Civil War Battle Refought — Outcome Not Changed

(Editor's note: The following story is reprinted in part from an article written by Martha Wilson, a staff writer for the Petersburg Progress-Index.)

PETERSBURG — Hooves clop across the now-hardened ground around Ft. Stedman—a soft command from a Confederate corporal dismounts the riders —metal clinks and the shuffling of feather earmark the disengagement of horse from cannon —practiced movements easily see to the loading of the heavy metal cylinder.

A cloud of white smoke and a thunderous roar split the hazy heat of a summer afternoon.

Authentic down to the tiniest detail, is the newest addition to the Living History Events at the Petersburg National Battle Field Park—a Civil War Confederate artillery unit, complete with six horses, limber, cannon and eight soldiers.

The artillery unit is being activated at the park for visitors interpretation.

"If the visitors can visualize just for a second what the war was like, we'll be happy," said Park Superintendent Martin Conway.

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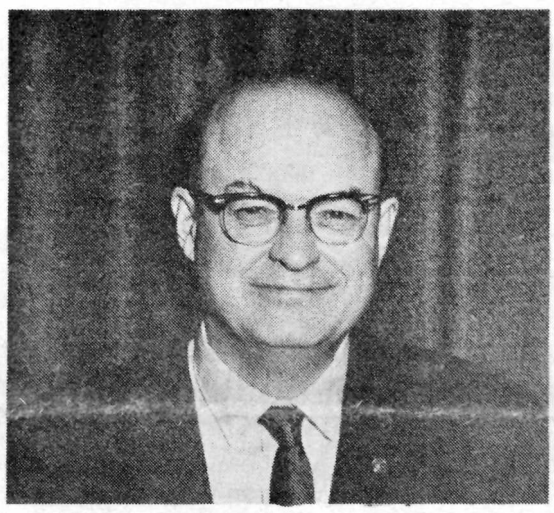


FiRE! Confederate Soldiers for a day, let go a blast at Yankee positions during a re-enactment of a Civil War battle at Petersburg National Battlefield Park.

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Ronald Freeman Lee

Ronald Lee Dead At 67

Ronald Freeman Lee, 67, whose career with the National Park Service spanned 39 years, died August 15 at Jefferson Hospital, Philadelphia, after a lengthy illness.

Prior to his retirement in 1965, he served for five years as Northeast Regional Director of the Service with Headquarters in Philadelphia.

The last of several books he wrote, "Family Tree of the National Park System," was issued this July by the Eastern Park and Monuments board of the Employees and Alumni Association tf NPS.

First Chief Historian

Mr. Lee was the first chief historian of the Park Service, and he previously served as chief of interpretation. From these positions he exerted great influence upon the park interpretation and historic preservation programs of the Service.

Mr. Lee likewise influenced the general expansion in historic preservation interest in the United States. He filled a leading role in organizing in 1947 the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings, which two years later established the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Following his retirement, he served as a part-time special field assistant to Director Hartzog.

Mr. Lee was born in Montevideo, Minnesota, September 18, 1905 and spent his early years in the town of Dickenson, North Dakota. He graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota in 1927 and earned a masters degree in history at the University of Chicago.

His first NPS appointment was in 1933 as field historian at Shiloh National Military Park, Tenn. With passage of the historic Sites Act of 1935, he moved rapidly into the field of historic preservation.

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Jerry Riddell Is E & AA Rep

Tom Swan, Western Region employee representative of the Employee and Alumni Association, has been transferred to Cape Cod NS.

E & AA Chairman of the Board Howard Baker has announced that he will be replaced as E & AA representative by Jerry Riddell, who recently transferred into the Western Region from the Western Service Center.

Yellowstone Old Timers Plan Reunion

An ad hoc committee of Yellowstone retirees is attempting to arrange for an old timers reunion in conjunction with the upcoming Yellowstone former-employees reunion in September. (See July issue, NPS Courier.)

Old timers will re-live their experiences, sightsee, go fishing, and have fun, said Maynard B. Barrows, Retiree Reunion Committee member.

Sept. 20, Dave Condon will show his movies and slides covering the 1930-50 period. They include buffalo roundups, picnics, scenery and Mummers parades.

Retirees should make individual reservations as early as possible, Maynard said, and identify themselves as part of the old timers group.

Ad hoc committee members are Allyn F. Hanks, George W. Miller and Maynard.

Making arrangements are Keith Neilson, David de L. Condon, and Joseph H. Fraser.

Backs Hartzog

Morton Answers "F.O.E."

Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton has flatly rejected a demand by "Friends of the Earth," an organization headed by David Brower, that George Hartzog be dismissed as Director of the National Park Service.

The demand had been made in a widely-publicized letter to Secretary Morton, signed by George Alderson, legislative director of Friends of the Earth, which charged that National Park Service "is going down hill fast" and accused Director Hartzog of "working against the public interest."

In a letter to Alderson made public on July 27, Secretary Morton said in part: "I reject your belief that the Director of the National Park Service has been working 'against the public interest.' The National Park Service has experienced a great period of expansion under Director Hartzog's determined leadership. Throughout this period, the goals of the National Park Service have been met."

In remarks to a conference of National Park Service Regional Directors in Washington, D.C. on August 2, Assistant Secretary of Fish and Wildlife and Parks Nathaniel P. Reed supplemented the Morton letter. Speaking on behalf of the Secretary and himself, Reed said that they are in full support of Director Hartzog and "back him to the hilt in the programs of the Service and in the recent controversies which have been the subject of much press. . ."

The text of Secretary Morton's letter to Alderson follows:

Dear Mr. Alderson:

I reject your belief that the Director of the National Park Service has been working "against the public interest." The National Park System has experienced a great period of expansion under Director Hartzog's determined leadership. Throughout this period the goals of the National Park Service have been met.

I would like to address your complaints in the order that you present them in your recent letter.

1. Recent changes in our guidelines for preparing wilderness proposals will result in changes in our maps and the deletion of most management zones but the basic management practice for which the management zones were originally established will not be changed. Those areas not designated wilderness will not be unprotected as you stated but will continue to be protected by the National Park Service as they have in the past.

2. The National Park Service is charged with interpreting the natural areas in our parks as well as protecting them. Tramways are one method of enabling large numbers of our citizens to enter this unique area and experience its natural wonders without seriously degrading the area. This certainly fits in with the recommendation from conservation groups asking that we restrict the use of cars in the National Parks and utilize other transit systems.

I assume you do not want to prevent all who do not backpack from seeing the North Cascades National Park. The location of any tramway would necessitate a careful site plan, the preparation of a 102 statement and Congressional approval.

3. There is no area in Mammoth Cave National Park that does not show evidences of human habitation. Perhaps, if it continues to receive the protection the National Park Service has given it in the past, it will regain its primitive nature, as Shenandoah has, and could qualify as wilderness. Until this occurs we will recommend against wilderness designation for Mammoth Cave National Park.

4. Motor Nature Trails can be an effective way of enabling park visitors to see our National Parks. There is reason to reject their use in many areas but they have their place and will not be rejected categorically.

5. Regarding paragraph 5, upon the advice of the

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Petersburg Battle Re-enacted

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The soldiers, dressed in authentic uniforms of the elite southern artillery corps, will give three or four performances daily.

Guidon Bearer

A solitary horseman (in military lingo a guidon bearer) carrying the Confederate flag appears first. Behind him is the six-horse team, with three soldier-riders, pulling a limber (on which two soldiers sit atop an ammunition box), with the cannon drawing up behind.

The corporal in charge walks beside the unit.

Seven young college men have studied for months and bivouacked (in the rain) for several weeks to bone up on their roles as Confederate soldiers.

Most of the young men are college students who have worked at the park in previous summers. Their display will continue until Labor Day.

"The main purpose of the whole thing is intepretation," Mr. Conway said. "Actually there were a thousand of these teams here in the seige of Petersburg. Just the logistics of feeding all these horses is staggering," he added.

"What it was like is pretty hard to imagine," he elaborated. "During the battle of Gettysburg there were 5,000 horses killed. It's hard for us to picture what 5,000 horses would even look like today."

One aspect of the war it would be hard for the National Park Service to obtain is realistic scenery.

During the 10-month siege of Petersburg, from June 1864 to April, 1865, what is known as the Battlefield Park today, with its sloping green-grassed hills and stately stands of trees was nothing but a defoliated sea of mud.

70,000 Casualties

According to Mr. Conway there were 110,000 Union forces encamped over most of the park, while 68,000 Confederate soldiers defended their city. There were 70,000 casualties. (More soldiers died of disease than anything else, he said.)

Park Historian Neil Mangum is responsible for the accuracy. Everything about the unit is an authentic reproduction, except for the cannon and the "spirit", which Mr. Conway states are real.

A hundred-some years ago, the bronze Napoleon cannon would have fired a round containing over 100 deadly lead balls about the size of marbles, with an effective range of one mile. A solid shot was also used for knocking down walls. Today it fires only black gunpowder.

Even so, the cannon was a better psychological weapon than an actual one, Mr. Conway asserts. The only time they were really deadly was against a line of marching infantrymen.

Enthusiastic

Mr. Conway is very enthusiastic about the project, which has been in the planning stages for over a year. "As far as we know this is the first time since the Civil War this sight has been seen (movie sights haven't been authentic, said the superintendent). There is nothing like it in any of the other National Parks."

The other living History Events at the park are a Union soldier's hut and a Sutler's Store (union merchant). The Union soldier's hut is justified because "most of the developed area of the park was occupied by Union forces" while most of the Confederates were billeted in town, he said.

"There is and has been a Confederate soldier encamped near the hut for the past three years."



INTERIOR SECRETARY ROGERS C.B. MORTON, right, confers with Virginia Governor Linwood Holton, during Blue Ridge Park anniversary and National Park Centennial festivities on June 30 which featured NPS Director George B. Hartzog, Jr. as master of ceremonies. "Our parks are threatened now as never before," Secretary Morton told the gathering.

Morton Sees Park Threat

America's national parks are threatened as never before, Secretary of the Interior Rogers C.B. Morton said Friday.

"The spirit of our parks is becoming obscured by overusage," Morton said. "Some of our parks have traffic jams that rival our most congested urban throughways."

Morton spoke at ceremonies at Doughton, N.C., commemorating the anniversary of the Blue Ridge Parkway, in North Carolina and Virginia. This was part of the year-long celebration of the 100th anniversary of the national park idea.

Traffic Jams

Today Yellowstone is one of the most heavily visited of all national parks. In addition to its natural wonders it is known far and wide for its traffic jams.

Blue Ridge, the System's first rural parkway, now has the heaviest traffic count in the System. More than 12 million visits were logged during 1971.

"The President has made it very clear," Morton said Friday. "We *will* preserve the integrity of our parks.

"We can no longer crowd people into our park areas, hoping to replenish our resources through just adding more land. We must set new standards of usage."

At Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee, Morton noted, the National Park Service has begun a pilot program limiting the number of campers and hikers using back-country areas at any one time during the season of heaviest use. Permits are issued free on a first-come basis as a means of preserving the natural environment.

Burgen Replaces Howe At Coulee Dam NRA

William N. Burgen has been appointed superintendent of Coulee Dam National Recreation Area according to John A. Rutter, Pacific Northwest Region Director. Burgen replaces Wayne R. Howe, recently reassigned from Coulee Dam to Seattle as the assistant director for operations in the Pacific Northwest Regional Office.

Burgen has been assistant director of the NPS Training Center at Grand Canyon since 1968. He started with the Park Service in 1956 as a Ranger at Lake Mead. Other assignments have included Blue Ridge Parkway, Yellowstone, Death Valley, and Shenandoah.

A native of Auburn, Calif., Burgen graduated with a degree in wildlife management from Humboldt State College in that State.

Burgen is married to the former Imogene Schlossin. They have two daughters, Signe, age 16, and Maren, Age 11.

Howe, a 26-year NPS veteran, will replace Stanley T. Albright, who has been reassigned as State director for Alaska.

The Oregon native, having served in various ranger positions in six western parks, was sent to Washington in 1966 as chief of the Branch of Visitor Activities Management. Since 1969 he has been superintendent of Coulee Dam NRA.

New Head At Shenandoah

Chester L. Brooks, Northeast Region, Director announced recently the appointment of Robert R. Jacobsen, 42, as superintendent of Shenandoah National Park, effective in mid-July. Jacobsen succeeds R. Taylor Hoskins who has retired after 41 years with the Service.

An assignment as a seasonal park ranger at Isle Royale NP, in June, 1953 began Jacobsen's NPS career. He served as a park ranger at Crater Lake NP; Hawaii Volcanoes NP; Olympic NP, and Sequoia NP.

In 1963 he was appointed superintendent, Lehman Caves NM, then at Chalmette NHP, in 1965. In 1967, he was assigned as a park planner in the New Area Studies Branch in Wash., then to his present position as Chief, Branch of New Areas, in 1969.

Born in Omaha, Neb., Jacobsen grew up in Wyoming and Nebraska. He attended Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colo., after graduation from Hastings High School in Hastings, Neb. He received a B.S. Degree in Forest Recreation in 1951.

Bryce Designs First Day Covers

By Don S. Follows

(Executive Secretary, Bryce Canyon Nat. Hist. Assoc.)

Last November, a limited edition of First Day Cover envelopes was planned by the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association to supplement Keystone Medallion sales and to promote the Centennial in five NPS areas in southwestern Utah.

First Day Covers

Each natural history association was encouraged to design distinctive first day covers by utilizing their two-color letterhead artwork. Phase one of the project saw the creation of a Southern Utah set which featured the March 1 Yellowstone stamp cancellation on five area envelope designs.

The second phase project will be complete with the issue of Mt. McKinley, Alaska, covers in late July. So few NPS personnel had the opportunity to order the initial sets that arrangements have been made for the associations to accept orders for this second series.

Orders will be filled chronologically until the sets from each of the five areas are exhausted. Check or money order for $3.50 should accompany the order to Bryce Canyon, Utah 84717, which offers a set of six, including Yellowstone's two cancellations. Inquiries may be sent to the Executive Secretary of Zion, Bryce Canyon, and Capital Reef after August 1.

Yosemite NP Dedicates Stage

The stagecoach, "Washburn II," was dedicated July 23 at Yosemite National Park's history center, according to Lynn H. Thompson, park superintendent.

A four-horse coach, it is a reproduction of the Washburn stage used in the 1880's in Yosemite. It was built by J. Nolan Davis, a master constructor, in the park and took seven months to complete.

Only Yesterday

President Herbert Hoover approved legislation for the establishment of Colonial National Monument on July 3, 1930.

Hosts are needed for the Second World Conference on National Parks. People living in the Yellowstone area wishing to entertain a foreign delegate during the upcoming conference please contact Roger Contor in WASO, the conference secretary general.

Fla. Bicentennial Trail Opens

The Florida Bicentennial Trail, which is to play a major role in Florida's observance of the nation's 200th anniversary, was dedicated July 4 at Castillo de SanMarcos NM.

The basic purpose of the trail, according to the Florida Bicentennial Commission, is not simply to offer isolated reminders of past events, but rather to depict the story of the state's more than 400 years of growth in relation to the nation.

Other sites already included in the trail are Crystal Mound Complex, Fort Carolina NM, Cape Florida Lighthouse near Key Biscayne, Dade Battlefield and Cape Kennedy Space Center, among others.

Directed NERO

Ronald Lee Dies

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He became chief historian of the Service in 1938.

From June 1942 to October 1945 he served with the U.S. Army Air Corps in Europe.

Upon his return, he was appointed an assistant director of the Park Service, and in 1951, chief of its division of interpretation, responsible for elements in a system-wide program of new visitor centers and interpretive developments under Mission 66.

Awards & Books

Mr. Lee received many awards including the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal for his leadership in conservation, the Distinguished Service Award of the Department of the Interior, and the George McAneny Medal of the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society. He was active in many organizations devoted to preservation of the American heritage.

He was the author of several publications, including: "The Origin and Evolution of the National Military Park Idea", "Public Use of the National Park System 1872-2000" (January 1968), "The Antiquities Act of 1906" (November 1970), and "Family Tree of the National Park System" (July 1972).

In 1942, Mr. Lee was married to Jean Prochaska, a native of New York City, who survives.

Funeral services were held August 18 at the Bridport Congregational Church, in Bridport, Vermont, and burial was in the family plot in Central Cemetery there.

Condolences should be directed to Mrs. Ronald F. Lee, Apartment 1517, Hopkinson House, Washington Square South, Philadelphia, Pa. 19106.

Marine Gets Sacks For NPS

When Walt Zeman, a member of the Fire Department at the Marine Corps Supply Center, went fishing at Cottonwood Cove on Lake Mojave, near Searchlight, Nev., for the first time in the fall of 1966, he had no idea that he would come up against a problem, that, with a little ingenuity, he could not only solve but save a Government agency a fair sum of money.

Before launching his boat, Walt asked one of the Lake Mead NP maintenance men for a gunny sack in which to put his trash and bring it back to the landing. The man said they hadn't had any in quite some time as they were low on funds. The sacks, he said, cost 25 cents apiece and their budget didn't allow their purchase.

Zeman, who has been a Center fireman for the past 20 years, remembered that the potato sacks used at the Nebo and Yermo messhalls of the Center were burned at the dump. He assured the Park employee that he would try and bring him some of these sacks the next time he came to Cottonwood Cove.

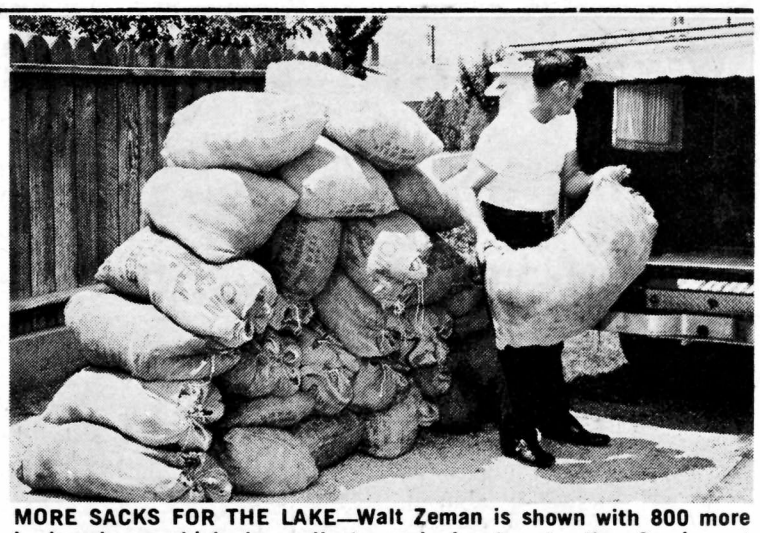
Soon as he got back to the Center, Walt started collecting the sacks every morning, either before going on duty at 8 a.m. or after coming off duty at the same hour. He made regular stops at the Nebo and Yermo messhalls.

Since 1966, Zeman also has collected gunny sacks from contractors in the Barstow area, and two of his fellow firemen have been giving him the grain sacks they use on their ranches.

In addition, he is getting all the discarded potato sacks from Camp Pendleton at Oceanside, Calif., which are brought to Barstow once a week by an employee of the Center's Motor Pool. (The latter makes runs to Pendleton every day.)

"In the last five and one-half years I have turned more than 15,000 sacks over to the Park ranger at Lake Mojave," Zeman said. Based on the price of 25 cents a sack five years ago, Zeman estimated he has saved the Department of Interior approximately $3,750 and he is still working on his project.

He summed it all up like this: "I like to fish and my favorite spot is Cottonwood Cove. If I can help to make this a better place to fish, not only for myself but for others, I'll be very happy."



MORE SACKS FOR THE LAKE—Walt Zeman is shown with 800 more burlap bags which he collects and donates to the Service at Cottonwood Cove on Lake Mojave, near Searchlight, Nev. Zeman has collected an estimated 15,000 sacks for use at this favorite fishing hole.

Augusta Brown Receives MSA

Mrs. Augusta H. Brown, a retired budget analyst, who last worked in the Division of Program Coordination and Appraisal, WASO, has received the Meritorious Service Award.

Mrs. Brown began her NPS career in 1936 as a junior clerk-stenographer. In 1956, she was promoted to the position of budget analyst, handling a variety of tasks including compiling a financial history of the Service.

In 1965 and 1971, Mrs. Brown received special awards for superior performance.

She was granted the MSA "in recognition of (her) outstanding career service in budget and finance," the citation read.

Three Receive Longevity Pins

Jack Barnes, Natchez Trace Parkway maintenanceman, and Carl W. Lawler, retired maintenance chief of Mammoth Cave NP, both recently received 30-year Government service citations and pins.

Barnes has served his entire career with Natchez Trace and has had a responsible role in the clean-up and good care of the Parkway, according to C.W. Ogle, superintendent. Lawler, who retired March 31, served for many years in Hot Springs NP before coming to Mammoth.

Receiving a 20-year service pin recently was James H. McDonald, a signmaker at Rocky Mountain NP. There he takes part in making most of the routed signs for the entire Midwest Region, according to Roger Contor, Rocky Mountain superintendent.

Phillip Iversen Tabbed For New Utah Post

Phillip R. Iversen, 48, presently assistant director for operations in the Midwest Regional Office in Omaha, Nebraska, was named June 29 to the newly established post of state director for Utah.

Regional Director J. Leonard Volz said that the size and scope of NPS programs in Utah has made a state director's office at Salt Lake City a necessity. He noted that Utah now has five national parks, a major national recreation area, and all or parts of eight other National Park System units.

Iversen, a native of Eugene, Oregon, attended Dana College at Blair, Neb., and Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. He began his National Park Service career as a seasonal ranger at Utah's Zion National Park.

After a brief business career in Illinois, Iversen returned to NPS at Carlsbad Caverns NP, N.M., in 1954. A series of subsequent assignments led to the superintendency of Dinosaur NM., before his promotion to the regional post in 1970.

Iversen and his wife, Pat, have three children. Mrs. Iversen is a grand niece of Major John Wesley Powell, the noted explorer.

William Harris Ft. Sumter Supt.

William A. Harris returned to familiar ground when he took the helm as superintendent of Fort Sumter NM recently.

Harris lived for a time as a child on Sullivan's Island, S.C., where the headquarters of the national monument is located. Prior to this new assignment Harris was superintendent of Custer Battlefield NM. (New Superintendent of Custer has not yet been named.)

At Sumter he succeeds Lloyd K. Whitt who has been shifted to San Juan NHS.

Wayne Alcorn Receives SSA

Wayne B. Alcorn, former assistant chief park naturalist at Rocky Mountain NP, received the Superior Service Award on June 21, in recognition of 36 years of government service.

The presentation was made at a special gathering of Naturalist Division personnel at Rocky Mountain.

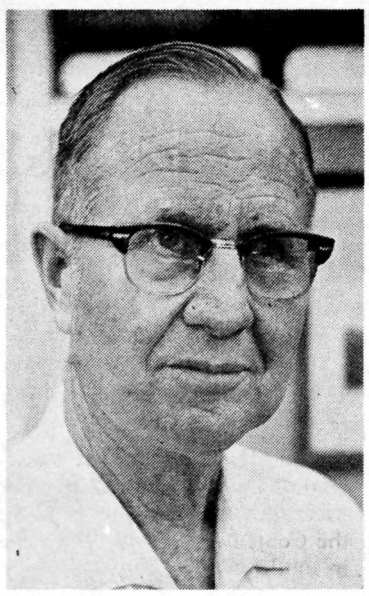
Alcorn began his National Park Service career in Yellowstone July 24, 1935. He advanced from the position of park ranger to district park ranger and in 1949 transferred to a park naturalist position in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

Since that time he has held chief park naturalist positions in Bryce Canyon NP and Glen Canyon NRA.

He moved to the Rocky Mountain Group as assistant chief naturalist in 1966, the position from which he recently retired.

The Alcorns now reside at 761 Frazine Road, Route 7, Modesto, California.

This summer Mr. Alcorn has volunteered his talents as a professional photographer to assist Rocky Mountain in obtaining photographs that are needed for publications, public relations, and other purposes.



Wayne Alcorn

Award Given Posthumously

The late Einar G. Fong was presented the Interior Department's Superior Service Award posthumously Feb. 4.

Mr. Fong, who had been the buildings and utilities foreman at West Glacier NP, died Aug. 9, 1971.

He began his 17-year Park Service career in 1956 as a maintenanceman at Theodore Roosevelt NM.

His citation reads in part: "Mr. Fong was an outstanding maintenance employee. A competent craftsman in several fields, he freely undertook additional responsibilities and supervised less experienced crews many times without special compensation....

"His personal example and interest in community betterment made him an outstanding representative of the Service."

Mr. Fong is survived by his wife, Elizabeth M., of Columbia Falls, Mont.

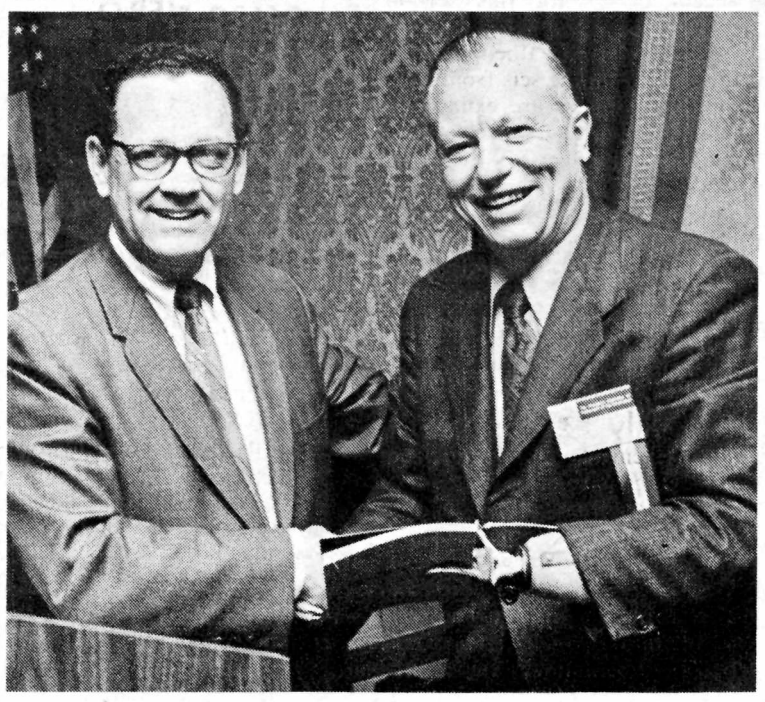
Reyes Rangers Rescue Boy

Three Point Reyes National Seashore rangers received warm thanks from the father of 15-year-old Todd Osborn for their rescue efforts May 28.

While climbing over rocks on the Pacific Ocean side of Pierce Ranch, Todd lost his footing, fell 20 feet to the rocks below.

Responding to a call for assistance the rangers immediately took charge. Ranger Andy Gifford prepared a rope basket and lowered Todd down the remaining cliff to the sandy beach where the boy was picked up by a Coast Guard helicopter.

Ranger Gifford was assisted by Phil Brueck and John Abbett of the seashore in taking Todd from a highly inaccessible location to the hospital for prompt medical treatment.



COPIES OF THE NATIONAL PARK GUIDE for the handicapped were distributed recently at the 25th annual meeting of the President's Commission on Employment of the Handicapped. Ray Freeman, left, NPS associate director for operations presents a copy of the guide to Harold Russell, chairman of the President's commission. Russell, who lost both hands in a World War II training accident, starred in the Hollywood movie, "Best Years of Our Lives," several years ago.

New De Soto Chief Named

Richard F. Hite has been named superintendent of De Soto National Memorial, according to David D. Thompson Jr., SERO Director. He assumed his duties July 9.

Superintendent Hite previously was the park manager of Fort Matanzas NM.

A 12-year NPS veteran, Hite replaced Arthur Graham, who has been transferred to Gulf Islands NS as Florida district manager.

New Superintendent At Colonial

James R. Sullivan is the new superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park, in Yorktown, Va., as announced by Chester L. Brooks, NPS director of the Northeast Region.

Sullivan, 48, former assistant superintendent at Independence NHP, Pa., replaces James W. Corson who will transfer to the Washington office.

Colonial NHP, the site of the first permanent English settlement in America, comprises most of Jamestown Island. A 23-mile parkway connects the two sites with Jamestown NHS, Yorktown Battlefield (the scene of the culminating battle of the American Revolution in 1781), Colonial Parkway, and Cape Henry Memorial.

Sullivan's National Park Service career began in 1949 as a historian at Colonial NHP.

Big Bend Couple To Represent Folk Festival

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Milburn, Chisos Mountains Lodge, Big Bend National Park, have been selected to be ambassadors to the first Texas Folklife Festival to be held by the University of Texas Institute of Texan Cultures, Sept. 7 to 10, at the Hemisfair site in San Antonio. Milburn is manager of the Big Bend Operations.



A RUG & A CHECK for E & AA in the amount of $1,451 recently changed hands in the Southwest Region. "M.G." McKibbin, wife of Superintendent Kevin McKibben, Hubbell Trading Post, presents a check to Monte Fitch, E & AA Southwest Region representative, who holds the Centennial Navajo rug. Pat Binnewies, left, looks on. (To find out who won the rug read the accompanying story.)

E & AA Ed. Fund Gets $1,500

Proceeds from the Navajo Lands Group Women's Organization drawing and a Grand Teton Women's rummage sale have netted the NPS Employees and Alumni Association education fund more than $1,500.

Big Windfall

A big windfall came on the nationwide drawing for a handmade Navajo rug. A check for $1,451 has already been received by E & AA Treasurer Ed Hummel, and a few more dollars are expected to trickle in after final bookkeeping is made.

The Navajo Women's Organization surpassed its $1,000 goal, and the women decided to give out four extra prizes. Three enterprising members at Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument sold more than 100 tickets—quite a feat considering the nearest town is 40 miles away.

First place winner of the Navajo rug was Mrs. Kate D. Rulf, a secretary to the superintendent of Smoky Mountain NP.

Runner-up, winning a Navajo sand painting was Patrick Crosland, a park naturalist at Fire Island NS. Taking home a third prize Navajo engraved silver salad service was Howard H. LaRue, administrative officer at Independence NHS.

Superintendent Carlock (Corky) Johnson of Glen Canyon NP took home fourth prize, a Navajo engraved letter opener. The fifth prize of a key-ring inset with turquoise went to Edwin L. Rothfuss, a park ranger at Glacier NP.

Congratulating the Navajo Lands Group women, Monte Fitch, special assistant to the SWRO Director, said in a letter to Ed Hummel: "These women have put in a lot of time and hard work in this project."

Sale Nets $55

A June 21 rummage sale at Grand Teton netted another $55 for the E & AA.

Howard W. Baker, E & AA chairman of the board, said in a letter to Edna Caresia of the Grand Teton group:

"I understand that our committee has now approved two additional loans so that, at the present time, we have four loans outstanding. This indicates to me that people are really becoming interested in using the fund in support of their educational program needs."

Peace Pipe Smoking Ranger Elms

By Donald F. Gillespie
(Supt., Ft. Vancouver NHS)

Professional Park Ranger Wallace B. Elms counts among his most cherished possessions a custom crafted "Peace Pipe" made especially for him by the Rosebud Sioux in appreciation for his services while on special assignment with the Tribal Council. Wally's assignment was to assist in the development of a Parks Management program for the Brule Sioux Tribe during the summer of 1968.



Wallace Elms

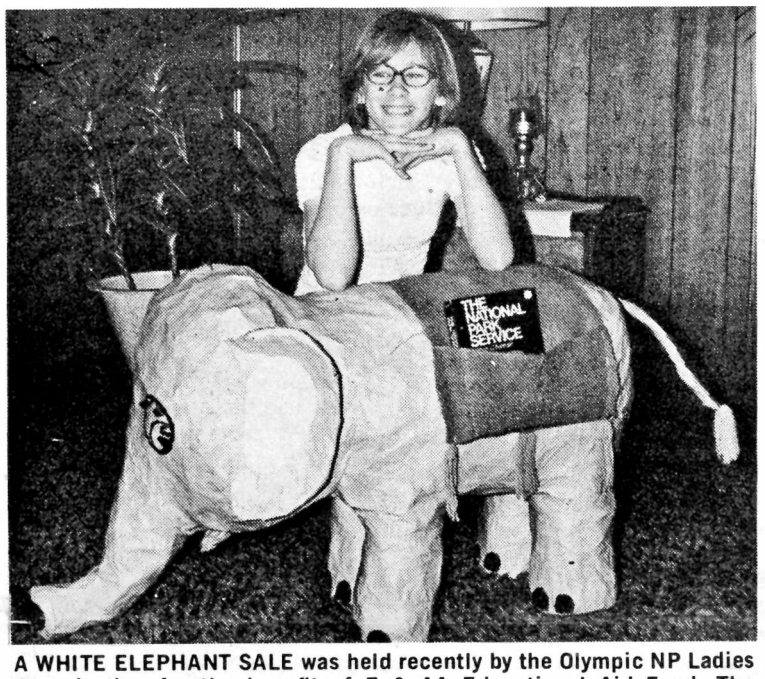
19 Years Experience

Born in Altus, Oklahoma in 1926, Wally brings nearly 19 years of varied ranger and other management experience to his present position as chief of I & RM at Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. His assignments during this period include areas such as Carlsbad Caverns National Park, where he spent his formative years, Lake Mead, Fort Jefferson, Jewel Cave and Mt. Rushmore.

The Fort Jefferson assignment has special meaning to the Elms since he accepted the job after having been married only one month and he is reported to have had one of the longest honeymoons in National Park Service history (or was that the shortest?) In any case, he and his wife Mary survived the isolation and now share the household with their son, Clark, age 6.

Wally's NPS experiences have included special assignments in law enforcement, planning, and management at various levels, including an extended period as acting superintendent at Mt. Rushmore. His special interest is in the field of law enforcement and he has been responsible for the development of comprehensive enforcement programs at Mt. Rushmore and at his present duty station, Herbert Hoover.

Educated at New Mexico State University he holds a degree in zoology while Mary, an active "Park Service Wife" has one in Education.



A WHITE ELEPHANT SALE was held recently by the Olympic NP Ladies Organization for the benefit of E & AA Educational Aid Fund. The winner was Michelle Lesch (pictured). $75 was collected for the fund. Mrs. Dave Huntzinger made the elephant.

Fabulous 4th — Texas Style

The Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Site participated in an old fashion 4th of July celebration on the grounds of President Johnson's Boyhood Home in Johnson City, Texas.

Festivities began at 11 a.m. with the arrival of twenty-one cars from the Alamo City Horseless Carriage Club of San Antonio. These were displayed on the street in front of the Boyhood Home and club members held a short driving contest which showed precision driving and cranking contests.

Activities included a comedy skit, "Funny and Fair," and a style show of 1920's costumes. Food was served by local clubs and civic organizations.

The National Parks Centennial received much publicity during the 4th of July affair. Centennial posters were prominently displayed and several Centennial commemorative medals were given as prizes. An estimated 3,500 people enjoyed the festivities.

Two More Shifts In West

Two high level appointments have been made in the Western Region, according to the region's director, Howard H. Chapman.

Lyle H. McDowell, acting chief of Park Operations WASO, has been named assistant regional director, Operations. Bruce M. Kilgore, research biologist at Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP, has been named associate regional director, Professional Support.

A native of Kentucky, McDowell began his NPS career as a ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway in 1948. He has served as district ranger and assistant chief ranger at Everglades NP, then recreation planner for the NPS part in the Delaware River Basin Study, chief ranger at Rocky Mountain NP and later at Glacier NP. He was transferred to Washington in 1966 as chief of the branch of resources management.

Bruce Kilgore, a native of California, earned a PhD in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley, where he also earned his undergraduate degree in wildlife conservation. He has a masters degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Western Region Director Chapman said, "Kilgore will direct the work of architects, landscape architects, engineers, biologists, archeologists, and other professionals. This professional group serves NPS areas located in California, Hawaii, Nevada, and Arizona."

Joanne Young Wins Homestead Centennial Quilt

The Homestead Historical Association Centennial arrowhead emblem quilt has been won by Joanne Young of Beatrice, Neb.

The quilt was hand made by 23 Volunteers-In-Parks who are senior citizens in the Beatrice area. A total of 360 hours was devoted to making the quilt. An additional 20 hours was spent by national monument staff and Mary Norman, wife of park maintenanceman Gene Norman, in making the pattern.

More than 758 donation tickets at $1 each, were sold nationwide to help sponsor a delegate from an under-privileged country attend the Second World Conference on Parks at Yellowstone in the fall, according to Roger D. Pearson association executive secretary.

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By W.K. MERRILL

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TENT BUILDING was one of the activities engaged in by Washington, D.C. inner-city youth during their week-long attendance at the Indian Day Camp at Great Falls, Va.

Inner City Youth Powwow With Indians

By Daniel S. Hughes

More than 100 Washington D.C. inner-city children, who had just met their first non-movie Indian two days before, piled into buses July 26 for the 20-mile trek to Great Falls Park, Va., to learn more about becoming wily Apaches, sure-footed Sioux and nimble Navajos at the American Indian Day camp.

Learn Culture

Each week a different group of children are brought to the park to learn about Indian culture and to have fun away from the hot, sweltering city. Coordinating the activities is Ann Belkov, who is involved in the "Camping and Fun Trips" phase of the Summer in the Parks program of National Capital Parks.

Upon arrival at Camp Oonale (a Navajo word for friendship) the children are joined by their Indian teachers—12 counselors representing the western tribes of the Cheyenne, Cherokee, Apache, Zuni, Navajo, Shoshone, Sioux and Hidatsa. All are university students, many studying at Brigham Young University in Utah.

The children are formed into tribal groups for the purpose of competitive Indian games. Two teepees are erected at the camp site where the mysteries of tribal lore are revealed through arts and crafts and explanations of exotic rituals.

Special Day

July 26 was a special day at the campsite. The Indian staff had dressed in authentic native costumes and the children presented Indian skits they had learned to visiting Interior Department dignitaries. On hand to watch were Louis Bruce, Commissioner of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Wilma Victor, assistant to the Interior Secretary for Indian affairs, and associate NPS Director Ray Freeman.

Entertainment included an Indian Romeo and Juliet type skit, a Navajo corn meal dance, a Comanchee stomp dance and an eagle dance. Between the youngsters' skits, the real Indians performed American folk songs and Indian dances.

Before the performances the children demonstrated Indian teepee erecting techniques and engaged in Indian races.

Many Activities

The Indian Day Camp is one of 12 camping and fun trip programs operated by National Capital Parks' "Summer in the Parks program."

It is designed for youngsters ages 8 through 12. Each group of 100 children spends a week in the day camp and is provided bus transportation and a box lunch.

Arrangements for the counselor staff, headed by Robert Angle, a Maidu Indian from northern California, were made through a cooperative agreement between NPS and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Blue Ridge Whiz Kid Wows 'Em

Primitive atmospheres, alpha emission tracks and electron accelerators do not commonly rate high on the list of interests of ordinary American teenagers, but Joey Farmer is somewhat different from the others.

Not that he doesn't have the normal interest of other teenage boys, such as sports and girls. He does.

Joey is just a science bug or what in the old days might have been termed a "whiz kid."

He has a list of prizes as long as your arm for local and Virginia state-wide science fairs. He has also been recognized by professional scientists, receiving the 1972 award for "Best Engineered Project of the Year," from the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. Other honors include the NASA award, the U.S. Air Force award in chemistry, the U.S. Army award in physics and the Hollins College Significant Merit in chemistry.

The budding young Einstein is the son of Collin Farmer, a maintenance supervisor at Blue Ridge Parkway.

Young Farmer attributes his interests to growing up in national parks and to his father's influence.

"Being fortunate enough to live in national parks has left me with a life-long love and understanding of God's creations.... I attribute my wide range of interests (to this)," he says.

In addition to his scientific interests, Joey's activities include playing the trumpet in his high school band, scouting and debating.

His major interest, however, is science and research projects. Joey has designed and constructed a gas liquification and bubble chamber capable of temperatures of minus 90 degrees Fahrenheit in order to track alpha particles.

His future plans include studying engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and he would like to do graduate work at M.I.T.

Environmental Education Funds Restored After Ranger's Plea

A colorful and touching plea for restoration of funds to bring Dade County school children to Everglades NP by Ranger Pat Smith, brought enthusiastic applause from an audience of 350 and the county's board of education in Miami recently.

Pressed for Funds

Ever pressed for more funds, the board had sought to eliminate $15,000 from the school budget to finance one-day trips for 10,000 Dade County six-graders to the park as part of an environmental education program. After Ranger Smith's eloquent plea, $10,000 was restored for this purpose.

After being introduced by Everglades Environmental Education Coordinator Douglas McHenry, Pat Smith launched into his speech.

"The air on the earth doesn't know when it crosses national boundaries and the water in Biscayne Bay doesn't know whether we're black, white or what language we speak, or what we do for a living, or our religious beliefs.

Educate People

"And so the hardest thing in environmental education is that we cannot educate the environment. We've got to educate people. And the best place to start is with our young people," he said.

"Here's another thing, too. In the city, we tend to point to problems when we talk to our children about environmental education.

"And this is where coming to the Glades is not just an enrichment program. But it's getting them out to the environment that exists outside the city, that gets them to a place where they can form a positive tie with the environment.

"You can call that 'love.' You can call that motivation to learn, to like, to enjoy. And if we're going to produce people who are going to fight for the environment, I contend that it's not just going to be produced by the negative thing—solving problems, problems.

Something To Love

"They're (the kids) going to have to have something to love, something to want. And this is what we're doing in Everglades National Park."

Included in this year's environmental education program will be Fun Day in the Everglades. On this day children from the inner city of Miami will come to the park and study alligators, birds and other wildlife. They will also go on a fishing trip.

Last year more, than 28,000 participated in the program and a larger number is expected this year as Everglades personnel attempt to expand the program to include other neighboring counties.

Ranger Smith is on a split position assignment and this summer is serving at Perry's Victory NM. But he will be returning in the fall to carry out his environmental education program.

Boomerang II Sweeps NPC Regatta

The National Park Centennial Regatta, held at Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in Wisconsin July 8 and 9, was won by Stuart Campbell of St. Joseph, Mo., who piloted "Boomerang II."

Superintendent William Bromberg was the official starter of the 7.8-mile race which included boats from Wisconsin and neighboring states.

Less than ideal weather diminished the number of entrants and slowed times, according to Park Naturalist Warren Bielenberg. Warren, who was riding on the 40-foot sloop, "Snark," skippered by Dr. John Pierpont, rode home next-to-last in the race.

Quasar Shines

The event the following day was won by "Quasar," skippered by John Badenhoop of St. Paul, in a little under two hours.

After the races the skippers and crews of each participating boat received National Park Centennial Medallions from the Apostle Island NL.

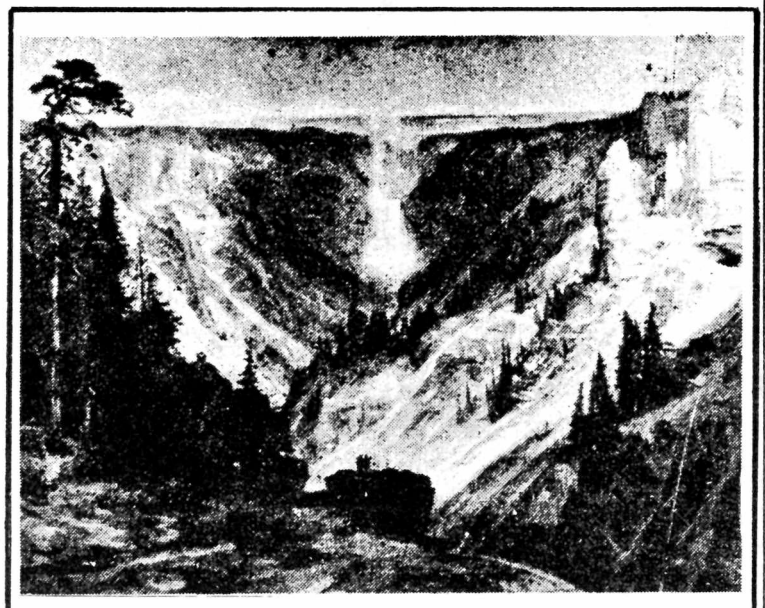
Unfortunately lack of wind caused cancellation of a 12-mile race around Basswood Island, said Warren, but overall "the race was labelled a success," he said.

Walnut Canyon Marks Centennial

To celebrate the National Park Centennial Walnut Canyon National Monument held open house July 19.

Activities for this open house included hourly tours of the facilities, operation of information stations at the entrance to the Monument and in the Visitor Center, self-guided tours of the two trails in the area and a box to write suggestions on improvements to facilities and services.

Some special exhibits on display include art work from some of the schools in Flagstaff, part of L.V. "Tommy" Thompson's kachina doll collection, and a corn grinding exhibit on loan from the Arizona State Museum.



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WHEELCHAIR HIKER—Being confined to a wheelchair didn't prevent David Brown, 18, from enjoying the sights of Shiloh NMP. David covered the 14-mile artillery hike where Superintendent Al Rector encountered him at the half-way point.

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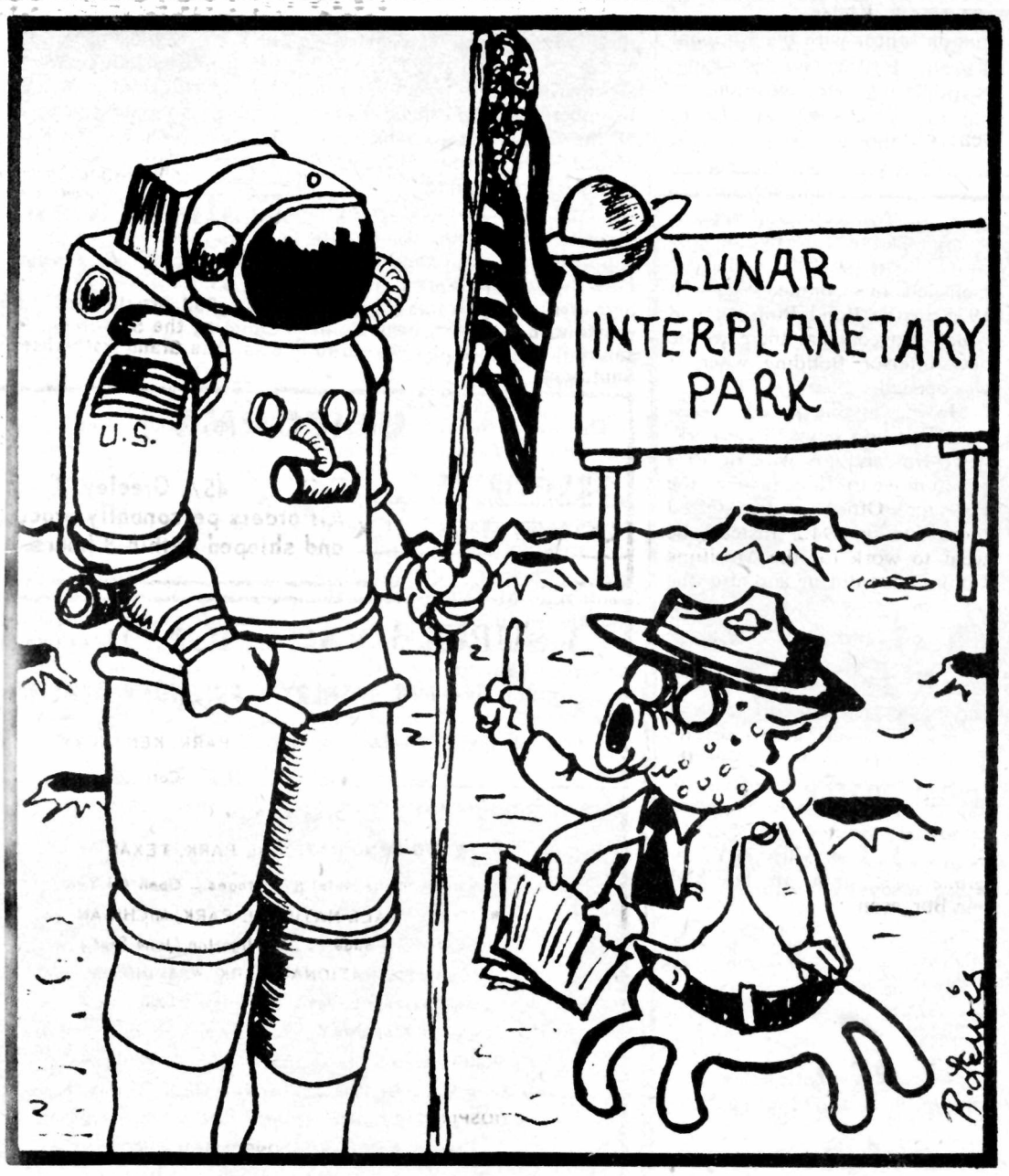
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This month's $5 prizewinning cartoon was drawn by Ricardo Lewis, assistant chief of Office Services in the Division Program Management and General Services, WASO.

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Morton Replies To "Friends"

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Solicitor's Office, the National Park Service has consistently refused to divulge annual financial reports submitted by concessioners who provide visitor services and facilities in National Park Service areas pursuant to contractual arrangements. The Solicitor's Office has informed us that, in its opinion, the disclosure of such financial data is forbidden by the provisions of 18 U.S.C., Section 1905, and the reports containing the data come within the third and fourth exemptions of Subsection (b) of Section 552, United States Code (commonly referred to as the Freedom of Information Act). As you may be aware, this matter is presently being litigated in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in the case *National Park and Conservator Association* v. *Morton, et al.*, and we will, of course, be guided in the future by the Court's determination on this question.

6. The Congress requested the National Park Service to study the Alexandria Waterfront. I have personally been involved with every stage of the Alexandria Waterfront dispute and vehemently object to the inference that a "political deal" on Alexandria Waterfront has been made. The Congress will clearly spell out its intent and I will follow that intent to the letter of the law.

7. Mr. Hartzog is not abolishing the Ranger Force. The Park System requires more than ecological knowledge; it demands managerial expertise. Obviously, what is needed is a balanced mixture of employees throughout the Park System.

8. The transfers of rangers and park superintendents were necessitated by expansion and normal retirement. Director Hartzog assures me that this situation is stabilizing and that I can anticipate less rapid shifts of personnel. I favor shifts to avoid the "home park syndrome" but look forward to a period of longer service at the various sites of the System.

9. The Glacier situation has been blown totally out of perspective by highly inaccurate and inflammatory articles.

A superintendent deserves and must count on the support of his fellow Park Service employees. This is the backbone for all effective organizations. Appeals of decisions can be made through legal and well-understood channels. Loyalty to the System does not mean accepting abuses, but there is no excuse for willfully disregarding accepted standards of conduct.

Your unsupported allegation that Mr. Hartzog is intentionally destroying the National Parks is totally and absolutely rejected by this office. We recognize that National Park management must undergo change in response to the environmentally degrading forces of our growing population. I believe the present National Park Service administration has the expertise and desire to solve the problems caused by these forces and accomplish the goals as set forth by Congress.

Rogers C.B. Morton

Civil Service Girds For Massive Caseload

With the first wave of an anticipated 40,000-plus retirement claims already being processed, the Civil Service Commission has set up special operating procedures and temporarily bolstered its staff to handle the massive caseload.

Federal employees who retired on or before June 30 were eligible to receive a 4.8 percent cost of living increase triggered by a rise in the Consumer Price Index. Normally, about 5,000 Federal employees retire each month and claims are fully processed in 30 to 60 days.

Even with the huge bulge, Commission officials expect to beat that time frame in getting checks going to annuitants through the use of special payments. Final adjudication of many claims will take somewhat longer.

Andrew E. Ruddock, Director of the Commission's Bureau of Retirement. Insurance, and Occupational Health, outlined special steps being taken to handle the load and the procedures involved.

Records of an employee's service, salary, and retirement deductions are maintained by his employing agency. They are forwarded to the Commission, with his retirement application, after the agency pays his final salary — usually 20 to 30 days after the date of retirement.

The first thing the Commission does when it receives a retirement claim is to notify the applicant of its receipt and of the claim number assigned to him. At the same time, the Commission notifies the health insurance carrier that the employee has shifted to the retirement rolls and coverage is maintained.

Next, the Commission obtains all records of prior Federal employment from its records center. The claim is then ready for special payment, which consists of issuing a check based on a conservative estimate of the annuity due.

The first special payment is made in the vast majority of cases within 10 days after receipt of the application. Additional special payments are made monthly until the exact amount of annuity has been computed. Any differences between special payments and the exact amount due are then adjusted.

Despite the unusually high workloads created by June retirements, the Commission expects to complete final adjudication of most of the 40,000-plus claims within a few months, and to be operating on a current basis by late fall.

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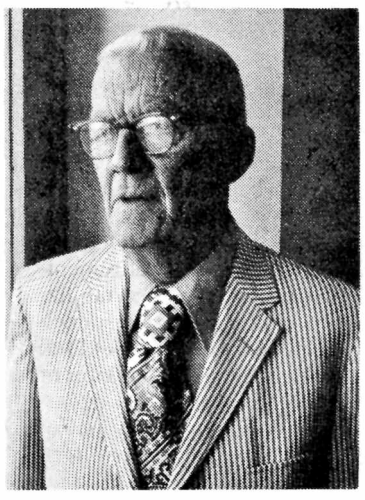
NPS Alumni Notes

By Herb Evison

Stuttsy Stutts Now Selling Real Estate

Clarence Culpeper (Stuttsy) Stutts was one of many railroad property appraisers who found himself out of a job when the Recapture Clause of the Railway Transportation Act was repealed early in the 1930's.

It may be remembered that Buck Lisle and Bill Bahlman were in the same boat. Stuttsy found a job early in 1933 as a CCC camp clerk at Seashore State Park, in Virginia; later joined the late Bob Burson's state parks office in Richmond; and transferred to the old Region One office there early in 1936. He remained as chief clerk there until he received a Navy commission in 1942.



"Stuttsy" Stutts

Starting as a Senior Grade Lieutenant, he ended his Navy commissioned service as a Captain and thereafter worked for the Navy as a civilian until his retirement in 1965 after 31 years with the Federal Government.

Widowed while he was wearing the Navy uniform, Stuttsy remarried after the war, and is the father of a son, 20, and a daughter, 11. Living in Clinton, Md., he has been supplementing his retirement income in a quite satisfactory fashion by selling real estate.

Sagers Touring Communist Capitals

Merel and Ruth Sager were scheduled to fly to Frankfurt, West Germany, on July 20, there to transfer to Aeroflot (Russian) on an American Express tour that would take them to Moscow, Leningrad, Warsaw, Prague, Budapest, Bucharest, Sofia, and Vienna, before returning to Frankfurt and heading for home, after 22 days mostly spent in the capitals of Communist nations. The two inveterate travelers made a trip around the world in 1968.

Merel suffered a minor coronary in September 1969. From this he has recovered completely. He has been playing golf frequently with Sid Kennedy and Connie Wirth. Connie is a fairly recent devotee of the game, at which Merel reports he is steadily improving.

Skyjackings Keep Bill Carnes Grounded

Bill Carnes, whose marriage on March 29 to Miss Vera Okeson was reported in the May issue of the Courier, reports that they are building a house that is nearing completion.

It is a "town house in the foothills of Green Valley, with a sweeping view over the Santa Clara Valley at mountains all around." Bill adds that he "will have no grounds to care for except what is within a walled patio 20 by 44 feet (recognizing that energy diminishes with age and that it is easy to become enslaved to upkeep just when you want to travel)."

After getting settled in the new house this fall and winter, the two hope to rent it for some of the winter months "to those who come out for the Arizona sunshine, and travel some, perhaps to Spain-Portugal, Mexico, etc." To which Bill added: "Hope that by then they can solve the skyjacking problem, as right now I am not too anxious to fly the airlines."

Observing that they don't have home delivery up in the foothills where they are building, Bill reports that they have taken a post office box, which they will retain permanently. The new address is P.O. Box 774m Green Valley, Ariz. 85614.

Youngs Desert Home For Sunny South

Last year, the Rogers W. Youngs deserted Arlington, Virginia, where they had lived for many years and returned to Rogers' old home town, Tallahassee, Florida.

However, writing from Coral Gables, where they spent most of the winter with Mrs. Young's sister and family, he reported late in June that they had given up Tallahassee, on the advice of their doctor, to settle in Savannah, Georgia. There they have moved into a new townhouse "and believe it or not, placed most of our furniture and all my extensive historical library in our new abode."

The address given on the printed letterhead is Apt. 101, 6100 Waters Avenue, Savannah, Ga. 31406.

Rogers reports that he and Eleanor have both been ill but are recovered. Later in the summer they plan to drive their new Mercury to visit their son, Rogers, Jr., and his family—two children—in Arlington, Texas, where the younger Rogers is a bond, insurance, and securities salesman, for which he has received his Texas license.

Lawrence Merriam Saving The Redwoods

Mrs. Lawrence (Catherine) Merriam broke her hip in a fall in the early part of July, according to a report received from Lawrence a couple of weeks later.

She spent two weeks in a hospital, going from there to a convalescent hospital where she is expected to remain for some time.

Though his activities with the Save the Redwoods League were interrupted by Catherine's mishap, Lawrence is resuming them.

"My work for the League," he wrote on July 21, "has been primarily on land acquisition matters. This has included preparation of programs, including priorities for acquisition and field studies of desirable boundaries.

"I also have spent considerable time on the stabilization of the upper Bull Creek drainage, which is so vital to the protection of the Rockefeller Forest. This is a program that probably will take a good many years."

Among other concerns of Forester Lawrence have been arrangement for and review of appraisals of lands to be acquired, as well as the building up of statistics on the Redwood Region and the remaining old-growth areas.

The Merriam address is 1952 Yosemite Road, Berkeley, Calif. 94707.

Spanish Clime Suits Painter, John Reshoft

John Reshoft, who retired in October 1969, is not a reemployed annuitant nor has he undertaken any consulting work in his profession of landscape architect.

When not traveling, he spends a good deal of his time painting, in both water color and oil; he has exhibited on several occasions and has sold a number of his paintings at prices satisfactory to him. However, he has found travel to Europe to his liking.

In August and September 1970, he took an American Express tour to a dozen European countries. Last May he spent some time in Spain, Portugal, and Morocco. He particularly enjoyed his stays in the neighborhood of Granada and at Mallorca.

James F. Kieley Remembers NPS Best

James F. Kieley, public information officer with the National Cancer Institute for 20 years, retired from that position on Feb. 5, 1972 after exactly 36 years of Federal service.

Jim will be remembered by many Service employees of the 1930's as the recreation planner (euphemism for information specialist) with the CCC office established by Connie Wirth in 1935 in the Bond Building and which moved from there to the new Interior Building when it was opened.

Having just acquired a new home out on Chevy Chase Parkway, Jim and his wife decided not to move to Chicago when the Director's Office was transferred there late in 1942. Instead, he went to work for the Maritime Commission during and after the war.

Having started as a reporter on a Poughkeepsie paper right after he got out of high school, staying in that job for 12 years and also covering Roosevelt's visits to Hyde Park, for the Christian Science Monitor, during the early years of his presidency, Jim started with the NPS in the old Bronxville, N.Y., regional office under the late Melvin Borgeson.

Not having had a college education, he decided some years after World War II to get one. By taking advantage of special opportunities offered by the University of Oklahoma he completed his work and received a bachelor's degree from that University at the age of 60.

Jim looks back on his years with the NPS as some of the best of his long career. His address is 5121 Chevy Chase Parkway, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20008.

NPS Has Another Re-employed Annuitant

Ted Smith, whose retirement was reported in the June Courier, reports that he expects to continue at his old job as director of special events in the National Capital Parks organization on a part time basis, another addition to the Service's reemployed annuitants.

Jimmy Meyers In Good Shape After Surgery

James B. Myers, who moved over to the Department to serve as assistant to former Assistant Secretary Cain, and who retired from that position more than three years ago underwent critical surgery—for an unusual diverticulosis condition—at Mayos soon after retirement, and has now completely recovered after what was a considerable and serious ordeal.

A friend of more than 35 years, he seemed in exceptionally vigorous health when I saw him in Washington late in July.

Jimmy and his wife Carol live at 13114 Melrae Court, Fairfax, Va. 22030.

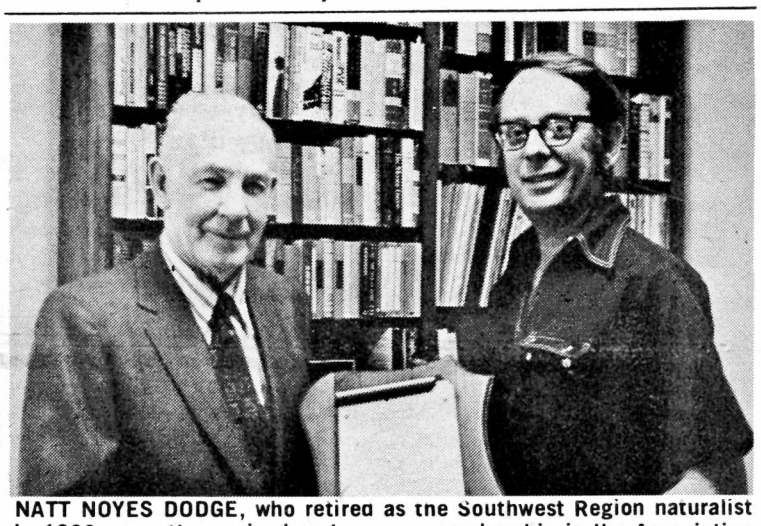
Fla. Project Coordinator Retires

Robert (Bob) F. Gibbs retired June 30 after over 39 years of Federal service.

Bob began his career with NPS in 1933 in Shenandoah NP. Over the years he filled various positions at Big Bend, Great Smoky Mountains, Fort Raleigh and Wright Brothers National Memorials and as Superintendent at Isle Royale, Cape Hatteras and Cape Cod. He retired for the first time in 1965 and accepted a position with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as chief of recreation.

Bob then accepted a two year over-seas assignment in Jordan with AID as a technical adviser in park planning to that country. He was recalled briefly to accept the Interior Department's Distinguished Service Award. Upon returning to States he became chief, Division of Park Operations and two years ago was sent to Florida to head up the Department's South Florida envrionmental project.

Bob and his wife, Mary, will leave Miami at the end of the summer for Tryon, North Carolina where they have a new home.



NATT NOYES DODGE, who retired as the Southwest Region naturalist in 1963, recently received an honorary membership in the Association of Interpretive Naturalists at an association meeting held in Pine Mountain, Ga. Natt was not present then, but his son-in-law, Zorro Bradley, right, made an informal presentation to his father-in-law before leaving to join the Alaska Task Force, as anthropologist. Natt served in the NPS for 31 years from 1932-63. He is the author of seven books on natural history and more than 200 articles and booklets which have been very valuable in interpreting the Southwest. In their salute the association referred to him as "The Grand Naturalist of the Southwest."

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BRESSLER, Dell R., from Maint Supv, Lassen Volcanic NP, to same, Mammoth Cave NP

CARRASCO, Victor V., from Pk Tech, Amistad NRA, to Supv Pk Tech, Big Bend NP

DEVINE, Dale L., from Admin Off, Curecanti Gp, to same, Rocky Mountain NP

GRAY, Michael B., from Maint Worker, Muir Woods NM, to same, Grand Canyon NP

HURLEY, Edward F., from Maintenanceman, Padre Island NS, to Roads Foreman, Great Smoky Mountains NP

KEITH, Larry D., from Maint Worker, Great Sand Dunes NM, to Maint Leader, Jewel Cave NM

LOUNSBURY, John N., from Pk Tech, Everglades NP, to Pk Ranger, Great Smoky Mountains NP

MONTFORD, Franklin V., from Supv Pk Ranger, Big Bend NP, to same, Cape Cod NS

PETERSON, Alvin W., from Supv Pk Ranger, Wind Cave NP, to same, North Cascades NP

REISS, Richard R., Jr., from Gen Sup Asst, Glacier NP, to Admin Off, Custer Btfld NM

SHEETS, Barbara H., from Clk Steno, Asst Dir Oper, SERO, to same, Asso Dir Prof Sup, SERO

SHILTS, Deane M., from Supv Pk Ranger, Rocky Mountain NP, to same, Wind Cave NP

SMITH, Edward P., Jr., from Pk Ranger, Everglades NP, to same, Perry's Victory & Intl Peace Mem NM

TOWNSLEY, John A., from Pk Mgr, Mount Rainier NP, to same, Asst Dir Oper, NCP

TROUTWINE, James W., from Pk Tech, Wupatki NM, to same, Grand Canyon NP

UPSHAW, Gloria L., from Personnel Clk, Off of Organiz Develop & Manpower, NERO, to Admin Clk, Off of Finance & Control, NERO

VAN ZEE, O. H., from Supv Pk Ranger, George Washington Mem Parkway, to Pk Ranger, NCP Central

WEBER, Roger M., from Admin Off, Whiskeytown NRA, to same, Death Valley NM

WINTCH, Kent J., from Proc & Prop Mgmt Off, Yellowstone NP, to Admin Off, Curecanti GP

New Places

BARTEK, Mervin F., to Realty Spec, Asst Dir Coop Act, NERO

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GARVIN, Kenneth C., to Pk Aid, Tonto NM

HARROD, Terrence K., to Laborer, NCP Central

JEWELL, Mildred M., to Clk-Typist, Bighorn Canyon NRA

PATTEN, Gerald D., to Landscape Architect, Research & Consult Serv, Denver

PATTERSON, Robert L., to Eng Equip Oper, Glen Canyon NRA

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LUTZ, Annette C., to Clk Typist, Indiana Dunes Lands Office

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BAKER, Alma C., from Sec Typing, Minute Man NHP

BEALS, Alfred H., from Pk Ranger (Gen), Yellowstone NP

BROCK, Eugene Lee, from Land Records Spec, Asst Dir Coop Act, NCP

BUSHEY, Laverne L., from Clk Typist, Shenandoah NP

DALE, Hal L., from Fire Control Aid, Blue Ridge Parkway

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RYAN, Joseph W., Jr., from Person Clk, Glacier NP

SAMUEL, Noble B., from Supv Pk Tech, Virgin Islands NP

SLYE, Gregory J., from Janitor, NCP Central

SNODGRASS, Lester E., from Maintenanceman, Yellowstone NP

SPRIGGS, Nelson E., from Private, US PP

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Deaths

Ida Cammerer Green

Ida Cammerer Green died April 12 in Janesville, Wisc. She was almost 90. See February '72 COURIER Alumni Notes.

Horace Albright recently provided a report on a person once known to and loved and admired by many National Park Service employees. She is Mrs. H. H. Green, but before she married Mr. Green, widower of her sister, she was Ida Cammerer, wife, then widow, of Arno B. Cammerer, the third Director of the Service.

Always called "Cam" by a host of friends, Arno Cammerer died early in 1941. Because of ill health, he had left the Directorship in mid-1940, taking instead the less onerous position of Regional Director in what was then Region One. After his death, his widow, whom Horace rightly describes as a gentle, sweet, kind, and thoughtful lady—and who was a beautiful one as well—lived in Washington for several years. Eventually she went back to Janesville, Wis. Mrs. Cammerer continued to keep in touch with Washington friends, as well as many of her old Park Service associates.

In response to a Christmas greeting from the Albrights, in which they inquired about her health, Mr. Green wrote regarding his wife:

"Ida lost her eyesight a year ago and has been in a health center since last March, where she gets the best of care. She seems contented and can be helped to the table for her meals.

"I have two married daughters living in Janesville. One is a nurse and lives with me. Both are very competent and every day one or two of us go out to see Ida. Both of us will soon be 90.'"

James M. Ford

Ingenious and inventive James M. Ford, who retired from the superintendency of Moores Creek National Military Park in 1964, died in a Jackson, Miss., nursing home on the morning of June 19. Funeral services were held in Vicksburg, to which he had returned on retirement, on June 21.

Jim Ford was born in Kevil, Kentucky, and went to Vicksburg in 1928 as an employee of the Illinois Central Railway. Leaving the railroad to work at Vicksburg National Military Park, he became assistant superintendent there before transferring to Moores Creek.

He is survived by his wife, Johnie; a daughter; and two grandchildren, as well as by two brothers, five sisters and a stepsister. Mrs. Ford's address is 2017 Sky Farm Ave., Vicksburg, Miss. 39180.

Miner J. McPherson

The COURIER has just learned of the death of Miner J. McPherson, who was employed with NPS for 24 years from 1937 to 1961.

Mr. McPherson returned to his native Idaho after his retirement and died Jan. 12. He was 75.

He worked for nine years at Glacier NP, Mont., and for 15 years at Grand Canyon, NP, Ariz.

Mr. McPherson is survived by his wife, Sarah, of Kooskia, Idaho; his son, Beryl, and a sister, Mrs. Cleve (Irma) Newland, both of Kooskia. There are three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Robert F. Williams

Robert F. Williams, a noted artist who was fond of painting national park scenes, died June 28. He was 91.

NPS is custodian of many of Mr. Williams' paintings, which hang in visitor centers throughout the country. He once said that his greatest challenge of his long career was painting in Death Valley NM. Two of his best works are in the monument's visitor center. Many of his paintings are hanging in the National Gallery of Art in Washington.

Mr. Williams lived most of his life in the East, but moved West in the 1950's. He continued to paint actively until his death.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, three children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Frill Adwell

Frill Adwell, a 26-year employee at Mammoth Cave, died of an apparent heart attack at the age of 62. He was a maintenance worker in the maintenance division at Mammoth.

John F. Buchholz

John F. Buchholz, husband of Irma T. Buchholz, secretary to the superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP died May 16. He was 72.

Charles Grossman Fondly Remembered

One of the persons whose reminiscences I had greatly hoped to tape when in the neighborhood of the Smokies in May was Charles S. Grossman, who, I knew, had done significant work in the '30's. To my great regret and sorrow, I learned he had died last October, age 71. I learned also that his widow had remarried and recently moved to Florida.

Told that V. R. Ludgate and Charles E. Peterson had been closely associated with Mr. Grossman professionally, I wrote both, asking that they give me information about his accomplishments. As of mid-June, I have heard nothing from "Pete," who does a lot of moving around; "Lud" supplied the following brief account:

"Charlie came to the Smokies during the depression of the Thirties as an architectural foreman with the CCC (ECW). He was assigned to the Cosby CCC camp, where he soon became interested in the local pioneer artifacts, people, and culture.

"His friendly personality endeared him to the natives, and he gained their confidence to such an extent that he was permitted to watch a moonshine still in operation. In fairness to Charlie, it should be reported that he was a 'teetotaler.' He started a collection of artifacts, most of which are now in the Museum of Pioneer Culture on the North Carolina side of the park. He, together with Bill Wilhelm, supervised the restoration of most of the pioneer buildings in the park.

"In 1958 he was assigned to the Philadelphia Design Office and, while there, was assigned to the task of preparing a report on pioneer culture with special emphasis on architecture and artifacts."

While at the home of Art Stupka, long-time chief park naturalist for Great Smoky, I was shown several sizeable boxes which Art told me contained photographs, reports, and other matter gathered during Charlie's days in the Smokies. This material, he and two others were attempting to appraise to provide a basis for an offer by the Great Smoky Mountains Natural History to purchase for the park.

Charlie Grossman attained exceptional distinction in his field of historical architecture. Those who were associated with him in his work are earnestly invited to supply the Courier with more about him, to supplement "Lud" Ludgate's brief account. - H. E.