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E&AA Board to Meet Feb. 14-15 in Tucson

The Employees & Alumni Association Board of Directors will convene in its annual meeting at the Executive Inn in Tucson, Ariz. Feb. 14-15.

At this meeting board members and E&AA members attending will have several opportunities to meet with Director Walker and his staff.

On the Board's agenda will be annual reports from top officers including Howard Baker, chairman; Ray O'Dell, executive secretary, and Ed Hummel, treasurer.

After 9 a.m. welcoming announcements by the Western Region Director or his representative, the board will meet with the director and his staff. Ray's report will follow. He is expected to discuss the status of the Educational Aid Program, report on the status of new and planned chapters, brief the board members on E&AA's Accident Insurance Program and talk about identification cards for NPS retirees.

Following Ray's report, the board will be asked to choose a successor for Ray who is being transferred out of the Washington Office under the new NPS reorganization.

The morning session will close with Ed Hummel's report including a report of audit and a report on Internal Revenue status.

During the afternoon session reports will be heard from Trust Fund Officer Earl M. Semingsen; Maggie Edmunds on women's activities; Ivan Parker on Bicentennial efforts, and a report from the new COURIER editor, Al Rayford, who is expected to present a proposal for a new publication.

After adjournment of the first day's meeting, a social hour is scheduled for 6 p.m.

The second day's meeting will include Chairman Baker's report on the Alumni Directory and the Second and Third Generation Family Publication. Monte Fitch will give a report on the E&AA Mexican Trip slated for April.

The balance of the morning session will be an open discussion of the results of the COURIER questionnarie (run in the April issue with results appearing on the editorial page in the August issue). Topics to be discussed will include reminiscences of old timers, memebership lapel pins, future tours, increasing membership, old timers' reunions at various parks, updating of the Association brochure and means of increasing revenues.

After lunch, Ray O'Dell and Ed Hummel will give the 1973 budget presentation and the board will once again have an opportunity to meet with the director and his staff.

The annual meeting is slated to adjourn at 3 p.m. and be followed by a possible visit to the Desert Sonoran Museum.

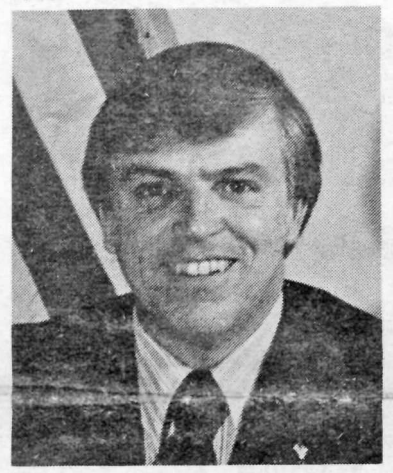
E&AA members are urged to contact their representatives (see page 6 for your local representative) if they have problems or suggestions they would like discussed at the board meeting.

Jack Fish Directs NCP

Appointment of Manus "Jack" Fish Jr. as Director of National Capital Parks was announced recently by Director Walker.

Fish, 45, succeeds Russell E. Dickenson, who became deputy director of the National Park Service.

A 21-year veteran with the Service, Fish moves to his new position from Deputy Director of the National Capital Parks, a position he has held since 1970.



Jack Fish

In announcing the appointment, Director Walker said Fish will have managerial and operational supervision of some 2,000 employees and more than 47,000 acres of federal lands in the greater Washington area, including parks and parkways, monuments and memorials and other sites, such as the National Mall, Wolf Trap Farm Park for the Performing Arts, C&O Canal National Historical Park and the popular "Summer in the Parks" program.

Fish joined the National Park Service in 1952, after graduating from Catholic University of America, where he received a B.S. degree in civil engineering.

Since then, he has held posts as chief engineer with the Office of Design and Construction; chief of development planning; and regional coordinator with the Eastern Service Center, before moving up to the deputy directorship of NCP.

A native of Trenton, N.J., he is a member of several professional and scientific organizations, including the American Society of Civil Engineers and Sigma Xi.

As director of NCP, Fish will represent the Service on a number of boards and commissions such as Kennedy Center Board of Trustees, Wolf Trap Foundation, C&O Canal Park Advisory Commission.

He and his wife, Rosemary, and their children reside at 1902 Poole Place, McLean, Va.



Joe Rumburg

Chairman Seeking Anecdotes

By Howard W. Baker

When two or more National Park Service old timers get together you can be sure the conservation will sooner or later get around to telling interesting stories of happenings during their careers.

During such an occasion recently in the Midwest Regional Office, the suggestion was made that these stories should be collected and perhaps published.

Remember the time

With this idea in mind, what interesting stories, anecdotes, or visitor questions, etc., do you remember happening during your NPS career? Many employees have played jokes on their friends which have been retold many times for good old time

(See Stories P. 2)

Rumburg to Succeed Kowski in Southwest

Joseph C. Rumburg, Jr., has been named Director of the Service's Southwest Region. He succeeds Frank Kowski who has retired.

Rumburg leaves his post as assistant director for Visitor Services WASO. A native of Lewis, Colo., he started his NPS career as a seasonal ranger at Mesa Verde NP, in 1945, becoming a permanent employee as a ranger at Big Bend NP in 1950.

In addition to serving as a ranger in six parks, Rumburg has been superintendent of George Washington Carver NM, Bighorn Canyon NRA, and Natchez Trace Parkway. He was Director of the NPS Western Regional Office in San Francisco before his appointment to the Washington staff in 1971.

Rumburg is a veteran of Marine Corps Service in the South Pacific during World War II and attended the University of Colorado and the University of Missouri.

Kowski, 63, is retiring after 36 years of NPS service. Born in Burlington, Iowa, he served in the U.S. Forest Service before joining NPS in 1937 as a ranger at Yellowstone NP. With time out for U. S. Coast Guard service in the South Pacific in World War II, Kowski stayed at Yellowstone until 1951, advancing to assistant chief ranger.

He then served as placement and training officer in WASO,as director of the Albright Training Center at Yosemite NP and the center's new location at Grand Canyon NP, and as Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon NP's before being named Southwest Regional director in 1967.

Numerous Awards

"In his long career Frank Kowski has won numerous

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Woody Widman Retires from E&AA Post

"S'long Pardner, it's been nice knowing' ya," wrote Theron T. (Woody) Widman to members of the Employees and Alumni Association on the occasion of his retirement as E&AA membership manager Dec. 28.

Woody had served for more than eight years maintaining the association'. membership files and mailing out the National Park COURIER.



Woody Widman

He has had a long government career spanning 28 years, including anti-submarine duty in World War II. Woody was a guard at the Ford's Theater from 1953 to 1965 before becoming E&AA membership manager. He has also held jobs with the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Navy Department.

"It has been a pleasure to know you, mostly by letter, and I have all the picture post cards and notes, which people have so kindly sent me during this last eight years. To say that I appreciated receiving this mail, would be putting it very mildly, " said Woody in his farewell letter to the membership.

As for his retirement plans, Woody plans to purchase an Ameribus pass and go on a tour of the western U.S., "perhaps visiting my birthplace of Centralia, Washington," he said.

Woody and his wife, Virginia, have five sons, Theodore, 24; Jack, 23; Robert, 21; Bill, 18, and Rick, 15, and two grandchildren.

"Well, so long pards. Goodbye. Good luck and God bless you."

Woody's mailing address will be 7534 Atwood Street, Apt. #2, District Heights, Md. 20028.

Million NPS Acres Eyed For Wilderness System

New proposals to add almost a million acres of NPS-managed land to the National Wilderness Preservation System have been forwarded to Congress for action.

While discussing the new proposals, recently, Interior Secretary Morton urged Congress to take action on a backlog of wilderness proposals amounting to almost six million acres of Interior Department-managed land. Secretary Morton noted that of these proposals, only 300,000 acres have been brought into the system.

The new NPS-managed areas proposed for inclusion in the wilderness system include: Bandelier NM, 21,110 acres; Big Bend NP, 533,900 acres; Joshua Tree NM, 372,700 acres; Mesa Verde NP, 8,100 acres; Point Reyes NS, 10,600, and Saguaro NM, 42,400 acres.

Recent proposals "represent a variety of environments where nature still predominates and where man can experience the solitude and splendor of wilderness," Secretary Morton said.

The National Wilderness Preservation System now contains about 9.4 million acres, mostly composed of U.S. National Forest areas.

Extra Alumni Directories

E&AA Executive Secretary Ray O'Dell reports that his office has a surplus of the new 1973 Alumni Directory which has been distributed to all retired employees.

Ray says he would be glad to send a copy to any Association member on a first come, first served basis. Contact Ray O'Dell, National Park Service, Division of Property Management, 1100 L St., Washington, D.C. 20240

Conservation Association Seeking Volunteers

The Student Conservation Association (SCA) is seeking capable and interested young people to work as *volunteers* in national parks and forests this year under the supervision of professional personnel.

Most of these are summer positions, but there are a few spring opportunities, too. Assistance has been requested by these parks and forests to enable them to offer additional visitor services and to accomplish conservation projects which they otherwise could not afford.

While providing this assistance, each Student Conservation Program volunteer has the opportunity to expand his awareness of the vital conservation of our natural and historic heritage through actual field experience.

The 12 to 15 volunteers in each High School Wilderness Group camp and hike for three or four weeks with adult supervisors while working on trails, shelters and the rehabilitation of man-damaged areas. There is no charge for participation, and some financial assistance is available to eligible participants for travel and equipment. Applicants, aged 16 through high school graduation, should be willing to work hard, carry a heavy pack, and share in routine camp chores.

Positions as park or forest assistants are available to college undergraduates and graduates 18 years of age and older. These individual positions vary from interpretation and other visitor services to research or maintenance and trail patrol activities, and are especially recommended for those with backgrounds in the natural sciences, ecology, or recreation and sometimes history, journalism, or photography. SCP park and forest assistants work from eight to 12 weeks and receive travel and subsistence grants from the SCA to defray reasonable expenses.

The Student Conservation Association is a non-profit, educational organization, and the number of opportunities available each summer for SCP volunteers is directly related to the amount of donations received during the year. In 1973 the Student Conservation Association funded 277 positions in High School Wilderness Groups and 78 Park and Forest Assistants.

The date that the complete application is received *can* be a factor in selection and most SCP positions are filled from applications received by the end of March. The program list describing the volunteer positions at each location and applications are available by writing: Student Conservation Association, Route 1, Box 573A, Vashon, Washington 98070.

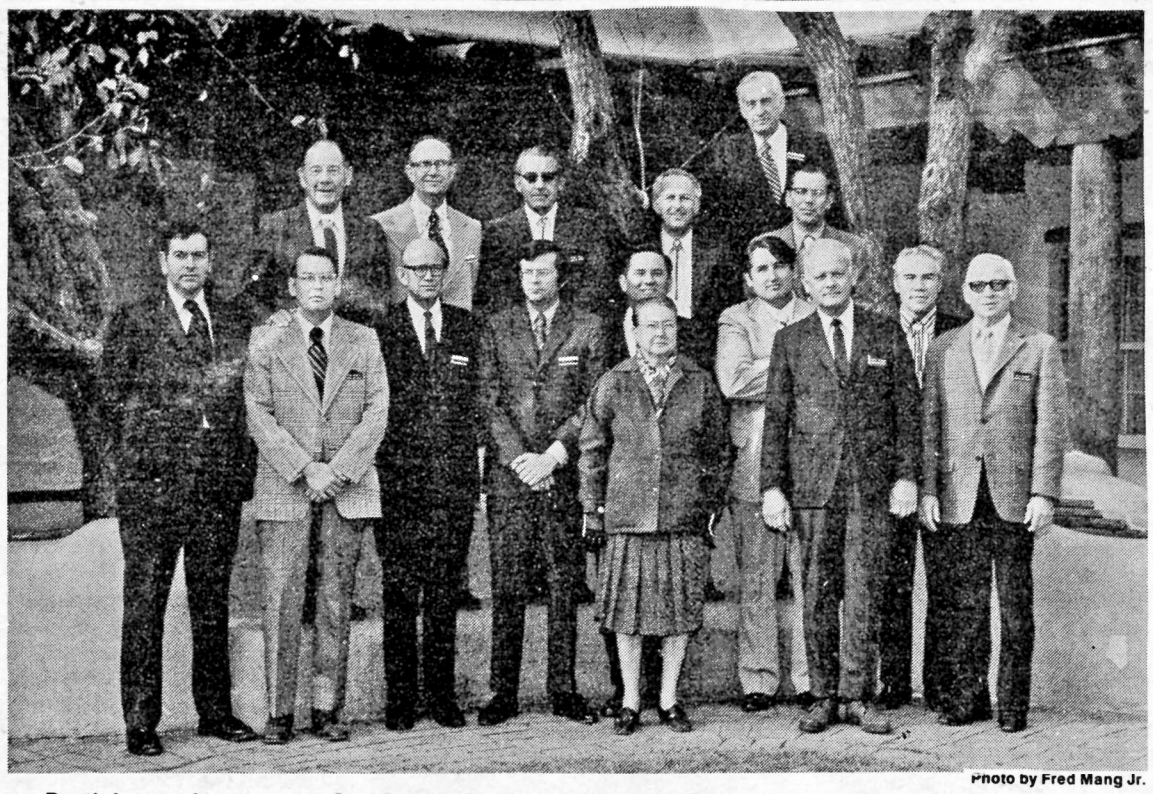


Photo by Fred Mang Jr.

Participants in a recent Southwest Regional Advisory Committe meeting included (front row, from left) Committee Member Dr. Bertha P. Dutton and Regional Environmental Coordinator Luther Peterson; (second row, from left) Bob Landau, director, Office of Advisory Committees, WASO; Frank Mentzer, SWRO public affairs officer; Committee Members Leslie Bowling, Sam R. Powell, David R. Strickland and Bob Burleson, and Joe Rumburg, just appointed SWRO director; (third row, from left) Frank Kowski, outgoing SWRO director; Committee Member J.R. (Bob) Singleton, Monte Fitch, associate SWRO director; Al Schroeder, Interpretation Division chief, and Bob Bendt, Operations Evaluation chief.

Meredith, Padre Island Get New Superintendents

James M. Thomson, former superintendent at Lake Meredith NRA, has been appointed to the superintendency at White Sands NM.

Thomson will succeed John F. Turney, who has been named superintendent at Padre Island National Seashore, Texas.

A native of Enumclaw, Wash., Thomson was graduated from Washington State University with a degree in forestry.

Thomson started his NPS career as a seasonal employee at Yellowstone in 1949 and also worked as a seasonal at Everglades before getting his first permanent assignment with the Service at Lake Mead NRA in 1951.

In 1954, Thomson was named superintendent of Walnut Canyon NM and in 1956 was promoted to chief ranger at Bandelier, NM.

In the fall of 1956, he joined the Southwest Regional Office in Santa Fe and while there served a stint as acting superintendent at Capulin Mountain NM.

In the fall of 1957 he was named district ranger at Great Smoky Mountains NP and in 1959 took a similar position at Glacier NP.

He was named superintendent at Gran Quivira NM in 1964 and superintendent at Fort Clatsop NM in 1966.

He became the Lake Meredith superintendent in November 1969. In 1970, Thomson received the Department of Interior's Unit Award Certificate for excellence in service in carrying out the dedication of the Lyndon B. Johnson Grove in Redwood National Park.

At Padre Island Turney will succeed James McLaughlin, who recently became superintendent at Delaware Water Gap NRA.

A native of Alamosa, Col., Turney received a bachelor's degree in physical science from Adams State College in 1944 and a master's in anthropology and education from that institution in 1946.

Turney started his Service career in 1947 as a Ranger at Bandelier NM. In 1954 he was promoted to the position of archeologist at Southwestern National Monuments. Globe, Ariz.

Turney's first superintendency was at Aztec Ruins in 1959 and in 1963 he became superintendent at Walnut Canyon NM.

Turney has been at White Sands since 1967.

SWRO Switch

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awards for his superior performance and his dedication to the National Park Service," Director Walker said. "He has advanced the cause of National Parks immeasurably and leaves a legacy of solid achievement which should be our inspiration to all NPS employees.

"I am sure that Joe Rumburg will carry forward this exceptional service with his usual competence and skill, " Walker said.



Frank Kowski

Rumburg will assume his new position in early spring. The Southwest Region includes the states of New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Three-day Fire Startles Sunset Crater NM

A forest fire which burned right through the Sunset Crater NM headquarters and residential area was contained after almost three days of uncontrolled burning.

The fire, which began the night of Nov. 1, destroyed about 7,600 acres of adjacent Forest Service land before being brought under control Nov. 3.

Fortunately, the visitor center, apartment house and two trailers were all saved.

There was plenty of water to fight the fire as a 100-foot high, 50,000 gallon water storage tank was located nearby. The fire was brought under control with a lot of help from U.S. Forest Service personnel, four maintenancemen from Grand Canyon NP, a ranger from Walnut Canyon and the 35 trainees from the nearby Albright Training Academy. Superintendent Clarence Gorman of nearby Wupatki NM also assisted in the firefighting effort.

"This was our housewarming," joked Lee Dalton, who had just arrived from El Morro NM with his family only three weeks before. Lee was awakened by a phone call from the Forest Service at 1:30 a.m.

"There's a fire headed straight for you," The telephone blurted.

"Believe me," commented Lee, "that kind of message gets your attention.

"We took irreplaceable things like photo albums and few small valuables in the cars, but when the fire was within one mile of us with winds at 40 to 60 mph, the wind switched suddenly!" he recalled.

"We had to backfire to save our buildings which we doused with hoses," he added.

At one point, he said, the flames touched the cedar shakes on one side of the visitor center —"That's how close it was."

'My wife, Donna, handled communications—radio and elephone—until the very last minute before she had to get out with our two little girls."

There was no reported damage to the park's crater itself.

Rothwell Heads Pinnacles NM

Rothwell P. Broyles has been appointed superintendent of Pinnacles NM.

Rothwell, who was raised in Virginia, attended Colorado State University. He succeeds Gordon K. Patterson who transferred to Lake Mead NRA, early this fall to become the Western Region's assistant safety officer.

He worked as a seasonal employee in eastern and western areas of the National Park System before becoming a tour leader at Carlsbad Caverns NP, in 1952.

He transferred to Big Bend NP in 1956, as a district ranger. Subsequent assignments took him to Yosemite NP, Joshua Tree NM and Bryce Canyon NP. He has been the chief, Division of Interpretation and Resource Management at Organ Pipe Cactus NM since 1969.

During his assignment at Big Bend Rothwell participated in the 1961-62 Department of the Interior's Management Training Program in Washington, D.C. While stationed at Organ Pipe Cactus he served during the summers of 1970 and 1971 as acting superintendent of Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial Park, Ohio.

Rothwell assumed his new duties early this month.

Baker Seeking NPS Stories

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laughs. Remember the time that Frank Givens arranged a pre-Yosemite Conference tour of southwest areas for Elizabeth and Elbert Cox. Frank made sure that each superintendent on the tour was informed that the Coxes' were strongly against drinking so you can imagine what Elbert thought as each host made no mention of a "cool one" after a hot day of traveling. Frank or Elbert would have to fill in the details, but there are a great many prize stories like this one which could and should be recorded as a part of the fun of being a member of the NPS family.

Questions by visitors are equally as interesting and worthy of recording, such as the favorites at Grand Canyon -- "What time do you have clouds"? or "Do you have dinner on the Mule Train?"

A favorite at Yosemite is the visitor's question to the young ranger on the Information Desk asking what happened to the other half of Half Dome. The ranger gasped and said "Do you mean it's gone?"

Those who have stories they would like to contribute should send them to Howard W. Baker, Midwest Regional Office, 1709 Jackson Street, Omaha, Nebr. 68102.

Any organization, association, or even an individual wanting to take the accumulation of stories and consider a possible reproduction for at least NPS employee and alumni consumption should let me know. This could produce some delightful reading when there is a time to relax and reflect.

Watt Sees Energy Pinch

"The Nation's vast recreation and leisure industry will have to demonstrate an abundance of initiative and resourcefulness if it is to escape long-term dislocations as the result of the U.S. energy crisis," James Watt, Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, told the Eighth National Conference on Access to Recreational Waters.

Speaking in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., on Dec. 3, Watt said BOR is coordinating the gathering of information on the exact nature and scope of the energy impact upon the Nation's diverse recreation-related activities and industries.

"Some impacts of the energy crunch are already evident," Watt said. "Our study is more likely to clarify the scope of the problem than to produce solid alternatives to it.

"The recreation industries will experience adjustments and relocations of resources caused by the energy shortage," Watt said. "These losses can be mitigated only by an aggressive utilization of the best that energy conservation knowledge has to offer, such as mass transportation to recreation areas and the full utilization of *closest*-to-home facilities such as municipal parks and lakes.

"Even with the best of conservation measures, recreationists will have to realize that they are competing for the energy unit with agriculture, national defense, transportation, and basic manufacturing industries such as steel," Watt continued. "When the time comes to choose between sustaining recreation or meeting vital needs, the people will be making the decisions."

Watt Power

C & O Tests Electric Car

What with the looming energy crunch, NPS ranger patrolling the C & O Canal Towpath area may have given the rest of us a look at the future when they tested an electric car for about a week in November.

Not much to look at—in fact it makes a Volkswagen look like a Cadillac—the new vehicle does have it's advantages. And disadvantages. It has four-wheel drive, is pollution-free and practically noiseless. It can be refueled from any electrical outlet and gives rangers more accessibility to park visitors.

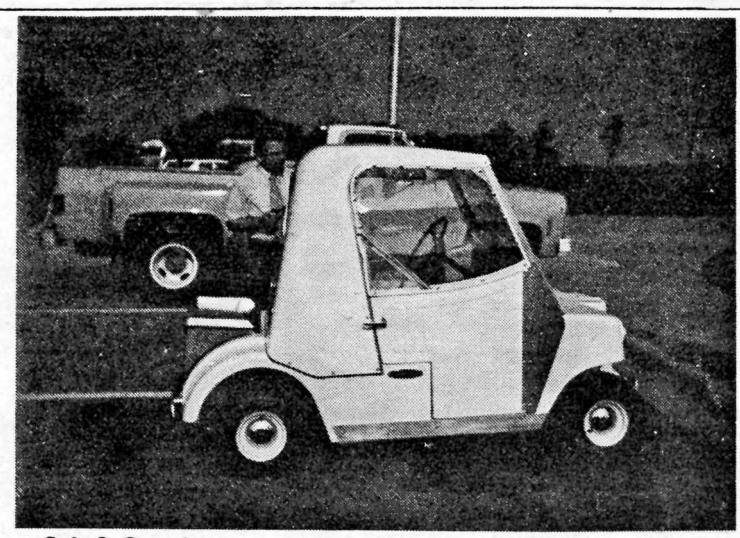
Unfortunately, it has only a 12-mile range and has to be plugged in 10 hours for two hours running time.

John Paro, who has tried the electric car, thinks it's "pretty good so far."

But he added that it's short range is too limited and not suitable for emergencies.

The car's short wheelbase makes for rough going on parts of the canal towpath, according to Chief Ranger George Church.

"It's a cute little thing," he said. "But then again, it's kind of a toy."



C & O Canal rangers got a chance to test this new, electric patrol car recently in areas of high concentration of hiker and cyclist activity. It's noiseless, pollution-free and can be plugged into a wall socket.

NPS Honors Hover, Horrocks

John Hover and James Horrocks were recently Presented Superior Service Awards by Superintendent Warren Hill of the Roosevelt-Vanderbilt NHS. John and Jim have both served at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt for a number of years.

John was honored for the completion of a three-year program to index the photographic, map and tape recording collection for the two sites. This involved more than 4,000 photographs, 700 maps and drawings and tape recordings dating back 25 years.

James Horrocks has had the responsibility of performing all the cataloging of books and magazines in the park library. In doing this he has made the material far more usable to the park staff. The job involved indexing, cataloging and storing more than 500 books and approximately 20 magazine subscriptions.

Pictured Rocks Gets New Supt.

Robert L. Burns was named recently as superintendent of Pictured Rocks NL.

Bob, who has served as chief of the Public Affairs Division in the Northeast Regional Office since 1968, will be the first superintendent of Pictured Rocks since it was authorized by Congress in 1966. Norman H. Davidson, the park's chief of interpretation and resource management who previously reported to the superintendent of Isle Royale NP, will retain his position under Superintendent Burns.

Bob began his service career in 1947 as a park ranger at Grand Canyon NP. Subsequent assignments took him to Lake Mead NRA, Bryce Canyon NP, Yellowstone NP, and Big Hole NB.

In November 1960 he received his first permanent appointment to a superintendency at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial. He later served as the first superintendent of Lincoln Boyhood NM in southern Indiana. In 1965, he was named as the first superintendent of the Nez Perce NHP.

A native of Chicago, Superintendent Burns attended Purdue University and was graduated from Colorado A&M College (now Colorado State University) with a B.S. in forestry.

He will report to pictured Rocks in February.

Radio Idea Nets 10 C's

The highest Special Achievement Award ever given to an employee by NPS over the past several years was presented to Dale Powers, Electronics Technician, in Everglades NP.

An award in the amount of $1,000 was approved by Southeast Regional Director David D. Thompson, Jr., for Dale's expertise and initiative in saving the government over $200,000. This savings occurred through Dale's installation of an intricate radio communication network that connects Fort Jefferson NM, Everglades NP and Biscayne NM. Everglades Superintendent Jack E. Stark stated: "We are very proud of Dale's achievement and the entire park has a real pride in the dependability of this radio system."

It all goes back to early 1970 when the park was faced with an unsatisfactory old radio system. It was leased and maintained by contract. Communication was poor within the park and the equipment was in bad shape. It was then decided to replace the entire system and recommendations were requested from everyone in the park. For convenience the smallest possible portable radio was chosen. A radio link to Fort Jefferson and Biscayne was decided upon. The contractor reviewed the Park's needs and reported that the Fort Jeff and Biscayne connection could not be made. He further quoted a price of $250,000 to provide the portable radio operation within Everglades alone.

Prohibitive

This prohibitive cost led to the decision that the park purchase outright the entire radio system and employ a radio electronics technician to design and maintain a new radio system. Electrician Worker Dale Powers was upgraded to an electronics technician and given the responsibility of developing this radio network.

Working with the Service Center, Dale assembled a Plan of Action and on his own, started setting up a modern park electronic shop, upgrading the badly neglected existing radio equipment and acquiring additional equipment needed to provide the desired area-wide communication service. Within a few months he had personally installed a modern 375 watt repeater at the 945-foot level of a 1,140-foot commercial television tower. Many tests had to be performed and an antenna system redesigned to provide the coverage required.

Following the installation of this specialized repeater, Dale launched out on a scheme to replace a very expensive but unsatisfactory single side band radio link to Fort Jefferson with modern FM equipment.

Today, Fort Jefferson personnel can radio anywhere in Key West, Biscayne, or Everglades with a small portable radio, even while on boat patrol.

Single-Handed

By June 1972, Dale Powers had single-handedly and with limited guidance from the Service Center, upgraded all of the park's fixed stations, mobile units, and portable radios. His personal effort, contributions, and ingenuity had resulted in the establishment of a highly reliable 9,000 square mile area-wide communication system for Everglades, Biscayne, Fort Jefferson, and all areas in between. The total cost for this superb radio system, including Dale's salary, amounted to slightly under $50,000. This outstanding job resulted in a savings of $200,000, a reduced maintenance cost of approximately $2,000 per year, greatly improved communication service, and the Biscayne and Fort Jefferson links thrown in to boot.

Biologist For G. Canyon

Dr. R. Roy Johnson, Director, Prescott College Ecological Survey and Director, Prescott College Ecological Field School, Prescott, has been appointed Research Biologist at Grand Canyon National Park.

Dr. Johnson is on a 2-year leave of absence from Prescott College and entered on duty at Grand Canyon Dec. 23 under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act.

Dr. Johnson received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Arizona State University in Botany in 1955, his Master of Science from the University of Arizona in Zoology in 1960, and his Doctorate at the University of Kansas in Botany in 1964.

Dr. Johnson formerly held museum and teaching positions at the University of Arizona, University of Kansas, Western New Mexico University, and the University of Texas. He has done extensive research and field studies throughout the southwest including "The Effects of Man's Management Practices On The Colorado River Drainage System--Concentrating on the Riparian Habitat," in 1971.

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Exec. Program Accepts Nominees

The President's Commission on Personnel Interchange is now accepting nominations for candidacy in the 1974/75 President's Executive Interchange Program.

The Commission, established under Executive Order in 1969, provides executives from Federal departments and agencies and the private sector with the opportunity to share talents and experience, while working in challenging and responsible positions in the opposite sector for a one-year period.

The Federal Government participants in the program must first be nominated by the head of their department or agency. The Commission then makes the selection based on an evaluation of leadership and management ability, a history of professional accomplishments and the potential to become a senior executive in the sponsoring governmental organization

For more information, contact: Executive Director, President's Commission on Personnel Interchange, 1900 E Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20415; phone (202) 632-6834.

Sequoia Has Answering Service

Information on weather, road conditions, campgrounds, winter sports and other visitor services and facilities at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks may now be obtained from an automatic telephone answering service. This information is updated daily by means of a tape recorder, according to Superintendent Henry G. Schmidt.

The telephone number for this recorded data is area code 209, 565-3351.

Safety Merit Award For Earl Armstrong

The Glacier NP Safety Merit Award for 1973 was presented to Maintenance Worker Earl Armstrong by Superintendent Bill Briggle at his Nov. 27 staff meeting.

Earl was commended for his safety record as a supervisor in the Hudson Bay District.

Park Forum

Anyone may contribute to our "Park Forum" page. Items should be reasonably short and on park-related subjects. They can be controversial, provocative, funny, informative. The thing that ties them together is the use of the word "I"—personal reactions rather than third-person reports. All contributions must be signed: the views expressed are not necessarily those of the COURIER staff, individual parks or officials of NPS. May we hear from you soon?—The Editors.



This magnificent sunset was taken by SW Region Photographer Fred Mang, Jr., at Amistand Recreation Area in Texas. Have any nice photos lying around that you'd like to share with other COURIER readers? Send them to National Park COURIER, National Park Service, Washington, D. C. 20240.

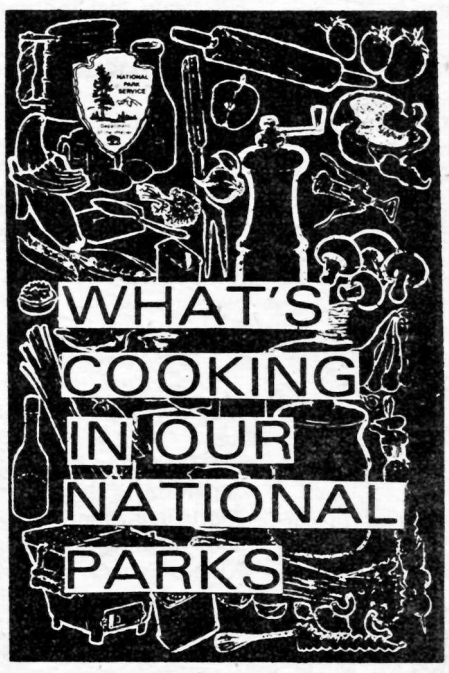
The sweetness that once was

It is early
November
and
I Stand
gazing into
the deep clear pool
framed and supported
by the acne pocked white rock
within the Hammock
Within me.

Here
I watch
as Stoneflies
while away the hours
between birth and growth and death.
A birth and growth
in the cool
and friendly waters.
A sudden explosive change
into flight.
Flight,
what better way
to find
and thrill
a mate.
Then death
in the mouth of a Warbler.
Perhaps
it is the flutter
of Stonefly wings
which adds resonance
to the Warbler's song.
But unknown,
to the unknowing Stonefly,
the water,
the shallow water
is almost gone.
Man,
the downer,
the depressing drug
slowing the vital functions
of Mother Earth,
has drained away the water.
Drained away the water,
so that farmer's can plow
the rubbled limestone,
only to find
it will grow nothing
without fertilizer.
Only to find
there is no fertilizer.
So that developers can build houses,
with asphalt drives and concrete walks,
which further alter the flow of water,
which produce no oxygen
(as did the plants now gone)
which feed no birds
(as did the insects now forgotten)
and which
do not reward the lives
of those who saved for so long
to enjoy the pristine beauty now gone.

And so you say,
I sound bitter.
I am bitter.
I shall be bitter.
For bitterness is a worthy trait.
Even a fool
will not swallow a poison
if it is bitter.
And oh,
what sweet poisons we have drunk
in the name of progress.
I am bitter.
I shall be bitter.
And if I sting your mind,
it is only so
that the cup which touches your lips
may one day again contain
the sweetness that once
was.

By Keith Bennet
Everglades NP



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The midnight ride With Hank McGee

By Ted Chittenden

Not many of today's staff know that once upon a time a ranger station was maintained at Dunraven Pass. **It consisted of two Rangers and a 10x12 tent complete with flagpole and a sign:** Also in those days there was a road crew of about 15 men quartered across the road with the foreman's wife as cook; a providential arrangement for self and partner.

Sin Spots

Social life at Dunraven was a bit on the macabre side, there being no night clubs, speakeasies (still Prohibition then) or other sin spots such as young guys dearly love to infest, the nearest being Canyon or Lake. I would be the first to deny that any such spots existed within the hallowed precincts of Yellowstone, but that is not a part of this story.

It so happened that one member of the road crew possessed that rare thing in those days: **Wheels.** Hank McGee was a tall, lean good-looking young guy with a cat's whisker moustache and a roving eye, and he dearly loved on occasion to go down for an evening at one of the "hot spots" and partake of such gaiety as could be found.

The term **Wheels** is strictly categorical; his consisted of a 1920 Model T Ford roadster, no top, but a nice brass radiator which he kept shined up spotlessly. He wasn't able to go down very often, because after every trip he had to spend many evenings restoring "Lizzie" to running order again.

One afternoon we got a call from Ranger X at Canyon inviting us to a midnight barbecue to be held that evening at Canyon Camp. Being my turn for a night off, I got his permission to include Hank as chief of transportation.

I can tell you that a ride down that mountain with Hank McGee was an unforgettable experience; it chills the gizzard to this day. Zooming around some curves on two wheels and thank God one of them wasn't the steering wheel; occasionally tromping on **All Three** pedals to avoid disaster; he all the while talking a blue streak but managing to keep at least **One** hand on the steering wheel. Finally that last smooth grade down into Canyon with the motor purring nicely and me able to resume breathing.

The spot chosen for these soirees was a secluded little glade some distance from the main camp, which in those days was on the east bank of the river overlooking the Upper Falls. It was an enchanting spot in a grove of pines, and had a native stone fireplace with grid, around which we gathered.

The script always called for a couple of the guys to go up the river a ways during the afternoon and bring in two dozen or so fat cutthroats ranging 16 to 20 inches. These now were all lined up in a huge baking pan, sizzling to a golden brown, and what an aroma! Other refreshments included root beer, pop, coffee, cookies and ice cream.

Guys & Dolls

Most of the company consisted of young guys and dolls from Canyon Camp; with a few favored rangers as guests but who also supplied the necessary "law and order" influence, nebulous as that was. On signal from the chef we all fell to with a will, while a giant full moon looked down indulgently through the trees. The way that food disappeared was practically supernatural, after which somebody brought out a guitar and banjo and many old songs (not so old then) were sung, such as "Over There", "I Can't Give You Anything But L-U-VVY, Ba-hay-ay-BEE!!", and "There's a Long Long Trail a-Winding", which last gave me a twinge thinking of the pending ride back up the mountain.

About this time Ranger X noted a few unexcused absences, so he quietly withdrew from the circle and I joined him as the "neutral" member. We moved quietly through the shadowy environs, and suddenly I stumbled on something soft. X flicked on his light, and Lo! . . . there was Ranger Y and a young cutie from Canyon Camp locked in a clinch which will win the heavyweight wrestling championship of the world for the guy who can ever master it. Ranger X says: "O.K. Tom . . . . . O-*Kay*", then turns on his heel and stalks back to the fire. It seemed to me that this was rather lax discipline, but not so; his cryptic announcment was understood fully to mean "one more time and you are on your way to Nowheresville". I noticed that "Tom" and companion reappeared almost immediately.

Curfew sounded shortly thereafter, and Ranger X handled this with smooth efficiency: two assigned to pick up all bottles and cans; two to gather and burn all burnables; others to clean the big pan, douse the fire, etc., leaving the premises in much the pristine condition they had when Washburn passed that way.

The ceremony of firing up Liz for the return to camp was always speculative. It consisted of Hank climbing aboard, advancing the gas, retarding the spark, turning on the key to produce the reassuring buzz of the coils. Then on signal I would wind the crank desperately, which was hard on all the trout, pop, etc aboard, but she caught with a few snorts and hearty backfires and away we went.

The relative quiet of the ride back up the hill always was one of unforgettable charm, with the moon peeking down over the shoulder of Dunraven Mountain, and broken with occasional stops to replenish Lizzie's fuming radiator from a roadside brook. This called for considerable skill: you used a glove and held something over it so that little brass cap did not blow off into the woods somewhere.

And so into a silent camp with enough racket to raise the dead but hopefully not the living; ready but not willing to meet the duties of a new day.

(Ted was a seasonal ranger at Yellowstone from 1922-24)

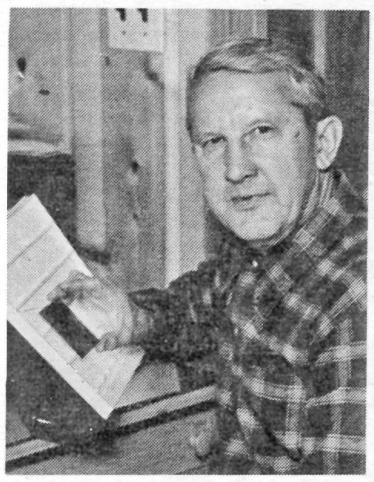
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Historic Negatives Donated to NPS

Pictures of the inauguration parade of President Taft, pre-World War I slides of the C & O Canal and other turn-of-the-century negatives, lantern slides and stereoscope viewer negatives of NPS areas from Alaska to D.C. have been donated to the Service.

About a year ago, Howard Lehman, who calls himself a "pack rat," purchased the collection and an old chair for $20 at an estate sale.

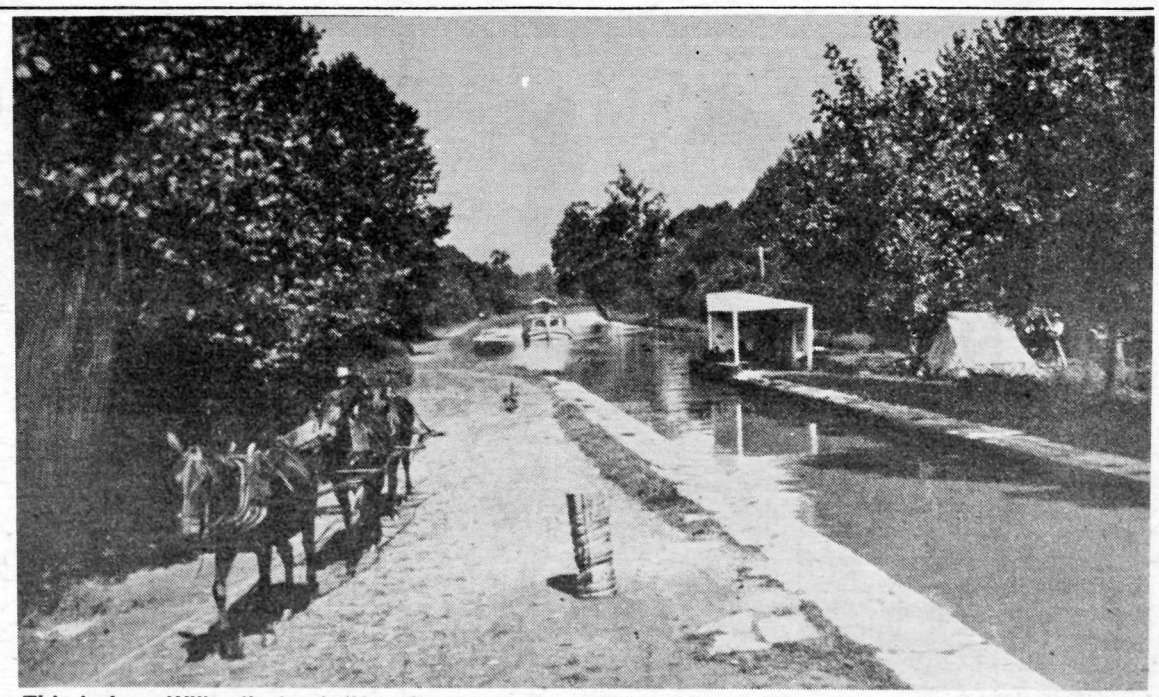


Howard Lehman

"I knew they were valuable and wanted to donate them to the Park Service," he said. The collection consists of three wooden cases, each about five feet high containing an uncounted number of negatives originally belonging to E.B. Thompson, who ran a photo business in the Capital.

Howard, who retired a few years ago from the Internal Revenue Service, estimates the collection covers a period between 1900 and 1925. Included in the collection are early pictures of Yellowstone, many aerial shots of Washington, D.C., which Howard believes were in great demand by tourists of the period, and even a whole file of shots on Alaska and the Puget Sound.

Fred Bell, chief of the NPS Photo branch, says it will take some time to go through all the slides. The main problem now is replacing worn out paper covers which identify each negative. After that work is completed, Fred plans to get prints made and some copy negatives done of the more interesting shots.



This is how Willard's Lock (No. 5) appeared around the turn of the century. Mule trains haul a barge along the C & O Canal north of Washington, D.C.



A nickel went a lot farther in 1910 than it does today. In fact could get you across a cable foot bridge to Great Falls, adjacent to the C & O Canal. Now there's (sniff) no bridge at all.

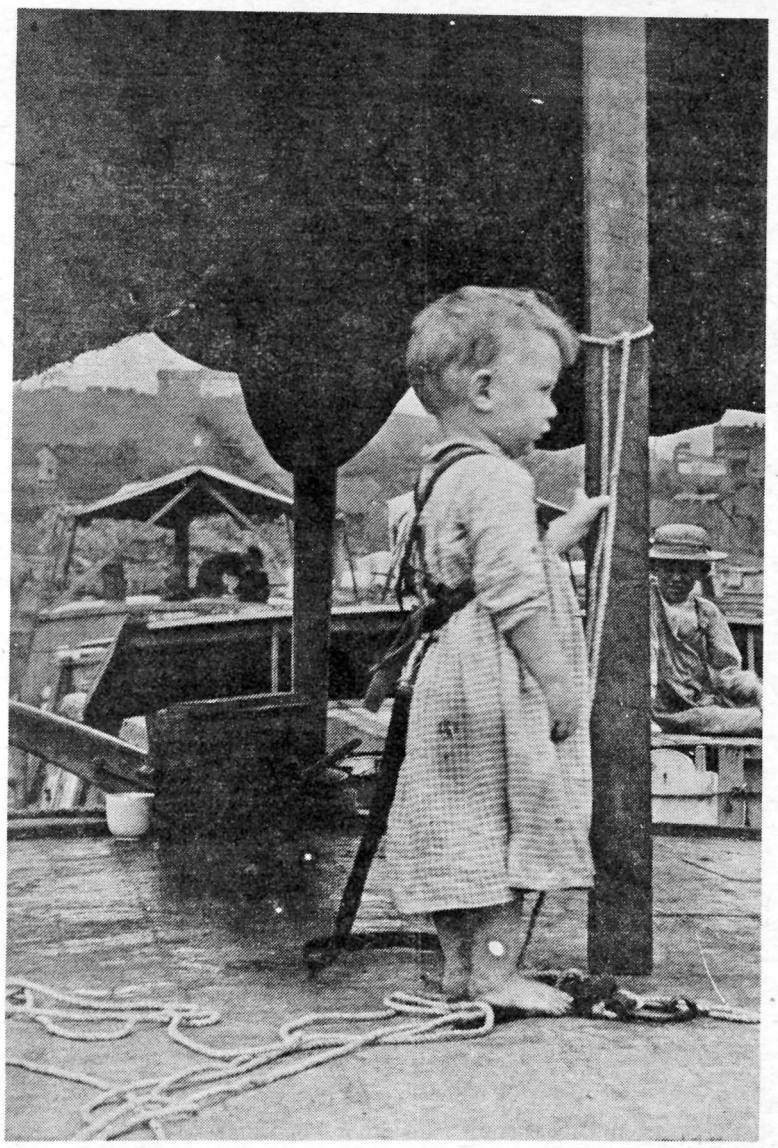
Poet's House Still In Use

Original arts and crafts—and how to make them—are being displayed and demonstrated the third Sunday of each month at Joaquin Miller's 1885 Cabin in Rock Creek Park, Wash., D. C.

Sponsored and administered by NPS, the Sunday program, Nov. 18 featured area craftspeople, showing such crafts as carving wooden rocking horses, leather crafts, pottery, creating items from stained glass and chair caning.

Lighted by kerosene lanterns that hang from the ceiling and heated by a wood-burning fireplace, the cabin houses craftspeople.

Joaquin Miller (pronounced "Wakeene") was called the "Poet of the Sierras." In 1912 the California State Society moved the cabin to its present site in Rock Creek Park.



A firmly tethered rope keeps baby from falling in the C & O Canal as parents make a living trading along the 160-mile watercourse running from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Md. before World War I

Harpers Ferry Women Have Profitable Year

By Dorothy S. Sheetz

The Harpers Ferry chapter of the NPS Womens Organization under the leadership of Chairwoman, Sybil Schiffman brought to a close a profitable and enjoyable year with a family Christmas party on Dec. 2. in the Harpers Ferry Center coffee room.

Programming for the past year was divided into three areas.

1. Fun Things, such as the membership coffee in January; May Potluck and Mountain heritage; cook-out and ice cream social at the Job Corps in August; the Christmas party as well as special interest groups such as skating, calisthentics, and candle making.

2. Educational programs such as a lecture, *Our Environment;* a movie on Ecology shown by Jim Massey from Mather Training Center; an Antique Forum led by John Newcomer; work of the Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Vicker of the Charles Town Chamber; a talk about the Havasupi Indians, a romote tribe by Tom Thomas, director of Mather Training Center; two workshops —one on Flower Arranging led by Dorothy Werking and Stained Glass by Art Allen, assistant Chief of Museum Operations.

3. Community service projects —funds were raised and contributed to the Ranger Patrick memorial fund, to "Summer-Set '73", a day camp for exceptional children held at Harpers Ferry NHP, funds to assist in giving a party for the exceptional children's class in Harpers Ferry, and contributions to the Employees and Alumni Association Educational Aid Fund. Over a period of several years the Harpers Ferry Chapter has contributed a sizable sum of money to this organization.

During the Christmas party the new chairwoman, Barbara Peterson, announced the officers of the Harpers Ferry chapter for 1974; Vice-chairwoman, Peggy Morison; Secretary, Ann Massey; Treasurer, Dorothy Sheetz; Publicity Chairman, Susan Craniford.

The outgoing chairman, Sybil Schiffman thanked her officers and board members for steadfast support throughout the year and presented each with beautifully hand carved bird lapel pins. A bountiful dinner was served, Santa Claus appeared with his bag of gifts for the children and a merry time was had by all around the Christmas tree.

(Dorothy is HFC Womens Organization publicity Chairwoman).

Whiskeytown Women Give $500 to E&AA

The Whiskeytown NRA Womens Organization has raised $500 through a hand craft bazaar and donated the money to the E&AA Educational Aid Fund.

The Bazaar, chaired by Roberta Withrow, was held in a shopping mall near the park in November and sold mostly Christmas-oriented items. There was nearly 100 percent participation by the Whiskeytown women.

Redwood NP Women Give $270 to Fund

The Redwood NP women's organization has contributed $270 to the Educational Aid Fund of the Employees & Alumni Association, E&AA Chairman Howard Baker announced recently.

The women raised the money in their third annual silent auction of baked goods and handcrafted items. The group's total contribution to the fund is now $707.66.

In a letter to Mrs. Roberta J. Davis of the organization, Chairman Baker congratulated the women on the "great success" of their silent auctions.

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Olympic's 'Pack-it-out' Policy Cleans Up Park

By June Maguire

Over a ton of garbage, trash and litter has been packed out of the backcountry by volunteers through the "pack it out" policy instituted nearly a year ago by Olympic NP, according to Superintendent Roger W. Allin.

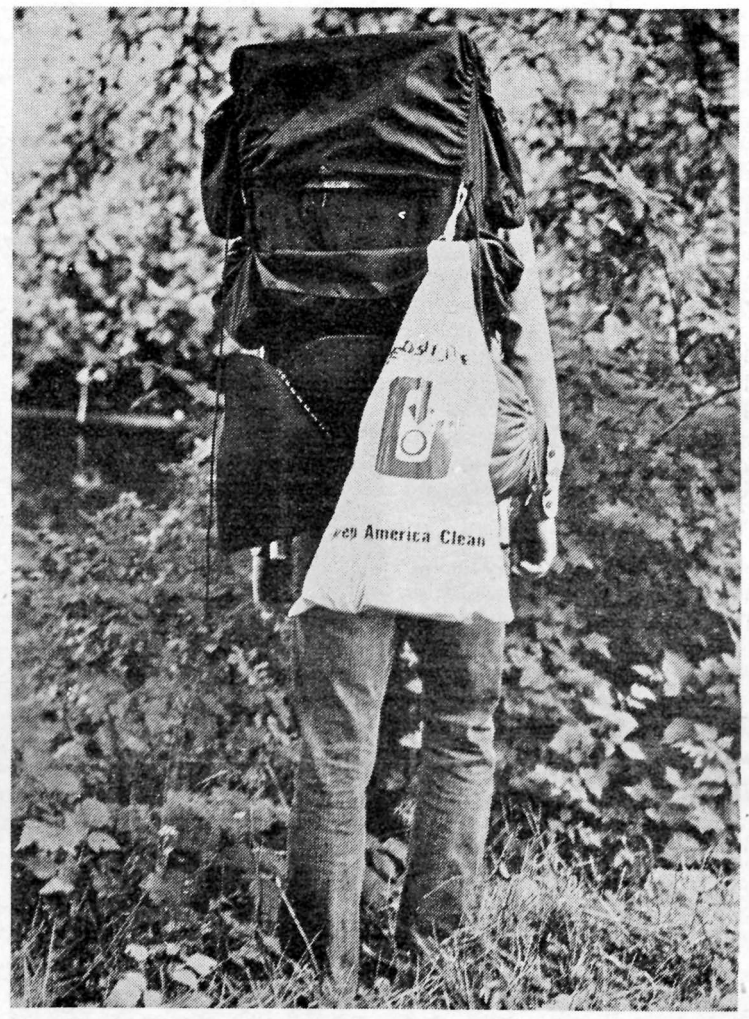
Most of this effort has centered along the trails leading out of Lake Ozette to the ocean beaches. With the assistance of members of the Sierra Club and fellow hikers, Olympic has managed to clean up not only along the beach trails but also the three-mile stretch of beach between the two trails. Trash from ocean beach camps as well as the flotsam and jetsam from the ships at sea has been picked up and backpacked out by the volunteers.

Initially the trash is picked up and put in bags supplied at the rate of about six pounds per bag. A note is then attached to the bag saying "Please help keep the park clean by packing this out to the Ozette Ranger Station". The visitor then carries the bag from the beach to the ranger station (a total of about three-miles). Many times the trash will be carried out the same day and it has never taken more than two days for the bags to be carried from the beaches.

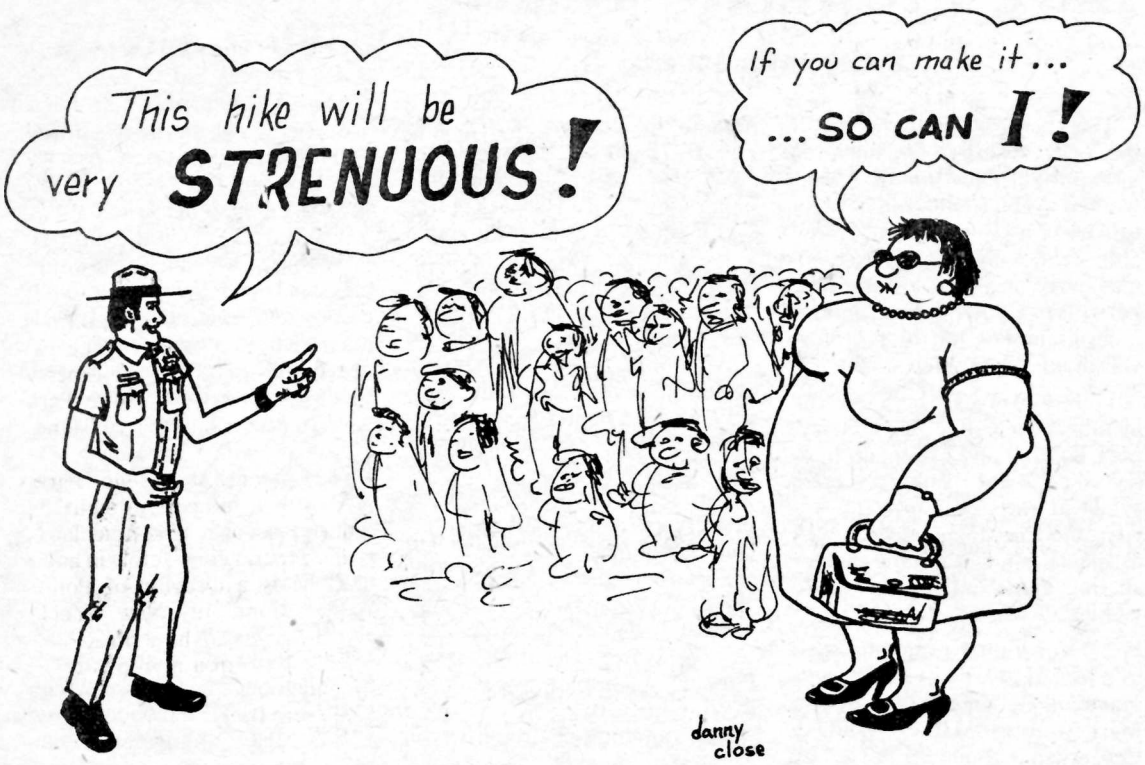
This summer the experiment was put to the real test. In one week, 250 bags of trash were carried out through the assistance of members of the Sierra Club. The amount of litter left behind has noticeably decreased over last summer. The park has found that when hikers find clean camps, they are more likely to keep them that way by packing out their own non-burnables.

The program which has worked out no nicely along the Olympic ocean strip can also work in the interior backcountry of the park if hikers volunteer to leave the park cleaner than they find it. The cooperation of backcountry hikers can contribute immeasurably to the success of the Service's "pack it out" policy which leaves the park more beautiful for its users.

June Maquire is a clerk-stenographer at Olympic National Park who wrote this article from information provided by Bill Lester, park techinician.



"Packing-it-out," trash-wise, has worked exceptionally well at Olympic National Park, reports Superintendent Roger W. Allin.



27 Park Trees Named Champs

Big parks grow big trees. And 14 National Park areas grow the biggest trees of 7 American species, an American Forestry Association (AFA) report revealed recently.

The 7 trees include the world's largest living thing—The General Sherman tree, a giant sequoia in Sequoia NP.

Social Register

AFA published for the first time since 1966, a complete revision of its "Social Register of Big Trees" in its April "American Forests" magazine. The Register lists the largest known examples —or "champions"—of some 700 species. Of the 27 champions of 1973 growing in the National Park System, 13 were also champions in 1966. Hawaiian trees will be listed in a separate register.

Advised by the National Park Service (NPS), Department of the Interior, that the pin cherry tree champion in Great Smoky Mountains NP, is now dead and down, AFA has now removed the tree from the list.

Great Smoky is represented by eight champions and Olympic NP by six. Sequoia, Indiana Dunes and Sleeping Bear Dunes NL's have two each. The following national parks have one championship tree apiece: Big Bend, Guadalupe Mountains, Grand Teton, Mt. Rainier, Yosemite, and Everglades. Also Bandelier NM, De Soto NM, and Blue Ridge Parkway.

Tree size is calculated by adding the circumference in inches at breast height to the height in feet, plus one-quarter of the crown spread.

Cave Artist Jan. Winner

The first winner this year in the COURIER cartoon contest comes from Park Guide Danny Close of Mammoth Cave NP.

Says Danny, "I'm glad to see this type of contest available to Park Service personnel and I think everyone interested should participate." So do the DOURIERS editors.

Please send your pen and ink entry to the National Park COURIER, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240.

NPS Alumni Notes

By Herb Evison

Alumni Ed. Enjoys Newsletter Article

The Oct. 29, 1973 issue of the NPS Newletter, with its front-page picture of the old log arch at the Nisqually entrance of Mount Rainier National Park, awoke sharp feelings of nostalgia; and they made me wonder if there is anyone among the alumni of the NPS who went through this gate longer ago than I did.

In 1913-14, I was a teacher in a boys' school a few miles outside of Tacoma; my room was so located on the third loor of the main building that, on a clear morning, I could raise myself in bed and look out of my window at the incredible panorama of The Mountain apparently floating above a sea of mist.

I early resolved that I was going to get better acquainted with it. Therefore, as soon as school was out in June, I headed for the park, packsack on back, via the old Tacoma & Eastern Railway, and traveled from its terminus to the Longmire campground by autobus. This was about June 14 or 15, 1914, and I was the first visitor of the season in the park.

I might add, parenthetically, that, as I had lived for a year in the Tacoma area, the great peak was known to me as Mount Tacoma, a form of aberration then almost universal among Tacoma residents, - now largely forgotten.

I spent about a week in the park, climbing by myself to the top of Eagle Peak, and hiking to The Ramparts, to Indian Henry's Hunting Ground, and up to Paradise Valley, where the Reeses were digging out their tent platforms from the remains of the winter snow.

Returning from Indian Henry, I was lost between a deep canyon and a vertical cliff for a couple of hours and, on the strength of that, made the front page of one of the Tacoma papers a few days later. - Herb Evision.

Cort Family Plans '74 Tour of Europe

Erwin Cort, who retired last June from concessions specialist in Asheville, N.C. (SERO) reports that he has been kept pretty much tied down since then by the job he accepted as a professor at Haywood Community College, about 30 miles from Asheville.

There he has been teaching a course in front office procedures and accounting in hotel and motel management. He and his wife Dorothy have operated a motel in Asheville—now known as Royal Terrace Motel—for many years and continue to do so.

He writes that he didn't realize what a job teaching would be until he got well into the course. He also writes that their motel property will probably be taken by the State Highway Department in a year or two, which will end that venture.

Erwin, who started as a private in the U.S. Park Police in 1943, became chief of the Concessions Division in the former Region One Office in Richmond in 1947 on the strength of after-hours courses taken during his police days. From 1955 to 1968 he was administrative assistant in the Asheville office of the U.S. Forest Service, after four years in NPS Washington Office, first as chief of Rates Control in Concessions, and then as supervisory auditor in the Auditing Division.

"I'm glad I made the switch back in 1968," he says. "Although I enjoyed those years with the Forest Service, it was like coming home to get back with the Park Service, the finest people in the world."

The Corts have two daughters in Wheaton College. Their youngest son, Gary, is stationed with an Army medical unit in Darmstadt, Germany, where they hope to visit him—and tour Europe—next spring. Son Charles received his Doctorate of Education from University of Georgia in August, and is now Director of the Department of Student Counseling and Guidance of Furman University. Son David is nearing the end of his residency at McGuire Hospital, in Richmond. He and his wife, a pediatrician, expect to start a joint practice somewhere in the Asheville neighborhood.

Roland Richert Says He's 'Fully' Retired

Roland Richert, who was headquartered at the former Gila Pueblo in Globe, Ariz., from 1955 until his retirement in 1972, spent his last six years with the NPS as chief, Ruins Stabilization Unit; from 1951 to 1955 he served on the mobile ruins stabilization unit at Chaco Canyon NM, which operated out of the old Southwestern National Monuments Office.

He started as archeologist at Tuzigoot (permanent) after four summers as seasonal archeologist at Tonto, Hovenweep, Yucca House, Aztec Ruins and Montezuma Castle.

Working without compensation, he reports that he has completed editing and proof-reading "A Guide to Ruins Stabilization," of which he is one of the authors. Reportedly, the techniques of stabilizing ruins have changed and improved greatly since publication of the "Handbook of Ruins Stabilization" in the 1950's.

Except for that, and painting and maintaining his house in Globe, and landscaping the grounds, he reports that he is "fully and completely retired."

Paul J. Garber Is Musically Oriented

Paul J. Garber, who retired from the position of construction management engineer in the Western Office of Design and construction in 1965—part of the great exodus at the end of that year—enjoys a lot of music in his retirement. Declaring that he does as little work as possible, he reports that he sings with the Shrine Chanters in San Francisco, with the Scottish Rite Consistory choir in Burlingame, and with the choir of the Burlingame First Baptist Church. On top of that, he plays the banjo for various organizations for entertainment.

Paul's address is 1318 DeSoto Ave., Burlingame. Calif. 94010.

First Rangerette Suffers Ill Health

Mrs. Ethel L. Meinzer, who retired from the post of personnel officer at Glacier National Park in 1956, has been a resident of the Beatitudes Nursing Home, Care Center Bldg., Room 2-A, 1712 West Glendale Ave., Phoenix, Ariz. 85021, since April 1967, after suffering a severe stroke three months earlier. There she has been further incapacitated by a broken hip, suffered in a fall; and she had undergone two operations for cataracts. Her sister, reporting on her condition, and submitting her Biography Form to Howard Baker, reports that she in unable to write but loves to receive letters and news of her NPS friends. Let's hope she gets a lot!

Mrs. Meinzer, widowed in 1938, first worked for the Service that year at Mesa Verde on a 6-month appointment as a stenographer, chosen for the job by Supt. Jesse Nusbaum. Before going to Glacier in 1945 as personnel clerk she served as the Service's first woman ranger (rangerette) during World War II at Scotts Bluff, that was when that area was "coordinated" by Supt. Dave Canfield of Rocky Mountain National Park, where she also worked for a brief period.

William E. Branch Enters Nursing Home

William E. (Bill) Branch, who was three times superintendent of Platt National Park and who retired in November 1960, attained his 83rd birthday on Nov. 9; and he and his wife Lorena observed their 44th wedding anniversary 19 days later.

Mrs. Branch reported, in mid-November, that Bill had recently entered a nursing home after two weeks in a hospital. It was thought that he might have suffered minor strokes from time to time; his wife was unable to care for him at home because of her own poor health.

After reporting that much, Mrs. Branch added a few hours later that she had just learned that on Bill's first day in the "V.A. contracted nursing home," he had suffered a fall which was not even reported to a doctor for some time after. On her insistance, X-rays were taken, and these showed a fractured hip. He was to have had surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix on Nov. 17. Both very greatly wish to return to Sulphur, Okla., where they lived for so many years and where their son lives.

Mrs. Branch's address is 3313 West Charter Oak Rd., Phoenix, Ariz. 85029

Vincent J. Mrazek Studying Virgin Islands

Vincent J. Mrazek, who retired from the chief park naturalist position at Cape Hatteras June 30 is now living in the Virgin Islands where he reports that he is "pursuing a taxonomic study of the vegetation on the Island of St. John," the island on which most of Virgin Islands NP is situated. His address is Al5, Cruz Bay, St. John, V.I. 00830.

Vince started with the NPS in 1950 as one of the early park rangers at Everglades NP and he pioneered another new park when he went to Virgin Islands early in 1957 as chief park ranger. From 1962 to 1967, he was a district naturalist at Everglades and he ended his career with six years as chief park naturalist at Cape Hatteras. For three months in 1964, he was a member of the Wild Rivers Task Force in WASO. One of his accomplishments was the production of a preliminary check list of woody plants of the Virgin Islands.

The Floyd Hendersons Change Tucson Houses

Floyd A. Henderson, whose address is given in the most recent Alumni Directory as P.O. Box 17210, in Tucson, can be reached at 9021 East Deer Tr., Tucson, Ariz. 85710. Floyd, whose permanent career with the Service began when he became a park ranger at Glacier in 1936, was a park planner in the Western Regional Office when he transferred to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1963.

However, he retired from the Bureau on disability in September 1964 Floyd's wife, Blanche, writes that he has been ill a good deal of the time since his retirement. She has herself been employed by the Service since 1961 and is presently Administrative Officer of the Arizona Archeological Center in Tucson.

Chet Thomas Is Actively Involved

Chester A. Thomas—known interchangeably as Chet or Art—has involved himself actively in local and regional activities since moving to Cambria, Calif. after his retirement in 1969 from heading the Southwestern Archeological Center. He has served as vice president for one year and president for two years of the Morro Coast Audubon Society; he has also served two terms on the Cambria Town Council, and two years as president of the North Coast Property Owners Association. In addition he has been actively involved in many conservation projects, including working with the Sierra Club.

Eunice B. Carroll Doing Church Work

Mrs. Eunice B. Carroll, who retired from the position of Regional Budget Officer in the Southwest Regional Office in June, 1972, lost her husband, D. Scottie Carroll, in January 1973. Mrs. Carroll lives in a mobile home in Santa Fe, does some traveling, and has been doing volunteer work for the St. John's Methodist Church.

George W. Fry's New Home Deserted

George W. Fry, who retired from the post of assistant Regional director in the Southeast Region last June, reported in mid-November that he and Mrs. Fry had made a quick sale of their home in Decatur, Ga., while they were on a vacation trailer trip in North Carolina and Tennessee; whereupon they decided to buy a retirement home in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

They arrived there over the weekend of Nov. 11 with their furniture and moved into their new home on Nov. 16. Their new address is Box 449, Gatlinburg, Tenn. 37738.

Among the many positions George held during his long NPS career was that of superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, so he is among old friends in his new home.

He wrote in November that he and Mrs. Fry would be gone for several weeks after Thanksgiving and during January and February in Florida; that they would make a trip to Mexico in March; and that they would visit the Southwest in the Spring, at that time, the energy crisis and the fuel shortage were just beginning to develop. It takes a lot of fuel to haul a vacation trailer to any of those places.

Don H. Raybourn Still Busy at 81

The address of Don H. Raybourn, long retired from the position of B. & U. Maintenance Supervisor at Sequoia, is now 321 West North Ave., Lompac, Calif. 93436.

Don arrived at the age of 81 last April 18 and still finds plenty of things to keep him as busy as he wants to be.

After his retirement on the last day of 1957, he busied himself for seven years in the construction and remodeling of homes. Since then, besides doing some traveling, he has been making novelties of various kinds out of wood from different states, as well as doing odd jobs of cabinet work.

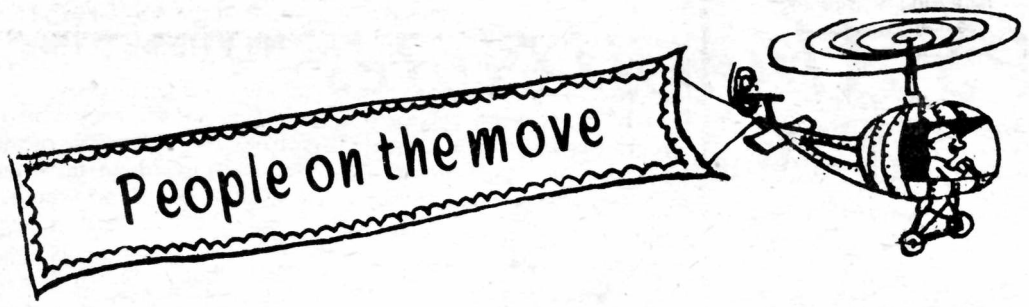
Don's entire NPS career, both as a temporary laborer and foreman in 1932 and from a start as a truck driver in 1946, was spent at Sequoia.

Frank Furdyna Directs Polish Org.

Frank J. Furdyna, retired from the position of maintenance supervisor at the Statue of Liberty last June, spent his entire Park Service career on Liberty Island. He and his wife Stella now live at 63-12 Haring St., Rego Park, N.Y. 11374. In his retirement, he reports, he is a part-time landscape general contractor; in addition, he is a director of Polish organizations in New York. "Twice a year," he writes, "my wife and I plan a month's travel trip, either in the U.S. or to Europe."

Tiny Semingsen Moves West Again

Earl (Tiny) and Flora Semingsen, resident in Homestead, Florida since Tiny's retirement have headed back west again. Their new address is c/o James E. Best, Space No.7, 4233 N. Flaming Wells Rd., Tucson, Ariz. 85705.



New Places

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Deaths

Fred E. Quist

An E&A Association biography form that Howard Baker sen. to Fred E. Quist brought back from his daughter, Mrs. James L. Hicks, of Lodi, Calif., the sad information that Mr. Quist had died on Jan. 13, 1973.

Fred Quist was born in Dawson, Minn, Feb. 21, 1907. He started his Park Service career in Yellowstone in 1929 as an employee of the Sanitation Division.

After nine years there, he transferred to Yosemite with his family. There he was also with the Sanitation Division, for 20 years; in 1958, he became maintenance supervisor and remained in that position until he retired in December 1964.

Fred and his wife Margaret retired to Fresno, Calif., where he kept busy managing several apartment complexes until his death. Margaret survives him and lives at 228 South Rose #7, Lodi, Calif. 95240.

Irving C. Root

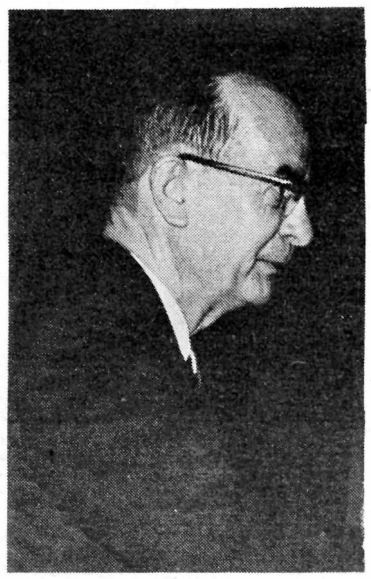
Irving C. Root, who became superintendent of National Capital Parks in 1940 and occupied that post for 10 years, died on Dec. 10 at Maryland's Suburban Hospital. He was 82 .

Irving joined National Park Service after 13 years as chief engineer and planning director with the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission. During that time, Maryland acquired and he directed the development of the Rock Creek extension of the District's Rock Creek Park, the Sligo Parkway, and the parks along Cabin Jonn Run and the Northwest Branch.

Selection of a National Capital Parks head from outside the Service came after detailed studies of National Capital Parks organization and functioning.

Root continued as a consultant to the Service after his retirement and he maintained a private practice as a city planning and zoning consultant until his final retirement in 1966. During those years he served many Maryland community agencies.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite; a son, Robert W. Root, of Chevy Chase; and two grandchildren. Mrs. Root lives at 7001 Hillcrest Place, in Chevy Chase.



H. Reese Smith

H. Reese Smith, who retired from the position of Coordinator in the Service's Eastern Service Center in 1971, died in Richmond, Va., on Nov. 2, following a heart attack. Funeral services were held in Richmond on Nov. 4 and interment was in Tupelo, Miss.

A graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Reese was an engineer with the Bureau of Public Roads before he started his Park Service career in 1933 as coordinator of the Civilian Conservation Corps camps assigned to Colonial National Historical Park.

Thereafter he served as an engineer on the Natchez Trace Parkway; assistant superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park; superintendent of Cape Hatteras; assistant director, Operations, Southeast Regional Office; chief, Eastern Office of Design and Construction (EODC), Philadelphia; and coordinator, Eastern Service Center, Washington, D.C.

When he retired from the Park Service he immediately became chief environmental quality engineer with the Virginia Highway Department. As noted in an earlier edition of the Courier, a heart attack and subsequent poor health compelled him to retire from that position.

During World War II, Reese served as an Engineer officer in the Middle East.

Mrs. Smith (Mabel) lives at 5618 Crenshaw Road, Apt. 813, Richmond, Va. 23227.

Dama Margaret Langley

Dama Margaret Langley, wife of Henry (Harry) Langley, former chief of Programs in the Washington Office of the National Park Service, died at her home in Summersville, West Virginia on Nov. 4, 1973 after a brief illness.

A native of West Virginia, Dama Margaret, was born Sept. 13, 1892, the daughter of William Griffee and Margaret Groves Brown. Her first marriage was to the late Charles "White Mountain" Smith, who was the ranger in the title of her highly successful book, *I Married a Ranger*. Other books by her included *Hopi Girl*, written, like the first one, during her Grand Canyon days, and *Indian Tribes of the Southwest*. In addition she contributed articles to a large number of publications; she told a friend, shortly before Harry Langley's retirement in 1958, that she had never received a rejection slip from an editor or publisher.

Graveside services were held for her on Nov. 8 in the Groves Cemetery in Summersville.
Harry Langley's address is 904 Webster Road, Summersville W. Va. 26651.