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# Fighting Fire With Training

By Harry Delashmut

Everglades National Park rangers are busy cramming about ten years of normal Park Service experience into a one month training program.

With the cooperation of the city of Miami Fire Department, the Park has initiated a rescue training program for ranger personnel. The program is a rigorous one, involving the assignment of selected Everglades rangers to work directly with a fire department rescue squad in Miami.

Each of the selected rangers are assigned a one month period to work with the rescue squad. During the assignment, each works on ten 24-hour shifts. Rescue number 1, with which the rangers work, averages about 15 emergency runs each day—giving the rangers more experience in a short time than they might normally obtain during their entire career with the Park Service.

During each emergency run and throughout the day, rangers work with highly qualified experts in the rescue field and obtain practical first-aid instruction in actual rescue situations.

While "on shift," the Rangers live at the Central Miami Fire Station. They eat and sleep in the overhead dormitory at the station and take part in all the daily routine involved in any normal 24-hour shift. On night call they join the rest of the squad in polishing the fire station pole as they slide down from the dorm to the rescue truck below.

In addition to the on-site work with the rescue squad, some time is spent during each training month at the Jackson Memorial Hospital. Here each of the trainees has additional opportunity to learn from hospital specialists about emergency care of the sick and injured.

In the next few months, Everglades National Park hopes to have each of their permanent park rangers participate in the training program.

Photo by Dan Moye



**Everglades Park Ranger Larry Reed learns first aid techniques from the Miami Fire Department Rescue Squad during a one-month course in firefighting and rescue work.**

# New Urban Centers Planned

Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel has announced plans to begin Federal actions to create 14 major public recreation areas in urban population centers of the Nation.

"We are moving with a coordinated program to establish large park and recreation areas where most of our people live—in the metropolitan areas of our country," Secretary Hickel said.

"In past years there has not been sufficient Federal emphasis on providing funds for recreation and open space preservation in and around our large cities where we believe the needs are greatest."

The metropolitan areas involved in the program are: Washington, D.C.; New York-Newark; San Francisco; Los Angeles; St. Louis; Houston; Atlanta; Denver; Minneapolis-St. Paul; Chicago-Milwaukee; Detroit-Toledo; Memphis; and Hartford-Springfield.

"Our existing national parks are unique, strikingly beautiful, and absolutely necessary elements of our nationwide system," Secretary Hickel said. "But they are mostly located in areas remote from the less affluent members of our society. Many of our people cannot get to the parks; therefore we must get parks to the people."

The Secretary also noted that moving quickly into urban areas for park development will save tax dollars later. "Land near our rapidly expanding metropolitan areas will never cost less than it does now. We must move to select and save choice pieces of property from development for non-conservation uses," Secretary Hickel said.

A concentrated evaluation of the proposed national urban recreation lands will be conducted by Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation with the cooperation and assistance of other Federal and State, and

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## Mrs. Hickel at Harpers Ferry JCCC

# *Job Corps Tackles Ecology*



**Job Corpsman Paul Robinson (18) pins a corsage on Mrs. Hickel at opening day ceremonies for Job Corps Environmental Quality Week. Paul graduated the following day after two years training as an industrial cook. "Do you think the man who is cooking for President Nixon ever imagined he would be? Aim high," she urged him.**

By Loretta DeLozier

"What good is it going to be for you to be the best carpenter, the best welder, the best auto mechanic, painter, or mason—if in the world you live in you can't breathe pure air or drink pure water or swim in an unpolluted stream or lake," declared Mrs. Walter J. Hickel, wife of the Secretary of the Interior.

She was speaking at the opening day ceremonies for the Interior's Job Corps Environmental Quality Week at the Harpers Ferry Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center (JCCCC) on October 5.

The purpose of the week was to create an awareness of environmental problems in disadvantaged youths and to give them the chance to participate directly in solving those problems.

Also in conjunction with the week, principal teachers from each of the Department's Job Corps centers attended a special 3-day orientation session at the Harpers Ferry Center. The purpose was to institute the National Environmental Study Areas Program (NESA) in the JCCC centers as a means of enriching the existing Job Corps curriculum with environmental education.

Launched by the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, the Job Corps was created for youths aged 16 through 21 to learn a trade, develop communication abilities and new social skills.

"Unlike the Civilian Conservation Corps of the Thirties, the new Job Corps does not have as its primary objective the conservation of natural resources," says NPS Director George B. Hartzog. "Rather, the primary emphasis is on the conservation of youth."

JCCC centers are operated by the Departments of Interior and Agriculture in conjunction with the Department of Labor, which also operates the men's and women's Urban Job Corps Centers.

The National Park Service currently has three JCCC centers: Oconaluftee in the Great Smoky Mountains; Great Onyx near Mammoth Cave, Ky; and the Harpers Ferry Center in West Va.

Heading the NPS program is Grover Barham, chief of the Division of Job Corps.

"We've had an interesting transition in the program since it

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# *Rutter Names Haertel, Kuehn and Johnson*

John A. Rutter, director, Pacific Northwest Region, has announced the appointments of three new superintendents.

Paul F. Haertel has been appointed superintendent of Fort Clatsop National Memorial near Astoria, Ore. He has worked at Sequoia National Park and was Paradise district ranger at Mount Rainier for four years before becoming acting superintendent at Fort Clatsop in May 1970.

Einar L. Johnson is now superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, Ore. A member of NPS since 1962 when he began as a park ranger at Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park in North Dakota, Johnson has since served as staff park ranger in the Washington Office and as chief of interpretation and resource management at Lava Beds National Monument in California.

Daniel R. Kuehn has been named superintendent of Sitka National Monument, Alaska. He entered NPS in 1964 as park historian at Salem Maritime National historic Site, Mass., and later served at Manassas National Battlefield Park, Va., and at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park, Ga. He became park historian at Sitka in January 1969 and, since Sept. 1969, has been acting superintendent.

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# Brown Heads Everglades

Appointment of Joe Brown, deputy general superintendent of the National Capital Parks in Washington, D.C., as superintendent of Everglades National Park in Florida, was announced Sept. 10 by Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel.

Brown, 52 succeeds John C. Raftery, who is being assigned to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif., as assistant superintendent.

Brown previously held positions with the Florida Forest Service and Florida State Parks, and was assistant director of the Dade County Park and Recreation Department of Miami.

Brown joined the National Park Service in 1965 after three years as director of parks for the Fairfax County Park Authority in Virginia. His first post with the Park Service was as area superintendent for the National Capital Parks.

In 1967, Brown became superintendent of the Virgin Islands National Park, a post he held for two years before being reassigned to NCP as deputy general superintendent.

He was born in Buffalo, N.Y., and holds a B.S. degree in Forestry from the University of Georgia, Athens.

Brown and his wife, the former Betty Ramsdell, are parents of two sons, 1st Lt. Thomas Brown, a pilot with the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Dover, Del., and James, a student at North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

# *Hickel Halts Grazing On Padre Island*

Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel has denied a request for renewal of a five-year grazing lease on Padre Island National Seashore.

"Cattle-grazing is not compatible with preserving the natural values of the Seashore," the Secretary said, "nor with its full enjoyment by the public."

The lease, under which 1,200 head of cattle were permitted to graze, will expire December 31, 1970, as scheduled.

"Grass roots tend to anchor down barrier beaches like these against wind and wave erosion, especially during the tropical storms that so often brush across the Gulf Coast," Secretary Hickel said.

"Dune grass and other vegetation are particularly precious on national seashores like Padre Island. Even in the areas back of the beaches they are nature's best defense against breakup of an essentially fragile land resource. They must be allowed to flourish with a minimum of interference."

Photo By Jack Rottier



**Burl Ives, Arthur Godfrey and Secretary of the Interior Walter Hickel set out to collect litter around the Lincoln Memorial after launching the second annual Johnny Horizon Countryside Cleanup (Sept. 19-Oct. 18). Hickel called on all citizens to "clean up unsightly areas on publicly owned parks, forests, streams, and other places used for public recreation." Reports from NPS employees should be submitted to Park Operations, WASO, by November 2.**

# Job Corps Tackles Ecology

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started," Barham said. "At first PRODUCTION was the key word —the idea that if we produced, the corpsmen would automatically gain his experience along with it. Now we have progressed to the point that training is the name of the game and production is secondary.

"Nevertheless, our production during the last fiscal year amounted to some $600,000 worth of work projects directly beneficial to the National Park System."

Barham was delighted with the reaction of visitors to the Harpers Ferry JCCC Center at the opening day ceremonies of Job Corps Environmental Quality Week.

In addition to Mrs. Hickel, speakers included Lawrence H. Dunn, Assistant Secretary of the Interior; William Mirengoff, Director of Job Corps, Department of Labor; Governor Aker, Interior Job Corps Program Officer; Harthon Bill, Deputy Director of NPS; and Clarence O.C. Densing, Director of the Harpers Ferry JCCCC.

Also attending were the wives of several Cabinet officers and Bureau directors, including Mrs. James D. Hodgson, wife of the Secretary of Labor and Mrs. George B. Hartzog.

The guests toured the Job Corps center, ate lunch with corpsmen in the cafeteria, and participated in a tree planting ceremony at Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

# Ranger Saves Climber

For his prompt action and selfless courage in risking his own life to save another, Chief Park Ranger James Langford of Pinnacles National Monument has received a special achievement award from the National Park Service.

On the evening of March 21, 1970, two climbers were descending the steep west face of Machete Ridge. One of the climbers, Miss Kathy Sasaki, fell to her death. The other, Gerald Osborn, rappelled to the end of his rope and had no other means of descent; he was trapped on the cliff face. About 2 hours passed before he managed to inform some hikers below him of his plight. They reported the problem to park headquarters and a rescue team was organized and on the way shortly thereafter.

Ranger Langford headed the team and directed the efforts to rescue Osborn. Langford rappelled down the cliff face in the dark and discovered his rope fell short of reaching Osborn by 30 feet. When asked by the superintendent if he had sufficient rope to reach safety he replied, "I don't know."

After some 20 minutes Langford decided to use the Sasaki and Osborn ropes to go on down since Osborn's life was in jeopardy.

Up to that point the rescue was in the line of duty; beyond that it was a risk he did not have to take. Langford made a 30 foot swing across the cliff face to reach Mr. Osborn. He then lead Mr. Osborn on a rope across 300 yards of treacherous sloping ledge to safety.



**NPS Museum Specialist Ron Gibbs lifts crated mid-19th century lighthouse lenses—weighing over three tons—after they arrived at the Museum Clearinghouse in Springfield, Va. The lenses were flown to Andrews AFB, Md., from Cabrillo NM, San Diego, on an Air National Guard plane. Neither Cabrillo nor the Clearinghouse had funds to ship the lenses, so the Air National Guard agreed to deliver them as part of a training flight.**

# Urban Centers

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local agencies over the next 18 months.

"The role of the National Park Service will, at first, mainly be in the planning stages as members of a planning team consisting of other participating agencies," says Tedd McCann, assistant chief of the new NPS Office of Urban Programs. "Most of these lands are already Federally owned. This is an attempt to unify our activities."

Studies will evaluate natural resources, population patterns, sociological conditions, existing and potential transportation facilities, and other factors to determine the feasibility of establishing a Federal recreation area. Where direct Federal administration is not feasible, Bureau reports will contain alternative management proposals.

Secretary Hickel said the program being undertaken by the Department is a three-phase plan to be completed by July 1972.

The first phase includes legislative and inter-departmental support of national areas proposed in three metropolitan centers: The C & O Canal National Historical Park near Washington, D.C.; Gateway National Recreation Area in New York and New Jersey; and Connecticut River National Recreation Area in Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

The second phase provides that the Department will complete by early 1971 proposals concerning potential additions to the Federal park and recreation system in seven urban areas: Golden Gate National Recreation Area, San Francisco; Meramec National Recreation Area, St. Louis; Buffalo Bayou National Recreation Area, Houston; Anacostia National Recreation Area, District of Columbia; Chattahoochee Recreation River, Atlanta; Four Seasons National Recreation Area, Denver; Upper Mississippi National Recreation Area, St. Louis to Minneapolis-St. Paul.

The third phase of the program, which will extend into 1972, will complete studies on the feasibility of establishing additional urban-oriented Federal areas in the remaining four metropolitan areas: Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Los Angeles; Lake Michigan Beach National Lakeshore, Chicago-Milwaukee; Lake Erie Lakeshore, Detroit-Toledo; and Huck Finn National Recreation Area, Memphis.

Upon completion of Interior's studies, and with approval of the Administration, proposed legislation on each area will be submitted to Congress for consideration.

# Catoctin Fest

The seventh annual Colorfest sponsored by Catoctin Mountain Park and Catoctin Mountains Tourist Council at Thurmont, Md. was held October 16, 17 and 18.

Activities included self-guided tours of the Blue Blazes Still and charcoal exhibit, Catoctin Mountain folk crafts and apple butter making. The annual color hike was held on Saturday, along with a Jaycee chicken fry, Catoctin artists exhibit, square dance, church supper and B.P.W. flea market.

An inter-denominational church service was held on Sunday at Camp Peniel. Several events, including a tour of a nearby dairy farm, were held outside the park.

The Colorfest originally began as a fall hike. Catoctin Superintendent J. Frank Mentzer has expanded the program and initiated many interpretive activities. Park officials estimate that between 20,000 to 30,000 people attended the weekend festival this year.




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# How a Non-Political Park Supt. Helped "Elect" a Congressman

## By Horace M. Albright

The National Park Service has always had many friends in the Congress of the United States. Two of them were Hon. Addison T. Smith, of Idaho, and Hon. Benjamin L. Fairchild, of New York. They were brothers-in-law, Mrs. Smith being Mr. Fairchild's sister.

Mr. Fairchild served in Congress in the 55th (March 4, 1895-March 3, 1897). He was elected to the 65th in 1916, was defeated for the 66th, but was elected to the 67th. He was defeated in 1922 for the 68th.

Here is where my story begins. In the summer of 1923, Mr. Fairchild planned a western trip to visit several national parks and climb Mt. Shasta which I recall he had climbed when much younger with his only son whom he had lost by death. Congressman Smith wrote me about the plans of his brother-in-law, which included a visit to Yellowstone. While with me, Mr. Fairchild reviewed his plans, and decided, on my advice, to take a brief trip over Yosemite's trails into the high wild country of that Park. At his request, I telephoned Chief Ranger Forest Townsley of Yosemite and asked him to arrange for a guide, saddle horses and pack animals needed. Mr. Fairchild left Yellowstone, and following his revised program reached Yosemite in late August, and went into the wilderness with the outfit Chief Ranger Townsley had employed.

About September 8th, Congressman Smith telephoned me asking whether I knew where Mr. Fairchild could be reached. He had left no word with his family about the Yosemite trip. Mr. Smith said that they had done everything possible to locate Mr. Fairchild. He said that the man who had defeated him in November, 1922, Congressman James V. Ganly, had been killed in an automobile accident, and that if Ben Fairchild could get back to New York by a certain day, only about a week hence, he could file for election to fill the vacant seat in the Congress.

I told Mr. Smith where Mr. Fairchild was for I had notes on Chief Ranger Townsley's plan for the trails trip. I agreed to telephone Yosemite Superintendent W. B. Lewis and have him get word to Mr. Fairchild in camp or on the trail. This Mr. Lewis did, and Mr. Fairchild hurried out of the mountains, caught a fast train to New York, filed for the special election, and was elected to fill out the unexpired term. He was re-elected again in 1924, but was unsuccessful in 1926, and returned to New York to resume the practice of law. He died in Pelham, New York, in 1946. After the exciting experience of 1923, Mr. Fairchild often seemed delighted to introduce me as the man who elected him to Congress that year.

Mr. Smith was in Congress from Idaho from March 4, 1913 to March 3, 1933-ten successive terms. He was always a friend of the National Park Service and its officers, although we successfully resisted all his efforts to secure legislation to authorize a reclamation dam and other irrigation works in the southwestern corner of Yellowstone Park (Cechler River).



**Summer Aids from the Western Service Center visit Muir Woods. They are (left to right): Maria Sandoval, Melissa Wong, Rosette Chilton, Maggie Braxton and Sharon Thomas. In the back is coordinator/counselor Harold Moore.**

# Silhouette

By Jean Beal

## Frances Sharp



A friend recently said of her, "Since I have known Frances, I just naturally like anyone named Sharp!" That, in a nutshell, explains how people feel who know the gracious wife of Fort Laramie's Superintendent, Charlie Sharp.

Running her charming 8-room home herself, doing her own sewing, keeping abreast of the Service with Charles, and keeping up with the teenage interests of daughter Ann and son Charles, Jr., could be enough for the average woman but Frances still has time for teaching kindergarteners in the local Torrington school system.

Also, she is active in the Order of the eastern Star and the Daughters of the Nile and is vice president of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

As for her almost 30 Service years, her husband proudly writes: "Her first hitch was at Carlsbad Caverns in 1941-42, then over to the Southwest National Monuments headquarters at Coolidge, Arizona, where she got her title as 'the Adaptable Mrs. Sharp.'

"She traveled over a good bit of the Southwest in an Odyssey from Saguaro, Casa Grande, Montezuma Castle, Tonto, Bandelier, Chiricahua, Santa Fe, and back and forth, in the days before air conditioned cars. Standard travel equipment was a pickup, trailer, shovel, waterbag, and a bag of mesquite beans. With this you could get by on the $2.50 per diem then bestowed on roving rangers."

After Charles served in the Air Force, they returned to Tonto, N.M. for eight years.

"Then to Chaco Canyon where for 5 years the family was really out in the blue. Chaco was one of the six areas in the Service to which WASO sent out a foreign service hardship-post questionnaire, as being the most appropriate inquiry concerning employees' living conditions.

"The last 10 years at Fort Laramie have provided another variety of experience, with an 1874 Cavalry Barracks as her home from 1961 to 1966. During the last few years she has led the life of a suburbanite in Torrington, Wyo.

"During all those years she provided western hospitality to fellow Service people, VIP's, broken-down travellers, friends and neighbors. As is traditional with Park Service women, she is more than half of the team, and as part of the tradition, enjoyed most of it and put up bravely with the tough part of the experiences."

# Aids Work & Learn At Western Service Center

Five young students, none of whom had ever visited a National Park, recently ended a productive summer's work as summer aids at the Western Service Center.

"All five contributed to the operation of the Center and, in developing skills and acquiring work experience, gave all of us a refreshing insight into urban youth," says Harold P. Danz, acting chief of the Office of Administrative Services, WSC.

"These Aids were recruited through local state and employment offices and were placed in productive and meaningful assignments for on-the-job training in the Center," he continues.

Rosette Chilton was assigned to the Mails and Files Unit and was taught how to sort incoming and outgoing mail, and learned to deliver the incoming mail to various offices of WSC and the Western Regional Office.

Sharon Thomas worked in the Branch of Microfilm Systems, indexing aerial photographs and acquiring a basic skill in keypunch operations.

Melissa Wong performed clerical and typing duties in the Advance Planning section of the Office of Environmental Planning and Design. She also assisted the other secretarial personnel during vacation periods and peak workloads. Maggie Braxton was also assigned to EP&D, where she helped type and proof-read specifications.

Maria Sandoval helped in the personnel division with a variety of clerical tasks involving employee relations. She remained at WSC through the Back-to-School Program on a part-time tour while she begins her freshman year of college in San Francisco.

The employment program for Summer Aids included informal group discussions and orientation sessions with films.

Coordinator for the Summer Aid program was Harold A. Moore, who also arranged a full day field trip for the students at Point Reyes National Seashore and Muir Woods National Monument.



**Adding both protection and "local color" to Petersburg National Battlefield Park, Va., are Joe Sowers (left) and Neil Mangum. "The horses can go anywhere," says Superintendent Marty Conway," and two horses are used during the heavy visitation period—June thru August." The riders carry information folders in their saddlebags, along with first aid kits. "In a Civil War battlefield area people almost expect to see horses," says Conway. "So the mounted patrol adds color to the Park."**

# Meritorious Service Awards

## Fred F. Dickison

Fred F. Dickison, 56, has been presented the Department of the Interior's meritorious service award.

Dickison was a forester in the Midwest Regional Office of the National Park Service in Omaha, Neb., until his retirement on Oct. 31, 1969.

He was presented the award by Midwest Director Fred C. Fagergren at a recent employee meeting.

Dickison began his National Park Service career in 1939 as a park ranger at Hot Springs National Park, Ark. In 1946, following 3½ years of military service, he was promoted to chief ranger of Hot Springs.

He came to the Omaha office in 1949 as soil conservationist. While in this position, he also became responsible for a Regional safety program for which he received an award of merit from the Department of the Interior's Safety Council and a citation from the Federal Safety Council.

In the citation for meritorious service, Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel praised Dickison for his work on a bark beetle infestation in Grand Teton National Park in 1965-66 and his coordination of the suppression work on the disastrous forest fires in Glacier National Park in 1967.

Dickison and his wife, Rena, have been living at 3613 Himebaugh in Omaha, but plan on moving in the near future to make their home at Magazine, Ark.

## Carl W. Alleman



Mr. Bowen – Mr. Alleman – Mr. Hendrix

Carl W. Alleman, coordinating project supervisor for the Western Office of Design and Construction has received the meritorious service award for his substantial contributions to the National Park Service in the area of field reconnaissance, design and construction of Park Service and public use facilities.

Alleman began his Federal service in August 1935 at McCurtain State Park, Oklahoma. During his career, he conceived and developed a design for outdoor fireplaces and a "modified" Gothic alphabet for park signs, helped develop an improved entrance station layout, designed a trailside exhibit shelter and a simplified refuse unit now commonly used in park areas.

His work on a special study of the Kolob section of Zion National Park served as a guide to the management and development of the area. At the Western Office of Design and Construction he achieved outstanding success in working with landscape architects permanently or temporarily assigned to field areas and provided professional identification for young landscape architects who had limited opportunity to associate with other personnel in their chosen profession.

## Glen Cole

In a brief ceremony at Park Headquarters in Yellowstone National Park recently, Superintendent Jack K. Anderson presented to Glen Cole the Department of Interior's highest honor, the meritorious service award.

In presenting the Citation, signed by Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel, Superintendent Anderson cited Cole for his outstanding service in the field of biological science and research.

Cole began his career with the National Park Service in 1962 at Grand Teton National Park. He devised a research program to aid in the perpetuation of the Snake River cutthroat trout. He played a major role in developing a research program to facilitate management of the grizzly, black bear and elk populations and habitat in Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks.

Mr. Cole has effectively planned, directed and supervised a program of highest quality research toward preserving the natural ecosystem of the park, and by setting a personal example has molded a team of research biologists into an efficient and effective Park Service mission-oriented unit.

## Arthur F. Furlong

Former Chief Park Guide at Mammoth Cave National Park, Arthur F. Furlong, has been recognized for outstanding service to Mammoth Cave National Park and its visitors. The Citation for Meritorious Service was presented to Mr. Furlong by Park Superintendent Robert H. Bendt at an informal gathering of Park Guides, family and friends.

Mr. Furlong began his association with Mammoth Cave when he was employed by private operators in 1924. He brought his experience and knowledge to the National Park Service when the Park was established in 1941.

He has served most of his career as a supervisory guide and retired from the position of chief park guide on October 31, 1969. Mr. Furlong was highly competent and respected by the many guides he supervised and by fellow associates throughout his career.

He participated prominently in the exploration and early development of a 1938 discovery of virgin cave.

Mr. Furlong and his wife, Elizabeth, reside in Park City, Kentucky.

## Neal A. Butterfield

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to park and recreation planning in the National Park System and in related recreational and environmental programs, Neal A. Butterfield has received a meritorious service award.

Butterfield began his professional career in 1935 in the Washington Office as a park planner, contributing significantly to establishment of Olympic and Kings Canyon National Parks. Later he developed the first cooperative planning program between NPS and the Bureau of Reclamation with the Colorado River Basin Plan. In 1950 he spearheaded the establishment of the recreation subcommittee to the Columbia Basin Interagency Committee providing the first inter-agency consideration of recreation resources in Oregon.

As assistant regional director for planning in the Southeast in 1962, he supervised the development of proposals for Biscayne Bay, Gulf Islands and Cape Kennedy as additions to NPS. He later became the director's personal staff assistant for the North Cascades proposal.

Butterfield was also active in establishment of Ross Lake and Lake Chelan National Recreation Areas.

## Frank L. Brown

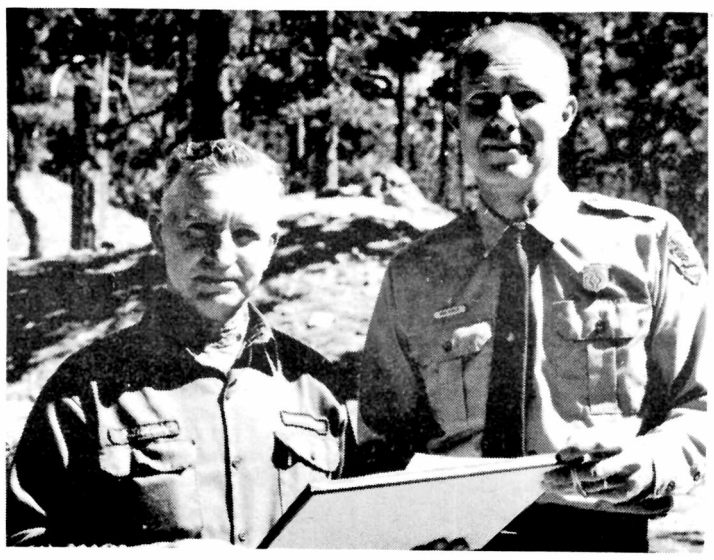
In recognition of his outstanding supervision of construction in the National Park Service, Frank L. Brown has been presented a meritorious service award.

Brown entered Government service in 1935, trasnferring to the Western Design Office in 1956. His comprehensive experience, knowledge of materials and method of construction and contract administration, plus his exceptional ability in contract relationships have been a valuable asset in accomplishing Service objectives.

As a result of his excellent supervision, the Service can be proud of the numerous fine roads, buildings and utilities that he supervised throughout the western United States.



Mr. Brown – Mr. Heubner – Mr. Bowen



Mr. Ludwig Supt. Boyer

## Raymond C. Ludwig

Raymond Ludwig, Lassen Volcanic roads and trails foreman II, was presented with the meritorious service award at a surprise coffee held on August 7 at Manzanita Lake.

Making the presentation was Superintendent Dick Boyer who commented that it was a pleasure for him to help in such an event that comes only once in a person's career lifetime. Assisting Mr. Boyer with the ceremonies were Chief of Maintenance Dell Dressler and Bob Keller, roads and trails foreman III. This award was made in recogniton of Ray's outstanding contributions to park operations during his career in Lassen Volcanic National Park.

In addition to all of Ray's friends and co-workers in the park special guests who attended the ceremony included retired park employees Bodie Lyon (foreman III, R & T) and Les Bodine (chief ranger), as well as former Park Superintendent Dixon Freeland.

Mr. Ludwig began his Park Service career at Lassen Volcanic in 1937 as a seasonal laborer and through diligent effort and hard work has advanced to his present position of foreman II, mixed gang, roads and trails.

One of Ray's most recent innovations to improve the park maintenance program was perfecting the use of powdered charcoal to increase snow melt in the spring. He was the recipient of a special act award for his superior performance during the period April to June 1965, as a member of a team involved in the spring opening of the Lassen Park Road under extremely trying and difficult conditions.

## Mereda D. Cleary

Mereda D. Cleary has received a meritorious service award for her superior work as a secretary and special assistant in the National Park Service.

After working with the Navy Department, Mrs. Cleary entered NPS in 1955 as a secretary at the Eastern Office of Design and Construction. In 1960 she was granted a superior performance award in recognition of her ability to anticipate her supervisor's needs while serving as secretary to the chief engineer. She received another superior performance award in 1964 for her ability and initiative in analyzing directives and preparing instructions to assist professional area coordinators.

In 1966 when the Office of Design and Construction was reorganized and again in 1969 when the functions of the Philadelphia Planning and Service Center were transferred to Washington, D.C., she helped maintain a continuous flow of up-to-date information to all employees concerned. In 1969 her high quality performance was recognized for the third time by a superior performance award.

Mrs. Cleary lives at 412 Laurel Road, Yeadon, Pa. 19050.

## Arthur J. Connell

In a special ceremony on August 17, Landscape Architect Arthur J. Connell was presented a meritorious service award by Granville B. Liles, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Connell received his award in recognition of his outstanding service and contributions to the National Park Service construction program in the field of landscape architecture.

He began his Federal service with the U.S. Forest Service in Missouri, 1937. In 1939 he transferred to NPS and has been with the Blue Ridge Parkway since then.

During his career he has successfully supervised some one hundred major contracts representing about $35,000,000. In all his contacts and cooperative activities, whether with other Federal agencies, state and local governments, private contractors, engineers or construction workers, he has been a fluent spokesman for preserving park values and for development of the natural beauty of the landscape.

Construction techniques, developed through his experience and professional ability, have become standard practice in parkway and scenic road construction throughout the country.

## John Riffey

Park Ranger John Riffey recently received the Department's meritorious service award from Superintendent Robert Lovegren, Grand Canyon National Park.

Riffey, who hails from Durango, Colorado, has a degree in forestry. He began his Federal Service in the early 1930's with the Bureau of Public Roads and was also employed by the U.S. Forest Service in 1937 where he remained until joining NPS in 1942 as park ranger at Grand Canyon National Monument. He spent about two years in the U.S. Army until his discharge in 1946 when he returned to his job at Grand Canyon NM.

Riffey is the only NPS representative at the monument. In addition to his duties as park ranger, he acts as naturalist/interpreter, park maintenanceman and administrator. A licensed pilot, he owns his own airplane that is used to make aerial searches for fires following summer thunder storms.

He has also carried out field studies to identify injurious insects and diseases. In order to prevent overgrazing on monument lands and to prevent environmental deterioration, he conducts studies to determine the carrying capacities of the ranges and keep the number of

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# NPS Alumni Notes

Edited By Herb Evison

*The following is excerpted, with very slight changes, from a taped interview with the late Charles A. (Chuck) Richey in November 1963.*

I entered on duty with the National Park Service in the summer of 1931 in the Western Field Office in San Francisco. It had just a division of engineering and a division of landscape architecture. At that time, the forestry group and the interpretive group were over at the University of California at Berkeley. When I got to San Francisco, I went there expecting a big fancy office and I found a rather small office with almost everyone in the field. Bill Carnes was working there as a seasonal; he had taken the same examination as I had, but came in later. And then there were two architects there, an Englishman by the name of A. Paul Brown and a part-time employee who is now (1963) associated with WODC, George Wolseley.

When I got there I found that Tom Vint had been able to get several jobs approved to get out some general development plans for the National Park Service. Tom was away just then and no one really knew what he had in mind, but it was thought it would be a general over-all plan for a national park and that each park would have similar plans. The only thing certain was that there would have to be some kind of base map which would have to go in this plan.

I picked Rocky Mountain to make this base map. To do a base map you had to put on contours or topography, so I put on contours. Well, contours on Rocky Mountain are practically on top of each other. I was working on line, very slick and very difficult on which to do drafting or drawing. I worked very hard all through the week; in those days we worked until Saturday noon. Saturday I had the map all complete and it looked pretty good to me. But as I put the cover on my drafting table, I spilled a bottle of ink, India drawing ink, right in the middle of the whole plan. No one saw me do this. I quickly covered it up and went out and got my lunch, then I went back and worked all Saturday afternoon and evening and all day Sunday and Sunday night. Sunday night I had the drawing completely redone. So I had it there on my drafting board Monday morning and I didn't tell anyone I had ruined the other plan because I was afraid they might fire me or something.

But we decided that that was too difficult a park to start on for a base map. The first two drawings that I did and which ended up finally in the master plans, were Mesa Verde and Glacier National Parks. What made this getting out the first master plan interesting was that, with almost everyone in the field, I was working on these things with very little information about them, not even having seen the areas; but the thing sort of evolved as I went along. Nothing had been established as to symbols or what should be in a general development plan, such as how many sheets, or anything else. We worked along, and Bill, who though only a seasonal was actually running the office in Tom's absence, worked with me from time to time.

(Q. You had to invent symbols at that time for the different kinds of things you were putting on that map?)

Well, not necessarily, some of them were invented, but we had to pick a group of symbols to tell, like on the general development map, what was at each particular location. It ended up that we had a roads and trails plan, a general development plan, a utilities plan, and several others; they were all reprinted from this one base map, and on that we used various symbols. We had to show what was existing and what was to be removed and what was proposed; all those kinds of things evolved as we went along.

We worked furiously on those things, as the Hot Springs Superintendents' Conference was planned; and as the date of it drew nearer, Tom Vint could see that these plans were something that would be of very great Service interest, so he encouraged several of us to try to get some completed for the Conference. Coloring up the plans sort of evolved, too. The last two days Bill and I, I believe, worked all night and all the next day; we had to have them in the mail by six o'clock in order to get them to Hot Springs in time for the Conference. Anyway, we got them in the mail and they were a great success at the Conference and Tom was very happy with them. It ended up we had a very nice package—Glacier, Mesa Verde, and Platt; all of them were colored and they had covers and sketches, and so on and they were, I think, quite impressive planning documents.

At the conference they were calling them general development plans; in fact each had that on its cover. Director Albright said: "These are so fine, so wonderful, I think we should call them master plans." At that time a master plan was more or less a master plumbing layout, used in general professional circles. But the master plan name stuck.

(Q. You had some sort of narrative along with these?)

Yes, as we worked into the planning we found that we couldn't get everything on the plans, so we decided there had to be some sort of narrative, and we tried to figure out how it could be presented with the plans. Finally they were done on long narrow sheets, and they were bound in at the face of each plan, so as you went through the plan the narrative gave the existing conditions, something about the history, and as it broadened out and expanded it logically developed into the first form of what our master plan is today.

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Bates Benson Retires! After 30 years of working for the Great Smokies, W. Bates Benson decided to take advantage of the increased annuity and retired July 31. Bates was first employed as a Tractor Operator with the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) in 1936 on an intermittent basis. He was appointed to a laborer position in June 1941 and truck driver in July 1941, then operator general in 1947. He was on military furlough with the U.S. Army from 1944 to 1946.

Bates' specialty has been heavy equipment operations—snow plows, tractor, shovel, crane. If anyone can tell you what snow removal involved Bates can. He put in many, hours, day and night, to keep the roads, especially the Newfound Gap road open for travel, because Bates was always a dependable man and worked around the clock when necessary. (Until I-40 was opened to traffic the Newfound Gap road through the park was the principal commercial and other throughroute between Knoxville and Cherokee and it was imperative that it be kept open for such use day and night regardless of conditions. The record shows very few times when the road was closed for longer than a few hours at a time because of snow and ice.)

One of the out-of-the-ordinary jobs Bates remembered is the scrap drive. In 1942, in the WWII effort, a total of 356,646 pounds of metal scrap was collected in the park. With Dave Galbraith, Bates, using the tractor, among other things pulled out an old boiler from Spence Field and another one from Roaring Fork. They were from sawmills so far back in the woods the owners left them there rather than go to the expense of hauling them out in the days before the establishment of the park.

Another memory Bates has is that of the flood of 1951 when with Dave Galbraith he ran the shovel on removing the slides that came down on the Newfound Gap road and operated the crane in rebuilding rock walls that had been washed out.

The Cosby campground is a monument to Tates' efforts along with those of Dave Galbraith and Glenn Shultz and their teammates. Bates was "on site" in charge of that project from start to finish. One thing that doubtless stands out in Bates' memory of that is mud and wet, because it seemed that that project was rained on from beginning to end.

We could note other outstanding events in Bates career, but space is at a premium. With his Bensons Cabins on Baskins Creek road in Gatlinburg we are sure he has not quit working—just switched types.

For a very active and dependable park worker, Bates Benson, we wish a happy and healthful future.

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In early September, Roy E. Appleman, who retired in July, and his wife Irene were scheduled to leave for London on TWA; there they were to join a Swiss-operated tour of Europe extending over the next six weeks, with visits to eleven countries.

"Among the places we anticipate seeing and enjoying is Spain," he wrote a few days before departure. "We will be there about eight days —Barcelona, Malaga, Grenada, Segovia, Toledo, Burgos, Madrid, San Sebastian, Tarragona, and the La Mancha country of Don Quixote and Cervantes fame south of Madrid. I last read Cervantes when I lay in the hospital with a broken hip, so it has not altogether faded from memory. Irene is particularly interested in Moorish architecture and has long wanted to get to Granada. A month or two ago I reread Washington Irving's *Grenada* and *Tales of the Alhambra*; so that too is somewhat in mind. We look forward to much travel in the years ahead to the extent we can afford it and our health will permit."

The Appleman home address is 1719 Edgewater Parkway, Hillandale, Silver Spring, Md. 20903.

Elbert Thomas Cox is not exactly a Park Service alumnus, but he is the son of an important one named Elbert Cox. "Tommy," the older of the two Cox boys—born while Elbert was at Yorktown in the Navy —was married in mid-September to Miss Virginia Kathleen Baldwin, of Whiteville, N.C. The new Mrs. Cox is a graduate of Sweet Briar College. Tommy is a graduate of Washington and Lee where he is now enrolled in the School of Law, with two years to go before getting his law degree. His wife will continue her work in the Admissions Office at Sweet Briar.

"Ed Kusterer, who worked in the Regional Office back in the CCC days is in the same building as I am and I see him frequently," Elbert wrote early in September. "Also Fred Fay, Bill Butler and recently Charles Graves from Atlanta. Stopped in to see Marge Bursley and she seemed to be very well."

Tommy Cox spent two years in the Army and, after basic training, was at a NATO Ammo station between Heidelburg and Frankfurt. "He and a friend made very good use of their time off, to tour the nearby countryside," Elbert wrote. "He drove a small Fiat car over 24,000 miles, so that part was a real break."

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Betty (Mrs. Carl P.) Russell reported recently that she was vacating the house she had occupied at Sedona, Ariz., for the preceding five months. While away from there she will visit in Omaha with her son Dick and dauther-in-law Ann, not to mention a brand-new grandson and his older sister. In November she will be back in Sedona, where her address will continue to be Box 1069.

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Writing from his Corte Madera, Calif., address the last day of August, John C. Diggs, helping to close the home of his daughter there, was uncertain whether he would be moving to smaller quarters in that town or would join a sister-in-law in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. "At 83," he wrote, "one has outlived almost all of one's contemporaries and many of one's family."

John lived in the Lower Rio Grande Valley from 1956 to 1963 and enjoyed it "because of the opportunity to raise a few trees, shrubs, and vegetables." He added: "I still drive a car, but California frowns so hard at anyone over 80 that it requires a driver's test each year, so I'll have to show up for a year's extension within the next few weeks."

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Lawrence C. Merriam, retired from the regional directorship of the Western Region, is another of those alumni who have not observed retirement by sitting around and twiddling their thumbs. He reported in late August that he has served as a consultant with the Save-the-Redwoods League on forestry and land matters. This, he wrote, "has involved outright purchases by the league as well as assistance on State purchases and exchanges." He added that he had also spent considerable time on the Redwood National Park proposal. "Recently I have been working on the league long-range-acquisition-of-lands program. On all these activities I have worked closely with Newton Drury.

"In March 1969 I was appointed by the governor to the Redwood Parks Special Study Committee. I have also pinch-hit for Newton on the Master Plan Committee for the Redwood National Park."

Lawrence and his wife Catherine live at 1952 Yosemite Road, Berkeley, Calif. 94707.

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grazing stock within acceptable limits.

John performs as electrician, carpenter, roads and trails maintenanceman, mechanic and other varied maintenance functions in order to keep things operating smoothly. He performs not only minor but major repairs on the equipment that he uses at the Monument.

John and his wife, Merribeth, do not have anyone to relieve them and John usually does not observe the usual eight hour day but adjusts his activities to the work that needs to be done and which is always abundant.

## John Bachensky

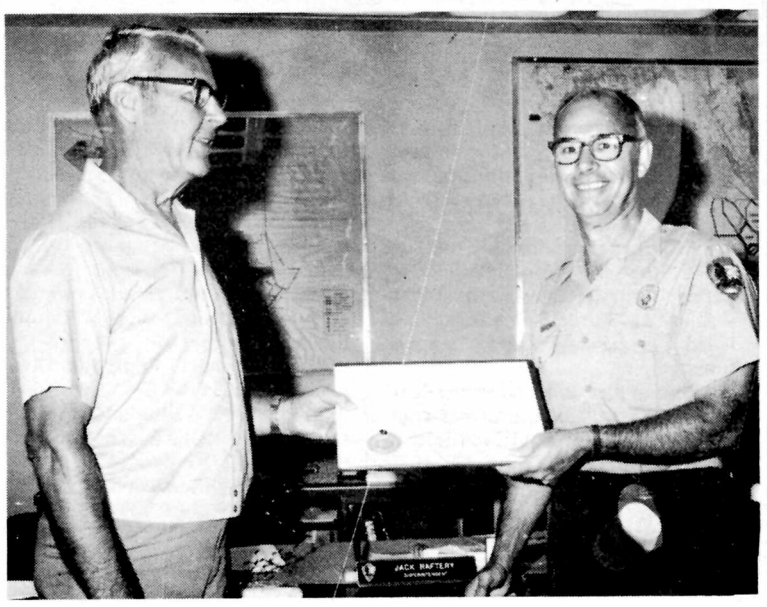
John J. Bachensky of Havertown, Pennsylvania, has been granted a meritorious service award for his outstanding career in the fields of fiscal management and contract administration.

From the beginning of his career in the National Park Service in 1935 to his retirement in 1969, he showed strong administrative and fiscal management ability. He served at Gettysburg National Military Park, Independence National Historical Park and the Washington office.

In 1955 he became regional finance officer in Philadelphia, and in 1960 was promoted administrative officer. As contracting officer in the Philadelphia Office of Design and Construction, he made major contributions to the successful completion of 168 construction contracts within three and one-half years. These contracts totaled over ten million dollars and were completed without a claim against the Government.

Bachansky lives at 1614 Hampton Road, Havertown, Pa. 19083.

## Willard E. Dilley



Mr. Dilley – Supt. Raftery

Former Chief Park Naturalist Willard E. "Bill" Dilley, who retired from the National Park Service October 31, 1969, received the meritorious service award in Everglades National Park on August 26.

Mr. Dilley and his wife, Edith, now live in Homestead, Florida, just a few miles from Everglades National Park where he started his career as a park naturalist 23 years ago.

The award was presented to Mr. Dilley "in recognition of his outstanding services in the field of interpretation, photography, art and literature during his career with the National Park Service." His accomplishments as chief naturalist at Grand Teton National Park included writing, editing, and assisting in preparation of the handbooks, "Wildlife of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks," and "Creation of the Teton Landscape," and also a magazine "The Naturalist."

He started a program of acquiring the works of recognized local artists which has resulted in a collection of some of the best paintings of the early Teton Valley artists. He also heightened the National Park Service relationship with the University of Wyoming Research Station located near Moran Junction.

Mr. Dilley started his Park Service career as a park naturalist at Everglades National Park shortly after its establishment in 1947. Subsequently, he served at Grand Canyon, Mammoth Cave and Grand Teton National Parks. During World War II, he served in the United States Navy as Lt. Commander.




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# Kodak's Guide to the National Parks

## by Chet Harris

The focus is in all 34 of America's National Parks, in this new publication, written by Michael Frome, noted conservation and travel writer. The 128-page soft-cover publication, which provides top picture locations in the parks, picture-taking hints and 32 pages of color photographs, can be obtained from Kodak dealers everywhere, or by sending $1.50 to: "Kodak Guide America's National Parks, "P. O. Box 9799, St. Paul, Minnesota 55177.

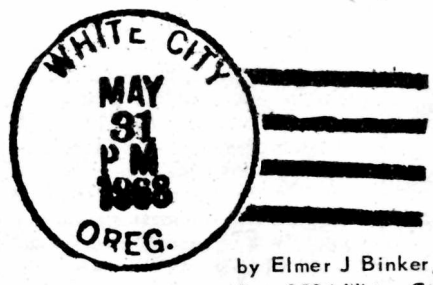
For those who have been taking pictures in parks during the past 20 years or so, this little paperback will remind you somewhat of Fred Bond's "Here's How to Photograph the West." There are a couple of interesting differences however, the writing, readable and authoritative; and illustrations which communicate.

The back cover lists the 34 areas now adminstered as National Parks and the text does comment on each. Unfortunately, there are no pictures of WIND CAVE, even though there is a space which a picture of the limestone, the wind, or the bison could enhance. The same might be said for NORTH CASCADES and REDWOOD--spaces but no pictures! However, these are the only photo deficiencies.

It would have appropriate for Frome to mention the role photography plays in park interpretive programs. Perhaps even more appropriate to point out that the Rocky Mountain Kodak Pictures were made on a photo caravan conducted by Park Naturalists!

The simple map line drawings are nice and clean and communicative assorted black and white photos generally present a what to do and see. Outstanding, are the beautifully colored reproductions - the finest I've ever seen in a popular handbook at this price. The selection and arrangement of the color photos is very nice, many will renew your awareness of these environments.

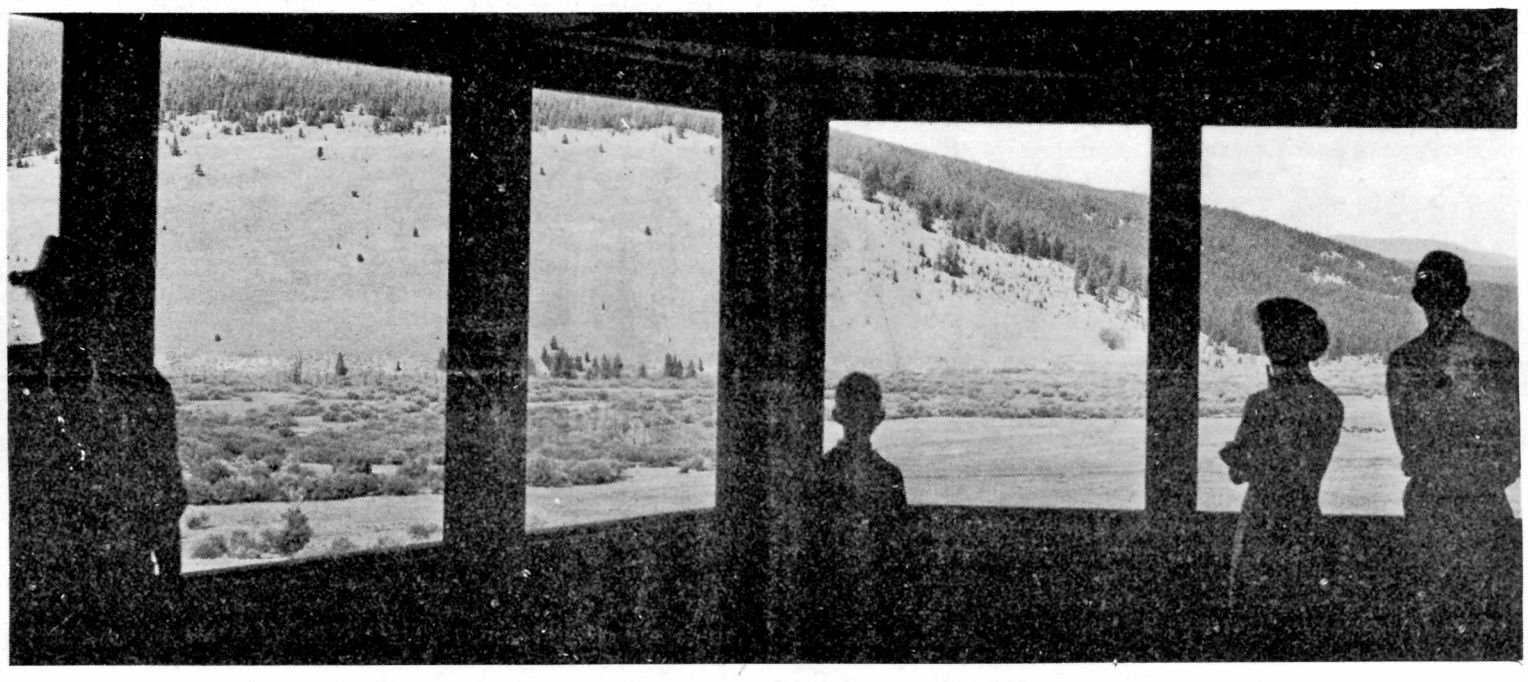
If you like National Parks and taking pictures in National Parks you will find this little book a good addition to your library. Oh yes, there was one other thing that bothers me. Somebody had better get the word to Frome or Kodak that the philosophy expressed on the back cover may not preserve the magnificence of America's National Parks. True, visitors can take home pictures from the park without causing any concern. It is only when they start leaving behind those millions of footprints that we are in trouble!




# THE NATIONAL PARK PHILATELIST

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Photo By Jack Rottier



Visitors view site of the Nez Perce encampment at Big Hole Battlefield

A vast stretch of terrain in Northern Idaho is the setting for a new kind of historical park. Consisting of 23 separate components scattered over 7,500 square miles between Lewiston and the Montana state line, it includes the Idaho homeland of the Nez Perce Indians and part of the trail used by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark. Although it was authorized May 15, 1965, it was not until May 19, 1970, that Secretary of the Interior Walter J. Hickel formally designated the NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.

This unsual assemblage of sites illustrating the role of the Nez Perce country in the western expansion of the United States includes at least four having stampic associations.

Located just north of White Bird, Idaho, in White Bird Canyon, is the WHITE BIRD BATTLEFIELD. At this locale, on June 17, 1877, Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce warriors routed two troops of the 1st Cavalry under Captain David Perry in the opening engagement of the Nez Perce War. A portrait of Chief Joseph by Cyrenius Hall is featured on the 6¢ stamp (#1364) issued November 4, 1968, to honor the American Indian and commemorate the opening of the National Portrait Gallery.

Near Orofino, along the Clearwater River, is the CANOE CAMP SITE marking the place where Lewis and Clark "hewed and burned out" five canoes from large trees to carry them on to the Pacific Ocean. These early explorers also stowed their saddles and other gear here and left their horses in the care of Chief Twisted Hair of the Nez Perce. Another Site, the LOLO TRAIL, was used by their 1805-06 expedition to cross the Bittersweet Mountains. The 3¢ commemorative (#1063) issued July 28, 1954, to mark the 150th Anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is certainly appropriate to both these segments of the Park.

The LOLO TRAIL was also the route over which Chief Joseph led his people in their masterly 1877 fighting retreat from General Oliver O. Howard's pursuing column, so the previously mentioned stamp showing this Nez Perce leaded is likewise pertinent to its story.

The fourth site, also on the Clearwater River nine miles east of Lewiston, marks the location of the Spalding or Lapwai Mission founded by Reverand and Mrs.Henry Harmon Spalding among the Nez Perce Indians in 1836. In September of that year, Spalding and Dr. Marcus Whitman arrived in Oregon country, and thus are credited with being the founders of the Oregon Territory. Consequently the 3¢ adhesive (#783) issued July 14, 1936 to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the opening of the Oregon Territory can logically be tied in with the SPALDING SITE.

Since Mrs. Spalding and Mrs. Whitman were the first American women to reach this country by way of the old Oregon Trail, the 3¢ stamp (#964) released August 14, 1948, which includes a wagon on the Oregon Trail in its design, might also be considered as being appropriate.

## *Lewis is New Supt. at Morristown*

The appointment of Steven H. Lewis, assistant supervisor at Mather Training Center, as the new superintednent of Morristown National Historical Park and Edison National Historic Site in New Jersey was announced by Henry G. Schmidt, director of the Northeast Region of the National Park Service.

Mr. Lewis, a native of Washington, D.C., has served with National Capital Parks in Washington, D.C., as historian, at Fort Smith National Historic Site in Arkansas, and for the last three years at Mather Training Center.

## Sorghum Making in the Great Smokies

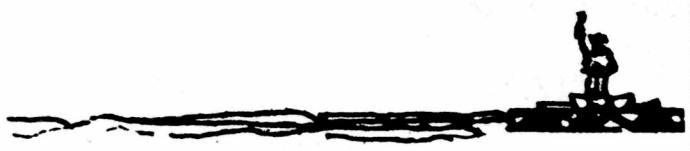
Sorghum making demonstrations at Great Smoky Mountains National Prk began September 26 and 27 at both Cable Mill in Cades Cove and the farmstead at Luftee.

Sorghum makers at Luftee will be Donald H. Gibby, John C. Cole, Ralph S. Green and Dough Trabert. Working at Cades Cove cove will be Mose Everette, Mamie Tipton and Wade Caylor.

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# *NPS Adopts Wordless Signs*

Symbols are replacing words on signs that guide visitors through the National Park System.

The internationally accepted symbols will be introduced into four NPS areas this fall: Colonial National Historical Park, Va.; Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Iowa; Minute Man National Historical Park, Mass.; and Yosemite National Park, Calif.

The goal is to have symbols in all NPS areas by July 1973.

It took nearly three years of trial and error testing, in cooperation with the UNESCO International Committee for Breaking the Language Barrier, to develop a set of 77 symbols recognizable worldwide. NPS coordinator was Al Fields, civil engineer at the Eastern Service Center.

What are sign symbols, and how do they work?

Basically, they are signs without words. For instance, the white silhouette of a gasoline pump on a background of brown, gray-blue or green means a service station. The symbol might also include a number, indicating mileage to the station, and a directional arrow to show where the station is.

Another new symbol in the parks, a fish with a hook dangling overhead, tells the sportsman all he wants to know—except whether they're biting. A red slash through the fish will advise that no fishing is allowed.

And if there is no hook in the symbol with the fish it means "fish hatchery."

NPS Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., said that recognition tests were conducted by the University of Bridgeport, in Connecticut, to establish the most easily recognizable symbols relating to accommodations, winter sports and land and water recreation.

And these tests won the support of the International Committee, the National Park Service submitted the symbol series to the Interagency Sign and Marker Committee of the Department of Transportation, which granted approval.

But the symbols are not all that is new in the overhaul of signs in the National Park System. All aspects—design, size, color and construction have been meticulously researched. Even a special type face, National Park Service Modified Clarendon, has been adopted for use where lettering is absolutely necessary, such as on parkway informational signs.

Wherever necessary, breakway posts will be used along parkways to minimize personal injury in the event vehicles collide with signs.

And even these supporting posts will be made of materials that blend into park features. Stanchions will be of weathering steel rectangular tubing that never requires paint.

Background colors for the symbols will be selected according to how they blend or contrast with the natural features of the area. For instance, a brown background might not be easily spotted in a desert area, but a gray-blue or green sign would stand out.

Why the change from words to symbols?

NPS sign experts believe that the symbols will communicate more effectively with park visitors. Even pre-school age children get a message from symbols that words could not relay to them.

And a symbol along a highway provides information that might be missed by a family in a car moving past a printed sign at 45 miles an hour.

Interior Secretary Hickel commented, "Signs must be human in their message and must establish a rapport with the visitor just as if we were talking to him individually."

Communication is only one objective of the new sign symbol program. Another is to have signs in harmony with environment. As Director Hartzog put it, "Our signs must reflect the quality of the areas we administer."



Firearms* RS-001
Smoking* RS-002
Automobiles* RS-003
Trucks* RS-004
Tunnel RS-005
Lookout Tower RS-006
Lighthouse RS-007
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Deer Viewing Area RS-011
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Drinking Water* RS-013
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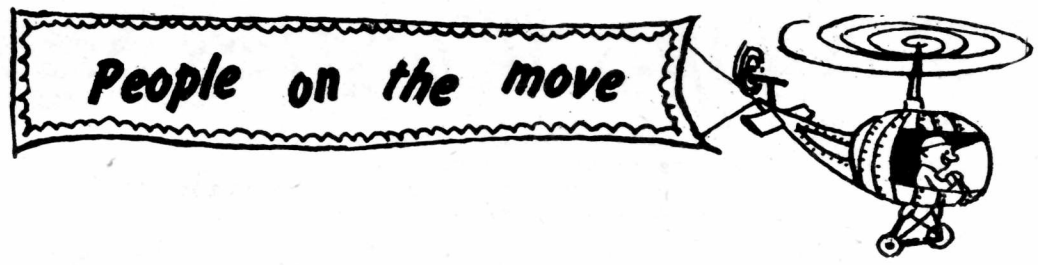
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Surfing* RS-059
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Swimming * RS-061
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Fishing* RS-063

LAND RECREATION

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Trail Bike Trail* RS-065
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Recreation Vehicle Trail* RS-067
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Playground RS-069
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Stable RS-073
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Prohibiting Slash

** Symbol available with red slash Mark to indicate activity is prohibited*




# New Faces

Bender, Georjean G., to Pk. Ranger, Hopewell Village, NHS
Biddinger, Gilbert E., Jr., to Pk. Techn., Yosemite NP
Brown, Michael D., to Visual Info. Spec., Harpers Ferry Center.
Cooper, Sharon A., to Sec. Steno., Harpers Ferry Center
Franklin, Claude T., to Maintenance Worker, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
Jolivet, Elroy P., to Data Processing Clk., WSC
Kenoyer, John C., to Maintenance Worker, Cabrillo NM
Miller, Charles Keith, to Mining Engr., Death Valley NM
Mitchell, Dorothy L., to Accounting Techn., WASO

# New Places

Bayse, F. Melina, from Sec., Padre Island NS, to Pk. Techn. Typing, Fort Clatsop NA
Bertram, Jack D., from Foreman II MG Rds., Yosemite NP, to Engineering Equipment Operator, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
Bodge, Clyde H., from Gen. Supply Asst., Mammoth Cave NP, to Proc. Agent, NER
Chase, Donald Dwight, from Pk. Ranger, Lake Mead NRA, to Supv. Pk. Ranger, Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP
Collins, Franklin G., from Mgmt. Asst., Redwood NP, to Landscape Arch., WSC
Cordary, Jay L., from Realty Spec., WSC, to same, Joshua Tree NM
Crane, Clark D., from Foreman III Maintenance, Sanford RA, to Maintenance Supv., Amistad RA
Crawford, Paul B., from Pk. Ranger, Lassen Volcanic NP, to same, Klamath Falls Cluster
Davies, Sharon R., from Pers. Clk. Typing, WSC, to Staffing Clk. Typing, WASO
Dunton, Irving L., from Enrollee Work Supv., Mammoth Cave NP, to Foreman III Maintenance, Isle Royale NP
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*Requiescant* *In Pace*

Mrs. Minnie Baker, wife of R&T Foreman Richard Baker of Glen Canyon, died June 16. She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Mrs. Jackie Bleyhl; and a granddaughter, Claudine.

Earnest R. Burnside, Laborer at NCP-North, died July 2. He is survived by his wife, Patricia.

Father of Martine Ely, Clerk DMT at Lassen Volcanoes, died September 5.

Ellis E. "Gabby" Gabbert, retired Accounting Officer at Yellowstone, died August 11.

Leonard Grissom, Jr., Motor Vehicle Operator at NCP, died June 18.

Patrick Johnson, son of Craig Johnson of Sequoia, died September 9. He was injured fatally when he ran into a glass door.

Father of Donald Petitt, Maintenanceman at Sequoia, died September 14.

Father of Superintendent Jerry Schober of Abraham Lincoln Birthplace, died recently.



## Navajos Train at Glen Canyon

**"You missed a spot!" Painter Bernie Garcia, Glen Canyon NRA, supervises a Navajo youth in one of several activities of the Navajo Youth Corps Program. Eddie Begay and Lister Littleman are part of a program sponsored by Glen Canyon and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Park Superintendent C.E. Johnson has praised the program as one that "fosters growth and development of the youth of the Navajo Tribe."**

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Smebakken, Clay D., from Class. & Wage Spec., SWRO, to Pers. Mgmt. WASO
Stork, Gary C., from Supv. Pers. Mgmt. Spec., WSC, to Pers. Off., Yosemite NP
Tobin, Charles K., from Foreman III, Maintenance, R&T, Death Valley NM, to Maintenance Supv., Yellowstone NP
Wharton, Bertha A., from File Clk., Yellowstone NP, to Admin. Clk. Typing, Gran Quivira NM
Whitman, David, L., from Pk. Techn., Cabrillo NM, to same, Redwood NP
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