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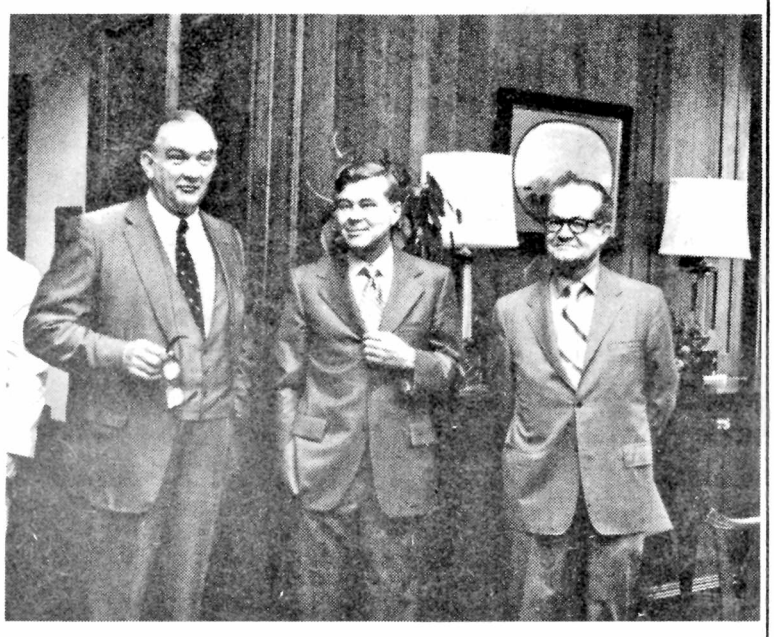


Photo By Cecil Stoughton

THREE OF THE MEMBERS of the National Park Centennial commission are, left to right: Congressmen John Saylor (Pa.), John Melcher (Mont.) and Senator Alan Bible (Nev.)

Centennial Progress: Changes & Challenges

By Ron Greenberg

Plans for the Centennial celebration took another step forward early this month when an ad hoc committee, meeting in Harpers Ferry, recommended major changes in organization and staffing of the program's operations.

Following the meeting, Director Hartzog announced the appointment of **Bill Briggle,** superintendent of Glacier National Park, as head of a new Centennial staff. Briggle and three other staff directors are preparing a program of support organization and activities for each of three objectives set for the Centennial Commission.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives are 1) commemoration and celebration, directed by T. Sutton Jett, assistant to Director Hartzog; 2) people awareness of, and involvement with, park values, directed by Jean Henderer, assistant chief of the Division of State and Private Assistance; and 3) examination and statement of philosophy and long range objectives to guide the National Park System in a second century, directed by Dr. Sylvan Kaplan, chief of the Division of Long Range Planning and Objectives.

Centennial director Bill Briggle has been assigned to Washington on a full-time detail. Experienced in staff and planning work, Briggle has been with the NPS since 1949. Field assignments have taken the Briggles to Yellowstone, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, Lake Mead and Glen Canyon where he was superintendent. He has also served as recreation planner in the Southeast Regional Office, recreation resource specialist in WASO, and as special assistant to the assistant director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. In 1967 Briggle was part of a three-man team selected to assess the park potentials of Ethiopia.

Hartzog has also appointed an Executive Committee for the Centennial. On that committee are William Everhart (chairman); Theodor Swem; Wayne Miller; Nancy Dayton, NPS Women's Organization; Jerome LaCari, Badlands NM; J. Leonard Volz; Jeanne Randall; Robert Maynard, Yosemite Park and Curry Co.; Jack Strain, state park director, Nebraska; and Joseph Penfold, conservation director, Izaak Walton League of America.

YELLOWSTONE ALUMNI

Howard Baker, Chairman of the Board of the Employee and Alumni Association, has announced Association plans to work with Yellowstone Library and Museum Association in a program to officially recognize former employees of Yellowstone.

Any person who identifies himself as having worked at Yellowstone, during a visit to the park or by some other means of contact, will receive a ribbon distinguishing him as former employee. He will also be given a membership card for the 1972 Yellowstone Centennial Club.

"We believe that many people throughout the U.S. and in foreign countries who've worked in Yellowstone would like to commemorate that experience during the Centennial Year," says Baker. "A system of recording the names of these people is being planned. At the end of the year we should be able to prepare a complete listing which should be a great supplement

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For All Employees

This is another "get acquainted" issue. Every employee should have a copy (please share with seasonals). Membership in the Employee & Alumni Assoc. includes a subscription to the COURIER. To join use the form on page 8.

Morton Sends 17-Point Directive to Hartzog

Calls on NPS to Increase Visitor Opportunities & Protect Environment

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton has called on the National Park Service for policies which will increase recreational opportunities for city dwellers and make parks and national shrines accessible to more low income families.

The Secretary's recommendations were included in "A Second Century of National Parks," a 17-point directive to George B. Hartzog, Jr. NPS director. The Service is preparing to celebrate in 1972 the hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Act creating Yellowstone, the first national park.

"I am asking that during 1972 the National Park Service concern itself with developing a statement of philosophy and a long range plan, to insure that park resources will be preserved unimpaired and their unique values will continue to play an important role in the lives of all Americans during the second century of national parks," Secretary Morton said.

Guidelines

Highlights of the Morton guidelines include:

*Travel costs prevent many citizens from visiting most national parks. A special task force should be set up to study costs of transportation and accommodations with the aim of broadening use of the National Park System by all economic groups.

*Government must identify and create more parks where people need them—in and near large urban complexes.

Some areas, like Indiana Dunes and Assateague Island, already can be considered urban parks; others, like the proposed Gateway National Recreation Area in New York Harbor, would attract millions in need of outdoor recreational opportunities. The service should develop criteria for more such areas.



Photo By Jack Rottier

Secretary Morton

Land Use

*As an important element of President Nixon's proposal to develop a national land use policy, the Secretary has been asked to carry out a study to identify areas needed to fill out the National Park System. The Service should proceed immediately to implement this directive.

*The need to cope with the problem of preservation of our culture may require the development of a new category of cultural parks in addition to the present natural, historical, and recreational areas.

*The "Parks For All Seasons" program, which has been successful in Washington, D.C., and other areas should be further expanded.

*Special emphasis must be placed on ranger recruitment and training to develop a force capable of coping more effectively with the increase of crime and drug use in the national parks.

*The Public Land Law Review Commission has recommended that the National Park Service ration the use of certain national parks and wilderness areas in order not to compromise the visitor's park experience.

Research should be conducted to determine an effective formula for measuring the use limits of a park, perhaps by experimenting with controls on portions of certain parks.

"I am convinced that the users of our Nation's parklands will support us in all management efforts to protect such resources for his future use if he understands the reasons which require such actions," Secretary Morton said.

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Schmidt Named Assist. Director For the Field

The appointment of Henry G. (Hank) Schmidt as assistant director of the National Park Service for field operations with offices in Phoenix, Ariz. was announced by Director George B. Hartzog, Jr.

Schmidt, a veteran of more than 30 years in the National Park Service, comes to his new job from Philadelphia where he was Director of the Service's Northeast Region.

In his new position, Schmidt will travel extensively throughout the National Park System, reviewing, evaluating and assisting local park management programs and procedures, Hartzog said, with the goal of insuring continued excellence in management of NPS field areas.

Beginning his career as a custodian at Arches National Monument, Utah, in 1939, Schmidt had served as a seasonal employee of the Service at Sequoia National Park, Calif., in 1935. Following Naval service during World War II, he served at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif., until 1951.

In 1951, Schmidt became the first superintendent of Sitka and Glacier Bay National Monuments in Alaska. His next assignment was as assistant superintendent of big Bend National Park, Tex.

From there, he served as Superintendent at, successively, Isle Royale National Park, Mich.; Fire Island National Seashore, N.Y.; and the New York City National Park Service Group which includes such famous landmarks as the Statue of Liberty and Grant's Tomb.

Schmidt holds the Department of the Interior Meritorious Service Award.

He and his wife have two daughters. One, Loretta, is a National Park Service Ranger.



Sequoia and Kings Canyon employees, James F. Harvey Roy L. Davis, Leroy J. Carruth, Steve H. Wright, and J. Troy Hall (from left to right), participants in the annual Mule Day skills event held recently at Bishop, California, are shown displaying the four awards and entry trophy received for their first try in competition.

Medal Honors Mather

A medallion commemorating the 50th anniversary of the organization of the National Conference on State Parks has been issued by the Conference. The 1½ inch unimedal was struck in both .999 fine silver and bronze by Medallic Art Company, New York.

The face of the medal depicts Stephen T. Mather, founder and first director of the National Conference on State Parks. The reverse side of the medal features a campfire with the numeral 50 over the flame.

The words "Golden Anniversary 1921 Des Moines, Iowa 1971" encircle the design. Des Moines was the site of the first meeting to establish the Conference.

Mather, then Director of the Natioal Park Service, strongly believed that state and local pleas for the federal government to operate and maintain areas of varying scenic interests had to be handled in some manner other than through federal efforts. He felt that, while areas known for their natural wonders and beauty of national interest should be maintained as national parks, scenic areas of importance to individual states must also be preserved.

Mather believed that the states were in danger of losing their natural landscapes under the onslaught of civilization. It was this growing conviction that led him to advocate a conference to organize the states.



"It is fitting that we pay honor to the foresight of Stephen T. Mather," said Mr. Ben Bolen, current President of the National Conference on State Parks.

"While ecology was just a word in the dictionary, he had the vision to foresee that unspoiled land would be very dear in years to come. Now fifty years later we are able to enjoy acres of natural beauty in our state parks that might otherwise have been lost forever to commercial interests.

The National Conference on State Parks' commemorative medallions are available in participating state parks throughout the country. The bronze medallions are priced at $1.00 and the .999 fine silver, at $10.00 each.

The issue is limited to 5,000 silver and 20,000 bronze. Proceeds from medallion sales will be used to further the work of the National Conference on State Parks.

Medallions can be ordered from the following (please enclose 50c handling charge per order):

National Conference on State Parks Medallion Committee
1001 Missouri Boulevard
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Directive

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*The Service must do everything possible to get and keep on schedule its recommendations on those portions of parks and monuments that should receive protection under the Wilderness Act.

Public symposiums might be held to discuss how best to preserve wilderness while allowing appropriate use.

The Secretary noted that wilderness areas are not immune to overuse, and suggested preliminary studies leading toward plans that will protect their essentially wild character. He also expressed the hope that, beginning in the summer of 1972, the use of one or two wilderness areas might be "rationed" as an experiment.

*Means should be found to utilize the Historic Preservation Act of 1966 to broaden the protection of historic sites against destruction.

Secretary Morton also emphasized the National Park Service commitment to the Second World Conference on National Parks to be held at Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks in 1972; assistance to the Department's land use plan; cooperation with Interior's Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to study a marine park and refuge program; environmental education; and a task force study of Park System camping and its effect upon park environments.

Land Use Policy Hearings Continue

The need for a national land use policy was the subject of recent hearings by the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs.

Two bills under consideration, S. 632 and S. 992 received general support from both state and national representatives.

S. 632, introduced by Senator Henry Jackson (Wash.), is directed at providing tools for improving local, state, and federal administration of the nation's land resource. It offers a national statement of goals toward which the various levels of government could work together.

S. 992, introduced by Senator Robert Byrd (W. Va.), is a similar measure and would authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make grants to encourage and assist the states in preparing and implementing land use programs for the protection of areas of critical environmental concern and to control and direct growth and development at the local level.

Jackson indicated that a national land use policy is one of the most important items before the Congress.

He said that "the pressures upon our finite land resource cannot be accommodated without better planning and more effective control. Our land resources must be inventoried and classified. The Nation's needs must be cataloged, and alternatives must be systematically evaluated."



Photo By N.W. Salisbury

NEW JACK OF ALL TRADES—at least for visitor service and park protection activities—at Glen Canyon Recreation Area in Page, Ariz., is Park Technician Jack Foster. A member of the Navajo Indian Tribe, Jack majored in police science at Constra Costa College in San Pablo, Calif.

CSC Issues Guidelines For Intergovernment, Temporary Assignments

Guidelines to facilitate the temporary assignment of talented personnel between the Federal Government and State and local governments and institutions of higher education, under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, have been issued by the U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Such assignments will enable employees with special skills and knowledge to perform work which will be mutually beneficial to the organizations involved.

They will also permit the employee to learn about the programs, processes, and problems in a different jurisdiction and thus increase his effectiveness in his regular assignment.

Under the law, all employees of Federal executive agencies are eligible for temporary assignment under IPA: judicial and legislative branch employees, except for employees of the General Accounting Office, are not eligible.

Most assignments will be of employees in professional, administrative, and technical occupations. The Commission does not anticipate that the temporary assignment of personnel between jurisdictions will involve any massive movement of people.

Assignments must be entirely voluntary on the employee's part and will require a written agreement between the Federal agency and the other jurisdiction.

Either the Federal agency or the State or local government may initiate an assignment involving one or more persons, which may be a reciprocal or a one-way transaction. They may be made for periods up to two years, and may be extended, in special cases, for up to an additional two years.

Intergovernmental assignments under IPA may be made by detail of employees or by placing them on leave without pay. In either case. Federal employees are protected against loss of rights and benefits; State and local governments and institutions of higher education are being urged to provide the same protection for their employees. The law will not permit any employee to receive dual benefits as a result of his assignment.

Salary Policy

The Federal employee assigned on a leave without pay basis will be given a State local government appointment and is entitled to a supplementary salary payment when the pay of the temporary position is less than he would have received in his Federal job.

He may accumulate annual and sick leave to the same extent as he would have in his Federal job, and may elect to receive full service credit for retirement purposes during his assignment.

He is also entitled to continue his life insurance and health benefits coverage during his entire assignment—even if the period of leave without pay exceeds 1 year. The time of the assignment will be creditable for within-grade salary increases, retention purposes, and leave accrual, and the employee will be considered for promotion on an equal basis with Federal employees in the same agency.

Regardless of whether the Federal employee is assigned on detail or on leave without pay, the Federal conflict-of-interest statutes continue to apply to him.

Travel Reimbursement

Employees assigned to a different jurisdiction may be reimbursed for travel and transportation expenses to and from the assignment location. Upon completion of their assignments, employees will be expected to return to their respective agencies, governments, or institutions.

While the Civil Service Commission will support, monitor, and provide necessary information concerning personnel mobility under IPA, the Federal agency and the jurisdiction concerned will have the responsibility for arranging assignments.

Ice Age Scientific Reserve

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton has announced the establishment of Ice Age National Scientific Reserve, which is composed of nine areas of glacial features scattered across Wisconsin.

He pointed out that publication of an order in the Federal Register May 29 is the final legal requirement in establishing the Reserve. The act of Oct. 13, 1964, had authorized the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the State of Wisconsin in the designation and administration of the outstanding examples of continental glaciation in the state.

The Reserve contains 32,500 acres of some of the best-preserved features of the Wisconsinan Glacial Stage, the most recent of four stages of the Pleistocene. Encompassing the last two million years, the Pleistocene is known as the "Age of Man."

The Reserve also represents a unique concept of cooperation between the Federal government and Wisconsin for the preservation, interpretation and maintenance of the nine components.

"Studies by the National Park Service disclosed that the glacial features are so widely scattered, and in such a complex pattern of use and ownership, that the traditional concept of a federally owned national park is not feasible," says Secretary Morton.

"Therefore, Congress has determined that Ice Age National Scientific Reserve be administered by the State and its political subdivisions with cooperation from the Secretary of the Interior."

The National Park Service, in cooperation with the State, has prepared a detailed comprehensive plan for development, visitor use and interpretation of the Reserve. Construction drawings and contract administration will be done by the State. Each agency will finance its own work and each will secure prior review and approval of the plans from each other.

Morton Adds 27 Trails

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton has designated 27 trails in 19 States and the District of Columbia as new National Recreation Trails.

Secretary Morton said: "The story of the American trail is as old as the story of America itself. It is the American trail that transformed a frontier into a future. In an equally historic sense, our new American trails will also forge across a frontier—a spiritual frontier of faith in a national determination that the quality of life in and near our growing cities will be improved."

The 27 publicly and privately managed trails bring to 29 the total number of recreation trails in the National Trails System. Also included in the national system are the Appalachian and Pacific Crest National Scenic Trails, established by Congress.

The new National Recreation Trails range in length from just under ¼ mile to 30 miles. Most are near urban population centers.

Included in the group are outdoor recreation opportunities for hikers and bikers, horseback riders, nature lovers, and the handicapped. Two trails are zoned for snowmobile use in winter, and two are on islands.

Three trails will be administered by private groups and open to the general public, two by the Army's Corps of Engineers, one by the Tennessee Valley Authority, one by the National Park Service, four by Interior's Bureau of Land Management, seven by State governments and nine by local governments.

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to our compilation of NPS alumni, as well as having historical value."

SPECIAL STORIES

During 1972 the COURIER will run monthly articles and feature stories devoted to various aspects of the National Park System, its history and its future. The COURIER editors and guest contributors will write on topics such as "The National Park Idea," "The Story of Yellowstone," "National Parks of Today" and "National Parks in the Second Century." Other stories will discuss management philosophy, state parks, and international programs.

New Wildlife Management Book

A booklet entitled "GAME, GUNNERS and BIOLOGY—The Scientific Approach to Wildlife Management" is now available, the Wildlife Management Institute reports.

Written by John Madson and Ed Kozicky, the 48 page booklet contains a thumbnail history of the evolution of modern game management and of the men and events that shaped this concept. Copies are available for 50c each from the Conservation Department, Winchester-Western Division, Olin Corporation, East Alton, Illinois 62024.

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Oregon Dunes Bill Introduced Again

A bill to establish the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area has been introduced by Senator Mark Hatfield (Ore.).

The bill, S. 1977, differs from similar legislation proposed last year in that it would prohibit mining on the unique area and would create an advisory council including both local and national representation.

The measure calls for administration by the U.S. Forest Service in cooperation with state and local governments. The Forest Service has given its assurance that it is ready to assume the responsibility of administering the Dunes, which stretch for some 40 miles along the Oregon coast, as a national recreation area.

Meritorious Service



Frank Kowski, Director Southwest Region, presents the Meritorious Service Award to John O. Cook for superior service. Secretary of Interior Rogers Morton cites him for "consistent superior service" to the public during 36 years in NPS.

During the last two years Mr. Cook has been a member of the NPS Quarters Evaluation Task Force with headquarters in Santa Fe. Previously he served as superintendent of several NPS areas.

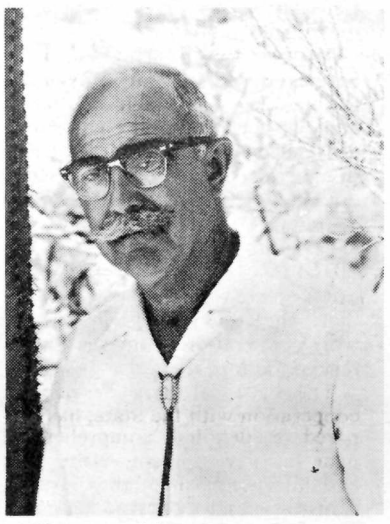
Carlos Dale

Mr. Dale received his Meritorious Service Citation in recognition of his outstanding service in the National Park Service in the field of park administration. He played a major role in the Natural Landmark Program since its inception by the National Park Service in 1964, making vital input in every phase of the program. He determined the program's scope and objectives, developed criteria for weighing national significance, a system of natural history themes to categorize the natural heritage of the Nation, guidelines for carrying out the selection and evaluation of sites; related forms for gathering and recording information and an explanatory brochure for wide distribution. His literally unnumbered contacts with governmental agencies, universities, scientific groups, and the private sector have reflected with credit on both him and the National Park Service.

Albert Hawkins

In recognition of his skill in initiating and managing innovative new programs for the National Park Service at Prince William Forest Park, Mr. Hawkins was awarded the Meritorious Service Award of the Dept. of Interior. In June of 1968, when he became Superintendent, he immediately researched and initiated new programs which would serve the visitor most effectively. He provided a wide range of indepth interpretive programs aimed at satisfying the needs of extremely diversified groups of individuals. New thrusts were directed toward such groups as, patients at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, the Campfire Girls of America, YWCA, the inner-city and rural youngsters.

George Olin



In recognition for the years of excellent and enthusiastic service as a Naturalist and Park Ranger with the National Park Service, Mr. Olin was awarded the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior. As Chief of the new Division of Urban and Environmental Activities, Mr. Olin played a major role in reorganizing to meet the new thrust of urban program involvement in the Nation's Capital.

Russell Dickenson

In recognition of his unusual contribution to the National Park Service, as well as his significant success with urban park programs, Mr. Dickenson was awarded the Meritorious Service Award of the Department of the Interior. He currently serves as General Superintendent of National Capital Parks, Washington, D.C. He has had a strong influence in the development of innovative programs for urban activities, which were keyed to the changing needs of our society. Under this concept, he has brought the parks to the people.



Bless Them All

Because of these people (and some others not shown) all employees of the Eastern Service Center can be assured first-rate assistance in an emergency. They are trained to administer first aid and have learned to use a newly acquired Seeler Resuscitator (shown in photo with company representative).

Commendable Service

Hershel Jones

In recognition of his invaluable service in the development with the Tri-State area, Mr. Jones was awarded the Commendable Service Award of the Department of the Interior. Mr. Jones, who retired from the position of Park Technician at Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, was cited as "a very willing worker. . ., loyal to his job in every respect."

Ray Adams

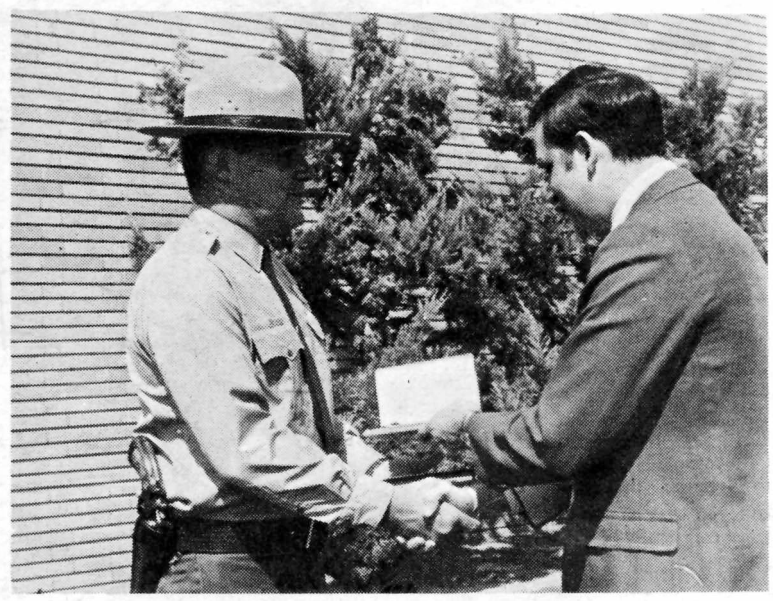
In recognition of his loyal and devoted service, the Commendable Service Award of the Department of the Interior was awarded to Mr. Adams. Ray was described as a very willing worker, loyal to his job in every respect. At Great Smoky Mountains National Park, he held a position in the Headquarters roads and trails operation at the time of his retirement.

Fred Sutton

In recognition of his loyal and devoted service, Mr. Sutton was awarded the Commendable Service Award of the Department of the Interior. During Fred's entire career in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park he displayed a keen sense of responsibility and could be depended upon to be on the job whether it was plowing snow, sanding ice or handling explosives. Mr. Sutton, who has since retired, was highly respected by his former fellow workers.

William Hyde

Mr. Hyde entered the Federal Service with the National Park Service at Great Onyx Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center on June 24, 1965, where he served until his death on January 28, 1971. Over the period of his employment, "Get Red" was a common saying because he could always be depended on to a accomplish the job. In recognition of his excellent and enthusiastic work performance, Mr. Hyde, posthumously, was granted the Commendable Service Award of the Department of the Interior.



Mr. Richard T. Gebauer, retired construction representative from the Western Service Center, is being presented his Commendable Service Award by Superintendent Bob Jones, of Saguaro National Monument.

Recognition

By Don Pledger

Belated but not unexpected recognition has come to three Southwest Region staff members recently according to Frank F. Kowski, regional director.

The Santa Fe County Combined Federal Campaign organization has presented Outstanding Citizenship awards to Bob Bone, Mike Becker, and Celeste Tomashevsky for their highly successful work in the United Fund appeal for all area Federal agencies.

After heading up the National Park Service portion of the drive for three years, Bob, who is chief of property management and general services, was named chairman last year for the entire campaign. Under his direction the drive was the most successful since the inception of the program in Santa Fe County.

Bob attributes the success of the operation to a higher percentage of participation by individuals. "Federal employees contributed $13,236, a 10.2% increase over the previous year," he said.

Mike Becker, management assistant in cooperative programs, handled the Regional Office appeal. Again, NPS led all area agencies with the $3,226 contributed far exceeding the goal of $2,300. Mike gives much of the credit for the success of the office campaign to his assistant, Mrs. Tomashevsky.

Mr. Kowski pointed out that NPS is not the largest governmental organization in Santa Fe County but consistently contributes more than any other agency. The Southwest Regional Office has received participation and goal awards for 11 straight years, topping all other Federal agencies in the county.

Superior Service



Lawrence W. Wilmer, retiring Automotive Equipment Specialist is being presented the Superior Service Award by Blue Ridge Parkway Superintendent, Granville Liles.

Tops In Law Enforcement



Chief of Police Forsyth of Visalia, Calif., is shown presenting Park Ranger Mack Shaver and award as outstanding student and president of the graduating class of the 18th session of the Tulare and Kings Counties Basic Training Law Enforcement Academy.

Mack, from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, competed with 24 police officers from 13 different law enforcement organizations in the San Joaquin Valley area.

The course provides 244 hours of theory and skills, which meets the basic qualifications for police officer training set by the California Peace Officers Association. Instructors were from local police departments, the College of the Sequoias, the FBI, and local hospitals.

Mack is stationed at Ash Mountain Headquarters, and has worked as a back country ranger during the summer months.

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A Tour With Mrs. Harris

By Loretta DeLozier



Mrs. Wilhelmina Harris

Surely one of the treats of the Park Service is a tour with Wilhelmina Harris.

Park manager of Adams National Historical Site in Quincy, Massachusetts, Mrs. Harris is pithy and witty and filled with wonderful stories about the Adams House and its former residents.

Although she retired in 1965, Mrs. Harris returned a few months later as a re-employeed annuitant.

"That means when you get a raise you pay for it," she quips, explaining that every time she gets a raise in her annuity, her pay is correspondingly lowered.

An Adams devotee and scholar, Mrs. Harris has undertaken to have everything in the house photographed and documented, with a history of each item. She has completed ten huge volumes on the house and is working on her eleventh, and final, volume.

Mrs. Harris's efforts have not gone unrewarded. Last year she received the Distinguished Service Award, the Interior Department's highest honor.

She's Historic Too

Mrs. Harris is, herself, part of the history of the house--so much so that she has been fondly nick-named "Mrs. Adams."

Mrs. Harris lived in the house for seven years, from 1920 to 1927, while serving as social secretary to Brooks Adams. In 1948 she returned to work at the house after it was opened by the Park Service. In 1952 she became its superintendent--the first woman superintendent in NPS.

"This house was lived in and loved for over 139 years," she says. "Four generations of the family lived here--Presidents John and John Quincy Adams, Charles Francis Adams and Brooks Adams. It's not a memorial to one person but to a whole family."

Under Massachusetts law, the Adams's were able to treat the house as a "person," and in their wills they deeded their furnishings to it. Each resident added items to the house but nothing was taken away. Thus everything in it is original.

"It's a matter of continuity," Mrs. Harris declares. "Some people would like us to go back to just the John Quincy Adams period. But that would mean tearing away part of the house and throwing out a lot of the furniture!"

As it stands, the house looks as it did when Brooks Adams died in 1927. He was the last of the family to live there. After his death, the house was made a private memorial by the Adams descendents. It became a national historic site in 1946.

Met Mrs. Nixon

Mrs. Harris has dozens of lively anecdotes about the Adams family and their descedents.

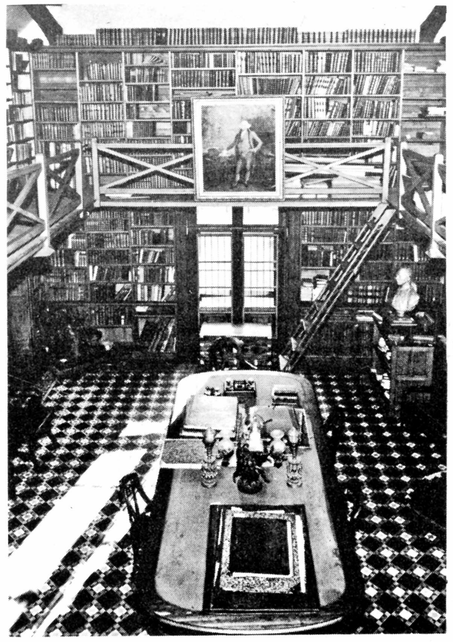
One of her favorite stories occurred recently when she attended the presentation of the Adams portrait to the Fine Arts Gallery in Washington, D.C. Afterwards President Nixon held a reception for them at the White House.

Mrs. Harris met Patricia Nixon who commented that she always visited an uncle in Quincy whenever the President went to Boston.

When Mrs. Harris asked the name of the uncle, Mrs. Nixon replied hesitantly, "Oh, he's just a meat cutter at the Capital Market."

Mrs. Harris was undaunted.

"The next time you come to Quincy, come visit the Adams house," she declared. "I'll personally invite your uncle, too. After all, surely we can compete with the Capital Market!"



THE LIBRARY: "This was the first presidential library. It was used by Charles Francis and Brooks Adams, and contains books belonging to both Presidents John Adams and Quincy Adams—about 10,000 books on the shelves."



ON THE CHINA: "The house contains perhaps the largest collection of Chinese export China anywhere outside a museum." Included is a valuable chocolate set from Switzerland dated about 1740.

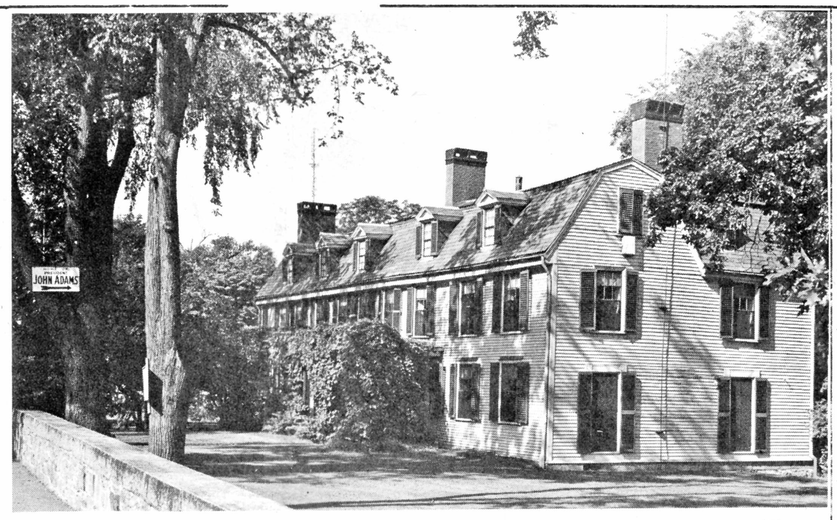


Photo By Abbie Rowe

THE ADAMS MANSION: "This house was lived in and loved for over 139 years. . .It's not a memorial to one person but to a whole family."



Photos of Mrs. Harris by Loretta DeLozier

THE GARDEN: "We have many of the original flowers, including the rose bushes brought back from England by Abigail Adams in 1788." Here Mrs. Harris shows off some of Abigail's tree peonies.



FURNITURE: "The Adams' didn't try to keep up with Boston TASTE. If they had a comfortable chair, they kept it. They didn't worry if it went out of style." Here, in the parlor the delicate French chairs of John and Abagail Adams are joined by the four-sided Victorian settee of Charles Francis Adams. (NOTE: The puffy cushions on the French chairs were made to support the voluminous hoop skirsts popular during Abagail's time.)

Pride Of The Service

Park Merger at Glen Canyon

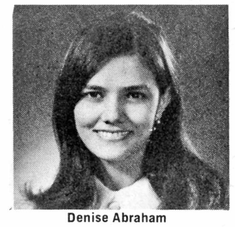
Glen Canyon is the scene of the current chapter of the latest NPS merger. The union was between two long time NPS families with a total of 98½ years in the Park Service. In April Caroline Binneweis married Ed Gastellum. Ed is now a seasonal ranger at Glen Canyon where Caroline is a park guide (receptionist). Those who work or have worked for NPS include Ed's father Luis Gastellum and sister Fran, and Caroline's father Fred Binneweis and brothers Bill and Bob.

Creg Wilkens, 112-lb. Champ

Creg Wilkens, 17 year old son of Erv and Rhea Wilkens certainly made Dinosaur Natl. Monument proud by becoming this years' Class B, Utah State Wrestling Champion for the 112 pound weight.

Creg is a good looking, pleasantly unaffected, almost shy, young man who was "blushingly surprised" to learn he'd been voted one of the "Ten Most Preferred Men" by the girls at Vernal High School.

In the last three years he has won 76 wrestling matches out of 83. This year his record is 23 wins, no falls, no losses and he has won 12 tournaments. Creg is Co-leader of the team.



Denise Abraham

Denise Wins Highest Award

Denise C. Abraham, a 1971 graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso, was named to **Men and Women of Mines,** the highest academic award given at the University. Denise is the daughter of Mrs. Cecelia Abraham, the Administration Clerk at Chamizal. Denise graduated with a perfect 4.0 (straight A) through college, which made her one of the Top Ten Seniors of 1971. She majored in English and Spanish and minored in Education.

Other awards and credits due her include vice-president and junior advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta, and secretary of Sigma Delta Pi Spanish honorary. She was also listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities.

Future plans for Denise will be marriage and teaching.

Rosa Named Good Citizen

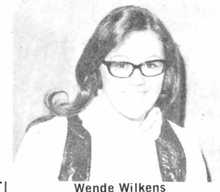
Rosa Waters, daughter of Mack O. Waters, Shenandoah National Park, was awarded the Good Citizen of Alpine, Texas award by the Big Bend Chapter of the DAR.

Rosa, according to the certification, was selected through her "demonstration during her entire course of the qualities of dependability, leadership, service and patriotism."

Wende Wilkens Goes 1st Class

Wende Wilkens, daughter of Dinosaurs' Tobe and Shirley Wilkens, became the first First Class Girl Scout in the Uintah basin, this year.

Fifteen year old Wende is a sophomore at Vernal High School. She is an openly friendly girl with a lovely, quick smile and pleasant soft voice. Both of which are in constant use.



Wende Wilkens

In her 9 years of scouting she has completed requirements for over twenty badges, signs, and challenges in such fields as: art, outdoor skills, sewing, cooking, child care, health, community service and government. She hasn't finished either.

Putman Named 1st Manager, Fort Union Trading Post

Sylvester Putnam, 40, has been appointed the first project manager of Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site, N.D., Mont.

A noted outpost of the American Fur Company in the nid-1800's, the Post was established in 1829 by Kenneth Mackenzie, Scottish-born partner of the company. It is located on the border of, North Dakota, and Montana near the junction of the Yellowstone and Missouri Rivers.

Fort Union was authorized as a National Historic Site by Congress on June 20, 1966. NPS plans to provide interpretation of the fort on the original site.

Putman joined the Service in 1961 as a tour leader at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, St. Louis, Mo. In 1966 he transferred to George Washington Carver National Monument in southwestern Missouri. He returned to JNEM in 1968.

He and his wifel Arlene, have two children—Ivan and Sylvia.

Nixon Says Workers Won't Lose Jobs

Employees of Federal departments and agencies have been assured by President Richard Nixon that the proposed Executive Branch reorganization will have minimum impact on them and that their rights will be protected.

The legislation creating the new departments will contain assurances that no civil servant will suffer loss of employment or reduction in compensation by virture of the reorganization for a period of one year after the new departments come into existence, the President stated.

"Further, it is my intent that any subsequent reduction in staffing which may occur as a result of the reorganization be accomplished through normal turnover," he said.

"It is also my intent that the Secretaries of the new departments work closely with the representatives of those employees covered by existing collective bargaining agreements established under Executive Order 11491 to minimize any possible impact on the constructive relationships that have developed."

"The proposed changes that were recently presented to Congress will not alter the role and purposes of the Government," according to Mr. Nixon. "Rather, they will improve the manner in which the government conducts its business and serves the people," he explained.

"We have an unprecedented opportunity to build a government in which civil servants and the public alike can take pride. Your support and your cooperation will make that goal attainable."

REMINDER

New permanent employees and new retirees receive 1-year membership in E&AA free. Contact supervisor or WASO Employee Relations Officer for details.

Yosemite Rangers Improve Skills

Yosemite National Park employees are continuing their education and at the same time learning more about California Law. Through the extension program of Merced College twelve employees recently completed the equivalency of a semester of California Criminal Law I. Presently, California Criminal Law II and Administration of Justice are being taught in the park. Twenty-five people are enrolled in these two courses.

The Criminal Law offering is an in-depth analysis of California's Penal Code, covering such laws as theft, fraud, assault and homicide. The second course, Administration of Justice, surveys the procedures from arrest to conviction, then sentencing, probation and parole.

An innovation is being used to teach the two courses. The lecture material is presented by slides and taped recordings. Students avail themselves of the lecture materials on their own time. Once a week the students meet as a group and discuss the assignment and have any problems or questions about the material resolved.

The newly gained knowledge will provide additional tools for the National Park Ranger force in Yosemite, so they will be better able to serve the visitors and protect the Park's resources.

Beating the Dams: Book Tells How

The first volume in a new series of anthropological papers being published by the National Park Service is now off the presses.

"Introduction to Middle Missouri Archeology," by Donald J. Lehmer of Dana College in Nebraska, recounts the efforts of archeologists racing ahead of the dam builders to research the aboriginal culture of the Plains Indians.

In his foreword, Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton terms the Missouri River Valley in the Dakotas "a major aboriginal culture area of the United States which has been all but erased by the twin needs for hydroelectric power and flood control."

An earlier version of the Inter-Agency monograph was issued in 1965 as an administrative report of the National Park Service at the request of John M. Corbett, chief of the Division of Archeology, and Wilfred Logan, chief of Archeological Research at the Service's Midwest Regional office, at Omaha, Neb.

Two years ago Dr. Lehmer was commissioned by the Service to rework the accumulation of 23 years of records to produce "Introduction to Middle Missouri Archeology" as a prime source of information for students of American archeology.

Copies are available at $3.75 from the Superintendent of Documents (cat. No. 129.77:2), Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Major salvage excavations are recorded in maps and photographs throughout the 206-page clothbound edition.

3000 VIPs

There are over 259 active Volunteers serving in various Parks within the Northeast Region under the "Volunteers in Parks" program. However, Minute Man has an organization with a membership of over 3,000 volunteers who participate in presenting the living history interpretation program on alternating days.

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No Rabbits, Just Houses & Litter

Dear Sir,

I am student at Cullman Jr. High School, a 6th grader.

My Science class is working in a topic called Conservation a Way of Life. My teacher's name is Mrs. Sterling, she is real nice. I'm concerned about our wildlife.

Cullman is still a small town, but it's growing, and fast. For example, My grandfather and grandmother usedto live on a big beautiful farm. They sold it and it's now a solid mass of buildings.

I live in the city. My parents and brother can't stand it. But I *hate* it! Sometimes I go outside to get a big breath of fresh air. Well I look around, there are no little rabbits, only houses and litter. I know why mother nature doesn't live in the city.

Farms Are Nicer

My grandparents live in Vinemont about 10 miles north of Cullman. It's nice and quiet up there. Mom and Dad let my brother and I go to Grandma's and Grandpa's every weekend, and through the summer.

Since they live on a farm it's twice as nice. Lots of times I go alone to the creek just to look and listen. I enjoy that more than anything in the world except going to church. I'm afraid though that one these days all the wildlife will be extinct. Then the world would be one more *heck* of a mess.

I realize that you are busy people and haven't got much time for little citizens like me, but I hope you can send me some information about wildlife and what I can do to conserve it.

Deb Christiansen
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Letters

A Good Way to Run a Park!

Dear Editor:

Included is a copy of an article which appeared in our local paper. (See "A Good Way to Run a Railroad elsewhere on this page).

After reading it I turned to my husband and exclaimed that if the Park Service would execute this policy we would have all the money necessary to properly administer our park lands, purchase moreland areas and provide good public service.

The paper-shuffling load of the park service has become so awesome that I have observed more and more people chained to their desks in order to keep up with the paperwork.

In many cases, after spending a day "in the field" doing what a job description dictates, the "Follow-up" paperwork takes all evening.

More People in Field

As the public visitation of park lands increases each year, we need more people in the field — more Rangers and Naturalists to meet the public, answer their questions and help them gain a worthwhile experience while in the park.

We DO NOT NEED a more-detailed-typed-in-triplicate form elaborating upon the increase in park visitation.

We need more maintenance and trail crew in the field, keeping roads and trails in useable condition; buildings and grounds in clean working condition so that the public knows this is an agency that *cares* about its appearance and is proud of it.

We do not need tons of forms stating that buildings and trails have been destroyed by heavy snows or rising floods. Let's get some of these people back out in the field where they NEED and WANT to be. Let's cut out the paperwork.

If a 2.5 million dollar railroad can cut out $520,000 of paperwork, what can the Park Service do? Come on Park Service, get smart.

Carol Osborne

Trouble, Trouble

Dear Editor:

ESA's, NESA's, or NEED, they all spell trouble to me. I urge you to reject them, too. Can't you see if you spend time working on these silly environmental projects, then you just won't have time to:

1. Give visitors a detailed explanation of the battle tactics of General Jeb Stuart.
2. Explain the taxonomical differences between two closely related species of sparrows.
3. Catalog and label the backlog of color slides accumulated over the summer.
4. Write letters to the COURIER.

Come on now, let's quit worrying about our grossest national product, the people explosion, of the fouling of our nest in the air, on the land and under the sea, or the loss of open space, or the suicidal poisoning of ourselves by chemicals and radioactive wastes, or the wholesale slaughter of wild animals, or the waste of human resources through continuous poverty —after all there's nothing we can do about it, so think happy thoughts.

It is far better that you keep things in order in your study collection, or that you keep your curatorial records up to date than to find yourself wasting time changing a few visitors' opinions or encouraging people to become ecoactive.

So what if you wake up a few inactive minds, how can you report that kind of success on your 10-180 forms?

And that's what is really important isn't it?

Art Allen
Interpretive Planner
Harpers Ferry Center

Guest Editorial

Winning 'Em All

By Tom Birmingham

Ah, how we would scoff at awards given back then when cash amounts were small. Where it was the thought rather than the amount that counted.

Yes, it was hard to stir an old pro by pouring on the praises instead of the cash. Because of this attitude supervisors could get away with saying, "I don't believe in awards." And that was it, Brother!

Your group was cut off from all such goings on. You were out of the program. I felt it then, and I'll say it now, "Any supervisor who has not awarded some of his people, after working with them for over a year, should be written off himself as being a candidate for advancement."

Such a boss is too insensitive, too self-centered or too unimaginative to take the risks that must be taken for the long haul.

Lots of Winners

Well all that was yesterday, and that is not now. No Sir! Now there are lots of winners in a program that's fairly jumping with excitement.

We're getting bountiful $500 checks, or even quality increases which give some of us several hundred dollars a year for the rest of our careers.

Now the awards are ten big ones. It's pretty darn hard to scoff at a $10,000 award going to your buddy; nobody can turn his back on a program like that. So now you begin to measure a little, and compare a little and judge a lot.

All of a sudden we all aren't losers anymore and some of us are winning big. Antiquated supervisory attitudes have been shoved aside forever.

How to Absorb It?

Full realization of what we now have is hard to absorb, but there's a way. Yes, good people there is a way. I wouldn't write about it if there weren't a way. What you do is, you sit down slowly at your desk, fold your hands in front of you, let your mind "program" through the events of these past few years and then start "printing out" it's meaning.

Somehow. . .someway. . .We have overcome!!

(Tom Birmingham is an engineer at the Eastern Service Center and Editor of the Center's newsletter, "First Watch.")

The Park Philatelist on Yellowstone Postal History

By Elmer J. Binker, Jr.,
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If this column fails to make sense in spots, blame it on the fact that it is being put together rather hurriedly in an attempt to meet next month's deadline.

Normally it would have been submitted about a week earlier, but at that time I was heading into the final stages of two weeks of "on the site" postal history research at Yellowstone National Park.

And a most enjoyable visit it was, despite the fact that I only witnessed one eruption of one geyser.

Appropriately enough, this was "Old Faithful," shown on the 5c stamp issued July 30, 1934 at Yellowstone as part of the ten-stamp series honoring National Park Year.

Days in the Library

Although I actually had only twelve days for "digging", this was more than enough time to make me realize the vast extent of Yellowstone's involvement with the mails.

Days spent in the archives and library, visits to postally-related localities, and numerous interviews with knowledgeable persons in the area, have uncovered a considerable amount of material. Hopefully I will be able to organize this information in time to begin telling the story of Yellowstone's postal operations in the next issue.

More on the Centennial

Regarding the philatelic aspects of the coming anniversary, I have been informed by Joseph J. Cullens, Staff Director, Centennial Programs, that at the first meeting of the Centennial Commission on June 7th, "the subject of stamps and postal cards was thoroughly discussed." As he continues:

"The Commission is seeking the stamps and postal card you suggested, and also we hope for one for each national park in the country. We also plan for the various areas in the National Park System to use the cancellation dies at different periods in 1972."

Considering the interest exhibited by the Commission and the apparent attempts by our Postal Service to encourage stamp collecting (as evidenced by the free distribution of first day covers at all post offices when the stamp publicizing its creation was placed on sale July 1st),, there is an excellent chance that at least a fair share of the ideas submitted will be adopted.

A Good Way to Run a Railroad!

(The following is reprinted from the Star-Free Press, Ventura, Calif. It was sent to us from Carol Osborne, who has some interesting comments on it in our "Letters" column, elsewhere on this page.)

ROANOKE, Va. (UPI)—Five months ago, John P. Fishwick, president of Norfolk and Western Railway, called his top executives into his office and told them to stay until they figured out how to cut down on paperwork.

"I don't want anyone to leave here until we get the job done," he said. "The railroad will run even if we have to stay in this room all day."

The meeting lasted two days.

Fishwick told the executives he was convinced unnecessary paperwork was costing the N&W $2.5 million a year, slowing operations and fraying tempers. He ordered them to examine every report in their departments.

Fishwick reported Sunday on the success of his campaign, called "operation wastebasket."

The railroad already has saved $520,000, the price of two new locomotives, by eliminating 829 of 3,624 reports and trimming 209 in size or quantity, he said.

Among the savings announced by Fishwick:

—About 78,485 man hours required to prepare reports. That time is estimated to be worth about $400,000.

—About $69,000 a year in paper consumed by computerized reports.

—An estimated $10,000 annually in paper used for mannually prepared reports.

—And $40,000 annually in computer printing capacity.



Glenn Snyder

"You know the high uniform standards of the Service—'the wearing of beards is not acceptable dress for uniformed employees'!"

NPS Alumni Notes

By Herb Evison

Steven B. Tripp

The July 4 issue of The Washington Post Contained a feature story, illustrated with a picture of the subject, about Steven B. Tripp, who will be pleasantly remembered by many NPS people of the Drury era as the Director's administrative assistant. The story concerned Steve's seven years with the State Department as head of its disaster relief office and his recent retirement at the age of 60 with 40 years of Federal service. At the time of his retirement, according to Alex Ward's story, he had dealt with some 330 disasters.

Disaster relief work

"Tripp, who is referred to by some of his colleagues as 'Mr. Catastrophe,'" Ward wrote, "first got into disaster relief work following the Skopje earthquake in Yugoslavia in which 3,000 persons were killed and thousands more left homeless." Before that, he had spent eight years in India and South America where he was primarily involved in public administration work for AID. When he retired, he received the Meritorious Service Award of the State Department. He was also honored by the Red Cross, the Center forDisease Control, and many countries to which he has directed help over the years.

"I had a short retirement," he wrote on July 24 in response to an inquiry about his future plans. The letter came from Geneva, Switzerland, and he wrote, "On June 18 I took on the job as Headquarters Coordinator for humanitarian assistance to East Pakistan and came here on 29 June to work with the principal agencies of the U. N."

Delightful weather

Demanding as the new assignment must have been, it has had its moments of relief. For example: "Excuse this scribble, as I am writing in the sunlight on a terrace with the cool sub-Alpine winds blowing through. Geneva has delightful weather."

During his years away from Washington, the Tripps have retained their home on Mohican Hill in Maryland, at 6504 Wiscasset Road, Washington, D. C. 20016. "When we weren't there, our daughters and their families were."

Merrill D. (Sam) Beal

Merrill D. (Sam) Beal has been singled out for honors twice since he received the Interior Department Meritorious Service Award in 1961.

Last October, the Idaho Fine Arts Commission presented him the Governor's Award for Excellence in Literature.

More recently, at 1971 Commencement exercises at the University of Idaho, in Moscow, Idaho, he was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (L. H. D.). This part of the degree citation involved the National Park Service:

Tribute to your scholarship has come in many honors, but the following assessment of your work, "I Will Fight No More Forever: Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce War," by a colleague who heads a history department in another university than Idaho State, perhaps sums it up best: "Dr. Beal takes a subject... and shows what a real scholar does. It is the one authoritative study—an unvarnished, untarnished, unromantic, coldly analytical, percisley narrated, completely documented and definitive history."

L. B. (Tex) Worley

L. B. (Tex) Worley, who was with the National Park Service in various park ranger capacities for 22 years, chiefly at Carlsbad, where he was chief park ranger in 1952, has been made superintendent of New Mexico's newest State Park. This is the Zoological-Botanical State Park, near Carlsbad, which was dedicated on June 12. Writing in to announce his acceptance of the new position, Tex said that he would appreciate opportunities to show the park's facilities to "present or alumni employees of the National Park Service."

Though Tex left Carlsbad Caverns in 1952 to work for International Minerals and Chemical Corp. as a mine geologist, he returned to the park after 17 years with the company and retired in June to accept employment with the State. The new park displays about 5,000 varieties of southwestern plants along its trails, according to a recent—but unidentified—newspaper story supplied by Tex. His address is P. O. Box 250, Carlsbad, N. Mex 88220. H. E.

John W. Bingaman

John W. Bingaman, Yosemite's "old Ranger," and his wife Irene report that they have adopted a new address and what John calls "a new way of living." The address is 8600 N. West Lane, Space 105, Stockton, Calif. 95204. The way of living is in a new mobile home, 24' by 52', in a community where there are "two "two swimming pools, recreation, games, friendly neighbors, mostly retired people who have much in common. It surely is a relaxed way of living."

John reported his move early in July. At the same time he wrote that he and Irene planned to have a month's "vacation" in August, driving to Bellevue, Ohio, and Portland, Maine, "visiting our many relatives and many places of interest, returning home through Canada."

Eugene J. Barton

Long before he retired from the assistant superintendency of Mammoth Cave National Park—after service as assistant superintendent of Hawaii National Park and on the MISSION 66 staff—Eugene J. Barton knew just where he was going to spend his retirement years. That was at a place he had bought during his Hawaiian service, and it was on the beach on the west coast of the island of Maui. There, keeping as busy as he wants to doing things he is interested in doing, he and a busy Mrs. Barton are living, and enjoying life.

Noting that they now have a street address (2192 Iliili Road, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, 96753) and that "Civilization creeps up," Gene wrote on July 4:

"Though the mid-day sun can be beastly hot—it passes a couple of degrees north of the zenith at this time of year—the air is dry and it is cool in the shade of our tall palms and spreading kau (?) arbors. A sea breeze springs up in late morning and last through the afternoon. Swimming is fine in the clear cool water on the beach down in front of the house." (Something should be done to curb people who write that enticingly about ANY place. HE)

Promises, Promises

"Even so," he adds, "Jo and I manage to keep so busy that now and then we promise ourselves 'a vacation at the beach or something."

Since returning to the islands, Gene has added a tile-floored arbor lanai in front of their house, as well as doubling the size of the house. In addition, he has cleared 5 acres on his 11-acre ranch in the Kula district at 3,200 feet elevation on the slopes of Mt: Haleakala, including a large building site, and making expenses by selling forest products —mostly garden stakes—as Kula is a large commercial flower-growing and commercial gardening district. He is now building "a somewhat modest ranch house, the plan selected from the old Sunset Magazine book of Western Ranch Houses."

For the past two or three years, Jo has been the West Maui distributor for the products of Hawaiian Service, publishers of postcards, picture and travel books, illustrated stationery, and a variety of other publications. What was a small business when she had it before, 20 years ago, has now become a large undertaking, thanks to the rapid and extensive riviera development on the Maui west coast. Gene, who also did the same thing 20 years ago, has resumed the photographing of scenes which Hawaiian Service uses in the making of its postcards and other illustrated materials.

What with the development of apartments, condominiums, etc., in his neighborhood, Gene reports that land values have gone up 5,000 percent or so. "Being simple folks," he wrote, "we didn't buy enough land to make a real fortune when we might have, though we kenw that Maui would soon be 'discovered.'"

Gerald P. Nye

Though he may be most widely remembered as an isolationist who opposed American involvement in World War II, the late Gerald P. Nye, former senator from South Dakota, earned himself the gratitude of defenders of the national parks in 1931 by sponsoring legislation that abolished Sullys Hill National Park and that removed from then-existing laws a number of impediments which had found their way into them at the time several areas were established as units of the National Park System. Among the parks that benefited from this legislation were Mount Rainier, Glacier, Rocky Mountain, Lassen Volcanic, Mount McKinley, and Grand Canyon.

Authorities cancellation consisted principally of railroad rights-of-way and the leasing of park lands for home sites. Unfortunately, Congress did not abolish the authority to permit livestock grazing in all the national parks but Yellowstone, contained in the enabling act of August 25, 1916.

Former Senator Nye—a member of the Senate from 1925 to 1944—had lived in Chevy Chase, Md., for 30 years up to the time of his death on July 17 at the age of 78. H.E.

Bernard F. Manbey

Late in May, I addressed a postal card to Bernard F. Manbey, who retired some years ago from the position of Regional Chief of Lands in the Western Region; the card asked for an account of his recent activities. On June 21, came a letter from Mrs. J. W. (Sylvia Manbey) London, of Houston:

"Perhaps you already know by now," she wrote, "Dad died of injuries resulting from an automobile accident, on April 21. He lost control of his car on April 5 and it went into a pole. His chest was crushed but he fought for life until finally kidney failure caused his death 16 days later.

"Fortunately, both my father and mother were able to enjoy living in the same house in Berkeley all those years and he was as physically active as ever, it seemed. He used to like to read anything about the National Park Service and I know he was very grateful for the extra years he could work on special assignments after his official retirement.

"Lawrence Merriam was a neighbor and both he and his wife were not only a comfort but a great help during the trying days. Mrs. Maxie Waterhouse, the widow of Bob Waterhouse, has been very helpful with her knowledge of real estate when we put the house up for sale. Mrs. Manbey will live with us in Houston, where my husband is located with the Shell Oil Co.

"One comforting reminder of Dad, which I'm so glad to have, is the product of his hobby—oil paintings of various scenes in some of the parks. I'm glad he liked his work so well that it did encompass his free hours as well."—H.E.

Ernest G. Whanger

Ernest G. Whanger—commonly known as Ernie— retired from the position of Administrative Officer in the Blue Ridge Parkway headquarters office in Roanoke on January 10, 1969. That winter, and each winter since, he and his wife Ada have spent several months at a time on the Texas Coast down near the Rio Grande. A happy outcome to their liking for that part of the world is what they were due to move into, a comfortable apartment on South Padre Island, on September 1, 1971, where Ernie is to be manager of the 36-apartment condominium in which their apartment is located. Erected by the Marisol Corporation, this group is soon to be doubled in size with the erection of another close by.

Ernie started with the National Park Service in the old Third Regional Office soon after the Civilian Conservation Corps was launched. He transferred to the Parkway in 1942, bought himself a house there soon after, and remained in it for 29 years. Though they recently sold the house, they expect eventually to return to Roanoke.

The Whangers' new address will be P. O. Box 2166, South Padre Island, Texas 78578. H.E.

Curecanti's Admirable Retiree

Superintendent J. Medray Carpenter has retired after 37 years of Federal Service. Except for two years during the early forties all of the 37 years was spent with the National Park Service.

A native of Colorado, Medray entered the Park Service in 1934 as a Clerk at Mesa Verde National Park, under the Civilian Conservation Corps program, and later served there as Chief Clerk. His appointment to Superintendent of Curecanti National Recreation Area was made in January 1967.

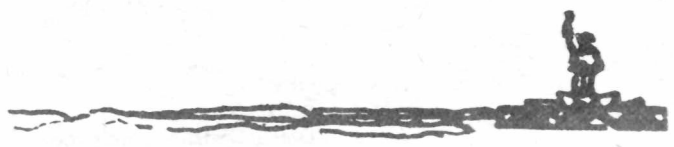
Medray received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award in 1967, in recognition of his many contributions in the fields of Administration and Park Management.

Jamie and Medray will eventually live in Durango, Colorado, but for the time being will remain in their home at 1304 Bristol in Montrose, Colorado.



In New York

Not only is it our privilege to carry thousands of Americans and visitors from all over the world to to the Statue of Liberty National Monument each year; we offer, too, a thrilling boat trip around Manhattan Island, one of the greatest experiences awaiting you on you visit to New York.



Circle Line-Statue of Liberty Ferry, Inc.



Photo By Michael Phillips

John Anson, (seated on bench) intrigues visitors to Saratoga National Historical Park as he puts finishing touches on an 18th Century Field Bed.

He's On the Winning Side!

By Bill Meuse

John Anson, a British subject and native of Oxford, England, has recently joined the troops "defending" Bemis Heights on Saratoga Battlefield.

Highly skilled as a cabinetmaker and a patternmaker by profession, John resolutely remarked, "I'm going to be sure to be on the winning side this time."

John Anson, and his family, are just some of the many volunteers working at National Parks such as Saratoga National Historical Park this summer. For the first time, the National Parks have been authorized by an act of Congress to make use of volunteers with particular skills or talents. Saratoga presently has 33 "VIP"'s on the rolls, with more to be added in the fall.

Making Beds

Almost every Sunday, John and his family arrive at the Neilson Farm dressed in 18th century clothing, and he proceeds to set up his portable carpenter's bench, which he made himself, a copy of an 18th century original.

His present project is the reproduction of several 18th century military field beds, copied from an original at the General Philip Schuyler House in Schuylerville. These, and other pieces of military furniture which he plans to make, will be used to refurnish the Neilson House to properly reflect its appearance as a military headquarters at the time of the battle.

Saratoga Battlefield has five salaried seasonal employees who are used for costumed interpretation at various points around the tour road, but their forces are supplemented by VIPs (Volunteers in the Parks) on weekends.

"We lose our regular seasonals on 2500 acres of battlefield," says Hugh Gurney, Park Superintendent, "and we are extremely fortunate to have interested neighbors like John Anson who have the time and the talent to contribute to supplement our program."

There's certainly no doubt about the success of the program. Crowds are continually pressing around the Ansons as John carefully makes his reproductions, using old hand tools from his own collection. Periodically he pauses to discuss the battle with a visitor, causing a few smiles, as he refers to the Americans as "we" in his unmistakable British accent.

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PARK NOTES

GRAND TETON

116 Thousand Hikers!

More people visited Grand Teton National Park during 1970 than in any previous year. A total of 3,352,464 visitors were recorded, which represents a seven per cent increase over 1969.

Howard H. Chapman, superintendent, said, "One of the most significant increases was in hiking. Approximately 116 thousand people wended their way along the parks backcountry trails 37 per cent more than 1969. This increased use by hikers means we need new management techniques and basic facilities to minimize the visitor impact along the trails and in the backcountry".

The superintendent also noted that there were 376,653 persons who utilized the camping facilities in the park—46,523 more than in 1969.

Concessioners with lodges and cabins accommodated 273,452 overnite visitors; an increase of seven per cent over the previous year.

More than 51 thousand persons, to the park, took a ride down the Snake River in a rubber raft, canoe or boat.

5,028 people attempted to climb one of the Teton Range peaks in 1970—3,935 of the climbers reached the top.

Winter use of the park is growing rapidly. During January and February of 1970, over 16 thousand people visited the park. Twenty years ago only 16 hundred came during those months. Winter visitors find the park uncrowded and accessible via 100 miles of plowed roads.

Artists Display

The Artist-of-the-Week exhibit on display at the Moose Visitors Center attracts many Grand Teton Park visitors.

The exhibit, jointly sponsored by the Jackson Hole Art Association and the Park, features the work of a local artist each week.

Howard Chapman, Superintendent of the Park, said, "84,000 visitors have had the opportunity to view the exhibit and many more will before it closes at the end of the summer season.

"This is an excellent opportunity for the Park visitor to see impressions of the Teton Country as captured by the hand of the local artist and craftsman."

Ecology Report

Supt. Chapman, Grand Teton, reports the management of the Grand Teton Lodge Company has taken the following steps to maintain the environment. They will not reorder disposable items such as plastic glasses and utensils for the coming season and have asked their suppliers to provide soft drinks and beer in returnable bottles only.

They are installing a pre-mix dispensing system in all their bars to eliminate bottled mixes and will not be using can vending machines. They have found a source for low phosphate, biodegradeable detergents for their laundry and dish-washing operations, and only low phosphates, biode gradable soap products will be sold in the General Store at Colter Bay.

They are also working on offering non-leaded gasoline at their stations. They have installed equipment on their boilers at the lodge to reduce soot, fly-ash and smoke.

The cottage units have been converted to electric heat which will reduce the amount of smoke from the boilers. All of the utility and phone lines at the Lodge will be underground and the removal of the present overhead lines will reduce the visual pollution.

NAT'L CAP. PARKS

Art on the Mall

The sidewalks along the Reflecting Pool have become a Sunday afternoon setting for Washington-area artists since the Summer in the Parks program of National Capital Parks began its "Art on the Mall" exhibitions. "Art on the Mall" will be a regular feature on that site every Sunday with hours from 1-5 p.m. The new program is a tow-fold plan to give area artists a continuing opportunity to display their words outdoors, as well as give visitors the opportunity to see the artists themselves at work.

EVERGLADES

Peace Corps Project

Rich and Myrt Klukas met recently with some Peace Corps people in Chicago to discuss a possible assignment in Columbia, South America. The Klukas' signed up for a 27 months duty period in Columbia after discussing the nature of the country and type of projects to be worked on.

Basically the work will center on development of resource management plans for the 5 relatively new national parks in that country. There will also be some studies on possible additional areas to be included in Columbia's park system.

Myrt will also be doing a Peace Corps Project-possibly relating to nutrition. The Klukas' hope to be granted a leave of absence and return to the Park Service when their Columbian assignment is finished.

GREAT SMOKIES

YCC Camp

Maryville College (Tenn.), which already operates the Environmental Center at Tremont in Great Smoky Mountains NP, has agreed to run the Youth Conservation Corps Camp planned for the same location. Both facilities will utilize the buildings and grounds of the former Job Corps Center.

In A Sewer?

Did you ever hear of anyone going boating in a sewer tank? Well, Jack Hicks and Bill Webb have. They had the assignment of painting the inside of the tank of the Elkmont sewage disposal system. The walls to be painted were 6 feet above 18 feet of water. It would have been quite a chore to paint them from scaffolds suspended from the rim. So Bill Webb came up with the idea of borrowing the Fish & Wildlife Service 12-foot boat. They put the boat in the tank and sat down and painted the tank walls from the boat. As they finished painting one wall from the boat, they turned the boat to another side. Using this method they did the job in two or three hours whereas if they had been doing it from scaffolds it would have taken them a week to complete the job, plus the danger of falling off the scaffold. Keen thinking.

DEATH VALLEY

Roads Closed

Superintendent Robert J. Murphy announced that the following roads will be closed until about October 15: Desolation Canyon, Golden Canyon, Midway Well, 20 Mule Team Canyon, Natural Bridge, Salt Creek and Titus Canyon. These are sand and dirt roads, not patrolled regularly and potentially hazardous with the high summer temperatures. All major roads through the monument will remain open.

WHISKEYTOWN

Educational Aid

The ladies have scored again! They are proving they are great supporters of the Educational Aid Fund. This time through a garage sale, the women of Whiskeytown Women's Organization have donated $136.69 to the fund. The items for the sale were contributed by employee families and participation by NPS people was excellent. Chairman for the sale was Mrs. Gladys Graham, wife of alumnus Paul Graham.

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