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HARTZOG ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF N.P.S. SAFETY CONTEST

National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., today announced the winners of a Park Service-wide Annual Safety Contest for 1964 in which six regions and 203 individual areas of the 26-million-acre National Park System competed for the lowest and most improved record of accident and fire prevention.

First place winners were San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico (Superintendent Julio Marrero-Nunez); Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, Missouri (Superintendent H. Raymond Gregg); and Hawaii Volcanoes (Superintendent Fred T. Johnson). The Inter-Region Contest was won by the Southwest Region, Santa Fe, New Mexico, (Regional Director Daniel B. Beard).

In addition to the contest winners, 42 acreas of the National Park System had a perfect two-year accident-free record for 1963 and 1964, and 27 areas reported a perfect record for the 1964 contest year.

Congratulating all employees of the contest-winning parks and of parks that attained perfect accident-free records in 1964, Hartzog said: "This contest not only identifies good accident records, it also identifies management capability and good public service."

Hartzog cited accident reduction in the National Park System as an improtant implementation of Mission Safety 70, a phase of President Johnson's "War on Waste."

"A needless accident of fire in a park hurts all of us," the Director said. "It is especially hurtful when a life is snuffed out, a person is maimed for life, or a large loss by fire ruins priceless natural resources. These tragedies can only be prevented by planning, preaching and previewing causes of potential accidents."

Winners of the National Park Service's 1964 Annual Safety Contest follow:

Division 1, Group "A" and "B" Parks: Winner-San Juan National Historic Site (Southeast Region); 2nd Place-Edison National Historic Site (Northeast Region); 3rd Place-Minute Man National Historical Park (Northeast Region).

Division 2, Group "C" Parks: Winner-Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (Midwest Region); 2nd Place-Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park Midwest Region); 3rd Place-Badlands National Monument (Midwest Region).

Division 3, Group "D" and "E" Parks: Winner-Hawaii Volcanoes National Park (Western Region); 2nd Place-Mesa Verde National Park (Southwest Region); 3rd Place-Carlsban Caverns National Park (Southwest Region).

Division 4-Inter-Region: Winner-Southwest Region.

UDALL NAMES WATERSON CONSULTANT TO DIRECTOR

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced appointment of the 15-member Fire Island National Seashore Commission and selection of George Bidderman as Chairman.

The Commission will advise and assist the Department of the Interior in the task of conserving and preserving the Fire Island National Seashore, established in 1964 by the 88th Congress.

Secretary Udall said: "Being close to major population centers, the Fire Island National Seashore inevitably will be subject to unusually intense recreational and commercial pressures. The members of the Commission all of whom worked diligently to create the Seashore, can help reconcile these demands with the task of preserving the unspoiled magnificence of this unusual barrier beach."

Full membership of the Commission follows:

Mrs. Florence B. Baker, Greenlawn; Maurice Barbash, Brightwaters; George Bidderman, Saltaire; Robert H. Brewster, Riverhead; Peter J. Costigan, Setauket; Charles R. Dominy, Bellport; Elvin F. Edwards, Freeport; M. Scudder Griffing, Shelter Island;

Thomas J. Harwood, East Islip; Murray MacElhinny, Remsenburg; Dr. Robert Cushman Murphy, Long Island; Hamilton F. Potter, St. James; Bruno C. Reciputi, Long Island, William B. Sterling, Cutchogue; and Ferris Talmage, East Hampton.

Members of the Commission were nominated by Secretary Udall, Governor Nelson B. Rockefeller, the County of Suffolk, the towns of Babylon, Southhold, Southhampton, East Hampton, Smithtown, Shelter Island, Brookhaven, Islip, and Riverhead. Under the act establishing the Fire Island National Seashore, the towns of Brookhaven and Islip were entitled to nominate two members each to the Commission; all others, one.

ROAD TRESPASS BRINGS FINE

U. S. Commissioner Lewis Bronson imposed a fine on Clark E. Farar of Fairfield, California, for illegal travel beyond the barricades closing Lassen Park Road during current snow removal operations and road repairs.

At a hearing at Lassen Volcanic National Park headquarters, Mineral, on May 30, Commissioner Bronson set Mr. Farar's fine at $40. The violation may carry a fine up to $500 and six month's jail sentence.

Park road crews are working overtime to remove the unusually deep snow and repair storm damage. Snowdrifts and road washouts make the road impossible, and unauthorized vehicles could be involved in very serious accidents, according to Park Superintendent Robert B. Moore. Collision with heavy equipment is also possible as it moves through one-way canyons of snow.

Opening of the Park Road will be announced when it is safe for travel, Superintendent Moore said.

New Geyser in Yellowstone

A new geyser is whistling a cheerful welcome to visitors at Yellowstone National Park.

Basin Geyser, which has erupted on Porcelain Basin Trail spouts mud, water, and steam 20 to 40 feet high every two minutes.

New geysers are rare in Yellowstone, but there are more than 200 veterans that hiss and splash throughout the park's 3,472 square miles. Thousands of hot springs, pools, steam jets, and mud volcanoes also add to the spectacle.

Geysers are among nature's rarest phenomena, the National Geographic Society says. They exist in significant numbers only in Yellowstone, Iceland, and New Zealand. The largest are in Yellowstone.

Geysers form in regions where volcanoes were active in the past. Deeply buried molten rock continues to seethe and send up hot gases -- mostly steam -- along joints or faults in solid rock. Now and then, earthquakes open new escape vents or breach subterranean cavities.

Another basic requirement is an underground vertical tube or chamber that can be filled by seepage from rain and melted snow. Volcanic gases heat the water. It flashes into steam on reaching a critical pressure and temperature, and the mass of steam and hot water roars up through the rock tube at more or less regular intervals.

Contrary to popular belief, no geyser appears at a precisely predictable time. Some erupt at fairly dependable intervals; others vary from minutes to years.

Several geysers in Yellowstone are more faithful than Old Faithful.

The most famous of all geysers is really quite fickle. Named two days after discovery, Old Faithful blows it great plume after 33- to 94-minutes interludes. The average is around 64 minutes, but only half the eruptions occur within five minutes of the average.

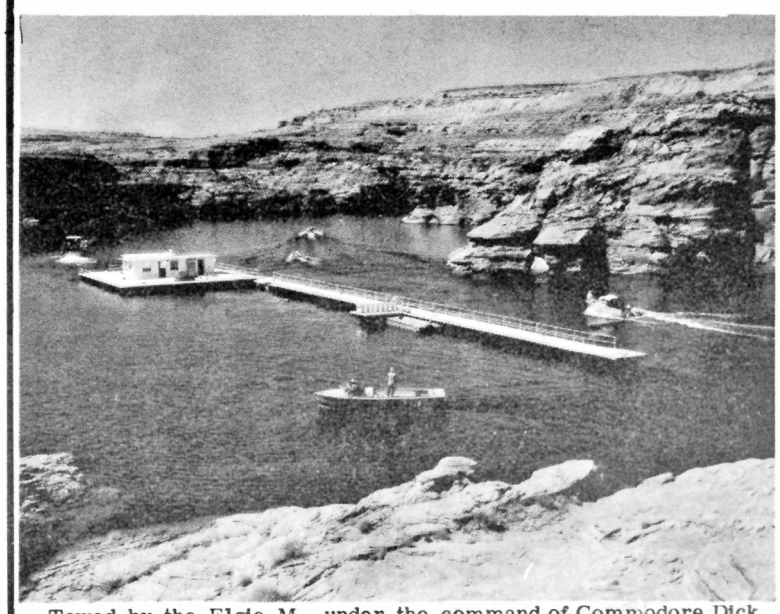
No two geysers look exactly alike. Some are small, muddy caldrons that bubble sulphurous gases. Others remain as serene, blue pools until almost the instant of eruption

Many of Yellowstone's hot pools are in such delicate balance that a slight change in pressure can turn them into roaring geysers. Years ago, a local Chinese laundryman decided to put the hot water to good use. He set up a tent over one hot pool, tossed in soiled clothes, and added soap. Suddenly the whole works blew up -- pool, tent, laundry, and laundryman. "Soaping" is no longer permitted at the pool, known ever since as Chinaman Spring.

Modern scientists, however, are safely tapping the tremendous energy of geysers. In New Zealand and California power plants harness the underground steam from geysers to produce electric power.

Thrifty Icelanders pipe hot water from nearby geysers to heat their homes and offices, year-round outdoor swimming pools, and greenhouses for cultivating bananas, coconuts, and tropical flowers.

P: Facilities Intransit



Towed by the Elsie M., under the command of Commodore Dick Baker, the first of the Rainbow Bridge floating marine leaves Wahweap Basin. Section includes sewer plant, public comfort station, LP gas storage area, and walkway to residential area (not included in this trip). Skipper of the "Tail Wagging" boat is Mirl Penninger.

A strange flotilla of assorted craft slowly wound its way through the confines of Glen Canyon over the smooth, clear waters of Lake Powell. It was part of the Rainbow Bridge floating complex, being towed by the workhorse of the Glen Canyon fleet -- Elsie M. The stern of the 250 foot long floating marina was tenderly guided through the narrow, twisting canyon by the Gray Ghost, latest surplus military craft to be added to the fleet.

NPS maintenance crews left Wahweap early on a Monday morning and it was late Tuesday when they anchored the marina in Aztec Canyon -- sixty miles up Lake Powell. Two more trips must be made to complete the facility. The first trip, though slower than anticipated, came off without a hitch.

When assembled, the marina will serve the Lake Powell approach to Rainbow Bridge National Monument. It will be self-contained, with generators, water filtration plant, and sewage treatment plant. Three houseboats will serve as employee quarters and will be tied in for water, electricity, and sewage disposal. Canyon Tours, Inc., the concessioner, will sell gasoline and supplies to boaters from a specially designed floating service station. Gasoline, in particular, is badly needed at this point, which is about two miles from Rainbow Bridge itself, but sixty miles from the nearest source of supplies.

Visitation to Rainbow Bridge from its discovery in 1909 to 1963 is estimated at 25,304, based on signatures in the registration book kept at the bridge. In 1964, with boat access by way of Lake Powell replacing a tortuous fourteen mile horseback trip, 5,670 visitors registered. By the end of May 1965, 3,146 additional persons had already taken the pains of inscribing their name in the book. At one time, on Memorial Day, 42 boats were anchored in the narrow canyon where the trail to the Bridge starts.

It is no wonder the NPS crews were approached by boaters all along the route, with the question, "Are you going to have gasoline at Rainbow Bridge?" With the ingenuity of WODC engineers and the know-how of our Glen Canyon maintenance crews -- "Yes, we are going to have gasoline at Rainbow Bridge."

Cornelius Heine Appointed N.P.S. Chief of Information

Director of the National Park Service George B. Hartzog, Jr., today announced the appointment of Cornelius W. Heine, former assistant director for interpretation in the National Capital Region, to be Chief of Information for the National Park Service.

Heine, a native of Streator, Illinois, joined the Park Service in 1949 while attending The Catholic University of America, where he received a bachelor of arts degree in 1950 and master of arts degree (Cum Laude) in 1951.

His first assignment was at the Lincoln Museum as assistant interpretive specialist, followed in 1950 by the assignment as interpretive specialist in charge of preparing the School Assembly Program of historical talks. In 1951 he prepared audiovisual programs for various monuments of the Capital Park System.

In 1952, Heine was promoted to Park Historian and wrote "A History of National Capital Parks" and a number of historical publications.

He later developed special interpretive programs for museums of the Capital Parks aimed at making visits of school children more enjoyable and understandable.

Since 1958, Mr. Heine has been responsible for the Capital Region's public information program. He has directed special events in the Washington Park System.

Heine was presented the Gold Medal Award by the Freedom Foundation for a public address on Abraham Lincoln which he wrote and presented in 1963.

Mr. and Mrs. Heine and their six children live at 709 North Belgrade Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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MOUNT Mc KINLEY



Left to Right: Mary Heyne with Spot, Tim Heyne with Tick, Kenny Coe with Silver, Barbara Heyne with Tuff, and Claire Schmid holding Chena. The above children were winners in the puppy-naming contest conducted by Supt. Oscar T. Dick of Mt. McKinley Nat'l Park, Alaska

Scotts Bluff Historian Honored



EARL R. HARRIS

Earl R. Harris, historian at Scotts Bluff National Monument Nebraska, was honored recently by the Nebraska Optometric Association.

Harris received the "Eyes on Nebraska" award given monthly by the association to call attention to outstanding Nebraskans and how their welfare has constributed to the welfare and betterment of the State.

Harris, who earned degrees at Black Hills College and Colorado State College, was cited for his "vital role in welcoming tourists to our state and interpreting the vital role that the Oregon Trail and its landmarks played in the development of the west. His position is not only important to Nebraska, but to the nation as well as his role as a historian and host for a traveling America."

Harris wrote a book several years ago on the Oregon Trail landmarks from Bridgeport to Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

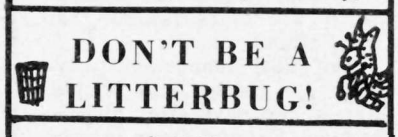
POINT REYES

The appointment of Leslie P. Arnberger for superintendent of Point Reyes National Seashore, was announced recently from Washington by Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., of the National Park Service. Mr. Arnberger replaces Mr. Fred Binneweis, the second superintendent, who was transferred in April to the National Capital Region in Washington, D. C.

Les Arnberger's first permanent job with the National Park Service was as a park ranger in 1948 in New Mexico. His fine qualities were soon recognized and he was called into the Southwest Regional Office at Santa Fe, New Mexico as a park naturalist. There he rose quickly and steadily in rank and responsibility from a GS-7 to a GS-14 -- his last job in that Region as Assistant Regional Director, Cooperative Activities. He left that post to do additional graduate studies at Princeton University as one of the two special designees of the Department of the Interior who are picked each year for the Education Program for Federal Officials at Mid-Career at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University.

Arnberger will put these studies to work as Superintendent at Point Reyes whose development as a National Seashore is of ever growing importance. Indeed, Arnberger is no stranger to seashore development work. He was in charge of the studies of an area on the coast of Texas that has since entered the National Park System as Padre Island National Seashore. His work at Santa Fe has been closely concerned with the development of new areas.

Les Arnberger was born 41 years ago in North Dakota. He received his B.A. from Arizona State and completed studies for his M.S. at Utah State. He is expected to arrive at Point Reyes with his wife Gail, two sons Howard and Robert, and his daughter, early in July.



POETRY CORNER

THE LEGEND OF THE GRAND CANYON

Years ago when earth's gnarled crust
Could pile memories not high,
A battle shaped on still hot dust
Between the chiefs of Earth and Sky.

Each, spawned by thoughts eternal from
The Motivator in the void,
Felt his lot was the lesser sum;
All must be His or all destroyed.

Earth's champion as tall as tree
Donned armor bright with precious stones.
His helm in proof of majesty
Bore Titans regal on their thrones.

The Sky chief glittered from the stars
That danced about his shapeless form.
A gossamer, amorphous Mars,
Whose hands flung night and fearsome storm.

A bolt of lightning cleft the air;
It staggered Earth and bent His Shield.
A massive meteor's bright glare,
Then impact great, again Earth reeled

Though sorely wounded, Earth's strong hands
Fashioned a tomahawk from stone.
As earthquake rocked the pliant lands,
Magma welled from the unknown.

The weapon missed its mighty foe
And gashed Earth's own domain instead.
The world became a lush rainbow,
As earth in flaming colors bled.

Now Earth and Sky were so impressed
At beauty gaping stark and raw,
Each One the other's wrong's redressed;
The Grand Canyon bloomed without flaw.

by Stanley B. Demes

BLUE RIDGE

The final link of the Parkway in Virginia, around the city of Roanoke, will be opened for travel in a few days, allowing visitors to travel from Rockfish Gap through Price Park, a distance of almost 300 miles, without a break. With the recent opening of the section south of the French Broad River near Asheville, we now have only 17 1/2 miles of Parkway yet unopened, of which 11 miles are now under construction contract.

Lewis McNeace, Seasonal Ranger at the Information booth near Rt. 220, had an unannounced visitor the other day. Since both doors of the booth are kept open, a friendly squirrel hopped into the booth, sat down, and stared at Lewis for several minutes, then hopped on out the other side and continued his journey. A few days later a wandering hunting dog walked into the booth, rested a few minutes in the shade, then continued his way. Lewis says that when he sees a stripped kitty coming along, though, he's going to go for a walk himself!

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GRAND CANYON

This retirement bug seems to be catching. Administrative Officer Manley Allen retired effective July 3 after more than 35 years of Federal Service. A potluck farewell dinner was held at the Legion Hut June 18 to honor the Allens and speed them on their way "south." Manley has accepted a position with the Southwest Monuments Association as Business Manager and Treasurer. Their address will be P. O. Box 2746, Globe, Arizona.

CANYONLANDS

C. Gregory Crampton, author of "Standing Up Country" was in the Moab area for a short visit in May. A steak fry was held on the banks of the Colorado River for everyone to get acquainted with Mr. Crampton.

Parker Hamilton, Museum of Northern Arizona, photographer, has also been visiting the Moab area. He took the majority of photos in Mr. Crampton's book.

George Miller and his wife from Santa Fe visited the Canyonlands Complex during May.

Marge and Ed Rothfuss are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Peter Rothfuss was born May 23 in Moab. He is now the Junior District Ranger for the Island in the Sky District, Canyonlands National Park. Ed Rothfuss keeps mumbling some thing about hospital floors being hard. Can't imagine how he knows unless he met with one.

Arches National Monument's newest staff member is Don Follows, GS-5 Park Ranger. He came to us via the Horace M. Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon. Don and Vergene arrived in Arches on June 6. We are glad to have them both as a part of our Complex Complex.

Dennis Carter is running from bush to tree with his binoculars. He is in the process of compiling a bird list for Arches.

Charley Wyatt was married in May. Charley and Kay are residing at Cave Spring, Needles District, Canyonlands. Welcome to the Park Service family, Kay.

Wayne Randall, nine-year-old son of Jim and Ruth Randall, won a trophy belt buckle by riding a calf at the Little Buckaroo Rodeo in Moab. When asked what his secret was for staying on the full eight seconds Wayne said, "I was afraid to turn loose."

Robin Randall, Steve Rose, Paul Shoemaker and Eddie Ferris tried riding bucking Shetland ponies, riding calves or roping a calf from a Shetland. Better luck next year, fellows. You'll be one year older, and a few bruises wiser.

Canyonlands National Park employees have been waiting patiently and impatiently for their vehicles to arrive since November, 1964. They finally arrived on the night of June 7. It was like Christmas in June.

On June 5 & 6 589 boats were registered on the annual Friendship Cruise. The Friendship Cruise goes down the Green River from Green River, Utah, to the confluence of the Green & Colorado Rivers, then up the Colorado River to Moab, Utah. Nine states were represented by the 2,028 people that took the cruise. There were, 4,056 camper use nights recorded.

Art Allen, Eldon Reyer, and I&P secretary Sandy Holloway were invited guests of local residents for the Friendship Cruise.

Hawaii Volcanoes

Hawaii Volcanoes was a busy park in June with the dedication of the Kalapana-Chain of Craters Road on the 19th, the retirement of Superintendent Fred T. Johnston, and the Guam Task Force Group passing through the park. Many Service officials came to the park to be at the dedication. Associate Director A. Clark Stratton was the principal speaker, representing Secretary Udall. The long-waited-for dedication ceremony climaxed 27 years of planning (since the 1938 Kalapana Extension Act) and 3 years of high standard construction. It was heavily attended by dignitaries -- Federal, State and local -- and by a host of Big Islanders anxious to join the first caravan from Kalapana directo to the Chain of Craters. The 400 car caravan, of 2,000 persons, traveled the two-lane highway from the Wahaula Heiau parking area dedication site and winding up the $2 million, 19-mile drive to the beginning of the Chain of Craters road at Makaopuhi Crater.

Other National Park Service officials at the dedication were Regional Director Ed Hummel, Special Assistant of the Regional Director John Wosky, and WODC Project Supervisor Tom Vint (former Assistant Director) who represented WODC. Tom Vint was making his last tour of duty with the Service. He said at the dedication: "I've had a hand in constructing many developments in parks but this was the first dedication of a facility I have attended!" Well, Tom, you finally made one after 43 years.

On the 17th, a brief retirement ceremony was held at park headquarters for Superintendent Fred T. Johnston who was retiring from the Service after 37 years of tours at Yellowstone, the Washington Office, Richmond, Crater Lake, Lassen Volcanic San Francisco, and Hawaii Volcanoes. Associate Director Stratton spoke at the ceremony saying: "I can with all honesty say that he is one of the most knowledgeable men in the parks today, not only in the United States but in the whole world." The Johnstons are moving to Honolulu where he will become Director of Parks and Recreation for the City and County of Honolulu. He will be succeeded at Hawaii Volcanoes by Glen T. Bean, Assistant Regional Director, Cooperative Service, Midwest Region.

Glenn Hendrix of WODC (Chief of party); Regional Director Hummel, Western Region; and Chief Park Naturalist Hubbard, Yosemite, of the team in Guam the latter part of June to study the possibilities of park areas in the U.S. Territory, stopped in at Hawaii Volcanoes enroute back to the mainland. Doug Hubbard was formerly at Hawaii Volcanoes so it was "old home week" for Doug meeting many friends and acquaintances.

Park wives Sis Henneberger and Mickey Hamilton have been gathering petroglyph rubbings from many of the petroglyph fields throughout the island for sale at the new Rockefeller Mauna Kea Beach Hotel on the island which opened early July. Mrs. Leslie Moore, wife of Manager Leslie Moore (formerly Manager of Caneel Bay Plantation, Virgin Islands) has asked island residents to develop local handicraft and art work for sale at the hotel gift shop. Sis and Mickey have obtained many different types of rubbings on rice paper, burlap, and muslin. They recently displayed a large selection of their work at a 2-week showing at the Hilo Library.

A park picnic was held for the William Rabenstein's who arrived from Gettysburg National Military Park and National Cemetery in May. Bill Rabenstein is the park's newest naturalist.

An Aloha Party for the Ray Geerdes' was held at the Volcano House in July to send them off to their new assignment at Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park where Ray will be Park Historian.

GLACIER

A party potluck dinner was held in Glacier's Conference Training Hall to wish Cora Paris Hutchings all good wishes in her retirement from the Service. Following presentation of the Departmental medallion and miniature medallion pin and the Commendable Service Award by Superintendent Neilson, the gifts were given Mrs. Hutchings by the MC of the evening, Gerald R. Underwood. The Committee had selected a guest book -- which had previously been circulated -- to match the fine book of letters from Service friends; a 2-thermos bottle travel case; and cash for a rocker which was presented as a bag of money tied to the back of a doll's rocking chair so Mrs. Hutchings might select just the type she wished. Her response to these gifts and for the wonderful evening of so many old friends gathered together in her honor was a grateful "thanks" and sincere invitation to all, far and wide, to visit her in her home at West Glacier. As she has been one of the Glacier Park family for so many years, she will continue in her interest and activity.

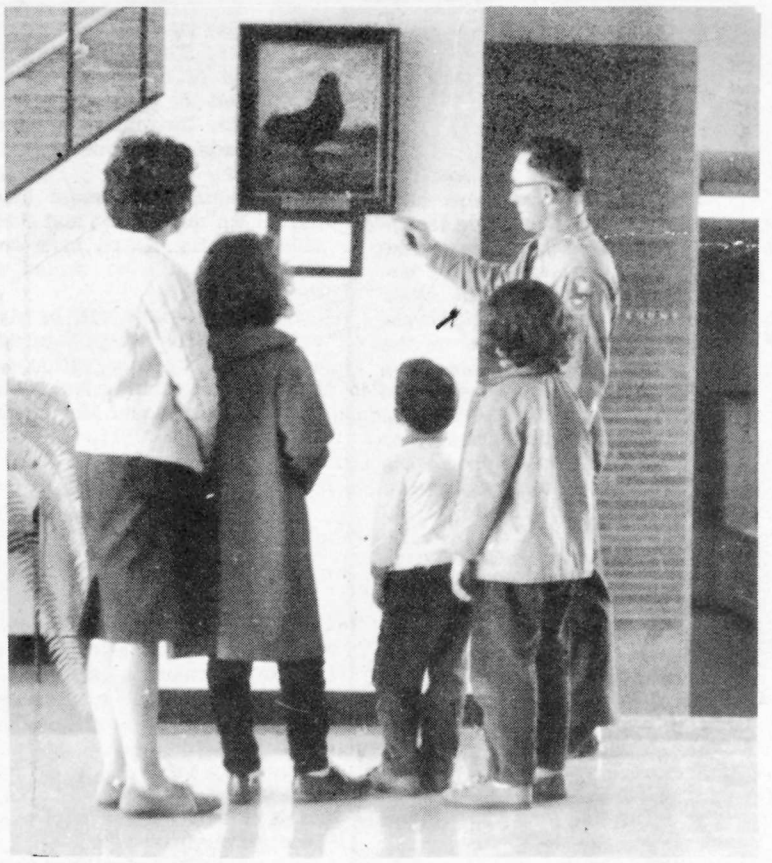
An unusual style show of attire suitable for her activities after retirement was presented by Messrs Dave Cannavina, Chuck Budge, Bob Sellers, Keith Fellbaum, Percy Gregg, Bob Kirkland and Bill Yenne with Eula Rupp playing appropriate music for their parade across the red carpet runway. Assistant Superintendent Jack Dodd was responsible for the presentation of "CORA HUTCHINGS THIS IS YOUR LIFE" made up of slides and pictures from the Park files and drawings and paintings by Jack Dodd where pictures were unavailable. His narration covered Cora's life from infancy, her early school and teaching, and her life in the Park with her husband, later as an employee of the Service herself.

It was a grand "send off" and one to cherish in memory.

FORT DONELSON

For his suggestion and corrective action to improve the operation of our audiovisual equipment Janitor James T. Jackson was the recipient of a Southeast Region Incentive Award of $40.00. Mr. Jackson found and installed certain switches to eliminate the cutting off of the equipment in the middle of our 15-minute program.

Kristy and Alec Gould (Park Historian) now have an Easter Bunny. Amy Carpenter Gould was born on April 18, Easter Day.



PORTRAIT OF REBEL ROOSTER AT FORT DONELSON. Park Guide Adams tells visitors the story of rooster Jake Donelson who served as mascot to the 3rd Tennessee Infantry during the battle of Fort Donelson, survived the rigors of a northern prison camp and lived to be buried with military honors in Cornersville, Tennessee. Jake's oil portrait, privately owned, was on special display in the Visitor Center for the 103rd anniversary of the battle of Fort Donelson and the last three months of the Civil War Centennial.

Interpretive personnel at Ft. Donelson are making increasing use of the museum as an aid to answer visitors' questions. The relics, pictures and maps illustrate facts and points of interest. Of particular interest to most visitors is the "exposed" exhibit of the side of an ironclad gunboat with mock cannon balls appearing to be glancing off the side -- another example of the popular "touch and feel" exhibits.

HORSESHOE BEND



Front, Left to Right: Clarence L. Johnson; E. J. Pratt and Mrs. E. J. (Francis) Pratt, seated. Rear, Left to Right: Mrs. Clarence L. (Clydamae) Johnson; Billie S. Templeton; Bennie V. Moran; Evelyn F. Sims; Coleman P. Motley; Harry B. Craddock and Mrs. Billie S. (Thelma) Templeton.

In a special ceremony held at Horseshoe Bend National Military Park on April 30, 1965, retired Superintendent Clarence L. Johnson received the National Park Service Commendable Service Award, authorized by National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., in recognition of twenty-eight years of loyal and devoted service with the U. S. Department of the Interior. In making the presentation Superintendent E. J. Pratt pointed out the difficult and sometimes unrewarding work involved in activating a new Park and accomplishing the early planning that is only now coming to fruition. Mr. Johnson was the first Superintendent at Horseshoe Bend, and served in that position from August 26, 1959 until he retired on September 30, 1964.

Mr. Johnson entered the Federal Government in December 1933 with the Civil Works Administration. He joined the National Park Service on June 5, 1935, as a historian in the Branch of Historic Sites and Buildings with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. During 1937-40 he was employed with the Civilian Conservation Corps. In April, 1942 he was transferred to Petersburg National Military Park as a junior historian technician. Two years later he transferred and was promoted to custodian at Chalmette National Historic Park, and in December, 1948, was named Superintendent. The following year he became the first Historian of the newly established San Juan National Site, at San Juan, Puerto Rico. After a two year tour of duty at San Juan he transferred to Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, at St. Louis, Missouri, as a historian. He served in that capacity until his appointment as Superintendent at Horseshoe Bend National Military Park.

A native of Wheeler, Mississippi, Mr. Johnson received his B. S. degree from State Teachers College, Livingston, Alabama, and the M. A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson presently reside at their beautiful home on Lake Martin near Dadeville, Alabama.

CAPE HATTERAS

The employees of Cape Hatteras National Seashore have long felt that they have troubles enough without some of the problems that afflict the unfortunates working in other parks. In spite of the prevalence of the creatures on the mainland nearby, they certainly never dreamt that they would have a bear problem. And so they did not know whether to be astounded or amused when unmistakeable bear signs were found near the Bodie Island incinerator.

Apparently one of the creatures made his way across Pamlico Sound by way of the many sandbars and shoals. Anyway, it is here. Always trying to look on the bright side of things, Bodie Island rangers had hoped that the bear's presence would frighten away the berry-pickers who must be permitted because of long-standing local custom. Unfortunately, Outer Bankers do not scare that easily.

The animal is trying to help the National Park Service by sorting the garbage near the incinerator. Maintenance Supervisor Dennis McGinnis reports that the results show that this bear needs some on-the-job training. The men at Cape Hatteras will appreciate advice from their bretheren in other parks on how to give this training.



LEHMAN CAVES

Adventure and exploration in the underground!

Starting July 6 at Lehman Caves National Monument specialized cave exploration tours will be offered. Called "Spelunker" tours, these three hour trips will offer an unique experience to those interested in learning more about caves and the science and sport of caving (spelunking). In addition, the spelunkers will see seldom visited off-trail portions of the famed Lehman Caves.

Emphasis during these cave crawling adventures will be three-fold: safety, cave conservation and cave exploration. Participants will be briefed on caving equipment and safe techniques before entering the cave.

Spelunker tours will be limited to persons aged 14 years and older. Those aged 14 to 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. The charge for the tour is 50 cents per person for those aged 16 and older.

All participants must have hard hats, flashlights and suitable clothing. Hard hats and flashlights may be rented at the caves.

Spelunker tours will be given twice daily except Saturday and Sunday by reservation only. Write: Superintendent, Lehman Caves National Monument, Baker, Nevada 89311.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION

To give some of the Washington Office and National Capital Region secretarial, clerical, and technical employees a chance to meet some of the Field Department on their own ground and see a little of the end product of their efforts, a new orientation program was launched this past year.

Four one-day orientation bus trips were scheduled by the Division of Personnel Management and Manpower Development to the following areas:

Gettysvurg NMP, lead by William C. Everhart, Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services;

Mather Training Center and Harper's Ferry NHP;

Shenandoah NP, lead by C. Kenny Dale, Staff Naturalist (Landmarks); and on April 27, the group pictured above toured Hampton NHS and Fort McHenry NM & HS, lead by John O. Littleton, Chief, National Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings.

The National Capital Region also has sponsored two tours within the Metropolitan areas.

The Superintendents and their staffs at the respective areas have done an excellent job of telling and showing the group what it takes to operate and maintain each area. Observation of the discussions between these "official tourists" and their opposite numbers in the areas proves that Washington people are interested in what goes on in the parks and the Field people take pride in showing off their area. Due to the enthusiasm with which these tours have been accepted, others will be scheduled in the next fiscal year.

OLYMPIC

Bidding farewell to Beverly Sullivan (District Ranger Theodore W. Sullivan, Kalaloch) about 25 Park Women gathered at a luncheon on the sun porch of Lake Crescent Lodge on Wednesday, June 9. The Sullivan family will soon be departing for their new station as Chief Ranger, Glacier Bay National Monument, Alaska.

The John D. Linahan family (Dolores and sons John Lee and Michael Houston) are a new Park Ranger family stationed at Kalaloch in the Pacific Coast Area of Olympic. They come to us by way of Carlsbad Caverns and more recently the Grand Canyon Training Center.



Horace M. Albright Training Center

The spring sessions of the Horace M. Albright Training Center saw 75 men complete the basic course, "Inotroduction to Park Operations." Dual sessions were held, with the "intake" trainees in one classroom and the "backlog" men in another. At the close of the program the new men received their first permanent assignments in parks from the Blue Ridge to Olympic. Highlights of the program included a stirring talk by Hillory Tolson on working for the National Park Service. Also, particularly memorable were discussions on wilderness management by Lou Hallock, Superintendent of Bryce Canyon, and the role of history in the National Parks by John Kessell, Historian at Tumacacori.

Several changes in the Training Center staff have occurred during the last few months. Training Assistant Jack Morehead transferred to Grand Teton as district ranger. Jack was replaced by Donald Jackson, district ranger and management assistant at Glen Canyon. Don also has served at Coronado. He, his wife Paula, and children Lee Ann, Bill, and Jim arrived in February.

Mrs. Esy Fields has joined the staff to lend a helping hand in the stenographic field. Esy's husband, Jack, is a park ranger at Grand Canyon and is majoring in park administration at Arizona State College in Flagstaff. Another new member is Tom D. Thomas, Instructor. Tom, his wife Helen, and sons Gregory and Larry most recently hailed from Tosemite, where Tom was a district naturalist. He has also served at Shenandoah and in the National Capital Parks.

The oldtimers of the staff, Kowski, Chapman, Karraker, Eckhardt, and Mrs. Sydney Ruesch, bid the newcomers a fond welcome!

SEQUOIA & KINGS CANYON



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Park Ranger Dockery is a school teacher from Memphis, Tennessee, and is now in his third summer as a seasonal Park Ranger at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks.

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Local 615, N.F.F.E., Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks will be headed by Robert L. Davis, Foreman III Trails, who has been elected President of the group. Working with Bob will be Delmar D. Scharn, Property & Supply Supervisor, Vice President, and William N. Matteson, Engineer.

Good accomplishments have been made by Local 615 during the last year: Five playground sets were purchased and installed in the residential areas of both Parks, and a sprinkler was provided for the play area at the Buckeye residential area. The Local provides paper cups and napkins that are used at all farewell coffees and retirement parties. NPS tie tacks are given to retiring or transferring members. Generous contributions were made to the Heart Fund, the March of Dimes, Boy Scouts, and to the Sequoia and Kings Canyon children's Christmas party.

The Local 615 operates the soft drink dispenser in the administration area the year around is a continuing project of Local 615 and is the method the group raises funds to carry out projects.

ZION

Zion no longer has a Field Fiscal Office; the Regional Office will handle most of the accounting, etc. for Zion, Cedar Breaks, and Pipe Spring. What with the exodus of Jim Mardis and Andy James to Region, the migration of Frank Langan to the storeroom, the emigration of everyone else in the Visitor Center, it amounted to a few days of fizrens, tranqualizers, and good 'ole granddad. If you wanted to see the Administrative Officer, you looked in the personnel office; the procurement clerk was in the WODC office; the personnel assistant was in the administrative officer's office; and the naturalists were swapping with the engineers who were moving into the fiscal office. The conference room in now the WODC office, and the tables from the conference room were moved into the library; the audio-visual equipment that was in the library is in the naturalist's work room and the study cabinets and bottles of snakes, etc. are in the engineer's office. Everyone involved is finally beginning to find his own office and, except for a few credenzas and typing tables that got shook-up in the shake-up, the procurement clerk is preparing slide programs, the administrative officer is trianglizing the conference room, the naturalists are preparing PO's for the personnel assistant, and the engineers are interviewing prospective employees. The rangers, who got left out of the shuffle by the way, are standing guard over three credenzas and a new desk.

A 30-minute movie, contracted by the Zion Natural History Association, is being made by Clyde and Lois Harden, free-lance photographers. The film will stress the wilderness values and wildlife of Zion Park. Hardens have shot thousands of feet of film in Death Valley, Grand Canyon, Joshua Tree, Lassen Volcanic, and Yosemite and have only recently completed a movie of the Kaibab Squirrel. They, also, successfully spearheaded the drive against the hunting of the beautiful tassel-eared tree squirrel in Arizona. Clyde and Lois love to talk photography and wildlife, and have the special knack to be able to attract wild animals right under their noses.

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