and ability for improvement of the environment into a workable environmental ethic.

It is this kind of approach to the environment that can eventually increase man's chances as a successful organism in the world habitat.

From this ambitious goal, let us turn back for a moment to beginnings—one of our Thomas Kelly school children. They have just been introduced to the Quiet Hour—a time when each child seeks his "own place" and relates himself to it in any way he wishes. One paints; one makes entries in his diary; another writes poetry. Some simply sit and soak up the sounds and sensations of being alone; their elders would call it meditating. The youngsters themselves say, "It was just great to be alone and thinking." To Regional Coordinator Charles Gebler, erstwhile cynic, "It was a touching experience. The NEED philosophy was fully implemented."

The first day, Gebler reported,

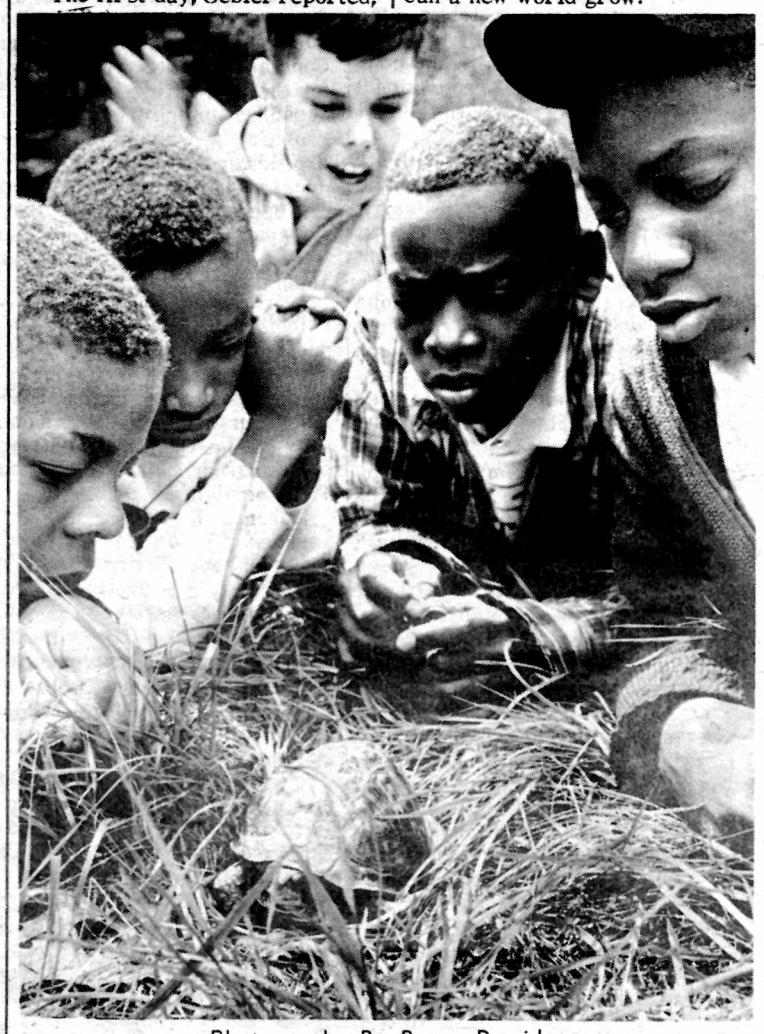


the children seemed to get the idea of separateness, even though they failed to find places very far from each other. "They tended to bunch themselves physically," Gebler said, "but they observed complete apartness insofar as their attention was concerned."

The next day, several of the Park Rangers (who were in uniform and on site helping out even though they were technically off duty and not required to be present) pointed out to the teachers that the Quiet Hour should have a more special quality to it—one that involved something a little more formal than merely plunking oneself on the first available spot of earth.

This intelligence was duly communicated to the kids. The next day, Gebler observed that each child was truly alone—most of them completely out of eyesight or earshot of the nearest neighbor. In several cases, he reported, the child was enjoying his lonely splendor in the middle of a lopsided stakeout of popcicle sticks.

Out of such fragile beginnings can a new world grow.



Photographs By Bruce Davidson

HICKEL

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and a civilian inspector for the United States Air Force.

He married Janice Cannon in September 1941, and they had one son, Ted. Janice died in August 1943, after a short illness.

In November 1945, Hickel married Ermalee Strutz, the daughter of pioneer Alaskans, Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Strutz of Anchorage. He and Ermalee are the parents of five more sons: Bob, Wally Jr., Jack, Joe, and Karl.

Hickel has been a builder and developer since 1946. He started by building homes, one at a time. Then in 1948 he built and operated 48 rental units, and built another 40 in 1951. Joining with Colonel M. R. "Muktuk" Marston in 1956, Hickel developed the outstanding Anchorage residential area "Turnagain by the Sea." Other developments of his, such as the Northern Lights Shopping Center, followed.

Hickel Hotels started in 1952 with the Travelers Inn of Anchorage. In 1955 he told the people of Fairbanks that if they could raise $200,000 he would put up the rest and build a Travelers Inn there. The people responded, and Hickel succeeded in giving them the hotel they wanted by December of that year. He operated it, and demonstrated to others in the hotel industry that a new hotel in Fairbanks could be run at a profit.

In 1964, after the earthquake which rocked Alaska, Hickel acted upon his great faith in the state's ability to recover from the blow and built the elegant Captain Cook Hotel. The hotel received the International Interior Decorators Award for its appointments.

Walter J. Hickel has served as Chairman of the State Chamber of Commerce's Economic Development Committee, making two trips to Japan on the committee's behalf. He has also been Chairman of the Board of Anchorage Natural Gas Company, a trustee of the Alaska Methodist University, and a member of the Board of Directors of Trans-America Title Company.

A life-long Republican, Hickel was elected twice as Republican National Committeeman for Alaska serving a total of ten years. He was a leader in the fight for statehood.

Christmas — For the Birds

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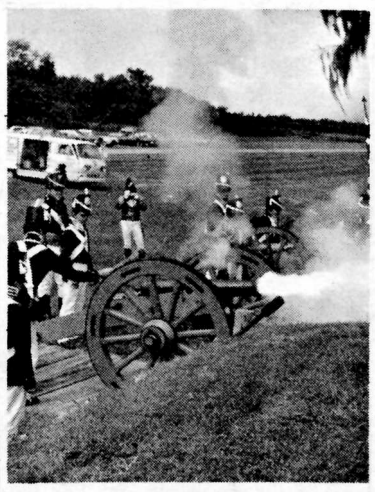
Other good finds are Barrow's goldeneyes on Lake Estes, spectacular golden eagles, rarely a small pygmy owl, and unbelievably, an occasional confused myrtle warbler! Over the past fifteen years of Christmas counts at ROMO 69 bird species have been recorded. A good year will yield up to 47 species, a poor count as few as 18.

No one can predict what Christmas, 1968, will bring weatherwise. But oblivious to snow and zero temperatures, colorful Steller's jays will fly from fir to ponderosa, red crossbills will chatter as they open cones with their twisted beaks. And Ron Ryder's bird watchers will be in ROMO, counting every last one of them.

Chalmette Establishment Day



Congressman F. Edward Hebert speaking to the children of Chief Warrant Officer Vernon R. Tweedy, first American Vietnam War casualty to be buried in Chalmette National Cemetery. The children are Belinda 8, Kelly Ann 6, Mike 5, Missy 2, and Rachael 1. Looking on is Arthur Hehr, left rear, superintendent, and Mrs. Tweedy.



PARK NEIGHBORS JOIN CHALMETTE'S 29TH OBSERVANCE

Celebration of the 29th Anniversary of Establishment Day at Chalmette NHS this year, according to Supt. Arthur Hehr, was "one of the best examples of full participation by Park neighbors" in his experience. Principle speaker on the program was Congressman Edward Hebert who later participated in special wreath-laying ceremonies at the Cemetery at the grave of Chief Warrant Officer Vernon R. Tweedy, first Vietnam casualty to be buried in the Cemetery.

The Day was marked by many special events including the demonstration firing of cannon by Perry's Btry, 1st Rgt, U. S. Artillery, against the background of an original 1812 American flag borrowed from Supt. Bruce of Ft. McHenry. Continuous tours were provided via a shuttle train on loan from the Gen. Marshall Flight Center, school busses, and four convertibles supplied by the Ford Motor Company and driven by volunteers from VFW Post 7194. Concert music was provided by the Star Dusters Drum and Bugle Corps.

The Little Colonels served as guides to those visiting historic Beauregard House, and Scouts of Troop 79 planted Evergreens near the base of the Monument.

Travel Board

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Boeing Company, both of Washington, D.C.

"This is a small but very experienced group of capable executives," Udall said. "They represent a broad cross section of the travel and transportation industries of the nation and, therefore, will be able to provide us with meaningful recommendations which will insure that our travel promotion efforts will reach the high degree of effectiveness desired."

Under the 1940 Travel Act, the National Park Service is authorized to conduct travel and tourism information programs that will encourage travel within the tourism promotion efforts of the Department, an NPS Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., established a new assistant directorate for that purpose.

Udall stressed that the purpose of the new program was not just to promote increased travel to the National Parks.

"It is designed," he said, "to help travelers understand and appreciate how best to enjoy parks, to encourage travel to adjacent scenic, historic, and recreation areas, public and private, and to help develop a balanced travel program within the nation."

Meetings of the Travel Advisory Board will be held from two to six times a year, Udall said.

DOUGLAS S. FRY TO STUDY DENTISTRY AT TENNESSEE U.

GATLINBURG, Tenn.--Douglas Sterling Fry, son of Superintendent and Mrs. George W. Fry, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, enrolled in the college of Dentistry, University of Tennessee Medical Units, Memphis, at the beginning of the fall quarter. A month following the start of classes he was elected Vice President of his class.

Doug graduated from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, last June with a bachelor of arts degree in biology.

While at Emory he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity. He sang in the Glee Club and was active in inter mural sports. Doug graduated from the Gatlinburg-Pittman High School in 1964. He was active in Scouting and received the Eagle Award. For four summers he worked on the staff of the Volunteer Training Center, Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, New Mexico.

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McKINLEY MESSAGE

McKinley mothers never have to ask for whom the bell tolls when school time arrives each fall. While other Park Service parents wave goodbye to their offspring as another 3 R session begins, the women of Mt. McKinley wave goodbye to vacation and start the 3 R's in the kitchen, basement, or bedroom. Aided by the Alaska correspondence study course, and abetted by father's knowledge of math and science, there are four teachers and eight pupils represented this year. Jeff Hensley, Scotty Merry and Kelly Scott are beginners in first grade. Pat Hensley, Karla Scott, and Greta Hafferman are the third graders. Kurt Hafferman is in eight, and his brother Dan is taking freshman high school subjects from the University of Nebraska. Despite the qualms suffered by the faculty and student body, past pupils have done well upon transferring back to regular schools.

DROP-OUTS

We had some "drop-outs" from the system earlier in the year when Art and Rosalie Hayes and their daughters Connie and Kathleen, departed for Twenty-Nine Palms, California, where Art will be the chief ranger of Joshua Tree National Monument. Eldon and Karen Ryer and their two girls headed for the desert of Page, Arizona where Eldon is the district ranger for Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Despite Kareen's lonesomeness for the Huskies in Alaska, they are reportedly happy in the sand. Wayne Merry has become the chief ranger here in McKinley Park.

Two other adoped Alaskans headed down the long trail to Jackson, Wyoming, when Frank G ("Shorty") Swab and his partner Galen, retired in August. Galen's efficient Post-Mastering, Shorty's soft comments on life in general, and their combined community spirit will be missed.

Incentive

Seasonal Ranger-Naturalist George Perkins was given an incentive award in the amount of $200.00 for his efforts toward inundated tourists stranded at Eielson Visitor Center during last year's "dampening". Also mentioned in the award were services performed when George monitored and taped radio messages during the vigil for the seven climbers lost on the mountain.

ADDITIONS

New additions to the roster are Ivan and Darlene Miller, former Yosemite residents. Ivan will be the district ranger at Wonder Lake. Earnest and Beverly Scott, and their daughters arrived in June to begin "Scotty's" term as headquarters district ranger.

ALASKA VISITORS

Regional Director John Rutter, Assistant Directors Ted Swem and Bill Everhart, Sig Olsen, and Doctor and Mrs. Edgar Wayburn (President of the Sierra Club) were welcomed at a reception at McKinley Park Hotel, hosted by Superintendent George Hall and his wife Eileen, during the month of June. A goodly amount of food and personnel appeared, and the former was enjoyed by the latter. Mr. Rutter's party participated in the first National Landmark dedication in Alaska at Lake George during their visit. Senator Ernest Gruening was the principal guest, and the 81 year old Senator first proposed this area for National Park status twenty-five years ago.

AIRBORNE BEARS

Tom Atwood, who moved to Katmai as management assistant, has become quite adept as an Airborne Bear expert. He recently moved three trouble-some bruins by Air Force helicopter to new homes, and discovered in doing so that the brisk ride in a sling apparently awakens the drugged animals faster than normal!

NATURE IN THE RAW

The Board of Directors of the Mobil Oil Company met at Katmai in September and were treated to one of nature's most remarkable scenes on a wildlife tour of the area. While they were watching moose in a pond, two wolves entered the scene, attacked and separated a calf from the cow. The view understandably disturbed the ladies present, but it was nature in the raw and left to its own devices.

Perfect Score Earns Plaque For Taylor

The annual in-Service law enforcement training session for Natchez Trace Rangers was conducted in November at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy. Supervisory Park Ranger Guy F. Taylor, Jr., Natchez Trace Parkway, was awarded a plaque by the Training Academy, in recognition of his proficiency with firearms by firing a perfect score on the regulation PPC Range.

In the two and one-half years of the Academy's existence, over 2,400 law enforcement personnel have fired the course. Park Ranger Taylor is one of twelve members of the "100 Club".

Director Tom Shelton and Training Officer "Mo" Harris, Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy staff, made the presentation witnessed by Guy's fellow Rangers who did not do as well although there were many others shooting in the high nineties.

SCOUT CALHOUN TO ATTEND IDAHO BSA JAMBOREE

TUPELO, Miss.--Life Scout, Scott Calhoun, son of Chief Park Ranger and Mrs. Gilbert W. Calhoun, Natchez Trace Parkway, has been selected as one of 39 Scouts and Explorers to represent the Yocona Area Council at the National Boy Scout Jamboree at Coeur d'Alene,



Idaho, July 16-22, 1969. Scott, 14-year old freshman in high school, attends Milam Junior High in Tupelo. A member of the Order of the Arrow, he also holds the God and Country Award. He will be traveling next summer in a new air-conditioned Gulf Transport bus-- their finest--on a wonderful 18-day trip that will take him to the Balack Hills of the Dakotas, Mt. Rushmore, Yellowstone, Grand Teton, Glacier-Waterton, Rocky Mt., the Air Force Academy and Denver, Colorado. This should be a trip of a life time.

Gov. Moore Opens Grandfather Mt. Link



GROUNDBREAKING ceremonies marking start of construction on the Grandfather Mountain section of the Blue Ridge Parkway are attended (l. to r.) by: Gov. Dan Moore, N.C.; U.S. Sen. Sam Ervin, Jr., N.C.; Acting NPS Director Harthon Bill; Cong. James Broyhill, N.C.; Supt. Granville B. Liles; and Blue Ridge Parkway Association President Ron Ligon.

GRANDFATHER MT., N.C.-- Property disputes have often been as great a barrier to Parkway construction as the mountains themselves. But a ceremony October 22 on top of Grandfather Mountain in Western North Carolina marked the end of one of the longest controversies and the beginning of construction on the final link of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Governor Dan Moore of North Carolina, Acting Director Harthon "Spud" Bill and other State and Federal officials used gilded shovels to start construction of the final seven mile stretch of Parkway. When completed, visitors will be able to drive without interruption from Shenandoah National Park in Northern Virginia to the Cherokee entrance of Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina.

In conveying the deed for the Parkway right-of-way to the Federal government, Governor Moore said: "I do not know of any event (during my administration) which gives me more personal pleasure or which will be longer remembered by me than this ceremony today . . ."

Superintendent Granville Liles, speaking at the groundbreaking ceremonies, said he hoped the link would be completed by 1972 to mark the 100 anniversary of the National Park Service.

PARKWAY'S RED CARPET OUT FOR TEN-MILLIONTH VISITOR



ROANOKE, Va.-- It was a red-letter day when newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. J. William Ermer, Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland, were informed by Superintendent Granville B. Liles that they had been selected as the Blue Ridge Parkway's 10,000,000 visitor for 1968. The Parkway's red carpet stretched for 469 miles as the couple were hosted all along the mountain-top drive.

Parkway Superintendent Liles presented the couple with a handsome walnut-redwood plaque featuring the National Park Service arrowhead. Officials in Roanoke, Virginia; Asheville, North Carolina and Gatlinburg, Tennessee; welcomed them with respective city keys and numerous gifts. Mrs. Ermer said "I knew this was going to be a memorable trip, but this is almost unbelievable."

Although the Parkway has led all other National Park Service areas in number of visitors for several years, this is the first year that the 10,000,000 mark has been reached. In an aside to one of his staff Liles was heard to say "talk about the oldest and the biggest if you will-- we've got the mostest!"

Blue Ridge Parkway Extension Authorized

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Georgia, the recently, authorized extension will afford the visitor an excellent variety of scenic and natural features. Taking off from the present parkway at a point near Tennessee Bald, forty miles south of Asheville, the extension will terminate at Interstate 75, twenty-five miles north of Atlanta and some eleven miles from Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park. Easily accessible to urban concentrations around Atlanta, Birmingham, and Greenville, the extension is expected to be as highly popular as the existing parkway, which today draws more visitors than any other unit of the National Park System. (In 1968, more than 10 million visitors were recorded on the 469 miles Blue Ridge Parkway). Planners estimate 9.1 million visitors days of use by 1976 on the proposed extension.

Following a ridgeline route for over half of its distance the parkway will cross land that has hitherto been almost inaccessible. Scenic vistas and overlooks will open onto the rugged mountain topography of knobs, balds, bare granite domes, and steep gorges. A short spur road will lead to the panoramic summit of Brasstown Bald (mile 82), highest point in Georgia and site of a new Forest Service visitor center.

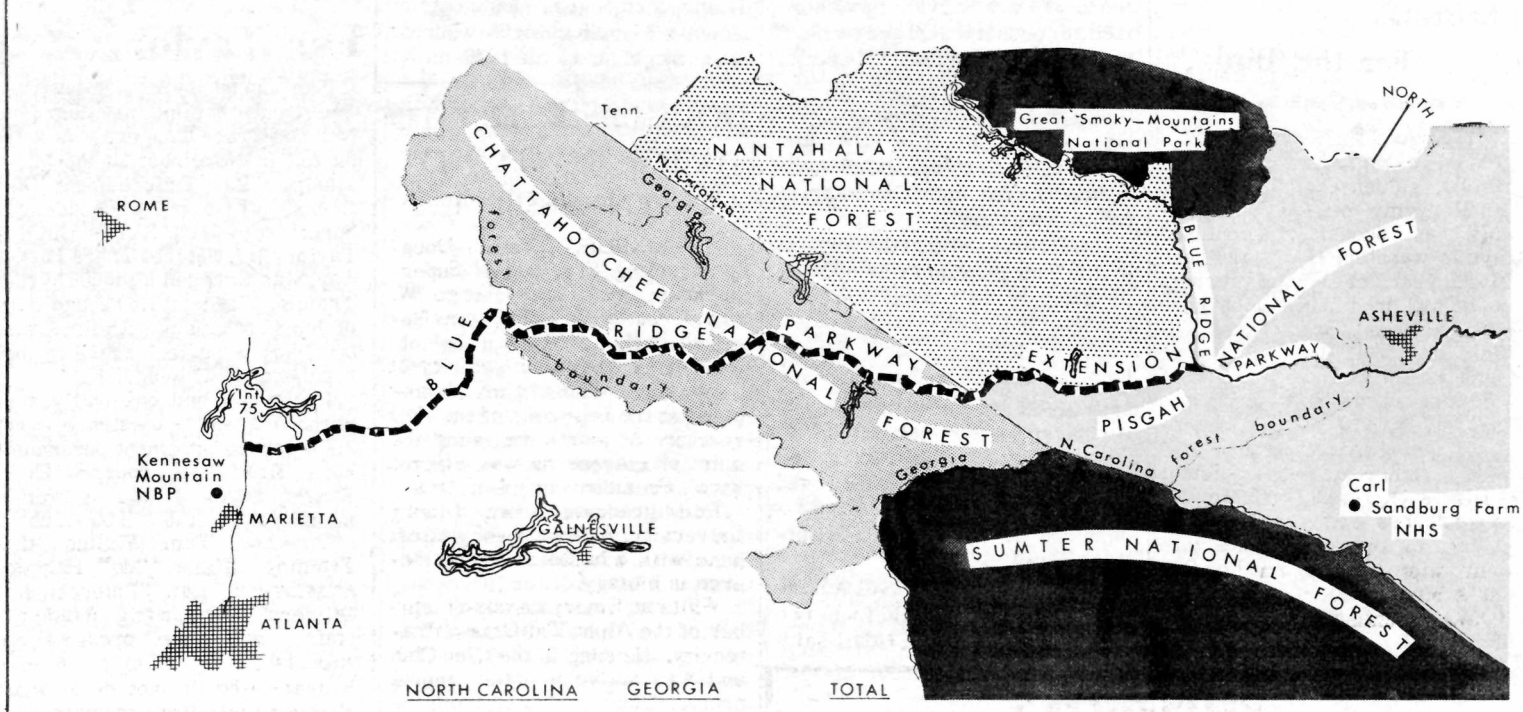
Part of the picture are swift highland trout streams and many spectacular water falls. The extension will border luxuriant Tahassee Creek for ten miles at its northern end and then continue into the scenic waterfall district around Highlands and Cashiers, North Carolina. The parkway will also pass by Whiteside Mountain, the highest granite cliff in the East and by many spectacular waterfalls, such as Bridal Veil, Cullasaja, Toxaway, Dry Falls and Whitewater Falls, highest cascade in Eastern America. Farther south, it will skirt Estatoah Falls near Dillard, Georgia and then pass near Amicalola Falls State Park (mile 126), which features a waterfall 729 feet high.

Along the parkway route, the forested mountains are separated by highland valley farms. Their pastoral beauty and that of the Hiwassee River and upper Little Tennessee River Valley areas will provide interesting variety for the motorist. A well preserved pioneer farmstead in Plumorchard Creek Valley (mile 63) will show the early efforts of men in the mountains. After skirting Mount Oglethorpe (mile 147) to the west, the parkway descends into the rolling land of the Georgia piedmont. The last forty miles pass through farms and pine woods at elevation of one thousand feet, adding a lowland countryside unique to the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Water recreation facilities provided by the Forest Service and Army Corps of Engineers are plentiful at five reservoirs in the parkway area. Lakes Burton, Thorpe, and Chatuge in the mountains surrounding the northern part of the parkway extension, Lake Sidney Lanier in the central part, and Allatoona Lake, at the southern terminus, are attractive and well-developed spots for boating, fishing, camping, and swimming. Within easy access of the parkway there are seven Georgia State parks. Most offer campgrounds with utilities, housekeeping cabins and swimming beaches. Visitors might leave the parkway on intersecting highways to see the nearby Clayton, Georgia area, significant as the crossroads of the Indian world, and Dahlonega, Georgia, with its old gold mines. The Forest Service, in addition, maintains many recreational facilities, trails, and scenic areas in Nantahala and Chattahoochee National Forests, through which the parkway passes.

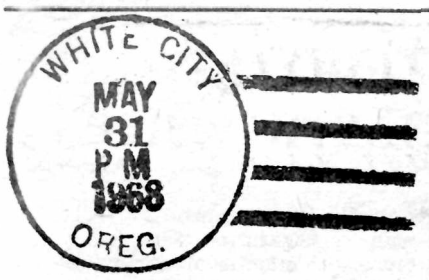
The development plan proposes three major recreation areas along the parkway. Panthertown at mile 15, near Cashiers, North Carolina, will include a lodge, restaurant, and campground development surrounding a small manmade lake. The area will serve as a center for boating, picnicking, and hiking, as well as relaxing stopover points for motorists. Similar in plan is Mount Oglethorpe Recreation Area at mile 140. Plans for Winding Stair, at miles 120, involve a large camping and picnicking area with campstore and would be developed by the Forest Service. Private enterprise will supplement tourist facilities at several points of access to major highways.

Extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway into Georgia was recommended in a Congressionally-instituted study completed in 1963. Georgia and North Carolina legislation provides that the State highway departments may begin acquisition of right-of-way after Congress has authorized the extension. A maximum of 125 acres per mile in fee and 25 acres per mile in scenic easements has been stipulated for the parkway. The route of the extension, in passing through 79.4 miles of Forest Service land will observe the memorandum of agreement between the Secretaries of Interior and Agriculture, promising minimal parkway interferences with multiple use of forest management plans. The two-lane parkway will have a paved width of twenty-two feet, with short sections of separated one-lane roadways. For about 20 miles the parkway is in close proximity with the Appalachian Trail allowing greater use of the Trail in Georgia. The Park Service has agreed to relocate and reconstruct segments of the Trail disturbed by the parkway construction and to restore the Trail to Mount Oglethorpe in Georgia, the original southern terminus of the Trail.



	NORTH CAROLINA	GEORGIA	TOTAL
MILES	43	137	180
MILES IN NATIONAL FORESTS	43	87	130

blue ridge parkway
--------- extension



THE NPS PHILATELIST

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Two airmail flights earlier this year provided cacheted covers which can be associated with N.P.S. sites. The earliest took place on April 1, 1968, when Bonanza Air Lines extended AM Route #105 so as to include Tucson, Arizona. Although there were two directions of dispatch from Tucson, only mail transported via Flight #801 over Segment #6 to Los Angeles received the official cachet. This initial westbound flight, flown by Captain Donald S. Gilday and 1st Officer V. Friend, carried 3,512 philatelic pieces which had been prepared with an "A.M." postmark of April 1, 1968. The flight went through to San Diego, but at the first stop, Los Angeles, this mail was backstamped "A.M." on the same date.

The handstamped cachet, applied in magenta, features a horseman and a giant Saguaro cactus, which ties it in very nicely with SAGUARO NATIONAL MONUMENT.

The second, which took place June 22, 1968, was an inaugural flight via Eastern Airlines from Philadelphia, Penna., to Nassau, Bahamas. On this occasion, the cachet pictured an Eastern Airlines plane and the LIBERTY BELL. Thus its connection with INDEPENDENCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK becomes clear.

Two colors were used for this insignia. On the 959 covers postmarked at Philadelphia's main P.O., it appears in green, while the 1,068 pieces from the Philadelphia Air Mail Field Station show it in red. All covers were backstamped "June 22, 3 P.M." at Nassau.

NOJEX '69

Too late to enable our readers to order copies in advance, comes word of other souvenir covers pertinent to the N.P.S. theme. In conjunction with NOJEX '69, an exhibition sponsored by the North Jersey Federated Stamp Clubs at the Hotel Robert Treat in Newark, N.J. on October 18-20, 1968, the German Philatelic Society offered two covers on which the cachet includes a reproduction of the 8¢ U.S. stamp (#1042) featuring the STATUE OF LIBERTY, as well as a circular emblem showing a silhouette of this same "Lady." One was mailed at the temporary station set up for the show while the other originated in Germany on the day a new stamp appeared publicizing the 100th Anniversary of the North German Postal District's first stamp.

COLONIAL PARKWAY

One direct association with the N.P.S. came about in July of 1930 when a strip of land along the York River from the east boundary to Felgate's Creek and thence west to King's Creek, was transferred to the N.P.S. for a segment of the Colonial Parkway connecting the YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD and JAMESTOWN. According to Thelma E. McKinney, Superintendent of the Naval Weapons Station Branch of the Yorktown P.O., the die for this cancellation was paid for by the N.W.S. itself.

NPS PHILATELY

Even before starting this column, I had often wondered as to just how much interest there might be in the philately of our National Parks. Thus I was especially pleased to see the following appear in Linn's Weekly Stamp News' "Question Of The Week" column for Monday, September 23rd:

"In 1934, the United States issued a National Park set of ten. The designs showed views of ten different National Parks. There have been new National Parks created since that time. Would you like to see another set issued whose designs would be devoted to the National Parks which have as yet received no philitelic recognition?

I'll have to admit I was a little apprehensive as to what the results of this poll might show, but it appears that my fears were quite unfounded. With all the votes now counted, 127 persons were in favor of such a series, with only 6 being opposed. A set such as this would certainly be most appropriate during the 1972 Centennial Year, so why not begin passing the word to your Senators and Congressmen NOW. 1972 is closer than you think.

Whether these covers are still available at this late date, I cannot say, but an inquiry to H. C. Meier, 4 Lawn Terrace, Cranford, N.J. 07016, enclosing a self-addressed stamped envelope, will bring the necessary information.

GRAND CANYON & POWELL

Definite word has also been recieved regarding the slogan cancellations to be used at GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK during its 50th Anniversary year. There will be two. From January 1, 1969 through June 30, 1969, the Park's post office, Grand Canyon, Arizona 86203, will employ a die reading "GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK 1919-1969", while the latter half of the year, July 1 through December 31, will see the use of a slogan worded "POWELL CENTENNIAL 1869-1969 COLORADO RIVER TRIP."

BADLANDS

This is not the only NPS site using a slogan cancellation to publicize an anniversary next year. January 25, 1969 marks the 30th Anniversary of BADLANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT, and the philatelic press has reported a slogan reading "30TH ANNIVERSARY BADLANDS NAT'L MON. 1939-1969" will be in use at Wall, South Dakota 57790 during the entire year - January 1 through December 31. In a letter to this writer, George A. Fisher, Jr., Administrative Officer at this Monument, added the information that similar cancellations would also be employed at Kadoka, S. Dak. 57543, Philip, S. Dak. 57567, and Rapid City, S. Dak., 57701.

The dies for these postal markings are being sponsored by the Badlands Natural History Association. Unfortunately, as Mr. Fisher points out, the headquarters post office of the Monument, Interior, being a third class installation using only handstamped postmarks, is not permitted to use a slogan cancellation.

YORKTOWN 50TH

Also in the slogan department, Yorktown, Virginia 23490 is currently using one through December 31, 1968 which reads "NWS YORKTOWN 50TH ANNIVERSARY 1918-1968." For the benefit of the "uninformed," of which I was one until I inquired of the Yorktown postmaster, "NWS" stands for Naval Weapons Station. This installation which is primarily concerned with the storage of high explosives and the servicing and storage of explosive devices, was established by Presidential Proclamation on August 7, 1918. Lying adjacent to the YORKTOWN BATTLEFIELD, it encompasses a number of historical sites including a section of the road over which the Allied American and French Army under General George Washington marched from Williamsburg to Yorktown on September 28, 1721 to defeat the British Army of Lord Cornwallis.

C.M. Goethe Hailed As Pioneer In "Nature Guidance" Work

By Herb Evison

The late C. M. Goethe of Sacramento was intimately involved in the nature education work that was carried on at Fallen Leaf Lake, in the Lake Tahoe area, in the summer of 1919 and that, at the urging of Stephen T. Mather, was transferred to Yosemite the following year. There Mr. Goethe's interest and encouragement continued; and over the years he was recognized, deservedly, for the moral and financial support he gave to interpretive activities.

Because of his generosity in supporting a wide variety of undertakings, Mr. Goethe is widely credited with having financed the work that Dr. Harold C. Bryant and Dr. Loye Holmes Miller carried on at Fallen Leaf and Yosemite. It appears, however, that, though he was instrumental in getting Dr. Bryant to Fallen Leaf, the costs of the venture in interpretation there and at Yosemite were borne from other sources.

The Yosemite program of 1920 is often referred to as the beginning of organized and programmed nature education in the national parks, although Horace Albright employed Milton K. Skinner for the same sort of activity at Yellowstone that same summer. The following facts, obtained from the two men who handled that early program at Yosemite, may prove of interest to National Park Service interpreters, especially those concerned with getting the historical record straight.

As is widely know, Mr. Goethe and his wife—whom he always referred to as "We Two"—had observed and been greatly interested by the nature guidance they had seen during their travels in several European countries. In 1919, remembering these activities, Mr. Goethe persuaded the California Fish and Game Commission to assign Dr. Bryant to undertake similar work at summer camps and lodges in the Lake Tahoe area. However, as Dr. Bryant insisted in an interview I taped with him several years ago, his salary for this work was paid by the Commission, and it continued to pay it during the subsequent summers in Yosemite.

Replying to an inquiry of mine—Horace Albright had given me his address—Dr. Miller gave me considerable information about the Yosemite venture, as well as about his activities in the years before and since 1920. He went to Fallen Leaf Lake in 1919 as a vacationist; at that time, he had never heard of the Goethes nor of their plan for nature guide work at Lake Tahoe. At the Social Hall of the Fallen Leaf Lodge he occasionally gave talks simply as a member of the summer community, in which there were a number of nature-loving people. Just for the love of it, he started taking some of them on nature walks. When a group of Long Beach teachers asked him to open these walks to any interested persons, he consented; and he collected a 50-cent fee from each participant, thus helping to pay his vacation expenses.

Dr. Miller went to Fallen Leaf early in July. Toward the end of the month, the Bryants and the Goethes arrived at the lodge, and Dr. Bryant started taking out parties on nature walks from there three times a week, as Dr. Miller remembers it. And Dr. Miller took Mr. Goethe on a special trip to see a mountain beaver den; this was an experience to which Mr. Goethe often referred with pleasure after the two became better acquainted.

It has often been said that the Goethes had a hand in introducing nature guidance into the United States after observing it in Europe. Beyond question, they did much to encourage this activity. However, a number of such undertakings in this country had long antedated the Fallen Leaf and Yosemite programs. Dr. Miller reports having gone to the Los Angeles Normal School in 1904 as a teacher of nature study; there he found an already well-established program of training teachers for this kind of activity in the state's public schools. The city school system had a nature study curriculum. Comparable work had been carried on in New England for some time.

"The Goethes, who were good friends of mine, deserve all credit for their efforts to spread such work," Dr. Miller writes. "I was always glad to see them honored for what they did in stimulating this activity at the Federal level. However, nature study and nature guidance were not new in America in 1919."

In fact, Dr. Miller first engaged in nature guide work from 1897 to 1899; that was when he was a university undergraduate and graduate student. In Honolulu, where he started teaching in 1900, he conducted guided excursions to the coral reefs and the mountains. During nearly 40 years in Los Angeles, he led such trips to the shore, the islands, the desert, and the mountains. Summer stays in the San Bernardino Mountains started as vacations and, in 1912, 1913, and 1914, developed into summer schools of nature study, undertaken at the request of camp associates. His earliest venture at Yosemite, in 1917, has been recounted previously.

GLACIER GLIMPSES

Bald Eagles Returning

Last canoe count of these majestic birds revealed that there are 39 in the area between the mouth of Lower McDonald Creek and the Blankenship Bridge. These majestic birds offer a most spectacular wildlife display and look like sentinels as they perched in the high trees along the river bank.

Conservation Movies

Superintendent Neilson has announced that if enough interest is shown, conservation movies will be shown on Saturday nights until further notice. These are for the benefit of all who are interested in conservation. Staff Ranger B. Riley McClelland and Assistant Chief Naturalist John Tyers are making the selection and for the month of November if the movies are as interesting as their titles there should be a packed house.

Lake McDonald Caretakers

Mr. and Mrs. John Fabian, caretakers of the Lake McDonald Lodge and adjacent facilities are retiring after 14 1/2 years at this location. Living in the heart of Glacier throughout the years has been a memorable experience for the Fabians and also for their acquaintenances. Julia and John have had numerous wildlife in the yard,-mountain lions, elk, deer, skunks (too gregarious - under their porch for years), martins, etc. On many occasions they were the first observers of migratory waterfowl on Lake McDonald and would report such observations to Park Headquarters. On one occasion enroute home from a trip to town they photographed a wolverine along the highway. This picture was in the "Hungry Horse News". On another occasion, they observed a bear with a beaver in its mouth, and many other wildlife in natural environment. Replacing Mr. and Mrs. Fabian are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Twanley. The Fabians will be missed much by the community. They will reside at their home in Great Falls - 711 3rd Avenue S.W.

Wasem At Montana State

Bob, who has been in Glacier since 1959, starting as an area ranger in the Two Medicine Subdistrict, is beginning a program of graduate work in physics, parasitology and aquatic plants, under the auspices of the National Park Service. As we all know, Robert is a most enthusiastic conservationist and no project was ever too involved and detailed for him to accomplish. He is to return to Glacier after the Spring session is completed. His family is with him.

New Officers for Craft Club

Those are Chairman Jane Brant Co-chairmen - Isabelle Metcalf; Treasurer - Clarice Beck; Supply Officer - Eileen Kolodejchuk and Secretary Nola Morey. Congratulations ladies - looks like another good year for expressing your talents.

Activities Association Elects New Officers

Those being President-Bob Morey (2nd term); Vice President-Izzy Kolodejchuk; Secretary-Lexie Bradsher; Treasurer-Buck Brant.

McFarland Property Bought By U.S. Government

Becoming a part of Glacier National Park is the 542 acre McFarland Ranch north of the Polebridge Ranger Station, recently acquired by the United States Government. This is the privately privately owned tract within the boundaries of Glacier. Superintendent Neilson said that a master plan team will check on the property next summer-this location has been suggested for the Polebridge Ranger Station, instead of the present site. The airstrip on the property, built by the State of Montana, would not be affected at this time. With the purchase of this large tract, there remains 2,166.04 acres of privately owned lands within Park boundaries.

Four More Intake Trainees

Messrs. Alfred J. Banta, William J. Burke, W. Philip Koepp and John E. Wilcox entered on Glacier's payroll in late September for a nine month's to a year's training assignment. These are graduates of the Albright training Center at Grand Canyon. John Wilcox worked in Glacier as a Seasonal Park Ranger during part of the 1966 season.

Marvin Stump Has Airplane

Chief Engineer Stump is the proud owner of a 1964 Cessna 172, Skyhawk. He is the first permanent employee at Glacier to own a plane. Mr. Stump says that he is an "amateur" pilot, with only 172 flying hours to his credit - all of these were in eastern United States - now he must learn to fly in more rugged mountainous areas - good luck Mr. Stump.

RUTTER HEADS N.W. DISTRICT

Continued from page 1.

Volcanic, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif. He also has served as assistant superintendent at Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., and as superintendent at Badlands National Monument, S.D., and Mount Rainier National Park, Wash. He was appointed director of the Western Region in 1966.

During World War II, Rutter served in the Navy. He is a native of Twin Falls, Idaho, and has a degree in forestry from the University of California.

Bowen, 54, joined the Park Service in 1939. He has served as park ranger at Grand Canyon National Park and Montezuma Castle National Monument, Ariz., and as superintendent at Gran Quivira National Monument, N.M., Wupatki National Monument, Ariz., and Padre Island National Seashore, Texas.

From 1954 to 1961, Bowen served as recreation forester and planner in the Service's Southwest Regional Office, Santa Fe, prior to an assignment in the Washington Office as chief of the Division of National Park and Recreation Area Planning. He has been in charge of the San Francisco Planning and Service Center since 1966.

Bowen was born in Logan, Kan. He has a forestry degree from Colorado State University, and served in the Quartermaster Corps in World War II.

Hendrix, 48, is a native of Dayton, Ohio, and has a degree in landscape architecture from Ohio State University. Following Army service during World War II, he joined the Park Service as landscape archiect for the Natchez Trace Parkway, Miss.-Ala.-Tenn. He subsequently served as landscape architect at the Service's Southwest Regional Office and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Ariz.-Nev. In 1956, he was appointed supervisory landscape architect at the Design and Construction Office in San Francisco. He was assigned to the Washington Office to serve on a Land Range Requirements Task Force in 1962 and returned to San Francisco in 1965.

The 1920 Olympics – And The Service

By Horace M. Albright

While watching on the TV the 1968 Olympic Games in Mexico City, I recalled an incident at the time of the Games in Antwerps, Belgium in 1920. It involved two men of the National Park Service, one a former Rocky Mountain Park ranger, and the other, a man destined to be Assistant to the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park for many years. Both are no longer with us.

Col. Edward P.F. Eagan, big and handsome, who had been a seasonal ranger in the early days of Rocky Mountain National Park was on the Olympic team of the United States and was in Antwerp to contend for the heavy weight boxing championship. Joseph J. Jaffe was connected with the Graves Registration Service which was managing the vast project of identifying, registering and marking the graves of American soldiers who died in the First World War. He had a comfortable room in Antwerp. Eddie Eagan had to live with other athletes in a dormitory built for the Olympic teams. One night at a party for the teams to which Americans in Antwerp were invited, Eagan and Jaffe met. In the course of conversation, Eagan complained that there was so much noise in and around the dormitory that he feared it would impair his physical fitness for his successful participation in the Olympic event for which he was registered. Jaffe asked if he could occupy the berth or room which Eagan was finding so unsatisfactory. Eddie thought this was possible and the two proceeded to seek high authority for information. Permission was granted, Joe Jaffe turned his accommodations over to Eddie Eagan who got the rest and relaxation he needed and went on to win the gold medal of the heavy weight boxing championship.

About twenty years ago, through a mutual friend, Mrs. Albright and I met Colonel Eagan and his charming wife, the former Margaret Colgate, of the family famous in cosmetic manufacture and benefactors of Colgate University. They were planning a long trip West and expected to visit most of the national parks. They were equipped for camping, if necessary, and had cameras of various kinds for pictures in color--both moview and slides. They wanted advice on travel conditions between and in the national parks. In our discussions of Yellowstone Park, Joe Jaffe's name was mentioned. This startled Col. Eagan and he said "there can be only one Joe Jaffe", and then told me the story I have related. Of course, I advised Joe of the Eagan expedition, and he devoted himself to the couple while in his region.

Col. E.P.F. Eagan was New York State Commissioner of Boxing at the time of his national park trip. He was a Yale graduate, a Rhodes scholar, a successful New York lawyer and always active in the Olympic Games Committee of the United States. Both his wife and he were amateur ornithologists. Eddie gave illustrated lectures on the national parks with pictures taken on his trip, and several times he gave me the pleasure of introducing him.

He had thousands of friends in all parts of the world who mourned his untimely death in 1967. Among them were Jack Dempsey whom the brash young Eagan undertook to fight in Denver about the time of his ranger days. I need not report here what happened to the young challenger.

Joe Jaffe had just retired from the Park Service when he died in Livingston, Montana, a few uears ago. He too had friends everywhere in this country and abroad. I am proud to have been the "discoverer" of Joe in 1922 when he returned from Government service in Europe.

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WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES TO D.C., NCR GOES ALL-OUT TO MEET IT

By Sandra A. Alley

When Christmas comes to the Nation's Capital, the National Capital Region goes all out to meet it.

This year, NCR staff members throughout the area are again making Christmas an array of festivity and activity for metropolitan residents and visitors.

Biggest among events slated is the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace which opened its 17-day reign Dec. 16 and will continue through Jan. 1.

A 74-foot Engelmann spruce, cut from Uinta National Forest in Utah, is the center of the Pageant, serving as the 1968 National Community Christmas Tree. Opening ceremonies, which drew both national and international attention, marked the lighting of the great tree by the President of the United States with remarks by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, Mayor Walter E. Washington of the District of Columbia and other local officials and clergy.

Some 4,000 blue and green lights (2,000 of each) decorate the community tree. Adding to the overall affect are 200 gold snowflakes of flowers with "gold flitter." Additionally, a foot-high snowflake caps off the tree on top.

Some 57 smaller trees--representing the 50 states, territories and the District of Columbia--comprise the Pathway to Peace which leads to the National Community Christmas Tree. The state trees come this year from southern Illinois and were donated to the Pageant of Peace Committee through a member-coal mining company of the





American Mining Congress.

The smaller trees are decorated by yellow and blue lights and four-inch gold balls.

Again this year, the lamp division of General Electric Company in Cleveland, Ohio, provided the design and the decorations for the trees. A. L. Hart was designer.

Bands, choruses . and other musical groups are highlighting the daily programs throughout the Pageant, which is traditionally held on the Ellipse, located between the White House and the Washington Monument grounds.

In addition to the trees forming an impressive and inspiring setting for the programs, the scene is further enhanced through a nativity scene, live reindeer from the National Zoological Park and an open fireplace with yule logs.

NPS's role in the Pageant is a diversified one which always begins long before most people even begin to think about the Christmas season. Staff members, such as those from National Capital Parks-Central and NCR, become involved with the plans during the early days of choosing a potential Community Tree. These same people, plus others, stay with the project until the last decoration is removed from the trees in January.

NPS works closely with the Christmas Pageant of Peace Committee to coordinate such plans as lining up program speakers, compiling invitation lists, setting up chairs and other equipment to meeting the Christmas tree when it arrives in Washington.

NCR Regional Director Nash Castro is this year's secretary of the honorary committee for the Pageant as well as vice chairman of the executive committee. Special events director Ted Smith and his staff spearhead National Capital Parks-Central's role with the Pageant, working doubly close with other involved persons to make sure every detail is met. Other NCR staff-members--from the maintenance staff to the photographers--are also integral parts of the Pageant.

While the Pageant of Peace is going on daily, NCR also has other planned events in other parts of the area.

In Georgetown, women volunteers--donned in period costume--are entertaining and "educating" visitors to the Old Stone House weekends during the Christmas season. The women are giving arts and crafts demonstrations at Georgetown's oldest structure to show visitors techniques used by the Georgetown homemaker in the 1700's. These demonstrations include carpet weaving on a loom, quilting, candlemaking, flax and wool weaving. The holiday atmosphere is further enlivened there by the aroma and sights of pomander balls, made by covering apples and oranges with cloves, and a wassail bowl filled with apple cider and cinnamon.

Keeping the children in mind, the staff at National Capital



Parks-North has also planned for daily programs at the Rock Creek Nature Center. Showings of "Magnificence in Trust," a film described as an Alaskan adventure in parks and monuments, is being shown daily during Christmas. Visitors to the center are also greeted there with the view of a Christmas tree decorated completely with "natural ornaments," such as pinecones, popcorn and paper rings. As one employee termed it: "No store-bought ornaments decorate the tree."

Across the Potomac River in Virginia, the Custis-Lee Mansion will be the scene of a special, informal musical program the Sunday afternoon before Christmas. Staff members at the George Washington Memorial Parkway office assigned to Custis-Lee Mansion are decorating the mansion much as it must have been during the years the Lee and Custis families lived there.

According to historians, servants of the families gathered greenery from the estate and turned them into attractive yuletide decorations, placing them throughout the rooms of "Arlington House." Similar decorations of evergreens and holly highlight the mansion this Christmas season.

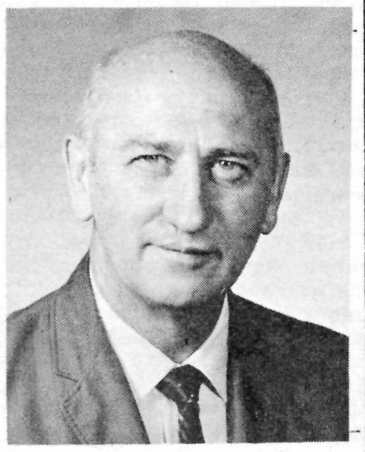
Elsewhere around NCR, staffers at National Capital Parks-East have carefully "groomed" several new additions to the growing family of animals at Oxon Hill Children's Farm in Maryland. Young visitors are especially taking their opportunity of holiday from school to see some of these latest additions, which include three recently donated donkeys, a newly-born lamb and several young chickens.



BROOKS HEADS INDEPENDENCE; ANDERSON JOINS WASO STAFF

George B. Hartzog, Jr., director of the National Park Service, today announced the appointment of Chester L. Brooks, park planner at the Service's Washington Planning and Service Center, as superintendent at Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia, Pa. He succeeds Melford O. Anderson, who has been assigned to the Service's Washington Office as assistant to the associate director for planning and development.

Brooks, 51, began his park



BROOKS

career in 1951 as historian at Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, N.D., following which he served as superintendent at Booker T. Washington National Monument, Va., and Petersburg National Military Park, Va. In 1961, he was appointed interpretive specialist, Branch of State Cooperation, Midwest Regional Office, Omaha, Neb., and in 1962 was reassigned to a park planner position in the Midwest Region, with duty at Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area, Wyo.-Mont. In 1965, he was appointed supervisory park planner, Division of National Park System Studies, Washington Office, and was reassigned to the Park Service's Washington Planning and Service Center in 1966, where he has served as park planner and captain of a resources planning team.

A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Brooks served in the Army during World War II. He received a master's degree in history from the University of Minnesota in 1948, following which he served as an assistant professor.

Anderson, 64, began his career with the Federal Government in 1933 as field coordinator with the Department of Commerce. This was followed by tours of duty with the Department of Agriculture, War Relocation Authority, and



ANDERSON

Federal Public Housing Administration. He joined the National Park Service in 1949 as assistant project manager of the then Independence National Historical Park Project, and the following year he was named superintendent. He was a key figure in planning and guiding the restoration work on Independence Hall and other park structures most of which required extensive restoration. In 1966, in recognition of his outstanding work, he received the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award.

A native of Osceola, Neb., Anderson has an A.B. degree from Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill. He also attended the School of Social Work, University of Denver.

★ FOR COMMENDABLE SERVICE ★

Mrs. SALLIE P. HARRIS, retired Museum Specialist of the Southwest Archeological Center, Globe, Arizona, recently received the Commendable Service Award in honor of her many contributions in the field of archeology. Chester A. Thomas, chief of the Center made the presentation on behalf of the Director of the National Park Service.

During the nine years Mrs. Harris served as Museum Specialist for the Center she was responsible for the cataloging, identifying, storing and preserving of the many archeological collections maintained at the Center. She also established and meticulously maintained a well-designed museum records system.

Mrs. Harris began her 24 years with the Park Service in 1943 when she became the first woman ranger on regular assignment in the Southwest area. She was stationed at Casa Grande National Monument in southern Arizona and went on to serve in this position at Bandelier National Monument, N.M. and Tumacacori National Monument also in southern Arizona. During this time her reputation was well established as a courteous and conscientious ranger. In 1951 she was assigned to the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe, N.M. where she served until 1954 as an archeologist and librarian. From there she went to Grand Canyon National Park, back to Casa Grande, and to Walnut Canyon National Monument, Ariz. She wrote the area history for Casa Grande on her own time and began the archeological site survey of the north rim at Walnut Canyon.

Mrs. Harris had many assignments during her career including archeological test trenching at Tumacacori, study of stone artifacts recovered in 1951 by Gordon Vivian at Gran Quivira National Monument, N.M., helping expand the interpretive planning at Montezuma Castle National Monument, Ariz. and salvage excavations of multiple burials at Wupatki National Monument near Flagstaff.

She has contributed several articles on archeology and artifacts which have been published in various technical journals.



JOHN E. WILKINSON was awarded the Department of the Interior's Citation for Commendable Service, following his retirement after over twenty-five years of service in the Federal Government.

Wilkinson began his Federal service career in July 1942 with the U.S. Navy Construction Battalion in the South Pacific. He was discharged from the Navy in April 1943 and accepted a job as surveyman with the War Department. He worked at this job for about a year and was transferred to the U.S. Navy Department where, with the exception of a short assignment with the Corps of Engineers in 1951-1952, he remained until April 1962. During his tour with the U.S. Navy Department, he started as an engineering aid and was soon promoted to inspector of construction and later to construction representative.

In April 1962 he entered on duty with the National Park Service, Western Office, Design and Construction, as a Construction Representative, and retired from Design and Construction, San Francisco Planning and Service Center on April 30, 1968.

Wilkinson's experience with the construction projects and his broad knowledge in the specialized fields of construction inspection, and in surveying, together with his intense interest in his work, made him a much valued employee. The time and energy he put into his work always exceeded what was required and expected of him.

DAVID C. HARMAN was granted, posthumously, the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award, in recognition of his valuable contributions in the field of property management. The award was presented to his widow, Mrs. David C. Harman, by Western Regional Director John Rutter on November 21. In 1940, Harman joined the U.S. Air Force, serving commendably in the fields of logistics and supply, with special assignments to such overseas stations as Saudi Arabia and Japan. After his discharge in 1960, Mr. Harman joined the National Park Service as Property Management Assistant. Within a short time, he had successfully balanced all inventories, and established a system of records covering in detail the thousands of items equipment and real property in the Western Region of the National Park Service. Through his extensive knowledge in the property management field, and his personal initiative and resourcefulness, Mr. Harman was able to create a system considered as one of the best in the Service. His friendly assistance to his felllow workers contributed greatly in maintaining a high degree of employee morale in the Western Regional Office. Through his knowledge of Government protocol and personal contact, he was able to "get the job done" successfully and with a minimum of effort.

LESTER C. ABBIE, recently retired after 30 years of service in Yellowstone National Park, was presented a Commendable Service Award by Acting Superintendent Vernon E. Hennesay on



October 30. In presenting the award Mr. Hennesay cited Abbie for his many years of service characterized by loyal and devoted service and by faithful and efficient performance of duty.

Abbie was one of several employees cited by the Secretary of the Interior for meritorius service in connection with Operation Snowbound in the 1948-49 winter. The Commendable Service Award was presented in a brief ceremony at Mammoth headquarters with many of Mr. Abbie's old friends present.

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY, Miss.—Two Mathiston, Mississippi, men have received U.S. Department of the Interior Commendable Service Awards. Natchez Trace Parkway Superintendent Robert C. Haraden presented the awards to Robert N. Fisher and Hubert A. Smith, both former Parkway employees of Route 2, Mathiston. Superintendent Haraden stated that the awards are in recognition of the capable and dependable service of both during their closely paralleled 10- to 13-year Federal careers. Each of these World War II veterans was employed by the Parkway, in its Dancy, Mississippi, Subdistrict, from 1957 until retirement in April 1968. They served in the Parkway's Division of Maintenance, and primarily in equipment operation. The Superintendent stated that both had a vital part in the construction and maintenance of the varied facilities now in visitor use in the 48.4-mile Subdistrict--roads, trails, markers, exhibits, and recreational areas, including the 320-acre Jeff Busby Park. He attributed in large measure to the day-by-day cooperation and efficiency of such employees as these the National Park Service's successful achievements in its goal of public service.

GILBERT CALHOUN IS PRESIDENT OF FBI CHAPTER

VICKSBURG, Miss.--At the annual retraining session for the State of Mississippi Chapter of F.B.I. National Academy Associates, October 24-25, at Vicksburg, Miss., Gilbert W. Calhoun, Chief Ranger, Natchez Trace Parkway, was elected President of the Statewide Chapter to succeed former President Charles E. Snodgrass. Other officers elected to serve for the coming year are: 1st V. P.--T. P. Naylor, Investigator, Mississippi Highway Patrol, Gulfport; 1nd V.P.--Murray L. Sills, Mayor, Vicksburg (formerly Chief of Police, Vicksburg); 3rd V.P.--Fount O. Burrow, Chief of Police, Oxford; Sec.-Treas.--Robert Burton, Inspector, MHP, Jackson.

Roy K. Moore, Special Agent in Charge, FBI, Mississippi, introduced speakers at the training program including Inspector Dwight Dalbey, Training Division, FBI, Washington, Special Agent Lynn Smith, Columbus, Mississippi, and Special Agent Roy McDaniels, FBI, Jackson office. The Mississippi Commissioner of Public Safety, Giles Crisler, introduced as guest speaker for the evening banquet Judge J. S. (Soggy) Sweat, First Judicial District, Mississippi, who addressed the group on "Law Enforcement and the Courts."

Hoover Holds Christmas Open House

WEST BRANCH, IOWA -- A Christmas Season Open House is planned at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site for the community of West Branch. As in 1967, residents are invited to meet park personnel and learn about planning and development projects at the historic site.

This year the open house will be held in a newly restored period house which will function as an information center while serving as administrative offices. Park personnel expect to occupy the 'Effie Smith House" by December 15.

On display will be the exhibits which earned the "Outstanding" award at the 1968 Iowa State Fair. Photographs of these exhibits, which were planned and developed at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, are enclosed.

Visitation to the site, currently managed and operated by General Services Administration, is over 100,000 annually. The opening to the public of the Effie Smith House, which is across Downey Street from the cottage where Herbert Hoover was born, is expected to meet the need to provide information about the National Park Service to the visitors. Since the establishment of the site in 1965, administrative offices have been in the First State Bank Building.

Dick Robertson Is Mgt. Ass't. At Dinosaur

DINOSAUR, Colo.-- Superintendent Phillip Iversen of Dinosaur National Monument as announced the appointment of Richard B. Robertson to succeed Richard McMullen as Administrative Officer.

Robertson, a native of Illinois and a graduate of the University of Illinois in economics, comes to Dinosaur from Port Angeles, Washington. There he was personnel Officer at Olympic National Park for two years. Earlier experience with the National Park Service included Personnel Management Assistant at Zion National Park, Utah for four years; Personnel Assistant at the Southwest Regional Office of the Park Service in Santa Fe, New Mexico, for one year; and Administrative Assistant at Walnut Canyon National Monument near Flagstaff, Arizona, for three years. He also served four years in the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Virginia.

Robertson and his wife, Judy, have three children--David, 5; Brian, 4; and Katheryn, 1. The Robertsons expressed delight to be returning to the semi-arid climate of Utah and Colorado where they can pursue their interests in desert hiking and photography.

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Hickman Named Supervisory Ranger At Rocky Mt. NP

ESTES PARK, COLO.—Park Ranger Steven D. Hickman has been selected to fill a vacant Supervisory Park Ranger position in Rocky Mountain National Park. Superintendent Fred J. Novak stated that Hickman was selected primarily for his outstanding abilities in mountain rescue work and winter sports area management.

Hickman, 25, has been assigned to Yosemite National Park, California, since 1965. He and his wife are not strangers to this area, Novak said, as they served in the Park the summer of 1964 as the Twin Sisters fire lookouts, and Steve worked on the professional ski patrol at Hidden Valley in 1965.

Steve was raised in Cortez, Colorado, and graduated from CSU in 1965 with a BS degree in Wildlife Management. He arrived in Estes Park, October 19 with his wife Janice and two sons, Donnie 3 and Jeffrey 1.