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N.P.S. to Administer Recreation Lands at Amistad Dam, Texas

The National Park Service will be responsible for development and administration of recreation facilities on the United States side of the international Amistad Dam and Reservoir. The Dam is being constructed jointly by the United States and Mexico on the Rio Grande, 12 miles upstream from Del Rio, Texas.

Under the terms of an agreement signed by the National Park Service and the International Boundary and Water Commission, the National Park Service will have the responsibility for planning, securing appropriations, and the construction of recreational facilities for the proposed recreation area.

The United States section of the International Boundary and Water Commission will be responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of the United States portion of the dam and reservoir.

The Amistad Project, now under construction by the Governments of the United States and Mexico through the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is a major development on the Rio Grande in southwestern Texas and the northern portion of the State of Coahuila, Mexico. The project is scheduled for completion in December 1968.

The project will provide flood control, conservation storage, additional fishing facilities and recreation opportunity for people of both countries.

Within an area of easy access to all sections of the United States, the Amistad Project recreation area will contain a total of 96,000 acres, of which some 65,000 acres will be in the United States, providing year-long activities such as camping, swimming, boating and fishing, picnicking, sight-seeing and hunting.

Senator Ralph Yarborough and Congressman O.C. Fisher, both of Texas, have introduced bills in Congress to establish the Amistad area as a national recreation area.

The international Amistad Reservoir will be the second major international reservoir on the Rio Grande provided for in the 1944 Water Treaty with Mexico.

Parkway Relocation At J.F.K. Center

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced the awarding of a contract for the relocation of the Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. The cost of the project, which is adjacent to the site of the Center, will be financed by the Trustees of the Kennedy Center.

The new roadway of Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway will consist of four lanes, two in each direction, separated by a median strip extending from the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge to a short distance north of the new Center where it will connect into the presently existing roadway.

Included in the contract which was awarded to Harris & Brooks, Inc., of Riverdale, Maryland, in the amount of $401,844.75, will be the replacement of the existing walk with a new walk along the Potomac River seawall, and topsoil and re-sodding of the area. In order to avoid future cuts across the new roadway, the National Park Service is also installing, as a part of this contract, the pipe conduits for the intake and discharge of water for the Center's air-conditioning system and drainage.

Extensive re-landscaping of the area is scheduled for next spring upon the completion of this construction. Flowering and shade trees, lawn areas and other esthetic features designed to enhance the natural scenic beauty of the site will be planted. This planting will be a part of a coordinated landscape design prepared for the grounds surrounding the Center.

Pemberton House To Be Reconstructed At Independence NHP

The Department of the Interior announced recently that the National Park Service has signed an agreement with the Association of the United States Army and the Navy League of the United States to accept $460,600 of donated funds to establish an Army-Navy Museum in Independence National Historical Park, Philadelphia.

The funds will be used to reconstruct Pemberton House on Carpenters Court adjacent to the historic Carpenters Hall and the reconstructed New Hall, the latter housing an exhibit related to the origin and early history of the Marine Corps. The Army-Navy Museum will contain artifacts and exhibits telling the story of the organization of the two services and their roles in winning independence.

The establishment of the Army-Navy Museum will round out the full story of the Nation;s early military history. The long military traditions of Carpenters Court began in 1774, at the time of the First Continental Congress, and continued throughout the last quarter of the 18th century.

It was in the Court that the First City Troop was organized, and Revolutionary War drills and elections of officers were held. The Commissary General of Military Stores was headquartered in the area, and used buildings in the Court for storage and shop buildings.

The agreement calls for the National Park Service to collect the historical data, prepare the drawings and specifications and assume the responsibility for the reconstruction of the Pemberton House.

Grizzly Bear Adds To Glacier Lore

Under the heading "Meeting Grizzly adds to Glacier Park Lore , the Hungry Horse News of Columbia Falls, Montana, reported on an incident which occurred to District Ranger Robert E. Sellers, Westlakes Dist., Glacier, and his friend B&U Maintenanceman Chas. Littlefield, permanent employee of Mount Rainier NP. Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield were visiting at the Sellers home.

The women and children were huckleberrying in the area in which the "bear incident" occured. The men had parked their cars off the Going-to-the-Sun road on the Packers' Roost Truck Trail about 1/4 mile from the trail head. They came upon the bear about 1/4 mile beyond the car as they returned from fishing in Mineral Creek. Sellers, in the lead, saw the chocolate-colored grizzly with two cubs, one at each flank, and yelled "Look out".

The men ran back for possibly 24 to 30 feet, got off the trail and curled up, face down. It was a burned-over area with no trees to climb. Sellers said the bear came in on scent, walking rapidly. She was not charging, but was mad. She came upon Littlefield first and stood over him for a second while he "played dead", then placed a paw on his head and picked up his right arm, trying to turn him over. Fortunately, he was wearing heavy clothing, including an Army fatigue jacket with waterproof lining. One of her teeth penetrated - she dropped his arm and then bit him in the small of the back, and then lifted him off the ground, growling like a dog playing. Littlefield held his breath and was somewhat protected by heavy clothing but there was an imprint of six teeth on his back, one of which penetrated about two inches. It was painful and near the limit of his endurance. He got up and gave a blood-curdling yell and the grizzly rose on her hind legs-"... and there was Littlefield, standing looking at her neck-she was the taller!" Fortunately, she went down the trail sniffing, and located Sellers, who thought his turn was next. He says he was never more scared as he waited for her to attack and couldn't believe it when she ambled off down trail.

When Sellers checked Littlefield over, he got him to the car and to Columbia Falls to a doctor for a tetanus shot and to get the wounds dressed.

In reviewing the encounter, both men agreed it might have been of some protection had they been carrying their packs with the bells attached -- the packs had been left in the car while fishing. Chief Ranger McDowell said both men had shown remarkably clear and sensible thinking in view of the fact they were so close to the bear when discovering her

The bear and her cubs may well have been in the huckleberry patch while the women and children were picking and have kept her distance because their laughter and chatter gave her warning of their presence.

Keystone Set Atop "Gateway To The West"

More than 10,000 spectators where thrilled on seeing the eight-foot-wide triangular keystone set in the apex of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial's 630-foot-high stainless steel triumphal arch hoisted in place to the strains of the National Anthem, on the morning of October 28.

Setting of the keystone in place, made the Gateway to the West Arch, a breath-taking structure of glistening stainless steel, 75 feet higher than the Washington monument, and the equivalent of about five times the height of the tallest building the the Nation's capital.

Located on the bank of the Mississippi River, the great arch marks the spot from whence the pioneers expanded the Nation westward to the Pacific coast.

The arch was designed by the late Eero Saarinen, who wanted it to be "a triumphal arch for our age as the triumphal arches of classcal antiquity were for theirs." The design emerged from a national architectural competition held in 1948.

The utterly simple inverted catenary form of the $12 million arch does not reveal its complex engineering. A catenary curve is one formed by a chain that hangs freely from two points. All the thrust in the arch passes down through the legs into the foundation.

Still to be constructed within the arch is an ingenious "train" of eight capsule-like cars that will carry 40 people to an observation platform at the top. There are also a 1076-step stairway and an elevator up to 372 feet.

The 82-acre memorial park is scheduled to be landscaped by next summer. It will include an underground Museum of Westward Expansion under the arch, as well as the Old Cathedral and the Old Courthouse which it is designed to frame. A lovely 120-year-old building, reminiscent of Washington's Capitol is was the scene of the first Dred Scott trial.

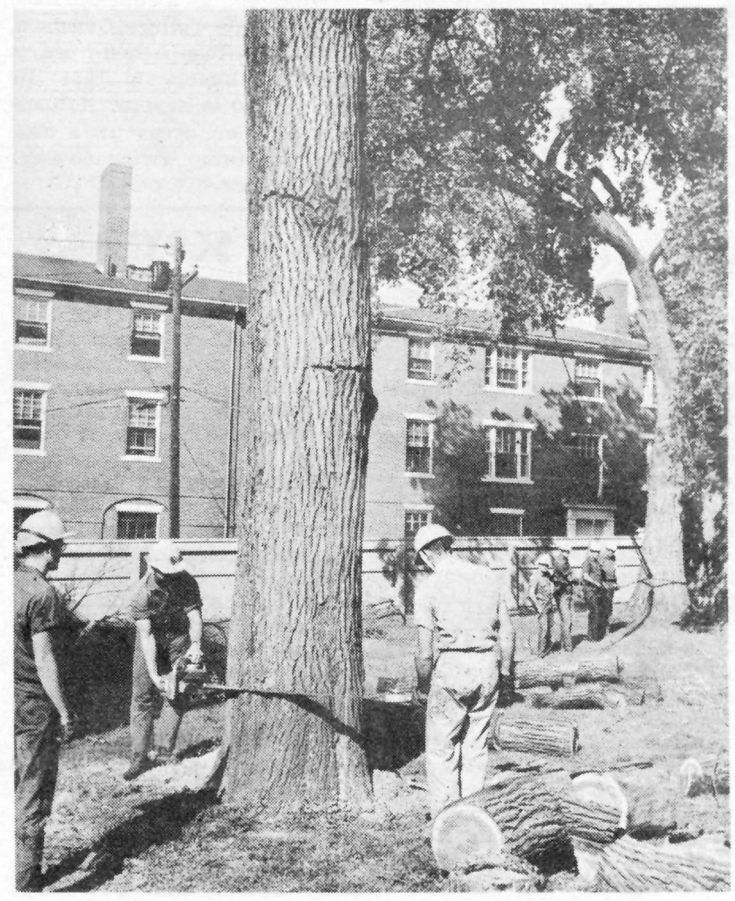
The total cost of the memorial is about $30 million, with the city of St. Louis paying $1 for every $3 paid by the Federal Government.

Delaware Water Gap Park Planner Named

The Department of the Interior has announced the appointment of Peter DeGelleke to the position of Park Planner at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York. His headquarter will be in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

The Act authorizing the new national recreation area, the first east of the Mississippi River, was signed by President Johnson on September 1. It calls for the Secretary of the Interior to administer the area for public outdoor recreation, and for preservation of the scenic, scientific, and historic features in a manner coordinated with the Tocks Island Reservoir project being constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The 72,000-acre national recreation area surrounding the artificial Tocks Island Reservoir--about 37 miles long and about one helf-mile wide--will provide an area of varied outdoor recreation available to about 30 million people, nearly 15 percent of the Nation's population.



The East Coast Tree crew, supervised by Barney Kolb, anchor man on right, removing diseased Elm tree from the Custom House Yard. The 147 year old tree was part of the historic scene – possibly it was planted at the time the Custom House was built.

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Herbert Hoover N. H. S. Activated by Interior

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced the activation of the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site in West Branch, Iowa.

Lawrence W. Quist has been named Superintendent of the new area. Quist was formerly the Superintendent of Stones River National Battlefield, Tennessee. He moved to West Branch with his wife and two children in mid-October.

Planned to "preserve in public ownership historically significant properties associated with the life of Herbert Hoover..." the national historic site will be administered by the Department of the Interior. The transfer of lands and property from the General Services Administration and the acquisition of other lands associated with the former President will provide for an historic site of great historical integrity.

General Service Administration will continue to administer the modern Herbert Hoover Library on the site.

Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., said, "The first duties of Superintendent Quist will involve obtaining the land for the historic site, and the planning and development of the site."

General plans for the development of the site include the construction of a visitor center and parking area, re-routing of a city street to eliminate vehicular traffic immediately in front of the cottage in which President Hoover was born, and refurnishing certain older buildings in the area to preserve the atmosphere of the site.

Quist, who made his first visit to the historic site recently, is a career National Park Service employee, having joined the Service in 1952 as a ranger in Carlsbad Cavern National Park, New Mexico. He also has served as park naturalist at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, and Zion National Park, Utah, prior to his assignment at Stones River National Battlefield in 1960.

Quist, 40, graduated from Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado, with a bachelor of arts degree in biology in 1951. He had worked in several National Park Service areas ax a seasonal employee during summer vacations for five years.

Meritorious Award To C. E. SCOYEN

Clarence E. Scoyen was the recipient of a Meritorious Service Award, and was presented with the certificate citation, silver medal and lapel emblem at Yellowstone National Park. He retired early this year after more than 31 years of Government Service, primarily with National Park Service.

The citation signed by Secretary of the Interior, Stewart I. Udall, is as follows:

Mr. Scoyen was born March 4, 1895, in Yellowstone National Park. His first service with the Federal Government was seasonal employment for the War Department at Fort Yellowstone in 1912. He served with the Army during World War I, returning to Yellowstone in a seasonal capacity until 1923. Returning to Federal Service in 1939 as Assistant Postmaster at Gardiner, Montana, he was later assigned to the Yellowstone Park Post Office until October 1950. In November 1950 he was appointed to the National Park Service and served in various responsible accounting assisnments until his retirement on March 31, 1965. Mr. Scoyen's career with the Federal Government was one of conscientious, capable, and devoted service with much uncompensated service regardless of personal inconvenience, and was highlighted by his inclusion in a Unit Citation for the highly successful 1961-1962 elk reduction program. Affectionately known as "Pop," his contributions in furthering intercommunity relationships and creating an informed Service image have been given selflessly through use of his personal time and talents and have considerably enhanced the public relations program for the Park. In recognition of his long, faithful, and exemplary service, the Department of the Interior grants to Mr. Scoyen its Meritorious Service Award.

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RONALD F. LEE RETIRES

Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., of the Department of the Interior's National Park Service, has announced the retirement of the Service's Northeast Regional Director Ronald F. Lee, and named Lemuel A. (Lon) Garrison, Midwestern Regional Director, to succeed Lee.

Lee's retirement will be effective December 31, 1965, following a career in the National Park Service spanning 32 years. He will be reemployed in a part-time capacity as an Assistant to Director Hartzog for historic preservation and historic resources management.

Garrison, 61, received his A. B. Degree from Stanford University, California, in 1932. A native of Pella, Iowa, he began his National Park Service career as a park ranger at Yosemite National Park, California, in 1935. He later served as superintendent, Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pennsylvania (1939); Assistant Chief of Information in the Washington office of National Park Service (1941); acting assistant superintendent, Glacier National Park, Montana (1942); assistant superintendent, Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona (1946); superintendent, Big Bend National Park, Texas (1952).

He served as Chief of Conservation and Protection in the Washington Office of the National Park Service from 1955 to 1956, prior to his appointment as Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, Wyoning-Montana-Idaho. In 1964, he was appointed to the position he is now leaving.

While assigned to the Washington office in 1955, he was awarded the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Honor Award in recognition of his work on the development of Mission 66, and in 1962, Secretary Udall presented him the Department's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

Lee's first appointment with the National Park Service was as a field historian at Shiloh National Military Park, Tennessee in 1933. With the passage of the Historic Sites Act of 1935, he became active in the field of historic preservation and played an important role in the establishment of the National Council for Historic Sites and Buildings.

He was appointed chief historian for the National Park Service in 1938. Following service with the Air Force during World War II, he was appointed an assistant director of the Park Service. He was appointed to his present position as Regional Director, Northeast Region, Philadelphia Pa., in January, 1960.

Lee, a native of Minnesota and a graduate of the University of Minnesota (cum Laude) and the University of Chicago, has received a number of awards including the Cornelius Amory Pugsley Medal (1952) for conservation activities; the Department of the Interior's Distinguished Service Award (1957), and the George McAneny Medal (1961) was presented to him by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society "for a preeminent career devoted to the furthering of conservation and historic preservation without stint of personal sacrifice."

Director Hartzog said, "Ronnie Lee's vast experience and thorough knowledge will be put to a continuing use following his retirement. I am delighted that he has consented to serve as a part-time advisor to our program of historic resource management."

The Northeastern Regional Office, which Lee is leaving, and to which Garrison will report is in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Garrison is leaving the Midwestern Regional Office at Omaha, Nebraska. Director Harzog said a successor for Garrison will be named later.

Hartzog Names Roberts To Assateague Island

The Department of the Interior announced today that George B. Hartzog, Jr., Director of the National Park Service, has named Bertrum C. Roberts to be the first superintendent for the recently authorized Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland-Virginia. Director Hartzog said that a realty officer would be named to the new seashore in the near future to assist in the acquisition of the land.

Roberts, presently assigned as superintendent of Castillo de San Marcos National Monument, Florida, will set up a temporary headquarters in Snow Hill, Maryland, early in December.

The Act authorizing Assateague Island National Seashore was signed by President Johnson on September 21.

Roberts' career in the National Park Service began as a clerk in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, California, in 1946, following his military service during World War II. In 1956, he was appointed acting personnel officer and later personnel officer in the Park Service's Southeast Regional Office, Richmond, Virginia.

In 1960, he was named assistant superintendent at Mammoth Cave National Park, Kentucky, followed by his present assignment in 1961.

The Roberts have a married daughter, a son in College, and a younger daughter at home.

Director Hartzog said that Roberts will coordinate plans for the establishment and development of the new national seashore, and added, "Although the new seashore has been authorized, the Federal Government does not own the land...it is still in private and State ownership, and the development of the area cannot be undertaken until the land has been acquired and the master plan developed."

Edwin C. Dinneen Dies; Hyde Park Historian

Edwin Charles Dinneen, 70, a retired historian for the National Park Service, who worked at the Roosevelt and Vanderbilt National Historic Sites for 24 years died Nov. 18th at his home. He lived at 21 Park Place, Hyde Park.

Mr. Dineen went to work for the Park Service shortly after moving to Hyde Park from New York City. He retired on June 30, 1965.

He was a charter member of the Hyde Park American Legion Post, a member of the Hyde Park Fire Co., and of the National Park Association. He attended Regina Coeli Church, Hyde Park.

Born in Ogdensburg, Mr. Dinneen was the son of Thomas and Mary Murphy Dinneen. He attended St. Mary's Academy in Ogdensburg and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, and served as yeoman, first class, with the U.S. Navy in World War I.

On January 16, 1918, Mr. Dinneen married the former Helene Collins. She died in 1936.

A son, Thomas, was killed in action in World War II.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Margaret) Callahan, New York, and Mrs. Thomas (Patrice) Lawrence, Hyde Park; three sisters, Miss Mary C. Dinneen, Verona, N.J.; Miss Catherine Dinneen, New York City; and Mrs. Charles Peckham, Ogdensburg; nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted on November 20 at Sweet's Funeral Home, Hyde Park, with a Mass of Requiem at Regina Coeli Church. Burial was in Union Cemetary, Hyde Park.

Posthumous Award To PAUL M. STEEL



Charles E. Humberger persents award certificate to Mrs. Paul M. Steel.

A posthumous honor award to Paul M. Steel for his marked ability in enforcing Federal Laws, and regulations in protecting the parks was presented by Charles E. Humberger, Superintendent of Petrified Forest National Park to the widow, Mrs. Paul M. Steel of Holbrook Arizons. The Meritorious Service Award, signed by Secretary of the Interior Stewart . Udall recognized the outstanding contribution of Mr. Steel during more than 21 years of employment with the National Park Service.

Mr. Steel who died April 3, 1964, served at White Sands National Park, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, Lehman Caves National Monument and Platt National Park, where he was Park Superintendent at the time of his death. In all assignments, his accomplishments and devotion to duty were outstanding.

Government Girl

The profession of "Government Girl" was launched in 1861 by United States Treasurer Francis E. Spinner, the National Geographic says. Spinner was the first to employ women in federal government offices.

ASK YOUR FELLOW WORKERS TO JOIN

The National Park Service Employee and Alumni Association needs new members. Why don't you elect yourself a committee of one and ask your co-worker to join. If you are a retiree, perhaps you know another retiree who isn't a member. Won't you ask him to join. Membership dues are $2.00 per year, but this includes $1.75 for subscription to the National Park Courier. Send

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PROSPECTUS RELEASED FOR CONCESSION AT GLEN CANYON

The Department of the Interior has released a prospectus for the construction, operation, and maintenance of visitor accommodations and facilities at the Glen Canyon Dam site on the Colorado River, in the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in northern Arizona.

The contract resulting from the prospectus would cover the construction of an aerial tramway capable of carrying 200 passengers per hour, and boats up to 2,200 pounds from the rim of Glen Canyon to a marina located some 3,100 feet below on the Colorado River. Access to the trailwaters below the dam will be by means of the tramway.

Facilities to be constructed at the upper terminal of the tramway are to consist of a passenger building with a waiting room, ticket office and comfort stations; a boat terminal with facilities of loading and unloading boats up to 18 feet in length.

At the lower terminal, facilities will include a waiting room, comfort station, bait and tackle shop, and snack bar; a boat terminal capable of loading and unloading boats, a boat launching ramp, six rental boats, two charter and sightseeing boats, 15 rental slips, boat servicing and repair facilities, and a boat storage area.

The successful applicant must be prepared to finance the construction program estimated to cost $350,000.

The prospectus states that a concession contract will be negotiated with the applicant submitting the best offer in the judgment of the National Park Service, the agency responsible for the administration of the area.

By law, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to negotiate concession contracts for public accommodations and services in areas administered by the National Park Service without competitive bidding. The offers submitted are not subject to Government bid procedures.

The one million-acre Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, located in north-central Arizona and south-central Utah, surrounds Lake Powell above Glen Canyon Dam and extending downstream from near the confluence of the Colorado and Green Rivers to Lee's Ferry, Arizona, this unusual recreation area contains many natural attractions, including Rainbow Bridge.

The 710-foot-high Glen Canyon Dam was completed in 1964 by the Bureau of Reclamation to provide hydroelectric power in cities and industries in the Intermountain West. Over one-half million visitors are expected to travel to the Recreation Area during 1966.

Persons interested in submitting offers for these facilities should contact the Superintendent, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, P.O. Box 1507, Page. Arizona, 86040. Offers should be submitted prior to December 15, 1965. A prospectus will be mailed upon request to the same address.

Drought Finished Off U.S. Cliff Dwellers 700 Years Ago

A missing persons case of 700 years ago has been closed in Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado.

Scientific sleuths of the National Park Service-National Geographic Society Wetherill Meas Project have concluded a seven-year study of the Pueblo Indian site. The cliff dwellers flourished and reached a high state of culture before mysteriously vanishing seven centuries ago.

Wetherill Mesa experts believe a disaster similar to the Dust Bowl of the 1930's drove the Indians from the mesas and cliff homes about A.S. 1300. The accumulated evidence: some 30,000 museum specimens, 10,177 photographic negatives and prints, and more than 1,000 color slides of the dwelling site.

UNIQUE EXCAVATION

Wetherill Mesa's cliff community stood in one of the many canyons in 80-square-mile Mesa Verde National Park--a forested, canyon-carved plateau whose name means "green table" in Spanish. The Wetherill ruins will be opened to the public in 1967 or 1968.

The exhaustive diggings and research at Wetherill Mesa have been hailed as one of the most thorough archeological explorations ever undertaken in the United States. The interpretive approach in considering such aspects as the change in aboriginal diet, trends and shifts in population, and relationship between climate and human occupation, will serve as a pilot study for future digs by the National Park Service.

To learn more about the ancient Pueblo Indians, archeologists employed 28 different sciences to study the evidence. The project drew on botany, geology, dendrology, zoology, anthropology, and climatology.

Studies of soil plants, and pollen revealed much about past environment. Scientists found pollen from plants that no longer grow on or near Wetherill Mesa, indicating that a climatic upheaval had taken place.

Tree-ring studies suggest that a drought probably gripped the area from A.D. 1276 to 1299. The prolonged water shortage, soil erosion, and overpopulation may have triggered a mass desertion of the cliff settlements by 1300. Decreasing levels of phosphorus and manganese in fecal matter showed the Indians had less and less to eat. Even in good times they suffered from bad teeth, rheumatism and arthritis.

Excavations by the National Park Service and National Geographic Society show that the ancient cliff dwellers were skilled farmer, craftsmen, and builders.

Surprisingly, the Indians built apartments with prefabricated mortarblocks and indoor latrines. They wove superb cotton textiles, and drank from ceramic mugs that would not seem out of place in any modern gift shop.

Indians of Mesa Verde had a thorough knowledge of practical hydrology. Elaborate ditches carried rain to an artificial reservoir which channeled water down to pueblo dwellings.

A great puzzle to Wetherill researchers were pieces of cane-like grass neatly trimmed at one end and burned at the other. What were they? Conclusion The cliff dwellers put tobacco in the reeds and smoked them.



Gennaria-Albright Wedding

At Grand Canyon on Saturday evening, September 18, Miss Lynn Gennaria and Mr. Stanley T. Albright were married at the Hotel Bel-Air, Los Angeles, California. Lynn is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Bradford of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. Stan is the son of Mrs. Helen Albright and the late E. T. Albright. It was a garden wedding and the bride wore a floor length gown. Among the 30 guests at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillon of Palmdale, California, aunt and uncle of the bride; and Mr. and Mrs. Buch Howard, Pollock Pines, California, Mrs. Howard is a sister of the groom's. After a trip to Colorado and southern Arizona, the couple returned to Grand Canyon where Stan is Management Assistant.

Ellis W. Varnum Retires From NPS

Ellis W. (Bill) Varnum, Foreman II Mixed Gang, (R&T) at Crater Lake was the recipient of a Commendable Service Citation on his retirement, September 25, 1965.

Bill Varnum entered the National Park Service at Crater Lake National Park on August 26, 1953, as a heavy duty mechanic. Possessing mechanical knowledge acquired through more than 25 years of private industrial experience, he quickly showed his proficiency in the most difficult repair work.

His citation pointed out that "his services were required under the most trying circumstances involving emergencies and adverse weather condition. Through his technical 'know how' and ingenuity, he accomplished these assignments willing and skillfully no matter how difficult or exacting."

The Varnums will make their home at 641 N.W. "B" Street, Grants Pass, Oregon.



Clarence E. "Pop" Scoyen (left) was honored December 3, 1965 when he was presented the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award by John S. McLaughlin, Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park. (Story on Page 2)

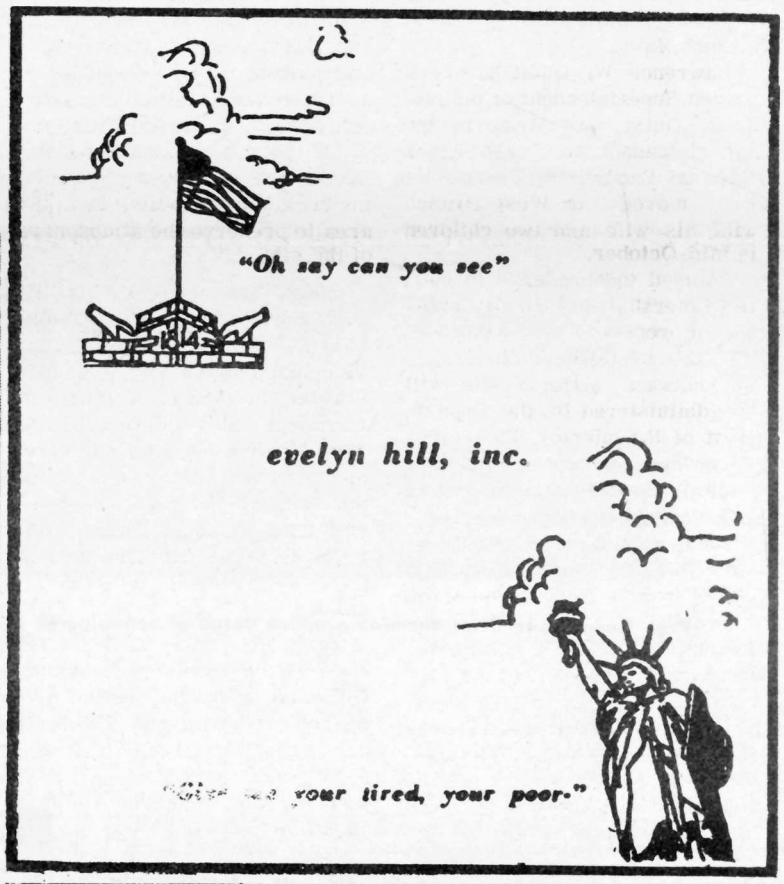
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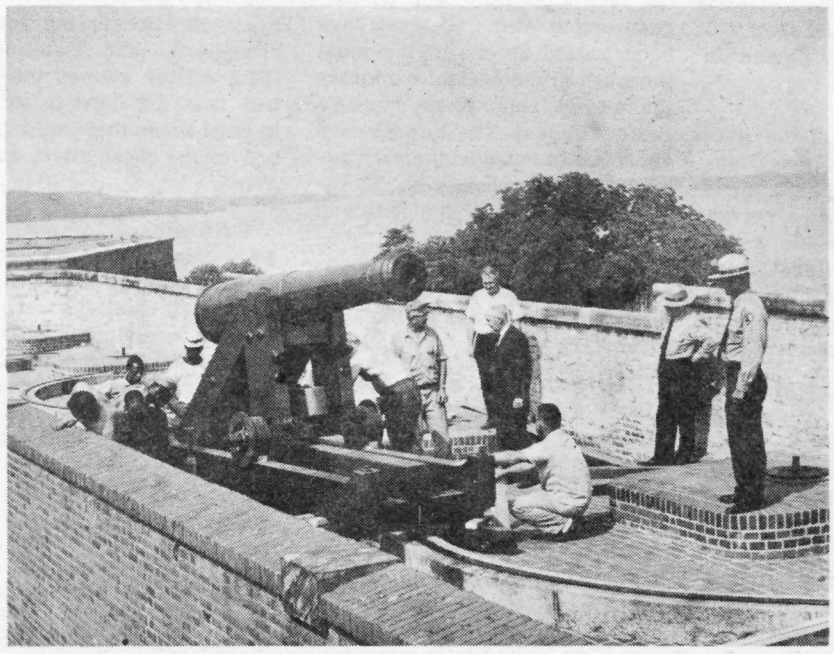
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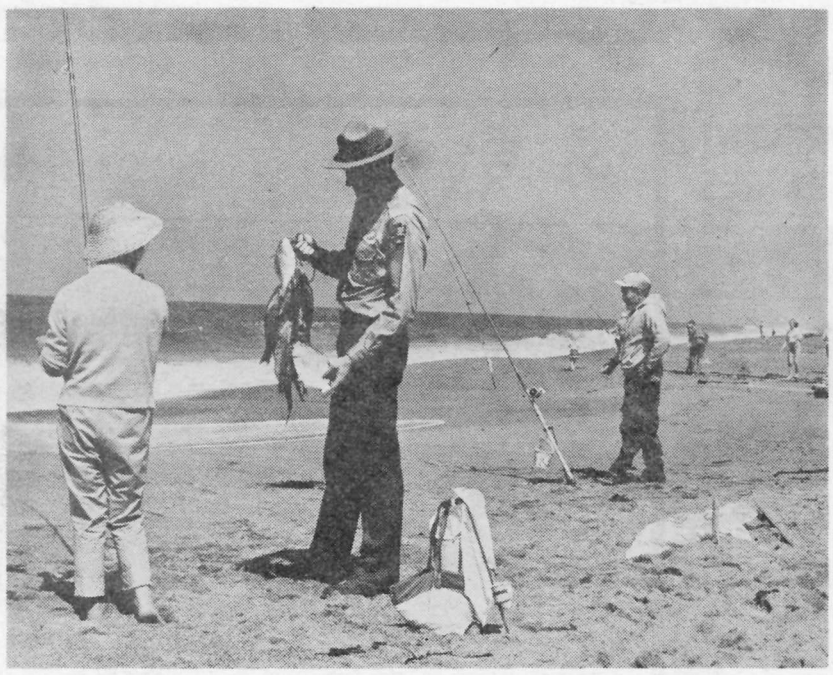
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National Park Service historians and blacksmiths assist a maintenance crew in the placement of one of two 24-pounder 1848 period iron seige guns. A special pattern was made for the construction of the guns by Prison Industries, D.C. Department of Corrections, Lorton Reformatory, Lorton, Va. Right to Left: Mr. Grover Steele, Superintendent, East National Capital Parks Mr. Edmund Fitzgerald, Historian; sitting, Ronald C. Knopp, Blacksmith helper; Mr. Stanley McClure; Mr. Ralph Mathias; Mr. John K. Hughes, Forman II, Mr. Rubin, welder; Mr. Wilson, Job Corp; Mr. Brody, Job Corp; Mr. Roy, Blacksmith helper; Mr. Cranford, Machinist; Mr. Turner, Job Corp.
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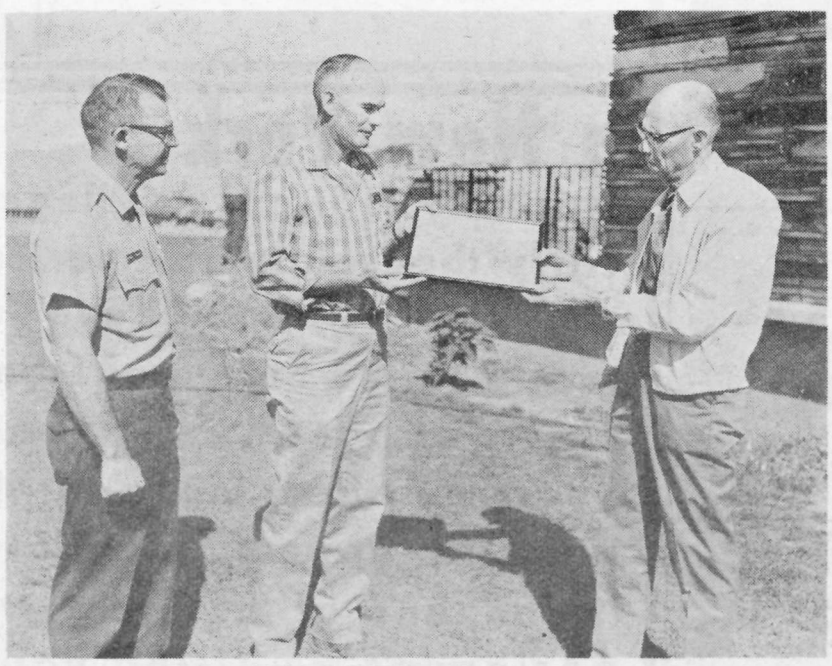
Restoration of the historic roads west of the Old North Bridge in Concord. After archeological explorations discovered traces of the road under about one foot of soil, a front-end loader skimmed off the sod which was later replaced by a layer of gravel. This road, which ran from Concord to Acton and was in use at the time of the battle in 1775, was closed in 1793.



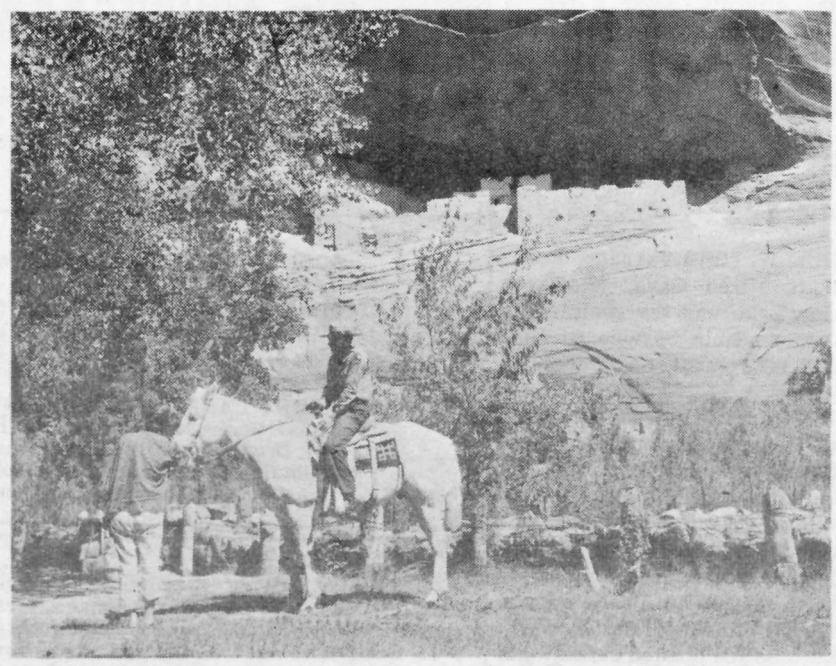
Park Ranger Lee Otter examining a fine catch of ocean perch at Point Reyes Beach.
PHOTO: BOB BARBEE



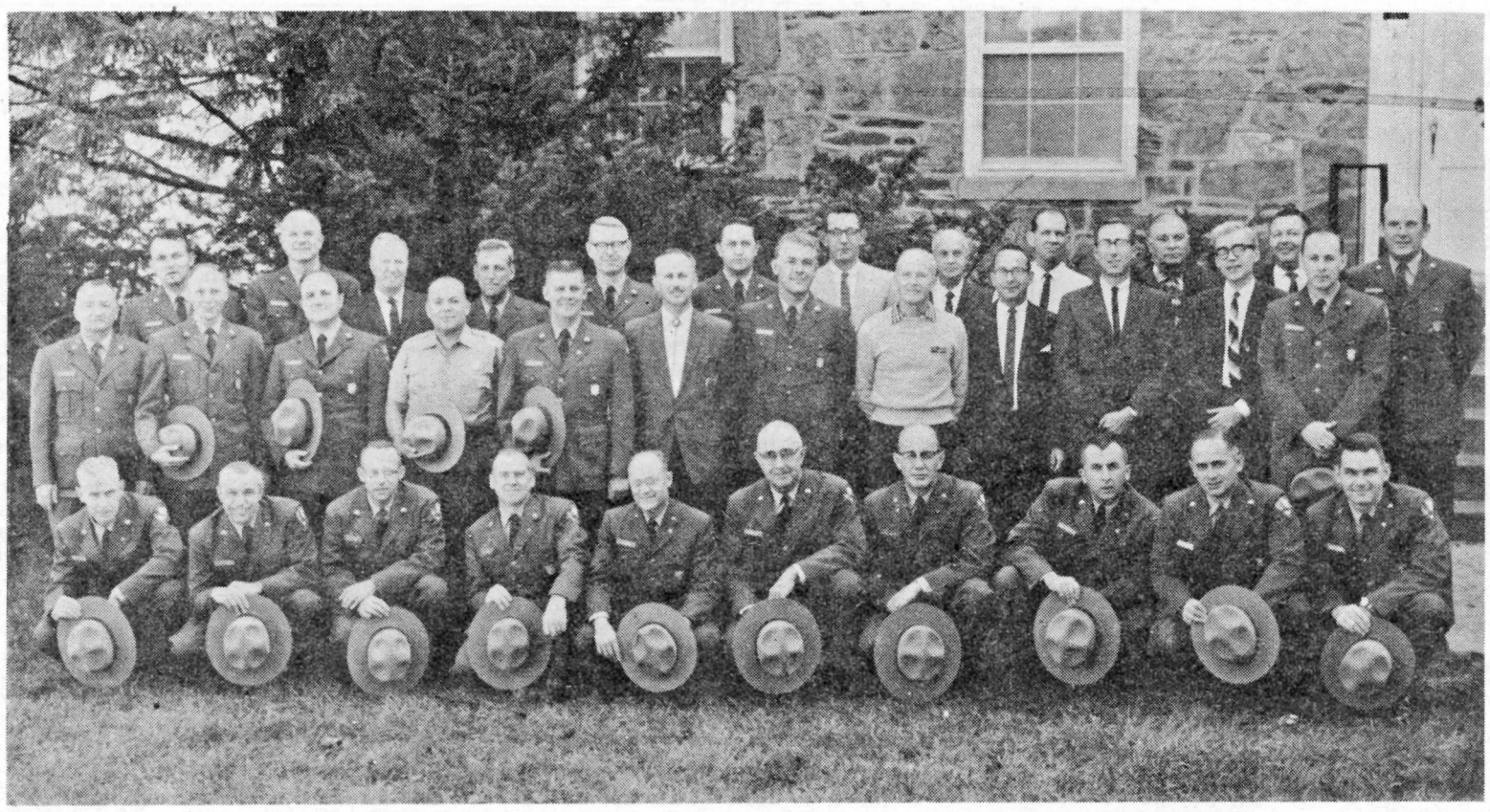
Superintendent Warren D. Hotchkiss accepts Director's Safety Certificate from Guy Cooper, Midwest Regional Safety Chairman for excellent safety performance during the 1964 servicewide safety contest.



Assistant **Regional Director George Baggley presenting the DIRECTOR'S Perfect** Record Safety Certificate to Safety Chairman Marian Terry and Superintendent Daniel J. Tobin, Jr.
PHOTO: DALE THOMPSON



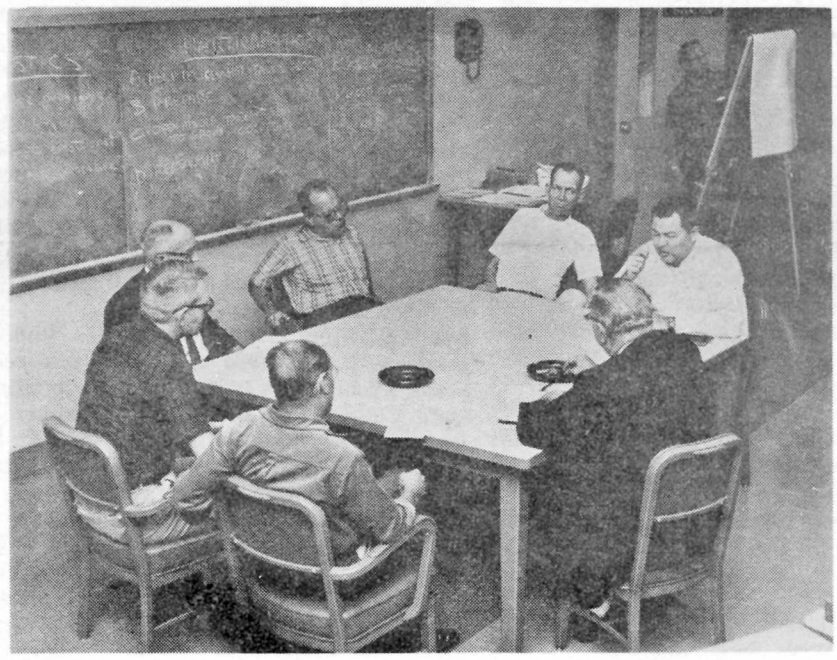
Seasonal **Park Ranger Clarence Gorman visits with a visitor at White House Ruins** while on routine patrol. He recently received an appointment as Laborer Foreman at the Monument.



Front row, L-R – R.N. McIntyre, MTC; D.D. Thompson, MWRO; T.D. Thomas, Albright Training Center; N.G. Guse, Haleakala; Al Manucy, Castillo de San Marcos; G. Olin, Mammoth Cave; J.L. Volz, Crater Lake; J.W. Schaack, Grand Canyon; R.J. Branges, Fire Island; D.C. Ochsner, MTC. Second row, L-R– R. Hart, MTC; R.S. Rayner, Platt; L. Torres, New York City Group; J. Marrero-Nunez, San Juan; C.J. Gebler, Mt. Rainier; A.H. Schroeder, SWRO; E.J. Borgman, Padre Island; P.E. Schulz, SERO; I. Handlin, Communications Consultant; R.S. Price, WML; A.E. Kent, EML; J.E. Wagers, MTC. Third row, L-R – R.W. Russell, Bryce Canyon; D.H. Hubbard, Yosemite; C.J. Holcomb, Virginia Polytechnic Institute; J.T. Mullady, Big Bend; C.H. McCurdy, Petrified Forest; J.F. Turney, Walnut Canyon; B.W. Heacox, Division of Beaches and Parks, State of California; S.W. McClure, NCR; L.J. Mitchell, Sitka and Glacier Bay; R.N. Killen, Division of State Parks, State of Nebraska; J.W. Moore, Bent's Old Fort; L.M. Pierson, Appomattox.



"And the Smoke Goes Up the Chimney Just the Same"–Doug Hubbard leads this old favorite at a party in the dormitory basement.



Trainees act out a round table discussion in the oral communications workshop. L. to R. clockwise are Chuck McCurdy, Stan McClure, Julio Marrero-Nunez, L.J. Mitchell, Jackson Moore, Bob Killen and Al Manucy. In the background, Dr. Handlin maps the flow of conversation. Editors Note: The topic under discussion was whether or not topless bathing suits should be premitted at Nat'l. Seashores.



Carl Degen explains the operation of a television camera to Carl Holcomb of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, one of the trainees in this session from outside the National Park Service.



Photographer Woody Williams emphasizes a point to Dave Thompson and Al Schroeder during a session on interpretation through photography.

SOUTHEAST REGION



Margaret Fowler Sheely



Annie M. Holdren



Neal A. Butterfield



Mildred K. Lawson

Filbert Cox, Regional Director of the National Park Service's Southeast Region, presented 30-year service pins to four employees of the Richmond Office. Making the presentations at a conference-room coffee gathering today, Cox said, "This is the first time four of our employees have reached the 30-year service mark at virtually the same time. That's a total of 120 years of service," he said.

MARGARET FOWLER SHEELY, with her resignation tomorrow, begins a second career--raising a family--being mother of a new baby girl, Sara Anne-Marie. Before starting her career in the Federal Service, Mrs. Sheely studied at Richmond Business College and later at Richmond Professional Institute. She joined the National Park Service in 1949, after holding secretarial and stenographic positions with the Federal Works Administration, the U.S. Departm ent of Commerce, and the Veterans Administration. In 1964 she married Horace J. Sheely, Jr., Survey Historian for the National Historic Landmark Program. Mrs Sheely is (until her resignation tomorrow) Secretary to William O'Neil, Assistant to the Regional Director

NEAL A. BUTTERFIELD, Assistant Regional Director, began his Federal Service with the Department of Agriculture in June 1934, and transferred to National Park Service as Research Assistant in Washington, D.C. early in 1935. Since then he has held responsible Service positions in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Portland, Oregon, as Park Planner and later as Chief of the Columbia River Recreation Survey. He came to Richmond in June 1960 as Regional Chief of Recreation Resources Planning and in 1962 was named Assistant Regional Director for Cooperative Activities. Butterfield received a B.S. degree in Landscape Architecture from Oregon State College and B.L.S. from Massachusetts State College.

ANNIE M. HOLDREN, Personnel Management Specialist, has worked for the Federal Government in Richmond since 1935. After 2 years with the Public Works Administration, she received an appointment as Junior Clerk Stenographer in the National Park Service. During her career in Personnel Administration, Mrs. Holdren has earned several promotions, as well as the National Park Service Meritorious Award for outstanding performance. In 1954 she was named Executive Secretary, Board of U.S. Civil Service Examiners. Mrs. Holdren received a diploma from the National Business College of Roanoke in 1935.

MILDRED K. LAWSON has been Supervisory Accounting Technician for the National Park Service since 1961. After studying liberal arts at Louisburg College, N.C. and secretarial accounting at Norfolk College in Norfolk, Mrs. Lawson went with the NC.C Procurement Office of the National Park Service in 1938. Before coming to Richmond as Supervisory Fiscal Accounting Clerk in 1954, she was Chief Clerk at Fredericksburg National Military Park.

Hunters' Information

Mallards are the most abundant and heavily hunted waterfowl in North America, the National Georgrphic says in its new book, "Water, Prey, and Game Birds of North America." Gunners await the birds in marshes of Manitoba, along the lakeshores of Minnesota, in Illinios cornfields, and Arkansas swamps, among other places.

Dream Interpretations

The Huron and Iroquiois Indians were interpreting dreams as a means of treating illness 300 years before Sigmund Freud. The Indians assumed that dreams were a subconscious expression of desire. Once the wish was fulfilled, the Indians believed, the health of the sick person would be restored.

News From Curecanti Recreation Area

On February 11 of this year, Secretary Udall signed a Memorandum of Agreement between the Bureau of Reclamation and the Service whereby the Service would administer recreation on the Curecanti Unit of the Colorado River Storage Project. As a result of Service involvement in the Curecanti Recreation Area, a decision was made to also administer the Colorado and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monuments from a central headquarters at Montrose, Colorade. On April 19, Superintendent Harry During and Chief, Resources Management and Interpretation, Wayne Cone, reported for duty and opened an office there. The headquarters staff grew with the addition of a Secretary, Mrs. Tempe J. Makris of Montrose on June 1, and Chief of Park Maintenance Cal Keele who reported for duty on August 15, on transfer from Lake Mead. Appointment of an Administrative Officer is expected shortly. Former Chief Park Ranger Paul Ellis (Colorado-Black Canyon) is now the Management Assistant (Colordao), and Jack Fewlass continues as District Park Ranger at Black Canyon. Staffing the Curecanti Recreation Area proper is expected early next year when the first permanent park ranger personnel are scheduled to be assigned there.

Headquarters personnel are scheduled to move into new office space in Montrose around mid-November. This building, presently under construction by GSA, will provide adequate space for the proposed headquarters staff.

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Both Colorado and Black Canyon received Midwest Region Certificates of Commendation for safety records during the 1964 year. Special Assistant to the Regional Director (Safety) Frank Childs presented these awards during his recent visit. At the same time, 19 standard and 15 advanced American Red Cross First Aid Cards were presented to various seasonal and permanent employees. Also on this occasion, Supervisory Park Naturalist Derek Hambly was presented with his ten-year service pin.

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Kathy and Bobby Fewlass now have a baby brother. Steven Thomas was born in the Montrose Hospital on July 16. Jack and Marge are doing well also and are pleased with their new son.

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Paul and Kay Ellis gained a second son when their daughter, Karen, married Mr. Larry D. Keith on October 1. The wedding was at Grand Junction with a reception following at Colorado National Monument. Karen and Larry are living in Grand Junction.

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Stuart During, eldest son of Harry and Marry During, was home for a brief visit during the summer after completing a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps in Nepal. Stuart didn't stay around long, however, before leaving for Laos where he is employed by the State Department and is associated with the AID programs in community development. Of interest with the other During children, Kent is a freshman student at Mesa College, Grand Junction; Mary Lou is a sophomore at Wasatch Academy in Mount Pleasant, Utah.

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Gail Hook, Clerk-Steno (Colorado) resigned in early October. Gail has been a valuable employee for over three years and her general assistance around the office getting out reports and keeping everyone out of trouble will be greatly missed. However, this break from working will give Gail and her husband, Larry, who is an officer with the Grand Junction Police Department, a chance to be together once in awhile.

Health Insurance Versus Medicare

Civil Service Commission has cautioned active Federal employees who may be eligible for Medicare and all retirees under the Civil Service retirement system not to cancel any of their health insurance coverage because of the passage of Medicare.

Such notice was mailed to annuitants with the September 1 checks. The notice points out that the benefits of the Medicare law will not begin until July 1, 1966. The CSC will give retirees 65 years of age or older full information on how Medicare affects civil service annuitants in plenty of time to qualify for benefits if they are eligible. This detailed information will help qualified annuitants to make informed decisions.

BODY FOUND

On September 19, District Ranger Frank discovered a partly decomposed male body in Wood Canyon in Death Valley National Moument. We have just received the results of investigation report made by the Sheriff's Offices of Inyo and Kern Counties and the Inyo County Coroner's Office. The victim, Florentine J. Lucerno, committed suicide, Superintendent Aubuchon reported today.

The body was discovered about 300 feet from his vehicle. The 38 caliber revolver was found beside him, and death had occurred from 7-10 days prior to discovery. Death Valley National Monument Rangers assisted California Highway Patrol Officer Nobbs, Inyo County Deputy Sheriff Randolph and Inyo County Coroner Talmadge in removal of the body.

Abraham Lincoln

The brooding marble statue of Abraham Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial is usually washed when the weather turns suddenly from cold to warm, the National Geographic says. As the stone perspires, grime rises to the surface and must be removed.

Leslie Elmer Reynolds Retires after 41 years

More than 200 well-wishers attended a dinner honoring Leslie Elmer Reynolds of Cave City, maintenance foreman with the National Park Service Mamoth Cave National Park, who retired October 31 after more than 41 years of federal service, spent chiefly at Mammoth Cave. Reynolds began his National Park Service career in 1933 with the Civilian Conservation Corps as foreman of CCC Camp No. 1 at Mammoth Cave, then served as superintendent of CCC Camp No. 2. He was assigned to the position of park maintenance foreman in 1942. His prior federal service was as a substitute rural mail carrier on a Cave City route.

Paul McG. Miller, Superintendent of Mamoth Cave National Park, who also began his National Park Service career in the Civilian Conservation Corps at Mammoth Cave in 1933, was master of ceremonies at the retirement dinner in the Mammoth Cave Hotel on October 29. The dinner was co-sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Park Concessions, Inc. Miller congratulated Reynolds on his enviable record at Mammoth Cave. He read a letter written by Elbert Cox, Regional Director of the National Park Service's Southeast Region, Richmond, Virginia, observing Reynolds' contribution to Mammoth Cave National Park, and then presented him with a bound collection of letters from friends both within and outside the Park Service. Many of Reynolds' long-time friends and associates took turns at the microphone to extend best wishes to the retiree.

A Kentucky Colonel's Commission was presented to Reynolds by David H. Pritchett, Deputy Commissioner of Finance, Frankfort, Kentucky, who also was once a CCC camp superintendent at Mammoth Cave. Other presentations include an engraved watch and two matching lounge chairs, one of which was presented to Mrs. Reynolds.

Among the out-of-town guests attending the dinner were Leslie Elmer Reynolds, Jr., and family from Henderson, Kentucky, George W. Fry, Superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Gatlinburtg, Tennessee, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stamey and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sarver also of the Great Smoky Mountains, Mr. and Mrs. David Pritchett, Frankfort, Kentucky, and Mrs. Nancy Black of Abraham Lincoln National Park, Hodgenville, Kentucky.

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MAGNIFICENT SCENERY - FRIENDLY SERVICE

- MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK, KENTUCKY
  Mammoth Cave Hotel – Lodge – Cottages
  Open All Year
- BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK, TEXAS
  Chisos Mountains Motel & Cottages – Open All Year
- ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK, MICHIGAN
  Rock Harbor Lodge . . . Windigo Inn (June-Sept.)
- OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK, WASHINGTON
  Lake Crescent Lodge – Hurricane Ridge Lodge
- BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, VIRGINIA – NORTH CAROLINA
  Bluffs Lodge & Coffee Shop – Rocky Knob Cabins
  Mabry Mill Coffee Shop – Crabtree Meadows Coffee Shop

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Personnel Promotions

ALVIN L. ALTICE, from Civil Engineer, GS-7, to same GS-9, Blue Ridge Parkway; THOMAS V. ARTHUR, Horticulturist (Management), GS-7, to Supv. Horticulturist, GS-9, National Capital Region.

THOMAS E. BLACKWELL warehouseman, to Clerk, GS-5, National Capital Region; GILBERT E. BLINN, ranger GS-7 Mount Rainier, to Supv. Park Ranger, GS-9, Death Valley; VAN JOSEPH BRADY, Gardner-Landscape, to Foreman I, Gardner-Landscape, National Capital Region.

CHRISTOPHER D. CAMERON, Park Ranger, GS-7, Glen Canyon, to Staff Ranger, Forestry, GS-9, Sequoia-Knigs Canyon; JOHN F. CHAPMEN, Park Ranger, GS-5, to same GS-7, Crater Lake; ARTHUR V. CONOVER, JR., Sergeant, to Lieutenant, U. S. Park Police, National Capital Region; RALPH T. CRUMP, Private Plainclothesman, to Detective, U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region.

VERNON D. DAME, Park Naturalist, GS-9, to same GS-11; JAMES P. DEELY, Private Plainclothesman, to Detective, U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region; JAMES M. DEMPSEY, Staff Park Ranger (Forestry), GS-9, Sequoia-Kings Canyon to Supv. Park Ranger, GS-11, Shenandoah; JANE E. DRESCHLER, Clerk (Steno), GS-3, to same GS-4, National Capital Region.

ANN ELLIS, Clerk Typist, GS-3, to same GS-4, National Capital Region; JOHN M. EWING, Personnel Staffling Specialist, GS-5, to same GS-7, National Capital Region.

LEWIS D. FARR, Asst. Personnel Officer, GS-12, Western Regional Office, to Personnel Staffing Specialist, GS-13, WASO; RAE MARIE FAULEY, Clerk Typist, GS-3, to Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4, Crater Lake; CLAUDE S. FERNANDEZ, Supv. Park Guide, GS-8 to same GS-9, Carlsbad Caverns; NORMAN A. FORE, Mechanic (HD), to Foreman I, Mechanic, Mount-Rainier; EARL E. FRANKLIN, Maintenanceman, Ocmulgee, to Enrollee Work Supervisor, GS-7, Great Smoky Mountains.

WILLIAM W. GASTON, Park Guide, GS-3, to same GS-5, National Capital Region; GEORGIA L. GOLDEN, Clerk Typist, GS-3, to Statistical Clerk, (Typing), GS-4, National Capital Region.

ROGER K. HANEY, Forman II, Gardner-Landscape, to Horticulturist, GS-5, National Capital Region; COY J. HANSEN, Park Ranger, GS-7, Chickamauge-Chattan oga, to Supv. Park Ranger, GS-9, Olympic; NANCY L. HEMENWAY, Secretary (Typing), GS-5, to same GS-6 National Capital Region.

LEONARD D. JACKSON, File Clerk, GS-3, to Stock Control Clerk, GS-4, National Capital Region; ROBERT R. JACOBSEN, Superintendent, GS-11, Lehman Caves, to same, GS-12, Chalmette; GEORGE M. JONES, Private Plainclothesman, to Detective, U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region.

ROLAND R. KEEZAYA, Sergeant Motorcycle Office, to Lieutenant, U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region; JOSEPH G. KIME, File Clerk, GS-3, to same GS-4, National Capital Region; MARIA L. KING, Clerk-Typist, GS-3, to same GS-4, National Camital Region; WILLIAM R. KINSEY, Private Motorcycle Officer, to Sergeant, U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region.

RUTH G. LANCASTER, Mail and File Supervisor, GS-6, to same GS-7, National Capital Region; CECIL D. LEWIS, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-7, Mesa Verde to same GS-9, Rocky Mountain; JOHN D. LINAHAN, Park Ranger, GS-5, to Supv. Park Ranger, GS-7, Olympic.

ROBERT R. MADDEN, Historian, GS-7, to same GS-9, Natchez Trace Parkway; HAROLD R. MUNZ, Private Plainclothesman, to Detective, U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region; ROBERT B. MOORE, from Superintendent, GS-13, Lassen Volcanic, to Asst. Regional Director (Operations), GS-14, Western Regional Office; HUGH R. MULLER, Ch. Park Naturalist, GS-11, Virgin Islands, to Asst. Ch. Park Naturalist, GS-12, Blue Ridge Parkway.

ANNE M. McBRIDE, Secretary GS-5 to same GS-6, National Capital Region; CHARLES H. McCORMICK, Historian, GS-7, to same GS-9, National Camital Region; ROBERT S. McDANIEL, Adm. Asst, GS-7, Kings Mountain, to same GS-9, Rast NCP, National Capital Region; ALAN M. McDONALD, Mechanic (HD), to Foreman II, Shop, Mount Rainier; WILLIAM J. McMULLIN. Supv. Budget Analyst, GS-12, to Asst. Budget Offiver, GS-13, WASO.

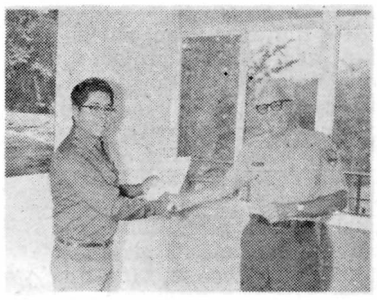
GEORGE R. ROBINSON Park Naturalist, GS-7, to same GS-9, Platt; EDWIN L. ROTHFUSS, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-9, to Ch. Park Raturalist, GS-11, Virgin Islands.

EVELETTA J. SCHOENEMAN, Secretary (Typing), GS-4, to same GS-5, National Capital Region; DENNY R. SORAH. Private Motorcycle Officer, to Sergeant, U.S. Park Police, National Capital Region; CARL R. STODDard, superintendeny, GS-11, Pipestone, to Park Planner, GS-12, Western Regional Office.

GLORIA S. THOMPSON clerk Typist, GS-4, to Clerk (Typing), GS-5, Olympic; JAMES S. THOMSON, Superintendent, GS-9, Gran Quivira, to same GS-11, Fort Clatsop.

RICHARD L. WILBURN, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-8, to same GS-9, Joshua Tree.

Charles E. Castro Saves Giant Sequoia Tree



Charles E. Castro, Foreman II, Forestry, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, is shown (left) receiving from Charles F. Hill, Assistant Superintendent, a Special Act or Service Award and a cash award of $250. The award is in recognition of his efforts during the period June 27-28, 1965, when, through a combination of unusual courage, competence, and ingenuity in an emergency situation on his part, a large sequoia tree was saved from fire and weeks of fire patrol made unnecessary.

The huge sequoia tree measuring 14 feet in diameter at the base and over 200 feet in height was struck by lightning June 23 and efforts for three days to put out the resulting fire were unsuccessful. The fire was in the crown and burned into the tree, making it impossible to get water into it from the ground or from a helicopter. On June 27, Charles Castro made his first ascent, but it was not made from thebottom of the burning sequoia, but it was approached and reached from a Sugarpine tree approximately 65 feet away.

Charlie used a tree safety belt and one inch rope along with climbing spurs until he got to sound green limbs of the Sugarpine. Attached to his belt were two other ropes: a 1/2-inch manilla climbing rope 300 feet long and a 1/2-inch manila lash rope 150 feet in length. Once he was safe on sound limbs, he lowered his climbing belt to the ground and asked for a tree saddle. Then, strapped into the tree saddle, with the climbing rope and lash rope tied to the saddle, Charlie began climbing hand over hand up the tree until he was about 20 feet from the top. At this point he looped his climbing rope around the bowl of the Sugarpine so he could have two lines attached to him. One line was tied to his saddle with a bowline knot leaving a tailing end of about 18 to 20 inches to tie a slip or prusik knot on the climbing rope. His next step was to throw the lash line over the limbs of the sequoia. After three or four tries, the rope looped over some limbs and he worked it down to the ground, deadended one end to his saddle and began to pull himself over to the sequoia tree - a distance of about 65 feet, and all this action about 160 feet above the ground. When Castro reached a large sequoia limb he was able to shinny upward on it to the main bowl and to the burning area of the tree. He was now at the fork of the tree and the hottest part of the tree. Here he tied his climbing rope to a large green limb and prepared to bring the fire hose up the tree. He was now about 190 feet above the ground. To pull up the 1 1/2 inch fire hose, the ground crew had to tie two 150 foot lash lines together. Castro tied the hose lines to some limbs beside him and then applied water directly into the turning cavity.

To pump water to the height necessary, a water sump was made up the hill from the tree. Water was supplied from a small creek below the fire to the sump and another pump at the sump supplied water to the tree with enough pressure to spray the top of the 45 foot stub that was burning above Castro. This part of the sequoia tree was like a chunk of swiss cheese, very hot on the south face and burning around the back side up into large cavities, burning almost completely through. The forked area was burned in a large bowl-like shape. All the water that was applied to the burning the first tow times just cooled it off, but the third and last time Castro climbed the tree there was just a small puff of smoke which was doused with water and this mighty giant sequoia was saved.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

Setting new travel records is getting to be rather monotanous, and at times hard on ranger's nerves. The weekend of October 16-17 was the height of fall color on the Parkway, nice weather, and a great weekend for sightseeing.

Over half the population of the United States live within one day's travel of the Parkway, and it seemed that most of them were trying to get here. Some congested spots had traffic backed up from one to four miles at times, but in spite of this, the rangers did yeoman service in keeping them moving. Pat Morton, Manager of the Peaks of Otter Concession, complimented the boys up there on keeping traffic jams to a minimum. With the help of the recently devised underpass at Mabry Hill, traffic handling there was also improved.

Parkway traffic for the two days totaled 221,876 people, of whcih 165,287 arrived on Sunday alone! The previous record was on October 17-18, 1964, with 199,314 for the weekend. The little Craggy Gardens Visitor Center alone counted over 9,000, with between 18,000 and 20,000 at Mabry Mill.

BIG BEND

About 70 persons were in the tour to the Fort Davis-Big Bend National Park areas on October 28-29, sponsored by the Carlsbad, New Mexico, Chamber of Commerce. The two day schedule for the trip did not permit the members of the group to cover as much of the Park as they, and we, would have liked. However, we understand that several individuals simply stayed on in Big Bend, instead of returning to Carlsbad with the group, and others came back to the Park the following Saturday.

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The field trip to the Park sponsored by the West Geological Society over the week end of October 22-23 was quite successful. Field leaders for the group were Drs. Ross Maxwell (a former Superintendent of Big Bend) and John Dietrich, from the Bureau of Economic Geology of the University of Texas. Also coming from the University of Texas was Dr. John Wilson, professor of Paleontology. About 200 members of the Society were present, and they were joined in the Park by 22 Sul Ross geology students. Various members of the Park staff accompanied the group on parts of the field trip. The Sul Ross students camped in Superintendent Brown's back yard on Friday night, and Perry demonstrated his ability as a chef by serving them supper that evening and a pancake breakfast the following morning.

CAPITOL REEF

Recent changes in personnel have been noted at Capitol Reef National Monument. Long time resident and employee of Capitol Reef, G. Dewey Gifford, retired with 12 years of Government Service, all with the National Park Service at Capitol Reef National Monument. "Dew", as he has been known to his fellow workers, was first hired at Capitol Reef as a seasonal laborer in November of 1945. He worked as laborer, truck driver, and caretaker, until his recent retirement in late October of this year. Mr. Gifford operates the Gifford Motel and has a small farm. His many friends and former fellow employees wish him years of happiness in his retirement which he hopes to fill with fishing and hunting trips with his family and his wife "Nell."

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Peter J. Valora filled the vacant position of Administrative Assistant at Capitol Reef. Born at Laramie, Wyoming, he attended elementary school and high school at Rangely, Colorado. In 1954, he enlised in the U.S. Air Force serving overseas at Sembach, Germany as a Statistical Clerk. He is a graduate of Brigham Young University holding a degree in History and Geography and has served on a Mission in the Northern States for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Pete and his wife ParCiel are anxious to see more of the canyonland country and have already purchased a jeep.

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Filling the new position of Naturalist is Ralph C. Webb. He was born in Rocksprings, Wyoming, and has degrees in biology and geology from Eastern New Mexico State University. He accomplished graduate work in Human Anatomy at the University of Missouri Medical school following a stint in the U.S. Air Force as a statistical clerk. He has also attended New Mexico State, Colorado, and Baylor Universities.

Mr. Webb began his Service with the National Park Service in 1959 as a Park Guide at Carlsbad Caverns National Park. He was transferred from there to Vicksburg National Military Park as a Park Ranger in 1963. He also has served seasonally as a Park Naturalist at Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park. He and his wife Claribell have one child named Kimber. They are fascinated by the "Land of the Sleeping Rainbow."

DEATH VALLEY

Dr. James Deacon, Ecologist from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, Nevada has signed a contract with Death Valley National Monument to conduct a Biologic & Ecologic study at Saratoga Springs according to Superintendent John A. Aubuchon.

This study will be conducted for one year and will include macroclimatological information, plant and animal relationships, and the importance of outside influences on this unique habitat Superintendent Aubuchon asks that visitors use caution when in the area as there may be some danger involved.

Dr. Deacon will plan, supervise and conduct field and laboratory work. Upon completion of the study he will submit a report on his findings to the National Park Service, Death Valley National Monument.

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There were 3000 motorcycles and 4800 persons who participated in the 11th Annual Death Valley Motorcycle Tour October 30-31 in Death Valley National Monument Superintendent John A. Aubuchon reported today.

Three fatalities occurred: John J. Edgemon of Lodi, California; Jack Lillie of Ventura, California, and Lewis Larson of Garden Grove, California.

Eleven accident victims were hospitalized and many required first aid treatment which was administered by three AMA sponsored nurses occupying office space at Park headquarters Injured persons were taken by Bobby Miller's Ambulance Service and by Bob White's Air Service, both of Lone Pine, California.

The California Highway Patrol, Sheriff's Officers and Park Rangers did a n excellent job in handling traffic.

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There were 17,900 visitors in the Valley for the 16th Annual Death Valley '49er Encampment November 11 through 14. There was excellent planning including the Veterans' Day Program at Stove Pipe Wells, campfire programs, fiddlers contest, the photographers;, authors' and artists' breakfast, burro flapjack race, and a symphony concert consisting of "Nature" selections presented by the China Lake Symphone Orchestra.

As usual the Art Show, was one of the main attractions. It is a rare privilege to see this art work of many masters. We were again fortunate. Three paintings were donated to the Death Valley National Monument; "The Little Chruch at Ryan" by Dorothy Miller, "Breakfast Canyon" by Emeline E. Scott, and the outstanding sepia painting "Sleeping Shack" by Paul Weber.

GRAND CANYON



The Division of Interpretation, Grand Canyon National Park, has been awarded the Interior Department's Unit Award for Excellence of Service for the calendar year 1963. On November 15, Superintendent Howard Stricklin presented the unit citation and individual certificates to Dave Beal, Chief Park Naturalist; Norman Messinger, Museum Curator; Louise Hinchliffe, Administrative Assistant; and James Schaack, Assistant Park Naturalist. Individual certificates are being mailed to Edwin Rothfuss, Virgin Islands, and Bruce McHenry, Big Bend, who were with the Division in 1963.

EVERGLADES



President Eleanor Murphy and Treasurer Elsie Kirkland stand by one of several display tables at Glacier National Park Crafts Club bazaar November 4, 1965.

Ralph E. Miele, Ranger and pilot of the Park's aircraft was presented with a Superior Performance Award on Thursday, September 31 by Superintendent Stanley C. Jospeh. Ralph received the award as a result of his safety record in the operation of the Park plane, a Lake amphibian, and his tireless and cheerful devotion to duty as well as the many hours of uncompensated overtime.

Francis A. Nix received his 20 year Service Pin from Superintendent Jospeh on October 6. Nix has been assigned to Everglades for about two years as the Hydraulic Engineer working on the critical water problem. He came to the Service from the Boston office of the Fish and Wildlife Service and previous to that he was an employee of the Corps of Engineers in the Jacksonville Office.

LAVA BEDS

Kathy Kline, daughter of Doyle and Ruth Kline (Chief Ranger) and Tom Yardic, son of "Smokey" and Deanna Yardic (Adm Asst.) were recently discharged from the Medford, Oregon Hospital with a diagnosis of 'Viral Encephalitis'.

The type of encephalitis Tom and Kathy have has not yet been determined as the state lab is set up to identify only sixteen of the more than one-hundred viruses known to cause the disease. Because of this it has not been established which animal could be the disease reservoir or which insect could be the transmitting agent.

Encephalitis is an inflammation of the brain which may be caused by an infective agent or toxic factors. Although viruses are the most important cause and constitute the largest number of cases, the disease can also result due to bacteria, fungi protozoa, richettsiae, vitamin B deficiency and numerous diseases.

Both children have mild cases of the disease and tho' they will be confined to their homes for some time, neither will suffer permanent damage. There is no method of immunization for the disease, and in this case no chance of anyone getting the disease from Tom and Kathy.

With deer n' duck season upon us many monument residents have the fever. Lyman Patrick and fourteen year-old son, Paul, bagged one deer each and numerous fellow sportsmen have deer and duck aplenty in their freezers. Fortunately the monument residents that hunt are of a very generous nature and we non-hunters have been able to enjoy some of that delicious game, too.

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The children of Lava Beds at last have a school bus. The long awaited bus was delivered only last week and is being put to good use. The monument children attend Tulelake schools and must ride more than twenty miles to a school bus stop. The bus seats ten comfortably and will be a "boon" to the kids and to the driver, Velda Patrick. We can safely guess that Velda will be very pleased with this new vehicle as she has transported the seven school children daily (twice daily!) in her personal car.

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On November 6, 1965, most monument residents were fortunate enough to take a guided tour of the Tulelake Wildlife Refuge. An estimated millior and one-half birds were seen that crisp sunny day.

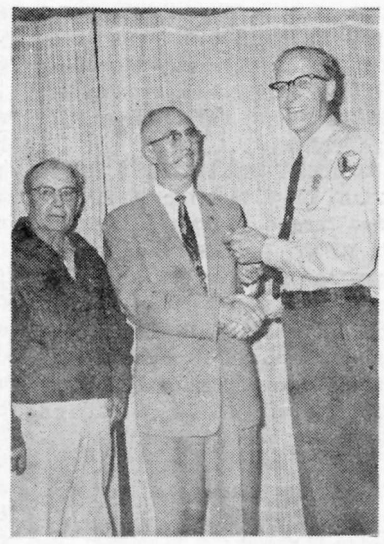
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The recently formed "Lava Beds Bridge Club" will sorely miss three of its most delightful members, Sally Ketchum, Vonda Albertson, and Nancy Salmon. These gals (W.O.D.C. wives have contributed greatly to the Lava Beds scene in recent months. Might add in all fairness that their respective husbands are hardworking, nice guys, and we'll miss'um all!

LASSEN VOLCANIC

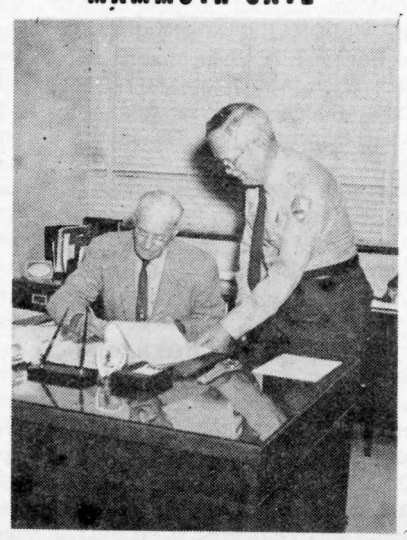


Supt. Bob Moore presents a 20-year service pin to Hip Ely, Procurement and Property Management Assistant.



Supt. Bob Moore presents 30-year service pins to Ed Davies, Administrative Officer, and Bodie Lyon, Road Foreman.

MAMMOTH CAVE



Leslie Elmer Reynolds, designated acting superintendent of Mammoth Cave National Park by Supt. Paul McG. Miller on his last work day before retirement on October 31, sits at the Superintendent's desk and signs the day's outgoing mail. Foreman Reynolds, who has more than 41 years of federal service, began his National Park Service career as a CCC camp superintendent in 1933.

FORT NECESSITY

New Entrance Road, Parking Area, and Utilities project for Fort Necessity National Battlefield has been completed. Projects included construction of 8,300 square yards of bituminous concrete roads, parking area, walks, curbing, etc.; 2,000 square yards bituminous concrete trails; 900 linael feet of 6" water lines; 6,000 gallon septic tank, seepage bed, and 750 linael feet of sewer lines; 500 lineal feet of underground secondary electric line. Contractor was A. C. Moyer, Lemont Furnace, Pa. Total amount of contract was $87,949. Project started also included obliteration of old parking area, portions of old road, walks, and trails.

OCMULGEE



Ocmulgee National Monument Macon, Georgia.

Those who protest the drudgery of mowing their lawns can take some consolation from the fact that they probably don't have any Indian mounds in their yards to complicate the task. For many years the steep sides of the larger mounds at Ocmulgee went unmowed. Recently an effective method of mowing the mounds and steep banks in the park was adopted using two-cycle mowers without handlebars; lowering the mowers down the mound sides with ropes. In order to mow the sides of Great Temple Mound, where the banks are in some places 100 feet high, it is necessary to lower the laborers on ropes down the upper portion of the slope so that they can mow to the toe of the mound.

YOSEMITE

Assistant Park Engineer Les Moe is the latest of the Yosemite employees to announce his retirement on December 30, 1965. Les has served the Government for some 32 years, of which approximately 22 years have been spent in this Park. Other Federal Service included assignments as Park Engineer at Mount Rainier, duty in the Regional Office, and as a commissioned officer in Naval Intelligence. Les and Nell plan to reside in Mariposa after their retirement.

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Doug Hubbard is back from six weeks at Harpers Ferry. He has been away a total of three months since the first of June.

Doug's return, plus the return of interpretive staff vacationers, has the Museum operating at long last with its full winter staff. The Bob Uptons enjoyed their trip to Colorado and Sedona. The Norm Bishops have returned from a vacation trip to Colorado and Kansas where they visited families and friends. The Louis Guys also are back from a 5-week circle tour that included a delightful visit with the Fitzpatricks, who send regards to all their Yosemite friends, at their Deman Island paradise, Lake Louise, Baff, Glacier, Bryce, Salt Lake City, Phoenix (and Sedona!) - and home via Las Vegas, Santa Barbara, and the Monterey Peninsula area.



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