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Plane Carrying Rangers Lost En Route to Idaho

By Betty White, MWRO

Friends and associates of Jake Metherell and Ron Trussell were shocked to learn that they had disappeared while flying through Nevada the evening of Feb. 7.

Jake and Ron were enroute in Jake's private plane from Cedar City, Utah, to Boise, Idaho, by way of Wells, Nevada, to attend a backcountry management conference for the Midwest and Pacific Northwest Regions.

It was shortly before 6 p. m., and darkness had fallen. Residents in the area report that weather was deteriorating.

Jake informed the flight service at Elko and Salt Lake City that he was decending from 14, 500 to 12, 500 feet to maintain usual flight conditions.

Radar, which was trackng the plane, lost contact about 6:10 p. m. At that time the plane's position was southeast of the Ruby Mountains, near Elko, Nevada.

While the location is well-established, it isn't necessarily where they went down. Possibly, they were then low enough so radar could not pick them up. If this was the case, there would have been a period of time in which they could have changed direction, thus increasing the area of search.

Search Begun

A search was initiated immediately by the Elko Civil Air Patrol. They made the usual check of all known airports and checked for unusual sightings or soundings.

Based on the information available, the primary search area was the Ruby Mountains in the vicinity of Secret Pass.

Due to poor weather conditions, a limited air search took place Feb. 8 and 9 with local CAP pilots and Cedar City pilots participating.

Also on Feb. 9, Assistant Director Ken Ashley, Midwest Region, was sent to represent the Service at Elko and to keep the Metherell and Trussell families advised of search progress.

Air search was not conducted on Feb. 10-11 because of a continuing snow storm. There was some ground search with the local Jeep Posse, known as React. The Humboldt National Forest furnished radios, rations, maps, snow machines and manpower for ground search.

The weather moderated somewhat on Feb. 12 and 13, allowing a limited air search with four to six planes. Ground activity also continued.

When the weather lifted on Feb. 14, with good flying conditions by mid-afternoon, Frank Betts (piloting his plane) and Chuck McCurdy from Grand Teton joined the search as did pilot Warren Adams with the Glen Canyon plane.

Climbers Join Search

A mountain climbing team consisting of Tom Milligan (in charge), Pete Hart and Ralph Tingy from Grand Teton, and Steve Hickman, Walt Fricke and Bob Haines from Rocky Mountain, was flown in the evening of Feb. 14 and the morning of Feb. 15.

They were taken by Tucker Snow Cat, which was provided by the Soil Conservation Service, to an elevation of 9,000 feet from where they skied to the search area. They remained in the area the rest of Feb. 14, all day Feb. 15, and came out on the afternoon of Feb. 16.

Part of this group was airlifted by an Army Huey helicopter to a point where they were able to check a downed aircraft which had been sighted but which proved to be the wreckage of a plane that had gone down in 1967.

The Army Huey was in on the search Feb, 16, 17 and 18. On Feb. 17 and 18, some 15 to 18 planes participated in the search as directed by CAP.

"The Elko CAP is a small compact group of dedicated and able pilots," Ashley said, "and except for gas and oil, they received no compensation."

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Fund to Aid Young Son of DSC Employee

The Denver Service Center has set up a drive to help raise funds to pay hospital bills for Cliff Taylor, 12, son of Linda Taylor, a clerk typist at the center.

Cliff's arm was amputated March 2 because of a malignant tumor. He is now undergoing costly treatments at the Colorado General Hospital to prevent the malignancy from spreading.

Thus far, DSC has raised $1,100 to help Linda, who is on temporary appointment and is not covered by group hospitalization.

At the Employees and Alumni Association annual board meeting, board members collected $37.50 to help out Cliff.

Anyone wishing to contribute may send a check to: The Cliff Taylor Medical Fund, United Bank of Lakewood, Villa Italia Shopping Center, Denver, Colo. 80226.

Special Notice!

On page 12 you will find a questionnaire on the COURIER and the E&AA. Before filling it out, please read the letter-to-the-editor titled "Courier Quality Questioned" and the accompanying editorial on page 8. We need your help to make the association and the COURIER even better. Please send back your questionnaire (photo copies will do) as soon as possible. We'll report on the results in a future issue.



Photo by Jim Aycock

MEETING OF THE BOARD—Sitting at the head of the Employees & Alumni Board which met March 1-2 are (from left) Ray O'Dell, E&AA executive secretary, Howard Baker, chairman, and Sutton Jett, special representative.

Board Members Meet, Plan E&AA Programs

By Loretta Neumann

New representatives were installed, a chapter organization and new membership categories approved, and a Bi-Centennial task force established at the annual E&AA board of directors meeting on March 1-2 in Washington, D.C.

Former NPS Director Conrad "Connie" Wirth, a long-time supporter of E&AA, was elected Board-member-at-large. Ivan Parker, superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial NHS, was elected vice-chairman, and John Townsley, assistant director of operations at National Capital Parks, was elected NCP employee representative.

The Board reelected Howard Baker as chairman, who reappointed Ray O'Dell as executive secretary; Ed Hummel, treasurer; and Loretta Neumann, COURIER editor.

Chapters Approved

The Board voted to amend the by-laws to authorize chapter affiliation by local NPS groups.

"We're on the verge of a breakthrough for forming affiliate chapters throughout the country," declared Ivan Parker, who initiated the idea last year and organized Chapter No. 1 at JNEM.

"Chapters can bring the national organization closer to the people and will help them participate more fully in our activities," he said.

Ivan was also appointed head of a Bi-Centennial task force, which will develop ideas and recommendations for E&AA-sponsored Bi-Centennial projects. Connie Wirth and Sutton Jett will also serve on the task force.

One idea considered briefly at the meeting was the setting up of a Bicentennial site near Williamsburg, Va. Located in the vicinity are Jamestown Island, site of the first permanent English settlement, and Yorktown, where the revolutionary war ended.

Connie Wirth said that the site could be used for "the interpretation of the growth of the nation in the first 200 years. It would interpret and demonstrate the contributions of such men as Benjamin Franklin, Robert Fulton, Cyrus McCormick, Thomas Edison, and a host of others.

"I'm suggesting telling the story through the use of diagrams, pictures, reprints, working models, dioramas and other audible and visually interpreted devices."

New Membership Categories

Tiny Semingsen, trust fund officer, announced that the trust fund balance is now over $15,500. The principal is never spent, he said, but the interest is used for E&AA operating funds.

On Tiny's recommendation, the Board approved two new membership categories: a $200 second century club and a $500 supporting membership. The association previously had, besides regular memberships, a $100 life and $1000 founder membership.

Members need only pay the difference between the membership they now have and the higher priced membership. Payments may be made in installments.

Five Board members, all with life memberships, immediately signed up for the second century club: Connie Wirth, Tiny Semingsen, Sutton Jett, Tom Allen and Ted Smith. Howard Baker retained his life membership and

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Marie Rumburg Fund Begun

Gertrude and Bill Bowen have started a memorial for Marie Rumburg which will benefit the Employees and Alumni Association Educational Aid Fund, E&AA Chairman Howard Baker announced recently.

Marie Rumburg, wife of Joe Rumburg, deputy associate director for Operations, died in September. Joe Rumburg is a close friend of the Bowens.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Marie Rumburg memorial is invited to do so.

Checks made out to the E&AA should be sent to Ray O'Dell, Executive Secretary, Employees and Alumni Association, National Park Service, ASG, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Chairman Baker notified Joe of the establishment of the memorial fund.

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also bought a membership in the second century club for $200.

E&AA Loans Over $12,000

Executive Secretary Ray O'Dell announced that the association has made 10 educational no-interest loans, worth over $12,000, to the children of E&AA members.

"The NPS Women's Organizations throughout the Service really helped us do it," he declared. Last year the women donated over $6700 to the fund.

Other contributions were made in honor of members of the NPS family, including memorial funds in the name of Fred C. Fagergren, Robert A. Spurlock, Jean Pinkley, Hazel Carnes, Anna Koubele, Sam Hoover, Scotty Carroll, Harry Sanders, Clark Stratton, A. Lynn Coffin, Marie Lindauer, Hugh Miller, Marguerite Schmidt, Ronald F. Lee, L. E. Lane and Marie Rumburg.

Contributions may be made to these funds at any time.

Ray added that he had received additional applications for loans, but these could not be approved until more money was raised or repayment of past loans was begun.

Ray also announced that sales on the NP Centennial Poster were still good, and he hoped to earn at least $500 from sales next year. The money raised will be used for E&AA operations.

Group Tours

Tiny Semingsen announced that 47 people had signed up for the E&AA sponsored Caribbean cruise, the majority of whom were signed up by Cantril (Flash) Neilson, a former NPS employee who read about the tour in the COURIER.

Chairman Howard Baker appointed Monte Fitch, representative from the Southwest Region, to check on possible train tours through Mexico next year. Other tours under consideration include a boat trip down the Mississippi river on the Delta Queen.

The Board endorsed Chairman Baker's compilation of a list of second and third generation employees as an E&AA activity.



Photos By Jim Aycock

GATHERED IN THE DRAWING ROOM of the historic Woodrow Wilson House in Washington, D. C. are E&AA members and guests who attended a reception in honor of NPS Director Ron Walker and the E&AA officers and board of directors on March 1. "I don't think there is another organization like this in Government," Director Walker told the gathering.

"When I started, I thought this would be a small list," said Howard. "But so far I've found 184 second-generation and 8 third-generation families—including seven pairs of brothers, three pairs of sisters and five people whose parents on both sides are former employees."

Howard commended Edna Caresia for her work as the E&AA representative for the NPS Women's Organization. Edna's report to the Board appears on page 4.

The Board also heard a report from Richard (Dick) Russell, curator of the NPS archives, who has brought together the Service's collected series of photographs, slides, files and publications at the Shipley School Building at the Harpers Ferry Center.

"Official records and collections have been arriving in a strong flow, but donations from individuals have appeared less frequently," he said.

"The collections are held for the use of 'historians and students,' but we interpret these terms to include any and every member of the NPS family. We hope that all interested park people will consider the archives 'theirs' and will use the facilities in person, or avail themselves of the curator's services in locating historical materials they may wish to borrow or see."

Dick may be reached at the NPS Archives, Harpers Ferry Center, Harpers Ferry, W. Va. 25425. Phone (304) 535-6371.

235 Attend Reception

The highlight of the meeting was a wine and cheese reception held at the historic Woodrow Wilson House in Washington, D.C.

Some 235 E&AA members and guests attended, and several drove all the way from Richmond, Petersburg and Shenandoah NP to be present.

In the receiving line were Chairman Howard Baker, Director and Mrs. Ron Walker, Assistant Interior Secretary Nathaniel P. Reed, E&AA Treasurer and Mrs. Ed Hummel, and E&AA Executive Secretary and Mrs. Ray O'Dell.

Howard Baker presented Director Walker with his year's free membership in the E&AA "as a new employee of the National Park Service."

Director Walker thanked Mr. Baker and said he would treasure his membership in the association.

"This is a distinct honor for me," he said.

He mentioned that on the White House Staff he was known as the roadrunner, because of the speed with which he got things done.



"HAVEN'T SEEN YOU SINCE THE VIRGIN ISLANDS," says Jim Liles, center, to George Fry, E&AA employee representative for the Southeast Region. George is associate director for operations and management at SERO. Jim, former chief ranger at the Virgin Islands, is a Departmental Management Trainee. "Every time we turn around, there is someone we've not seen for a long time," says Darlene, left, Jim's wife.

"When I wake up in the morning," he said, "I feel I must accomplish at least one major thing that day. If I don't, when I go to bed at night I know the next day I'll have to do *two* things."

Director Walker belied his roadrunner image that night, however, as he lingered to talk personally with many of the guests.

"I have been continually impressed with the spirit of the people of the National Park Service," he said, "and it's certainly evident here tonight. I don't think there is another organization like this in Government."



CHATTING TOGETHER are E&AA Northeast Employee Representative Al Banton, left; Mr. and Mrs. James Corson, center; and Southwest Region Director Frank Kowski. Al is superintendent of Lincoln Boyhood NM and Jim is coordinator for volunteers in parks.



TELLING A STORY to Assistant Interior Secretary Nathaniel P. Reed, center, and Director and Mrs. Ron Walker is Ted Smith, left, E&AA alumni representative for National Capital Parks in Washington, D. C.

Blackinton Becomes New E&AA Life Member

V. H. Blackinton & Co., of Attleboro Falls, Massachusetts, the country's oldest manufacturer of insignia, recently became a member of the NPS Employees & Alumni Association. In a brief ceremony commemorating the event, Ray O'Dell, E&AA Executive Secretary, presented a Life Membership Certificate to Gerard R. Davis, head of Blackinton's award division.

Long Association

While this marked the first formal membership in the E&AA for Blackinton, the company has long worked in close contact with the Department of the Interior and especially the NPS preparing insignia, seals, badges, and special awards.

Over this period of time, a close personal friendship has developed between Harthon (Spud) Bill, retired deputy director of the NPS, now serving as General Manager of the Long Island State Park Commission, and Gordon W. Johnson, President of Blackinton. Numerous members of the procurement section of NPS including Huston Turner, Roy Marcroft, Jim Carpenter and Ray O'Dell, have also cooperated closely with "Gerry" Davis and other executives of Blackinton.

Conservation Minded

Blackinton's association with the NPS is a natural outgrowth of the company's active and philosophical support of the ideals of conservation. Dating back to 1852 when it was first founded, Blackinton has constantly been involved with the creation and execution of insignia and awards related to the conservation efforts of numerous groups.

In many instances, concepts for insignia or awards initiated by Blackinton have performed valuable service in promoting the aims of these organizations.



Photo by Cecil Stoughton

E&AA EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RAY O'DELL, right, presents a certificate for life membership in the association to Gerard R. Davis, head of the award division of V. H. Blackinton & Co., Inc.

Ed Winge Appointed To Post in West

Director Ron Walker recently announced the appointment of Edwin N. Winge as special assistant for public affairs to the Director of the Western Region of the Service in San Francisco.

Winge, 53, has been director of information for the Service in Washington since 1968. He joined the Service in 1966 as deputy chief of information after several years as a staff assistant in the U.S. Senate.

A native of Canton, S.D., he is a graduate of St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn., and spent several years in newspaper and public relations work in Ohio and Michigan, following military service in World War II.

"With the recent addition of the Golden Gate NRA and other new parks, we have found it necessary to strengthen our public affairs effort in the Western Region," Walker said. "By background and experience, Ed Winge is well-qualified for this important new assignment."

The Western Region of the Service, with headquarters in San Francisco, administers 39 National Park areas in the states of California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

"Winge will assume his new duties about April 1," Walker said.

Washington Group Honors Antosca, Gateway Manager

Joseph N. Antosca, newly appointed project manager of Gateway National Recreation Area, N. Y.-N. J., was honored prior to his departure by the Lido Civic Club, oldest Italian-American business and professional organization in the Washington, D.C. area. He served in Washington as superintendent, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, and superintendent, National Capital Parks, North.

A past president of the club, Joe is best known for his exploits in arranging programs, many of which included NPS people and themes.

More than 75 attended the Lido Civic Club's going-away brunch honoring Joe, who was presented a letter of appreciation and a plaque.

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Meritorious Service Award Granted to J. Frank Mentzer

J. Frank Mentzer, assistant director for cooperative programs in the Southwest Region, has been granted the Interior meritorius service award.

Southwest Regional Director Frank F. Kowski presented the citation in a brief ceremony in Santa Fe, N.M.

"This award is in recognition of Mr. Mentzer's significant contribution to the environmental programs for the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service," Kowski said.

Mentzer started his career in 1962 in the Northeast Regional Office, as a public affairs specialist, and was promoted to the position of assistant to the Regional Director one year later.

Accepting a field assignment in 1968, he became superintendent at Catoctin Mountain Park, Maryland, where he started a program to present the living history of Catoctin Mountain. The crafts center at the park now offers demonstrations in blacksmithing, broom making, spinning and weaving, kitchen crafts and pottery making.

He developed at Catoctin an environmental education program and established the first environmental education museum in the country.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mentzer founded, edited and published a family camping magazine in Philadelphia before entering NPS.

Alan Denniston At Fort Larned

Alan E. Denniston has been named superintendent of Fort Larned NHS.

Denniston succeeds Theodore C. Bryant as superintendent of the historic fort which played a significant role in the 1860's in protecting the mail, travelers, and commerce along the eastern segment of the Santa Fe Trail.

Denniston, a native of Nebraska City, Neb., has been North District Manager of Bighorn Canyon NRA since 1971.

Following graduation from Colorado State University in 1962, he joined NPS. He was a ranger at Lake Mead NRA, until his transfer in 1968 to Bighorn Canyon.

Denniston was employed by the Corps of Engineers and the U.S. Forest Service before returning to college in 1961 as a full-time student.

Webb Named To Ft. Pulaski

Grady C. Webb has been appointed superintendent of Fort Pulaski, NM, David D. Thompson, SERO director, announced recently.

Starting his NPS career as a seasonal ranger at Great Smoky Mountains NP in 1955, Webb became a full-time park guide in 1962. By the time he transferred to Chickamauga and Chattanooga NMP in 1965, he had reached park ranger rank.

Since 1968, Webb has been serving as Ashville District Ranger on the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Superintendent Webb succeeds David D. Tomlinson, who has been transferred to Natchez Trace Parkway as chief ranger.

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"They toiled long and hard," Ashley went on to say, "and every reasonable and practical approach was followed." Ashley explained numerous leads were checked and double-checked. The search area was extended to cover the route to the north of Elko in case the plane had somewhat gotten past the Rubies.

The outpouring of concern and offers of assistance were from friends, associates, and relatives of Jake's and Ron's from all over the country.

Search Called Off

A large number of people, including pilots, observers, and ground searchers came from Cedar City.

Western Air Search and Rescue of Hamilton Air Force Base, California, called off the search Monday, Feb. 19. However, the search is continuing on an intermittent basis. Deep snow in the Rubies, much of which fell after Feb. 7, probably conceals the fate of the plane.

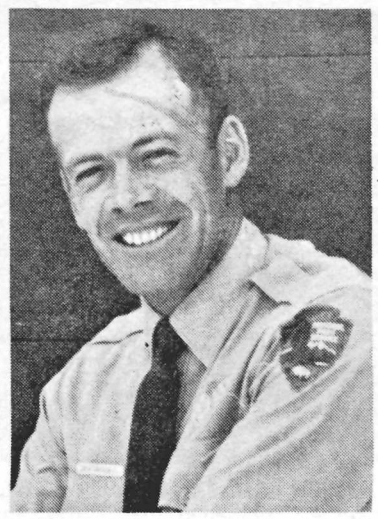
Ashley commented, "Only time will tell."

Ronald V. (Ron) Trussell, 34, entered NPS as a seasonal park ranger in July 1959 at Grand Teton NP.

He later went to Joshua Tree NM as a park ranger/naturalist, then to Yosemite NP as a ranger, and later to Zion as a supervisory park ranger.

In May 1969, he went to Bryce Canyon NP as supervisory park ranger, his latest position.

Ron is married and has one child..



Ron Trussell



Jake Metherell

Robert D. (Jake) Metherell, 45, entered NPS in June 1956 as a seasonal park ranger at Acadia NP. He later served as park ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway and returned to Acadia as park ranger and later supervisory park ranger.

Other assignments took him to Yosemite NP as supervisory park ranger, Yellowstone NP as park ranger, WASO as staff park naturalist, Zion NP as supervisor ry park ranger, and Southern Utah Group as park ranger.

His latest assignment was at Curecanti as resource management and visitor protection specialist.

He is married and has three children.

NPS Women Sponsor Many Activities in 1972

By Edna Caresia
E&AA Women's Representative

On behalf of the Women's Organization, I would like to thank Mr. Baker for this opportunity to report on the Women's Activities for the past year.

And what a year it has been, what with the many Centennial activities that have been observed along with the regular Women's Organization activities.

Here is a sample of some of them:

Living History Programs: The ladies baked bread, cookies and rolls in a restored 1876 oven at Fort Laramie and served 1600 people at a field lunch held at the site.

The Shiloh Women's Organization participated in Civil War period home arts demonstrations, doing chores in a civil war cabin near the peach orchard in the Park. Many of the park children also participated.

V.I.P. Programs: Many women served as volunteers in parks, running information stations, off-site Centennial Exhibits and visitor centers. Also many assisted at the Second World Conference at Yellowstone and Grand Teton.

Open Houses: Open houses were held all over the Service with the women's organizations serving as hostesses. Exhibits were prepared and staffed and refreshments served. Local people as well as park visitors had an opportunity to become acquainted with the parks and the Centennial activities coming up in that particular area.

Others: The ladies were involved in sponsoring floats in parades, writing newspaper articles, TV spots, distributing posters, logos etc, and taking part in the Keystone Medallion sales.

Our National Chairman Dagmar Robinson was invited to attend the opening ceremonies of the Second World Conference at Yellowstone in September and to also participate in the conference activities. During this time she planned a no-host breakfast for all the ladies present which was very successful with about 45 ladies in attendance.

Educational Aid Fund

The Women's organization continues to be very active in raising money for the Educational Aid Fund of E&AA.

Some of the projects this past year which contributed to the fund were:

The Navajo Lands Group Women's Organization had a drawing for a Navajo rug. They sold tickets service wide and collected $1,451.

The ladies of the Western Region made a Centennial Quilt. A drawing was held at a regional banquet with the proceeds earned $814.

Ladies at Redwood NP held a silent auction that netted $213, and ladies at Grand Teton had a rummage sale that netted $55.

These are only a sample of the activities which have taken place this past year to help with the Educational Aid Fund. As of December 1972 the Women's Organization has contributed a total of $6,783.

Regional Papers

As far as communications are concerned we still have four Regional Papers being published. They are:

The "Smoke Signal" from the Southwest Region with 275 subscribers. The gals from Carlsbad Caverns are assembling and distributing this paper now.

The "Roundup" from the Midwest Region with 187 subscribers. The gals from Canyonlands are currently assembling and distributing this publication.

The other two papers are the "Pacific Northwest Breeze" and the "Lava Flow." I do not have the number of subscribers that these two papers have. Also I was unable to determine if the Northwest Women's Voice is still being published.



Photo by Jim Aycock

EDNA CARESIA, E&AA representative from the NPS Women's Organization, is greeted by Director Ron Walker, right, and Howard Baker, chairman of the E&AA Board of Directors, at the association's reception March 1 at the Woodrow Wilson House in Washington, D. C.

Election Coming Up

The Women's Organization consists of a National Chairman, plus five other chairmen for Communication, Public Relations, Safety, Housing, and Employees and Alumni Association, In addition, each Region has a regionalchairmanandanalternate. These officers are elected every two years.

1973 will find our organization in an election year. The nominating committees are now being formed. Elections will be held for national and regional officers with alternate for each office.

If a national chairman transfers to another region she can take that office with her and continue in that capacity until the next election. If a regional chairman transfers, she has to relinquish that office and the alternate takes over. The new officers will take over on June 1st.

Washington Group Formed

Incidentally, the Washington Metropolitan area now has a chapter of the NPS Women's organization. They held their first meeting on July 22 at Wolf Trap Farm, Park for the Performing Arts. In addition to social get togethers, the branch will help NPS women learn about ways in which they can assist with various NPS projects in the area.

Harpers Ferry Women Meet

When Harpers Ferry chapter of the NPS Women's Organization held its first meeting of the new year in January, 38 members attended for coffee and a discussion of plans for 1973. The event was arranged by membership chairman and hostess Barbara Peterson.

Tentative plans include card games, crafts, education, needlework and sports.

New officers are Sybil Schiffman, chairman; Patricia Nelson, vice chairman; Ann Massey, secretary and Roberta Ozanich, treasurer.

Standing committee chairman for the year are Diane Hoffais, hostess; Patricia Nelson, program; Barbara Peterson, membership; Dorothy Sheetz, publicity, and the nominating committee chairman to be appointed later.

Executive board members are Rose Hipps, Mary Everhart, Mary Lou Conway and Helen Thomas.

At a Jan. 30 meeting this board met to finalize plans for fund-raising projects and other activities. An exercise group under direction of Roberta Ozanich will meet weekly at the Job Corps gym.

Chairman Schiffman and the board members of the women's organization invite all NPS wives and female employees to become members and to take part in the activities.

Shawn Morehead, Young VIP

Twelve-year-old Shawn Morehead, daughter of Yosemite's Chief Ranger Jack Morehead, is showing signs of great secretarial ability at an early age. Edna Beck, for whom Shawn worked last summer and Christmas "on-and-off", says Shawn is "comprable to a GS-3." She has proven herself competent at answering phones, xeroxing and even typing. "And she only needs the minimum of direction", says Edna. Shawn, who continues to come into the office after school, says she would like very much to be a secretary someday.



WOMEN HELPED WITH LIVING HISTORY PROGRAMS, such as the one at Shiloh NMP where they did quilting, cooked outside on an open fire, scrubbed clothes, knitted and did other chores appropriate for the historical period. Shown quilting are Lucille Lewis, left, a park neighbor, and Pat Blanton, president of the Shiloh Park Women's Organization.

John Gebler Another Eagle In Northwest

John Gebler, 14, recently received the Eagle Scout award--Scouting's highest rank.

The son of Charles and Donna Gebler, John has spent his entire life living in, or associated with, the national parks.

Currently, the Geblers-- (two boys, three girls)--reside in Issaquah, Wash., where John is a 9th grade student at Issaquah Junior High. (Charlie heads up public programs and environmental education for the Pacific Northwest Region.)

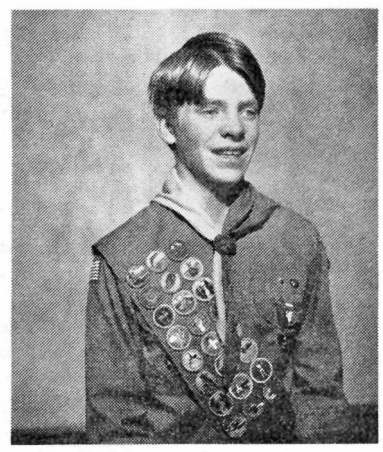
John got his informal start in Scouting in Rocky Mountain NP, with further experiences at National Capital Parks, Yosemite, Grand Canyon, Mount Rainier and San Francisco. He still recalls attending planetarium programs with his father at the Rock Creek Nature Center in Washington, D.C., hiking in Yosemite Valley by moonlight, and exploring Indian ruins in the Southwest.

The three years of wilderness living at Mount Rainier prepared him for his first official Scouting experience as a Cub Scout in Marin County, Cal. There John earned the highest award in Cubbing, the Arrow of Light.

Since moving to Seattle, John has been a member of Troop 625.

Backpacked 72 miles

He has logged an impressive Scouting record, camping out Boy Scout style over 50 nights and taking a 72-mile backpacking trip through the Washington Cascades. This past summer he completed his community service project by taking slides of interpretive activities at Crater Lake. During his three years as a



Boy Scout he has served as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

To add to this diversity, he is also a musician playing cello with the local youth symphony. John attributes much of his accomplishment to the rich opportunities he has had as a member of a NPS family.

Yosemite Holds Winter Seminar

The Yosemite Natural History Association held a seminar in February to explore winter ecosystems in the park, according to Sue Edelstein.

"Winter Ecology—Field Study in Yosemite," presented in two, two-day sessions, was conducted by San Jose State University Professor Emeritus Carl Sharsmith who has spent 45 years exploring and studying the Sierra Nevada.

Horizontal vs. Vertical

Two Parks: One Stands Up ...

By Gale Koschmann Belinky

What stands up off the flat makes the scenery. How much stands up, how densely, and in what arrangement on the horizontal determine the character of the place. And what color it is decides the flavor.

This is more true of national parks perhaps than anywhere else, for each one represents something outstanding in the natural American scene. Everglades and Canyonlands, my two favorite national parks, present a fascinating contrast in the realm of what stands up and how.

Everglades is a *horizontal* park. With land elevations differing only seven feet, from lowest to highest is nearly indiscernable. The only "height" is in the vegetation, and that rarely exceeds 75 feet above the plane. The bare land alone would present a featureless face to the eye.

Canyonlands is a *vertical* park. The up and down range encompasses some 2,000 feet. It is all up and down, it is "standing up country"—it is almost all feature on a face discernable perhaps only from a plane.

Everglades Not Red

Everglades bears the subtlest of colors. One thing it is *not* is red. Browns light and dark, gold tints, clear to muddy blue, greens of all shades and variations—this is Everglades. The land itself is in the ivory to tan-gray range. The vegetation varies seasonally through the relatively compressed range of tans and greens.

Canyonlands is a bold study of reds—as many reds as Everglades has greens, modulated by a bit of brown and yellow, with a dusting of gray-green here and there; but what lingers in the mind is the orange-red, purple-red, brown-red, gold-red, red-red.

Scenically, Everglades is a passive area; Canyonlands, an active one. The lines in Everglades flow out in front, behind, to the sides. Great space, never ending space, "glades that span forever"—out you look and on out.

At Everglades the lines blend beyond the immediate, no abrupt changes; sky blends to water, grass blends to trees, trees blend to water, grass blends to sky.

All Is Abrupt

In Canyonlands unless you are way up on top, all the lines flow down and up. From the bottoms of the canyons you look up, and up, on all sides up. Up walls, up isolated spires, up.

In Canyonlands, no blending. All is abrupt. Sky is *here*, rock is *here*, other rock is *there*. Cliff is here and needle is there—cut, chop, fall, slide.

To one who paints, Everglades is done with a gracefully held brush moving back and forth in easy strokes. For Canyonlands you clutch the brush in fist and slash and dab. You apply paint with a fencer's movements.

Movement at Everglades is real. Water, deep and shallow, moves. Wind moves. Leaves and grass move. Clouds move. Insects move. Other animal life, by the very fact that it is *animal,* moves. Yet the whole feeling much of the time is one of suspension. Of abeyance. Of no change. Of the probability that change never has occurred and never will—timeless. Moveless.

Illusion of Movement

Movement at Canyonlands is largely illusory. What's to move? Animal life is rarely encountered. Plant life is so staunch it only watches. True, upon occasion, rock breaks free, but the chances of one being there to see it happen are slim.

And yet the tremendous dynamism is overwhelming. *Every*thing is in movement. The river, so far below you know only that the brown-green *is* water, curls and cuts and twists and writhes. The rocks jut and tilt and reach and press. There is a constant dance at Canyonlands. What cannot move is never still.

Everglades is the intricate subtle weavings of Debussy. Canyonlands, the pulsing arhythmical pound of Stravinsky or Bartok.

Non-Living World

At Canyonlands what *is* alive is overlooked. There are plants and animals in plenty. There are tracks of comings and goings lacing the sands. Wherever plant life can conceivably, and in many casses, inconceivably, find a niche to hang in, a drop of moisture to absorb, it is growing.

Tough and, for the most part, small plants and trees utilizing the sparse elements of the land. Yet the living film pales beside the dynamic nonliving world.

At Everglades what is *not* alive—the water and rock—is vitally important but easily overlooked. No doubt it must be there to set the scene, but the living plants and animals in their variety and numbers, that's what it's all about.

In both areas the human history before parks were established is a saga of hardships in a not easy land.

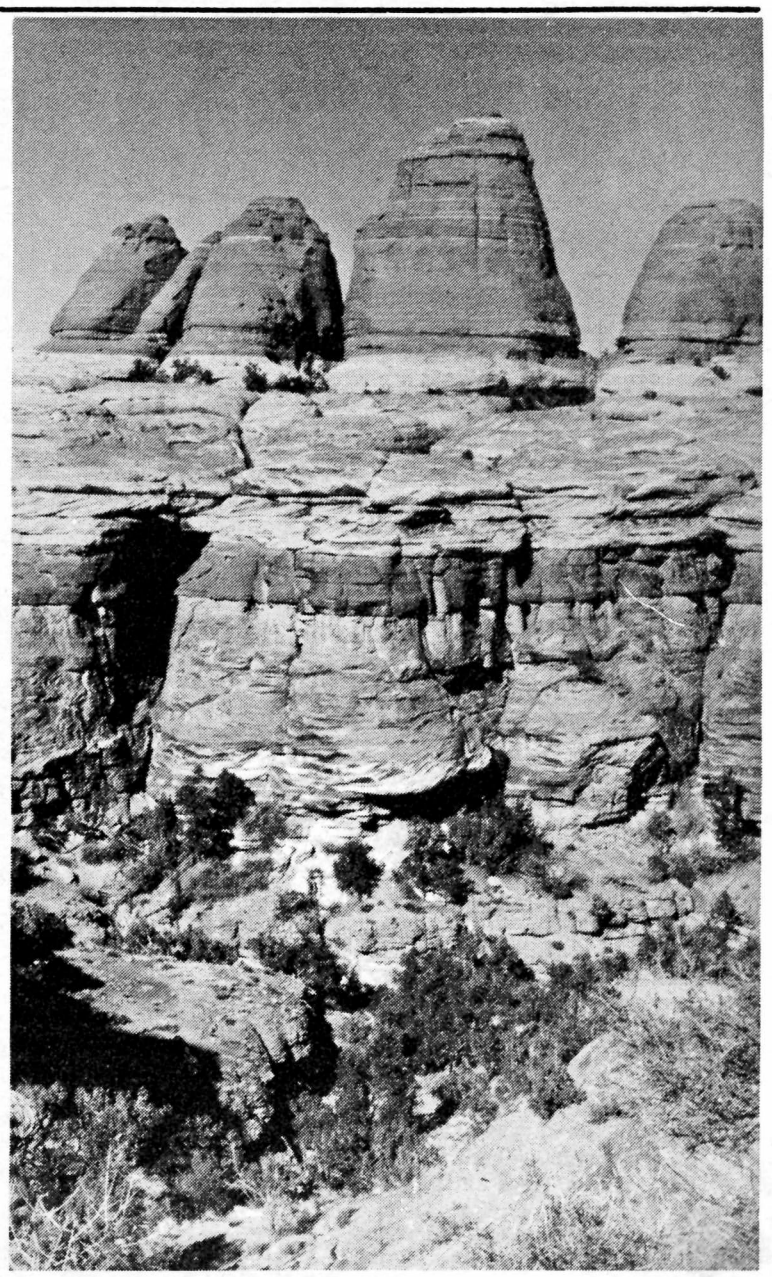
Interpretive Rewards

At Everglades the visitor knows or senses his need for understanding to give meaning, his need for interpretation. Not only the National Park Service but the visitors themselves are aware that *sans* interpretation, "there ain't nothin' down there"; *with* interpretation, preferably right from the start, the rewards are increased proportionately to the amount of insight provided. Visitors, who take the park on, first are baffled and usually greet any evidence of interpretation eagerly.

At Canyonlands, perhaps this should also be ture, theoretically. But I felt I would have resented initial interpretation. It would get in the way. I didn't want to *know* about it, I wanted to experience it. Knowledge could come later—or not at all, without marring the enjoyment, the impact, the fertility of the experience. I was glad we were confronted with no museum exhibits, automatic slide programs, self-guiding road-trail booklets. I wanted to experience Canyonlands, not Park Service interpretation.

Later, when captioning the dozens of pictures, yes. If I were to spend months there, then eventually I'd want to know all the whys and hows. There are tremendous "stories" at Canyonlands—the geology, erosion, desert plant, animal, human struggle stories. But not between me and the impact.

Both of these areas with all their scenic impressions in form and color and movement and aliveness reveal the ages at work. At Canyonlands the eras have molded the nonliving; at Everglades, the living.

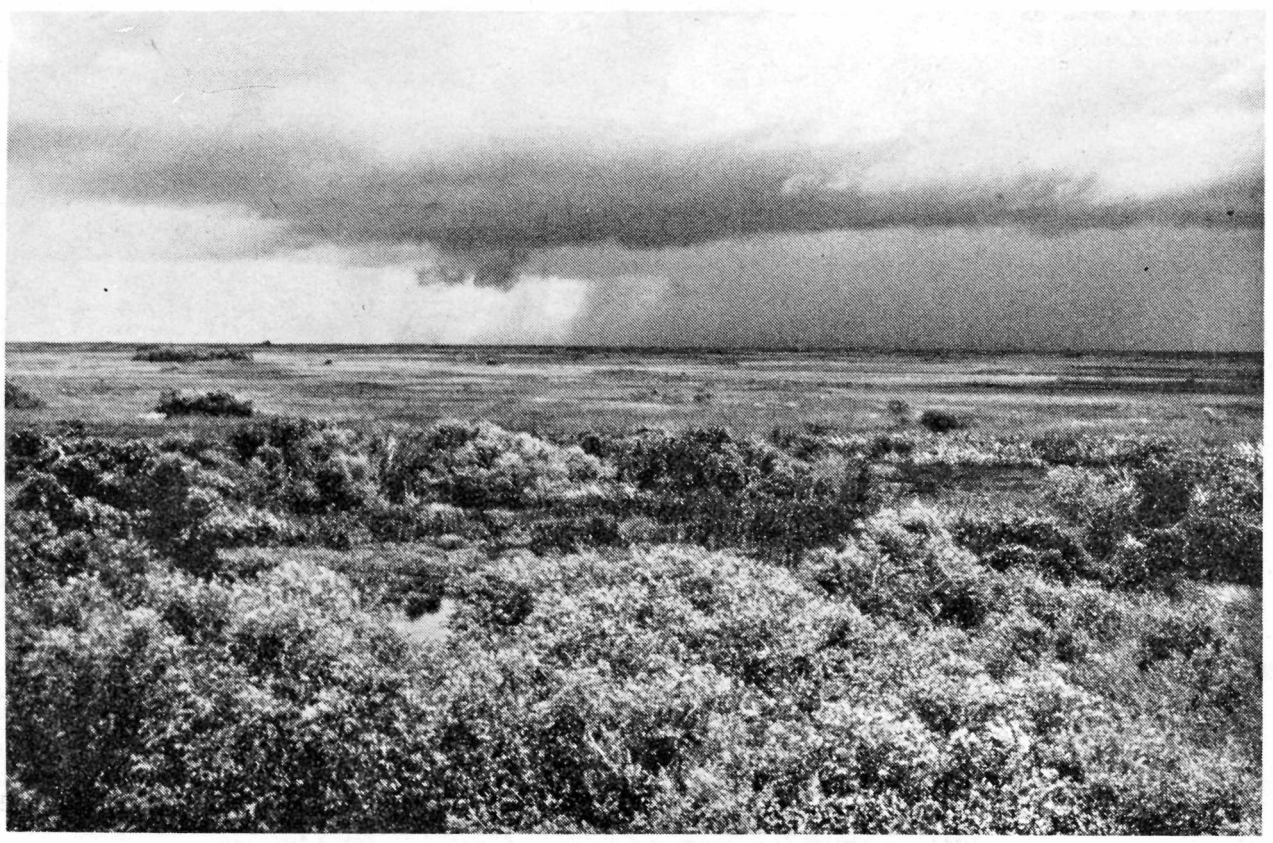


Photos by Gale Belinky

THE VERTICAL PARK—Canyonlands is the New York City of national parks. Unless you are way up on top, all the lines flow down and up. From the bottom of the canyons you look up, and up, on all sides up. Up walls, up isolated spires, up.

Editor's Note: Gale Belinky worked for eight years as a park naturalist at Everglades NP from 1961-68. She has written several articles for the National Park Magazine and now is a partner in Educational Images, a firm which prepares audio-visual materials for environmental education for schools and nature centers.

... The Other Stands Down



THE HORIZONTAL PARK—Everglades is the Los Angeles of National Parks. The lines blend beyond the immediate, no abrupt changes; sky blends to water, grass blends to trees, trees blend to water and sky.

Winter in the Parks:

Natural Beauty

Watching the eruption of the Old Faithful geyser can be the thrill of a lifetime for most summertime visitors to Yellowstone.

However, the wintertime visitors to the same spot can observe one of nature's glories with as few as a dozen people, and get the added benefit cold weather gives to the geyser's steam production.

As summertime visitation to the major parks continues to grow, more and more Americans are going to the parks when they are sparsely populated - - in winter.

Skiing is Popular

Outdoor activities are a major drawing card to NPS winter parks. Five major parks- -Rocky Mountains, Yosemite, Lassen, Sequoia and Olympic- -have concessioners operating downhill skiing facilities.

Grand Teton has two ski areas right next door.—Snow King Mt. & Jackson Hole Ski Corp. Also the old scandanavian sport of cross-country skiing, which isn't much more strenuous than hiking, is gaining popularity in the parks.

Other snow-oriented activities at winter parks include snowshoeing, snow camping and snowmobiling.

The motorized method of oversnow travel- -the snowmobile - -is carefully regulated to prevent injury to park resources. Superintendents are responsible for designating snowmobile routes; usually, the popular vehicles may be driven in national parks only on unplowed roads.

Yosemite Most Active

The most active winter park is Yosemite. An average of 7,000 a day take advantage of the many and varied winter pastimes, according to Chief Park Interpreter Dave Karraker.

This winter Ranger Warren White led visitors through Yosemite's snowy backcountry in two special "Environmental Ski Tours," sponsored by the park's natural history association.

Every day during winter free guided snowshoes tours and cross-country skiing tours depart from Badger Pass, taking visitors on a two to four hour trip through the park.

Three days a week, snowshoe and cross-country skiing tours are conducted to see the giant sequoias at Mariposa Grove. Park naturalists White and George Giddings lead these trips.

In addition, Yosemite probably possesses the most beautifully situated skating rink in the nation (the smooth granite face of Half Dome, which appears on countless postcards, rises just behind it).

A twice-weekly after-dark walk, led by ranger naturalists, introduces visitors to the Yosemite Valley wildlife haunts.

Snowshoes at Lassen

In northern California Lassen Volcanic NP provides free snowshoes to visitors. "We get a number of people coming to the park who don't ski" says Ranger Hank Warren.

"Not many people have ever tried (snowshoeing). It's a great way for someone who doesn't ski to get out and appreciate the snow country."

The clouds of hot vapor rising from magma chambers of hot molten rock two to four miles beneath the park spiraling eerily through the snow at Bumpass Hell, Devil's Kitchen and Boiling Springs Lake are a big attraction to park snow trekers.

Yellowstone Snow Activities

Yellowstone has remarkably fewer visitors in the winter months. The park counted only 22,000 visitors from December to April last year, or about the same number as on a single August day.

The Yellowstone Park Company operates 12-passenger Snowcoaches- -tracked vehicles like snowmobiles but enclosed and heated. Morning naturalist hikes lead to Geyser Hill, and concessioners offer cross-country ski excursions.

In addition, over 200 miles of park roads remain unplowed for use of snowmobilers.

Assistant Chief Park Naturalist Stanley Canter says that the 50 miles of plowed roads that remain open to cars offer excellent opportunities to view winter wildlife in Yellowstone. He says it is easy to spot antelope, bighorn and bison from a car on the norther road of the park.

The Old Faithful area, accessible only by snow track vehicles in winter, offers interpretive snowshoe hikes at 3 p.m. daily.

Chief Interpreter Alan Mebane said that these snow hikes didn't require snowshoes because the boardwalk snow had been packed down by so many visitors this year and there hasn't been much snow.

About 30,000 people entered the park between Jan. 1 and Feb. 28 on various snow conveyences.

The Yellowstone Park Company can accommodate about 70 overnight visitors at the Old Faithful Snow Lodge. In the evening an indoor program is presented by NPS and conducted by Park Naturalist Robert Woody with the assistance of Linda Martin and Curt Topham. A few VIPs also assist in the interpretive programs.

Hiking in the Tetons

Grand Teton NP, a few road miles to the South, has expanded its winter interpretive programs to include naturalist-guided snowshoe hikes.

"The hikes," according to Superintendent Gary Everhardt, "are designed not only to introduce the visitor to the natural world, but to instill in him a respect and awareness for the natural environment."

Bob Huggins, Grand Teton park naturalist who leads the hikes, said: "Winter is a time when beauty, death, tranquility and the struggle for survival are

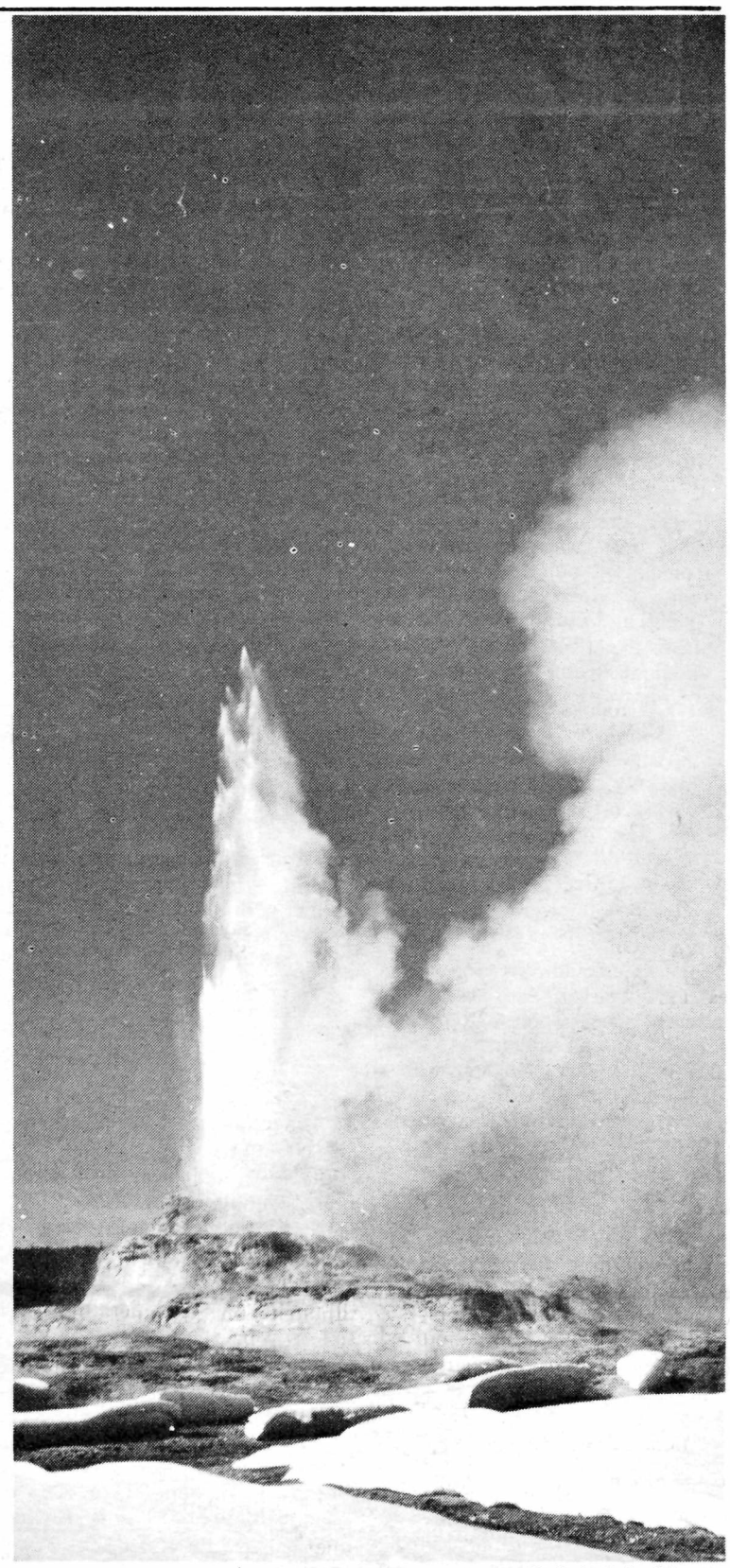


Photo by Robert Burns

SOLITARY ERUPTION—Go to Yellowstone NP in the winter and you may find yourself quite alone watching the famous eruptions of one of the park's many geysers. Above: Castle Geyser does its thing all by its lonesome.



NPS Photo

SNOW HIKING FAMILY—Taking in a breath-taking view at Dewey Point in Yosemite NP, this young family joins a growing number of winter visitors to the nation's parks. Yosemite is one of the most active winter parks in the system.

& Mechanized Mobility

one in nature. We must exercise caution not to personalize nature; when an animal loses its struggle for winter survival, it is neither 'bad' nor 'good'--it is simply nature.

People as far away as New York City have written for reservations for the snowhikes which Bob says emphasize man as a part of nature. In order to survive, man must exercise a "gentle attitude" toward his environment.

These hikes are offered free twice weekly.

Rocky's Spectacular Summits

Only 68 miles from Denver, Rocky Mountain NP gets a little more winter traffic than the more remote parks but crowds are mostly confined to weekends.

Except for experienced cross-country skiers, access to the park is limited. Only nine miles of road are kept open--from the Estes Park Visitor Center to Bear Lake. However, this stretch is a memorable excursion, since it takes in the park's most spectacular summits which surround a 9,400-foot bowl that is ideal for snowshoe walks, easy ski hikes and picnics in the snow.

Visitors tuned into local radio stations can pick up taped safety messages warning them to be prepared for harsh temperatures and extreme wind-chill factors. NPS Engineer Ken Smith and Ranger Steve Hickman prepared the messages.

Contrasts at Sequoia

Sequoia NP offers the visitor a contrast not available in the other winter parks. Ascending from the sun-scorched chapparal on the edge of the California desert, one climbs to the winter wonderland at 7,000 feet where the giant trees seem to grow in dimension with their shroud of snow.

The Wolverton Ski Bowl has four tow ropes, and snow depth can reach 40 feet only a little more than a mile above the desert floor. There are several cross-country routes, one of which takes the visitor sliding through four miles of giant sequoias.

Guided snowshoe hikes, 2½ hours long are given by NPS naturalists, and are free including snowshoes.

Acadia-Snow and Sea

Easterners who wish to visit a national park close to home can try out Maine's Acadia on the state's Mount Desert Island. It is the only national park in the country where *snowscape* meets the sea--Atlantic breakers loll against the ice-burdened cliffs and a frosty fog rises from the sea to adorn the trees in a sparkling armor.

The big sport Down East is snowmobiling says East District Manager Roy Stamey. "We get tremendous use" from snowmobiles--about 5,000 so far this year.

Thirty miles of carriage paths, which are used primarily by cyclists in summer, are set aside for cross-country skiers and snowshoers. An additional 50 to 60 miles of unplowed roads are open to the public mainly for snowmobiles.

Although the temperature doesn't drop nearly as low as in the western parks, Acadia may seem much colder because of the dampness of the maritime climate.

Other Parks

Other parks with winter activities include Olympic NP which is only a winter park at the higher elevations. Snowfalls here are extraordinarily heavy, often burying the Hurricane Ridge Lodge up to its rafters. A modest ski area near the lodge is open on weekends, and cross-country skiing and naturalist guided snowshoe tours through fabulous countryside are available.

Winter activities to greater and lesser degrees are available at North Cascades--if you really want to rough it--at Crater Lake--which has both considerable snowfall and a mild climate--and at Saratoga National Historical Park. Although winter is of a fickle nature at Saratoga, the relatively small parks (2,500 acres) park can be a true delight, combining a quasi-wilderness area with landmarks and shrines of the American Revolution.



Photo by Cecil Stoughton

LOFTY RANGE—At Grand Teton NP, where all the superlatives about the Rocky Mountains are applicable, winter visitors get around by various means from snow track vehicles to the little used, but still useful method of walking. Grand Teton has recently expanded its winter interpretive programs to include naturalist-guided snowshoe hikes designed, according to Superintendent Gary Everhardt, "to not only introduce the visitors to the natural world, but to instill in him a respect and awareness for the natural environment."



NPS Photo

EXERCISE MINNESOTA STYLE—Even superintendent's and supervisory park rangers feel the need to stretch the old muscles after along winter takes its toll. At Grand Portage NM, Superintendent Sherman Perry gets ready to go on ski patrol, checking up on the expanded winter activities of visitors to the monument.

NPS Institute Conducts Training Course in Tennessee

The first course offering of NPS' new Institute for Park and Recreation Management drew 67 park and recreation officials from Federal, state and local agencies when it met Jan. 15-19 at Henry Horton State Park near Nashville.

The course attracted participants from the Tennessee Valley Authority, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Division of State Parks of Tennessee's Department of Conservation, Tennessee Parks and Recreation Society and various city and county park agencies.

Sessions on the philosophy and techniques of park security and visitor protection were conducted by David L. Tomlinson, chief ranger of Natchez Trace Parkway. William J. Whalen, superintendent of Golden Gate NRA discussed methods and approaches to providing youth-oriented programs.

In addition, Richard Strange, chief ranger at Mammoth Cave NP, spoke on wildlife management.

The Center for Government Training of the University of Tennessee co-sponsored the program with NPS.

The Institute is headed by Dr. Marion Clarke, who is on leave of absence from Texas A&M University.

NPS Planning Study Published

A two-volume NPS study designed to help complete the development of a National Park System "that truly represents the great historic and natural heritage of this land," has been published, Interior Secretary Rogers C. B. Morton announced recently.

Entitled "National Park System Plan," the study attempts to define a park system that is balanced and complete in its representation of both the historical and the natural, scenic and scientific heritage of the U.S. and to identify gaps that exist.

The study rates the adequacy of this representation on a percentage basis.

The two volumes are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402. Part One, "History," is $1 and Part Two, "Natural History," is $1.25.

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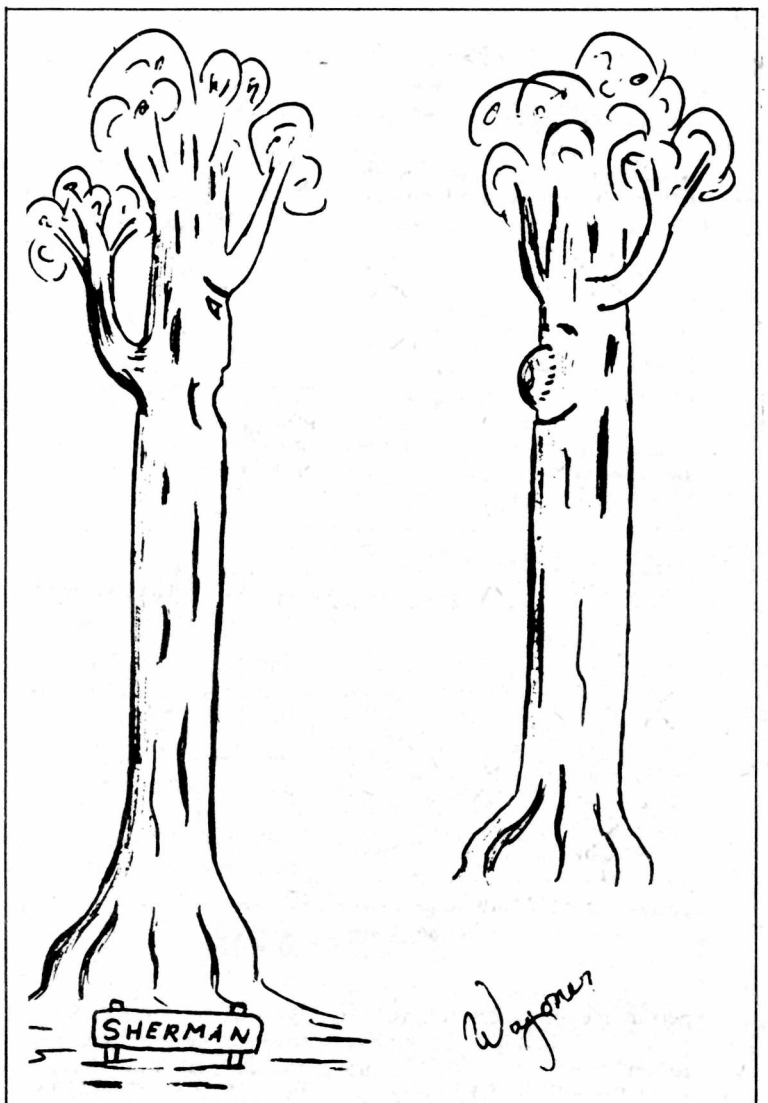
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Have you ever stopped to wonder what was at the root of it all?

Editorial

Courier Editors Need Help

The letter titled "Courier Quality Questioned," which appears elsewhere on this page, is the kind editors love- - -and hate- - -to receive.

It's disconcerting.

But it's also constructive. And a wonderful chance to explain what we do- - and to find out if that's what our readers really want.

In planning the COURIER, we try to maintain a balance between field and Washington office news and among the varied programs of NPS- -natural, historical, recreational, cultural.

We include stories on E&AA activities (the paper is, after all, primarily a means of communication between E&AA members); special awards; individual parks and their people, projects and events; NPS and Departmental policies and programs; park groups like the NPS Women's Organization; and retired employees. Special items include editorials, letters, obituaries, cartoons, and "People on the Move."

The "Don'ts"

We usually do not print material that is months out of date and can't be updated; incentive awards (some 750 are given annually); stories on personnel changes below the superintendent's level (again, too many and not enough room); items of purely local interest such as routine meetings, monthly visitation reports, etc.; pictures of poor photographic quality or color pictures that don't reproduce well.

The "Do's"

We make every effort to print material sent from the field, particularly from smaller or lesser-known parks. A survey of last year's issues showed that 75 percent of our material was generated from the field- -from phone calls, press releases, and unsolicited manuscripts.

Most require extensive re-writing and editing, and we spend much time calling parks for futher information, pictures and credit lines.

We also go to great lengths to solicit material from parks, and have received a number of stories as a result of personal requests. All of this is in addition to our own articles, which we develop and write and edit.

What's New

Last year we began printing guest editorials and started a cartoon contest.

We also began writing in depth, one and two-page features such as the stories on Ozark National Scenic Riverway and on Fort Jefferson NM in September; the Second World Conference and Yellowstone reunion in October; bicycles in parks in November; Oxon Hill Children's Farm in December; urban parks and the new gateway NRA's in San Francisco and New York in January.

Forum Page Planned

Our most exciting new item, which we hope to begin soon, is a "forum" page to which anyone may contribute short items (no more than 500 words). These can be provocative, challenging, informative, funny.

The thing that will tie them together is the use of the word "I"- -personal responses, rather than third-person reports.

Poems, new products, suggestions- -almost anything is fair game, as long as it is park related. This will be *your* page, so let us hear from *you*!

Other Activities in E&AA

Although the COURIER is one of the major projects of E&AA, it is not the organization's only activity. The E&AA offers no-interest educational loans to members' children, low-cost insurance and special group tours.

Representatives from each region meet annually and are available to assist members at any time. Plans are underway to form some local chapters and to provide special programs, talks and workshops. (See story on page one which tells about the latest Board meeting and the plans that Board members recommended.)

Both the COURIER editors and the E&AA representatives are always looking for new ideas, and our "anonymous" letter offered some interesting ones. We want to know what you think. Please fill out the questionnaire on page 12 and return it to us as soon as possible. We'll report on the results in a future issue.

In the meantime, if you have any story ideas —finished articles or just "hot tips"—write or phone us personally. We have difficulty getting field news, and any help you can give will be greatly appreciated—even if it is occasionally disconcerting.

—Loretta Neumann

Letters:

Ivan Parker Spells Out E&AA Bicentennial Goals

Dear E&AA Members:

At our recent Employee and Alumni Association Board meeting, it was my great privilege to accept the post of vice chairman of the association and also to accept the Bientennial Task Force chairmanship of the E&AA.

More importantly, however, are the Task Force team members appointed by the E&AA Board of Directors. Former Director Conrad Wirth and Sutton Jett were unanimously appointed to work on this project with me.

Our objective on this task force will be to search out ideas from all members for Bicentennial activities that could be sponsored by E&AA, or activities we could recommend to Director Walker for joint NPS and E&AA sponsorship. I plan on calling an early meeting of the task force to get started on a firm basis.

However, before that meeting, I need your help in recommending ideas and suggested activities. Please submit your ideas to me here at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis by no later than April 15.

Here is an opportunity for all of us as members of association to share in one of the most significant celebrations in our nation's history and provide needed support for our new Director. Please help

Ivan D. Parker
Superintendent
JNEM

Cartoon Winner Ranks Welcome A New Face!

The COURIER's urgent pleas for cartoons have finally born fruit this month and we welcome a new face to the ranks of $5 COURIER Cartoon Contest winers.

This month's winning selection was penned by John A. Wagoner of Sequoia NP.

Want to get in on that extra loot?

Send your entries, pen and ink drawings preferred, to the National Park COURIER, National Park Service LII, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Courier Quality Questioned

Dear Editor,

For the quality of the COURIER and the benefits received as a member of E&AA, costs are far out of line. If staff members are interested at all in the COURIER, they would rather take the chance of getting to read the office copy.

This attitude has been common in all areas I've worked over the last ten years.

It seems to us that the association could provide a whole range of services for its members and therefore become more attractive to the people it was originally established to benefit.

How about:

1. A wholesale catalog from which members can order.
2. Books and magazines on special price for members.
3. A photo contest.
4. A funny but true corner (we've all had some of these happen to us and a little humor wouldn't hurt the COURIER a bit).
5. A low cost group trip plan and a travel service.
6. A swap, trade or sell section.

Lets face it-the COURIER needs something better than whatever it is now offering.

Name withheld by request.

On the Road with Rita & Sue:

"Getting Insight into the Whole Country"

By Loretta Neumann

By the time Rita Cantu and Sue Baker finish their trip, they will have driven some 35,000 miles, visited over 100 park and forest areas and talked to several hundred people.

Rita and Sue are seniors at the University of Arizona in Tucson, working on degrees in natural resources recreation.

Since Aug. 1972, they have been on a year-long research trip to study interpretive trends and problems in the U. S. and Canada, gathering information from Federal and state agencies, museums, and private groups such as the Audubon Society.

The result will be a report made available to the organizations from which they received information. They are also making a photo-record of their trip and are doing research for the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. This winter they prepared interim reports as groundwork for their final report.

Bob Jones, former superintendent of Saguaro NM (now at WRO), helped them with their trip by notifying the superintendents of the parks they planned to visit.

Itinerary

Thus far, Rita and Sue have been to parks in central and northeastern United States and Canada.

They attended a meeting of Ontario provincial park supervisors, sat in on classes at Mather Training Center and, this winter, interviewed officials in Washington, D. C.

Future plans include a swing around the tip of Florida, along the Gulf to the southwest, up through California and the northwest, into Canada, down through Yellowstone to Utah and back home to Tucson--with stops at parks and regional offices along the way.

Three-Part Survey

Sue says that in visiting parks they try to survey three types of people: visitors, managers and field personnel.

"We seek to find out what visitors want and need," she explains. "When we first go into a park, we participate as visitors and try to get our own impressions.

"Next we introduce ourselves to the superintendent and chief interpreter and talk to them. We use a questionnaire to get their views on interpretation.

"Finally, we leave questionnaires to be filled out by the field interpreters. Often there's a difference between the views of the managers and the other interpreters."

Although only half-way through their trip, Rita and Sue already have some strong ideas on what they are learning.

"We're getting insight into the whole country," Sue says, "and seeing different life styles, particularly in the East. Before, I thought that the East was just one big suburb. It's interesting to note that there's lots of open space left here."

She says that urban interpretation is "something neither of us was aware of. We're finding more and more places where interpretation will fit."

Many Groups Involved

After viewing many environmental education programs in the U.S. and Canada, Rita and Sue note that a wide variety of private groups, as well as Federal and State agencies, are becoming involved in interpretation and environmental education.

They cite a joint wildlife refuge and historic site program in Ontario, where students can learn about their natural and historical environment; the Audubon Society's Drumlin Farm in Massachusetts, where young children are taken on field trips while their mothers learn the principles of what the children are being taught; and the Mariner Program at Mystic Seaport in Connecticut (a reconstructed whaling village of the early 1800's) where boys learn to handle a ship. (A similar program is conducted by NPS at the Chesapeake Lightship in Washington, D.C.)

Rita notes that "a common attitude prevails that interpretation is an activity geared toward adults, while environmental education is for the school age groups. I believe that this attitude, although unavoidable in some instances, often hinders the necessary overlap of the two fields.

"The most pressing need is that of an informed and ecologically sensitive citizenry," she concludes. "If we regard 'environment' in its broadest sense, then the interpretive role becomes applicable in all settings--natural, urban, historical and cultural--for man is definitely a part of all these complex areas."

(NOTE: Anyone wishing to contact Rita and Sue while they are enroute may write to their mailing address: 9025 W. George, Tucson, Ariz. 85716.)

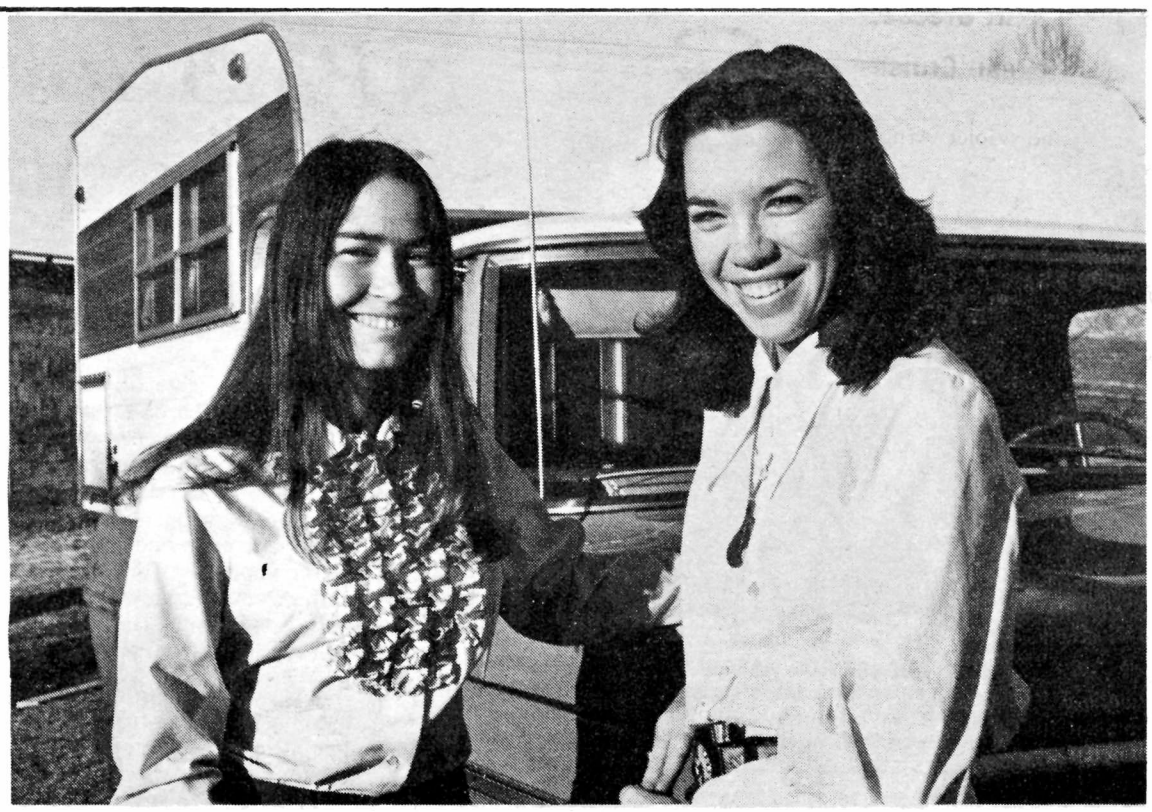


Photo by Rita Cantu

READY TO GO: College students Sue Baker; left, and Rita Cantu stand in front of their camper truck, which will take them some 35,000 miles on their trip to study interpretive trends and problems in the U. S. and Canada.

History Landmark List Lengthened

The house of that "other" Lincoln, the one who accepted the British surrender from Cornwallis at Yorktown, has been added to the eligible list of the nation's historic landmarks, along with 24 other Revolutionary War-related sites and 11 other sites in the East.

Benjamin Lincoln House in Hingham, Mass., was one of 25 historic landmarks identified with the War for Independence. Lincoln was picked by George Washington to accept the sword of surrender from the defeated British general's emissary because of Lincoln's humiliation in a battle at Charleston.

The sites were recommended as historic landmarks by the Interior Secretary's Advisory Board.

Some of the other historic landmarks located in eight eastern seaboard states included the infamous Newgate prison in Connecticut; the houses of Silas Deane, John Glover, General Rufus Putnam, John Paul Jones, General John Sullivan and Thomas Paine; a courthouse, a barracks, three forts, two battlefields and George Washington's headquarters at Valley Forge.

Historic landmarks are not owned or managed by NPS. Owners will be notified of the landmarks' eligibility for recognition and invited to apply for bronze plaques and certificates giving the significance of the properties in American history, upon agreement to preserve the historic value of the sites.

Interior Secretary Morton also recently declared 11 other historic properties eligible for national historic landmark recognition.

They include the homes of three former U.S. Supreme Court justices—Charles Evans Hughes' home in Washington, D.C., and the Massachusetts residences of Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., and Louis D. Brandeis.

Also included in this group were the Norfolk County, Mass., Courthouse, scene of the famous Sacco and Vanzetti Trial in 1920; the New York home of defeated presidential candidate Alfred E. Smith and the Clinton, N.Y. home of Elihu Root, a conservative statesman.

The other sites declared eligible were in and around the National Capital.

Historic landmarks are placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

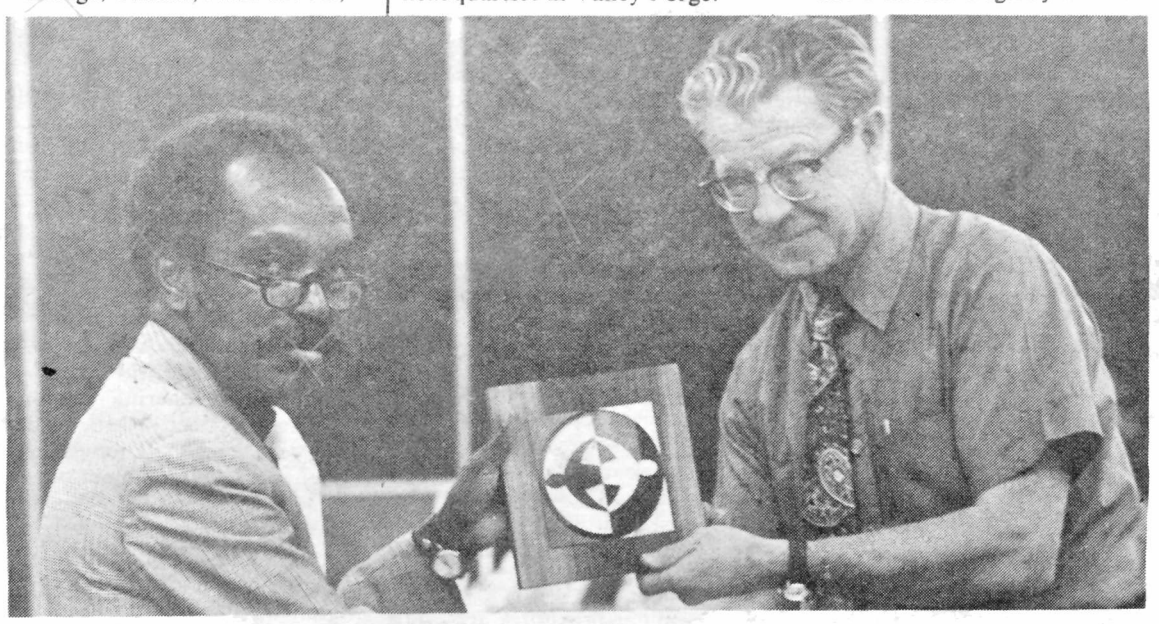
12 Natural Sites Added to Registry

Twelve exceptional forest and wetland areas have been added to the National Registry of Natural Landmarks, administered by NPS.

Five of the six forest areas are found in Pennsylvania, one in Illinois. Four other Illinois sites are recognized as significant examples of inland wetlands, as are two sites in Nevada.

The National Registry of Natural Landmarks includes a wide variety of sites which are significant examples of our Nation's natural history.

Areas are eligible for the registry, in either public or private ownership, if they are essentially unspoiled examples of nature.



FIRST NPS PRESENTATION—Glen T. Bean, right, superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area received Jan. 24 the first Equal Employment Opportunity honor award for achievement ever presented in NPS. Western Region EEO Officer Walter L. Robinson presented the award to Superintendent Bean for "his high degree of sensitivity to employees' skills, abilities, needs and interests," said Ted Owings, WR assistant director. "As a member of top management, he has established a climate for EEO program activity...to bring about true efforts (for equal employment) in all employment matters," Owings said.

Madry Heads Christiansted

Marvin Madry, 31, has been named superintendent of Christiansted National Historic Site, St. Croix, V. I., it was announced by David D. Thompson, Jr., Director of the Southeast Region.

Madry, who has worked as teacher supervisor at Great Onyx Job Corps Civilian Conservation Center, Mammoth Cave, Ky., for the past 2½ years, assumed his new post in March.

Born and reared in Decatur, Ala., Madry graduated from Tennessee A&I University with a degree in guidance and counseling. His career in Federal service began with the U. S. Forest Service at Pine Knot Civilian Conservation Center, Ky.

At Christiansted, he succeeds Chares B. Sigler, Jr. who transferred to Shenandoah National Park, Va.



Photo by Don Pledger

THE SOUTHWEST RECREATION ASSOCIATION recently elected new officers. Newly picked officers are, standing from left, Sharon Patrick, president; Judy Medina, treasurer; Patty Elswick, assistant secretary, and Cecilia Lujan, secretary. Vice president Tom Lubbert is seated.

Consortium Exploring Rich Heritage of Southern Highlands

By Andy Ketterson
Blue Ridge Historian

Take three state universities, two in North Carolina and one in Tennessee; one private college; one private junior college; two regional development districts, one serving northwestern North Carolina and the other serving upper east Tennessee and southwestern Virginia; the National Forests in North Carolina; and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Next, add a group of forty or so kibitzers ranging from a Cherokee Indian sculptor to the director of the Asheville Model Cities agency and from a CPA to a container manufacturer, with an occasional novelist or musician thrown in for good measure. What do you have?

(a) A mess
(b) Mass confusion
(c) A bad trip
(d) All of the above
(e) None of the above.

If you checked "(e) None of the above," you were right, but you still didn't answer the question. The "what " of what do you have is a unique group known as the Appalachian Consortium. (Pronounce it either kun-sore-shum or kun-sort-e-um. We'll know what you're talking about and both are correct.)

Mixed Bag

The Consortium is comprised of the Blue Ridge Parkway, the National Forests in North Carolina, Appalachian State University, Western Carolina University, East Tennessee State University, Mars Hill College, Lees-McRae Junior College, the Mountain Scenic Economic Development District, and the First Tennessee-Virginia Development District.

The group of kibitizers, otherwise known as the board of advisors, are individuals with varied interests and backgrounds who are bound together by their love and knowledge of and concern for the rich heritage and culture of the Southern Highlands.

The Appalachian Consortium began about three years ago with the goal of studying and preserving the rich cultural heritage of the Southern Appalachians, a heritage of folk traditions, music, tales, history, and cultural patterns.

Change, the only constant of 20th century America, is rapidly affecting the Southern Highland region.

Direction to the activities of the Consortium is given by a board of directors, one of whom is Granville B. Liles, superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway. Superintendent Liles, who was one of the organizers of the Consortium, is currently serving a four-year term on the board.

The activities of the Consortium are many and varied and just in their beginning. They range from a project "Traditions in Transition," a study of the changing cultural values in the group's area of concern and funded by a $25,000 grant, to graduate-level courses, credit for which is easily transferred from one Consortium university to the other.

The Blue Ridge Parkway is currently working with students in two projects, one an inventory of folk artists and the other a study of musicians and instrument makers who still sing the traditional songs and make the traditional instruments.

Other Staffers

Other Parkway staffers who are involved with the Consortium are Robert Bruce, naturalist and chief of Interpretive Services, a member of the board of advisors, and Andy Ketterson, historian, who is chairman of the editorial board.

The Appalachian Consortium, both as a concept and a reality, has the capacity to accomplish much more than any of its members could do alone. It is unique, has had a successful early life, and has a very promising future.

Historians' Kit Bag Swells

Fred A. Berg, 24-year-old son of Ocmulgee's Park Technician, Bernard Berg, has added a new piece of original research to the NPS and other historians' basic kit bag this year.

He is the author of Encyclopedia of Continental Army Units, a guide to terms, names, numbers, and history of the Revolutionary units in their time. This guide, published by Stackpole Press, has received wide acclaim by historians and comes at the proper time with the renewed interest in that period as we head into the Bicentennial celebrations, says Norman Ritchie, park archeologist.

Fred is following his father's footsteps, as Bernard is one of the best sources for the history of the city of Macon, and has himself done much original research into the early Federal times of the South in Indian affairs, and has transcribed the letter books of Benjamin Hawkins, first Federal Indian Agent to this land, under George Washington.

Fred is now working on post-graduate history and anthropology studies at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Goose Population Continues Low

Assistant Interior Secretary Nathaniel P. Reed said recently that he anticipates closure of Atlantic brant hunting seasons for at least two more years because the population of this goose species, now estimated at about 40,000, is the lowest since the late 1940's.

Reed, who heads Interior's programs for fish, wildlife, parks, and recreation said that Atlantic brant numbered 200,000 in the late 1960's and as many as 150,000 in January 1971, but dropped to 73,000 in January 1972.

Nez Perce Woman Starts Recyclable Grocery Bag Trend

In the early spring of 1972 Mrs. Bobbie (Babs) Carlene Stephens, daughter of Chief of Interpretation, at Nez Perce NHP, Glenn and Elizabeth Hinsdale began taking the family's clean used grocery bags back to the supermarket and requesting that her groceries be placed in them for a second or even a third time, thus reducing the quantity of new paper required each trip.

The consternation this caused among the check-out counters was a continuing source of family amusement for some time, but the practice was gradually accepted.

Glenn serves on the Idaho State advisory committee on environmental education. At a meeting of the committee he related this idea to other members.

Dick Lingenfelter, of the Boise Office of the Bureau of Land Management, conferred further with Glenn and incorporated the idea into a scheme to get Johnny Horizon on grocery bags. With the addition of the recycling message, the Albertson's Food Store chain agreed to sponsor a printing.

80 Million Bags

Albertson's found that they use about 80 million bags each year. The approximately 20 million bags intended for use in the summer of 1972 were imprinted with the Johnny Horizon poster bearing Babs' recycling message. Albertson's calculated that a one percent response to the message would pay the printing costs in terms of bags saved.

Both Lingenfelter and Babs Stephens were rewarded with congratulatory publicity and monetary recognition by the Albertson's Food Stores. The real prize, however, was the opportunity to contribute to a cleaner environment and extend to a significant public another environmental awareness message.

Ecology Seminars Set for Rocky Mt.

Nationally known experts in ecology and geology will conduct seven seminars during the coming summer at Rocky Mountain NP.

Since 1961, the Rocky Mountain seminars have attracted people interested in the environment from across the nation. Participants range from students to housewives, with an educational equivalent of high school senior the only seminar prerequisite.

Classes range from six days to two weeks in length and are held in the national park or its vicinity. The park provides an outdoor laboratory in a natural environment both for the study of geological process and products and for animals, plants and their ecosystems.

Classes High & Low

The Park's Trail Ridge, which has ten square miles of alpine tundra above timberline, is the site of the alpine ecology seminar. Other students will study mountain ecology in the lower and upper montane and subalpine regions of the parks. Birds of the Rocky Mountains will be observed in their native habitats which range from 5,500 to 12,000 feet above sea-level.

The seminar schedule: Rocky Mountain ecosystems, June 18-23; mountain geology, June 25-30; innovative ecological studies, July 2-14; mountain ecology, July 2-7; plant identification, July 9-14; bird ecology, July 16-21 and alpine ecology, July 23-28.

Fees begin at $45 for a single course with special rates for those who wish to enroll in more than one seminar.

Instructors will include college professors and authorities in the field.

The University of Colorado awards two semester hours academic credit per seminar week, and three semester hours for the two-week course in ecological education. Those who wish credit must register directly with the university and are charged an additional fee.

Seminar brochures are available from the executive secretary, Rocky Mountain Nature Association, Inc., Rocky Mountain National Park, Estes Park, Colo., 80517. Phone (303) 586-3259.

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Kretschmann Heads Horseshoe

James F. Kretschmann, former superintendent of Carl Sandburg Home NHS, has been appointed superintendent of Horseshoe Bend NMP, according to David D. Thompson, Jr. Southeast Region Director.

Kretschmann, who has been with the Service 11 years, succeeds Thomas Mulhern, who has transferred to the Western Regional Office.

The new Horseshoe Bend superintendent's other NPS assignments have included junior historian at Manassas NBP, historian at Petersburg, NB, supervisory historian at Vicksburg NMP until August 1970 when he became superintendent at Carl Sandburg Home.

A former history instructor and graduate teaching assistant at the University of Maryland, Kretschmann holds a bachelor's degree in history from Gettysburg College and a master's in American history from the University of North Carolina.

Kretschmann was born in Westfield, N.J., and attended high school in Lynbrook, N.Y. He and his wife, Vivian, have three children: George 16; Theodore, 10, and Keri, 8.

NPS Alumni Notes

By Herb Evison

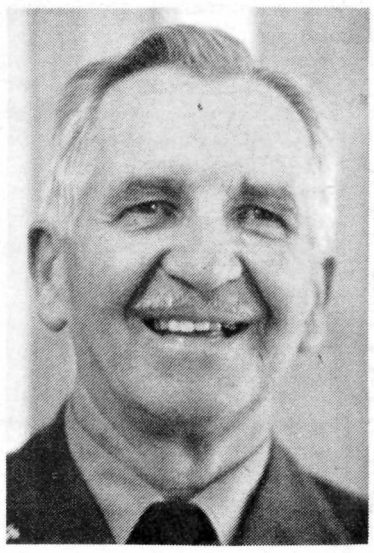
Arnolds Visit Greece; Go on Aegean Cruise

Fred and Violet Arnold had two interesting bits of news to convey in a letter written early in January. Their move from Richmond was noted here not long ago.

"With our three sons through college, two of them married, and all of them living away from Richmond, the big old homestead was just too large for the two of us" said Fred. "The nearby hospital was expanding, its activities increasing, and the neighborhood becoming busier all the time." All that led to their building a house on a modest-sized wooded lot in the Beechwood Farms Development in Hanover County. They moved into it November 17, 1971 after exactly 20 years in the house on Palmyra.

Having already considerable travel to various parts of the world to their credit, they spent a month last year on a conducted tour of Greece and Yugoslavia. They saw a lot of Greece; had a 5-day cruise of the Aegean—to Crete, Mykonos, Rhodes, Patmos, and other places famed in ancient history. After a flight from Athens to Zagreb, Yugoslavia, they headed for the Adriatic, where they had 10 days of touring along the Dalmatian Coast, ending with three days and two nights at Dubrovnik.

"Having part-time employment arrangements with three companies, each in a different field of activity, I have a most interesting and enjoyable variety of work, and all of it I want in retirement," Fred concluded.



LEHMAN RETIREE—O. Merlin Terry, who conducted several thousand trips through the Lehman Caves, hung up his tour-guiding boots in December as a supervisory park technician. Terry has worked at Lehman Caves since 1954. Over 100 persons attended a retirement party held in his honor.

Ernie & Ada Whanger Return to Padre Island

Ernie and Ada Whanger returned to South Padre Island in October for their fifth winter there; however, Ernie had given up the apartment manager job he held there during the winter of 1971-72. Ada had to have knee surgery in Roanoke last April. Recovery has been slow but Ernie reports that she can now walk without a cane. They have sold the house in Roanoke that they occupied for so many years and now occupy an apartment in Salem, Va., six months of the year. The address is 1931 Braeburn Drive, Salem, Va. 24153.

End of '72 Welcome Sight for Sumners

Lowell and Marietta Sumner report that they will remember 1972 for a long time. First, the kick of a tractor broke both bones in Lowell's lower right arm. In spite of that, and with the help of friends, the chores at their place near Glenwood, N. Mex., got done, including the building of a new greenhouse.

On October 20, after two days of heavy rain, the stream that flows past the place became a roaring torrent. "The dike nearest the house on which Lowell has worked so laboriously for four years, held." Lower down, water came over the top for an hour or so. The Sumners were evacuated, but the water never came higher.

"We were moved out fast and efficiently. What a job—to clean the mud out of the house that had been tracked in by the movers; it seemed there was as much mud inside the house as outside."

Pedro Suazo Retires From Grand Canyon

Pedro A. Suazo, chief of Administrative Management at Grand Canyon NP, retired in February after more than 37 years of Federal Service.

Pedro and his wife Eleanor will make their home in Durango, Colo., where they will operate a Mexican-Indian arts and crafts curio shop.

Honeymoon Over— So John's Painting

Mrs. Julia Fowler McLoud and alum John A. Reshoft were married in the Presbyterian Church of Annandale, Virginia, on October 7, 1972. They spent their honeymoon in New England, and are now living at 7701 Suraci Court, Annandale, Va. 22003.

The new Mrs. Reshoft is a native of North Carolina and has a master's degree in education from George Washington University. She has taught school in Heidelburg, Germany, as well as in Texas, North Carolina, and Virginia. At present she is teaching in the Belvedere Elementary School in Fairfax County, Virginia, and plans to continue doing so for a while.

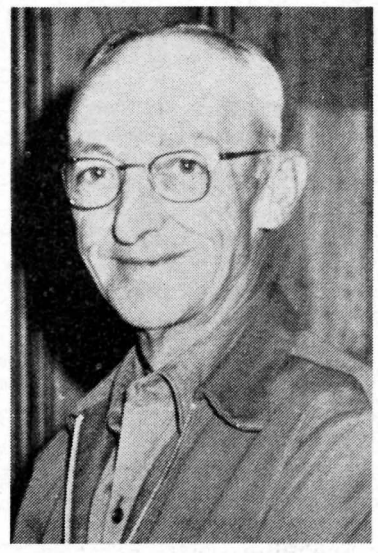
She has a daughter who is a freshman at Mary Washington College, in Fredericksburg, Va. John's daughter, Peggy, is employed at WMAL TV and Channel 630 radio, in D.C., and continues to live in the Reshoft house in Chevy Chase, which John plans to sell.

In a late January letter John reported that, in addition to

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Xmas Finds Erskines In Agadir, Morocco

Reporting for the far-wander ing Erskines, Don wrote late i November that they had bee driving down the coast of Spai on Thanksgiving Day; that the would be spending December i Morocco, with Christmas i Agadir. They were due to catc their next freighter in Dakar o December 29,—heading whitl er, Don did not say.



JOINING THE ALUMNI—Paul A. Riley retired Jan. 12 after a 36-year career at Shenandoah NP. Paul was roads and trails foreman for the north district when he retired. At a retirement party, Paul was presented a watch by park Maintenance Chief Rodney Lowe and an arrowhead emblem signed by all employees. Paul and his wife, Elsie, plan to remain at their home near Luray, Va., where Paul will continue farming.

Roy Appleman Beats

Carter Jenkins Gives Alumni 30-year Update

Some weeks ago, we mentioned the reappearance over the horizon of one of the notable performers back in the days of the Civilian Conservation Corps work on State and county and metropolitan parks; this was Carter Jenkins, a former assistant regional director in the 1930's.

In response to a letter, Carter sent on some of the lowdown about himself and his activities over the past three decades. Much of this was in a reprint from "Consulting Engineer" of September 1971, which, among other things, featured this distinguished engineer's portrait on its front cover; it showed that his shadow has grown no smaller in the intervening years.

Jenkins, Merchant & Nankivil, organized early in 1946, has designed and directed a great many major construction projects of all kinds; Carter, on his own, has functioned actively over the years as a lobbyist for the engineering profession, and to good effect. His son, Thomas Carter Jenkins, is an industrial engineer with Martin-Marietta, and has participated in many of that company's projects, including the design, construction, and use of the Titan IBM's.

Alex Pesonen Studies Putch Creek

Alex and Eleanor Pesonen have not lost their interest in state

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BARNETT, Otha F., from Writer-Editor (Printed Media), Div of Publications, Harpers Ferry

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BUZZARD, Donna E., from Clk-Steno, Yellowstone NP

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HOLLES, Dennis M., from Realty Assist, Assist Dir Coop Act, NERO

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New Places

CAMPBELL, Philip J., from Pk Ranger, NCP East, to same, Delaware Water Gap NRA

CLARK, William D., from Supv Pk Ranger, Death Valley NM, to same, Grand Canyon NP

CRAIG, Earl V., from Engineer Equip Oper, Sanford NRA, to Automotive Mechanic, Mesa Verde NP

DEVENPORT, James F., from Pk Ranger, Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP, to Supv Pk Ranger, Castillo De San Marcos NM

EASON, Nicholas J., from Supv Pk Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy, to Same, Natchez Trace Pkwy

EHORN, William H., from Pk Mgr, Cedar Breaks NM, to Program Spec, Off of Program & Budget, MWRO

EVENSON, Roy S., from Pk Mgr, Chickamauga & Chattanooga Nat'l Military Pk, to Supv Pk Ranger, Blue Ridge Pkwy, SERO

FOLLOWS, Donald S., from Supv Pk Ranger, Bryce Canyon NP, to Interpretive Planner, Research & Consult Serv, Denver

Deaths

Maurice H. Thatcher Dead at 102

Maurice H. Thatcher lived to be 102 years old before death overtook him on January 6, 1973; and he lived every one of those years with enjoyment and gusto.

More widely known for his early connection with the Panama Canal—as a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission—Mr. Thatcher gained an important niche in national park history by sponsoring, and gaining the passage of, the legislation which, among other things, authorized the establishment of Mammoth Cave National Park.

Mr. Thatcher was a Representative in Congress from Kentucky from 1923 to 1933. He remained in Washington after an unsuccessful run for the U. S. Senate in 1933; in the National Capital he established a law office and continued to practice law until past his 99th birthday.

Mr. Thatcher was also, for many years, a member of the NPS Employees and Alumni Association, and had occasionally written for the NPS COURIER. Before his death he sent the editors several poems which had never been published. The following one on the Washington Monument is, we feel, a fitting tribute to Mr. Thatcher himself.

WASHINGTON MONUMENT

By Maurice H. Thatcher

A giant shaft which crests within the skies;
Simple, massive, it rises from the earth—
A fitting tribute to one whose fame defies
Time's septic touch; it looms in lofty worth
In witness of the deeds of Washington—
Who, with wisdom, courage, and zeal supreme,
Led tattered forces in the war he won—
Thus vitalizing Freedom's ancient dream.
The great memorial tops the busy scenes
Of the Nation's Seat. Like a monitor
It speaks, in sum, by plain, effective means,
What is portrayed in walled exterior.
Long may it dure for all to understand
This mighty symbol in a favored land!

Loren E. Lane

Loren E. Lane, who served 12 years as park and district ranger at Rocky Mountain NP, died at a Fort Collins, Colo., nursing home on Nov. 23, 1972 after a long illness. His funeral, held in Ft. Collins, was followed by interment in Grandview Cemetery there.

Lane received a bachelor's degree in forestry in 1935 from Colorado A & M College—now Colorado State University. He had 32 years of Federal service, with NPS and the Bureau of Land Management, before retiring in 1966.

At that time, he received the Interior Department's commendable service award. Following retirement, he taught at the CSU College of Forestry and Natural Resources until ill health forced him to resign in 1972.

He is survived by his wife, the former E. Ruth Grindle, to whom he was married in 1931; two married daughters; a brother; seven grandchildren, and his mother, 88 years old, a resident of Neodesha, Kansas.

Friends who wish to honor his memory may do so by making a contribution to the Pingree Park Scholarship Fund at CSU or to the NPS Employees and Alumni Association Educational Aid Fund.

Eileen Williams

Eileen Williams, wife of Tom Williams, retired regional chief of resource management and visitor protection at the Southwest Regional Office, died Feb. 16 in Santa Fe New Mexico.

Mrs. Williams is survived by her husband; two sons, Jeff and wife Lynn Williams of Chicago, Ill., and Robert, a student at the University of Tennessee; a daughter, Mrs. James (Lynne) Jordan of Point Reyes Station, Calif.; and three grandchildren.

FISHER, John W., park manager, Russell Cave NM

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