PIPESTONE MONUMENT INDIANS TELL IT LIKE IT WAS . . .

Ye who love a nation's legends,
Love the ballads of a people,
. . . . . .
Listen to this Indian Legend,
To this Song of Hiawatha.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Pipestone National Monument, Minnesota, was established to preserve for future generations the Pipestone quarries and the surrounding sacred area used by many Indian tribes. Within the Monument is the famous Pipestone quarry that figures so prominently in the poem by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Here, for centuries the Indians came from great distances to quarry in peace, the red stone used in making the peace and war pipes.

Just south of the Monument is the Hiawatha Pageant Amphitheater, its stage background formed by the Three Maidens—glacial boulders thousands of years old.

The pageant's 1500-foot natural stage is viewed by the audience from the opposite shore of a spring-fed lake which fills one of the oldest and deepest quarries. Here, each year, Longfellow's "The Song of Hiawatha" is produced by the Hiawatha Club of Pipestone, under the direction of Mr. R.S. Owens.

"The Club is especially proud," says Owens, "to have had several of the leads in this folk-drama played by decendants of the Ojibways whose legends these are. The Club is equally proud that the casts consist of local men, women, and young people who give much time and effort in rehersals and the arduous demands of nine performances each season."

With one exception (Jon Montgomery), Pipestone National Monument employees participating in the Hiawatha Pageant Day, July 18, are all of Indian descent.



Photo - Glenn's Studio, Pipestone, Minn.

Left to right are George Bryan "Standing Eagle" (7/8 Chippewa); Cecil Lewis "Thunder Bear" (1/4 Sac & Fox); Vickie Bird "Many Berries" (full Gros Ventre-Mandan); Jon Montgomery; and Chuck Derby "Deerfoot" (7/8 Sioux).

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Swan Song For Nash Castro

BEFORE LEAVING for his new job as manager of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, N.Y.-N.J., NCR Director Nash Castro contributed this finishing touch to his continuing program to add a living dimension to the parks of the Nation's Capital. Early last month he officially welcomed these graceful tenants to their recently completed luxury quarters—a single family dwelling on the Reflecting Pool, conveniently located in downtown Washington, D.C., between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

The new arrivals are a pair of mute swans, male and female, each about two years old and weighing 15 pounds. "Mute Swans really aren't," Castro explained. "When excited, they hiss, and when angry, they trumpet."

The "home" of the happy couple is a specially designed four-by-five plywood platform in the Pool. They have a life expectancy of 30 to 40 years and their daily diet will be duck pellets, various grains and foraged grass. During cold weather and the nesting season, the birds will be moved to other quarters.

Their new landlord will be Theodor R. Swem who succeeds Castro as director of the National Capital Region. Swem predicts that these graceful tenants will soon become one of the most popular couples in the Nation's Capital.

Wood Souvenirs Help Halt Thefts at Petrified Forest

A new approach to the problem of preventing the theft of petrified wood has been announced by Superintendent Donald A. Dayton of Petrified Forest National Park. From now on a free sample of petrified wood will be given upon request to visitors as they leave the park. These samples were obtained from commercial sources adjacent to but outside of the park boundaries.

In announcing this new program, Dayton stated that it took over 160 million years for nature to create the park's petrified wood scene and it takes but a few minutes for a thoughtless person to remove a portion of it forever.

It is hoped that the availability of a free sample will deter visitors from unlawful removal of the wood within the park.

Congress Asked To Pass Park Volunteers Program

Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel has asked Congress to approve legislation authorizing the use of unpaid volunteers in National Park Service programs.

The measure sent to Congress would allow the Secretary to employ individuals without compensation in volunteer programs in areas administered by the National Park Service.

Secretary Hickel cited Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia—the Nation's birthplace—as an area where motivated citizens could help interpret their country's cultural heritage.

"Volunteer work is a traditional and basic value of American life," Secretary Hickel said. "Voluntary service is associated with citizenship, and it has helped to improve conditions in neighborhoods, cities and across the Nation.

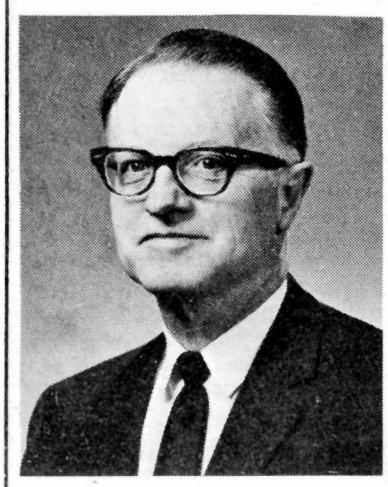
"Volunteers representing all segments of population are today working in the fields of health, education, welfare, cultural affairs and community activities. We believe there is a need for the special volunteer services many persons and organizations could provide in interpreting the parks and providing other visitor services."

He said that volunteers are needed to assist in special projects of various kinds to help explain historical events and help guide their fellow Americans to a richer appreciation of their natural heritage.

In his recommendation to Congress, Secretary Hickel said that volunteers would be selected largely from areas close to the parks to which they would be assigned on the basis of skills supplementing those of the National Park Service. Among the

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Tom Flynn Suceeds Ted Swem As Assistant Director, C.A.



THOMAS F. FLYNN

WASHINGTON, D.C.—National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., has designated his legislative assistant, Thomas F. Flynn, as acting assistant director for Cooperative Activities. Flynn succeeds Theodor R. Swem who was recently appointed regional director, National Capital Region. Flynn's permanent appointment as assistant director is now pending in the Department of the Interior.

Flynn, 52, is a native of Cleveland, Ohio, where he attended John Carroll University. He received his A.B. degree from Notre Dame University in 1938, and his LLB in June 1941 from Georgetown University. Following his service with the Army 1942 to 1945, Flynn worked as an investigator with the General Accounting Office, and in 1954 he joined the Department of the Interior as

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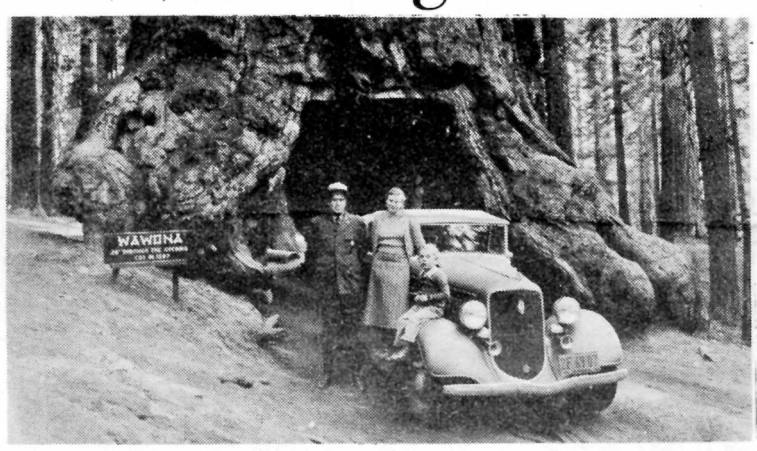
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Fall of Tunnel Tree Recalls Saga of 1936



1936 PHOTOGRAPH BY "POP" BRUCE—Mariposa Grove Ranger Lon Garrison, his wife, Inger, and young Lars have fond memories of the famous Wawona Tunnel Tree at Yosemite National Park.

By Lon Garrison

The recent story about the Wawona Tunnel Tree falling recalls an experience the summer of 1936 when I was the horseback patrol ranger at Mariposa Grove in Yosemite. We were living in the Mariposa Grove ranger station at the entrance to the Grove and early one evening a very dignified elderly gentleman stopped his Cadillac and came in to ask some questions and reminisce.

Basically, he was concerned about the Wawona Tunnel Tree. Fifty years previously in 1886 he had driven through the tree. He had been demobilized from the Army at the Presidio of San Francisco and because he wanted a vacation had elected to visit Yosemite and particularly he wanted to look at the Wawona Tree.

He had purchased a team of mules and a spring wagon, assembled a camping outfit and driven to Yosemite, camping out on the way. If I may try to reconstruct his tale, it went like this:

"I drove through the tree on the dirt road, and stopped my mules just as they went through leaving the wagon within the tunnel. I dropped the traces because one of the mules was a run-away, and then got up in the bed of the wagon to look at the tree. It had been cut through for only a few years, but the whole inside of the tree was covered with carved initials, including the ceiling. Every square inch was covered—names, addresses, dates, initials, hearts, other designs—it was a total job.

"So I picked up my broad axe and I slabbed off a whole layer of these carved initials, particularly the ceiling. I worked about two hours on it and got it all clean, smooth, beautiful! Then, I took my knife and I carved my own name right in the middle of the ceiling, put a box border on it, added the date and a few decorations of my own. It was a beautiful carving job! I was very proud of it!

"Then I went back to San Francisco, started a janitor supply business and have done very well with it, but I had a yearning to come back and look at the Wawona Tunnel Tree again, 50 years later. I stopped up there today to look at it and do you know, some destructive so-and-so had chopped my name off and none of it is left! I felt real bad about it. You should take better care of your trees!"

So—is there a sermon attached? Mine is that 80 years later people haven't changed much!

I hope Larry Hadley gets a picture of the ceiling of the old Tunnel Tree—whose names are there now?

The Baker-Jacobs Exchange

Readers of the "Courier" and members of the E&AA should find much food for thought in the following exchange of letters between our Board Chairman, Howard W. Baker and our faithful E&AA Alumnus Duane D. Jacobs. In fact, as a result of Duane Jacobs' interest, Howard Baker has asked E&AA Vice Chairman Thomas E. Tucker, to head up a committee to look into the membership fee structure of the Association. Anyone having comments on this subject is invited to write either to Thomas R. Tucker, Cabrillo NM, P.O. Box 6175, San Diego, California 92106, or to Howard W. Baker, 1616 North 58th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68104.

7-14-69

Dear Howard:

Having read somewhere along the line that you had undertaken the job of "pushing" the Courier I thought I would pass along my reaction to the July 1968 raise in membership dues.

While not objecting to higher dues as such in order to better the Courier, it was somewhat hard to absorb the formula set forth. Certainly it seems logical to compliment the new employee for six months or a year to gain his interest, but why the employee with less than ten years of service was singled out for the $3.00 rate threw me. These employees are enjoying the highest pay and best working conditions in the history of the Service, so what makes them so special? "To finance other major projects that your E&AA may wish to sponsor in the future" is quite a broad and vague statement to tack on as a reason for 150 percent increase in dues! It was this third reason given that caused me to throw in the towel, I believe, after supporting the Courier from it's inception (Charter Member), so I simply let my membership expire in silent protest.

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However, during recent trips to California in February and again in June, I had occasion to visit with a good many NPS retirees (former associates) and it seemed almost a duty to pass along their feelings to someone with influence in Courier matters.

Briefly, these retirees are most unhappy and some are quite bitter that they are expected to pay premium dues while active employees with less than ten years service enjoy a reduced rate. It isn't the fact that most can't really afford it, but there is a feeling that they are not particularly wanted anymore and can take it or leave it! This is most unfortunate for both the Courier and the Service in general. Perhaps this news is not really news to you, and perhaps the powers that be can't be persuaded to modify their arbitrary 1968 dues formula, but I believe the Courier and Service would be far ahead if they gave retirees more consideration than is now apparent.

Sincerely,
Duane D. Jacobs

8-11-69

Dear Jake:

I am glad that you wrote as you did on July 14. It was good to hear from you and Althea, and it gives me an opportunity to bring you up to date on E & A Association matters.

We have had a number of complaints about the raise in rates last year. Perhaps our reasoning was not sound, but the Board at that time felt compelled to make some change and the plan adopted seemed most reasonable. I fully supported the Board action and while I was not on the Board at the time, I did attend the meeting and I recall I made the suggestion which the Board adopted. I still think the logic is sound.

The publication of the "Courier" is financed from Association funds. Memberships, advertising, and interest from Trust Funds are our only sources of revenue. We just could not continue with a $3.00 annual membership. As I look back, what we should have done was approve a flat raise to $5.00 which may have brought less criticism. The Board felt, however, that the new employees who were just getting started on their careers, and thus might be considered as junior members, deserved a break in the annual rate. Perhaps the Board was in error. We will take another look at the rates again this fall and if any change is made, I am sure a raise to a minimum of $5.00 will be necessary. As of mid-June this year we had 2,400 members with 438 being in the alumni category. When you consider that we have about 6,600 permanent employees and some 1,200 retirees, you can readily see that we are not getting the support we need.

The enclosed July edition of the "Courier" is representative of the quality of our present production under the capable editorship of Colin Ritter. This is a 12-page edition, 4 more pages than we can really afford on a routine basis. To do the job intended, 12 pages should be the minimum and we would like to go to 16 or 20 pages. I would be interested in your comments as to subject matter, make-up, etc.

Following are projects the Association is now sponsoring:

1. Publication of the "Courier" on a monthly basis mailed to all members.

2. Sponsoring the NPS Accident Plan for Association members. This is a fine plan which gives the owner more coverage than any plan I know about and at a very reasonable annual cost.

3. Sponsoring the NPS Group Life Plan for Association members. This is a new effort which I thought was worthwhile for the employee who wants to build up his or her estate. See page 8 of enclosed "Courier."

4. On page 1 of the July issue you will see our announcement of an Educational Aid Fund. I think this is a worthwhile endeavor whereby members can obtain an interest-free loan for educational purposes.

5. We as an association are interested in supporting the recording of National Park Service history. Our Board has indicated a willingness to tackle the initiation of this work if it cannot be started through some other source.

6. A retiree directory has just been published. This is a product sponsored by the Association. I trust you received your copy. I have been trying for about 3 years to get an accurate history of our retirees. This is the first evidence and I know that many names have been missed. We most certainly will need to revise this publication every year. In this connection we have initiated an alumni survey. We have asked our superintendents to contact each of our alumni personally and have requested that the enclosed biography form be completed. If some one hasn't contacted you, I would appreciate your completing the form and sending it to me.

Jake, it is hard for me to understand why some of our retirees fuss about paying $5.00 a year in support of a program such as I have outlined. After spending the greater part of one's life as a member of an organization, you just don't step out and forget all about it. At least the Park Service is an important part of my life and that's why I am making an effort to keep the Association together so all the retirees can maintain a tie and so that the employee can derive some benefits which would not otherwise be available.

Furthermore, I have been saying and will continue to say that the Service has a responsibility to its retirees for they are an important part of our family. The director supports this and I hope that you would convince your friends that the Service is interested in them and we want them as a part of the Association.

Thanks for listening. I hope that you might reconsider and rejoin the group. We want and need your support.

Sincerely yours,

Howard W. Baker
Chairman, E & A
Board of Directors

8-18-69

Dear Howard:

Thanks for your August 11 letter. It was good of you to reply so fully. Your outline and explanation of projects currently being sponsored is most impressive. The new Educational Aid Fund and Group Life Plan look like Blue Ribbon winners.

Your thoughtfullness in enclosing your July copy of the "Courier" for me to look over was appreciated. In my judgment it's make-up, readability and content are excellent, with a glaring absence of errors. Kudos to Mr. Ritter for significant improvements.

While not desiring to belabor membership rates further, note is taken of Herb Evison's remarks on them in his August 13 letter to you and I am compelled to touch further on the subject. Herb and I are apparently thinking along the same lines except that I have been mainly concerned with those retirees of 10 or 15 years ago who, after a lifetime of faithful service retired prior to the more generous grades, salaries, wages and annuities of recent years. I think we all realize that in all categories of work positions of say, grades 5 to 9 have since been upgraded to 9 to 13 and higher in some cases. A similiar parallel exists for those wage board retirees.

All in all, from the membership figures you cited it would seem that a minimum of $5.00 is needed from all members, but for heavens sake, if there's to be any reductions give it to those deserving ones mentioned above, or their widows.

Thanks again for your considerate reply, Howard, I will complete and return the biography later. I shall also certainly reconsider rejoining the Association.

Sincerely yours,

Duane D. Jacobs

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

Theodore W. Barnett, who retired from Lake Mead in February 1961, as park ranger, died April 1, 1969. Mrs. Barnett's address is P. O. Box 182, Grants Pass, Oregon 97526.

Mrs. Howard J. Cameron, wife of reemployed annuitant Howard J. Cameron, engineer, WSC, died August 12. Messages of condolence may be addressed to Mr. Cameron at: 1301 Delaware Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20024.

Mrs. Genevieve Kuehl, wife of Alfred C. Kuehl, recently retired supervisory landscape architect, SFSC, died July 22 in Kentfield, California.

Herbert T. Hinton, retired maintenanceman at Tumacacori National Monument, died July 15.

Vern Appling Killed in Auto Mishap

William V. (Vern) Appling was killed May 14, 1969 in a one car automobile accident near his home in Ventura County, California. Vern, as his many National Park Service friends called him, was the Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management of Channel Islands National Monument at the time of his death.

Appling's abrupt death ended twenty-four years of government service. His career started in 1943 at the age of sixteen when he worked as a Fire Guard in Yosemite National Park. During the latter part of World War II he served aboard a destroyer in the Pacific. Then it was back to Yosemite where Vern gained much experience in the maintenance and forestry departments. In 1954, he was transferred as a Park Ranger to Platt National Park. Vern took another big step in 1956 when he went from the smallest National Park to the largest, Yellowstone, as a Supervisory Park Ranger. Two years later Vern transferred to Coulee Dam National Recreation Area as District Ranger of the Kettle Falls District. His next assignment, in 1962, was to Chief Ranger of Craters of the Moon National Monument. Vern was presented a Special Services Award during his tour at Craters of the Moon. In 1966, he was chosen as Chief Ranger of Cabrillo and Channel Islands National Monuments. When the administration of these two areas was separated in May of 1967, Vern was made the Chief of Interpretation and Resource Management of Channel Islands National Monument.

Due to Vern's fire fighting experience he was an active member of the Service fire suppression organization. In 1967, he was Fire Boss of the Glacier Wall fire in Glacier National Park. The BLM fire in Alaska near Mt. McKinley and the Yosemite Canyon fire, both in 1968, also called upon Vern to act as Fire Boss. Not only had Vern been in a supervisory capacity on many Park Service area fires but also in three National Forests' fires and on BLM fires in Nevada and Idaho.

Vern's widow, Ann, two sons and daughter plan to reamin at their home, 8589 Roswell Street, in Ventura, California. The sons, Larry and Bob, are seasonally employed by the U. S. Forest Service in California and both plan to attend Ventura Junior College this fall. Claudia will be in junior high school this coming school year. Ann is working part time for a Ventura realty company and looks forward to full time employment with the firm.

Those who knew Vern Appling and those who worked with him have lost a good friend. He was dedicated to his work and he loved people whom he served so well. He was a National Park Service Ranger and he will be sorely missed.

FLYNN & CHAPMAN GET NEW POSTS

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staff assistant to the Secretary. From 1957 to 1960 he was special assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Land Management. He joined the National Park Service in December 1960 as chief of Concessions, and was recently appointed legislative assistant to Director Hartzog. Tom Flynn and his wife, Frances, have two daughters, Susan and Carol.

Director Hartzog also announced the appointment of Howard H. Chapman, now superintendent of Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming, to a long-term detail in the Washington Office as Coordinator of Task Forces to implement the Secretary's policy directives of June 18.

Chapman, 43, received his BS degree in forestry from Colorado State University. He began his Service career in 1950 as a ranger at Saratoga National Historical Park, and later held positions at Shenandoah, the NE Regional Office, Yellowstone, Albright Training Center, and Blue Ridge Parkway. He became superintendent, Coulee Dam NRA in March 1967, and was promoted to superintendent of Grand Teton National Park in September 1967. He and his wife, Marion have two daughters, Susan and Cynthia.

Foy L. Young, assistant superintendent, Grand Teton National Park, has been designated as acting superintendent during Superintendent Chapman's detail in Washington, D. C.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Enclosed is a check for a two years subscription (renewal) to the National Park Courier for Pete. The check also includes the amount for a new membership subscription for our latest retiree, Seymour G. Beach.

This subscription is a gift from the Big Bend Casa Grande Club (our park community club). We plan on continuing this for future retirees, along with giving the wife the arrowhead pin.

The Beaches are our first retirees since I was at the meeting in Washington, with the other NPS Women's Group Regional Chairmen. These suggestions came up at those meetings. Do hope other areas will do the same thing.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth A. Peterson

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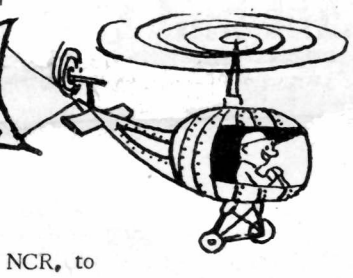
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People on the move



New Faces

Downs, John E., to Public Info. Off., WASO

New Places

Acock, Marlo G., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Natchez Trace Pkwy., to same, Blue Ridge Pkwy.

Adams, Thomas J., from Maintenance Supt., Crater Lake NP, to Maintenance Spec., Klamath Falls Cluster

Anderson, Marion R., from Pers. Asst., Crater Lake NP, to same, Klamath Falls Cluster

Benton, Robert E., from Pk., Planner, WASO, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Theodore Roosevelt NMP

Buhrman, Henry Q., from Cook, Catoctin JCCCC, to Agri. Equipment Repairer, National Capital Parks - Central

Downer, Leslie E., from Pk. Guide, to Pk. Tech., Shiloh NMP

Johnson, Wilma A., from Sec. Steno., Cumberland Gap JCCCC, to Cl. Steno., National Capital Parks - North

McClanahan, Lester S., from Asst. Supt., Fire Island NS and New York City Group, to Supt., Wind Cave NP

Nelson, Marvin L., from Admin. Off., Crater Lake NP, to same, Klamath Falls Cluster

Proctor, William A., from Laborer, National Capital Parks - Central, to Gardener, George Washington Mem. Pkwy.

Richardson, Alphonzo, from Caretaker, National Capital Parks - North, to Gardener, National Capital Parks - Central

Scott, Harold E., from Foreman, Roads & Trails, Grand Teton NP, to Foreman, Maintenance, Capitol Reef NM

Smith, R. V. L., from Proc. & Prop. Mgmt. Asst., Crater Lake NP, to same, Klamath Falls Cluster

Spurgeon, John M., from Concessions Analyst, WASO, to Concessions Program Spec., WSC

Terry, Gerald G., from Maintenanceman, Grand Canyon NP, to Caretaker, Glen Canyon NRA

Wheat, Jack, from Cons. Center Dir., Oconaluftee JCCCC, to Mgmt. Asst., Glacier NP

Albro, Elizabeth R., from Staff Curator, NCR, to Supv. Museum Curator, Edison NHS

Becraft, Thomas L., from Resident Youth Worker, Catoctin Mtn. Pk., to Bldg. Repairman, Gettysburg NMP

Bennett, Peter S., from Pk. Nat., Grand Canyon NP, to Research Biologist, WASO

Brooks, William P., from Maintenance Program Analyst, WASO, to same, WSC

Collins, Franklin G., from Landscape Arch., WSC, to same, WASO

Cook, William R., from Caretaker, Glen Canyon NRA, to Truck Driver, Grand Canyon NP

Couch, Jerry L., from Gen. Supply Asst., Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Pk. Tech., Grand Canyon NP

Dove, Sandra K., from Sec. Steno., WASO, to same, WSC

Fisher, Beverly E., from Sec., WASO, to same, WSC

Fout, Paul R., from Training Instr., Catoctin Mtn. Pk., to Maintenanceman, Antietam-C&O Canal NP Service Group

Fox, Richard W., from Tree Worker, National Capital Parks-Central, to Tree Worker Leader, George Washington Mem. Pkwy.

Furlong, Albert W., from Corpsman Asst. Supv., Wellfleet JCCCC, to Maintenanceman, Grand Canyon NP

Goodwin, James A., from Plumber, Death Valley NM, to Maintenanceman, Whiskeytown NRA

Gray, William G., from Mgmt. Asst., Adams NHS, to same, Saugus Ironworks NHS

Guardipee, Francis X., from Pk. Ranger, Assateague Island NS, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Colonial NHS

Guraedy, Paul D., from Hist., El Morro NM, to same, Virgin Islands NP

Kangas, Leo J., from Resident Worker, Cape Cod NS, to Pk. Tech., Morristown-Edison Group

Kearney, Carl E., from Oper., Catoctin Mtn. Pk., to Mixed Gang Leader, George Washington Mem. Pkwy.

Knowlen, Richard O., from Resident Worker, Acadia NP, to Pk. Tech., Glen Canyon NRA

Lacher, Anna M., from Sec., Joshua Tree NM, to Sec. Steno., Northwest Dist. Off.

Leimer, Virgil G., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Colonial NHS, to same, Whiskeytown NRA

Moffitt, David L., from Horticulturist, WASO, to Maintenance Supt., Minute Man NHS

Everyone at Lassen Volcanic National Park was saddened by the tragic death of Seasonal AV Technician Neil Rhoten, 22, resulting from a climbing accident on Raker Peak, August 12. A resident of San Jose, California, Neil was a senior at Chico State University. He is survived by his father, a brother and a sister.

Ogle, Carroll W., from Conser. Center Dir., Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Mgmt. Asst., Antietam-C&O Canal NP Service Group

Patton, Warren H., from Civil Engr., WSC, to Landscape Arch., WASO

Robinson, Delmar P., from Program Spec., WASO, to Conser. Center Dir., Great Smoky Mtns. NP

Rudolph, Roger Allen, from Pk. Ranger, Albright TC, to same, Channel Islands NP

Troxell, James B., from Enrollee Work Supv., Catoctin Mtn. Pk., to Mixed Gang Leader, Antietam-C&O Canal NP Service Group

Wilcox, Helen F., from Info. Receptionist, Joshua Tree NM, to Pk. Aid, Wupatki NP

Williams, James R., from Gen. Supply Spec., Catoctin JCCCC, to Prop. Mgmt. Spec., Harpers Ferry NHP

Out of the Traces

Bailey, Vernon Gibson, from Maintenanceman (Signs), Lake Mead NRA

Byers, Ernest H., from Foreman II, Mixed Gang (Roads), Yosemite NP

Hewitt, Arthur W., from Legal Asst., WASO

Pederson, Vance Delmer, from Laborer, Lake Mead NRA

Tarbell, Ardra E., from Admin. Off., Acadia NP

Beach, Seymour G., from Bldg. Repairman, Big Bend NP

Blair, Claude R., from Resident Youth Worker, Great Smoky Mtns. NP, Tremont JCCCC

Hayden, Harold L., from Pvt., Motorcycle Off., U.S. Park Police, NCR

Justice, Glenn F., from Civil Engr., Cumberland Gap JCCCC

Lacy, Sam P., from Enrollee Work Supv., Cumberland Gap JCCCC

Warren, Dwight T., from Supv. Pk. Nat., Death Valley NM

Pride of the Service.....Our NPS Youngsters

Sgt. White Wins Congressional Medal of Honor

SANTA FE (UPI) — A Santa Fe soldier is in line for the Congressional Medal of Honor and his father said Monday "we're extremely proud of him and proud he did the job we were sure he was capable of doing."

Eugene J. White Jr., was wounded in action near Dak To in Vietnam May 31, and is hospitalized in Japan. The 19-year-old soldier already has received a battlefield promotion from specialist 4 to sergeant, the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star and the Vietnamese cross of gallantry, in addition to the recommendation for the nation's highest military honor.

"We want our son home safe and sound regardless of the medals," said his father, Eugene J. White of Santa Fe. "Our main concern now is to get him home safely."

White said his son's wounds "were not incapacitating and, by his last letter, he was in very good spirits."

White said his son received multiple wounds and was missing in the jungles for two days before he made his way back to friendly forces and was evacuated to Japan.

White was assigned to the first battalion, 92nd Artillery and was serving with a Vietnamese Ranger unit when the action in which he was wounded took place.

White enlisted in the Army after graduating from Santa Fe High School in 1967. He is unmarried and plans to attend college when he completes military service.

White's mother Kathyrn is an employee of the Southwest Regional Office of the National Park Service, Santa Fe, New Mexico. White also has two brothers, Richard 17, and Phillip, 7.

Shiloh Youth Corps Enrollees Commended For Summer Work

Superintendent Herbert Olsen was so pleased with the twelve Neighborhood Youth Corps enrollees who worked this summer at Shiloh National Military Park, that he presented each of them with a special letter of appreciation.

Receiving commendations from the Shiloh Superintendent were: Sherry Carroll, Pam Williams and Phillip White from Michie, Tenn.; James Thompson, Herman Franks, Jimmy Rose and Louie Tate, from Savannah, Tenn.; and James Chappell, Donald Wardlow, Charles Hindman, Dan Tillman and Tommy Parker, from Shiloh, Tenn.

Olsen commended the youths for the quality of their work in the performance of a variety of clerical and maintenance duties. He said the youths had contributed 3,120 hours of work, which is equivalent to 1 1/2 man-years of employment. In addition to the direct value of this contribution to the park, Olsen expressed the hope that the work experience and training received by the youths would prove valuable to them in their chosen careers and later life.

Olsen also thanked the directors and officials of the Shiloh Area Neighborhood Youth Corps for their cooperation in selecting Shiloh National Military Park as a work station for the Hardin County NYC program.



Wedding Bells at Grand Canyon

Dear Editor

Our park service friends thought you might be interested in our park service wedding. Kathleen McLaren, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard McLaren, was married recently to Mr. Earl Davis, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis of Zion NP.

The McLarens and Davises were neighbors in Sequoia NP where Kathy and Carl attended Woodlake High School. Kathy has been attending Northern Arizona Union this year. Earl attended C.O.S. in Visalia for one year and Dixie College in Cedar City, Utah this year.

The couple will make their home in Fresno California where Earl plans to continue his education at Fresno State.

With Grand Canyon as a backdrop, Kathy and Earl cut their wedding cake.

Sincerely,
Richard C. McLaren.

Carlsbad Caverns Cleanup



THE YOUTH DISCUSSION GROUP, all children of Carlsbad Caverns employees, continued with thier participation in the Environmental Education Program by volunteering to spend an evening cleaning up trash in the cavern. They are shown here with the results of that cleanup in the Devils Den area. Left to right are Student Minister Jim Cooper, Daryl Fernandez, Mike Turner, Dale Fernandez, Dennis Mabery, Pat Turner, Lois Morelli, and Gary Powers.

Summa Cum Laude for Bob McNeil

GLOBE, Ariz.—Robert Irving McNeil III was graduated in June from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology summa cum laude. Young McNeil completed his course of study in three and one half years without going to summer school.

He spent the spring semester studying at the Argonne National Laboratory which accepts approximately 20 students from the entire nation each year. He was privileged to use some of the latest types of scientific instruments at the Laboratory which is located near Chicago.

McNeil, who is 20 years old, plans to serve a hitch in the armed forces before striking out for higher degrees.

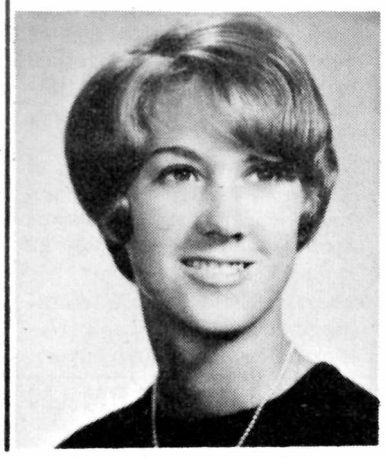
McNeil is the son of Irving McNeil, Jr., Management Assistant of the Southwest Archeological Center and long time superintendent in the National Park Service.

Nora Winge Off to Germany

Nora Marie Winge, 18-year-old daughter of Ed Winge, Chief, Division of Information, left New York August 19 to spend a year in Stuttgart, Germany, on an American Field Service Foreign Student Exchange Scholarship.

Nora, who graduated from Montgomery Blair High School, Silver Spring, Maryland, in June, will enter Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, when she returns to the United States next summer after completion of the AFS "Americans Abroad" program.

While in Stuttgart, she will attend a private boarding school —the Werkhaus-Werkschule Albrecht L. Merz—and will spend weekends and holidays with a German host family in Messkirch, 100 miles south of Stuttgart. Her German "father," Siegfried Schuehle, is Burgermeister (Mayor) of Messkirch.



CONSERVATION ACTION PLAN

The recipe for a clean, appealing environment has one basic ingredient for which there is no substitute---CONSERVATION ACTION AT THE GRASSROOTS LEVEL. The check list below is offered not as an exhaustive list of conservation projects. It is designed rather to start students thinking for themselves--about their immediate world of natural resources and how they can help make it more livable.

1. Join a group in your school that works for a better environment. If no group exists, organize one.
2. Urge your own Boy or Girl Scout or other organization to undertake a conservation project.
3. Beautify your own home and neighborhood.
4. Use pesticides judiciously.
5. Write to local newspapers on behalf of conservation projects.
6. Speak before your school classes, in support of good conservation practices.
7. Help set up a Beautification Conference in your school.
8. Help promote school clean-up day or week.
9. Write your elected representatives on behalf of good conservation projects.
10. Urge your parents to support bond issues and tax increases when necessary to build a better community environment.
11. Make and distribute litterbags depicting a conservation idea and USE THEM.
12. Set an example you'll proudly want others to follow.

"...'It's up to all of us.' In a very real way, that's what grassroots power amounts to--'all of us.' ...Let no citizen feel he is impotent to effect change in today's crowded world. Everyone is concerned about his own back yard. If all the 'back yard conservationists' were to stretch their vision just a little beyond their own boundary fences, America would have a natural conservation task force standing literally 'at the root of the problem'—every environmental problem that besets us..." (Excerpt from the U. S. Department of the Interior Conservation Yearbook "It's Your World ... The Grassroots Conservation Story.")

Straight A's For Teton Grads

Susan Chapman and Gene Hodges, co-valedictorians with straight A averages, each gave brief addresses at the commencement exercises for the Jackson-Wilson High School.

Susan received one of three $100.00 prizes from the Valuable Student Contest, one of two Jackson Rotary Club Scholarships in the amount of $250,00, and a Jaycees Scholarship of $150.00.

Ottawa University Scholarships were presented to Susan Chapman and John Plummer. Susan received a $400.00 Alumni Scholarship and John was t. recipient of the $500.00 University Award.

John received one of two Athletic Memorial Scholarships in the amount of $100.00. He also received his lettermans bars for wrestling, track and football and the trophy fo Scholastic Athlete of the Year.

Apparently John had a bit of trouble finding a wrestler in his class when they had wrestling meets so they also awarded him the Hard Luck Trophy.

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NPS Alumni Notes

By Herb Evison

Mrs. Charles R. Belinky (the former Gale Koschmann Zimmer of Everglades National Park) is leaving the New Canaan, Conn., nature center, where she has been employed this past year, for Laramie, Wyoming. There her husband is starting a year of graduate study at the University of Wyoming. Her address there, since mid-August, has been Box 3808, University Station, Laramie, Wyo., 87020.

"The other day I received a FREE copy of Bill (Two-Gun) Merrill's latest literary effort which is apparently making quite a splash in the nimrod world. The title of the book is 'The Hunter's Bible,' printed in paperback form by Doubleday. It sure does a good job covering the hunting field and contains a lot of valuable tips. I'm going to check as to just how good the tips are when I take to the field this fall looking for the elk, antelope and turkey that I still have to catch up on."

Maurice E. (Maury) Thede, who retired from the position of Chief, Park Forestry and Wildlife in the Western Regional Office in 1962, writes from Slipshod Valley, near Cottonwood, Ariz.: "It might be of interest to the NPS Oldtimers that I haven't died, as yet, from cirrhosis of the liver or lung cancer and not likely to do so for awhile if the cost of sin keeps on its upward spiral."

Maury reports that he keeps busy "keeping the hogan wired together, repairing flood damage, cutting the winter's firewood, cleaning out and screening the leavings on the floors of some of the cavates in our prehistoric Indian ruins and just trying to keep the South Forty in shape."

Of the location of his home in Slipshod Valley on lower Oak Creek in the Verde Valley he comments: The higher you go up Oak Creek, the more prosperous and influential the inhabitants become. You can well guess that we are the lowest inhabitants on the creek. In fact, the only houses we can see are in Jerome, 15 air miles away.

A. Lynn Coffin, retired from the chief park ranger job at Grand Canyon, reports that the Coffin family "are keeping plenty busy keeping up a couple of places," one in Fort Collins, Colo., the other up the Cache La Poudre, back in the Rockies.

"I might say," he wrote recently, "we are keeping too busy, since some of the maintenance details are taking too much time away from the important projects such as fishing, hunting, and our other hobby of Indian artifact searching.

"In connection with the latter and in addition to visits to sites I knew over 40 years ago, I have given a number of talks on the Folsom culture to various archeological groups in both Colorado and Wyoming. As some NPS friends may remember, the Lindenmeier Folson Site was discovered by me some 46 years ago and I worked for the Smithsonian at the site during their early excavations. The site is now a National Historic Landmark and I generally accompany the NPS representative during his periodic visit."

Lynn supplied an address of a man who informed and inspired many a prospective NPS ranger at Colorado State University (Colorado A. & M. during most of his many years there and commonly called "The Ranger Factory"). J.V. K. Wagar retired from the university faculty a few years ago but sill lives in Fort Colins at 415 East Laurel Street; the Zip Code number is 80521.

Nathan G. "Nat" Baker was sojourning in the Florida Keys at the home of Everglades National Park Ranger Pilot Ralph Miele, when he announced his decision to retire--after almost 35 years of public service. Upon learning of Nat's decision, members of the Everglades staff planned an informal surprise party for him and his charming wife, Marty.

The staff, along with another retiree Earl "Tiny" Semingsen descended upon them the afternoon of March 8 bringing many of the seafood delicacies that Nat is fond of, including, shrimp smoked and boiled, Florida clams, smoked fish and other goodies native to the area.

Nat and Marty were most pleasantly surprised at the turnout in their honor. Nat was presented with a letter, (not included since it is doubted that you would print it) signed by all those attending the gathering.

Ramon J. Delgado, who returned to Puerto Rico on retirement from the job of contract specialist at the Philadelphia Service Center, returned home from the hospital in mid-July after a successful cataract operation on his right eye. The same operation was performed on his left eye last February. He wrote that he was recovering nicely and hoped to have his normal vision back again with the aid of specially prescribed glasses some time in August. Ramon's address is Box 581, Carolina, Puerto Rico 00630.

Prof. Ira B. Lykes has proved that a prophet is not necessarily without honor "in his own country." The Lake City (Fla.) Reporter of June 16, in an item headed "Park Program at College Recognized," noted that Lake City College's Park Management program had received national recognition in "the monthly publication, National Park Courier of Washington, D. C." The reference to Prof. Lykes is that of "national prominent park consultant." His letterhead is titled, "Ira B. Lykes Associates," who are consultants on park and campground design and development, - with two phone numbers, no less!

Weldon W. Gratton, retired from the superintendency of Flaming Gorge National Recreation Area in September 1967, and his wife Marjorie are living in the town that was formerly headquarters for the area, Vernal, Utah. Weldon reports that the two are operating a combination florist, garden shop, and landscape business, but that they plan to discontinue the business or reduce its scope when their lease expires this year. He is secretary of the Vernal Rotary Club and an officer of Vernal B. P. O. Lodge 2375.

Like a good many other NPS retirees, Weldon would still welcome opportunities, part-time or full time, to participate in Park Service projects for which he is qualified. "Periodic assignments would help me keep abreast of park work and prevent deterioration of talents," he wrote recently.

Francis X. Guardipee, member of the Piegan Tribe of the Blackfeet Nation, and long time ranger at Glacier National Park, who retired at the end of 1947, continues his almost lifelong interest in the Boy Scouts and Boy Scout work, and is active in the Knights of Columbus and Lions Club. Mr. Guardipee a l his wife Alma live within sight f Glacier. Their address is Box 27, Browning, Mont.

William A. Mott, hydraulic engineer who retired from the Midwest Regional Office staff in the "great hegira" of December 31, 1965, and his wife Lois are living at 110 Ridge Road, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51501. All their five children are married and they have fifteen grandchildren. Bill continues his affiliation with the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Iowa Engineering Society, the Audubon Society, and the Iowa State Conservation Association.

John A. Thomas, who retired from the job of Foreman III, Maintenance, at Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, after 23 years employment at that area is living at Belfield, N. Dak; his wife Beatrice is secretary-treasurer of the Medora Grazing Association. Their son Delwyn, a graduate in civil engineering, after spending two years in the Army, with 19 months in Korea, is now a civilian engineering employee of the Corps of Engineers Far East District, still in Korea.

John A. Stephens retired from the superintendency of Coronado National Memorial in 1965; he and his wife Margia are living in Sulphur, Okla, next door to Platt National Park, one of the four other Service areas where he was employed during his 28 years with the NPS. John, who received a $300 award for superior performance in 1964, wrote recently that "the progress of the Service will never cease to be of profound interest to us;" and he expressed the hope that material related to NPS programs would be made available to alumni so they may be better aware of progress toward long-term goals.

Harold (Slim) Ratcliff has been almost as busy in retirement as he was as a park ranger in Rocky Mountain, as superintendent of Dinosaur, or in his several appointments relating to forestry and soil and moisture control in the regional office at Santa Fe.

He is selling farm and ranch land from his home in Santa Fe. He is also a regular contributer to the Soil and Moisture Magazine. Active in church work, he finds time each summer to ramrod pack trips into the wilderness sponsored by the American Forestry Association. Slim is 64 years old.

Horace Albright Finally Visits Everglades,

The Park He Helped Create Four Decades Ago

By: L. W. McKenzie, Jr.

HOMESTEAD, Fla.—Thirty-nine years ago, National Park Service Director Horace M. Albright assembled a group of prominent men for an exploratory trek through the wilds of Florida's Everglades region. Their mission was to determine the suitability of this biological treasure as a national park. Their appraisal of its significance, as expressed at a Congressional hearing, was unanimously emphatic: "It merits national park status."

Early this spring, Horace Albright and his wife returned to the subtropical park that-four-decades ago-he had helped make a reality. This marked his first visit to Everglades since his 1930 survey.

The Albrights arrived at Flamingo by bus April 27 with a group representing Resources for the Future, Inc., a conservation organization that Albright serves as a board member. Since his early departure from the Park Service, he has remained an active and influential conservationist. His overnight stay in the Park afforded only a glimpse into a wilderness he had experienced more intimately on his original trip, but it was sufficient to reaffirm his feeling for the area.

In testimony before the House Committee on Public Lands, Albright had described the landscape as "absolutely distinctive. There is certainly nothing else like it in the United States... It has a unique topography." His colleagues in the study, all associated with government resource management agencies or private conservation groups, concurred.

Their visit had comprised diverse modes of travel. A dirigible flight at low altitude over the area provided a general perspective. They traveled by boat around Cape Sable up to the headwaters of the Shark River to discover the strange beauty and solitude of the finest mangrove forest on earth. After returning to Miami, they crossed the Tamiani Trail by car to the town of Everglades on the Gulf Coast to determine the accessibility of that section.

Thus they witnessed a broad spectrum of biological values, unusual scenery and prime wilderness. In recommending national park designation, they agreed that a limited portion of this vast expanse should be accessible by conventional means of travel but that the bulk of it remain free from encroachments of civilization.



MR. & MRS. HORACE M. ALBRIGHT

Though development of the Park, authorized in 1934 and formally established in 1947, has not proceeded precisely as those men envisioned it, its wilderness character, while threatened by human exploits outside the Park, still exists.

Some Congressmen expressed sentiment to designate the area a wildlife preserve, but Albright's insistence that it met national park standards was instrumental in its eventual establishment. Wildlife protection was imperative, he granted, since several species were in jeopardy. "The alligator is being rapidly exterminated," he said, and through his group had "covered a lot of country," they had failed to observe even one individual. (It is tragic to note that despite statutory protection, the slaughter of alligators continues today.) He argued, however, that wildlife is an integral component of a natural complex that people should have an opportunity to see. National park status would achieve both purposes.

Fortunately, the state had agreed to donate state-owned lands to the Federal Government and to purchase additional privately-owned lands for the park. A long-standing Congressional policy precluded appropriation of federal funds for park land acquisition.

In his testimony before the Congress, Albright emphasized that"... every year that goes by, the values are being lost there." Florida's burgeoning population and haphazard development make this statement as pertinent today as it was then, for outside forces continue to threaten the Park's natural values.

Thanks to his vision and the untiring efforts of many other individuals, Everglades National Park remains "one of the most interesting, unusual, spectacular, inspirational places in America." Hopefully, increased public awareness and concern for its imperiled values will assure its future integrity.

Retiree Employment Program Is Popular

Over 200 National Park Service retirees have indicated their interest in participating in the Service's annuitant employment program. Each has now been mailed a questionnaire which will give him an opportunity to specify what kind of work he wishes to do, the areas in which he would accept employment, etc. Those who express a desire to remain in the program will later be asked to complete a second form which will make it possible to feed each applicant into the regular Service screening system.

Interested retirees who have not yet received the questionnaire should write:

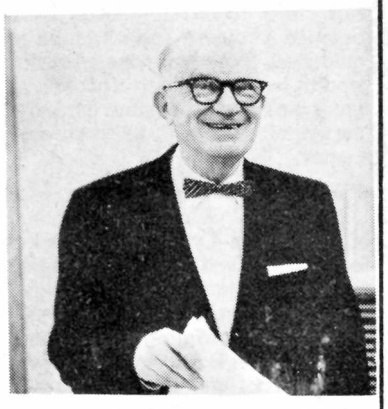
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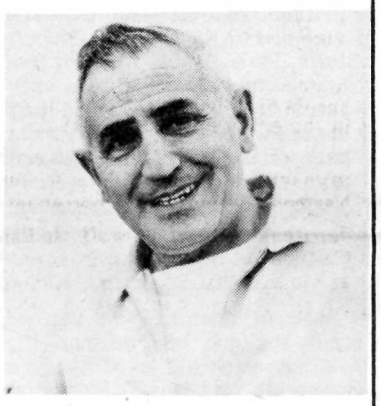
Incentive Awards

HIMES, William, Maintenance Man, Natchez Trace Parkway, for his picnic facility improvement suggestion.

SHULTZ, Daniel G., Chief of Maintenance, Grand Teton National Park, for suggesting the Architect, SSC-D&C, for suggest-proofing waterlines under driveways and other areas.



KROO, Karl, Mechanical & Electrical Engineer, SSC-D&C, for suggesting meetings to discuss malfunctioning of mechanical and electrical installations. Such meetings offer excellent opportunities for engineers to exchange experiences and learn from the mistakes of others.



SERRANO, Samuel, Landscape Architect, SSC-D&C, for suggesting use of a construction lock cylinder core. An obstruction in the core makes the lock set operable only with a short construction key.

SKEEN, Hammond, Automotive Mechanic, Natchez Trace Parkway, for his suggestion to improve power mowers.

YOUNG, Mrs. Billy, Secretary, Natchez Trace Parkway, for designing a special report form.



CUMBERLAND GAP NHP Superintendent Joseph Kulesza presents incentive award to Park Naturalist John J. Wagoner and Work Supervisor Sam P. Lacy. Wagoner's award (his third in as many years of service) was based on a suggestion that a snow deflector be placed on the under carriage of park vehicles to keep snow from packing around the fan and alternator. Lacy's award (his third in four weeks) was based on his suggestion to construct a special crane for use in erecting butler type buildings.

ADAMS, Merle K., Operator General, Gettysburg National Military Park, for suggesting that rotary mower blades be secured for safety.

DRUCKER, Franz, General Supply Assistant, SSC-D&C, for suggesting change in procedure regarding invoices for services.

OSKUIE, Peggy, Office of Employee Evaluation, for suggesting that additional clocks be installed in cafeteria.

GREGORY, Thomas V., Branch of Employment and Employee Relations, for suggesting Form 9-1236 be used to record within grade increases in the official personnel folders and for posting to the Kardex and roster.

HANNA, Karl, Branch of Classification and Wage Administration, for suggesting that Personnel Question Coupon be published in "Newsletter" to encourage feedback from the field.

CRAVO, Frank S., Branch of Organization and Management, for suggesting revision of Form DI-14 to reflect the number of pages involved in a Departmental printing job.

PARO, John F., Acting Sub-Distric Ranger, Grand Teton, for suggesting that windshields on snowmobiles be lined with rubber hose as a safety precaution.

PEARSON, Mrs. Lucille I., Midwest Regional Office, for her suggestions to improve Safety reporting procedures.

MARTISCHANGE, Fred, Asistant Chief Ranger, Rocky Mountain, supplementary award for previously adopted suggestion.

BOOTHROYD, Bart, Shop Foreman, Rocky Mountain, supplementary award for previously adopted suggestion.

HOLDITCH, Sidney, Construction and Maintenance Representative, Natchez Trace Parkway, for suggesting safety flagging of road equipment.

MORGAN, Kenneth, Subdistrict Ranger, Natchez Trace Parkway, for his road safety suggestion.

TREUSCH, Mrs. Gloria C., Secretary to Chief Ranger, Everglades National Park, for preparation of a comprehensive illustrated booklet on Ranger activities.



HIGH, Jack, L., Administrative Officer, Shenandoah, for carrying out the duties of acting superintendent, in addition to his regular duties, during the superitendent's absence due to illness.

BULLETIN

AUTHORITIES MAY SHIFT JETPORT SITE

Nathaniel Reid, conservation advisor to Governor Claude R. Kirk, Jr., of Florida, has been quoted by the Columbia Broadcasting System as saying that the Nixon Administration has decided to block construction of a jetport in the Everglades on the grounds that it would damage wildlife.

In an interview with the Miami Herald, Reid said that the people in the Department of the Interior looked at the Leopold report and went to President Nixon and told him "we just can't give on this one." Reid said the report by Interior Department staff scientist Dr. Luna Leopold concluded the airport would destroy Everglades National Park, a vast storehouse of tropical animal and plant life.

However, it is reported that Under Secretary of the Interior Russell E. Train and Senator Spessard Holland (D-Fla.) both said Federal authorities have not yet taken a stand on the proposed airport.

Reid's comments followed a report Thursday night (Sept. 3) by the Columbia Broadcasting System that it had learned the airport site would be abandoned in deference to conservationists. In a broadcast on the CBS evening news with Walter Cronkite, the network said Governor Kirk was planning to meet with Secretary Hickel. CBS said that Kirk would announce a new site for the airport next Thursday. The airport's present planned location is nine miles north of the Everglades National Park.

Campbell Wins Award For Meter Suggestion

LURAY, Va.—Charles Dennis Campbell, plumber foreman at Shenandoah National Park, was presented a check by Superintendent R. Taylor Hoskins at a staff meeting on July 9. The award was made to Mr. Campbell for his suggestion in connection with the reading of water meters which will make the process less time-

HARPER & NEPRASH SCORE

Two employees of Petrified Forest National Park were presented cash awards by Superintendent Donald A. Dayton at ceremonies held in Petrified Forest National Park.

Maintenance Foreman Eugene Harper received a check for $200 for his excellent performance in filling the position of chief of park maintenance during the period this job was vacant for an extended period of time. He assumed these duties in addition to his own.

Park Ranger Wallace Neprash's outstanding work was recognized by the award of $100 for substituting for the district park ranger who was absent for several months due to illness. Mr. Neprash continued his regular assignments as well as the responsibilities of his supervisor's job. At the same ceremonies, Park Ranger George E. Johnson and Maintenance Superintendent Frederick W. Caresia were presented with pins in recognition of 20 years of Federal service.

Decades of Service



NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS-CENTRAL: Maintenance men receive their 10-year length-of-service pins from Supt. William R. Failor. In the Division of Horticulture and Landscape Maintenance are Charles Dean, Foreman II, Landscape Gardener; Jim Leistner, Foreman II, Landscape Gardener; George Crothers, Landscape Gardener; Jo B. Fluharty, Foreman II, Landscape Gardener; and Arthur Kinney, Laborer. Charles Green, Laborer, is with the Division of Facilities Maintenance, and Lewis Miles, Landscape Gardener, is with the Tree Group.

Three Winners at Natchez Trace



Three Natchez Trace Parkway employees received awards under the U. S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service Incentive Awards Program. At parkway headquarters, Tupelo, Mississippi, on July 10, Parkway Assistant Superintendent Keith E. Miller (center) presented an Interior emblem to Foreman Carmon Lindsey (left) of the parkway's Ridgeland, Mississippi, subdistrict on the latter's completion of 20 years of Federal service. Awards of pay increases for high-quality work performance were received by Mrs. John Griffin, secretary at parkway headquarters, and by Otis Robertson of Natchez, Mississippi. Robertson is construction and maintenance representative for the parkway's southern district, extending from Natchez to Jeff Busby Park near Eupora, Mississippi. Mrs. Griffin and Robertson are pictured above on the right.



THE MAINTENANCE MAN'S CORNER



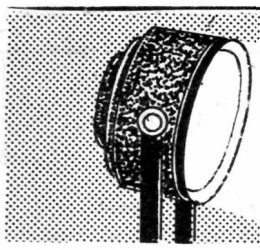
One of the newer developments in Federal personnel administration is the U. S. Civil Service Commission's job qualification system for trades and labor occupations.

Under this system, the basic skills, knowledges, and abilities needed to be able to do the work in trades and labor jobs are matched with the qualifications of candidates. Emphasis is placed on how much ability or potential candidates have for the job to be filled rather than how long the candidates have performed in a line of work.

The job qualification system evolved after more than ten years of job-element examining research, and was first used by Interagency Boards of Examiners in recruiting to fill trades and labor jobs in the various agencies. Since then, a number of agencies have adopted the system in considering employees for promotion. By July 1, 1970, all Federal trades and labor jobs will be filled using the job-element approach.

The Job Qualification System for Trades and Labor Occupations being published by the U.S. Civil Service Commission in June 1969, describes this job-element examining method. It may be purchased from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

For a condensed, easy-to-understand explanation of what the system is and how it works, employees may obtain a copy of the pamphlet "The Job Element Method" (PS 14) at most Federal personnel offices.



Spotlight on SAFETY

By John Haste, NPS Safety Officer

HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT TO DO IF YOUR BRAKES FAILED?

According to the National Safety Council, there are several things you could do to help slow your car to a stop if your brakes should fail .....

- DOWNSHIFT. The motor itself will have a braking effect.
- AS THE CAR BEGINS TO SLOW DOWN, slam on the parking brake.
- SHIFT INTO REVERSE ONLY TO AVOID A SERIOUS COLLISION. (Although this will bring most cars to a stop, it will damage the transmission.)

After you have come to a stop, drive onto the shoulder to avoid collisions with other cars.

An automobile can help you see the world, but you must decide which world.

Do you know how to set your emergency brake properly? Do you know that when you do not have the service (foot) brake on at the same time as you set the emergency, or parking, brake that the parking brake is not properly set? When the service brake is not on, setting the parking brake only brings the bottom of the brake shoes into contact with the drums of the rear wheels. The entire shoes are not fully engaged, permitting the car to roll away more easily, especially, backwards. The remedy, of course, is to hold on the foot brake hard while also setting hard the emergency, or parking brake.

"Weekly Heat Wave" -
Death Valley

HAZARDOUS CLOTHING

There have been two reported cases in 1967 where firefighters in Nebraska and Kansas have been badly injured or killed while wearing clothing which was flammable and melted during firefighting operations.

It has been reported that the problem materials are synthetics or thermoplastics, either pure or mixed with other materials. They are commonly referred to as Permanent-Pressed, or No-Iron pants and shirts. These can either burn, melt, or both. In one case, the pants literally burst into flames and melted, with the hot, sticky material causing deep burns. This sticky material will not knock loose when slapped with the hands; in fact, it sticks to the hands severely burning them.

Tests conducted on plain cotton indicate that it is flammable, but neither it nor wool will melt. These same materials mixed with the no-iron synthetics may be a hazard. To your crews called upon to fight fire, I urge that you recommend they wear cotton or wool pants and shirts for routine work as well as fire duty.

There has been one incident reported by a Midwest Region Area where an employee narrowly escaped being burned when his synthetic jacket burned when it came into contact with a hot exhaust pipe.
(From—Midwest Region, 6/23/69)

Thermal clothing. More people than ever before are wearing thermal insulated clothing for protection against cold. The number of burns resulting from having this type of clothing catch fire has gone up. The insulating material, made by quilting layers of synthetic fabrics, is used for both under and outer clothing. Many of these synthetics melt under extreme heat. When ignited, they form a hot, sticky mass that clings to the skin and causes serious burns. If this type of clothing is purchased, it should be made certain that it has been made flame-retardant. Flame-retardant treatment will not prevent the fabric from burning or melting when it is in contact with a source of ignition, but it will stop the burning after the source of ignition has been removed.
(From -- Western Region Safety Newsletter 1/69)

Mr. Bowdler brought to the attention of the Committee a new ruling of the California Division of Forestry. All Permipress clothing has been prohibited by C.D.F. because of severe burns acquired by their fireguards.

Although the heat the fireguards encountered was not severe enough to char the material, the chemical material used in the Permipress fabrics melted and caused burns on the skin. Mr. Bowdler announced that the park personnel would be notified of this danger and the same ruling would be considered for our Fire Control Aids next year.
(From-- Sequoia-Kings Canyon Park Safety Committee Meeting, 6/19/69)

The hazards of wearing the perma-press uniform during the summer months when employees are perspiring has also been pointed out. Care should be taken when wearing perma-press clothing because of certain caustic ingredients which are activated with perspirant in high heat. This can cause skin irritation and generally leads to infections which are difficult to cure. It is suggested that employees make sure they wear undershirts to prevent irritation during the summer months.

(From --Canyonlands)

A truck driver was asked what he would do in the following situation: You're driving on a two-lane highway, a car pulls out of a side road dead ahead, and speeds toward you in your lane. There's heavy traffic on the other lane and a protective fence is installed very close to your lane's shoulder. "I'd wake up my co-driver," the trucker replied. "He's never seen a head-on crash."

--Death Valley Heat Wave

An unhappy motorist, accepting his receipt after paying for a traffic ticket, asked grumpily, "What am I supposed to do with this?" Smiling sweetly, the clerk replied, "Keep it. When you collect four, you get a bicycle."

--Death Valley Heat Wave

SAFETY AWARD



Lucille Pearson (Safety Secy, retired) receives award check for safety suggestion, from Regional Director Fred C. Fagergren, Midwest Regional Office, 4/22/69.

Mound City Drives Defensively



CHILLICOTHE, Ohio—The permanent and seasonal staff at Mound City Group National Monument recently completed a four-day pre-season training session including Defensive Driving, environmental "awareness", safety and interpretation among other subjects.

From Left: Kathleen P. Allyn, Student Assistant-Archeologist; Virginia B. Skaggs, Administrative Clerk; Walter T. Fraley, Seasonal Laborer; Linda L. Shreve, Student Assistant-Historian; Nicolas F. Veloz, Jr., Park Archeologist; Susan A. Brady, Seasonal Park Guide; J. Vernon Acton, Maintenanceman; George F. Schesventer, Superintendent.

Mound City Group looks forward to a busy season with special activity due to begin in September. when three of the mounds will be excavated under a contract to the Ohio State Historical Society with the work being assisted by Park Archeologist Nicolas F. Veloz, Jr. Arrangements for special tours for the public to the "dig" will be incorporated in the park's interpretive program. This will also be of added interest to three of the seasonal park staff who are working their first season at Mound City Group. The three new seasonal interpreters are: Kathleen Allyn, Student Assistant-Archeologist; Linda Shreve, Student Assistant-Historian; and Susan Brady, Park Guide. All are college students from the Chillicothe, Ohio area.

Another archeological excavation of mounds #6 and 24 is due in the early spring of 1970 and is part of the continuing research program at Mound City Group National Monument to better understand the Hopewell Indian Culture as it may have existed at Mound City Group in the Scioto River Valley 2,000 years ago.

Perfect Safety at Flagstaff

General Superintendent Carroll A. Burroughs of the National Park Service Flagstaff Group, on behalf of Southwest Regional Director Frank Kowski, presented Perfect Safety Record awards for 1968 to employees of the five monuments comprising the Group. The awards were accepted by Supts, Russell Mahan of Wupatki-Sunset Crater, Don Squire of Walnut Canyon, Harry Linder of Tuzigoot and Hugh Ebert of Montezuma Castle, at a recent staff meeting in the Group office in Flagstaff.

The awards were presented to the employees of these monuments for their excellent safety performance records in which no disabling injuries, motor vehicle accidents or structural fires were sustained during 1968. In making the presentations, Burroughs noted that Montezuma Castle, Tuzigoot and Walnut Canyon have maintained accident-free records for the past five years, a performance record equaled by only eight other parks and monuments of the 44 units reporting in the Southwest Region.

The year 1968 was the final year of the National Park Service's Five-year Safety Contest. In addition to promoting employee safety, the contest was intended to reinforce the Service's determination that each visitor to a National Park or Recreation Area enjoy an accident free vacation.

On behalf of the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Burroughs congratulated the Superintendents and their staffs on their perfect safety records, reminding them that "their success is a reduced accident rate, an improved operation, an enhanced public image and, moreover, an abatement of suffering and tragedy".

21 Complete Lateiner Course

Twenty-one men recently completed a new and innovative training course at the Mather Training Center. The course, "The Lateiner Method of Accident Control," was conducted by Alfred R. Lateiner, internationally known management and safety training consultant. The Lateiner Method of Accident Control was a five-day master safety training course which prepared each participant to return to the field and present a five-hour safety training course to others. "Master Trainers" in the Lateiner Method of Accident Control: William C. Birdsell, Chief Park Ranger - Gettysburg; James F. Wolfe, Chief Staff Engineer - Fire Island, NYC Group; Norton M. Bean, Chief Park Ranger - Cape Cod; Stanley R. Clark, Supervisory Ranger - Natchez Trace; Anthohy E. Stark, Staff Ranger, Regional Office, SER;

James G. Wilson, Park Ranger - Shenandoah; Michael O. Wintch, District Ranger - Dinosaur; James M. Brady, Supervisory Ranger - Yellowstone; William Yenne, C. & M. Superintendent, Roadways - Glacier; Noel J. Pachta, Maintenance Supervisor - Grand Canyon;

James B. Johnson, Maintenance Foreman, Carlsbad; Melvin E. Barlow, Assistant Chief, Maintenance - Lake Mead; Theodore L. Picco, Supervisory Park Ranger - Hawaii Volcanoes; G. Gilbert Soper, Park Ranger - Pinnacles; William V. Martin, Maintenance Supervisor - Cabrillo;

Paul L. Swearingen, Park Ranger -NCR-East; Curtis A. White, Caretaker - NCR-North; Howard J. Haiges, Jr., Safety Engineer - PSC; Richard L. Wilburn, Safety Officer - U. S. Park Police; Hugh A. Groves, Sergeant - U. S. Park Police; David B. Ames, Training Assistant - Albright Training Center.

Teton Ranger Saves Youth From Drowning

MOOSE, WYO.— The alertness and quick action of Park Ranger Norman Reigle saved the life of Fred J. Collings, age 19, and employee of the Grand Teton Lodge Company. While going to his quarters, Ranger Reigle noticed Collings about 100 yards away wading in the shallow water of Jackson Lake about two miles south of the dam. Reigle heard a scream for help, ran from his house and noticed Collings floundering in deep water of the lake. Reigle was able to wade within a few feet of Collings and extended a pole, which Collings was barely able to grasp and hang on to. Collings lost consciousness while being pulled to shore, but his hands tightly clenched the pole. After about 30 seconds of mouth to mouth resuscitation breathing was restored and within a few minutes Collings regained consciousness. A later check by a doctor revealed that there were no after effects other than mild shock.

Collings, whose home is in Orem, Utah, stated that the could not swim and waded too far out and stepped off a ledge in water over his head. Had Ranger Reigle not been in the immediate vicinity at the time, and also been trained in mouth to mouth resuscitation, Mr. Collings would undoubtedly have lost his life. Also there is a possibility his body may not have been recovered in the deep cold water.

Courier Backlog of Superior Performance Awards

SOMEONE MISSING? LET US KNOW.

HEARLD, Mrs. Josephine D., Secretary, National Register, Office of Archeology & Historic Preservation
KWANDRANS, Mrs. Paula A., Secretary, Division of Personnel Management & Manpower Development.
THOMPSON, Theodore R., Assistant Superintendent, Yosemite
FUNKHOUSER, Clifton E., WASO



SALADIK, Walter, Supervisory Highway Enginner, PSC

LEMA, Miss Elizabeth, Secretary, Branch of Systems Development, Division of Management Analysis
KOHAJDA, Anthony M., Building Repairman, Fort McHenry NM. (667)
HARPER, Eugene, Petrified Forest.
LEE, Pablita, Petrified Forest
MAYER, Walter L., Park Ranger, Everglades NP (605)
DeLASHMUTT, Harry A., Park Ranger, Everglades (605)
BROWN, Joseph W., Chief, Branch of Classification & Wage Administration, Division of Personnel Management & Manpower Development
McLEAN, Miss Patricia E., Clerk, Branch of General Services, Division of Property Management & General Services
PLUMMER, Frank H., Mail Supervisor, Division of Property Management & General Services
GILMORE, Miss Louise J., Division of Personnel Management & Manpower Development
KRAUSE, Mrs. Elizabeth, Accounting Operations, Division of of Finance
REEVES, John H., File Supervisor, Branch of General Services
TREUSCH, Mrs. Gloria, Secretary, Everglades
MAYER, Walter L., Park Ranger, Everglades
DeLASHMUT, Harry A., Park Ranger, Everglades
WINGE, Edwin N., Chief, Division of Information
BARBER, Mrs. Doris D., Division of Museums
KHALATBARI, Mrs. Mary A., Division of Program Coordination & Appraisal
WELLS, Vernie L., Seasonal Employee (Archeology), Gran Quivira
GRIFFIN, Mrs. John, Secretary, Narchez Trace Parkway
ROBERTSON, Otis, Construction & Maintenance Representative, Natchez Trace Parkway
WESTENBERGER, Roy, Supervisor, Reproduction, PSC-D&C
CATTELL, Ed, Supervisor, Mail & Files, PSC-D&C
GARVIN, Miss Hellen, Administrative Clerk, PSC- D&C
HALLAHAN, Miss Terry, Secretary to Construction Supervisor, PSC-D&C
SWEENY, Ross, Supervisor, Project Control & Estimates, PSC-D&C
PARIS, Miss Lucille, Secretary to Chief, Project Design, PSC-D&C
SALADIK, Walter, Supervisory Highway Engineer, PSC-D&C



LEE, Mrs. Pablita C. Secretary, Petrified Forest
DAHLBERG, Miss Judy A., Office of Assistant to the Director, Legislation.
WOODS, Miss Linda E., Office of Executive Assistant to the Director
PRICE, Harold J., Branch of General Services

Something To Smile About at PSC-DC



Superior Performance Awards were presented (L-R) to: Roy Westenberger, Supervisor, Reproduction; Ed Cattell, Supervisor, Mail and Files; Helen Garvin, Administrative Clerk; Terry Hallahan, Secretary to Construction Supervisor; Ross Sweeny, Supervisor, Project Control and Estimates; and Lucille Paris, Secretary to the Chief, Project Design.

HARMON, Mrs. Judith A., Division of Finance
HENLEY, Mrs. Erminia E., Division of Job Corps
BURKE, Mrs. Rose Mary, Division of Personnel Management & Manpower Development
QUICK, William C., Division of Budget
BISCOE, Timothy W., Office Services Assistant, Division of Property Management & General Services.
MAYO, Linwood E., Personnel Officer, Grand Teton
LIVINGSTON, Mrs. Doris P., Secretary, Division of Park Planning.
KOUBELE, Bessie R., Division of Personnel Management & Manpower Development
EDMUNDS, Allen T., Associate Regional Director, Field Office, Great Lakes Area
HOLST, Mrs. Lois T. Administrative Officer, Ocmulgee National Monument
MOORE, Samuel V., Chief, Division of Management Analysis
OSTERMAN, Mrs. Janet M., Division of Program Planning
TOWNSEND, Miss Patricia, Division of Land & Water Rights
FRIZZEL, Mrs. Sarah B., Division of Museums
WHITE, Mrs. LeVeta, Wformer Administrative Clerk, Walnut Canyon
BEALL, Miss Annabelle M., Branch of Employment & Employee Relations
HARPINE, C. Allen, Assistant Chief, Division of Land & Water Rights
CLARK, David E., Landscape Architect, Policy & Program Analysis
COLLINS, Mrs. Elsie E., Division of Finance
ELLIS, Thomas, File Clerk, Branch of General Services
WHEELER, Waverly J., Division of Land & Water Rights.
CRABLE, Paul G., Supply Clerk, WSC-D&C
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JONES, W. Lawrence, Assistant Chief Ranger, Chickamauga-Chattanooga

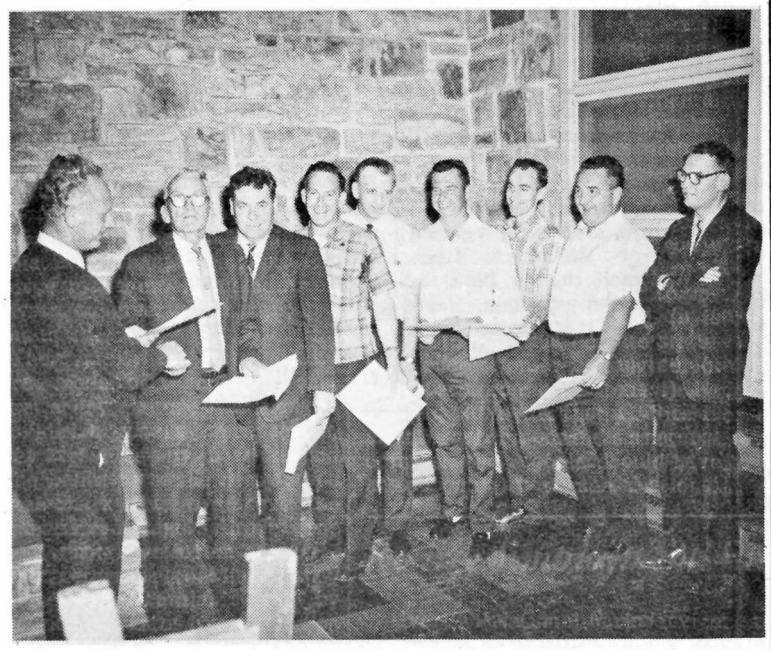
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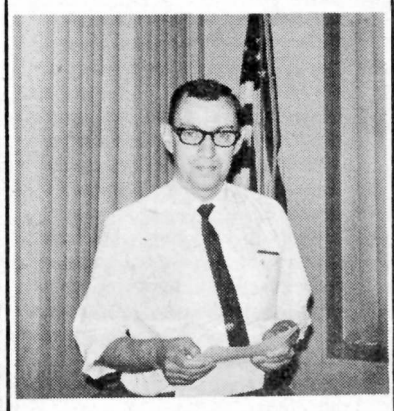
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$2,100 SMILES. When the official word was received that the Catoctin Job Corps Conservation Center was to shut down, the Catoctin Mountain Park Women's Organization planned a last get-together. The smiles of these men were not at the closing but on learning that they were the recipients of $300 superior performance awards. Superintendent Frank Mentzer, right, presented the awards to their supervisor, Deputy Director of Work Dale Sipes (left) who made the presentations to: William Dildine, Charles W. Hetzer, John R. Weddle, Joseph M. Price, James B. Troxell, Richard Timmons and Leon Young.



SHEETS, John, General Engineer, PSC-D&C



GOLDSTEIN, Mrs. Sarah, Program Clerk, PSC-D&C

FIRE ISLAND TOPICS



JOHN AHO **HANK SCHMIDT**

It's been said before and it can be said again that when Superintendent Hank Schmidt comes to Seashore headquarters ... something is up. Once again, it's been Seashore employees standing up to receive congratulations for such things as family additions and Special Act Awards.

The Grant Petersens received "congrats" for a baby boy born on March 28th and District Rangers Dick Hoffman and Ivan Tolley along with Park Ranger John Aho received the same for Special Act Awards announced on April 4th. Neither Rangers Hoffmann or Tolley were able to attend the ceremonies in which Superintendent Schmidt announced cash awards of $300 each for the manner in which they contributed many hours of uncompensated overtime towards controlling vehicle use of Fire Island, protecting numerous acquired properties, and dealing with squatters during the period from May 1 to Labor Day 1968.

John Aho was present to accept a check for $100 in recognition of his contributions of time personal facilities in an effort to aid distressed oil soaked birds on the Seashores beaches during January of this year. Ranger Aho's actions resulted in very favorable public relations for the National Park Service.

The Superintendent expressed his pleasure in making such announcements, and in turn, was assured that the receipt of such congratulations are always welcome.

For Commendable Service

Grayson E. Stottlemyer



TAYLOR–STOTTLEMYER–CURRAN

Grayson E. Stottlemyer, retired Horticulturist Supervisor on the George Washington Memorial Parkway, has been awarded the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award.

Stottlemyer served with the U.S. Army during 1942-45. He joined the National Park Service on December 10, 1945, as a Tree Surgeon, advancing through the ranks to Horticulturist Supervisor. He performed each and every assignment in an extremely notable manner.

As Horticulturist Supervisor, Stottlemyer was reponsible for the planting and maintenance of the Beautification Program carried out on the George Washington Memorial Parkway area. He always set the highest standards for himself and his subordinates. The beauty of the Parkway in many ways attests to the his effectiveness in carrying out his responsibilites. Although ill health seriously hampered his activities for several years, he continued to perform in a devoted and enthusiastic manner until his retirement.

Otis Hicks

Otis Hicks, retired Construction Representative at Platt National Park

Otis Hicks, who recently retired as Construction Representative at Platt National Park, has been presented the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award. Hicks, who resides at 1224 West 14th Street, Sulphur, Oklahoma, served 25 1/2 years with the National Park Service.

Hicks joined the National Park Service in August 1943 as a Laborer at Platt National Park. He transferred to White Sands National Monument, and following a short tour there, he was promoted to the position of Maintenanceman at Grand Canyon National Park. He progressed through various Foreman positions to that of Maintenance Superintendent. When he retired he was serving as Construction Representative at Platt National Park, where he began his Park Service career. A loyal and devoted employee, Mr. Hicks through his work and his concern for other people, acquired an enviable reputation for "getting the job done".

During the 17 1/2 years he was assigned to Grand Canyon National Park Mr. Hicks was active in a variety of civic affairs. He holds the Silver Beaver award which is given for 25 years of work as a scout leader. He also organized the first troop of scouts at the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, right here in Sulphur back in the early 1940's. He is a charter member and past president of the Grand Canyon Lions Club, and also held various district offices. He worked long and hard on the planning and fund raising for the Shrine of the Ages, which is a new nondenominational chapel now being completed at Grand Canyon.

Otis is now re-employed by Platt National Park as Construction Representative.

William E. O'Brien

William E. O'Brien, retired Concessions Officer of the National Park Service, has been awarded the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award.

O'Brien entered the Government service with the Navy Department in 1939. During 1944-51 he served with the General Accounting Office. In May 1951 he transferred to the Department of the Interior as a Fiscal Accountant in the Office of Territories, Joining the National Park Service on September 5, 1956 as Concessions Officer in the National Capital Parks. O'Brien was noted for the excellent manner in which he performed his work and was promoted to the position of Supervisory Concessions and Realty Officer in May 1960.

Subsequently, he performed in a dual capacity--having responsibility both for supervising real estate transactions and for managing concession contracts already in effect in the National Capital Parks. During this period he rendered invaluable service and assistance in assuring that transactions undertaken in either field were properly carried out. As a result of the reorganization of the National Capital Parks in 1966, O'Brien was reassigned to the position of Concession Specialist with the Office of the Assistant Regional Director for Operations.

Cecil O. Owen

Cecil O. "Odie" Owen was presented a Commendable Service Award at Yellowstone National Park, July 18, by Superintendent Jack Anderson. The presentation was made during a retirement party given in Owen's honor.

Bill Hape, on behalf of friends and fellow workers, presented Odie and Mary with a Scotty Chapman painting of the Beartooth area--in which Odie worked for over 20 years. The Owens say they will be fishing frequently in the Park. Friends are welcome in their Red Lodge home.

Owen entered the National Park Service on June 24, 1948, in a seasonal capacity as an Equipment Operator at Yellowstone National Park. He was promoted to Foreman, Mixed Gang in 1949. Mr. Owen received a career-conditional appointment in 1956 and continued to work as a Foreman every season until his retirement. Most of his career was on road maintenance and construction. He became an extremely talented and skillful employee, and demonstrated unusual care and devotion to conservation ideals in his specialized work in fragile alpine areas.

For many years he assumed responsibility for work on the renowned Beartooth Highway, the Northeast Entrance Approach Road to the Park. He maintained an excellent safety record for himself, his crews and for thousands of visitors in a very hazardous area.

Albert S. Burns

Albert S. Burns, who retired February 27, following a successful career as a Landscape Architect and Program Coordinator, has been presented the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award.

A veteran of World War II, Mr. Burns joined the National Park Service on July 13, 1933, as a Landscape Architect, and served in Washington, D. C. and at Blue Ridge Parkway. He accepted his assignments cheerfully including the special photography work he was occasionally requested to perform.

In 1954 he was assigned the duties of a Programs and Plans Control Officer in the Regional Office at Richmond, Virginia, when this function was initiated because of the Service's growing construction program. As this function expanded with the advent of the MISSION 66 program he became Chief of the Regional Program division and provided invaluable assistance during the necessarily hectic period of growth. About a year prior to his retirement he brought his experience and capabilities westward and accepted a similar position in the Western Regional Office.

Mrs. Fern C. Benke

Upon retirement, in recognition of her many years of faithful and loyal service, Mrs. Fern C. Benke has been awarded the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award.

An employee of the City of Philadelphia at Independence Hall when Independence National Historical Park was established, Mrs. Benke entered the Park Service as a Charwoman in January 1951. During her more than 18 years of service, devoted principally to three of the most historic buildings in the U.S., Independence Hall, Congress Hall, and Old City Hall (where the Supreme Court of the U. S. sat), she performed her many assignments cheerfully and efficiently.

Conscious of the historic importance of these buildings and proud to share in their care, her concern was reflected in the conscientious performance of ther important duties and earned for her the esteem of co-workers, supervisors and the Park management.

Robert L. Ely

Robert L. Ely of 14333 Emery Street, Longmont, was presented a Department of Interior Commendable Service Award on July 18 at Rocky Mountain National Park.

The citation and bronze medal were presented to Mr. Ely at a ceremony at Park Headquarters. Mr. Ely retired January 24, 1969, after a successful career in the National Park Service including assignments at Rocky Mountain and Sequoia National Parks and Cabrillo National Monument.

National Park Service Director, George B. Hartzog, Jr., commented in the citation that "throughout his career (as a maintenanceman), Mr. Ely accepted all assignments with enthusiasm, and continually accomplished his duties in a highly satisfactory and reliable manner... and served the National Park Service cheerfully to the best of his ability until ill health forced him to retire."



Mrs. Lillian B. Morrison

Upon retirement at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, following a successful career as an Information Specialist in the National Park Service, Mrs. Lillian B. Morrison has been awarded the Department of the Interior Commendable Service Award.

Mrs. Morrison began her Federal service in November 1942 as a clerk in the Bureau of Reclamation's Bouder Canyon Project. During most of the ensuing 21 years she worked in several offices of this reclamation project as an accounting clerk. Her transfer to the National Park Service at Lake Mead National Recreation Area occured in December of 1964 where she has since very capably assumed and cheerfully filled a position requiring reliability, versatility, and a great deal of tact.

Mrs. Morrison's exceptionall, skillful and pleasant manner in assisting the public at park headquarters as well as her highly efficient handling of all telephone and radio dispatching responsibilities have resulted in numerous compliments from visitors and co-workers alike.

Maintenance Men Win Unit Award At Fire Island

A Unit Citation for Excellence of Service has been awarded to the Maintenance Division at Fire Island National Seashore for their success in completing essential maintenance work for the field test of a pilot project for the National Environmental Education Development Program.

Fire Island National Seashore was one of the two areas within the National Park System selected to field test a pilot project for the NEED program being developed under contract with the University of California. The project, scheduled for April through June 1968, was of immeasurable concern to the National Service and of extensive interest to the public, particularly in educational circles.

Placing the base in readiness for operation required moving in additional housing facilities, installation of kitchen equipment, electrical service, a hot water system, sanitation facilities and renovation of the building to be used. This excessive maintenance project was superimposed on the normally heavy spring maintenance work which the Fire Island National Seashore maintenance staff must complete each spring to place regular Seashore facilities into readiness for the summer travel season. Through special effort on the part of each member of the maintenance staff, the project was completed in time for the scheduled training sessions.

Wayne Howe Is New Supt., At Coulee Dam

SEATTLE, Wash.—Wayne R. Howe has been named Superintendent of the 98,500-acre Coulee Dam National Recreation Area, Washington, part of the Columbia River Basin project.

John A. Rutter, Northwest District Director of the National Park Service, announced that Howe will replace David A. Richie, who is resigning August 22 to accept a position teaching history at the Westtown School, Westtown, Pa. Richie has been assigned to Coulee Dam since October 1967

Howe began his National Park Service career in 1946 and since 1966 has headed the Branch of Visitor Activities Management at National Park Service headquarters in Washington, D. C. He was formerly Chief Ranger at Yellowstone National Park.

He and his wife, Jean, and two of their sons, Norman, 16, and Donald, 14, arrived at Coulee Dam September 1.

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Park Volunteers Program Slated

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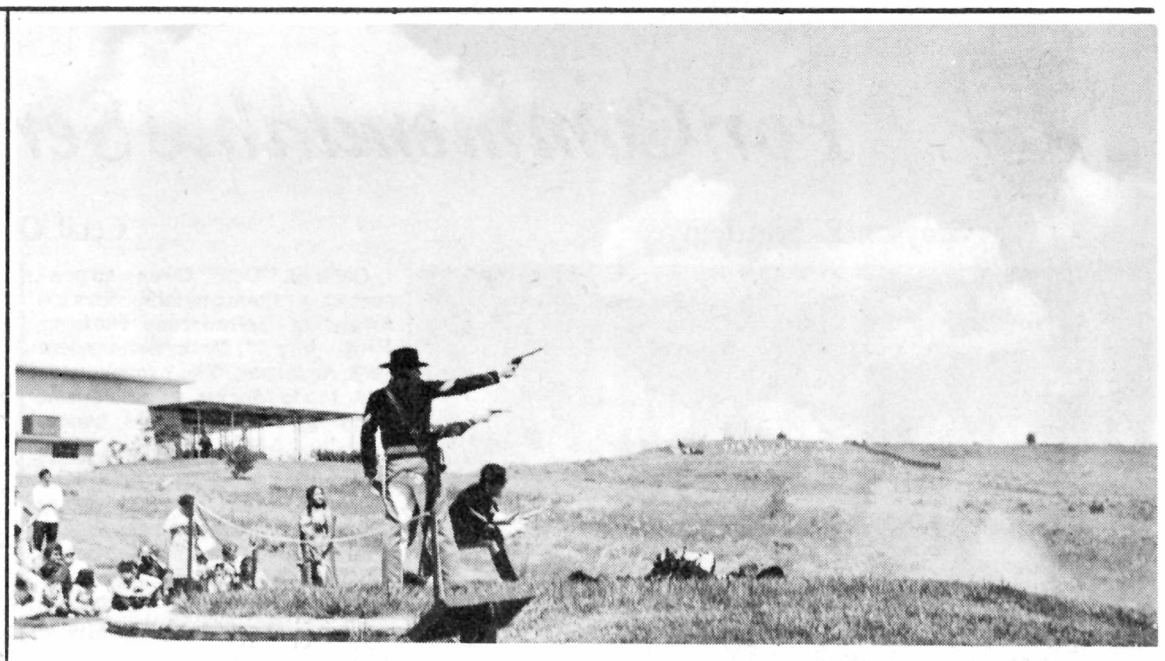
kinds of persons who would be welcomed as "Volunteers in the Parks," Secretary Hickel cited members of the various Scouting organizations, teachers, conservationists, naturalists, historians, members of hiking or ski clubs and outdoor enthusiasts.

Examples of outdoor areas where volunteer work could be performed are Fort Union National Historic Site, Montana and North Dakota, an early fur trading center; and Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho, for guidance of visitors in their appreciation of wildlife.

The Volunteers in the Parks program will be financed from regular operating funds, Secretary Hickel said. He estimated that there is a need for work of a specialized nature to be done by approximately 300 volunteers in the first year, increasing to substantial numbers in the next five years.

Hickel emphasized that the jobs volunteers would be asked to do will be complementary to the tasks of the regular career employees, and will not diminish their roles.

The first year cost of equipment, training and transportation of a volunteer is estimated at $270 per person.



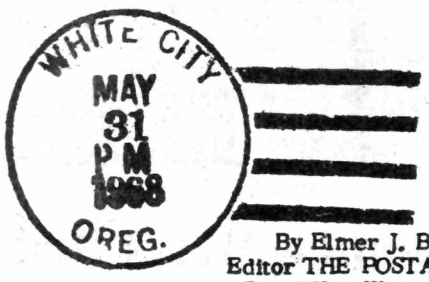
Echos of 1870 Cavalry Life Resound at Little Big Horn

The dull roar of the .45/70 echoes across the ravines of Custer Battlefield. The white smoke from carbine and pistol hangs in the hot summer air.

A sweaty blue coated trooper loads and fires his Springfield carbine; then loads and fires his revolver. 1st. Sergeant John Ryan, Company M, 7th Cavalry Regiment concludes his firing demonstration. Three times daily Sergeant Ryan, better known at the battlefield as Historian Bill Henry, presents a live demonstration in which he explains the life of a Cavalry trooper of the 1870's on an Indian campaign. Each talk is concluded with a firing demonstration using the two weapons carried by the 7th Cavalry in the Battle of the Little Big Horn; the Springfield Model 1873 .45/70 carbine and the Colt Single Action Army Model 1873 .45 revolver. Because of the location of the firing area to the visitors only blank black powder ammunition is used.

The live demonstration is new at Custer Battlefield, having been initiated in June by Historian Henry. The entire uniform, the accoutrements and the weapons are as authentic as possible. Original equipment of the 1870's are the spurs, the cartridge belt, the carbine sling, the pistol cartridge pouch, and the two weapons. Everything else is an authentic reproduction, even to the stitches in the jacket and the trousers. Most of the uniform and leather accoutrements were made and purchased from a history professor who makes replica uniforms for the Park Service as a hobby. The entire operation was financed by funds donated to the National Park Service by the Custer Battlefield Historical and Museum Association. "Visitor reaction has been excellent," says Superintendent Dan Lee. As Historian Henry explained, "The visitor can often gain a better appreciation of Cavalry life on the frontier from a live demonstration than by looking through a glass exhibit case."

One visitor remarked that, "The presentation was most excellent, but one addition would make it tops; a fully-equipped horse with a McClellan saddle." Historian Henry replied, "Maybe next year...."



THE NPS PHILATELIST

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Last month, in commenting on the John Wesley Powell Centennial stamp, I listed the N. P. S. sites which now occupy areas traversed by Powell's 1869 expedition. One was inadvertently omitted. As most of you know, on January 20, 1969, his last day in office, President Johnson, as one of his final acts, signed into existence Marble Canyon National Monument. This newest of our national monuments encompasses a 52-mile stretch of the Colorado River between the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Grand Canyon National Park, thus qualifying it as a Powell-related site.

But this is not the newest N. P. S.-related locale to be associated with this stamp.

From the time this adhesive was first announced, I felt it would most logical to issue it on the anniversary date, May 24th, at the town from which the expedition departed, Green River, Wyoming. Although the Post Office Department didn't agree with my logic, Green River did have the distinction of revealing the design of the stamp to the philatelic world. This was done in an appropriate ceremony before the Sweetwater County Courthouse by Deputy Postmaster General E. T. Klassen on the Centennial date.

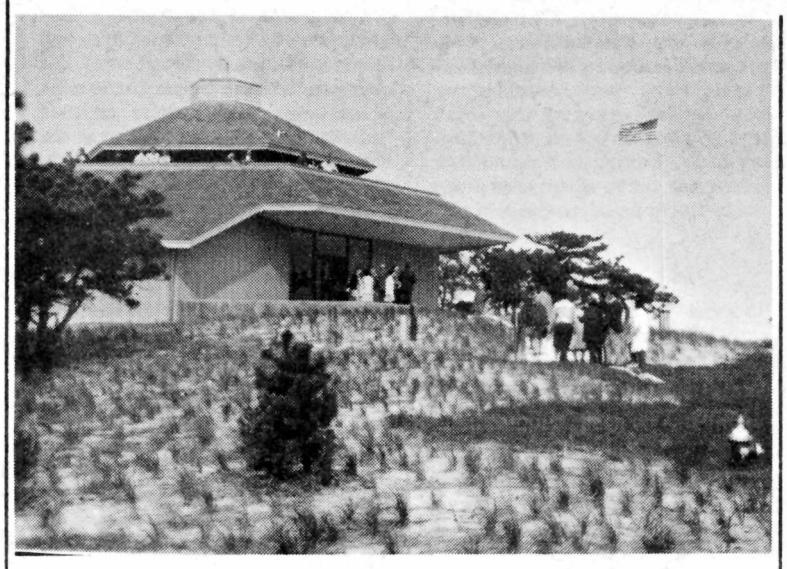
This program, which started around 10:00 a.m., was not the only event of interest to N. P. S. collectors taking place in Green River that day. Shortly before noon, more than 3,000 persons gathered at Expedition Island, site of Powell's launching, to hear various dignitaries pay tribute to the Major and witness the dedication of the island as a national historic landmark. Robert Utley, Chief Historian of the N. P. S., presented the bronze plaque so designating the site, and Rudy Pershin, President of the Town Council, accepted it on behalf of Green River. Thus did Expedition Island N. H. L. become the tenth N. P. S.-related site associated with this Powell stamp.

This dedication was the inspiration for a slogan cancellation placed in use on the anniversary date. It reads "POWELL CENTENNIAL / 1869-1969 / NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE." According to Mrs. W, E, Wright of the Sweetwater County Historical Society, the die was obtained through the efforts of Senator Gale McGee of Wyoming, paid for by the Powell Centennial Commission, and will be in use for the balance of 1969.

Mrs. Wright also informed me that the local historical society had serviced covers with this cancellation on its first day of usage. These are available from the Sweetwater County Historical Society, Courthouse, Green River, Wyoming 82935, and I must say that all who obtain one will have a rather interesting N. P. S. item.

Included in the cachet is an inscription indicating it has been designated as the "Official First Day Cover" by the Wyoming Powell Centennial Commission. Their faces should be a bit crimson, because the design contains not one, but two glaring errors! First, the date of departure is given as May 26 (instead of May 24), and secondly, Major Powell is depicted in his boat with his right arm intact.

PROVINCE LANDS VISITOR CENTER DEDICATED AT CAPE COD



S. WELLFLEET, Mass.--Governor Francis W. Sargent, one of the earliest proponents for the Cape Cod National Seashore, formally dedicated the beautiful new Province Lands Visitor Center, May 25, in ceremonies witnessed by an audience of some 500 at the outdoor amphitheater adjacent to the new facility.

Also present were two of the three original sponsors of legislation to establish the Seashore --Congressman Hastings Keith of the 12th Massachusetts District, and former U.S. Senator Leverett Saltonstall. The third sponsor was the late President John F. Kennedy (at that time Senator from Massachusetts) who signed the legislation establishing the Seashore on August 7, 1961. Other guests included Congressman Thomas O'Neill of the 8th Massachusetts District, Under Secretary of the Interior Russell E. Train, and Deputy Assistant Secretary Charles G. Carothers, III, Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Marine Resources. Northeast Regional Director Lemuel E. Garrison served as Master of Ceremonies, and Superintendent Leslie P. Arnberger welcomed the guests.

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Special Act Awards

DIERKS, Ralph, Assistant Chief Engineer, for carrying out assuming the responsibilities of Chief Engineer, in addition to his own, for a prolonged period.
WALTON, Miss B. Ann, Clerk Typist, Blue Ridge Parkway, for substantial extra work accomplished over December 1967-April 1968
GALVIN, Denis P. Southwest Regional Office
JOHNSON, Carlock E., Lake Mead NRA
LEE, Edward H. Southwest Regional Office
NEPRASH, Wallace N., Petrified Forest
GRAY, W. Glen, Park Historian, Appomattox Court House, in recognition of his outstanding service as agent for the Eastern National Parks and Monuments Association at Guilford and Appomattox.
BURKE, Mrs. Rose Mary, Division of Personnel Management and Manpower Development.
QUICK, William C., Division of Budget

SHIMODA, Jerry Y., Instructor, Mather Training Center, While supervisory historian at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt, he put in many hourse of his own time doing background reading in ecology and planning for teacher workshops for the park's environmental study areas, and preparing educational materials. He has since helped conduct many major courses at Mather Training Center based on environmental management and interpretation.

ESSEX, David J., Supervisory Park Ranger, Hot Springs, S. D., for carrying out the duties of Chief Ranger in addition to his regular duties. This involved conducting the annual bison roundup and policing the area against poachers.

KRAUSE, Mrs. Elizabeth, Division of Finance
TIMMERMAN, Maurice A., WSC-OLW

KEELING, Robert, Branch of Classification & Wage Administration, for contributions to the task of converting the Washington Office payroll to the ADP computerized system.

HOBBS, Thomas, Chief Ranger, Kennesaw Mountain, for diligent work in fire education and presuppresion activities with park neighbors and local fire departments. His work with the owners of land adjacent to the park resulted in improved fire reporting and assistance

BRANGEE, Robert J., Division of Park Planning, for establishing and operating an effective beach buggy permit system on Fire Island during the period May 15-Sept. 14, 1968

LINDSAY, Douglas W., Jr., Division of Park Planning, for designing & operating an effective system for controlling the park planning work program and monitoring production.

SILVER, Marilyn, Secretary, PSC-D&C, for performance while on detail as Secretary to Chief Engineer, Division of Project Design.

CASTRO, Nash, Regional Director, NCR, for expertise in handling a very delicate situation during the days of Resurrection City

"KOJ-776, This is 315 ..."

By Virgil J. Olson

The morning of June 23, 1969, started at Bryce Canyon National Park with the quiet hustle and bustle which is normal for most park areas at the peak of the visitor season. This quiet prevailed most of the day. Then over the radio came the dreaded, yet always expected, emergency call, "KOJ 776 this is 315, a visitor has fallen off the rim, send help to Sunset Point immediately." A seasonal Ranger Naturalist about to start a guided tour into the canyon had been summoned by two park visitors and told that they had seen a young man lose his balance and slip over the edge. The Naturalist went over to the rim in time to see the young man resting face down on a sloping ledge move an arm, then a leg and then slip over the edge and fall once more to the slope below. The emergency call that followed set off a rescue that involved nearly every employee at Bryce Canyon. A seasonal Ranger started down the trail immediately with a first aid kit while a maintenance man was lowered over the side by rope a short time later. The victim was not near a trail when he finally stopped his descent. The two initial rescuers reached the victim at approximately the same time, administered what first aid they could and made him as comfortable as possible under the circumstances. By this time, a volunteer doctor and a stretcher crew were starting down the trail in order to come up the drainage from below. It was decided that danger of knocking rocks down on the victim would prevent taking the stretcher down from above. Minutes later the doctor reached the victim and after a brief examination radioed the rim that it was his opinion that all speed possible was needed to get the young man to the hospital. The



stretcher crew reached the victim shortly thereafter and the carry out was soon underway. It was slow going due to the rough terrain but once the crew reached the trail it was only a matter of minutes and several relief changes of bearers later that the victim was delivered to the trail head and the waiting ambulance. A Utah State Highway Patrol Trooper, who had been in the park at the time of the mishap and who had helped immeasurably during the rescue, preceded the ambulance to the nearest hospital at Panguitch, Utah, 25 miles away. The time from the emergency call to the time the victim was delivered to a hospital bed covered only slightly more than two hours. The victim of the 300 foot fall down the steep slope of Bryce Canyon, Jack R. Tobach, 21, 800 South Wood Drive, South San Francisco, California, after x-rays and examination by a resident physician was discovered to have only cuts and abrasions of the head and many bruises on the body, but no serious injuries. A mighty lucky young man indeed.

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SW Maintenance Men Cited

Regional Director Frank F. Kowski presents Special Service Awards to Denis Galvin and Edward Lee of the Maintenance Division, SW Region. Galvin, a former Peace Corpsman, transferred to Santa Fe in 1967 from Mount Rainier National Park as a civil engineer. Lee is an engineering technician with ten years experience in the Regional Office.

Channel Islands Host to Kenyans

Channel Islands National Monument and the Los Angeles Field Office served as the National Parks Board of Trustees while they visited the Southern California area. The twelve Kenyans and their National Park Service escort, Mr. Fred M. Packard, were welcomed at the Los Angeles International Airport on May 28, 1969 and started the four day visit by locatin9 in the heart of Los Angeles. A visit to Disneyland provided the Kenyans an opportunity to compare the management of man made recreation in an urban area with that of the natural wonders in National Park areas. A bus trip to the near by coast community of Oxnard provided a view of Anacapa Island which is part of Channel Islands National Monument. A U. S. Navy YFU landing craft provided the transportation fro this event.

Southern California hospitality was displayed at a reception for the visitors in Pasadena at the home of Professor and Mrs. Edwin S. Munger. To complete the visit a typical California barbecue was hosted by Channel Islands Superintendent and Mrs. Don Robinson at their Ventura home.

Foreign Students Visit Ft. Union

Foreign students from New Mexico Highlands University visited Fort Union to help celebrate the Monument's thirteenth anniversary. The visit was sponsored by the Foreign Language Department and Las Vegas Council for International Hospility with Dr. Ralph McWilliams President. Not all foreign students at the University participated, but of those who went to Fort Union, three were from Tiwan, one from India, two from Mexico, and one from Holland. The group was conducted through the Fort by Park Service Historian Nicholas Bleser wearing the uniform of an 1883 Sergeant Major, 23rd Infantry who demonstrated the loading and firing of a Zuoave rifled musket. Refeshments provided by the Council and Fort Union were served in the Visitor Center.

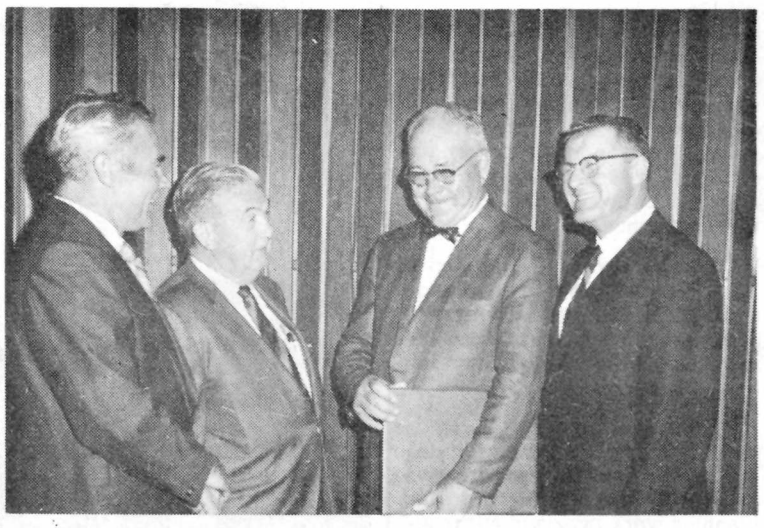


John G. "One-Lick Evergreen" Lewis Receives MSA With Shocked Delight

At a recent dinner held in San Diego's Kona Kai Club on Shelter Island, retired NPS'er, John G. Lewis, received the coveted Department of Interior Meritorious Service Award, conferred upon him "for his exceptional service in the fields of administration and resource management during his 35 years with the National Park Service."

The surprised Lewis's, John and Betty, just recently returned from extensive travel in the orient, had taken an apartment in the San Diego area, and attended the dinner believing it to be an occasion of renewing old acquaintances and making new ones.

On hand to make the presentation for the Department, was long-time friend and colleague, Assistant Regional Director, Joe Rumburg.



Joe Rumburg, Mayor Curran and Tom Tucker congratulate John Lewis and share his pleasure over award.



•Mayor Curran presents keys described as his and hers, so when John locks himself out Betty can let him in.

There was little question of John's complete surprise; and, despite his long standing reputation for a nimble wit and rapid repartee, this time, old "One Lick Evergreen" gave in to a combination of shocked delight, and a very pleasant feeling that the wonderful words were being applied in a very official manner to "John G. Lewis."

Following Joe Rumburg's excellent presentation, John responded with delighted remarks in kind and in keeping with the dignity of the occasion.

It was not until some humorous anecdotes were mentioned regarding John's career that he began to recover; but by then he was again compelled to a respectful stance by the introduction of other dignitaries who had gathered to lend their stature to the honor of the occasion.

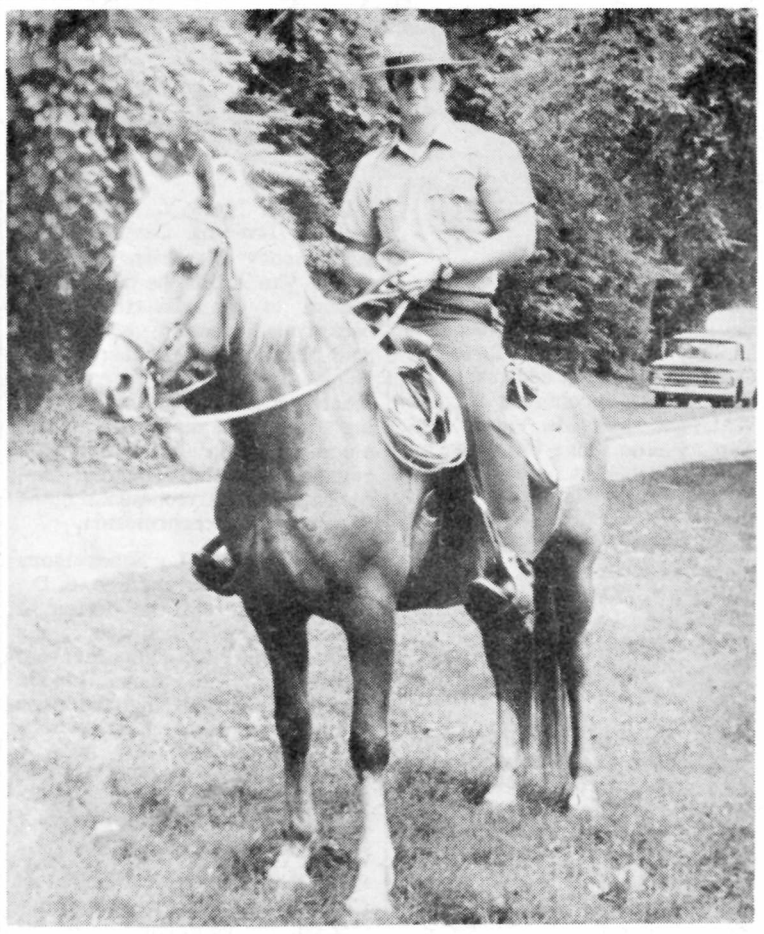
Among those, were Mayor Frank Curran and wife; Assistant to City Manager Earnest; Port Planning Director Reupsch and wife; General Manager American Tuna Boat Association Felando and wife; and Travel Editor for Copley News Service Ryan.

From the National Park Service, other than Joe Rumburg, there were Nat Owings, member of Secretary of Interior's Advisory Board on Parks, Monuments and Historic Sites; Jerry Riddell of DC-SSC; Cabrillo Superintendent Tom Tucker, and key staff members Kay Leahy, Ross Hopkins and Paige Lawrence.

A rather nice touch was the presence of John's daughter and son-in-law, Jeanette and Donn Shaffer who were mighty thrilled to see Dad get such recognition.

After Mayor Curran presented John with a key to the City, wife Betty with a miniature San Diego City key for a charm bracelet; and daughter Jeanette with a necklace sporting a San Diego 200th Anniversary Medallion; wife Betty felt called upon to get up and say a few words, such as she certainly hadn't realized that John was such an important man; but would see that he received the respect that was warranted a man of his position in life.

Editor's Note: Betty, so far as we can see, John's anticipated position can be a study in relaxation subtitled "Honest John, The Prone Ranger."



RANGER PATROLS C&O CANAL

Supt. Floyd Taylor has assigned a mounted ranger to the Georgetown section of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal. This is part of an intensified program of preventative law enforcement.

Charles W. Gasque III and his horse will patrol along the towpath from Seneca to Carderock. He is the sone of Charles and Eunice Gasque of Potomac, Maryland, and is a student at Ohio Northern University.

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