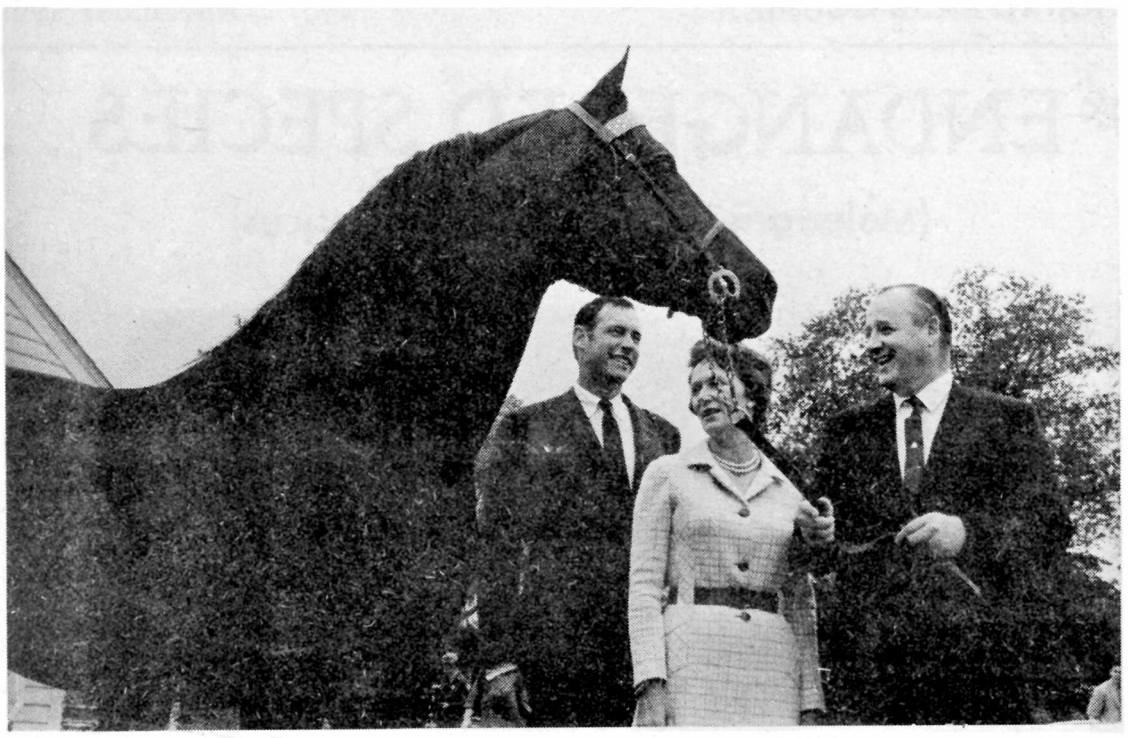


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ABNER – MR. & MRS. COLGATE – DIRECTOR HARTZOG

It Was Abner's Day . . .

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By BRIAN KELLY,
Star Staff Writer

COLONIAL BEACH, Va.—For Windcrest Abner and his eight wives, the preening and grooming began shortly after daylight spread over the fields and split-rail fences of George Washington's birthplace last week, (Oct. 13). The dark, satin-skinned showman knew something was up.

And sure enough, before the morning was out, crowds of people filed past the stable and took their seats in curious folding chairs lined up in front of a speaker's stand in the paddock.

Among them were history buffs, conservationists, National Park Service officials, ordinary horse lovers. But the hard core—three dozen or so from a handful of states—was composed of Morgan horse people, those who breed the proud, jaunty stock and those who love them with passion.

They were there for the dedication of the Park Service's new Morgan Horse Farm on the grounds of Washington's boyhood farm home, a ceremony marked by the presentation of a dozen Morgans, Abner among them, by Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Colgate of Oldwick, N.J.

MORGAN REGISTRY

The Morgan fanciers who were drawn to the historic site on the Potomac River, 38 miles east of Fredericksburg, Va., Monday, have their own nationwide club. Their horses have their own registry. The club traces pedigrees and publishes a magazine.

Everybody seems to know everybody else—or at least his Morgan. By somebody and out of

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STEVE MATHER'S FAMILY NEWSPAPER WASHINGTON, D.C. VOLUME 15 NUMBER 11 NOVEMBER 1969

N.R.P.A. HONORS HARTZOG FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

CHICAGO, Ill.—George B. Hartzog, Jr. has demonstrated time and time again his particular aptitude for influencing the policy makers of the nation as well as the National Park Service. His contributions to a sound park and recreation philosophy and an environmental ethic will continue to benefit citizens in the years ahead, as his early contributions in the form of technical, operational and managerial procedures have continued to influence policies and procedures of the National Park Service.

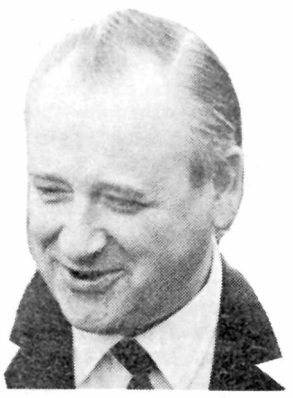
The eminent park and recreation career of Mr. Hartzog was high-lighted in 1962 when he received the Department of Interior's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, and again in January, 1964, when he became Director of the National Park Service.

Since he became Director of the National Park Service, Mr. Hartzog has added 52 park areas totalling nearly 4 million acres to the park system, and has initiated innumerable programs, including a study on how to meet the problems of increasing park usage and study programs on park management in other nations.

By working closely with other government, private, state and local agencies, Mr. Hartzog has refined and accelerated Service programs which deal with the opening of new park areas, advanced planning, visitor services, the preservation management of historic and natural resources, and the strengthening of in-Service training and career development programs.

For his achievements, Mr. Hartzog has received numerous awards, including the Gold Medal of the American Scenic and His-

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HARTZOG

Each year, the National Recreation and Park Association recognizes individuals and organizations for outstanding national service to the public and to the park, recreation and conservation movement.

The distinguished panel of judges responsible for selecting this year's national award winners included Willard W. Brown, Chairman; Howard W. Gregg, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Fagan Dickson; Arthur L. Janura; Beverly S. Sheffield; and Mrs. Russell Wiltbank.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
1969 Award Recipient
George B. Hartzog, Jr.

In his 23 years with the National Park Service, George B. Hartzog, Jr., director of the National Park Service was presented the Distinguished Service Award of the National Recreation and Park Association at its 1969 Congress in Chicago, Illinois.

Copter Crash Leaves McLaughlin Up Evolution Creek . . . .

Reprinted from the GIGANTEA, Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, Cal. Thanks to Irma Buchholz, Editor.

In response to the Editor's suggestion that "since you were there," a write up on the helicopter crash of last week would be appropriate, the following "blow by blow" description is offered (by Superintendent McLaughlin):

It was Tuesday, October 7, a beautiful clear, crisp morning at McClure Meadow. Pete Schuft and I had just completed a survey of sites for proposed back country campgrounds for the present master planning effort and, along with Pilot Schweitzer, we climbed into the sleek Bell B-1 helicopter.

The Pilot warmed up the motor and we were away at an altitude of about 100 feet, headed west down Evolution Creek to swing around and follow the John Muir trail to Little Pete Meadow. At the west end of McClure Meadow I was suddenly aware the tops of the trees seemed unusually near. The Pilot uttered an unintelligible exclamation and almost instantly the left skid knocked out the upper part of a tall snag and I realized we were going to crash. In the second or two before the aircraft hit I was only aware that Evolution Creek had a very rocky stream bed but that was the only choice!

The copter hit on the right skid on, most fortunately, smooth rock of the stream bed, then bounced downstream over a 15 foot waterfall, coming to a halt with its right side against a large boulder. The

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Ben Thompson Retires from N.C.S.P.

Ben H. Thompson, executive secretary of the National Conference on State Parks Branch of National Recreation and Park Association, retired on October 1.

Since joining NRPA in 1966, Thompson has been most active in the legislative program of the Association, especially in matters relating to conservation. He has been concerned with highway encroachments on parklands, specifically the Franconia Notch State Park in New Hampshire and Overton Park, Memphis, Tennessee, where routing of Interstate Highways could do irreparable damage to the parks.

During his tenure, the Park Practice Program has continued to grow and "Parks," the NCSP Newsletter has been published on a monthly basis.

During 1965, Thompson served as associate executive director for the Hudson River Valley Commission. In 1964 he retired from the National Park Service as assistant director for research, after 35 years with the Service.

Thompson received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Stanford University in 1928 and his Master of Science degree in Zoology from the University of California in 1932.

Thompson's work with the National Park Service began in 1929



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when he assisted in wildlife research in Berkeley, California. He remained with the Service until his retirement, working in various phases: planning, recreation surveys and research, and in 1963 was named assistant director in charge of Resource Planning for the National Park Service.

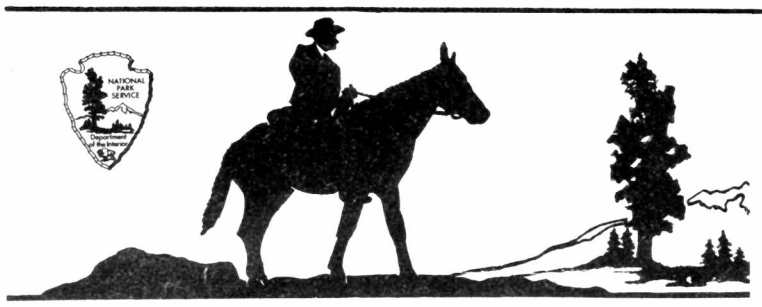
Thompson served as treasurer and vice president of the National Conference on State Parks, and

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E&AA BOARD MEETING SLATED

The Board of Directors and officers of the National Park Service Employees and Alumni Association will meet in Washington, D.C., December 9-10, it was announced today by E&AA Board Chairman Howard W. Baker.

E&AA members who would like to have any particular item of business discussed at the board meeting are invited to write to any of the directors or officers of the association whose names and addresses are listed on page 2 of this issue of the National Park COURIER.



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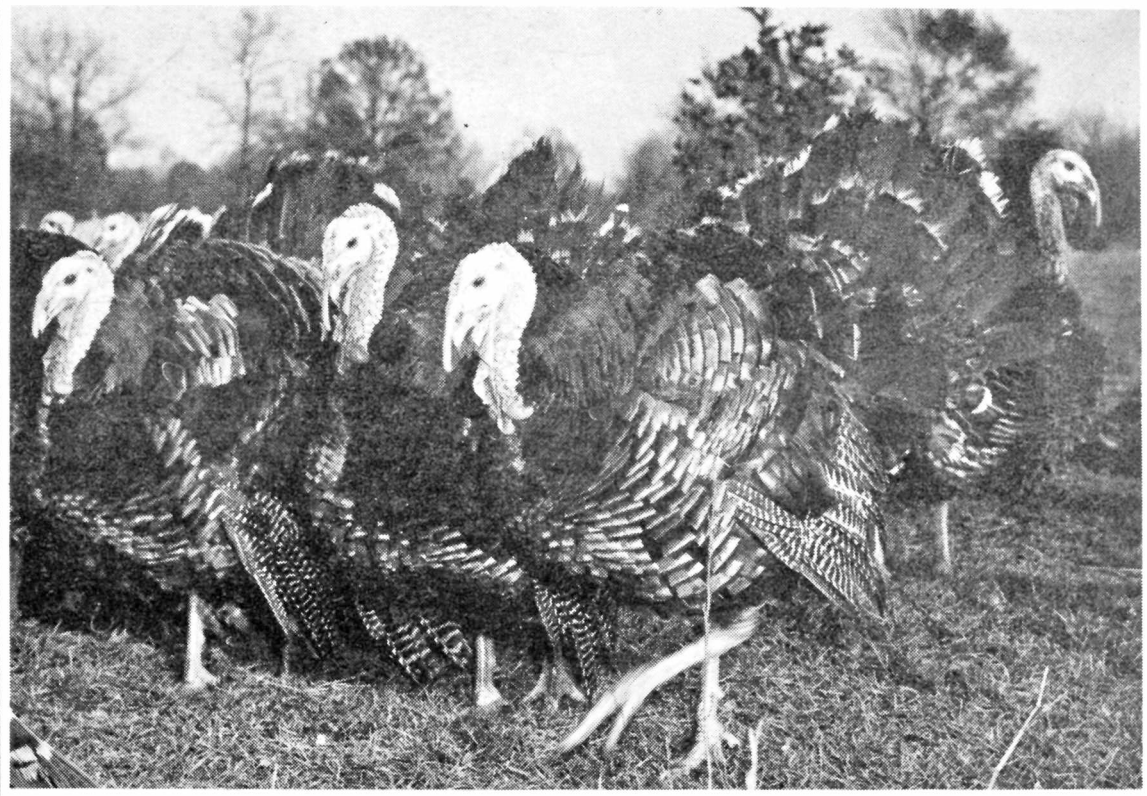
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*ENDANGERED SPECIES . .

(Meleagris Gallopavo Domesticus)



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In Defense Of Trailerites

With reference to myself, I am a retired civil engineer, BPR, FS and Army Corps of Engineers, and have lived for the past year in national parks and other public lands. My first association with the National Park Service began in the 30's thru the Bureau of Public Roads, and in this period we argued interminably with the park people about such things as the relative beauty of curves and tangents, balanced quantities, borrow pits and the feasibility of the Wawona Tunnel.

During and since these times, have held many conversations with park rangers, listened to their public talks and statements and have just finished reading a pamphlet, sold here in Zion, entitled "Will Success Spoil the National Parks?" as compiled by the Christian Science Monitor. Found it quite interesting and informative, altho slightly out of date at this writing.

Because of this longtime interest in National Parks I feel compelled to express some general comments which I hope may merit your consideration.

The keynote, the theme, the very backbone of the Service is Conservation, not necessarily conservatism, which has an entirely different connotation; yet in conversations with park people I often detect a distinct attitude of conservatism, expressed as a disinclination to accept new concepts or adopt new ideas, even such as are entirely compatible with the doctrine of conservation.

One example is the firmly entrenched belief that parks are primarily for certain people to the exclusion of others, in spite of the frequent lip-service to the creed that "Parks are for everybody." Now, I would not mind this de facto preference so much if I were among the Chosen, but unfortunately I can no longer qualify for this select group. However much I may long to lead the strenuous life in the back-country, the equipment for this sort of effort is about worn out, and unless better replacement parts become available I will have to experience the beauties of nature from my trailer camp, or at best from the end of a 5-mile trail.

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The antagonism often expressed toward trailer people seems to me based more upon prejudice than any kind of objective thinking. Some statements made by certain park rangers and repeated by others are completely untrue, for example the accusation that we continually demand utility hookups and other special services. This can only be true of a small uninformed minority of congenital complainers, whose complaints can easily be satisfied by concessionaires and outside trailer parks.

It is often said that we "take up too much room" on the highways and in campgrounds; but highways are seldom if ever all that crowded, and trailers actually require less room in campgrounds than tents, aside from the fact that they require less in the way of services and leave safer and cleaner camps.

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Even tho we no longer perform any services for the "establishment," and our tax brackets are lower than they used to be, we are nevertheless citizens, frequently articulate and sometimes politically effective. We are—or could have been—or should become—the best friends the Park Service ever had.

Because of my long, tho intermittent association with the National Park Service, I would like to suggest that park rangers should make a studied attempt to reconstruct and revitalize their image to meet the demands of changed conditions and the changing attitudes of the general public.

As a first step I would suggest abolition of the cherished stiff-brim hat which has somehow become associated with pre-war doughboys, talking bears and Boy Scout leaders. As a substitute I would suggest some sort of non-military cap, or possibly a meret, which seems to be associated with adventure, intellectuality, art—all appropriate to a new image for the Park Service. The next step would be abolition of the stiff-brimmed conservatism which seeks, not to solve new problems, but to retreat from them, behind a "CLOSED" sign.

Like most of the general public, we do not advocate overdevelopment of parks and recreational areas by roads, services concessions or other increased facilities; such improvements would tend to transfer a city or subdivision environment into the park areas, thus defeating their purpose. But existing campgrounds should be maintained, and increased in accordance with demand, either within areas now available or upon new areas. In this connection, would like to mention the possibility of self-policed and self-maintained campgrounds, a thing which might prove feasible where campers stay for relatively long periods.

My own view of the future is that the number of retired trailerites will not increase greatly—only a certain proportion prefer the rustic, secluded environment and the rest will be absorbed in private establishments thruout the country, and these will become more attractive and economical. Popularity of trailers will continue, however, unless some means can be found to furnish simple meals and lodging at equivalent cost.

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Sincerely,
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Mrs. Ernestine Escalente Wins Special Act Award



In recognition of her outstanding performance of duties during the period from July 1968 to July 1969, Mrs. Ernestine V. Escalante, park technician, was recently presented a Special Act Award by Harry P. Linder, superintendent of Tuzigoot National Monument. Superintendent Linder stated that the award was granted for Mrs. Escalante's outstanding work in completely refurbishing 17 exhibit cases in the Tuzigoot museum to give them a more "professional" touch. "During the time Mrs. Escalante was working on the exhibits, she did not shirk her regular duties of interpretation and visitor services but carried them out in a highly efficient and satisfactory manner," Linder stated.

Superintendent Linder further announced that due to the additional duties and responsibilities assumed by Mrs. Escalante in her position at Tuzigoot, she has recently been promoted from park guide, GS-4 to park technician, GS-5.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

George M. Brooks, retired park ranger at Sequoia & Kings Canyon, died Sept. 28, 1969. He is survived by his wife, Gaynell.

Mrs. Hattie B. Heckman, wife of William Heckman, retired park ranger at Mount Rainier NP, died Oct. 20, 1969. Condolence may be addressed to Mr. Heckman, Box 167, Desert Hot Springs, California 92240.

John Croesier ("Crow") Hopkins, retired foreman at Great Smoky Mountains, died Sept. 19, 1969.

Mrs. Lucille Oberhansley, widow of Frank R. Oberhansley retired superintendent of Zion NP, died Oct. 22, 1969. She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mark Smith, of 306 Mobely Dr., Boise, Idaho 83702.

Daniel Philip Ratledge, Jr., son of Gertrude Ratledge, secretary to Supt. Boyer, Lassen Volcanic NP, and Dan Ratledge, was killed in action in Viet Nam on Sept. 14, 1969.

A Story of Hardship & Laughter ....



MINERAL, Cal.—Her Indian name Boo-noo-koo-ee-menorra. In our language it means "Sunset," but most people know her as Selena LaMarr. She is one of the few surviving members of the Atsugewi tribe of Northern California.

Her story is one of hardship, tears, gaiety, laughter, and fame.

During the summer months in Lassen Volcanic National Park, Mrs. LaMarr is interviewed twice-daily by a Ranger-Naturalist. The Indian Lore Program has proven to be one of the most popular summer activities.

As Mrs. LaMarr sits weaving a basket she tells of some of her memories of girlhood. Her memory is remarkable considering she doesn't know how old she is or even when she was born. Her mother said she was born in the spring of the year. Her son is 63 so her age is estimated to be in the mid 80's. She has twice been widowed.

Her delightful sense of humor and gentle wit as she tells of her girlhood endear her to everyone. As she weaves a basket she identifies each of the different reeds and grasses she uses, and describes the symbols on each one. She also tells where she gathers them, and at what time of the year each is easier to pick. Her narrative of summers on Lassen slopes when her tribe would hunt and fish for the winter months is mingled with her gay laugh. As she tells of the last eruption of Lassen, the excitement mounts.

Among the unique customs of the Atsugewi is their use of baskets instead of pottery for all of their cooking, storage and gathering of food. The baskets even hold water.

Each interview is somehow different for Mrs. LeMarr as she remembers other adventures of her girlhood. Her father was a medicine man and her grandfather, who made arrowheads for the tribe, was called "Gunsmith" by the white man.

This summer her friends in the Park Service gave her a birthday party, the only one she has ever had. She was delighted.

Since 1951, Mrs LaMarr has been part of Lassen's summer program. This summer she was ill several times. We all hope that Boo-noo-koo-ee-menorra will be with us many more summers.

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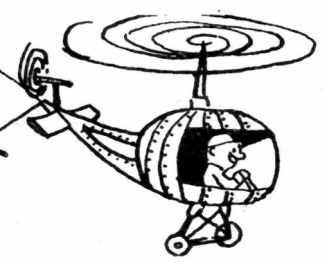
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We're happy to report that two of our alumni, recently hospitalized, are back on their feet again. NEWTON B. DRURY, 822 Mendocino Avenue, Berkeley, California 94707, is back home and doing nicely after major surgery in September. JOHN F. ROHN, JR., 255 Cambridge Way, Livermore, California 94550, had a bout with pneumonia but is now up and around and doing well.

People on the move



New Faces

Bajart, John J., to Pers. Off., Blue Ridge Pkwy.
Berkley, Donald L., to Computer Programmer, WASO
Hanley, William P., to Class. & Wage Spec., MWRO
Harbert, Stephen R., to Appraiser, WSC

New Places

Blair, Norman T., from Pk. Ranger, Lake Mead NRA, to same, Channel Islands NM
Cammack, Leslie W., from Ch. Pk. Ranger, Petrified Forest NP, to Supt., Capulin Mountain NM
Gerner, Frank S., from Arch., SFSC, to same, WASO
Gringer, Harold F., from Foreman III, Glacier NP, to Foreman III, Maintenance, Death Valley NM
Johnson, Carlock E., from Asst. Supt., Lake Mead NRA, to Supt., Glen Canyon NRA
Koehn, Dallas G., from Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC, to same, Shenandoah NP
Markvardsen, Peter K., from Maintenance Supt., Coulee Dam NRA, to Maintenance Spec., NW Dist., Alaska Cluster
Phillips, John Wesley, from Pk. Ranger, Colonial NHP, to Pk. Nat., Everglades NP
Sheerin, Gerald V., from Supv. Pk. Guide, Cape Cod NS, to Admin. Asst., Stephen T. Mather TC
Soper, G. Gilbert, from Pk. Ranger, Pinnacles NM, to same, Redwood NP
Sponsel, Arthur M., from Supply Clk., Glacier NP, to Proc. & Prop. Mgmt. Asst., Coulee Dam NRA
Wallace, William F., from Supt., Gran Quivira NM, to same, Capitol Reef NM
Young, James D., from Pk. Ranger, Glacier NP, to same, Bighorn Canyon NRA
Barden, Lawrence S., from Pk. Ranger, Horace M. Albright TC, to same, Acadia NP
Blinn, Gilbert E., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Death Valley NM, to Mgmt. Asst., Katmai NM
Brazill, George M., from Admin. Clk., Bryce Canyon NP, to same, Organ Pipe Cactus NM
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Cunningham, Erson A., from Foreman III, Maintenance, Death Valley NM, to Foreman III, Bldgs., Glacier NP
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Thompson, James B., from Program Analyst, WASO, to Supt., Theodore Roosevelt NMP
Wallace, William F., from Supt., Gran Quivira NM, to same, Capitol Reef NM
Zart, Sally A., from Hist., JNEM, to same, Fort Donelson NMP

Out of the Traces

Duncan, John C., from Pers. Staffing Spec., NCR
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Mini-NPS Views

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND

A critical, 584-acre tract of land in Assateague Island National Seashore is under option for purchase by the Government for $1.6 million from the University of Pennsylvania. The tract has been donated to the University by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCabe, of Chester, Pa., with the proviso that it be sold to the Government and added to the Seashore.

PARKWAY LINK

The National Park Service has awarded a $98,000 contract for completion of the George Washington Parkway in Montgomery County, Md. Started in 1965, the parkway is complete except for a 1/2-mile connecting link. When the job is completed, motorists leaving the Capital Beltway near Cabin John Bridge will be able to drive alongside the C&O Canal directly to Georgetown.

GLEN ECHO SWAP

GSA recently sent to Congress a proposal that the 17-acre Glen Echo Amusement Park be swapped for the old Emergency Hospital Building in Washington, D.C. It now appears that there will be no Congressional opposition to this proposal. The next step will probably be for the Justice Department to rule on its legality, but no problems are anticipated here, either. The trade would end the threat that the park might be lost to commercial development.

GLADES-JETPORT STUDY

A report on the environmental impact of the proposed jetport near Everglades National Park, Fla., was released Sept. 18. The report, prepared by a Department of the Interior Committee, headed by Dr. Luna Leopold, concluded that development of the proposed jetport as a commercial facility would destroy the south Florida ecosystem, including Everglades National Park.

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Secretary Hickel has appointed representatives of 14 States from Maine to Georgia as members of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail Advisory Council. Named chairman of the 35-member Council is Robert B. Moore, assistant director, Park Management.

1969 CHRISTMAS TREE

The National Park Service has accepted a 65-foot spruce as the National Christmas Tree for the 1969 Pagent of Peace, from businessmen of Warren, N.Y. The tree, growing in the Adirondack Mountains, will be cut Nov. 21 and delivered about five days later. Tentative plans call for lighting of the tree by the President on Dec. 18 or 19.

INDIA

National Park Service park planner Weldon Gratton left October 10, for Bombay, India, to prepare a master plan for Borivali National Park, at the request of Maharashtra State. The project is funded by the Agency of International Development. Prior to his retirement in 1968, Gratton was superintendent of Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area, Utah-Wyo.

For Commendable Service

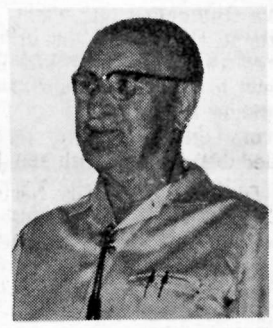
Fern Benke



PHILADELPHIA, PA.—When Fern Benke received the Department of Interior Commendable Service Award at her retirement party in August she left a crew of five who have served a total of 139 years at Independence.

Included in the crew from left to right are: Joe Schmidt (40 years), Fern Benke (20 years), Warren McCullough (33 years), Louise Boggs (20 years), and Bernie Beoli (26 years).

Sidney B. Ellis



SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—In recognition of consistently high quality performance with the National Park Service--at Death Valley National Monument, Lassen Volcanic and Zion National Parks--Sidney B. Ellis was recently presented the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award. The presentation was made by Fred J. Novak, a long-time associate of Mr. Ellis, at a staff meeting held in the Western Regional Office, September 11.

Ellis began his Federal service career at Lassen Volcanic National Park in August 1938. Subsequently he served at Death Valley National Monument and Zion National Park. He consistently carried out his responsibilities in a most efficient manner. He always maintained high standards of performance despite an inadequate support staff and, at times, under adverse working conditions.

As administrative officer at Zion, Ellis carried out all phases of administrative functions efficiently, and inaugurated new programs as necessary. At the time of his retirement on January 11, 1969, Mr. Ellis had completed more than 31 years of uninterrupted service.

Mrs. Helen B. Tracy

YELLOWSTONE N.P.—Upon retirement after a successful career with the National Park Service, Mrs. Helen B. Tracy recently received a Commendable Service Award from Superintendent Jack K. Anderson at a farewell coffee given in her honor.

Mrs. Tracy entered on duty in 1952 at Yellowstone National Park where she served her entire Government career. She served in various secretarial positions, the most recent of which was secretary to the assistant superintendent, Special Services.

In presenting the award, Mr. Anderson cited Mrs. Tracy for her excellent service and enthusiastic performance in acting as liaison officer between the assistant superintendent and various concessioners in the park; and in filling requests for information. Mr. Anderson said as chairman of the flower and gift fund, she never missed an opportunity to bring a little cheer to an ill or grieved employee.

Mrs. Tracy's park friends presented her with three lovely books and a colored photograph as momentum of her many years of service in Yellowstone.

STEAMSHIP "BERTRAND"

A work project to prevent the steamship "Bertrand" from floating down the Missouri River from its present location in DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge began Oct. 13. The ship will be "backfilled" with sand and sunk in 20 feet of water to preserve it until funds are available for permanent preservation efforts. Removal of the historic cargo was completed on Oct. 8.

Frank Roberts

YELLOWSTONE N.P.—Frank Roberts was recently presented the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award upon his retirement from the National Park Service. Roberts began his career with the National Park Service in 1921 with an appointment in Yellowstone, where he served his entire 48-year career. Superintendent Jack K. Anderson presented the award in recognition of Roberts' devoted and enthusiastic performance, and cited him as an extremely skillful employee, demonstrating unusual talent in heavy project maintenance.

John M. Broadbent

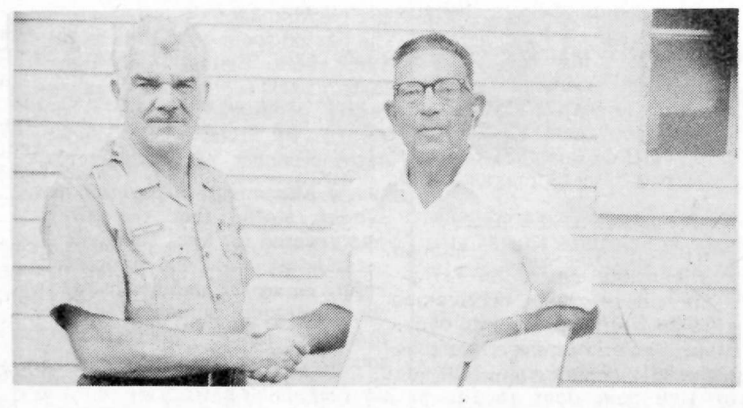
ROOSEVELT, Ariz.—In recognition of significant services to the public, particularly during his management of Tonto National Monument, John M. Broadbent has been presented the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award.

Broadbent served at Tonto National Monument from February 1966 to January 1969.

The CSA Citation said, in part, "He met the management challenge of an isolated area with ease. Educated in natural science and forestry, he studied the desert plants and wildlife of Tonto National Monument which enabled him to provide visitors with factual data on their origin and significance. He introduced highly interesting interpretive programs, including conducted tours to the Upper Ruins of the area, and nature hikes and lectures on the desert wildlife, plant life, geology, and the present day Indians of the area. He was instrumental in assuring the completion of the herbarium and the opening of the Upper Ruins. He maintained effective and cooperative public relations with adjacent cattlemen, other agency officials and businessmen and civic groups in Globe and Miami."

Broadbent's interest in serving the public in the best tradition was reflected in the excellent services and programs he initiated at Tonto.

Felix Fleig

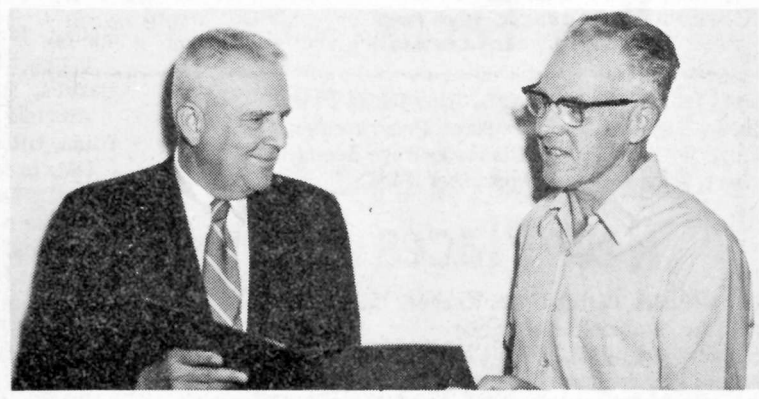


OCRACOKE, N.C.—Felix Fleig, who retired from Cape Hatteras National Seashore as caretaker. May 31, 1969, was presented the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award by Chief of Park Maintenance McGinnis, in recognition of his many years of Federal service.

Fleig began his career with the military in 1926 and completed training as a skilled craftsman in metal work, welding and pipe fitting. These skills, among many others, involving over 20 years of Navy life, led to Federal employment with the National Park Service at Cape Hatteras National Seashore in 1960.

The Commendable Service Citation stated, in part, "... Although Mr. Fleig primarily served as a caretaker on Ocracoke, he willingly applied the well developed skills of his earlier service and a desire to serve to the best of his ability the visitors frequenting Cape Hatteras National Seashore. His versatility in performing the tasks other than those required of his position was instrumental in maintaining high quality visitor facilities while assigned to seashore."

Clifford B. Petersen



PORT ANGELES, Wash.—Clifford B. Petersen was recently presented the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award in recognition of his special contributions to the National Park Service in the fields of engineering and construction at Olympic National Park.

Petersen began his Federal service with the General Land Office as an axeman and chainman, on land surveys. Subsequently he was employed by the Bureau of Public Roads as rodman, chainman, instrumentman and engineering aid on road maintenance and construction in Oregon, Washington, Montana, and the Alcan Highway. On June 5, 1950, he transferred to the National Park Service as a Civil Engineer, the position he held on retirement, April 29, 1968.

On two occasions, with the assistance of a construction foreman, he undertook day labor projects that were accomplished at costs considerably within the available funds and below contractors' bids. He also obtained field data under difficulties on a post construction road project involving an appeal. All three of these resulted in substantial savings to the Federal Government. His work was characterized by its accuracy, completeness, and high quality. The volume and quality of his work was significant throughout his career

NPS Alumni Notes

By Herb Evison

Myrl V. Walker, who left the chief park naturalist position at Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks in August 1955, notes in his "alumni biography" form, recently sent in to President Howard Baker, that rather than being interested in re-employment, he is "fully employed at present." Myrl is Director of Museums and head of the Geology Department at Fort Hays, Kansas, State College. He notes that he has to his credit numerous publications and many discoveries dealing with both invertebrate and vertebrate fossils, and that he has received special recognition of his collecting and preparation techniques in the Niobrara formation of Western Kansas.

Harry W. Knisley, who retired from the position of Foreman III (Mixed gang, roads) at Grand Teton late in 1963, reports that he has moved from Beaver Crossing (no state given) to Hot Springs, South Dakota, because of his wife's health; at the time he sent in his "alumni biography," Mrs. Knisley had been in the hospital for the previous three months. Their address is P.O. Box 133, 142 North 6th Street, Hot Springs, S. Dak. 57747.

William S. (Scotty) Chapman, whose water colors of Yellowstone scenes, given as retirement gifts to Yellowstone employees, make Yellowstone retirees especially to be envied, continues to live next door to the park that was his stamping ground—and love—for the long years of service that ended with his retirement in 1962. Scotty, author of "Yellowstone Back Country," published by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association, has acreage on the outskirts of Gardiner, Mont., where he lives with his wife and two of their sons, Don, 20, and Jon, 19. Their oldest son Bill also lives in Gardiner, and there are four grandchildren.

"Yellowstone personnel have been wonderful in seeing that an old employee is not forgotten," he remarked on his "alumni biography." "I was and still am proud to have worked for the Service."

Francis X. Guardipee, Blackfoot Indian and long-time Glacier National Park ranger who retired in 1947, has been devoted to Scouting and other youth activities throughout his adult life. He wrote recently from the State Hospital in Galen, Mont., where he has been undergoing treatment; with his note, he sent along a clipping from a mid-August issue of the Great Falls Tribune. With a picture of former Ranger Guardipee, in full Indian regalia, the story was headed "Scouting Confab Honors Francis X. Guardipee." It read, in part:

SPEARFISH, S. D.—The 12th American Indian Tribal leaders Conference on Scouting, which is under way this week at Black Hills State College here, is dedicated to Francis X. Guardipee, Browning, Mont., conference officials announced.

Guardipee, a chief of the Piegan-Blackfeet, has dedicated more than 50 years of his life to youth service through scouting, has attended three world jamborees, including one in France and one in Canada, and has attended all the national jamborees.

Guardipee, who attended the recent national jamboree in Camp Farragut, Idaho, long has been famed as an outstanding speaker and has address Boy Scouts many times at the North Central Montana Council's Camp Napi on the west shore of Lower Saint Mary Lake.

Guardipee almost always opens his talk with an Indian prayer which he translates into English:

"Give wisdom and understanding to my leaders.

"Protect my warriors, bring them back safe.

"Give to the young, love and contentment

"Give health and long life to my people, so that they may remain with us a long time.

"Make my enemy brave and strong so that if defeated I will not be ashamed.

"Give me knowledge so that I may have kindness for all.

"And let me live each day so when day is done my prayer will not have been in vain."

Few of the numerous NPS alumni travelers have proved to be quite such gluttons for it as have Don and Fern Erskine.

"Our intention on retiring was to travel, and we have done quite a bit of it--so much that we have now paused to catch our breath and thus are stationary in San Francisco for the next 14 months or so," Don wrote recently, in giving an account of his doings. Two days after his last working day, he and Fern flew to Luxembourg; there they met their daughter Mary, just out of the Peace Corps in Africa, and she accompanied them on European travel that took them far to the north then across southeastern Europe to Istanbul. There one of the principal lodestones was a Marine security guard at the U.S. Cons-ulate, who happened also to be Mary's fiance. Mary and her Marine, Bruce (no surname provided) were married in Alexandria, Va., on Sept. 22, 1968.

Not only has the Erskines' travels taken them all over Europe; they have seen, or seen again, a large part of the United States, as well as traveling extensively in South America. "On one of our shore trips from the Grace Line freighter Alicia," Ton wrote, "we flew from Buenaventura, Colombia, to Cali, Colombia. There we discovered one of the finest small museums of natural history that we have ever seen. The Director had spent considerable time at the University of California, at Berkeley, and was a most charming and enthusiastic host for our visit." Having also traveled by freighter from Buenos Aires to Gran Canaria before flying to Spain, Don wrote: "We are completely sold on travel and plan to spend much time on them in future years." After five weeks motoring in Spain and Portugal, they flew home in June, visited their daughter and son-in-law in Detroit, then headed for Mount Rainier.

From Mount Rainier, they headed for Alaska with son Jim, who resigned from the National Park Service to head for the 49th State as a church volunteer; leaving him at Fairbanks, they made it to Mount McKinley, where unhappily, a dense smoke pall prevented them from seeing the great peak or other mountains of the park.

The new address of the Erskines in Apt. C-208, 1175 Ellis St., San Francisco, Calif. 94109. Mrs. Erskine, to help her retirement annuity (She had 20 years with the NPS) has taken a clerk-typist position at the USPHS Hospital near the Presidio, an easy bus ride from their apartment.

"We have complete records of all our costs in the U.S. and in Europe and South America," Don wrote, "and would be glad to answer any questions from those wondering if they can travel on retirement pay. The answer is definitely YES."

The 30-year career of Paul G. Favour, Jr., who retired at 55 from the position of special assistant to the Regional Director, Northeast Region, in mid-September, was given the full treatment in the Sept. 18, 1969, issue of the Bar Harbor TIMES.

Most of Paul's years with the National Park Service were spent at Acadia National Park. He first worked there as a Civilian Conservation Corps enrollee in the summer of 1936, and received a permanent appointment as ranger there in 1939; this event, assuring a livelihood, was followed the next year by his marriage to Miss Edith Falt of Northeast Harbor, Maine. Service at Acadia was interrupted by 3 1/2 years in the Navy during World War II, but he returned to his Down East position in 1946. In 1948 he transferred to Shenadoah National Park as Park Naturalist. With Acadia still in his blood he went back there in 1955, and became Chief Park Naturalist three years later. He began his Philadelphia assignment, working on the Natural Landmark Program last November.

The Bar Harbor paper lists many activities in which Paul took a leading or an active part. He has served as vice-president of the Virginia Audubon Society and as a president of the Maine Audubon Society; he formed both the Shenandoah and Acadia Natural History Associations. These have been supplemented by a wide variety of interesting and useful activities. The Times asserts that he "is best known for his work with his summer staff of ranger-naturalists, conservation students and work-study students," several of whom have attained distinction in university and museum work.

Julie, the Favours' older child, 20, is a nurse; their son John is a high school senior. At the time of Paul's retirement, he had no definite plans for the future except doing in a leisurely way some of the things he has had to do more hurriedly in years past. Presumably, Bar Harbor or at least some place in Maine will continue to be home.

Mrs. Mantha Mills Wewerka and Mr. Ira B. Lykes were married at 4:30 p.m., on Saturday, October 18, in Walter Reed Memorial Chapel. Given in marriage by long-time friend Mr. Nathan Baker, Mrs. Wewerka's only attendant was Mrs. Ermina E. Henley. Serving as best man for Mr. Lykes was his brother Wayne. The ceremony was witnessed by members of their families, close personal friends, and National Park Service friends. Among the guests were former director Conrad L. Wirth and Mrs. Wirth and former assistant director Hillory A. Tolson and Mrs. Tolson.

A reception and dinner were held at the Tallyrand Restaurant after the ceremony for some 50 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Lykes will reside at Lake City Junior College, Lake City, Florida 32055.

Of the several fine Florida State parks established and developed during the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corps, none is better or more suitably developed than Highlands Hammock, a gift to the State from the Roebling family (of Brooklyn Bridge fame), a few miles out of Sebring. That camp that did the work there was, of course, under National Park Service supervision--principally that of Ray Vinten; its superintendent was Allen C. Altvater who was introduced to park work by that experience and whose interest in parks has never flagged over the intervening years. Still a resident of Sebring, Allen is still hale and hearty, according to a recent report from his old friend Ira Lykes, and is employed by the Florida Department of Agriculture, with an office in the Sebring Air Terminal. He is also on the Advisory Board for Highlands Hammock and takes a keen interest in its affairs.

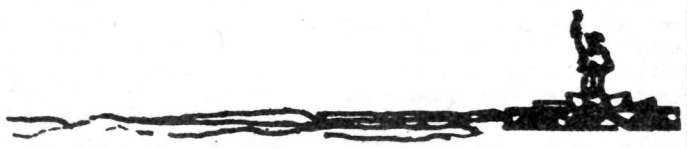
Posthumous CSA Presented To Widow of Ralph Elliott



RALPH E. ELLIOTT, who served for nine years as a laborer at Hopewell Village National Historic Site until his death September 29, 1969, was recently honored posthumously with the presentation of the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award to his widow, Mrs. Katherine Elliott. Superintendent Riddle and Foreman Seidel made the presentation on behalf of the National Park Service.

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Park Chatter

Belatedly, the COURIER extends congratulations to the scores of "in-addition-to-their-other duties" editors of the various area newsletters. They do a magnificent job. Each month, starting with this issue, excerpts from these newsletters will be published in a special section called "PARK CHATTER".

Area editors are invited to send annotated copies of their newsletters to the Courier, marking those items that they believe should get Service-wide notice.

SHENANDOAH VISTAS

Susan J. Hepler has accepted a permanent appointment as Park Naturalist in the new urban parks program. She is presently taking 8 weeks of orientation training at the Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon. She will return to Washington, D.C., for 9 months of special on-the-job training in urban parks. Sue has worked as a seasonal naturalist since 1965. Congrats on your new assignment, Sue!

This was the summer for Park weddings.....

A. P. Koster gave away his daughter in a lovely wedding in the Luray Methodist Church June 21. Cathy was married to Scott Walker of Luray. They are both teaching in Fredricksburg this year.

Park Ranger Frank Deckert took a wife in a simple ceremony in the Waynesboro Christian Church Friday, June 27. After the wedding, Frank and Gloria were honored at a reception at Bill Fauber's home. Reports have it that Frank and Gloria are actually living in the Simmons Gap quarters. They plan to announce a house warming party soon. (Oct. 11, rumor has it.)

Former seasonal draftsman John Hudson and Rebecca Graves of Luray were wed Saturday, June 28 in the Episcopal Church in Luray. The wedding was followed by a large reception at the Graves farm.

Carol Wymer and Steve Havnaer, both seasonal employees of the Interpretive Division, were wed August 10 in St. Marks Lutheran Church in Luray. Steve has carried his bride back to North Carolina where he teaches. They promise to return next summer.

We wonder what Lorraine Bittinger, former seasonal clerk-typist is doing in Paris right now. Lorraine left her job in the Admin. Section of Shenandoah to study in France (connected with Bridgewater College) on August 8. We wished her the best.....

Mr. Koster (looking shocked): Do you always count on your fingers?

Mrs. Elkins (innocently): No sir, on my big blue eyes.

George and Janet Briggs and their children, Tay Ann and Ian were welcomed to the park family this month. George will be entering on duty as Resources Management Specialist.

A department store manager asked a teary-eyed lad in the lost and found department, "Why didn't you hang on to your mommy's skirt?" "I tried to," sobbed the youngster, 'but I couldn't reach it."

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BIG BEND BULLETIN

One way to make a long story short is to have the person you are talking about drop in .....

An honor for three of the Ranger staff — Cecil Garrett, Bob Todd, and Victor Carrasco—they went to Del Rio to lend a helping hand with the crowd control when President Nixon and President Diaz Ordaz met there for the dedication of Amistad Dam September 8.

Word of wisdom: The person who laughs outside when he is crying inside, who wears a smile on his face when there are tears in his heart, has mastered the art of all arts—self-control.

So long to Ottis and Linda Turner and children. Ottis has accepted employment with the Duval Sulphur Company at Fort Stockton and they are on their way.

Welcome to newlyweds Dave and Ginger Harwood. Dave recently accepted an appointment as Seasonal Naturalist.

"The medical world has its problems. It's hard to give a man shock treatment once he's seen his wife in curlers!"

All are wishing Cecil Garrett a speedy recovery from his operation.

DEATH VALLEY HEAT WAVE

A gay cookout bid farewell to Curly and Lillian Cunningham whose new assignment sends them to Glacier; and also to Gil and Barb Blinn who are on their way to Katmai. Good luck to you all!

Crickets are invading Death Valley. If you plan on traveling near the area, wear old clothes as they often feast upon clothing!

Earle and Rachel Curran and daughters of Padre Island will arrive in Death Valley the second week of October. Earle has accepted a promotion to District Ranger.

Death Valley sends us a thought:

There is no better exercise
for the heart
Than reaching down and lifting
somebody up.

Welcome, Earle, Rachel, Amy and Anne Curran. Glad to see you folks! Congrats to Ken Miller on his recent transfer-promotion to Sequoia as Law Enforcement Officer!

YELLOWSTONE NEWS

Helen Tracy retired September 18. Enjoy yourself, Helen!

Overheard in the men's bar, "Does your wife drive?" "Only in an advisory capacity."

The Erwin Atwood's celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this month. Congratulations, and many more!

Commendable Service Awards were presented to Mrs. Helen B. Tracy and Mr. Frank Roberts, both long-time dedicated employees. Thanks for such good work!

The Yellowstone Family welcomes new distaff additions to the staff: Grace Smith, Pam Roberts, Vernetta Schlosser, Barbara Polacek, and Edna Sena. We know you gals will enjoy your stay!

POLICE MOTOR SCOOTERS

Five U.S. park policemen currently assigned to foot patrol beats in some of the downtown park areas of Washington, D.C.—where visitor traffic is thickest—will be motorized by the end of November. They will ride motor scooters to give them better maneuverability.

MAMMOTH CAVE ECHOES

Congratulations to Oliver Gillespie, Mohammed Khan, and Bill Shields, who are attending the Park Technician School at Albright Training Center, after which they will be assigned to the Washington Office for special training for serving in urban areas on eastern cities.

Also, congratulations to Tom Wood who has been promoted from a Cook's position at Great Onyx to Enrollee Work Supervisor (Technician) in the auto mechanic shop.

Administration welcomes Mrs. Rachel Wilson back to the fold. Rachel, formerly a Park Guide, was recently reassigned to the Fiscal Clerk position and assumed her new duties on August 25. She began her career at Mammoth Cave as an Information Receptionist "back when" it used to be a part of the Administration Division. For the past several years she has been guiding for I&RM. Franklin Jolly is keeping an eye on her and advising her on payroll and uniform questions (or HOW TO KEEP THE GUIDES HAPPY).

Hats off to Mary Giesecke and Guy Turley. Mary has completed ten years Federal service and Guy has twenty years to his credit.

Resident Worker Sheldon Smith is the latest newcomer to Great Onyx. Sheldon, his wife and two daughters, transferred from Harpers Ferry and live in Cave City. We are happy to have them on our staff.

THE GIGANTEA–SEQUOIA–KINGS CANYON

Jim Rogers and Bob LaFrance were in Denver September 3-6, attending the Snowblast Operators' Training Course.

Earl and Evelyn Stone waved goodbye to friends full of envy when they left for a month's holiday in Europe. That's the life!

The parks welcomed three new employees last month: John J. Palmer, Chief Park Naturalist, and family; Russell E. Osborne, Bukilding Repairman and wife; and Jean Weatherhead, Clerk Typist, and family.

Superintendent John McLaughlin and Chief Ranger Peter Schuft of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park escaped serious injury when the chartered helicopter in which they were flying crashed on take-off at McClure Meadows on Oct. 7. The helicopter was badly damaged but both men escaped with bruises and returned to work the following day.

Tis true...Despite jets, missiles, and such, they still haven't invented anything that goes faster than an annual vacation!

Looking forward to welcoming Ken Miller and family to Sequoia-Kings Canyon. November 2 marks Ken's EOD date as Law Enforcement Officer.

TRADE WINDS THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Virgin Islands National Park is now home for Ranger Gene Casey and his new bride Lizbeth. She is the former Lizbeth Shelhorse of Danville, Virginia, Gene was on loan from the Blue Ridge Parkway for four months taking over the duties of Gary Davis who was involved with the undersea project, TEKTITE.

After receiving a permanent transfer and a $200 bill from the Telephone company, Gene decided it was time to get married.

His new wife was introduced to the West Indies in grand style as they honeymooned on the islands of St. Martin, St. Kitts, Nevis, and Montserrat. A unique experience was had on St. Kitts as they were awakened one morning at 6:30 by the sound of march music. To their amazement the policemen's band was parading by their window. The occasion was Children's Day.

On Montserrat, their favorite island, daily activities included jeep rides over the countryside, hikes and swims on lonely beaches. A hike which will be remembered is one which they took following a mountain stream through the lush green interior of Montserrat to the Great Alps Waterfall which plunges some 70 feet into a mountain pool. After the hot climb not only was the beauty of the waterfall enjoyed, but also the coolness of its water.

During a drive over Montserrat they were stopped in a very small village by its inhabitants and given a special invitation to a chicken fry and dance. The villagers took great delight in the fact that their visitors were also newlyweds. To add to their gaiety Gene gave them a bottle of locally brewed rum.

When the Caseys' arrived at the N.P.S. Red Hook dock to go to St. John they were greeted by television celebrity Beulah Potter. Beulah is the Park Superintendent's secretary. She has been giving the evening news report over the St. Thomas television station. She enjoys her broadcasts and her attractiveness and enthusiasm gives zest to the news reports.

Beulah's viewers would find it hard to believe that she is the mother of three daughters and one son and grandmother to three children.

PARK NEWS AND VIEWS "TOP OF OLD SMOKY"

We haven't heard of any seismograph readings recently, but we bet that last month Seasonal Ranger Monte Harrington thought he was experiencing an earthquake. A camper from Florida had pulled in at the kiosk in the Elkmont campground and Monte was assigning him to a site across the river. When the camper started to turn to cross the bridge with his trailer, the top caught the roof of the kiosk and literally picked the kiosk up and pushed it back at least six inches; the only thing that stopped it was the concrete curb. Monte grabbed hold of the windows and held on. The visitor was a pilot for Eastern Airlines, but said he had never done anything like that with a plane (thank goodness)!

Welcoming Paul and LuAnn Mathis and sons to the Park Family. Paul has been selected for the position of District Ranger, North District.

Congratulations extended to William Ray who was recently awarded the Bronze Star in ceremonies at Keesler Field.

Blue booty award to Jim and Iola Stites who are the proud grandparents of an 8 pound, 6 ounce boy!

A Meritorious Service Award was recently presented to Howard "Cowboy" Copas by other members of the Smoky Mountains Lodge 31, Fraternal Order of Police. The award was given in recognition of his outstanding services performed since the founding of the Lodge in 1965. Congratulations, Cowboy, you're a credit to the Service, your profession and community!

A special use permit has been issued to Maryville College for the use of Tremont Job Corps Center as an Environmental Education Center. This program is part of a national effort by the National Park Service to offer outdoor laboratories to schools and to work jointly with local educational institutions in bringing environmental education to school children. Lloyd Foster, Supervisory Park Ranger, has been granted a year's leave without pay to direct the Maryville College program at Tremont.

Congratulations to Mrs. Sharon Ownby on her well-deserved Superior Performance Award!

Lucky Ed Menning was selected for an international training session in Waterton Lakes National Park, Canada. He will represent our country on a six-week study of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. Capable Park Ranger Dave Strope will be working with the Interpretive Division while Ed is on this exciting assignment.

GLACIER GLIMPSES

While Senator Strom Thurmond and his new bride were vacationing in the park this summer, a call was received by Superintendent Briggle who was accompanying the Thurmonds to some of the more scenic areas of the Park, that an accident had occurred in the Gunsight area, and a carryout was in the making. The Senator offered the use of the helicopter he was using and off they went. A Miss Lise C. Westmoreland, a concessioner employee, had fallen while crossing a creek and contacted a few rather solid obstacles in the streambed, which injured her to the extent that she could not walk. The good Senator assisted in the carryout and Miss Westmoreland was airlifted to the hospital in Cardston, Alberta, Canada.

THE TROGLODYTE CARLSBAD CAVERNS

Walt O'Neal pulled an unannounced fire drill by setting some oil and tar paper on fire in the parking area at the visitor center. The alarm was sounded and a goodly crowed of employees responded with fire truck, extinguishers, etc., in a matter of minutes. Walt stood by with pen and pad and after recording all the data, announced that it was a successful drill and everyone headed for lunch. However, in his haste to report to the fire, Jim Johnson ripped the seat out of a pair of uniform pants, became somewhat embarrassed in a public parking area, and was forced to seek the privacy of a nearby pickup. To top things off, Walt, who was not completely in uniform, was turned in by a young visitor for illegally setting a fire! Some days it just doesn't pay, huh, Walt?

NCP–CENTRAL

Congratulation to Supervisory Park Guide and Mrs. Gene Colbert, proud parents of an 8 pound baby girl born September 26.

TETON TIMES

So long to Dallas Koehn who has gone to Shenandoah—good luck on your new assignment!

Everyone's glad to hear Sue Tucker is out of the hospital, and Sherrie Cockrell is back at school. Take it easy, gals!

THE RIDGE RUNNER BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

The fun "potluck picnic" held for John and Jean Palmer showed how much the "family" will miss them. John transferred to Sequoia-Kings Canyon as Chief Naturalist.

Paul Schulz Receives MSA



HARTZOG – SCHULZ

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—In a special ceremony held in the Western Regional Office on August 28, Paul E. Schulz received a Meritorious Service Award. The presentation was made by Director Hartzog, who was in the Western Region for the dedication of the Eisenhower and Lady Bird Groves in the Redwood National Park.

Schulz received the award in recognition of his outstanding contributions in the fields of interpretation and management with the National Park Service. The citation reads in part as follows:

"Mr. Schulz entered the National Park Service as a seasonal Ranger-Naturalist in 1936, and advanced progressively to positions of increasing responsibility. He retired on February 22, 1969, from the position of Superintendent, John Muir National Historic Site.

"His sound judgement, thorough knowledge of programs, and personal integrity have provided the basis for contributions of exceptional quality. He spread his ideas in the quest for high quality in interpretation by writing a variety of interpretive booklets and leaflets, some of which are sales publications throughout the National Park Service. Training assignments throughout his career further enabled him to pass along to others his convictions of excellence and his skill and knowledge in the field of interpretation."

Mr. Schulz has always practiced the ideals of hard work, honest convictions, and excellence in his chosen fields of interpretation and Natural History. He was the first Superintendent of John Muir National Historic Site. From the beginning with no staff, no land, and no concrete plans, he brought the area up to an operable unit of the Park System. Under his direction, guidelines for future development have been formulated. He won support of the local community in support of the National Park Service programs, and has consistently carried out a fine program of public relations."

Abner's Day at G.W. Birthplace

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somebody else, goes the talk, and it all goes back to stubborn little Justin Morgan, so named after his master, an 18th-century music teacher in Vermont.

Mrs. Colgate took the stand. "Something wonderful happens to the soul of the man when he views a beautiful horse," said the wealthy benefactress. She and her husband, she added, hoped the sight of their horses at the Washington farm "may touch one child, one man."

And then the moment everybody was waiting for. Abner, his white hocks clean as snow and a green band adorning his forehead, was led through the crowd. His head tossed fiercely as Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., approached for the presentation, but the steed's eyes softened as Mrs. Colgate patted his nose. He stood perfectly still as the reins changed hands.

Minutes later, the old showman stood between them again as the cameras clicked and dozens watched in reverent silence.

His neck arched, his legs struck one classic pose after another and his head was held high. Once, his eyes rolled up and you could almost hear him say, "Oh, what a ham am I." His fans agreed, but obviously they loved him for it.

Justin, it seems, was by a stallion captured from Gen. John Burgoyne, who commanded the Redcoats at Saratoga, and out of a more obscure Dutch mare. The result, happily, was a small but tough colt, later to be marked by a small head, short neck, but legendary stamina. The children he inevitably sired, and their children and children's children, all retained his best traits. For a time America's foremost trotting horse, the Morgan became the country's first horse breed of its own.

He played a role in the Civil War and the opening of the West. He was in the U.S. Cavalry until its demise. For years he has been the prancing mount of U.S. Park Police in Washington.

TO BE SUPPLY DEPOT

Now, on the "living farm" that occupies the Washington Birthplace National Monument, where Pope's Creek flows into the Potomac, the band of Morgan horses dedicated will supply mounts for Park Police and Rangers across the nation.

And so, the brushes and combs fairly flew until Abner's glossy coat shone in the dim light of his stall, close by those of Little Sister, Foxy Rose Marie, Lapatica, the young upstart stallion Black Night, and all the rest.

Soon, in the nearby paddock, Gov. Deane C. Davis, of Vermont, a Morgan breeder himself, rose to speak.

His tie was held in place by a gold pin depicting a fast-breaking trotter. A Morgan? It may be, for the governor's alternate office as president of the Morgan Horse Club seemed just as important to those listening as his elective post.

Indeed, Abner heard him say, "It's difficult for me to find any other place in life that's more important than the world of the Morgan horse."

Meanwhile, a Park Service spokesman explained the Morgan's appeal as modern-day police steeds. Their sprightly carriage suits ceremony. They have stamina, they train well, respond easily, show no fear of crowds or noise, yet they are basically gentle, he said.

KUDOS FROM FREELAND

Superintendent Dixon Freeland credited the success of the Morgan Farm Dedication to a total National Park Service team effort. "Under the able guidance of Joe Cullen," he said, "we got this dedication off the ground in about one month—talk about a feverish and nerve-racking pace, from which we have not yet recovered! Really, it would be hard to single out any one person for key staff. Particularly, the maintenance forces pulled together right down the line. And practically every employee in the cluster (Fredericksburg, George Washington and Manassas) made important contributions.

"If any single group were to be cited for the success of the Morgan Horse Farm dedication, it should be the ladies of the Wakefield National Memorial Association. It was their work that saved a sizeable part of the land that became—in the early 1930's, along with a Memorial House—the George Washington Birthplace National Monument. And it was their cooperative efforts that helped accelerate the 'Living Farm' development during the 1960's."

VFW Citizenship Award Goes to Supt. Arthur Hehr



ARTHUR HEHR, Superintendent of the Chalmette National Historical Park, receives the "Outstanding Citizenship Award" from Alfred Menesses, outgoing commander of Hinton Causey Post No. 7194, V.F.W.

THOMPSON

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was chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Federal Recreation of the National Recreation Association. In 1957 he received the Pugsley Gold Medal from the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society; in 1958 a Distinguished Service Award of the Department of Interior; in 1964 one of the ten American Motors Conservation Awards in the professional category; and in 1965 a Distinguished Service Award from the American Institute of Park Executives.

Thompson and his wife, the former Mathilda Jane Ray of Los Angeles, reside at 44 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, Maryland.

RETIREMENT LAW LIBERALIZED

President Nixon signed into law on October 20 the Daniels-McGee federal retirement bill that will provide a 5 per cent annuity bonus for government employees who retire on or before October 31.

Employees who retire on or after October 20 will be able to draw annuities based on their highest three years' average salary. This change from the old "high five" formula, will mean an additional $20 to $50 a month for most when they retire. Day for day service credit will be given for unusual sick leave, but cannot be applied for eligibility credit - the employee must have reached optional retirement before sick leave credit can be given.

All provisions of the liberalized bill are effective on enactment except the provision requiring agencies and employees to increase their contributions to the Civil Service Retirement Fund January 1, 1970 from 6.5 to 7 per cent of gross salary.

In addition to the annuity bonus, high three year formula and credit for sick leave, the following features are provided by the new law:

An additional 1 per cent will be added to cost-of-living raises given federal retirees and survivors, to take into account the six-month lag between the cost-of-living survey and the time annuitants actually get the money.

Permit remarriage of widows or widowers of employees who died, retired or left the government before July 18, 1966, if the survivor married after that date and was receiving an annuity payment before remarriage. This will permit those aged 60 or more to keep their survivor pension upon remarriage.

Provides an annuity (for survivor annuity purposes) similar to Social Security Survivor payments for employees who have completed 18 months of federal service.

Give the surviving spouse at least 55 per cent of 40 per cent of the employee's average salary, or 55 per cent of the annuity projected to age 60, whichever is less.

"Just like any other day" - - McLAUGHLIN

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center of the impact was about five feet back of the seat we were in and, again fortunately, the gas tanks remained intact.

The bubble literally exploded, and the next thing that we were very much aware of was the rotor blades beating themselves to pieces between the ledge forming the waterfall and the boulder that stopped us. Debris from the rotors seemed to be flying in all directions. We crouched on the floor of what was left of the bubble, with our hands over our heads. The beating and noise subsided finally. Each of us announced almost automatically and gratefully we were o.k.

I clambered out through the front of the bubble and noted ice on the rocks in the stream bed, and I remember thinking I must be careful not to slip on that ice! Silently, Pete and Schweitzer followed and we climbed a few feet up the south bank of Evolution Creek, looked at the chopper - which was, in the vernacular "totaled" - and counted our blessings'! The Pilot then said that his "power had failed - the supercharger just didn't take over."

Within 30 minutes, Pete and I were in another chopper headed for "Little Pete" and down the Middle Fork of the Kings, Ash Mountain, and home---with only a few minor scratches and bruises, but memories that will stay with us. We completed our survey by chopper on the following Thursday.

We remain thoroughly convinced that the helicopter is a safe and efficient way of getting around. Certainly had we been in any other type of conveyance, ground or air, except possibly in a balloon, we would not have walked away from a mishap such as the one in McClure Meadow on that beautiful October day. (Both John McLaughlin and Pete Schuft returned to the office and finished out the day---just like any other day!)

HARTZOG

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toric Preservation Society and the Alumni Recognition Award of The American University.

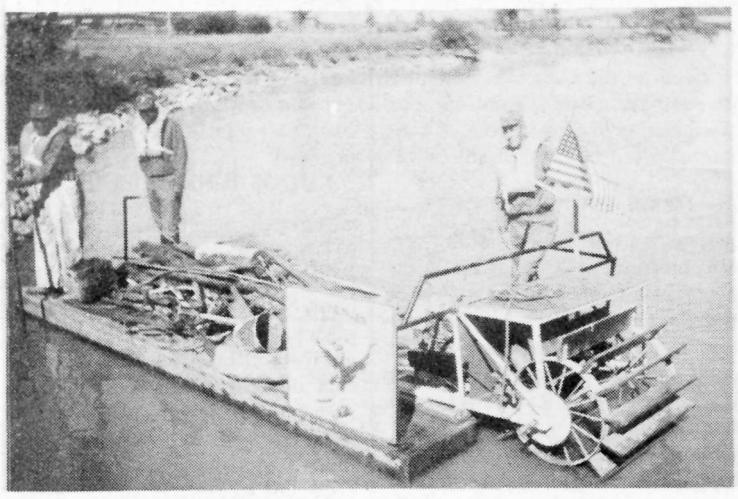
Mr. Hartzog visualizes the responsibility of the National Park Service as a force that reaches far beyond the boundaries of national parks, and he defines his goals as improvement of park and recreational opportunities for Americans everywhere and to communicate the values of national parks in a cooperative effort to help people live in harmony with their environment.



THE MAINTENANCE MAN'S CORNER



Sternwheeler Joins NPS Fleet

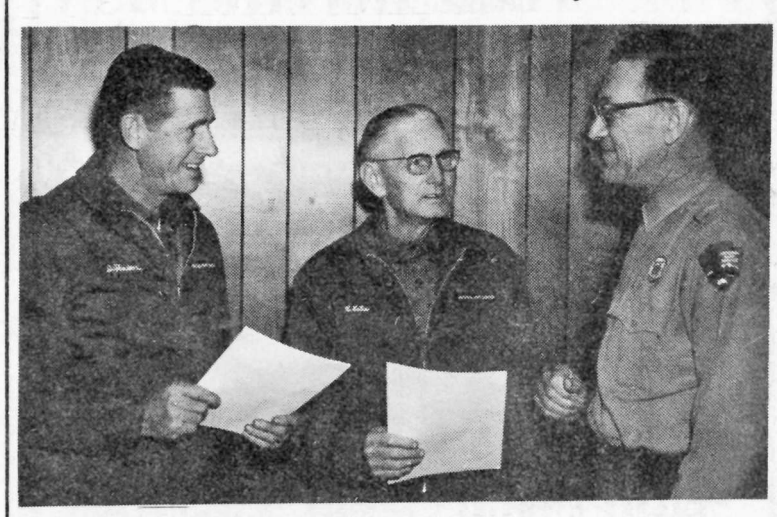


National Capital Parks-East began naval maneuvers with "Operation Kingman Lake Clean-up." This paddle-wheel barge was designed and built by National Park Service maintenance personnel at the Fort Dupont maintenance yard under the immediate direction of Foreman Rodney R. Keith. The barge operates extremely well in the very shallow waters of the lake and facilitates removal of debris from both the lake and the shoreline. On board the "NPS Scavenger," left to right are Albert Link, Carl Johnson, and William Sis—all of NCP-East.

Ranger Saves Teton Man From Drowning

MOOSE, Wyo.—Norman J. Reigle, park ranger at Grand Teton National Park, was presented with a Certificate of Merit from the American National Red Cross, for his rescue and resuscitation of a drowning victim from Jackson Lake last July. The award, signed by President Nixon, was presented to Reigle at a Park staff meeting by Acting Assistant Superintendent Frank J. Betts. Reigle, who was trained in mouth-to-mouth resuscitation by American Red Cross instructors, holds a Red Cross advanced First Aid Card.

CASH AWARDS FOR CATES & JOHNSON



Moose, Wyo., - Curtis Cates, Grand Teton National Park electrician, and Donald L. Johnson, heavy duty mechanic, were presented cash awards by Acting Superintendent Foy Young at a Park Staff Meeting October 7, 1969.

Cates received a $200 check for a suggested method to protect electric motors in case of failure of one or more legs of three phase power service. Johnson was given a $100 award for developing a warning system for use on snowplows and road graders to prevent damage when blades become worn.

In presenting the award, the acting superintendent stated this was the third Mr. Johnson has received for suggestions within the last two months. He also mentioned the record of accepted suggestions from Grand Teton employees was very high and urged all employees to keep up the good work.

Walter Clark Is Cited For Special Act

YORKTOWN, Va.—Walter G. Clark, foreman II (Maintenance), Colonial National Historical Park, recently received a Special Act Award for carrying out the duties of foreman III, general maintenance supervisor for two months. He also served for a time as acting chief of Maintenance, with complete field supervision of 14 permanent and 4 seasonal employees at the park.





TWO DECADES FOR JARVIS

YORKTOWN, Va.—Norris W. Jarvis, (left), plumber at Colonial National Historical Park, is congratulated by Superintendent James W. Corson on the receipt of his 20-year service pin. Jarvis has been at Colonial since 1959. Prior to that he worked for the U.S. Maritime Commission and the U.S. Naval Weapons Station in the Yorktown-Newport News area.

Chiricahua Honors Rivera



EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES at Chiricahua National Monument gathered recently to honor Alex B. Rivera, Maintenanceman (front row, center), of 1305 14th Street, Douglas, Arizona, when he was presented a Superior Performance Award. Mr. Rivera has been employed at the Monument seasonally for the past three years.

Bolton Joins Death Valley Park Staff

DEATH VALLEY, Cal.—Robert J. Murphy, Superintendent, Death Valley National Monument announced today that Mr. William C. Bolton has entered on duty as Maintenanceman for the Grapevine District, Death Valley National Monument.

Bolton began his career in the Park Service as a seasonal laborer in Grand Teton National Park. He worked there seasonally from 1962 through 1967 as Foreman I, Foreman II, Laborer; and Foreman II, Truck Driver. During this period he won a $450 incentive award. In 1968 he became permanent as a Maintenanceman. He was reassigned to Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Park November 17, 1968 where he worked until receiving his transfer to Death Valley.

Mr. Bolton is from Creston, Iowa and while he was living there he served as Commander of the American Legion Post and was also on the City Council at one time. He is a Mason and a member of the Professional Photographers of America. His hobby is painting.



FAREWELL PARTY FOR TAYLOR

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Assistant Regional Director Fred J. Novak presents Stanton J. Taylor, mail and files clerk, with a going-away gift. Standing at his sides is Mr. Taylor's supervisor, Mrs. Roberta Garner. The farewell party was held in the Western Regional Office on September 18 for Stan who was transferring to the Northwest District Office as mail and files supervisor. Stan had worked in the Western Regional Office since July 31, 1966.



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