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Peace Corps Woos Park Service Retirees

by Jean Bullard

Retired but not tired? Your talents could be a great boon to development of world national parks if you are young in spirit and eager to take on a truly challenging mission.

Are you willing to give your time and experience to help another country in the Peace Corps style which involves modest living standards, learning the local language, and understanding local culture?

"This is a new undertaking for the Peace Corps," explains Robert K. Poole, Director of Environmental Programs. "We have not in the past had any large numbers working in parks. The present emphasis on assignments in parks results from the Peace Corps' determination to be more effectively involved in environmental matters. As word gets out more people will be placed in such positions resulting in more requests for help from overseas.

"At present there is a continual flow of requests for volunteers, some of which are for positions in national parks. Among these might be ideal assignments for those completing their National Park Service careers," says Poole. For those who have the energy, the know how, and the desire to help, it might be an extremely worthwhile investment of two years of one's life.

WHAT KINDS OF ASSIGNMENTS ARE AVAILABLE? Currently in national park development and wildlife management, a volunteer might work as part of a team on a large project such as setting up an entire park system for a developing country, or he might work on a highly individualized research problem.

An example is the request from Colombia for 12 volunteers; a special assistant to the Director of National Parks and Wildlife for coordinating development programs; three associates to assist the directors in national park planning at Tayrona, Isla Salamonca, and Purace; two ecologists to make surveys of Rio Tono Game Preserve and Tayrona National Park; other specialists are needed in Colombia in fields of limnology, herpetology, forestry, ornithology, and hydrology.

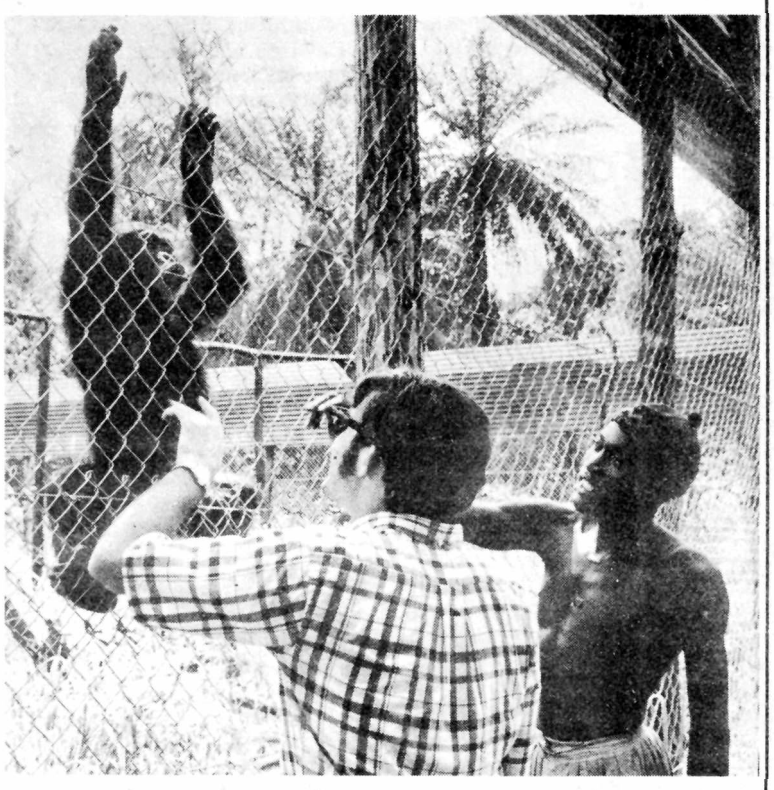
IN WHAT COUNTRIES? The Peace Corps now operates in 60 countries. Among those needing help similar to the program in Colombia are Kenya, Niger, Costa Rica, Micronesia, Iran, and the Philippines.

The request from the Philippines explains what one individual assignment would include: "A Volunteer is being sought with a graduate degree in ecology or parks management and field experience to help develop a new national park in Quezon Province. His activities will include surveying the park flora and fauna, improving park facilities, training Filipino park personnel and developing a master plan for the park's future development."

WHAT TRAINING IS GIVEN? Training for those assigned to national parks will contain most of the same elements which are included for other types of Peace Corps programs. This includes intensive language instruction, orientation to the country and culture and to the host country project with which the volunteer will be involved. The three-month training period could be in the U.S., the host country, or divided between the two.

"The training program is flexible as to the individual ages and abilities, but volunteers of course must be in general good health," says Peter Larsen of the Office of Environmental Programs.

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THREE EXPERTS ON FAUNA OF THE GAMBIA. Peace Corps volunteer, John Finnegan, discussed with co-worker protection plans for flora and fauna of Abuko Game Refuge. In similar ways experienced NPS retirees can assist developing countries set up new national parks.



It was a day for VIPs at the Custis-Lee Mansion. Very important people like Mrs. Richard Nixon and Acting Secretary of the Interior Fred J. Russell (r.) mingled with the first official volunteers in parks. VIP Mrs. Sally Hardy (far left) is shown chatting with the First Lady in the Mansion's parlor.

Mrs. Nixon Boosts VIPs

Mrs. Richard Nixon inaugurated the Volunteers In Parks program of the National Park Service on December 3.

In a special ceremony at Custis-Lee Mansion in Arlington Cemetery, the First Lady, assisted by Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., presented certificates of appreciation to the first 46 official Volunteers in Parks (VIP). The honored volunteers serve as interpreters and guides at Custis-Lee, the Frederick Douglass Home, and the Old Stone House.

Speaking at the ceremony, Acting Secretary of the Interior Fred J. Russell said, "Volunteers in parks are real people of all ages and skills. They stand ready to give that great personal gift—their time—so that their fellow citizens may better understand and appreciate their American heritage and enhance the quality of life for everyone in America."

Some of the Mansion's history came alive for the First Lady as she and guests enjoyed 19th century homemade hot cider and wafers along with period music and craft demonstrations performed by the volunteers.

The Volunteers in Parks Act (Public Law 91-357) authorized the program of volunteer service in the National Park System. Selection of volunteers is to be made by the park manager who is authorized to reimburse volunteers for expenses incidental to their work, such as uniforms and other special clothing, meals, and transportation.

The program is open to everyone—professionals, students, senior citizens, youngsters, and housewives. VIPs will serve as arts and crafts demonstrators, environmental study area assistants, deputy park rangers, research assistants, living history interpreters, and guides.

E&AA Calls for Greater Involvement

At the annual meeting of the Employees and Alumni Association's Board of Directors, Chairman Howard Baker expressed the Board's eagerness to make the Association more meaningful to employees and to better communicate its functions.

In his progress report for 1970, Baker announced that a free one-year membership will be granted to new permanent employees and new retirees. "We hope this will emphasize the Association's role in the Service's orientation program and expand interest among employees and alumni," says Baker.

"The Association is sometimes looked upon as an organization for retirees only," Baker noted. "We want very much to reach the young people of the Service."

In an effort to attract young employees as well as to encourage more participation in Association activities and programs, a brochure is being prepared. It will describe the benefits of membership in the E&AA. In addition, the editors of the COURIER have been charged with making the newspaper a more active communications tool for employees as well as alumni.

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Photo by Jack Rottier



Under The Weather

Interior Secretary Designate Rogers Morton and NPS Director George Hartzog brave a downpour at the lighting of the National Christmas Tree. Looks like they are already more than fair weather friends.

Doug Hubbard Moves To Texas

Doug Hubbard, deputy director of the Harpers Ferry Center, has accepted the post of director of the Admiral Nimitz Naval Museum in Fredericksburg, Texas.

"Leaving the Service after 30 years is not easy," says Doug, "but the challenge of this new museum project is exciting. The challenge of working with what could well turn out to be one of the greatest interpretive centers in our country is too great to pass up."

Doug's new project includes restoration of the Nimitz Steamboat Hotel, built by Admiral Nimitz' grandfather. For many years it was the main hostelry between Austin and El Paso. It was the birthplace and boyhood home of Chester Nimitz, who grew up to be Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet in World War II. In honor of the Fleet Admiral and servicemen and women of the Armed Forces of the United States, the Nimitz Hotel was established as a Memorial Naval Museum. Doug will be involved with the development of exhibits relating to Nimitz' naval career and a sound and light program in a battle garden at the rear of the hotel.

Doug's NPS career is studded with many gold stars. During his tour of duty at Yosemite he developed the Pioneer Yosemite History Center at Wawona, for which he won an Award of Merit from the American Association for State and Local History; and the Happy Isles Nature Center which he and a group of volunteers converted from an old fish hatchery. For this he received a Superior Performance Award.



He has written a number of books and booklets including a Golden Guide to Yosemite which was published last spring.

After 14 years at Yosemite, Doug came to WASO in 1966 as chief of the Branch of Visitor Services and assistant chief of the Division of Interpretation. By the end of 1967 he was deputy assistant director, Interpretation.

While in the Washington Office, Doug was a spearhead in helping launch the Environmental Awareness and Living Interpretation programs and was wheelhorse on the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park Project which sent him to the LBJ ranch at least a half dozen times.

On Target -- 106 Years Late

The following letter from a boy in Suffolk, Virginia, has resulted in what may be the slowest known trip of a Civil War cannon ball, from source to target—1864 to 1970. On July 5, 1970, Raymond Aston delivered a cannon ball he found near Suffolk, to Petersburg National Battlefield. It probably would have arrived within a matter of seconds had it been fired as intended, by besieging Union troops in 1864.

"My name is Raymond Aston. I found a cannon ball from the camp sight of the Union Army a little outside of Suffolk. They were heading to the Battle of Petersburg. I would like to place the cannon ball on the Battle Field at Petersburg. To finish the journey to where it was headed. . ."

Peace Corps

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CAN SPOUSES GO ALSO? Many assignments could not accommodate families with children. When questioned about married couples going overseas, Mr. Larsen said. "Usually both husband and wife should have skills that can qualify as volunteers, and they are given joint assignments. In such cases a wide range of skills are usually acceptable for a wife who accompanies her husband in an overseas assignment.

WHAT IS THE PAY? The pay is a practical matter of interest, but no one joins the Peace Corps to make money. If that is the object it is better to stay home.

NPS retirees could continue to receive their normal NPS retirement allotment and would receive from the Peace Corps a monthly living allowance to cover basic needs for housing, food, clothing and some incidental expenses. Health care is provided. In addition, $75 a month is set aside and given to the volunteer upon completion of his assignment. A married couple could thus come home with about $4,000.

HOW LONG IS A TOUR OF SERVICE? In most cases from 24 to 27 months.

HOW SOON SHOULD ONE APPLY? If possible six months before you will become available. Placement time varies according to individual qualifications and the availability of matching assignments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. Your questions will be answered and further information may be obtained from: Robert K. Poole, Director of Environmental Programs, Peace Corps, Washington, D.C. 20525.

Another source of information could be one of the 50,000 returned volunteers. Some of those now in the NPS include Bruce Fincham and Ken Thelen who served in Venezuela; Marley Thomas, Sierra Leon; Mo A. Kahn and his wife Katie, Morocco; Margot Schmidt Haertel, Ghana; and Denis Galvin, Tanzania.

There is no doubt that we are all aware of our many environmental problems. Developing countries might be helped to avoid many of these through wise use of their national resources. Careful planning can avoid some of the mistakes we made with our national parks and wildlife areas. The new parks can become a source of great pleasure for future generations of our world. Why not add Peace Corps to your discussions of "When we retire . . . ?" Now, the Bullards are convinced. Will you join us in the Peace Corps?

Lifesaving Exhibit

This past summer at Cape Cod National Seashore, an excellet small exhibit illustrating the two most important means of sea rescue (surfboat and breeches buoy) along the Cape Cod Outer Beach in days past, was opened to the public. Over 8,500 persons visited this exhibit, temporarily housed in a former garage of the Nauset Coast Guard Station overlooking the beach below.

Historian Edison P. Lohr has slowly been accumulating equipment and articles used by the Coast Guard Service. As various stations have been closed down by the Coast Guard for newer, more modern means of sea rescue, such as modern amphibious vehicles and the helicopter, it has been possible to pick up some of the older, now almost obsolete, equipment.

Included in the exhibit were a completely rebuilt Race Point (Provincetown) surfboat, the usual type of rescue boat used off Cape Cod, a Coast Guard dory or rowboat, a beach cart completely equipped with apparatus to carry all of the breeches buoy equipment, and the breeches buoy itself, which used a lyle gun, or line throwing gun to send out a line to the wrecked ship so that seamen could be pulled shore in the breeches buoy. A working model of the latter was set up to demonstrate its use.



Hamming it up on stage with Tennessee Ernie Ford and Andy Williams. Left to right: Sue Pridemore, Pam Varouxis, Randy Baynes, and Bob Dayton.

Ford's Theatre Festival

by Loretta DeLozier

They're still talking about it at Ford's Theatre:

"I'd like to see Bobby Gentry in a mini skirt—she kept wearing those long midis."—**Bill Shields,** supervisory park technician.

"Pearl Bailey's a winner. She's going to get us a new chair for the lobby."—**Randy Baynes,** park technician.

"Tennessee Ernie Ford is a regular old country boy. He makes an effort to be one of the gang."—**Don Gillespie,** site supervisor.

"The biggest surprise was to find out how ordinary they are."—**Sue Pridemore,** park guide.

The talk is about the stars who appeared in the "Festival at Ford's" program held on Nov. 19 (shown on national television on Nov. 26.) Also appearing on the program were Andy Williams, James Stewart, Henry Mancini, The Supremes and Dionne Warwick.

The audience was equally famous, and included Mrs. Richard Nixon, Julie Eisenhower, Mamie Eisenhower and many high ranking political figures. President Nixon did not attend—although he was invited and there was some speculation that he would show up. (He would have been the first President to attend Ford's Theatre since Lincoln's assassination.)

The purpose of the program was to salute America's unique contribution to the world of music. Although there was some disagreement as to how well that goal was accomplished, the program did serve another, perhaps more noble one (in Park Service terms, at any rate.)

"The best thing was that it made people aware of Ford's Theatre," explains Sue Pridemore. "Many don't know it's now open, and don't even realize it until they get here. This was a great way to reach the rest of the country."

The television production helped the theatre in other ways. The sponsor, the American Gas Association, subscribed one-hundred-thousand dollars to help establish a revolving production fund for Ford's Theatre American drama program.

President Lincoln was noted for his love for the performing arts, and—since 1968—Ford's Theatre has become a living memorial to him, producing a variety of classical and modern American plays.

Although the production of the Festival was handled by the television people, the Ford's staff was involved in much of the behind-the-scenes action. And it had its lighter side, too.

"It was kinda' funny," laughs Randy Baynes. "For instance, one of our staff didn't recognize Jimmy Stewart and tried to give him a tour and one of our brochures. Somebody else tried to send Dionne Warwick down to the museum."

"The whole week was really hectic, fast moving and different—which most of us welcomed during this slow time of the year," says Bill Shields. "The main attraction was the First Lady. Secret Service combed the building throughout for security—but they're also a nice bunch of guys.

"Secretary Hickel gave a nice introduction to the program and shared his recipe for tobasco potatoes, which is a pretty hot item."

The Ford Theatre Society invited the staff to the reception following the program. It was a famous mixture of people, from the stars of the show to such notables as Senator George McGovern, Secretary of State and Mrs. William P. Rogers, Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger, and Connie Stuart, press secretary to Mrs. Nixon. Others at the reception included cabinet officers, Congressmen and other celebrities from society, politics, the news media and the entertainment world.

Officers for E&AA Board

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LINED UP FOR ACTION. Left to right: Ray Martinez, Earl "Tiny" Semingsen, Howard Baker, Ivan Parker, and Dave Karraker.

This was an election year for the Association and at the meeting held in Washington, D.C., on December 8 and 9 officers were selected.

Howard Baker was reelected chairman and Earl "Tiny" Semingsen was reelected trust fund officer. WASO's chief of the Division of Personnel Ivan Parker became vice-chairman, succeeding Tommy Tucker of Cabrillo National Monument.

Selection of executive secretary and treasurer was postponed to allow a special committee to rule on suggested changes in these offices. (The committee's decision will be reported in a later issue of the COURIER.) Meantime, acting executive secretary Dave Karraker (National Capital Parks) and treasurer Ray Martinez (Eastern Service Center), will continue to serve.

Rare Fossil Found At Greenbelt

A rare fossil fragment of a plant that grew in the Washington area over 100 million years ago has been discovered in Greenbelt Park.

The specimen currently is being studied at the Smithsonian Institution where it was positively identified as belonging to a prehistoric plant flourishing during the time of the giant dinosaurs.

Scientists call the species-*Cyadeoidea marylandice* because of its only known existence in a narrow corridor 10 to 15 miles wide between Washington and Baltimore, according to L. K. Thomas, Jr., research biologist in the Office of Natural Science Studies. Thomas found the fossil during the course of his research work in identifying significant natural features in more than 50 sites in the National Capital Parks.

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SE, MW Get New Leaders

David Thompson

"What do we think about our move?" said Dave Thompson when consulted about his transfer. "My wife, Fay, and I have always regretted leaving old friends, but we also look forward to challenges. At this time in history we have a tremendous opportunity to contribute to man's mental and physical well-being through our National Park System. It is my desire to bring to the Southeast Region whatever management talents I may possess to strengthen these dedicated people in their prime mission—bringing to the people a quality experience in the pleasant environment of our National Parks."

Dave, who comes from the superintendency of Ozark National Scenic Riverways, brings a varied background to his new position. What other regional director has been a fighter pilot, car salesman, jazz musician, and school teacher? He served at Effigy Mounds, Fort McHenry and Manassas. Then Dave left the "cannonball circuit" for Mount Rushmore as chief historian, followed by an historical research job at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial working on exhibit plans for the Museum of Western Expansion.

As interpretive specialist he moved to the Midwest Regional Office where he later became regional chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services. Dave was superintendent at Ozarks and very active in river preservation by 1968 when the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act was passed. The Southeast Region is fortunate in having Dave Thompson as their new regional director.

J. Leonard Volz

"Assuming the responsibilities that Fred Fagergren performed in a manner that won him distinguished recognition and a host of friends in and out of the Service will be a tremendous challenge," said Len Volz about his new position as Midwest Regional Director.

"The assignment does complete a cycle begun 35 years ago when I was seasonal fireguard at Rocky Mountain in my home state. Looking back, I am glad someone counseled me long ago not to try to confine my career geographically. I would have missed some very interesting experiences and the opportunity to know some wonderful people all the way from Mount Rainier to the Virgin Islands."

Len Volz in his new position in Omaha will be in charge of NPS areas in ten western states from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains, from Missouri, Kansas and Colorado, north to the Canadian border. A native of Fort Collins, Len returns to home country this move. He graduated from Colorado State University, and started his NPS career at Rocky Mountain. Then he served at Natchez Trace, Mount Rainier, Lassen, Blue Ridge, SERO, and Crater Lake. In WASO he joined a special field operations study team after which he became chairman of a Servicewide evaluation committee, and was acting personnel officer for NPS.

Len brings to his new office a wide variety of experience and the advantage of having known and worked with an unusually large number of NPS employees.

TV and Arthur Godfrey Explore The Everglades

by Jean Bullard



Photo by Dave Lane

Ranger Bill Truesdell navigates while Arthur Godfrey reads script.

Want to explore the Everglades by boat with Park Naturalist Bill Truesdell? Arthur Godfrey did, and you can join them on nationwide ABC-TV. Bill was one of the people featured on this thoughtful hour-long presentation of the complicated environmental problems of one of our most endangered national parks.

"Here we see one of the last great graphic examples of the food chain of life and what it means to you and me," explains Godfrey. "This is the very bottom of the food chain. This is where it all begins. We hope to show you enough in this hour so you will understand why this wilderness must be preserved . . . . . the balance is very delicate . . . . If we can't preserve this, what can we keep?"

Writers of the script were particularly appreciative of the excellent background information given them by Manny Morris of the Department of Water Resources who explained various complicated aspects of drainage and related problems.

Superintendent Jack Raftery and his headquarters staff went out of their way to cooperate with the production crew. Especially helpful were Rangers Dave Lane and Lee Dillon at the west coast Everglades City Station and old timer, Ranger Erwin Winte, who took Godfrey by airboat to the Shark River Tower which was flooded at the time.

NPS Pilot Ralph Miele flew the camera crew for some aerial shots, Bill Robertson helped develop some viewpoints adopted by the writers, and Dick Stokes shared his alligator expertise.

Buffalo Tiger, chief administrator of the Miccosoukee Indians, tells of his philosophy of living with nature. The Indians have been left with no choice as to whether or not to follow the old ways of life. The former harmony between man and his environment in the Everglades has been destroyed. Tom Tiger, his brother, is shown on his isolated tree island or hummock where he still manages to follow some of the traditional ways. The film shows a flock of children playing near his "chickees," thatched roofed structures without walls used for eating or sleeping or other activities.

Viewers will learn from two expoachers the reasons they have personally changed their ideas and no longer hunt wildlife. Ecologist John Hamlet explains the interdependence of many species, and Joe Browder of the Audubon Society tells about the results of the great concern shown by many people regarding the effects of the jet airport on the area.

Even a developer's viewpoint is aired indicating that some of these men have become environmentally aware and therefore are trying to plan their invasion of the natural scene in a way to preserve some of the ecologically important features.

Sawgrass, mangrove, and big cypress areas show the varied terrain, home of over 300 species of birds, and a diverse assortment of mammals, and amphibians. Alligators, panthers, deer and many birds are seen in this film which is neither a travelog nor just another nature film. Arthur Godfrey, who is an active and aware environmentalist, gives generously of his time and effort to the precarious ecological state of our world. He was recently appointed by President Nixon to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Environmental Quality and has published a paperback, *The Environmental Reader,* a varied anthology of some of the best of current ecological writing.

Consult your local schedule ABC-TV for January 16th and watch "Arthur Godfrey's America - The Everglades." Most schedules list it for 6:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.



Tom Tiger sits beside his "chickee" with Arthur Godfrey.

Meritorious Service

Neal G. Guse's outstanding contributions in administration, program analysis and park management have been recognized with a Meritorious Service Award presented by Southwest Regional Director Frank F. Kowski.

Mr. Guse's diplomacy was admirably demonstrated during a drastic cutback in operating funds and staffing in 1968-69 when he was superintendent of Carlsbad. At that time the NPS reduced visitor use from seven to five days a week at Carlsbad Caverns. Public outcry was so great that it was necessary to reverse the decision, and Mr. Guse handled the difficult situation with utmost tact.

In 1969 he was detailed to the Washington Office to work on the Servicewide Career Development Program. He did an exceptionally fine job of placing employees when the Job Corps centers were being disbanded.

While at Carlsbad, Mr. Guse served as project keyman on the authorized (but not yet established) Guadalupe Mountains National Park, including the management of the detached area, McKittrick Canyon in Texas. Mr. Guse has recently been promoted to chief of Administrative Management in the Western Regional Office.



Vince Ellis receives MSA from Len Volz and Charlie Marshall.

In recognition of his outstanding performance in a number of administrative positions, Vincent Ellis, assistant director of Park Support Services, Southeast Region, was presented the Meritorious Service Award.

Vince Ellis is noted for his ability to complete large volumes of work under adverse conditions. While at Mesa Verde he organized and handled the business aspects of the Wetherill Mesa Archeological Project. His knowledge of methods, procedures, and human nature welded the diverse group of scientists, officials of the National Geographic Society, and the Park Service into a smooth running organization.

As superintendent of Kennesaw Mountain National Battlefield Mr. Ellis did an outstanding job of gaining public acceptance of Service projects in the state of Georgia. He also gained the personal support of influential citizens which helped him play an important role in the development of conservation oriented organizations. As state coordinator for Georgia he was instrumental in furthering plans for Cumberland Island and for the newly authorized Andersonville National Historical Site.

Wayne Weagly Retires After Thirty Years

H. Wayne Weagly, Chief of the Branch of Organization and Management, has retired from the Service after 30 years.

Wayne joined the "family" in 1940 at Gettysburg. After 12 years there he transferred to the Washington Office as purchasing agent.

In 1957 Wayne became the first NPS management analysis officer, his speciality being paperwork management. In fact, he has taken every course on paperwork taught by the Department of Agriculture and the General Services Administration. He has also taken several semesters' work in organization and management at American University.

A graduate of the Benjamin Franklin University, Wayne has been a charter member of the Federal Directives Management and Forms Management Councils established by GSA, National Archives and Records Service for the guidance of all Federal agencies.

Wayne's retirement plans call for relaxing and enjoying his new home at R.F.D. #1, Fayetteville, Pa.; and getting acquainted with NPS areas west of the Mississippi.





Silhouette

by Becky Brown



Jane Hughes

Jane Hughes, wife of Olympic National Park District Ranger Jack Hughes, has added to her routine of keeping house and raising two daughters, Kim, 11, and Kay, 8, by accepting a teaching position in the Port Angeles High School this year. She is teaching U.S. history and government, subjects in her own major field, after several years of substituting.

Since the Hughes have not been able to get TV for the past 12 years, Jane has read extensively over these years to keep current and to be able to communicate well with her students. She finds their reactions to her lack of TV entertainment quite interesting.

Jane was born and reared on a farm near Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and received her master's degree at Columbia University in New York after graduting from Coe College in Iowa.

She met Jack in Yellowstone National Park while working there as a clerk-typist for the Park Service. They were married in Yellowstone, with the temperature 38 degrees below zero. Many of her previous summers had been spent working for the concessioners in both Yellowstone and Grand Teton, returning to Long Island, New York, in the winters to teach.

Jane continued to be active in education during the 6½ years Jack was stationed in Yellowstone by substituting in the local schools and becoming the principal of the Yellowstone Park School.

Kim, their oldest daughter, was born during the earthquake in August 1959, and since the roads were cut off, she and her mother were flown home in a smoke jumper's plane.

The Hughes were transferred to Olympic in 1965 and live at the Elwha Ranger Station. Living just a few miles from Port Angeles has enabled Jane to pursue more of her interests in politics and world affairs and working with young people.

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Courier Gets New Associate Editor

Jean Bullard, freelance writer, has been an NPS wife since 1949 when her husband, Bill, became a seasonal naturalist at Mesa Verde. They also have lived at Tumacacori, Wupatki, Aztec Ruins, Yosemite, Death Valley and Mount Rainier. In 1967 the Bullard family left on a 15-month camping trip around the world. They visited over 200 national parks, wildlife sanctuaries, historical sites and museums in Asia, Africa and Europe. In 1968 they returned with their four teenagers to WASO where Bill is in the Office of Environmental Education.



Photo by Gordon A. Cotton

Pat Flowers poses by one of his Vicksburg cannons.

Half A Century With NPS

William "Pat" Flowers is the first one in the National Park Service to receive a 50-year pin. Pat received this telegram from Acting Secretary of Interior, Fred J. Russell: "Please accept my sincere congratulations on your remarkable career at Vicksburg National Military Park. Your dedicated service over a fifty-year period has been a major factor in creating and maintaining one of the most beautiful areas in the National Park System. I know your retirement will be enriched by the knowledge of a job well done."

"I've enjoyed it," said Pat, "working here where I came as a boy and was raised up to be a man. I'll miss them—being here with them all." Pat started as a laborer on November 1, 1920, with a salary of $1.35 a day. For several years preceding his first position he worked as a mule driver for his father who had a contract with the park.

Pat can remember back to the days when excursion trains brought thousands of visitors including many Civil War veterans, and when they also came by steamboat to Vicksburg then by bus to the park.

Pat helped erect most of the monuments placed since 1920. He was very much involved in establishing the tent cities that housed thousands of refugees during the disastrous 1927 floods. He helped with many big celebrations. Once when he was setting out chairs for a large crowd Pat insisted that a great many more were needed. When they were filled to overflowing, Pat won a box of cigars from the superintendent. Pat has worked under all 13 Vicksburg superintendents. Vicksburg will miss Pat's cheerful presence.

NPS Wife, A Composite

by Oneita Stadel

This is a profile of not one but of all Park Service wives. The figures are based on a questionnaire answered by the wives of SERO employees.

These women vary greatly in their personal appearance, their age, and their achievements, but they do share a common background of Park Service experiences.

True, other families transfer often in this dynamic society in which we live. But what woman, other than a Park Service wife, has experienced alligators, bears, car pools, desert heat, educational problems, floods, gales, etc., and still insist she loves it.

In the SERO group the ages vary from under 30 to over 65 with families of from one to four children with an age range of 5 to 35 years.

They have lived in one to eleven locations for periods of a few months to an entire career in one assignment. It was interesting to note that most families moved oftener from a park area than from a Regional Office assignment. The average career included several park assignments of from two to three years each with one longer assignment of six to ten years, while the Regional Office assignment average was from six years to a full career.

The longest move reported was 3500 miles. Most have made at least one move of 1000 miles. Over half have lived in more than one Region. They have lived in from one to eighteen park houses varying in size from two to eight rooms.

They all expressed an interest in hobbies. The usual homemaking skills, such as cooking and sewing, were high on the list with art, collecting, and both active and spectator sports included by several.

In the group there are women who have taught school, worked in local organizations to upgrade schools, organized community libraries, and taken an active part in the local garden and conservation clubs. Where possible they lend willing hands in the various volunteer service capacities. They are, indeed, a group of doers not onlookers.

The response to the question on education was not adequate to indicate other than a trend. Perhaps this was due to the fact that the majority were no longer vitally concerned with school problems. Those answering seemed to find the elementary schools were usually adequate but secondary schools often were not, and in many cases they were even non-existent. Although several children had attended as many as eight schools before college, the parents felt it was the quality and not the number of schools that mattered.

When asked which assignment was the most enjoyable, very few chose a particular assignment. Each area was remembered for a different reason. One of the penalties of a Park Service career is the fact that no matter where you go you are always a little homesick for the places and people you left behind. At the seashore you long for the mountains, in the forest you recall the desert, and always there are friends of yesterday you miss today.

A few said they recalled with greatest pleasure the places they lived while their children were small, some the place they stayed the longest, and others their present location.

Among the hardships of the life, we find tales of 40-to 80-mile daily trips transporting children to school; going 100 miles for groceries; the heartache of sending a high school student to a boarding school; the worry of a sudden illness in the family with inadequate medical facilities (and that, perhaps, as much as 100 miles away); the monotony of outpost areas; and those countless problems that arise when father is on duty where he cannot be easily reached. As Elizabeth Volz said, "The one thing a Park Service wife must learn is 'to cope.'"

Then, on the other side of the coin, the pleasures include closeness to nature, a winter spent in a remote area where the animals and birds literally eat from your hand, the wonderful unity that comes in a family who wrestles hardships together and proves they can take it, the beauty of a sunrise or sunset on the desert, the first snowfall on the mountain, and most of all, the friendship among the Park Service families who have shared an assignment, especially one in a remote area.

For that is what makes Park Service life unique—belonging to a National family in which the Park Service wife plays an important role.

PNRO Women

by Nina Echols

We women of the Northwest Regional Office have been so busy with just the mechanics of moving into the Seattle area and getting settled, that until recently there has been no gathering to discuss our new situation. It's unusual for everyone to be new. We have arrived from all over the country within a period of a few months, and the entire staff is enjoying getting acquainted with new people and a new area.

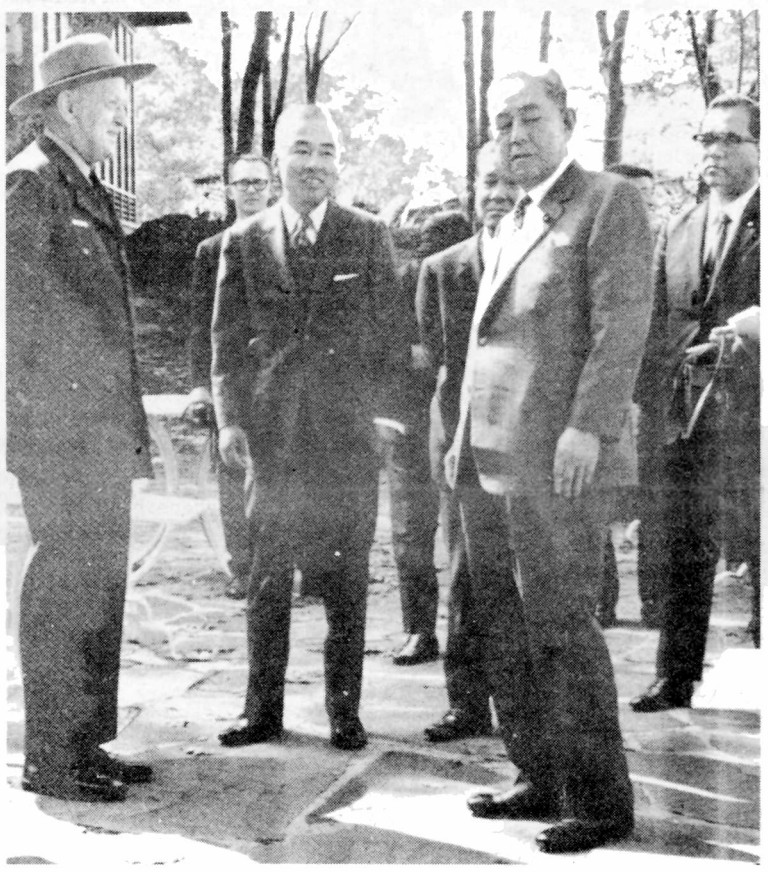
There was a big family beach party in the summer, followed by an October luncheon for wives and women employees. A loosely structured social group was formed with Lynne Albright as chairman and Nina Echols as vice-chairman. Each month a different type of gathering will be planned, some including the men.

Rather than adopting a particular cause for which to work, the group felt that by living in a metropolitan area, each woman could give her time and energy to one of the many projects of churches and organizations in her own neighborhood.

Photo Features



EVEN AT NIGHT THEY FIGHT the pollution of Crum Elbow Creek. Seasonals rest after cleanup at Vanderbilt Mansion NHS.



In foreground (l. to r.) Superintendent Hoskins, Interpreter, and Mr. Sato.

Japanese Prime Minister Eisaku Sato visited Shenandoah National Park (with an entourage of 60) last October. He was met by Shenandoah National Park Superintendent R. Tayor Hoskins at Panorama and escorted to Skyland Lodge for lunch.

Through the Syracuse-Harvard Japanese Embassy interpreter, Prime Minister Sato and Superintendent Hoskins were able to exchange questions and answers pertaining to the park, and Mr. Sato asked particularly for a book on wildflowers so that he could tell the Emperor about them.

Prime Minister Sato expressed his pleasure at being able to visit a national park while in the United States to attend the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations.



RECORD BREAKING SPEED-UP FOR NPS William Humphrey, John Tweeten, Jay Sahd, and Robert Luntey receiving Special Achievement Awards from Glenn Hendrix of the Western Service Center. Automatic Data Processing was used for their crash program to formulate in detail the 1972 fiscal year program for all professional services and developments. In one month they caught up 18 months in the NPS planning cycle.

Cleanup Begins At Home

by Margaret Partridge

A lively and enterprising group of young people have successfully completed a clean-up project at Vanderbilt Mansion, Hyde Park, New York. The idea grew out of a discussion about environmental problems. A circular letter from former Secretary Hickel had stated that, for anyone interested in improving the environment, the best place to start was at home.

Most of the people were far from home. They were seasonal employees living together in the Vanderbilt Mansion. They decided they would like to clear the debris from Crum Elbow Creek, a stream that flows through the Vanderbilt estate.

Accordingly, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, they met at the creek in their "swamp clothes." They were joined by several members of the regular staff and a few local residents of Hyde Park. The flood gates were raised to lower the water, revealing an accumulation of logs and trash. The haul, which was carried away in trucks by the maintenance crew, included a sled, parts of a boat, many old tires, and dozens of concrete balusters from the bridge that spans the creek. After changing their muddy clothes, the workers would have a get-together, usually a cook-out at nearby Bard Rock.

At the final meeting the last week of August, everyone went swimming to symbolize the fact that the creek was now safe and clean. Those who were reluctant to swim were forcibly thrown in. The work had been long and sometimes disagreeable, involving muck, bruises, and poison ivy. But the concensus at the final picnic was that it had been worth while and fun.

Nest Rental

We heard that the population of Lava Beds National Monument has soared recently. Can you imagine over one million ducks and geese in one spot? Two families transferring there recently have changed the population ratio—the Dan Farrell family of six and the Gary Kuiper family of seven. Are they competing with the ducks?

COLORfest

Cactoctin Mountain Park was host to about 50 NPS women for a COLORfest picnic at Camp Peniel, reports Mrs. Norman Hinson.

Against a setting of vivid fall colors, the ladies took a self-guiding auto tour, a walking tour of the whiskey still, a tour of the mountain folk craft center, and saw Catoctin's outdoor school in action.

Welcomed by Superintendent Frank Mentzer, the women represented a number of areas including Gettysburg, Manassas, Harpers Ferry, Ft. McHenry, and WASO.

A raffle highlighted the day's events. . The offering was a dry flower arrangement and the money went to the Education Fund of the Employees and Alumni Association.

School Closed

Jan Johnson of Crater Lake writes that H.E.W. closed the Crater Lake School this year because enrollment had dropped to seven. Park children now ride a bus to Chiloquin schools.

Superintendent W. J. Kennedy of Lava Beds National Monument is justly proud of the monument's safety record: 87,847 man hours without a disabling accident, which is 10,980 man days, as of November 10, 1970.

Pride of the Service

Growing Up The NPS Way



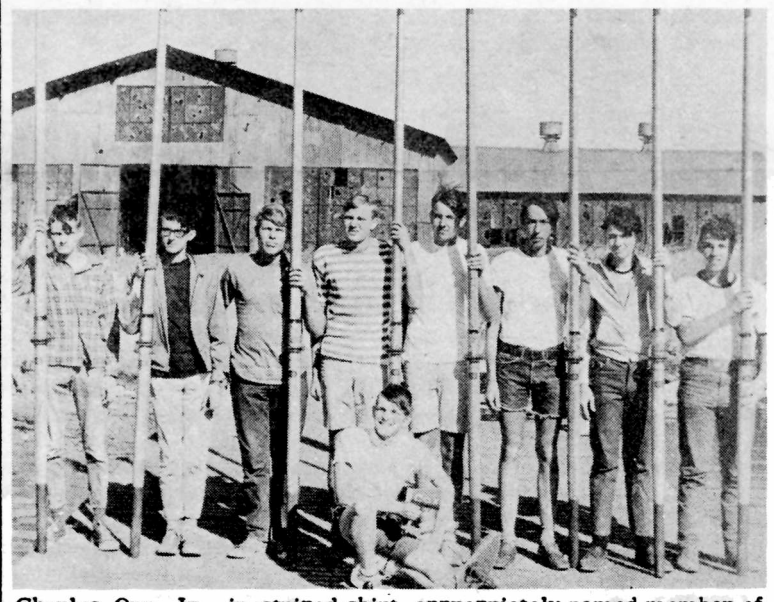
Jim Perkins

Typical of National Park Service youngsters who were born in or near one of our western national parks, Jim Perkins — whose father Robert is management assistant at Minute Man—has lived in six areas and has traveled to 36 states within the brief span of his 14 years. Jim was born in 1956 at Yellowstone Park; at the tender age of three, he experienced a winter at Old Faithful and the 1959 quakes.

The Perkins family next moved to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and then to Rocky Mountain NP, where Jim developed an early interest in camping, canoeing, hiking, and skiing. His skill as a Grand Lake junior skier was acknowledged by several blue ribbons and a trophy. The next home base was Great Smoky Mountains NP where Jim and his parents were joined by little brother, David.

While waiting for David to grow into hiking or ski boots to join him on outings, Jim became interested in scouting and model railroads. He attained the rank of Boy Scout, 2nd Class, when the family resided at Delaware Water Gap.

The highlights of his summer vacations for the past five years has been visiting his grandparents in Grand Lake, Colorado. This past summer recalls special memories for Jim who was an usher for the Troupe of American College Players. His pet project during the 10-week visit to Colorado was to "build" a dulcimer. When not practicing the clarinet for Concord-Carlisle High School Marching Band, Jim learns to play American folk songs on the Dulcimer. He should be a pro at entertaining for apres ski groups when winter comes.



Charles Orr, Jr., in striped shirt, appropriately named member of the newly organized Ewauna Rowing Club, is son of Naturalist Charles Orr of Klamath Falls Cluster Group. The boys have been fixing up the building behind them as a boathouse and have scheduled three shell races, one against Oregon State Frosh.

Bronze Star Recipient

On October 25, 1970, First Lt. Johnny M. Barnett, who is with Co. B, 2nd Bn, 502 Inf. 101st Airborne Division near Hue, South Vietnam, was awarded the Bronze Star for meritorious service in action against an armed hostile enemy force. He also received a Combat Infantry-man's Badge at the same presentation.

First Lt. Johnny M. Barnett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Barnett of Shiloh, Tennessee. His father is employed at Shiloh National Military Park as a park technician.

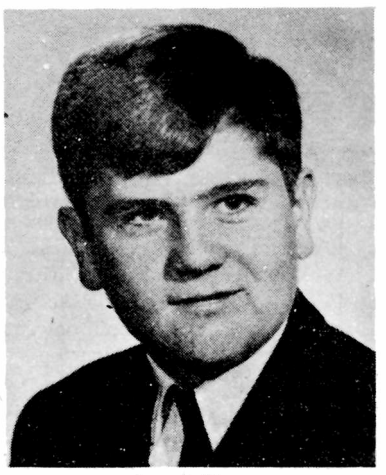
In Vietnam

Jim Galbraith, son of Dave and Ruth, arrived in Vietnam on October 29. Jim is assigned to the 525th Quartermaster Co., at Da Nang (Petroleum Depot). He was promoted to First Lieutenant in October, and he is the Executive Officer for his company. Jim's father is Foreman II, Maintenance, at Great Smoky Mountains.

Scholarship Finalist

Jay Jeffreys, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eathel Jeffreys, has been named semifinalist in the 1970-71 National Merit Scholarship Program. Jay's dad is maintenanceman at Shiloh National Military Park.

The 14,750 semifinalists are among the Nation's most intellectually talented high school seniors. They will compete for some 3,000 Merit Scholarships to be awarded in the spring of 1971.



Jay Jeffreys



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New Goals for Courier

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Employees and Alumni Association there was considerable discussion devoted to the future of this paper. The Board members and the editors are interested in making the COURIER more a source of information that is news rather than history, that will encourage varying opinions and create a climate of inquiry.

We want letters to the editors and articles from contributors that will make people think about the NPS, its problems and solutions. We don't want a gripe column, but rather one where criticism may be heard and others can comment on a particular subject. Our younger NPS employees must have new views that need airing. (Of the three COURIER editors, two of us are under 30.) The Jack Hughes letter in the August COURIER sparked discussion on both sides. We want more of this kind of communication.

We are interested in in-put from the field areas, new programs, new ideas, new solutions. If you have a story that might be of Servicewide interest, please write or phone us. Photos and prepared articles are welcome, but rough notes with your ideas can also be a major source of news. With your help we can make the COURIER a steadily improving vital part of the NPS.

THE EDITORS

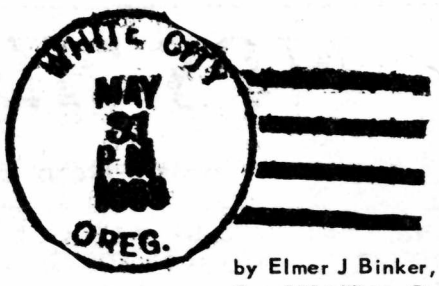
Health Benefits

The Government's biweekly share of the cost of premium plans under the Federal Employees Health Benefits program will increase in January (see chart below). Most enrolled employees and annuitants will have their share of the biweekly costs slightly reduced, although 36 of the 38 plans will increase premiums for the 1971 contract year.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM
Plans on which Government's 40% contribution is based

Plan	Type Option, Enrollment	Government Contribution		Biweekly Cost to Enrollees		
		Present	Jan. 1971	Present	Jan. 1971	Change
Government-Wide Service Benefit (Blue Cross)	High-Family	$4.10	$8.64	$13.59	$13.47	$-.12
	High-Self	1.68	3.46	5.57	5.60	.03
	Low-Family	4.10	5.88	5.30	5.88	.58
	Low-Self	1.68	2.40*	2.16	2.40	.24
Government-Wide Indemnity Benefit (Aetna)	High-Family	4.10	8.64	16.64	15.62	-1.02
	High-Self	1.68	3.46	6.68	6.33	-.35
	Low-Family	4.10	6.40	6.84	6.40	-.44
	Low-Self	1.68	2.68*	2.89	2.68	-.21

*Government contribution cannot exceed 50% of total premium rate.



THE NATIONAL PARK PHILATELIST

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By the time this appears in print, it is more than likely that every reader of this column has seen the 6c Dwight D. Eisenhower definitive stamp released at Washington, D.C. last August 6th. I wonder, though, how many are aware if its NPS significance? I am thinking now of a specific association rather than the facts that he was a graduate of the United States Military Academy, a National Historic Landmark, or lived at the Eisenhower National Historic Site and the White House.

As with the Eisenhower memorial issue of October 14, 1969, it has to do with the source of the picture used as the basis for the design. This pensive portrait of "Ike" was taken by George Tames, veteran New York Times photographer, at the WHITE HOUSE just moments before he went on TV to announce the cessation of the military action in Korea in 1953. Appearing initially on the front cover of the New York Times Sunday magazine section, it caught the eye of Press Secretary Haggerty, who suggested to President Eisenhower that it be released as an official White House photograph. He agreed, and tens of thousands of copies were distributed under this designation.

Tames, 51, is a native of Washington who went to work for the Times-Life Bureau there in 1939 as a copy boy. Three years later he sold this organization his first photograph for $15.00. Currently President of the White House Press Photographers Association, he has, during the intervening years, captured 13 first prizes and three grand awards in competition with photographers who cover the White House.

Designed by Robert Geissman of New York City, this stamp was modeled by Leonard E. Buckley and engraved by Arthur W. Dintaman (vignette) and Kenneth C. Wiram (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Printed in blue on the Cottrell press, its production, since it is a regular issue, could run into the billions.



Since, in addition to the sheets of 100, it is being issued as coils, over-the-counter booklet panes of eight, and vending machine panes of five, its appearance adds not one, but four more items to our ever growing list of NPS issues.

Little more than a month later, on September 12th, another NPS-associated adhesive was released at Charleston, South Carolina. This time it was the 6c commemorating the 300th anniversary of the founding of what is now that state, and featuring a melange of line drawings related to its development. These include the spire of St. Phillip's church, the statehouse, the State's palmetto and crescent moon flag, Carolina Jessamine, cotton, tobacco, a ship, barrels, a man and woman garbed in 17th century dress and of special interest to us, in the lower right corner, a Fort Sumter Cannon. Thus is this stamp tied in with Fort Sumter National Monument. But this is not its only relationship with the NPS.

Although in 1566 the Spanish established at Santa Elena a community that existed for about 20 years, it was not until 1670 when the English founded the first permanent settlement at Charles Town (Charleston) that South Carolina had its beginning. Consequently this stamp more specifically honors the tricentennial of this city, which makes it quite pertinent to the philatelic story of the Charleston Historic District, a N.H.L.

Designed by George Samerjan of New York City, the stamp was modeled by Robert J. Jones and engraved by Edward P. Archer (vignette) and Howard F. Sharpless (lettering) of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The brown and yellow "pine wood" background was printed by offset, while the red and black was done on the Giori press.

Fagergren Eulogy

Following is the eulogy given by Director Hartzog at the memorial services for Mr. Fred Fagergren:

> He has showed you, Oh, man, what is good;
> And what does the Lord require of you
> But to do justice, and to love kindness
> And to walk humbly with your God.

Forty years ago this month, Fred Fagergren came to work for the National Park Service at Zion National Park. Fred's long career with the Service and his character as a man epitomized the rare gift of simplicity spoken of by Micah.

Uncomplicated and straightforward, his was a simplicity which came from an unshakable faith, from the earth, from hard work and from the love and warm companionship of his wife, his children, and his friends.

Fred Fagergren as we all knew him:

Loved his family and his friends and was true to them always.

He was a man—and he had the respect of men.

He was grateful for the opportunity to serve and he served with distinction.

In 1967, Fred received the Department of the Interior's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. It was conferred upon him "In recognition of his outstanding public relations activities, management accomplishments, and contributions to National Park Service programs." He had already been commended for superior service on five previous occasions, and the following year, he earned still another.

On that occasion I wrote to him: "We are proud indeed of the way in which you have performed. Furthermore, we admire your ability to instill an attitude of effective operations in those with whom you communicate in the areas of the National Park System. The outstanding rating is richly deserved because you have in our opinion exceeded every standard of performance with skill and courage."

As superintendent and regional director his approach to management was like the man himself, sturdy, self-confident. With vigor—and pride—he made decisions easily.

No one ever visited with Fred Fagergren for more than five minutes without knowing that Fred worked with the National Park Service—that he thought it was the greatest outfit in the world; that he was loyal to it; and that he was proud to be a part of it.

It was truly said of him, during his days in Jackson Hole, that even those people who didn't like Grand Teton National Park or the National Park Service liked Fred Fagergren.

Yet, there was nothing of the palsy-walsy in Fred's friendship, his was never the subservient, eager to please, approach. Having set his sights, he was hard to deter, whether by a Governor, a rancher, or a Director of the National Park Service.

On the death of Steve Mather, the *New York Times* said:

His love of nature became his country's good fortune.

Fred Fagergren was clearly in the tradition of the Mather men. His intensely patriotic, self-sacrificing, and constructive service in furthering the cause of National Parks is written on the land he loved so well.

Our grief today, and perhaps our unconcious wish to do more, to somehow perpetuate the memory and the accomplishments of this courageous man, is not unlike that of Abraham Lincoln, on the passing of his beloved friend, Owen Lovejoy. Responding to those who were advocating that a marble monument be erected to the memory of Lovejoy, Lincoln saw the greater monument, the more lasting tribute, when he wrote:

> "Let him have the marble monument, along with the
> well-assured and more enduring
> one in the hearts of those
> who love liberty, unselfishly,
> for all men."

Retiree Directory

Director Hartzog announced the publication of the revised edition of the Directory of Retired Employees. "It should have a twofold purpose . . ." he stated.

"1. It will serve as a ready source of experienced manpower for special assignments, short term employment, seasonal operations, and emergency situations. It shall be the personal responsibility of all field directors to contact retirees in all instances where their services can be utilized to the greatest advantage both to the Service and the retiree. These dedicated former employees have taken great pride in carrying out Service programs and still have great interest in our affairs. Retirees living in the vicinity of field offices should be given first opportunity at any seasonal or short term jobs which become available.

2. It will enable each area to issue invitations to our former associates living in the vicinity whenever National Park Service special programs, ceremonies, or events are planned. Widows and widowers are included in the listings. To this end we also solicit your aid in keeping the Washington Office informed of all changes of address and/or status of those listed in the directory.

I shall appreciate your full cooperation in the above."

The National Park Foundation recently purchased the headquarters buildings and 130 acres of the historic Grant-Kohrs Ranch near Deer Lodge, Montana. It also acquired scenic easements on 1,200 adjacent acres, and a vast collection of antique ranching equipment.

NPS Alumni Notes

By Herb Evison

FIRST NATURE GUIDES IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

One of the things I would greatly have liked to do was to tape the reminiscences of the late Dr. Loye Holmes Miller who, with the late Dr. Harold C. Bryant, initiated the nature guide service in Yosemite in 1920; when I recorded the reminiscences of some 125 persons back in 1962 and 1963, I wasn't even aware that Dr. Miller was still alive.

Since there seemed little prospect of my doing it, I wrote, in October 1969, to Mrs. Amelia Fry, who has conducted almost uncounted recorded interviews for the University of California's Regional Oral History Project, and urged that an interview, or series of interviews, with Dr. Miller be put on the University's program.

A few weeks ago, the mail man brought me a beautifully prepared and illustrated (with photographs of Dr. Miller) transcript of four taped interviews. The interview history reported that the memoir "was put together by the Regional Oral History Office from several tape-recorded interviews, as a part of a series on Forestry, Conservation, and State and National Parks. In the fall of 1969, a combination of a letter from Herb Evison, retired head of the Information and Education Division of the National Park Service, to Mrs. Amelia Fry, of ROHO; the fortuitous visit of doctoral candidate Leonard Askham to the office and volunteering of his services as interviewer and editor; and a donation of typing money from fomer Director of National Parks, Horace M. Albright, allowed the office to undertake the memoir."

Leonard Askham's interview, entitled "Organizing the First Nature Guide Services," runs to approximately 8,000 words, and deals largely with the how and why of the start of that 1920 venture. It also puts in proper perspective the relationship of the late C. M. Goethe of Sacramento, benefactor of many conservation education activities, to that particular venture, as was related in a letter Dr. Miller wrote me a couple of years ago, much of which was reproduced in the National Park Courier. This and the other interviews reflect Dr. Miller's perennial delight in and curiosity about every thing in nature; and there is special charm to his description of what he saw and heard during his summers in Yosemite.

The four transcriptions are supplemented by a perspective introduction by Dr. Raymond B. Cowles, Professor Emeritus of Biology at UCLA; the "Interview History", by Mrs. Willa King Baum, head of ROHO; a photo copy of the handwritten letter, dated Jan. 14, 1970, from Dr. Miller, commenting on the transcript of his recording with Mr. Askham; a photo copy of my letter to Mrs. Fry; and a long obituary, issued at the time of Dr. Miller's death by the Office of Public Affairs at the University of California at Davis. In addition to the Askham interview, there is one made with Lois Chambers Stone, entitled "Background and Career;" one with G. Davidson Woodard on "La Brea Fossil Beds;" and one with John B. Cowan, on "Change in Wildlife in California, 1877-1960."

MRS. MAX BAUER

Mrs. Max Bauer, 83, widow of the man who was for many years chief park naturalist at Yellowstone National Park and author of many papers on geology, a book on the geysers of Yellowstone, and other publications, died recently at Duarte, Calif. At the time of her death, Mrs. Bauer was in the retirement home maintained at Duarte by the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Bauer is survived by three sons and their families. Two sons are employed by McDonnell Douglas in California; the third is retired Air Force Col. Neil C. Bauer of Sequim, Wash.

Dr. Bauer, after some years of retirement, died at Duarte in 1963 —HMA.

JULIA WOODRING ON THE MEND

Old Yellowstone and Mount Rainier hand, Curt Skinner, reported in mid-November having heard that Julia Woodring had been in a Portland hospital, reportedly from a heart attack, but had recovered sufficiently at that time to be returning home to 6739 Burnside, in Portland. Mr. Woodring, also of Yellowstone and Mount Rainier, was Horace Albright's secretary-stenographer for several years during his long superintendency in Yellowstone. "A good one, too," he writes.



GRACE ALBRIGHT

Flowers from Director Hartzog help Mrs. Horace M. Albright celebrate her 80th birthday.

Grace Albright, wife of the second director of the National Park Service Horace M. Albright, was overwhelmed with greetings, cards, phone calls, and flowers for her 80th birthday. She asked the COURIER to tell her friends, "I deeply appreciate the flowers and the kind and thoughtful messages I received from throughout the Park Service. I am sorry I will not be able to thank individually each of the good people who remembered me so graciously."

ELLIS E. GABBERT

Ellis E. Gabbert, whose passing was briefly noted in the October issue of the Courier, died at his home in Spokane, Wash., on August 11, 1970. He was 62 years of age.

Mr. Gabbert, widely known as Gabby, began his Park Service career in Glacier National Park in 1934 as a warehouseman; he transferrred to Death Valley in 1942, but was released from there for wartime work with the Union Pacific Railroad at Baker, Ore., as a Dinig Car and Outfit inspector. Sent to Spokane, he became, three months after his transfer, chief of personnel for the War Assets Administration.

His first post-war employment with the Park Service was at Mount Rainier; after two years there, he transferred to Yellowstone, where he remained until his retirement in 1964 from the position of accounting officer.

As noted in the Courier some months before his death, Gabby became active, on retirement, in the Spokane Chapter of the National Association of Retired Civil Employees. He was successively third, second, and first vice-president of the chapter, and would have become president had he lived until January 1971. He was also chairman of its legislative committee. His widow wrote recently: "Ellis was on hand for every meeting and deeply interested in laws, etc., that would affect the Old Retirees, 'the forgotten elderly.' "

Gabby is survived by his wife, a daughter, and two grandsons. Burial was in Olympia, Wash., near his father and other relatives. Mrs. Ellis continues to live in the Spokane home.

"SLIM" RATCLIFF, PRESIDENT

The letterhead was that of New Mexico Ranch Service, and it offered range appraisals, grazing capacity estimates, management planning, and real estate; also it showed Harold M. Ratliff as range consultant and broker.

However, the letter received from "Slim" Ratcliff in mid-November reported that he had closed his real estate office last spring, "due to being laid up with a broken hip which put me on a 'short picket rope' for several months, so I decided to 'retire' all over and devote my time to other things," It is apparent from his report that he had no difficulty in finding those "other things."

"I am completing my second year as News Letter Editor for the New Mexico Section, American Society of Range Management, which I find rather frustrating at times but rewarding in field trips to gather 'news.' " he wrote. "Our fall meeting in September 1970 was a joint meeting with the Mexico Section at Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico, which was well attended and we found that our neighbors to the south have some things we can learn about range management and research.

"I am also on my second year as president of the New Mexico Federation of Chapters, National Association of Retired Federal Employees," he added. "I was elected for the second term at our October convention. We have at present 7 active chapters in New Mexico and have another one in propsect as soon as we can elect officers and get it under way. This is a rewarding job altho it also takes a lot of correspondence, and statewide travel. I recommend NARFE to all Federal retirees; it is the 'bread-and-butter' organization and the only one looking after the interests of Federal retirees.

"This work combined with church activities and Gideons International and Wilderness Trail rides keep me on the go."

Slim, who retired after many years as the Southwest Region's soil conservationist, lives at 522 Sandia Street in Santa Fe.

SOUTHWEST PARKS AND MONUMENTS ASSOCIATION

Earl Jackson, who had served as the Association's executive secretary for some years before his retirement in 1965, was offered the salaried job of executive director the day after his retirement and he continues to direct its greatly expanded operations under a 10-member board, of which he is a member. Nowadays, the association serves not only national monuments but also national memorials, seashores, recreation areas, historic sites, and parks. Agencies of the association now operate in 34 southwestern areas, in addition to one nominally active, and a 35th about to be added. Dan Beard, retired regional director of the Southwest Region, is the current chairman of the Association's board of directors; the other members besides Jackson are Emil Haury, Ned Danson, Reg Manning, Bill Woodin, Hubert Earle, Edwin D. McKee, and Frank Kowski; most of these are familiar names to many service people not only in the Southwest but elsewhere.

MRS. GEORGE A. WINDSOR

Mrs. George A. Windsor, of Livingston, Mont., died Nov. 22 at her home there. She was about 81 years of age. Her late husband organized and operated the modern medical service in Yellowstone National Park for many years. He initiated it in 1925 and continued it until his death 15 or 20 years ago. He maintained the hospital at Mammoth Hot Springs as an adjunct of his Park County Hospital in Livingston. Dr. Windsor was an outstanding surgeon, very prominent in medical and business circles, and devoted to the National Park Service.-HMA.

McINTYRE HAMILTON NEWS

News from the Employees and Alumni Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. Dan Beard informed us that Warren Hamilton is mayor of Springdale, Utah; and Gunnar Fagerlund said that Bob McIntyre is with the Washington (state) Environmental Council.

BILL CARNES ESCAPES

On a postal card written early in August, Bill Carnes listed several events of the past couple of years that had left him somewhat shaken; among them was a hotel fire that took place last January 25. In reply to a request for some detail, he had this to report in an October 13 letter:

"I had gone up to Chicago to attend the annual convention of the National Sand and Gravel Association-Ready Mixed Cement Association, for which we had been doing research for some years. I was staying at the old Stevens, now the Conrad Hilton. About 6:45 on a Sunday morning—and you know how dead a big hotel is at that time —I gradually became aware of the sound of many sirens stopping near the hotel. Couldn't see anything but the lake out of my window. I finally opened the door to the hallway and there was a layer of black smoke about two feet thick along the ceilings, and so black toward the elevator lobby you couldn't see into it at all. I closed my door, dressed as quickly as I could, including stout shoes, coat and gloves, had the sense to pick up my wallet, credit cards, travel checks, and a wet towel. First tried a stair well close to my room. After four steps, you could't tell whether there were any lights on below you, and the smoke was so dense I couldn't breathe, even through the wet towel.

"So I went back up to my floor, the 23rd, and went around the back halls until I came to one of those large red lights that say 'EXIT,' and out on to the iron ladders on the outside of the building. There were few people staying on the 23rd floor, but by the time I got to the 18th, the fire ladders were just a chain of people, some trying foolishly to carry heavy baggage. Boy! If they had dropped a heavy bag, think of the people below who would have been swept off. You could go only the speed of the human chain, and it was a long time reaching ground.

"Ahead of me on the ladders was an old lady who lived in the hotel, in her early 80's. She had on a coat and shoes, was carrying opera glasses in one hand, but had forgotten her eyeglasses! When we reached the pavement, she turned and asked if I was OK. I said: 'I think so, but damn it all! I just washed my hair last night and now it will have to be done all over again.' She didn't have her purse, so I took her to another hotel nearby, and she drank five cups of coffee.

"It could have been worse, in that a week earlier the trip would have been in 12-below-zero weather, with icy iron rungs; but it was enough of a scare and a workout to satisfy me. It left me stiff-legged for two months and I am still exercising and walking a lot to get my legs back to normal."

The long string of disorders on the University of Illinois campus, Bill's near fatal illness in Japan, the sudden loss of his wife Hazel, and the fire "left me in a state of shock, from which I am just emerging. So I am side-stepping any commitments this year, and not letting anything put me under pressure, and just enjoying quiet living." Having read some books about Mexico, he is giving some thought to making a trip there after the first of the year.

THE WALTER GANNS' 50TH

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gann, who spent 42 years in Yosemite National Park, from the time of their wedding in 1920 until Walt's retirement in 1962, observed their 50th wedding anniversary on November 1. Kathryn and Walt were honored that day with a champagne luncheon at the Fish and Game Clubhouse at Lake Yosemite. Some 350 relatives and friends from far and near were present at the affair.

The Ganns, who now live in Merced, were married in that city. Both are native Californians, the grandparents of both having been early Mariposa County settlers. Both keep busy; they maintain a rose garden and operate a small cattle ranch in the Hornitos area.

Walt retired from a Foreman II, Maintenance, position in Yosemite. He was first employed in the park by the old Yosemite Park Company.

BILL WIGGINS

The Billings (Mont.) Gazette of July 3 recorded the death of William Wiggins, 80, in a Livingston rest home; Mr. Wiggins, a native of Ireland, had come to the United States in 1912, and he was for many years—beginning when the Army was in charge—in charge of sanitation throughout Yellowstone National Park. His widow, Mary, died in a Livingston hospital on Oct. 15 at the age of 75.

Former Director Albright, Yellowstone's superintendent from 1919 to 1929, knew Mr. Wiggins well and thought highly of the job he did in that park. The following is excerpted from a letter from Mr. Albright that appeared in the Aug. 27 issue of the Park County News, of Livingston.

"Among other duties when he arrived in Yellowstone before 1918, Wiggins was charged with responsibility for the sanitation of Fort Yellowstone, its buildings, grounds, and environs, and especially its water system."

After World War I, "a program for construction of campgrounds and sanitation facilities had to be undertaken. Campgrounds had to be surveyed, camp sites designated, comfort stations with water and sewer connections built, sewer lines and disposal plants designed and constructed, trash and garbage disposal cared for. Bill Wiggins was the man chiefly responsible for the establishment of these huge camp grounds and the installation of their facilities. Most of them he planned and he supervised their construction, doing much work himself, his technical advisor being the late Harry B. Hommons of the U.S. Public Health Service, who visited the park every year.

"Engineer Hommon regarded Wiggins as one of the best sanitation men in the entire country. He often told me he could easily place Bill Wiggins in positions with higher pay and far less physical work, but Wiggins was devoted to Yellowstone National Park and nothing could have induced him to leave. I don't think I have been in a developed campground in Yellowstone, except at Grant Village and Madison Junction, that I do not recall the Herculean efforts of Bill Wiggins to do a good job with resources always too small and inadequate . . . .

"The National Park Service never had a more efficient, conscientious, dedicated technician than William Wiggins. For half a century I have felt indebted to him as a man of sterling character and outstanding capability, who contributed greatly to the success of the Yellowstone Park administration, and the comfort and convenience of many thousands of visitors."

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Requiescant In Pace

Guy Dewitt Edwards, 82, who retired in 1958 as superintendent of Shenandoah, died December 6th in Arlington, Virginia. He was also a retired Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Engineers Reserve, having served in both World War I and II.

Edwards held other highly responsible positions during his 30 years with NPS. Before Shenandoah he was chief recreational planner for the 10-state Missouri River Basin; superintendent at Lake Mead and Grand Teton; assistant superintendent, Yellowstone; and an engineer in the San Francisco headquarters. Edwards graduated from the University of Washington in 1911, served in the Army, and was an engineer for Washington State before joining the Park Service.

Edwards located and built early trails in Zion and Sequoia. In 1929 he prepared a long-range plan for Lake Mead. For the Missouri River Basin project he developed plans for the reservoir areas behind the dams being built by the Bureau of Reclamation.

Funeral services were held on December 9th at Fort Myer Chapel followed by interment with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. Edwards is survived by his wife, Esther, a sister, and three children. The family has requested that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Mount Olivet Foundation, Mount Olivet Methodist Church, North 16th Street & Glebe Road, Arlington, Virginia.

Guy's good friend, Bob Rose, chief geologist, Special Planning Studies, WASO, has written this tribute:

"Guy's friends and colleagues will long remember him as a man of geniality, good humor, determination, sterling integrity and possessed with a capacity for hard work. The quiet dignity of the services and interment against the background of a beautiful late autumn day, unfolded as a fitting symbol of the personality and character of the man for whom the last rites were being held. His career began during the pioneer era of the first director of the Service, Stephen T. Mather. Guy would want it noted in a last tribute to his memory that he dedicated himself toward helping make the National Park Service the great conservation and public service organization it is today."



Guy Edwards

Mary Frances Capes, mother of Classification Assistant Irene Snyder, WASO,—December 15.

Joseph T. Clark, Landscape Architect at Eastern Service Center,—August 2.

Murray W. George, former Landscape Architect at MWRO,—December 3. He is survived by his wife, Rudi.

Walter Kipf, father-in-law of Associate Director J.E.N. Jensen,—November 29.

Constance Layne, former member of SERO staff,—November 30. She is survived by her husband, George, and 3 children, Richard, Karen and Kathy.

Mary Janette Lipton, wife of Park Technician Robert Lipton of NCP-Central—October 14. She is survived by her husband.

Clara Davis Manucy, wife of Museum Curator Albert Manucy, SERO,—October 9. She is survived by her husband and four children.

Emless S. Nett, Supv. Park Ranger at Gettysburg,—November 27. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, two children and one grandchild.

Mrs. Perry, mother of Supv. Park Ranger Joseph Fraser of Yellowstone,—August 28.

Deanna Schwab, granddaughter of Supv. Park Ranger and Mrs. Douglas McLaren, Grand Teton,—November 30.

Mary Schwarz, mother of Administrative Officer Alfred P. Schwarz of ESC,—November 18.

Hugh Shevlin, son of retired Asst. Supt. Charles E. and Kay Shevlin of Grand Canyon, was killed November 8 in Vietnam.

Dorothy Spangler, Administrative Assistant in the Midwest Regional Office—November 17.

Hazel Wharton, retired Information Specialist at WASO—September 20.

Edna Dickson, wife of retired chief of Concessions Operations Benjamin Dickson,—November 25. She is survived by her husband and daughter, Julie West, a secretary at the Eastern Service Center.

Births

DAVE and IONA BATHKE, Yellowstone: son, Jeffrey; 10 lbs. 2 1/2 ozs.; July 17.

JAMES and PATRICIA HOWARD, WASO: son, James Danley; 6 lbs. 13 ozs.; November 29.

BOB and BONNIE SCHELLINGER, Yellowstone: daughter, Stacy Koren; 5 lbs. 7 ozs.; August 14.

ROGER and SALLY WEBER, Whiskeytown: son, Joseph Patric; October 16.

JIM and DONNA WIGGINS, Cumberland Gap: daughter, Josephine Gladys; 8 lbs. 1 oz.; November 5.

TOMMY and MARJORIE WOOD, Mammoth Cave: daughter, Lisa Shemona; November 12.

People on the move



New Faces

Christopher, Francis C., to Gen. Supply Asst., Isle Royale NP

Curley, Bob F., to Pk. Techn., Navajo NM

Fertig, Christine R., to Clk. Steno., Independence NHP

Heenan, Ann M., to Clk. Steno., NERO

Lopes, Stella S., to Clk. Steno., Haleakala NP

Caldwell, Dorothy M., to Sec. Steno., WASO

Condit, Eleanor G., to Staff Asst., WASO

Jessen, Frederick L., to Electronic Engr., Harpers Ferry Center

Lougher, Violet Z., to Sec. Steno., WASO

Madsen, Anna M., to Clk. Typist, Yosemite NP

Thomas, Laverne O., to Sec. Steno., WASO

Warner, James Russell, to Pk. Techn., Glacier Bay NM

Agusiewiez, Henry A., to Pvt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP

Allamong, Donna A., to Clk. Typist, NCP

Baddeley, Gregory A., to Pvt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP

Blackburn, Michael D., to Pvt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP

Bradford, Melville H., to Pvt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP

Breedlove, Nancy P., to Clk. Typist, Prince William Forest Pk.

Brooks, Lionel A., to Group Leader, Great Smoky Mtns. NP

Browen, Jerry L., to Maintenance Worker, Kings Mtn. NMP

Busing, W. Ward, to Pvt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP

Cox, Robert D., to Realty Spec., ESC

Creighton, John S., to Realty Spec., ESC

Davis, Gentry, Jr., to Group Leader, Harpers Ferry JCCCC

Feldman, Marvin L., to Hydrologist, ESC

Hall, William B., to Engineering Draftsman Gen., ESC

Kuntz, Gregory F., to Pvt., U.S. Pk. Police, NCP

Nusz, Guy E., Jr., to Carpenter, Catoctin Mtn. Pk.

Pickersgill, Esther L., to Pk. Techn., Fort Sumter NM

Ramage, Virginia R., to Clk. Steno., Fort Pulaski NM

New Places

Alexander, Glen D., from Pk. Ranger, Natchez Trace Pkwy., to same, WASO

Bancroft, William L., from Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy., to same, WASO

Blama, Rudolph L., from Foreman IV Maintenance, Grand Teton NP, to Maintenance Supv., Bandelier NM

Harris, Rodney W., from Pk. Techn., El Morro NM, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Canyon de Chelly NM

Hjort, Frank A., from Pk. Planner, WASO, to Pk. Ranger, WRO

Mackintosh, Barry, from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Fort Frederica NM, to Hist., WASO

Mehring, Richard C., from Arch., WSC, to same, WASO

Ott, George R., from Chief Coord. & Control Sec., WSC, to Program Coord., WASO

Pachta, Noel S., from Foreman III (R&T), Grand Canyon NP, to Maintenance Supv., Alaska Office

Shaw, Bruce W., from Pk. Mgr. (Supt.), Bighorn Canyon NRA, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Grand Canyon NP

Wells, Mary E., from Sec. Steno., Yellowstone NP, to Program Spec., MWRO

Boatner, Charles K., from Deputy Asst. Dir., WASO, to Pk. Mgr., SWRO

Cunningham, Robert C., from Pk. Ranger, Theodore Roosevelt NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, North Cascades NP

DeWitt, John A., from Foreman II (R&T), Carlsbad Caverns NP, to R&T Maintenance Foreman, Death Valley NM

Kitts, Donald M., from Admin. Off., Bighorn Canyon NRA, to same, Navajo Lands Group

Lucko, George F., from Civil Engr., MWRO, to same, Fire Island NS & NYC Group

McGinnis, Dennis E., from Maintenance Supv., Cape Hatteras NS, to Pk. Ranger, NERO

Carter, Dennis L., from Supv. Pk. Ranger, Craters of the Moon NM, to same, Blue Ridge Pkwy.

Darnell, Charles T., from Group Leader, Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Pk. Techn., Chattanooga NMP

Edwards, William E., Jr., from Admin. Off., Mammoth Cave NP, to Asst. Gen. Supply Off., SERO

Huffman, Dennis K., from Pk. Ranger, Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to same, Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania BMP

Kendrick, Randall A., from Pk. Techn., Mesa Verde NP, to Pk. Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy.

Kretschmann, James F., from Supv. Hist., Vicksburg NMP, to Hist., Carl Sandburg Home NHS

Masters, Lawrence J., Jr., from Pk. Ranger, Olympic NP, to Pk. Techn., Natchez Trace Pkwy.

Nichols, William O., from Pk. Ranger, Shenandoah NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Mammoth Cave NP

Stump, James M., from Supv. Civil Engr., Glacier NP, to Elec. Engr., ESC

Truesdell, William G., from Pk. Nat., Everglades NP, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Virgin Islands NP

Warner, Keith H., from Supv. Supply Techn., Yellowstone NP, to Gen. Supply Spec., Cape Hatteras NS

Joining The Alumni

Alsop, Albert, Jr., from Foreman I, NCP-North

Douglas, Daniel D., Jr., from Training Instr. Gen., Great Smoky Mtns. NP

Glover, Elaine S., from Occupational Health Nurse, Great Smoky Mtns. NP

Gonzalez-Lupez, Jose M., from Maintenanceman, San Juan NHS

Hill, Glenn E., from Community Project Coordinator, NCP

Vetter, Mary B., from Sec. Steno., ESC

Wilshin, Francis F., from Hist., ESC

Blakely, Maria Mercedes, from Sec. Typing, WSC

Bouche, Elinor M., from Pers. Clk. Typing, SWRO

Click, Charley A., from Carpenter, Crater Lake NP

Coker, James B., Jr., from Signmaker, Olympic NP

Hill, Carlton H., from Foreman I Laborer, Acadia NP

Jenkins, Barbara J., from Sec. Steno., Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt & Vanderbilt Mansion NHS

Misuraca, Nancy A., from Clk. Typist, WSC

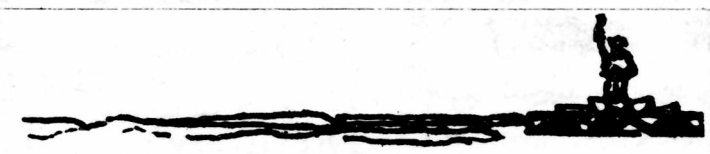
Redd, Helen M., from Clk. Steno., Canyonlands NP

Kleiner, Joseph M., from Janitor, Grand Canyon NP

Olson, Charles W., from Maintenanceman, Sitka NM

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