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FREDERICKSURG-SPOTTSYLVANIA CIVIL WAR NAVAL RECORDS GO TO NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Department of the Interior has announced that a collection of valuable documents accumulated by Thomas R. Ware, Confederate Navy Paymaster at Mobile, Alabama, during the Civil War, has been transferred from Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park, Virginia, to the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

The collection, containing about 4,000 items, includes correspondence and contracts involved in the building of ironclad vessels; records of expenditures and contracts for repairing and outfitting the FLORDIA, the South's first foreign built commerce raider; correspondence and financial records of Charles J. Helm, Confederate States agent at Havana, Cuba, concerning stores shipped to Mobile throught the blockade during 1863 and 1864; and records concerning Confederate marines stationed at Mobile.

National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., said the collection, which also contains items relating to Ware's service as a United States Navy paymaster before the Civil War, was donated to the National Military Park by the National Bank of Fredericksburg after being discovered in the bank's attic in 1939. Transfer of the collection to the National Archives was suggested by National Archives officials when they learned that the documents complement other records of Ware already their holdings, including copies of letters sent by him from the Confederate Naval Station at Mobile.

Hartzog readily approved the transfer, stating that the records have no bearing on the work of the National Military Park.

Dr. Wayne C. Grover, Archivist of the United States, termed the Ware material a valuable addition to the Confederate Naval records now in the National Archives.

James B. Myers Appointed to Post in Assistant Secretary's Office

Dr. Stanley A. Cain, Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife and Parks, recently announced the appointment of James B. Myers as a staff assistant in his office.

Myers has been Assistant Regional Director for Administration in the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service in San Francisco since May 1964.

He was born in Mount Sidney, Virginia in 1911, received his bachelor's degree from Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia, in 1933, and followed this with graduate study at the University of Virginia. For three years he taught school in Virginia and spent the summers of those years working for a recreation demonstration project in Luray and Richmond, Virginia, under the National Park Service.

In 1937, Myers became a permanent employee of the National Park Service's Regional Office in Richmond. In September 1942, he was ordered to active duty with the U.S. Navy as an ensign, served in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and was released in January 1946 as a lieutenant.

Immediately he returned to his former post with the National Park Service in Richmond. The following year he was transferred to Manassas National Battlefield Park, Virginia, as custodian, and was made superintendent in 1948. He served in the same capacity at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites, New York, and at Gettysburg National Military Park, Pennsylvania. In March 1963 he was made superintendent of the three combined areas of Cape Hatteras National Seashore, Fort Raleigh National Historic Site and Wright Brothers National Memorial, all in North Carolina. The following year he was promoted to the post in San Francisco.

George Washington Memorial Parkway to be Widened along Virginia Shore

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has approved a National Park Service proposal to widen the George Washington Memorial Parkway in Virginia from Spout Run to the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge by the addition of a third lane.

Drawings are being prepared for the construction of a third lane to widen both the inbound and the outbound park roadways and for the reconstruction of the ramp to Key Bridge and Rosslyn. It is expected that construction of the third lane will begin early next spring and will be completed within the year.

In order to rush this project in the interest of the public, temporary inconvenience will be caused by survey work which will begin shortly. Starting just north of the Theodore Roosevelt Island Bridge, one lane will be closed for approximately 1,000 feet while topographic surveys are made. Warning signs, flagmen, and cones will assist the United States Park Police in channelling the traffic to avoid accidents and delay on the Parkway.

The addition of the third lanes to the George Washington Memorial Parkway is estimated to cost about $725,000. The new lanes will greatly aid the flow of commuter traffic.

The Department obtained approval of Congressional committees for the use of parkway construction funds held in budget reserve to finance this work.

TLINGIT- AHNA-HIT DEDICATED, SITKA'S NEW VISITOR CENTER

Sitka has a new clan house. Tlingit-Ahna-Hit (House of the People of the World) was the official name given the National Park Service Visitor Center by the local Indians at a formal dedication ceremony held August 14, at Sitka National Monument.

This area has been a public park since 1890, and the new clan house, commonly known already as "the Sitka Visitor Center" is the product of much effort by many people over a period of some twenty years.

Even before World War II, there was hope of constructing an interpretive building at the entrance to Sitka National Monument to greet visitors and better help them to appreciate the importance of the Kiksadi fort site and the Battle of Alaska, as well as the significance of the totem pole collection. The war brought about a construction program but instead of a building at the entrance, it was for gun implacements along the beach to help fortify Sitka against enemy invasion.

Time passed, that war was over, and the trend of the nation was toward travel. Came the hikers, the campers, and the trailers, visiting parks all over the country, and in 1956 came a ten year construction program by the National Park Service to serve these visitors. Tlingit-Ahna-Hit is a part of that Mission '66 program.

The entire project includes relocating five totem poles on an elevation overlooking the new building, a number of trail side exhibits, an audio station at the fort site and construction of a picnic area across Indian River on the east side of the park. All this is in addition to the Visitor Center which houses the offices for the local park service staff, the library, an exhibit room and an audio visual room as well as the craft shops and offices of the Indian Arts & Crafts Board.



Sitka Visitor Center

Through its varied activities, the Indian Arts & Crafts Board of the United States Department of the Interior promotes the artistic and cultural achievement of Indian and Eskimo artists and craftsmen to create a demand and interest in the production of authentic products. They endeavor to stimulate the interest necessary to broaden markets and production which results in direct economic benefit to the craftsman by providing supplemental income. Skilled native arts of Indian, Eskimo or Aleut heritage work in these shops to produce authentic examples of their native arts.

Sitka National Monument was originally established to perpetuate the culture and history of the Alaska Indian, preserve

New Short Course in Park Administration During May 1966

The University of Michigan and the Department of the Interior's National Park Service have announced plans for the second Short Course in Administration of National Parks and Equivalent Reserves, to be held at the University and in selected field areas May 9-27, 1966. The course is designed primarily for park officials of other nations.

The first Short Course, held May 10-29, 1965, attracted 23 representatives from 16 nations. Other organizations cooperating in conducting the course were the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources; and the Organization of American States.

The University and the National Park Service said that announcement of the new Short Course is being made early so that representatives from other countries will have time to arrange for their participation.

Information about the course may be obtained by writing the Chief, Division of International Affairs, National Park Service, Washington, D.C. 20240, telephone (Area Code 202) 343-5666.

Florida Coral Reefs Report Distributed for Study by NPS

The release of a preliminary report on the Florida Coral Reefs has been announced by the Department of the Interior. The report is based on studies prepared by the National Park Service and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, assisted by the Fish and Wildlife Service, in response to interest expressed by the Dade County (Florida) Commissioners and conservation groups concerning the natural resources of the area and its preservation and development for public use.

The Department said that the report is being distributed by the National Park Service now to solicit the comments and suggestions of interested individuals and groups. As additional information is received and evaluated it will be used by the Park Service and Bureau of Outdoor Recreation to complete a final study and present it to the Secretary of the Interior.

The study area is located south of Miami, including a portion of the upper Florida Keys and adjoining waters of the Atlantic Ocean and Biscayne Bay -- an area notable for outdoor recreation.

The report covers the resources, climate, ecology, and man's relation to the coral reefs. It also considers the effect of industrial development of the area, and the needs for preservation.

In the foreword, George B. Hartzog, Jr., Director of the National Park Service, and Edward C. Crafts, Director of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, request that comments and suggestions on the report be sent to the Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, P. O. Box 10008, Richmond, Virginia, 23240, no later than August 15, 1965. Copies of the report are available at the same address.

Bill To Establish Memorial to Roger Williams Endorsed

Enactment of legislation to authorize the establishment of a national memorial in Providence, Rhode Island, to commemorate the outstanding contributions of Roger Williams to the development of religious freedom in the United States has been endorsed by the Department of the Interior.

Under the terms of this legislation, S. 1855, sponsored by Rhode Island's Senators Claiborne Pell and John O. Pastore, the Secretary of the Interior would be authorized to acquire not more than five acres of land at the site of the old town spring, close to the home lot of Roger Williams. The site is located in the heart of the old city of Providence which Williams founded in 1636.

Two small city parks and a number of structures scheduled for demolition under the City's urban renewal program are wihin the proposed memorial area.

If enacted, S. 1855 would also authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the City, local historical and preservation societies, and interested persons in the maintenance and operation of the national memorial, and to accept gifts of historic objects and records in keeping with the commemoration of the founding of religious freedom in the United States and the historical events that occurred in Providence.

Joint Forest Service-N.P.S. Superior Performance Citation Honors John H. Riffey

Without regard to personal sacrifice or inconvenience, you have been performing duties for a number of years for both the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service without additional compensation or official recognition. We are sure that you have always felt it to be your overall responsibility to protect the public lands and timber, preserve law and order and maintain facilities, regardless of whether it is under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service or the U.S. Forest Service.

For many years you have been the only park employee stationed at Grand Canyon National Monument. This is a very isolated area, which makes the duties of protection, conservation, maintenance of facilities, law enforcement, interpretation and visitor services extremely difficult. You have the remarkable ability of talking the language of ranchers and other local residents. They respect you and look to your for advice and assistance. As a result of these desirable relations, both services have had the benefit of the local residents' cooperation and help in many matter, including fire suppression. Many compliments have been received from the U.S. Forest Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, for early detection and suppression of fires on their lands. In expressing the appreciation of your efforts on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service, Mr. F.M. Hodgin, Kaibab National Forest Supervisor, recalls that for the 23 years you have been stationed at Grand Canyon National Monument you have voluntarily taken charge of the fire control job on the 17,500 acres of National Forest land at Mt. Trumbull. In addition to your full time job of administration at Grand Canyon National Monument, you made discovery, first attack, complete mop-up and suppression, and if necessary, recruitment of local fire fighters for all fires in this locality. In addition, you kept the time on these fire fighters and turned it in to the District Forest Ranger in Fredonia for payment. Occasionally several fires would start from the same storm which necessitated your rounding up several of the other local ranchers for fire fighting duties. You than coordinated all the fires and of course kept the time for all the fire fighters. Mr. Hodgin has further stated; "I feel that this is the finest example of devotion to duty and cooperation with another government agency that I have seen in my many years in the Forest Service. If not for John's voluntary 'take charge' attitude, it is very possible that the timber on Mt. Trumbull may have been lost to fire".

Over the years you have been able to resolve problems with National Park Service grazing permittees regarding necessary controls without the necessity of legal action. You have accomplished the maintenance of Monument facilities without assistance and in addition to your assigned ranger duties. We know that much of this work is done without consideration of lieu days or after hours. In accomplishing your law enforcement duties, you have been able to furnish the local people with an understanding and appreciation of park and forest policies, thereby causing them to look to you as an authority on legal matters. Due to this close relationship with the local people, you seldom have experienced the need to resort to court action on such matters.

In recognition of your superior performance of duties in Grand Canyon National Park, and the indispensable help and cooperation you have given Kaibab National Forest, we are pleased and honored to present you this joint National Park Service - U.S. Forest Service cash award in the amount of $500.00.

Howard B. Stricklin, Superintendent Grand Canyon National Park

F.M. Hodgin, Forest Supervisor Kaibab National Forest

ALL VISITORS MUST PAY

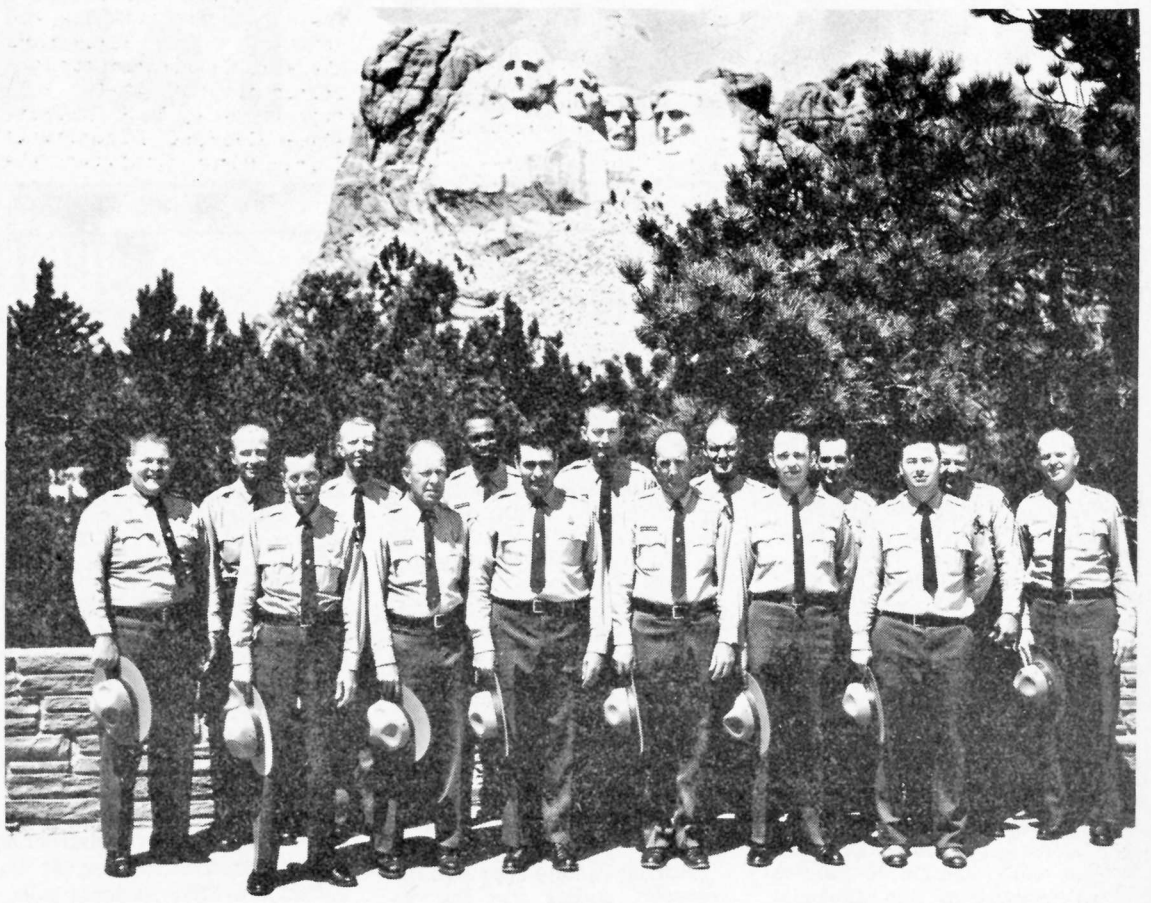
According to the regulations, Park employees visiting other NPS areas where a fee is charged may expect to pay the applicable fee unless they have one of the new $7 stickers, or unless they are on a specific assignment to that area or are visiting the area to familiarize themselves with activities which are a part of their normal employment responsibilities.

GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONY AT ROCKY MOUNTAIN PARK



Ground Breaking Ceremony, Administration Building, Rocky Mountain National Park July 16, 1965 Ledt to Right: C. Gordon Lee, representing Taliesen, West; architects Norman Adams, Project Supervisor; WODC Superintendent Granville B. Liles Dr. Robert Stearns, member, NPS Advisory Board (President Lee Kunz, of Kunz Construction Company hidden behind Dr. Stearns) Mayor Clarence Graves, Estes Park, Colorado Director George B. Hartzog, Jr. Congressman Wayne Aspinall Regional Director Lemuel Garrison Johnnie Holzwarth, representing Grand Lake, Colorado

A RARE STAFF OF SEASONALS



The uniformed seasonal staff at Mount Rushmore National Memorial has achieved a high level of academic attainment, perhaps the highest of any area in the National Park Service. All of the seasonal rangers and historians are college graduates, eight have Master's degrees, and one has his Doctorate. Shown in the above photograph, from left to right are: (front row) Bruce Brademeyer, Rapid City, South Dakota; Robert Hunt, Rapid City; Aries Van Hunnik, Canton, South Dakota; Jesse Herrick, Rapid City; Duane Payne, Ravenna, Ohip; Fred Hessinger, Grand Forks, North Dakota. (Second Row) Robert Knutson, Rapid City; Alphonsa Burke, Oxnard, California; Gerald Morris, Upton, Wyoming; Andrew Hubbeling, Rapid City; John Foley, Watertown, South Dakota; Raymond Stevens and Kenneth Linstrom, both of Rapid City. Three of the seasonal employees are full-time instructors at the college leve. Three others are currently working toward post graduate degrees. Two of the men have been employed at Mount Rushmore for more than ten seasons, while three have more than five summers of experience at the Memorial.

N.P.S. INSTALLS NAVIGATION AIDS AT FLAMING GORGE

The National Park Service has installed navigational lights in Flaming Gorge Recreation Area, Superintendent Russell E. Dickenson announced recently.

Lights have been installed at Lucerne Valley, Antelope Flat, Squaw Hollow, and Buckboard Crossing Recreation Sites.

Superintendent Dickenson explained that the lights have been installed to aid boaters at night and during stormy weather. Each installation consists of two blinking lights which are controlled automatically by a sun switch which measures the amount of light.

A large white blinking light is permanently mounted on a concrete base on shore at each site and is visible for at least five miles on a clear night. The boater may "home in" on this flashing white light. As he approaches the launch area, he will then be guided by an amber blinking light mounted on the dock.

Thus, explained Mr. Dickenson, if a boater uses the white light as a reference point, he will finally see the amber dock light and be able to safely find the dock at night.

NPS Writer Honored By Conservationists

Phila, Aug. 25- G. Edward Budde, St. Louis, Missouri, was named tonight as an Honorary Member of the Soil Conservation Society of America. Presentation of this significant recognition was made by Society President, Minott Silliman, Jr., Madison, Wisconsin, at the honors and awards banquet, which was the final event in the soil conservation organization's 3-day meeting in the "City of Brotherly Love".

Budde is Public Information Officer for the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. He is presently assigned to the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial in St. Louis, Missouri.

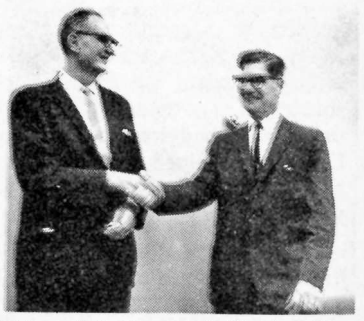
Budde has been associated with outdoor recreation, primarily in the wildlife conservation program, in Missouri and other midwestern states since 1926; he served five terms as executive secretary, Conservation Federation of Missouri and editor of its publication, "Missouri Wildlife"; he served as president, Conservation Federation of Missouri, 1954-55; he was one of the founders of the Missouri Outdoor Writers Association and served as its first president.

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Edward A. Hummel Gets 30-Year Pin

At a staff meeting ceremony in the Western Regional Office of the National Park Service in San Francisco, Edward A. Hummel, the Regional Director, received his emblem for 30 years of service with the Federal Government.

Mr. Hummel's first assignment with the Federal Government was in June 1935 as an assistant historian with the National Park Service. He held successive appointments as associate historian and regional supervisor of historic sites under the CCC program of the Depression Years. In 1942 he was appointed Superintendent of Fredericksbury and Spotslvania Country National Military Park. Later he served the Government as superintendent of Colonial National Historical Park and of Great Smoky Mountains and Glacier National Parks.



Edward A. Hummel, Western Regional Director, receives his 30-year service emblem from Assistant Regional Director Warren F. Hamilton. 8/65

Hummel came to San Francisco as Assistant Regional Director and was promoted to Regional Director of the Western Region in July 1963.

Ed and Becky Hummel live at 654 Las Colindas, San Rafael, Calif.

Busy Scene in August



Visitor Center parking area, Badlands National Monument

President Orers Retirement Study

President Johnson has appointed Cabinet members to a special committee to study and recommend possible changes and further improvements in the retirement programs for civilian and military personnel, and report to him by December 1.

"I request that the whole structure of our retirement policies be reviewed as to objectives, coverage of both civilian and uniformed personnel, benefit patterns, financial soundness, and overall consistency," the President said in a memorandum to Cabinet mem bers.

He noted that the last such study was made in 1954 and that since then numerous adjustments have been made in Federal programs.

He also noted the temporary Cabinet Committee on Federal Staff Retirement Systems, chair ed by the Budget Bureau director, to examine survivor benefits available under the various retirement plans in relationship to similar survivor benefits provided under social security, Government life insurance, and other disability, death, and survivorship programs.

The President told the committee to consult with representatives of employee organizations, obtain advice from technical experts in and out of Government, and consider the views of all those with an interest in and the competence to contribute to such study.

Cost-Cutters Praised

President Johnson recently expressed his gratification with the cost-reduction record Federal agencies have made so far this fiscal year and particularly his satisfaction "with the response and performance of many of the civilian agencies."

The President reported to the Cabinet on March 25 identifiable savings in excess of $3.3 billion, including $2.8 billion saved by the Defense Department and more than a half billion dollars from civilian agencies.

Federal civilian employment in the Executive Branch at the end of February was at the lowest level since April 1962 -- 2,447,897 -- he said. Moreover, Federal spending for the first eight months of the fiscal year showed the largest drop in a decade for the comparable period, running $1.9 billion less than for the same eight months last year, he noted.

The NASA program continues to be outstanding accounting for savings of over $73 million or about 67 percent of the total for non-defense agencies, he said. Post Office and Agriculture reported about 9 percent savings each, with the remaining 15 percent divided among 25 departments and agencies.

Other significant savers the President commended were Atomic Energy Commission, AID HEW, Treasury, Commerce, Interior, Justice, and TVA. Two small agencies -- NLRB and Federal Home Loan Bank Board -- also have significant achievements.

The President asked Defense Secretary McNamara, whose techniques he praised, to review aspects of the cost-reduction program with other Cabinet members.

He referred to Budget Bureau guidelines that would produce a common focus for cost-reduction efforts. These direct department and agency heads to:

Assume direct supervision of a formal cost-reduction program.

Establish specific dollar cost-reduction goals.

Initiate a systematic and periodic review of programs and operations from the standpoint of relative priorities.

Identify roadblocks to cost reduction which may require legislative action or cooperation from other agencies.

Subject every major proposed expenditure to searching scrutiny in terms of costs and benefits.

Employ independent means to verify reported savings.

Recommend high priority uses of savings achieved.

Make periodic progress reports to the President.

"The savings you achieved during 1964 may have been the easy ones," he said. "Additional savings may require greater effort. We have done a good job. But I know we can do more."

He asked that every Federal employee read the new Budget Bureau booklet War on Waste.

"I think the story it tells is most impressive. It doesn't attempt to portray a picture of perfection; it does show what can be done with ingenuity and hard work. I think it shows what happens when cost reduction is the personal goal of each worker.

"I think it shows that the small items are no less important than the large items. I think it also shows that there is no area of activity that cannot be tapped."

Pay Increase Seen As Obligation

"America expects--and receives--much from her public servants." President Johnson said in his recent pay message to Congress in which he also outlined the obligations of Government as "a good employer."

The pay proposal would increase Federal civilian salaries an average of 3 percent and compensation of armed service personnel from 2.7 to 4.8 percent. It would restore the relationships between civilian and military pay established in 1963 and become effective January 1, 1966.

"In every field of endeavor vital to the security of this Nation--from foreign affairs to science and technology to national defense--we depend on the career men and women of the Federal service for competence, devotion, loyalty, and responsibility," the President said.

"I believe firmly that the merit system is the keystone of good government. I believe that the public service is a profession of dignity, opportunity, and profound personal achievement," he continued. "I also believe strongly in the obligation of the Federal Government to be a good employer."

After defining "a good employer," the President said that the Government meets the tests "in all respects, save one"--its present pay scales.

"In the last four years we have almost--but only almost --achieved adequate, up-to-date, and fair pay systems for all categories of Government personnel," the President said. "We must not ceast our efforts now." He added that the adjustments "will not bring us to full achievement of the comparability standard enunciated in the Federal Salary Reform Act of 1962, but they will prevent loss of ground already attained."

The President defined a good employer as one who (1) demands excellence and rewards it, (2) is fair and just, (3) respects the dignity of his employees, (4) insists upon ethical standards and sets a good example, (5) practices no discrimination, (6) welcomes fresh ideas and new approaches, (7) fulfills his responsibilities to the community, (8) provides opportunities for growth and challenge, and (10) combines prudent business judgement with enlighted policies on compensation and benefits.

"We do not have two standards of what makes a good employer in the United States --one standard for private enterprise and another for the Government. A double standard which puts the Government employee at a comparative disadvantage is shortsighted. In the long run, it costs more," he declared.

Promotions

WILLIAM M. ALEXANDER, from Sup. Civil Engineer, GS-9, to same GS-11, Everglades; JAMES J. ANDERSON, Historian, GS-7, CASTILLO de SAN MARCOS, to Supv. Historian, GS-9, Cape Hatteras.

WILLIAM C. BIRDSELL park Ranger, GS-7, Carlsbad Caverns, to Supv. Park Ranger, GS-9, Gettysburg; RAYMOND E. BRIGHT, Chief Park Ranger, GS-10, to Supv. Park Range, GS-12, Hawaii Volcanoes; ROBERT . BURNS, Superintendent, GS-11, Lincoln Boyhood Home, to same GS-12, Nez Perce.

WILLIAM M. CAMPBELL, Historian, GS-9, to same GS-11, Independence; EVERETTE J. COX, Caretaker, to Operator General (L.S.), Mammoth Cave.

TERRY DAWSON, Clerk Typist, GS-4, to Secretary, GS-5, Western Regional Office.

WILLIAM GIBSON, Park Ranger GS-5 to same GS-7, Morristown.

WILLIAM A. HARRIS, Historian, GS-7, Cape Hatteras, to same GS-9, Fort McHenry, WILLIAM HICKMAN, Operator General (H.D.) to Foreman I, Olympic; ALLAN R. HILLIERY, Foreman II (R&T), Badlands, to Foreman III (Mixed Gang), Zion; BILLY V. HITE, Glassblower Helper, (Demonstration), Colonial; HARRY JOE HOLMAN, Assistant Glassblower (Demonstration) to Glassblower (Demonstration), Colonial.

ROBERT JACOBSON, Superintendent, GS-11 Lehman Caves, to same GS-12, Chalmette.

DANIEL R. HUEHN, Historian, GS-7, Salem Maritime, to same GS-9, Manassas.

DOYN H. LAMMERS, Carpenter to Forman III, Hot Springs; BENJAMIN LEVY, Historian GS-7, Edison, to same, GS-9, Fort Davis; GRAHM A. LILES, Foreman IV (Maintenance), Everglades, to Maintenance Superintendent, GS-11, Dinosaur.

ELLA MAY MAALTA, Clerk Typist GS-3, to same GS- 4, Death Valley; ALFRES MONGIN, Historian, GS-9, to same GS-11, New York City, N.P.S. Group; MANUEL A. MORALES, Supv. Historian, GS-7, to same GS-9, San Juan.

LOVELL McGROFF, Operator General (L.D.), to same (H.S.), Olympic.

RAYMOND T. O'DELL, General Supply Specialist, GS-9, to General Supply Officer, GS-11, Everglades.

CHARLES PETERSON, Superintendent, GS-11, Fort Clatsop, to same GS-12, Fort Smith.

JOHN E. RICHARDSON, Caretaker, to Park Guide, Fort Pulaskie; WALTER ROBINSON, Mail and Files Cler, GS-5, WO-DV, to accounting Technician, GS-6, Western Regionsl Office.

JAMES L. SALEE, Fish Hatcherymen, National Fish Hatchery, to Laborer, Lake Mead; MARY T. SHEARER, Secretary (Stno), GS-5, Yellowstone, to same; HARMON VADER SIMMONS, Caretaker, to Foreman I (Grounds & Roads), Rossevelt-Vanderbilt GS-6, Crater Lake; TILMON SIMMONS, Laborer to Caretaker, Castillo de san Marcos; L.V. Smith, Property Management Assistant, GS-7, Grand Canyon to General Supply Specialist, GS-9, Natchez Trace; WARREN F. STEENBERGH, Chief Park Naturalist, GS-11, Fort Clatsop.

FLORENCE TAYLOR, Clerk Typist GS-4, to Secretary, GS-5, Western Regional Office; JAMES M. THOMPSON, Superintendent, GS-9, Gran Quivira, to same GS-11, Fort Clatsop; TALMADGE, THOMS, Larorer to Caretaker, Lake Mead; RAY TILER, Administrative Assistant, GS-7, to Administrative Officer, GS-9, Joshua Tree.

REASSIGNMENTS

WILLIAM ACHESON, Accountint Technician, to Property Management Assistant, Grand Canyon; DAVID B. AMES, Park Ranger, Mesa Verde, to Park Naturalist, Everglades.

ROBERT J. BRANGES, Chief Park Ranger, Everglades, to same Fire Island.

WARREN F. HAMILTON, Assistant Regional Director, Operations, Western Regional Office, to Superintendent, ZION; ARTHUR F. HEWITT, Supervisory Archeologist, Mesa Verde, to Chief Park Naturalist, Hawaii Volcanoes; LAWRENCE J. HOVIG, General Supply Specialist Cape Hatteras, to Administrative Assistant, Fire Island.

JOHN E. INGMANSON, Archeologist, Ocmulgee, to same Mesa Verde.

RICHARD MAEDER, Park Planer, Western Regional Office, to same WASO; YVONNE MARSHALL, Tinex, Leave & Payroll Clerk, to Clerk, Yosemite.

CARROLL L. NICHOLS, Park Ranger, Fort Donelson, to same Great Smoky Mountains.

ROBERT F. PATTERSON, Laborer, to guard, Independence.

ROBERT J. SMITH, Staff Park Ranger (Forestry), Southwest Regional Office, to Supv. Park Ranger, Yosemite.

KAREN WARREN, Time, Leave and Payroll Clerk, to Clerk, Yosemite.

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Canyonlands

The Island in the Sky District is now inhabited. The most recent census of the settlement reveals a population of nine citizens. This grand total will soon be reduced to seven when the two seasonal rangers return to college. The hamlet boasts of a utility area, weather station, ranger contact trailer, mobile telephone, three housing trailers, an magnificent sunsets, and a swimming pool -- actually a large pot hole of water in the rim rock.

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Canyonlands personnel celebrated the Park's first birthday August 11 at a dinner party hosted by concessioner Mitch Williams and wife, Mary. Dress was formal, and despite the fact that this means breechclouts and moccasins were acceptable, two gregarious trolls appeared in lederhosen and knee socks.

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Miss Charlene Wintch, daughter of Kent and Betty Wintch graduated from Brigham Young University August 19 with a B.S. in Sociology. Her proud family attended the commencement exercises in Prove. Charlene plans to remain at BYU and work toward a Masters Degree in Sociology.

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Chief Ranger Jim Randall and his wife, Ruth, accompanied Jack Currey of Western River Expeditions on a float trip through Cataract Canyon Labor Day weekend. This was the second trip through the canyon for Jim. Forty-five miles of the thrilling white water rapids and spectacular scenery are within Canyonlands National Park. Their return to Moab was delayed one day due to washouts on the road.

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The Canyonlands Comples has had a very cool, wet summer. Temperatures at the Needles District did not reach 100 degrees, and District Ranger Matt Ryan has decided that there is no sense in pulling off the long red woolies now.

The Needles District of Canyonlands was honnored by a visit from the Wilderness Society officer, council and staff August 9-12. Superintendent Wilson and several park rangers accompanied the Society on a tour of the Park.

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Unidentified flying objects have been seen near Natural Bridges National Monument. The UFO's were described as cone shaped, green and white in color, and gave off a red light. The surprising thing is that they were seen by more than one person.

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Landscape Architect Paul Fritz has logged many miles this month. Immediately after returning from a three-week float trip through Grand Canyon, he was summoned by WODC for a five-week detail on the redwoods study in California.

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Park Rangers Glen Swapp of Natural Bridges and Charles Wyatt of the Needles District attended a one-week fireman's Training School at Texas A&M University late last July.

Colorado

An end-of-the-season picnic for all Park employees was held at the Devils Kitchen Picnic Area on August 23, 1965. Approximately 100 employees and their families attended the pot-luck affair.

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A card party was attended by some of the employees on August 16. Dick McMullen, Derek Hambly, Sam Salatino, Chuck Webster, Bob Spragg, John Sutrina, Bob Kinsella, and Billy Cleveland all learned the finer points of such lightning fast games as Redeye, 5 1/2 - 21, Three-toed Pete, and Durango.

Death Valley

Death Valley National Monuments total visitation for August, 1965 was 16,421. This is a decrease of 9.5% from last months total of 18,152 visitors, but an increase of 11.1% over the 14,775 visitors in August of 1964.

The high temperature of 119 degrees occurred August 7, 9, and 10, and the low of 75 degrees August 26, 1965. There was .27 of an inch precipitation.

Numerous storms during the month caused road hazards and damages to the Badwater, Dante's View, Mud Canyon, Ubehebe Crater, Racetrack, Golden Canyon and Mahogany Flats roads. However, most of the roads that are normally open during the summer are passable.

Fort Union

The month of August was a record breaking one for Fort Union. Visitors from nearly every state in the Union and those from many foreign countries came to see the Old Post. As compared with the same month last year, the visitation was much heavier by nearly 500 people. Once more, the travel is over 1100 people more than we had in 1964. One of the most interesting groups we had was 16 Explorer Scouts and advisors from the Verdugo Hills Council, California. Because of their great interest in Fort Union they spent well over five hours here. During this time they had a flag-raising ceremony on the parade ground. The extire group camped along the banks of the Mora River near Loma Parda, New Mexico. Should the group return to this area next year, they will be sure to return to one of their favorite forts in the Southwest.

Haleakala

The Haleakala Silversword to many visitors is as great an attraction as Haleakala Crater. Until the silversword blooms it takes the form of a rounded mass of silvery, stiff, stiletto-shaped leaves. The plant grows for 4 to 20 years, flowers once and then dies. The flower stalk, 1 to 9 feet in height, developes from May through November and produces one hundred or more purplish sunflower-like flowers. Although it resembles a cactus or a yucca it is a member of the sunflower (composite family).

The photographed plant is one of four that has been accessible to visitors traveling to the summit area this summer. This has truly been a bumper year for flowering silverswords for hundreds of plants were blooming in the crater. In fact, more than 50 blooming plants were observed on a single cinder cone. In contrast, their have been years when only one flowering plant could be found in the entire park.

The silversword, once in danger of extinction due to the browsing activity of the feral goats and removal by the public, is making a miraculous comeback particularly in certain areas of the crater.

Although most plants are not as large as the one in the picture all are very spectacular.

Padre Island

Now that the Labor Day weekend has come and gone we can look back at a busy summer that brought progress and satisfaction in a number of directions.

The Padre Island staff enjoyed playing host to the Southwest Region Superintendents' Conference, March 22 - 26. Approximately 125 Superintendents and wives attended the Conference held on the South End. They enjoyed, we think, the sea air, swimming, social functions, and wonderful hospitality of the Texas citizens.

The new Administrative Building and equipment shop was completed and occupied on April 6. On April 7th the Flour Bluff Business Men's Association treated us to an open house, complete with flowers, plants, and refreshments. A large number of Corpus Christi citizens dropped by. The Administrative Headquarters, located on the mainland at the entrance to John F. Kennedy Memorial Causeway, was built for the Service by private capital and is leased through GSA. Visitors now have a place to stop for information and the staff has a place to hang their respective hats.

On July 1 we acquired 20 miles of the Island on the North End and initiated patrol and beach cleanup with a small seasonal staff.

And to wind the summer season up, a daughter, Lisa Marie, arrived on August 4, to make her home with Art and Mae Partin. Art is South District Ranger, with headquarters in Port Isabel.

Yosemite

A motorcycle that first ventured into Yosemite National Park 50 years ago in 1915 will return to the park and will join the vehicles of another age that are on exhibition there.

Back in 1915, when Robert Baker of Modesto, California started to ride his motorcycle in Grane Flat, he was stopped by a park ranger, he was stopped from doing so because, "motorcycles scare horses." Furthermore, the ranger added, if he had anything except a horse to ride himself, he took Baker down to headquarters to talk with the chief about bringing the contraption into the park.

After this conversation, Mr. Baker took off for home in a cloud of dust. It was almost dark when he got to Hazel Green and to make matters worse he ran out of gas for his Prestolite headlamp. Since he couldn't see, he spilled his motorcycle and broke his headlamp, so it wouldn't work anyway!

Afraid his mother would sell his 1912 Indian Twin motorcycle when he had to go to World War I, Mr. Baker took it all apart and stored it in boxes in his garage. And there it stayed until a few months ago when he heard about historic vehicles going on display at the Pioneer Yosemite Transportation Center at El Portal and decided that should be its permanent home. He completed reassembly (except for tires, -which the NPS hopes to find in 28" size) a short time ago.

African Students at The Southwest Regional Office



African students join in festivities at the Southwest Regional Office's annual Fiesta party in Santa Fe, having just completed the African Student Conservation Training Program of the Department of the Interior. Here, standing, are Mesulam Olupot, Uganda; Collins Ngwa, Cameroun; Dan ("El Terrible") Beard; Albert Mongi, Tanzania; Bob ("El Lobo") Barrel; John ("Pancho") Kell; kneeling, Alphonso Ikwap, Ugnada; Bill ("El Borracho") Brown; and Frederic Macaria, Kenya.



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