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## Wild Pigs in Smokies Play Hob With Natural Exhibits

The European wild pig — sometimes referred to as the Russian wild boar — was introduced into eastern Tennessee for hunting purposes about half a century ago. For many years, boar hunts have been held at Tellico Plains, southwest of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, on national forest lands. Now the imported animal has become one of the problem children of the park, highly damaging to important natural features and at least potentially a danger to campers and other visitors. That is the reason that for some time the park ranger staff and the Tennessee Game and Fish Commission have been cooperating in an endeavor to trap them and remove them to areas where they may be hunted.

**They multiply**

Ray Henry, supervisor of the game and fish commission, estimated three months ago that there were between 100 and 200 of the animals in the park; writing to Chief Park Ranger **C. E. (Corky) Johnson** early in June he declared that a year ago he had estimated the number at 50 to 100 but "our latest survey indicates that the number has doubled since that time . . . Two of the sows we caught had 6 pigs each shortly after being caught."

Up to the present, joint efforts on the part of park and game-and-fish forces to capture and remove the wild pigs has been expensive and hardly notable for success, due to steep terrain, and heavy forest and undergrowth in the remote areas inhabitated by the animals; 200 man-days of effort and 1,500 pounds of corn used to bait the animals into traps had resulted in the capture and transportation out of the park of only 14 of them. The most recent proposal—for which funds are not presently available--is to install wing traps on routes believed to be followed by the pigs in moving from one feeding ground to another. There is by no means general confidence that these will be sucessful unless a full-time project can be established.

**Damage to "balds"**

Parsons Bald and Gregory Bald — two of the grassy treeless summits, noted for lavish spring azalea displays, found along the Great Smoky ridges — have been greatly damaged by the wild pigs. Seeking the larvae of the June bug in the roots of the grasses, the animals root up and roll up the sod, causing astonishing scenes of destruction, denuding the ground and preparing the way for destructive erosion and eventual replacement of the balds with forest-type vegetation. Another damaging habit is for them to root their way up the shallow headwaters of park streams, seeking salamanders and crayfish.

The pigs have been found only in the western part of the park. Walt Amann, **Knoxville Journal** outdoor writer, recently opined in one of his "colyums" that they had been surreptitiously introduced there to assure their survival should it be decided to eliminate them elsewhere. In the Tellico Plains area, they have begun to invade campgrounds, foraging in garbage cans, and driving campers away. Corky Johnson asserts that the pigs are more dangerous and obnoxious animals than the park bears and that every effort needs to be exerted to keep them away from campgrounds and picnic places in the park. Certainly they are not puny animals; individuals occasionally weigh more than 400 pounds.



This pig won't root in the Smokies any more.

**Help from bears?**

Great Smoky rangers are currently depositing trouble-making bears in the part of the park inhabited by the pigs in the hope that the two species may prove incompatible and that the bears will prey on the younger pigs, thus partially holding the population in check.

In the accompanying picture, looking at the dead boar, are **Bruce J. Miller,** (left) park forester, now in WASO, and **Roy C. Whaley,** forestry aid.

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**Speaker at Forestry Congress**

The Director is scheduled to deliver an address before the Fifth World Forestry Congress in Seattle on Sept. 7, on "People and National Parks."

### FUNDS ARE SOUGHT FOR INJURED BOY

**Smith Parratt, 10-year-old son of Glacier Seasonal Naturalist Lloyd Parratt, most seriously injured of three persons mauled by a grizzly at Glacier on July 18, was, at last report, in critical condition at the Cardston, Alberta, hospital and in continuing need of the most skillful surgical, medical, and nursing attention.**

**Because of the extraordinary expense of providing needed treatment for the boy, Supt. Hummel approved the collection of a fund to help his family meet this expense. Francis H. Elmore, chief park naturalist, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, Mont., is the person to whom any contributions to this fund should be sent.**

### STUDY WILL ASCERTAIN WHY PERMANENTS QUIT

This month the NPS and every other Interior bureau will start a study of voluntary resignations and transfers of permanent employees. For a 12-month period, a special form will be completed for each such employee at the time he leaves the Service, to provide information on where he is going and why he is leaving. The completed forms will be forwarded to the Washington Office each month. There the Branch of Personnel, will have an opportunity to analyze the data before sending the forms on for Departmental study.

Similar data were collected from April 1955 through March 1956. They did not indicate an unusual number of resignations from the Service and it was concluded that no corrective action was needed at that time. According to the Branch of Personnel, it is not expected that the new study will show any significant changes, either in proportion of resignations or in the reasons for them.

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### DEPARTMENTAL TRAINEES IN MANAGEMENT CHOSEN

Five supervisory park rangers and a horticulturist have been selected for the Twelfth Departmental Management Training Program starting September 12. The ranger group includes **Richard A. Blaisdel,** Saratoga; **Edward J. Widmer,** Bandelier; **Bruce W. Shaw,** Blue Ridge; **Robert R. Jacobsen,** Olympic; and **Keith E. Miller,** Jewel Cave. The horticulturist is **Richard G. Cover,** NCP.

### GOLF HAZARD

**The country club near Coronado National Memorial where Libby (Mrs. Philip) Welles plays her golf has a local rule that might well frighten away any tenderfoot should he read it before teeing off.**

**The rule states that "A ball lying within a club length of a rattlesnake may be moved two club lengths without penalty."**

## 3 Glacier Hikers Seriously Injured By Mother Grizzly

**Smitty Parratt left Great Falls on Aug. 24, flying to Los Angeles and the Children's Hospital, according to the Aug. 15 issue of GLACIER GLIMPSES. It reported that, before leaving Great Falls, he was rambling about the hospital corridor, able to make a selection from the snack cart, to open doors, and to see quite a bit. Through Aug. 23, the fund for his treatment—not counting anything from his home town — had reached $2,101.55.**

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A mother grizzly, with two cubs, brought serious injury to 3 members of a party of 5 on the Otkomi Lake trail north of Rising Sun campground at Glacier National Park on July 18. Most seriously injured was 10-year-old **Smith Parratt,** youngest of three sons of **Lloyd Parratt,** seasonal naturalist at Glacier for many years. Also seriously bitten were Miss Brita Noring, one of two Swedish girls in the hiking party, and Seasonal Ranger **Alan Nelson.** Miss Gote Nyhlen and Seasonal Ranger **Ed Mazzer** were the other members of the group.

**A short, terrible attack.**

Mazzer, in the lead on the trail, first spotted the bear charging the group and instantly shouted to all to start climbing trees. The animal bypassed Mazzer, attacking the Parratt boy; then reached for Nelson, biting him severely, and went on to drag Miss Noring to the ground from a tree. Miss Nyhlen and Mazzer were able to climb to safety, from which both yelled continuously. Nelson, severely injured himself, went to the aid of the Parratt boy; the bear, after making the one charge, moved off into the brush. The whole attack was over in minutes.

After making the injured as comfortable as possible in the circumstances, Mazzer went for help. District Ranger Jim Godbolt, with a trail party of 37, went in for the injured; after effective first aid had been given they succeeded in bringing all three out over the rough trail to the Going-To-The-Sun road and hospitalization.

**The injured and their injuries**

According to the most recent report to the **Courier,** Miss Noring was improving gradually at the Cardston, Alberta, hospital and may have left it by now. Ranger Nelson left the hospital for his home, where he will be hospitalized for an indefinite, but probably extended, period. Smith Parratt, most seriously hurt, had a punctured lung, a broken right arm, several broken ribs, and severe damage to his face, with the loss of one eye and possibly the other, and according to last reports was still in critical condition. Miss Noring had a severely damaged right leg and hip; Nelson, severe gashes on the back and on the upper part of both legs, which will require skin grafting.

Getting the injured persons down the rough trail after the rescue parties reached them was no simple task. The boy and Miss Noring, according to a report received from Glacier via WODC, were brought down on one-wheeled deer-carrier type litters. Nelson, however, had to be carried in a basket litter; weighing 190 pounds, he was a heavy and difficult load for 6 men, including three WODC student trainees, to carry down a rough, one-man-wide rail after dark.

**The hard way down**

The following is quoted from the WODC report's description of this task: "The men on the outside of the trail were often edging along a 60° down slope of slippery rock while those on the uphill side were crawling over stumps and brush, all the while trying to maintain the litter on an even keel and not jar Nelson too much. He was conscious and lucid all this while but in pain from deep bites in his legs and buttocks. However, he remained uncomplaining and even tried to cheer his rescuers."

We hope, in the next issue of the **Courier,** to carry a complete list of those who participated in the difficult and dangerous rescue mission.

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## *Secretary Raises Fifty-Star Flag*

An estimated 40,000 persons were at Fort McHenry during the late hours of July 3 and the first hour of July 4 for the first official raising of the 50-star flag. When Secretary Seaton, designated for the task by President Eisenhower,



Miss Camille Elias

hoisted the new "Old Glory" into place, many of them joined in the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by **Miss Camille Elias** of the Division of Interpretation to the accompaniment of the Marine Band.

Following an opening concert by the famed band, there was a brilliant re-enactment of the 1814 bombardment of the fort. The formal program starting at 11:15 p.m., was under the chairmanship of Regional Director **R. F. Lee,** Region Five.

The flag-raising was proudly hailed by a delegation of 100 citizens of the 50th State, clad in typical Hawaiian costumes.

# Five Yellowstone Oldtimers Have 139 Seasons of Service

At the end of the 1960 season, 5 members of the Yellowstone interpretive staff will have served a total of 139 seasons with the National Park Service. These 5 educators — as they appear in the accompanying picture, left to right — are Lowell G. Biddulph, Wayne F. Replogle, Herbert T. Lystrup, George D. Marler, and Merrill D. Beal.

**Started in 1928**

Biddulph, director of physical education and dean of men at Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, since 1938, began his NPS career as a seasonal park ranger in 1928. He became a seasonal ranger-naturalist in 1938 and is now acting South District naturalist. His career began on Dunraven Pass where he spent one day as lookout on Mount Washburn and one day checking cars through Dunraven Pass, then a one-way road. Over the years he has regularly served as camp boss on major fires.




**Stump speaker**

'Bud" Lystrup, too, began as a seasonal ranger assigned to Fishing Bridge in 1929, - the first interpreter stationed there. For his first amphitheatre lecture, he addressed the public from an old stump. Now acting West District naturalist, Bud has also served as base camp operator on many fires. He teaches high school biology at Eau Claire, Wis. and is the author of "The Ninety-Day Wonder," a story portraying the life of the early "seasonal."

**Authority on Bannock Trails**

Replogle, acting North District naturalist, started in 1930 as a seasonal park ranger. First assigned as a rifle guard at the bear-feeding ground at Canyon, "Rep" served in the same capacity at Old Faithful from 1932 to 1935, becoming a naturalist in 1936. In his research work on the Bannock Indians, he hiked 5,000 miles on old Bannock trails through the park during the summers from 1948 to 1955. His book, "Yellowstone's Bannock Indian Trails," was published June 25, 1956. He, too, has served as camp boss on many Yellowstone fires. He is assistant athletic director and assistant football coach at the University of Kansas.

**The geyser expert**

Marler started with the interpretive staff in 1932 and has been here ever since except for a year at Yosemite. During recent years, relieved of his ranger-naturalist duties, he has been assigned as a permanent park naturalist to special studies of hot spring and geyser areas. "The Story of Old Faithful Geyser" is among his best works; he has contributed several articles on Yellowstone's hot springs to scientific journals, and is an authority on the park's geysers and hot springs. Until George started winter duty in Yellowstone in 1957, he was an instructor at Ricks College, and a lecturer for the Massachusetts Audubon Society and the Wildlife Conservation Society.

**Naturalist and historian**

Beal is in charge of interpretation at Old Faithful. Known to his friends as Sam, he has been a Yellowstone ranger-naturalist since 1939 except for 3 years as historian at Big Hole Battlefield. He recalls the days when he rode bicycle patrol between Old Faithful and the Riverside Geyser area. Like Replogle an avid researcher, he is the author of "The Story of Man in Yellowstone," and a yet-to-be-published manuscript, "The Nez Perce Indian Campaign of 1877." He is professor of history at Idaho State College.

As can be noted, the five stood and "looked at the birdie" in front of Old Faithful. To cooperate by providing a proper background for the picture. Old Faithful waited 88 minutes to play.

# Albright, Scoyen At Poland Meet

Associate Director **Eivind Scoyen,** representing the Director, and **Horace M. Albright,** were two of the 26 persons representing American agencies and organizations at the 7th General Assembly and 8th Technical Meeting of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in Warsaw-Cracow, Poland, June 15-24. Both were accompanied by their wives, and both extended their stays across the Atlantic to do some touring of Europe.

The minutes for the Director's staff meeting for July 28—the first held after Scoyen's return—were devoted about 90 percent to an account of these meetings and of his travels before and after his stay in Poland. It is an interesting document but far too long to attempt to reproduce in the **Courier.** Possibly readers who are particularly interested in the activities of the Union might obtain copies from the Director's office.

**To "Get On The Ball"**

A concluding remark by Scoyen is of special importance. The following paragraph is quoted from the minutes:

"In conclusion the Associate Dijctor said that the National Park Service and the Department of the Interior will have to take some definite and continuing interest in these international organizations. The Department of Agriculture has two men assigned specifically to the Union and they are well up in the councils of the organization—one from the Forest Service and the other from Soil Conservation. Interior has built no such prestige and as one of the leading Governmental conservation agencies in the world, it should work to establish the recognition it deserves."

# Additional Funds Voted for JNEM

A 1961 fiscal year supplemental appropriation of $2,953,000 was recently approved for further construction of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, St. Louis, Mo. Funds included in the regular 1961 appropriation for JNEM amounted to $1,650,000. These amounts, with the initial appropriation of $2,640,000, make a total of $7,243,000 thus far appropriated for this purpose. The Congress has stipulated that the total cost to the United States is not to exceed $17,250,000. The project is being financed on the basis of $1 of funds contributed by the City of St. Louis or other non-federal sources to each $3 of appropriated funds.

The supplemental funds were provided to speed construction on various phases of the project to assure completion of the major features by 1964. The hope is that the more important elements will be completed by that time so that developments may be available for the 200th anniversary celebration of the founding of St. Louis.

**None for Joshua Tree**

While the Bureau of the Budget approved the item, Congress rejected a $1,500,000 request for 1961 supplemental funds for acquisition of about 10,200 acres of privately-owned lands in the northerly portion of Joshua Tree. Some of the owners are planning to subdivide and sell lots for recreational homesites or other developments. There has also been a growing demand for desert trees and shrubs, such as joshua trees, yuccas, and barrel cactus, so that some of the privately-owned lands in the monument having a fine desert growth are threatened with its removal.

It was felt that the growing demand for desert lands just outside of the monument and the favorable location of the privately-owned lands within the monument made it imperative that these lands be acquired before any further increase in value and before undesirable developments were placed on them.

## TWO NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO NPS ADVISORY BOARD

**Dr. Stanley A. Cain,** professor and chairman, Department of Conservation, University of Michigan, and **Robert Lawrence Stearns,** president of the Boettcher Foundation, Denver, Colo., have been named to the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Sites, Buildings and Monuments. They succeed **Dr. E. Raymond Hall,** of Lawrence, Kans., and **Carl I. Wheat** of Menlo Park, Calif., whose 6-year terms as Board members expired on June 30.

A meeting of the board is scheduled for September 17-23 at Isle Royale National Park.

## CORPS SUPPLIES FUNDS FOR POTOMAC SURVEY

The Corps of Engineers has made $70,000 available to the NPS to conduct a recreation survey of the Potomac River Basin. The study will be conducted by the Region One Office thru the Division of Recreation Resource Planning. To meet the Corps deadline, it must be completed about January, 1962.

The overall Potomac Basin Study will have four major purposes: flood control, water supply, pollution abatement and recreation.

The information gathered by The Service will be coordinated with its nationwide recreation planning.

# Much Park Legislation Is Passed More Awaiting Congress' Action

In the absence of Frank Harrison, special assistant to the director who keeps a finger on the legislative pulse, Elmer Buschman, legal assistant in the Division of Recreation Resource Planning, recently provided the **Courier** with a list of no less than 30 pieces of legislation of greater or less concern to the National Park Service which had been passed by the present Congress and signed by the President before House and Senate recessed for the national conventions. Numerous other bills sought by the Department in behalf of the Service were awaiting possible action after the reassembling of Congress. A number of the acts passed have already been noted in the March and June issues of the **Courier.**

Of more than minor interest are the following:

An act to establish the Wilson Creek Civil War Battlefield Site near Springfield, Mo. The Advisory Board had considered the Wilson Creek area and returned an adverse report on it.

An act authorizing acquisition, with appropriated funds, of not more than 600 acres of land for addition to Antietam National Battlefield Site, to bring this presently highly inadequate park to a total area of about 1,800 acres.

**Bent's Old Fort N.H.S.**

An act authorizing establishment of Bent's Old Fort National Historic Site near La Junta, Colo., to commemorate the role played by the fort in the opening of the West.

An act authorizing the acquisition of up to 300 acres at or near Ashford, Wash., as a headquarters site for Mount Rainier National Park, the lands to be added to the park. Establishment of a headquarters site at Ashford was one of the major recommendations of MISSION 66 for Mount Rainier.

An act adding certain lands in St. Augustine to Castillo de San Marcos National Monument for various protective purposes desired by the Service.

An act authorizing establishment of Arkansas Post National Memorial in Arkansas to commemorate and interpret the significance of all the successive Arkansas Posts from 1686 to the present.

An act authorizing the acquisition of the Storer College and certain other lands and interests in lands at Harpers Ferry (about 30 acres) for addition to Harpers Ferry National Monument. Authority is included to acquire the original sites of John Brown's fort and the old Federal arsenal through exchange.

**The Multiple Use Act**

Probably no act was of greater concern to the Service and of more importance to it in the long run than what is generally referred to as the Multiple Use Bill, requested by the Department of Agriculture, which passed both houses and was signed by the President in June. Though an important justification for its passage, offered by Agriculture, was that it would prevent or make difficult the diversion of national forest lands to other jurisdictions, discussion of the bill in the House made clear that its enactment would not preclude consideration of proposals to transfer national forest lands to the National Park System.

The bill, as offered by Agriculture, asked the Congress to direct that the national forests be administered under principles of multiple use. Though Chief Forester McArdle stated last winter that everybody had his own definition of multiple use, and that they were all different, the Department made no attempt to define it. However, the House did; and though the definition is a somewhat involved one it makes clear, even to the man on the street, that multiple use does not mean that one can log, mine, graze livestock, store water, conserve wildlife, and enjoy recreation all on the same acre of land.

**"Single Use" Dead — Maybe**

Floor discussion of the bill was also useful in putting a quietus on "single use" as a description of the use of national parks and related areas. Attention was called to the several important uses of the parks, of which one — water conservation — is also one of the basic purposes of the national forests. It is assumed — and hoped — that those who have drawn invidious comparisons between "multiple use" and "single use" in the past will in future recognize the fundamental dishonesty of the distinction they seek to draw.

## ENGLISH PARKS VISITOR WRITES WORDS OF PRAISE

The writer of the following letter, enroute home, is a member of England's Lake District Planning Board.

"Dear Mr. Wirth:

"I am now sailing for home after my tour of your National Parks, and I would like to tell you how much I have enjoyed it, and to thank you very much for having made it possible for me to see so many parks, and to learn so much about them.

"I visited 22 Parks, 10 National Monuments, 3 Historic Sites, and the Blue Ridge Parkway, and am going home with lots of new ideas and inspirations to carry on the difficult battle to preserve what we have left, in our English parks.

"You have a magnificent conception of Preservation in your Country, and a superb administration to guard and interpret it. I think America has given the world a new culture—of the Outdoors, and in your interpretation of Historic Sites, particularly the Colonial Historical Parks.

"I was most interested, too, in the Blue Ridge Parkway; a wonderful idea, where every yard of the road seemed to have been considered as part of a plan, and yet so naturally beautiful.

"I feel it has been a great privilege to have been able to do this tour, and to make the acquaintance of so many members of the Park Service.

"Yours Sincerely

"Molly FitzGibbon"

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# 1960 Statistics—They'll Call for Digital Prestidigations

We had heard that something was being done about National Park Service statistics, those figures sometimes called visitors, sometimes called visits. We thought it would be a good idea to find out what it was all about. So we commissioned Rendel Allridge, one of our most competent and polysyllabic reporters, to interview Rendel Alldredge, statistician. Here are the results of the interview,—and how much more do you know now than you did before?—Ed.

"Don't believe the official statistics about park travel that you read this year. Of course, maybe you didn't believe 'em before. But this year they will be more misleading than ever. I'll tell you why."

The speaker was Rendel Alldredge, NPS analytical statistician. Here's what we learned.

Last year saw the unsung and frequently taunted statistician undertake a basic overhaul in the Service's system of gathering and summarizing park travel statistics. The underlying idea was to convert **travel** statistics to **public use** statistics. Public use data could be useful in planning, designing, programming, operating and setting policy. What was wanted was the adoption of a uniform counting principle for the collection of such data. Under this, a countable and reportable statistical unit (the statistician's obtuse term for a "visitor") is a person who enters a park and thereupon makes work for us or causes us to spend public money.

**Hear that crack?**

To put the worklead principle into practice Service-wide, there had to be a break (administratively) with the past. Usually a new policy or procedure is announced and the individual parks are then expected to apply the instructions to their own situations. But not for statistics! On this point Alldredge said, "I can live, though not very happily, with inaccurate data, technically unreliable data, and data faulty on other counts. But I can't live with data that are inconsistent and data that are non-comparable.

"To achieve this," the figure-manager continued, "we couldn't leave the superintendents to their own devices. Saying this doesn't mean I believe they are promoters or chiselers. We just must recognize the fact that two honest and competent people can have different opinions about the same thing. In data collection, such differences can't be encouraged."

Every superintendent now knows what was done. He has received Supplement 1, Report 12M1, for his own park. It tells him exactly how and where to count persons, automobiles, busses, trucks, bicycles, etc., and how to summarize the data on the monthly form. The statistician prepared 160 of these Supplements 1; each has been reviewed by the park concerned, and officially issued.

**Digital prestidigitations! Ouch!**

Thus the statistician knows precisely what is being counted and how the counts are made. Assured of consistency from month to month he can now proceed with his numerical gymnastics to make comparative analyses and perform those other mysterious digital prestidigitations which are statisticians' stock in trade.

Now, why will this year's published statistics be misleading? For more than 40 areas, either the definition of a countable visit was changed or the technique of summarizing the counts was altered. Some parks are counting people they didn't count before; some are not counting people they did count before. Some are counting almost exactly as they did before, but a big chunk of their monthly count is being reported separately and not included in the figure for "Total visits." Elsewhere, the opposite is true; they'll be including in the total some counts heretofore reported separately.

So, when you see figures which seem to say that Chickgettyloah Battlefield has 4 times the visits in 1960 that it had in 1959, don't believe it. The chances are that this year they are simply counting something they didn't count last year.

**But not yet perfection**

The overhauling is not really complete yet. The basic overhaul is finished but there's a lot of tuning up to be done and a lot of accessories to be installed.

Of course, someone is bound to put sand in the machinery by asking if all this effort will achieve anything. Depends on whether the basic objectives can be reached, - to make our public-use data useful beyond press releases and other forms of publicity. Whether they are achieved or not, whether the statistician is to be praised or condemned, will be seen better in retrospect than in anticipation.

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### CONCESSIONER IS SOUGHT FOR BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY

The NPS invited proposals early this summer for extension and operation of concession facilities on the 260-mile section of the Blue Ridge Parkway extending from Roanoke, Virginia, to Asheville, North Carolina. The sucessful applicant would take over operation of Bluffs Lodge, a service station, and a coffee shop at Doughton Park; a service station at Rocky Knob, Va.; and a service station, lunchroom and store at Crabtree Meadows, N.C. All these are now operated by National Park Concessions, Inc.

New and expanded facilities which the concessioner would be required to provide are estimated to cost about $900,000, to be invested during a 5-year period. They would include a dining room and additional sleeping accommodations at Bluffs Lodge; service station, camp store and restaurant at Pine Spur, one of the originally planned "parks" along the parkway and only recently acquired; a service station, camp store and restaurant at Linville Falls; and a restaurant and new camp store—replacing a very temporary structure now in use—at Crabtree Meadows.

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June 21 — A $235,030 contract approved in mid-June is providing roads, sidewalks, and parking areas in campground and Government areas at Madison Junction, Yellowstone, and bituminous surfacing of about 11 miles of the Grand Loop road between Norris and Old Faithful.

## *Two Retirements Belatedly Noted*

Note — We regret the omission from the March and June issues of the Courier of the following items about the retirement of two fine Service employees. H. E.

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The retirement of **Marion L. Willis,** Henrieville, Utah, from Bryce Canyon National Park after nearly 24 years of Federal service became effective January 25.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Willis entered the National Park Service in June 1930, at Bryce Canyon. He also served at Zion and at Cedar Breaks, Capitol Reef, and Pipe Spring National Monuments. During World War II he was employed in defense work.

When he retired Mr. Willis was foreman in the Maintenance Division at Bryce. During most of his career he was engaged in supervising maintenance and construction work.

A citation for commendable service signed by the Director was presented to Mr. Willis at a farewell party at Bryce on January 23. The citation stated that: "Ever mindful that his work involved protection of the areas where he was employed and their maintenance for the enjoyment of visitors, Mr. Willis performed his tasks diligently and efficiently. In recognition of loyal and devoted service throughout his career in the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior grants to Mr. Willis its Commendable Service Award."

Mr. Willis and his wife, Louise, also received lifetime passes to all areas administered by the National Park Service. They plan to make their home in Henrieville.

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**Forest J. Mahaffa,** appropriation accounting clerk, Branch of Finance, Washington Office, received a Commendable Service Award the day he retired on March 31. The award and gifts were presented by **Manley Allen** at a gathering of Mr. Mahaffa's friends and associates in the office.

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### ADVISORY GROUP OF FIVE IS PICKED BY SECRETARY

May 21 — The Secretary announced the appointment of a 5-member Advisory Commission on the Development of Minute Man National Historical Park, Mass. Mark Bortman, Boston, who was chairman of the recently dissolved Boston National Historic Sites Commission, is chairman, and the Secretary's representative on the commission. Edward P. Chase represents Concord; Mrs. Katherine S. White, Lincoln, and Donald E. Nickerson, Lexington. Representing the commonwealth of Massachusetts is Donald C. Loveys. In accordance with the 1959 act authorizing the park and appointment of the committee, the town representatives were nominated by the selectmen of each of the towns; the Commonwealth representative by the Governor of Massachusetts.

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### HISTORIC SITES SURVEY GROUP WINS UNIT AWARD

The staff of the Historic Sites Survey has received a unit award for exceptional excellence in completing assigned research and writing on the Survey. Its members are **Frank B. Sarles, Ray H. Mattison, John O. Littleton, Robert M. Utley, William C. Everhart, Charles E. Shedd, Jr.,** and **Roy E. Appleman.**

## *Your Membership*

**With this issue of the National Park COURIER, about 97 percent of all memberships in the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service expire. To facilitate prompt renewals, an application blank is printed on this page for your use.**

**As this third issue of the COURIER goes to press, the Association has about 2,400 paid-up members; some 600 persons who have been members have been mailed the November 1959 issue of STEVE MATHER'S FAMILY NEWSPAPER and all three issues of the Courier. All, paid-up or delinquent, have therefore had full opportunity to decide for themselves whether or not membership, including four issues of the paper, is worth $2.00 of their hard-earned money. Needless to say, we hope that renewals will be prompt and hit close to 100 percent; that those who for one reason or other have "ridden free" for the past year will take proper care of that matter; and that many of you will help to enlarge the membership and subscription list by getting others to join. We would like to see that paid-up figure go to 4,000 in 1961. It would mean a bigger and better paper and a more effective and useful association.**

**Earl M. Semingsen,**
**Exclusive Secretary**

## *Gals Compiling NP Cookery Book*

**Phyllis, (Mrs. Rothwell P.) Broyles** of Big Bend National Park and **Jean Speiser,** a publications writer with the Service in 1956 and 1957 and now with the United Nations Children's Fund, are compiling an unusual cookbook of National Park Cookery. It will contain a section on outdoor cooking, another on historic recipes, and so on; but, very importantly, it is hoped that each recipe will be accompanied by an anecdote in one way or another connected with it. Some of them will be illustrated by line drawings.

Phyllis and Jean are anxious to have all NPS areas represented, and they beg you to submit your favorite recipe, or the one of which you are proudest, or that has the most interesting history. They ask you to consider Indian, Spanish, Hawaiian, Alaskan, cattle-trail, back-country station, Southern Mountain cooking; seafood, bear, buffalo, fish, wild-plant recipes; how they were developed or under what circumstances they were most interestingly used.

"Add your story and your name — and any area where you have lived — to the Book of National Park Cooking," Phyllis urges. Contributions — which ought to result in a cookbook with lots of National Park flavor, aside from that of the food — should be sent to Mrs. Rothwell P. Broyles, Big Bend National Park, Texas.

Note - Phyllis, besides being the wife of a park ranger, is the daughter of **Supt. Freeland of** Lassen Volcanic, and the sister of **Dixon B. Freeland,** park ranger at Colonial.

Statue of Liberty

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## Lake Yellowstone — and Other Lakes

At least until very recently, no final decision had been reached on the proposal to zone slightly more than 20 percent of the area of Yellowstone Lake against motor boats. However, there seems to be a very widespread belief among National Park Service employees and friends that approval of the proposal is not only desirable but highly important.

Dave Cannavina of Glacier National Park is quoted in Paul Schubert's **Saturday Evening Post** article on Glacier as saying, "Maybe we'll end up by reserving all the back country lakes for fishing only and keep the water skiers and speed-boats on Lakes McDonald and St. Mary." Maybe — but also maybe not if the opinion, widely held among powerboat owners, that any lake they can get their boats to belongs to them is strengthened or confirmed by a decision that all of Yellowstone Lake belongs to them.

## What the Western Game Folks Want

The following resolutions, among others, were adopted by the Western Assn. of State Game and Fish Commissioners at their meeting in Salt Lake City on June 22:

Resolution No. 2 proposes that game populations in the National Parks be controlled by sport hunting; that the Service consider this proposal seriously and adopt regulations to handle it; or that the Association and the Service support legislation authorizing the Service to enter into cooperative agreements with the states to implement sport hunting in the Parks.

Resolution No. 17 recommends "to Congress and the Secretary of the Interior that legislation establishing any future areas administered by the National Park Service contain a provision that the responsible State wildlife agency concerned be charged by Federal law with the management of game within said proposed Park,"—**Region One Staff minutes, Aug. 10.**

## Mervyn H. Cowie, C.B.E.

On July 5, Col. Mervyn H. Cowie, Director of the Royal National Parks of Kenya, attended an Investiture at Buckingham Palace, London, to receive the award of C. B. E. (Commander of the Order of the British Empire) at the hands of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Col. Cowie, who numbers many past and present employees of the National Park Service among his friends, was not receiving this honor from a stranger, but from a friend of whom he is one of the most loyal of subjects. As the Princess Elizabeth, she was escorted by him to the famous Treetops, in Aberdare National Park, for an overnight stay to watch the animals—elephants, rhinos, buffaloes, and other African wildlife—come to drink at a waterhole; it was that night that she became Queen through the death of her father, George VI. The honor was awarded for his leadership in bringing about the establishment of Kenya's National Parks and for his 14 years of devoted work as their director.

The Courier wishes to extend to Col. Cowie its warmest congratulations on the attainment of this deserved honor and recognition.

I am just using Dan as an example of course, — and I hope he won't mind. My point is that distinguished service should be recognized during a man's — or woman's — government career, as a rule and with only very rare exceptions. Writing as one who has no such medal and who doesn't expect to get one, I should suppose much more satisfaction might be derived from an award received while still in harness than from one given thereafter and apparently as a sort of routine matter. It would be interesting to know what the Director, Scoyen, Ben Thompson, Ronnie Lee and others who have received the award think about this.

**Deeceeite**

### Report Summary

To the Editor:

It occurs to me that it might be very well worth while for the Courier to have a department which would summarize the subject matter of non-routine reports. There are many manuscripts, most of which are never published, but of widespread interest, the existence of which is known only along the area-region-WASO route. While it would often be impossible to distribute copies, it is helpful to know that a certain study has been made. I assume it would require no more work than listing (with title explanation when necessary) the manuscripts that clear through division heads. The same sort of data (although it included many items that were somewhat routine) used to be compiled for the mimeographed "Professional Reports, Articles, and Notes Prepared by NPS Personnel." - **Center Fielder**

Editor's note - Are there other readers of the Courier who would find such a listing valuable? - H.E.

### BOOKLET DEALS WITH CAREER EMPLOYMENT

The Service's Branch of Personnel now has in the Government Printing Office, the manuscript of a long-needed publication on career employment which it believes will provide the answers to most questions about permanent employment with the NPS. The publication briefly describes the various entrance-level positions, how to apply for them, qualifications needed, and benefits of Government employment. The final manuscript incorporates many suggestions received from WASO and field officials who reviewed the draft of the booklet.

Service-wide availability and use of the new booklet will make the answering of employment inquiries more efficient and economical than is now possible when the answerer must depend solely on a number of separate circulars and individually typed letters. And, generally speaking, the information provided will be better and more complete.

### MERIT PROMOTION PLAN REVISIONS

Extensive changes in the Service's merit promotion plan are being proposed by the Branch of Personnel. As was done in 1958 when the present plan was being drafted, copies of the revised plan will be sent to the field in order to obtain employee comments. The purpose of the changes is to improve the operation of the promotion system, based on experience with the present plan and on various suggestions made by the Civil Service Commission and the Office of the Secretary. The revised plan is expected to give management more complete information on employees' career plans and qualifications, thus improving evaluation and selection procedures.

## *Archeologists at Franklin Court Invite Public to Watch Their Dig*



Archeological excavations are now being conducted in Franklin Court, just opposite Carpenters' Hall, by Independence archeologists **B. Bruce Powell** and **Jackson W. Moore, Jr.**

Goal of their search is further evidence of Benjamin Franklin's house, which occupied this site from 1765 until 1810. In 1953, Paul Schumacher, now regional archeologist in San Francisco, conducted an exploratory excavation here. He located walls and brick features believed to be of the Franklin House.

The Franklin Court excavation is open to the public. Near the historic archway leading into the Court from Market Street, a display of artifacts from the dig beckons visitors toward the excavation where they may watch the archeologists at work.

At the site itself a blackboard containing sketches of current work and a panel with explanatory text demonstrate the progress of this important example of urban archeology.

## *Land and Water for Recreation Are Sought in Delaware Basin*

The creation of 38,000 acres of recreation water and the acquisition of 85,000 acres of recreation land is the prospect for the four states in the Delaware River Basin if recommendations of a study by the Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service are carried out. Public hearings were held during April and May in the affected states to explain to the people of the basin the recommended plan for a system of reservoirs based on a study that began in 1957. The additional water and land will be located on and around 19 reservoir sites. Recreation, in this heavily populated urban region, occupies a prominent place in the overall basin plan.

The recreation study, conducted by the Branch of Recreation Surveys in the Region Five Office, is appended to the Corps of Engineers report. **Lyle McDowell** directed the study until his transfer to Rocky Mountain National Park as chief ranger, **George Thompson** and **John Raybourn** represented the National Park Service at the hearings.

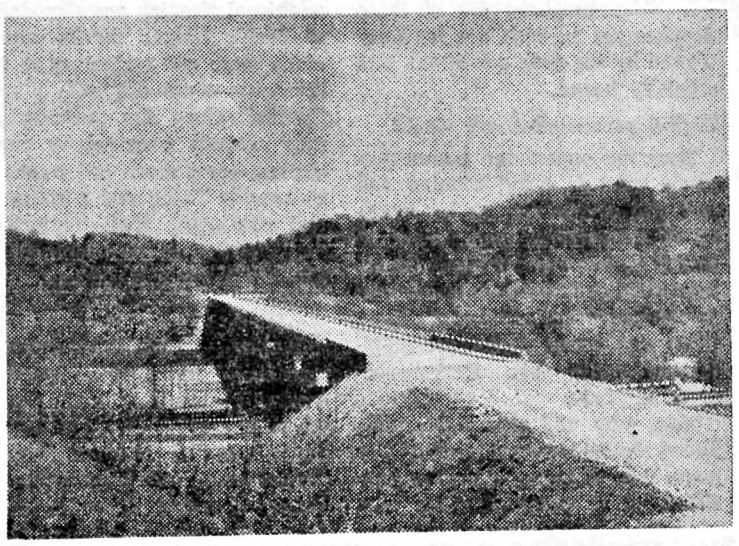
### New Approach To Big Bend

The Texas State Highway Commission has announced that $1,200,000 is currently programmed for the reconstruction and paving of the State farm-and-market road from Presidio to Lajitas, Texas. Completion of this section of road will provide entrance into Big Bend National Park via Marfa and Presidio on an excellent paved highway. The route follows the Rio Grande for several miles between Presidio and Lajitas and is one of the most scenic routes in Texas.

One of the questions frequently asked by Park visitors is the condition of this old road and the feasibility of traveling it in a passenger car. It has previously been impassable except for pickups and four-wheel drive vehicles. It is anticipated that its opening will result in a considerable increase in travel to Big Bend.

### D. AND C., MAINTENANCE FOLKS TO MEET JOINTLY

The Director has approved the attendance of 213 NPS employees at a meeting of NPS design, construction, and maintenance personnel at Yosemite Lodge November 14-18, inclusive. **Al Kuehl,** supervisory park landscape architect, WODC, has been designated as chairman to handle the details of the meeting, and **John Wosky,** Region Four chief of operations, will represent the regional office. The last such meeting, pre-MISSION 66, was held at Zion in 1953.



**Blue Ridge Parkway Bridge Over James River**

Dear Herb —

Once in a while I lapse into literacy if, as now, I think or hope that it may help a good cause.

I happen to know that you have had quite a struggle this year to get enough money to put out the **National Park Courier,** since membership income had to go first to paying off the debt on the November 1959 issue of **Steve Mather's Family Newspaper.** With a new membership year about to start, and with annual dues for membership in the Association upped to the more sensible figure of $2 a year, your job should be easier in 1961 **if employees and alumni and friends will come through with this modest amount of support for what I believe is something vital to the Service's good health and strength.**

I guess you'll be calling everybody's attention to the fact that now is the time to pay dues for the coming year. I just want to second your plea. I'd also like to make the point that putting a little effort into enrolling new members is a worthwhile pursuit, be you director, superintendent, park ranger, maintenance man, or what have you. I bet you'd send some application blanks to anybody who was minded to help the Association — and the **Courier** — in this way!

Yours for a lot bigger membership — and a constantly better **National Park Courier.**

Pyshgy Pete

# Navajos' Monument Valley Park Is Fine Start Toward Tribal System

A visit to the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park, dedicated in the spring of 1960 and in operation for several months now, is apt to make a member of the National Park Service proud — and aware that we had better look to our laurels.

Pride stems from the fact that the Navajo people, in recognizing the need to protect and interpret remarkable areas within their reservation, have modeled their aims and methods after those time-tested by the Service. The park, administered by the Navajo Tribal Parks Commission which the Tribal Council created in 1957, is a unit of the Tribal Parks System, "dedicated to conserving the scenic, scientific, and historic heritage of the Navajo Reservation for the benefit and enjoyment of all the people."

**Prepared for more visitors**

The first operational unit, 96,000 fenced acres of some of the most spectacular and unusual scenery in the United States, is a worthy challenge to the NPS in its attractive and functional "visitor center" which blends with, and does not intrude on, its surroundings; the adequacy of its equipment and personnel; the spit-and-polish maintenance evident; and the friendly and dignified atmosphere. The area is set up to handle the number of visitors expected in the near future when both the north and south access roads will be paved. It is being operated with as much attention as if the travel were many times this summer's average of 45 visitors a day.

The map in the 2-fold leaflet given visitors shows the two nearest communities — Mexican Hat and Kayenta — and access roads. It is, however, sufficiently detailed to permit identification of all the major "monuments" on the 14-mile drive through the Valley. The folder has a page of orientation information that minces no words in warning visitors of rules for their protection and the protection of the area; it includes also an excellent interpretive statement on the geology of the Valley and a realistic, description of road conditions — "the access road from the East is quite rough and not recommended for the inexperienced traveler."

**Navajos still live there.**

The dirt road into the valley is safe for careful slow travel and is adequately, but not p r o f u s e l y, signed. A wider, faster road would have increased the dust and accident problems. Navajo families continue to live in the park, their hogans, horses, and herds of sheep adding to the scene, and affording a scale for comparison with the gigantic "monuments." The people are protected from the over-curious visitor by the regulation, "Please do not enter hogans . . . or photograph Navajos without their permission." — **Sallie Van Valkenburgh.**

# Sequoia Folks Watch Tunnel Rock Fire Creep Close to Their Homes

The Tunnel Rock fire in Sequoia National Park started June 26, when a car-tire burst into flame and exploded, throwing burning rubber on the tinderdry hillside adjoining the Generals Highway a few miles above park headquarters. Though fire crews and equipment were at the scene within 12 minutes, there was no stopping the raging inferno feeding on the grass, chamise, and chaparral cover; it burned uncontrolled for 10 days. Not until July 6 was a line established around the entire fire; even then there were weeks of fire-fighting and patrolling before the area was considered safe.

**Help From Many Quarters**

Within a few hours, assistance was coming in from the State Division of Forestry, the U. S. Forest Service, and California Civil Defense. In came the famous Indian crews of the Southwest, as well as inmates of state prisons and conservation camps; more than 1400 men were used altogether; the cost was estimated at more than $600,000.

Helicopters were used to transport men to the fire lines and to evacuate them from hot spots. They also played a big part in control of the fire by using their rotor blades to fan back the fire into its heart, or to turn the course of the flames from vulnerable spots. In addition, huge tanker planes zoomed over the fire to drop cargoes of borate.

**Homes And Sequoias Menaced**

With the fire moving toward headquarters, where some 50 NPS families live and where offices, shops, and warehouse are located, it was necessary to burn out an area along the headquarters boundary after dozers and tractors, working at top speed, had constructed a 30-foot fire break. The fire was at the back doors of many park employees living at Ash Mountain.

The fire also threatened the Marble Fork drainage toward the Giant Forest, as it crept faster and faster toward the plateau where the sequoia groves are and where all public facilities are located. With burn-out operations and helicopters, it was halted before it could get out of control in the larger timber. The western fire line was burned out in a gigantic operation which Regional Forester Maurice Thede directed from the Ash Peak lookout, using a special wavelength assigned for the operation.

**No Lives, No Sequoias Lost**

The fire finally was contained within 4,800 acres. It was all grass, chamise, chaparral, and some oak; no giant sequoias were affected and there was no loss of life or personal property.

# 'Copter Puts Out Tree Top Blaze

For probably the first time in forest-fire-fighting history, a helicopter was recently used to douse with water a lightning-caused fire at the top of a tall tree, - a 200-



foot-high giant sequoia along the road from Giant Forest to Moro Rock and Crescent Meadow, in Sequoia National Park. The helicopter was able to carry 90 gallons of water — about 765 pounds — and remain over the forest giant long enough to make several direct hits on its target. Had this novel procedure not been adopted, the fire might have burned for weeks, or months.

# Yellowstone, Extra Dry, Had Busy Time with Fires in July, August

Light winter snows and light rainfall in spring and summer contributed during the latter part of July and the first half of August to an outbreak of forest fires in Yellowstone so serious and so extensive that it was necessary for the Service to bring "overhead" in considerable numbers, from R e gions One, Two and Three, to supplement the efforts of the park forces and such help as could be obtained nearby.

**Volunteers a Great Help**

"All these volunteers were most helpful and cheerful and our regular staff appreciated working with them," is the post-fire word from the park. "Everyone is very grateful for their assistance; without it we might have been in very serious shape indeed."

The first of several serious fires, started on July 20, was on the Central Plateau at the head of Otter Creek. With 212 men fighting to bring it under control, 287 acres were burned over.

A few days later, lightning started a hot fire at Indian Creek Campground, not far from Mammoth headquarters. The 130 men a s signed to it controlled it in about 3 days, with a loss of 80 acres.

At almost the same time, a fire broke out at Miller Creek at the head of the Lamar River. Getting to it required a trek of about 21 miles to an elevation of 9,000 feet; it had a good start before anybody could reach it. The approach was through heavy lodgepole pine, spruce, and fir forest with quantities of blowdowen and heavy undergrowth. F o o d supplies and equipment had to be air-dropped. The fire was a difficult and hazardous one to control because of f r e s u e n t "leapfrogging" from crown fires. With 120 men on the blaze constantly, it was finally brought under control with a loss of 116 acres.

The list of "overhead" brought in from other areas and offices is a good indication of the extent and seriousness of Yellowstone's fires. Unfortunately, we do n o t have full names for most of them, but here they are:

Everglades, **Borgman, Maxwell, Miele;** Great Smoky, **Susong, Kerr, Rowland, Senne;** Blue Ridge, **Cheesman, Ward, Kline, Jack Stark, Shiltz, Anthony Stark;** Glacier, **Olmstead, Black, Y e n n e, Thompson, Dale, Gron, Wasams;** Rocky Mountain, **Murphy, F r e e man, Guse, Frauson;** Big Ben, **Orr, Wendt;** Petrified Forest, **I v e s;** Theodore Roosevelt, **Fene;** Colorado, **Hennesey;** Carlsbad, **O'Neill;** Dinosaur, **Ellis;** Badlands, **Bucknell;** Lake Mead, **Daisy;** Grand Canyon, **Estes;** Grand Teton, **Stanley Spurgeon;** WODC, **Ralph McFadden.**

# *Belling Cats? No, Tagging Grizzlies*

As part of the study of grizzly bear population dynamics headed by Dr. John Craighead, some of the grizzlies of Yellowstone have been undergoing an unusual experience this summer. Like soldiers off to the wars, they have been getting identification tags. To attach them and at the same time to make other observations of value to the study, it is necessary to trap and tranquilize the animals, then to color mark their with ear tags of vinyl tape. They are "tamed" for about 20 minutes by shooting a pellet of tranquilizer into them from a safe distance, whereupon they can be examined, recorded and tagged without risk.

**What they're after**

The object of the study is to determine population density, sex and age composition of the population, breeding age, reproductive capacity, mortality rate, habitat requirements as related to food abundance, and hibernation sites. The study began with a small grant from the National Geographic Society; this has been supplemented by donations from the National Science Foundation and the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. John Craighead is assisted by his brother, Dr. Frank Craighead, and a number of other biologists and students of Montana State University. The study will continue for at least 5 years.

The grizzly is a diminishing species. It is estimated that there are fewer than 200 of them in Yellowstone and less than 1000 in the entire United States.

# *No 1960 Hunting in Grand Teton*

Elk reduction in Grand Teton National Park through the subterfuge provided in Public Law 787 of 1950 of "deputizing" hunters will not be permitted this year, Secretary Seaton announced recently. It was similarly prohibited last year.

At a recent meeting in Moose, Wyo., between NPS and Wyoming Fish and Game Commission representatives, a joint State-Federal recommendation against permitting hunting in the park during the fall of 1960 was formulated. This was approved by both the Secretary and Governor J. J. Hickey of Wyoming.

**BIG INTEREST PAYMENT ENDS LONG LITIGATION**

Last May, the Supreme Court denied the Government's request for review of lower court action approving an award of $486,000 to a group of landowners for Cape Hatteras National Seashore lands. Payment of a check in the amount of $70,713.93 into the U. S. District Court, Eastern District, North Carolina, to cover interest on the unpaid award up to June 30, 1960, finally brought to a close this long-standing litigation over what were generally referred to as the Worth lands. The unexpectedly large award for the lands compelled the Service to seek funds in addition to the more than $1,200,000 contributed by the State of North Carolina and the Avalon and Old Dominion Foundations. The additional amounts needed were obtained from the same sources.

# Agriculture and Interior Heads Need to Get Together, Says HMA

Under the title, "Highest Use vs. Multiple Use — More Park or All Forest," **Horace Albright** wrote in the April-May issue of the **Sierra Club Bulletin** about the recent and still not wholly resolved differences between the top commands of the National Park Service and the Forest Service. The article was, of course, written before passage of the "multiple use" act requested in behalf of the Forest Service by the Department of Agriculture. Albright refers to the resurrection of the "multiple use: vs. single use" and the "lock up the resources" propaganda as "a means to forestall not only what might be justifiable additions to the National Park System, or enlargement of some parks, but even an objective study of these matters." His article deals primarily with the history of the "Forests vs. Parks" controversy during the half century he has been in contact with the situation. As such it is a valuable footnote to the broad history of conservation effort and conservation controversy during that long period.

**To be or not to be parks**

Albright declares, "Several Forest Service specially reserved wilderness tracts could be given national park status. There are others devoted exclusively to recreation which do not measure up to National Park standards which should be retained by the Forest Service, but these are hardly being administered on the multiple-use theory.

"No," he adds, "the time has not come to stop national park extension or establishment of new national parks; on the contrary, with the rapidly increasing population, the mobility of our people, their higher incomes, the accelerated movement westward, and other considerations, it is important that the National Park System be completed as soon as possible."

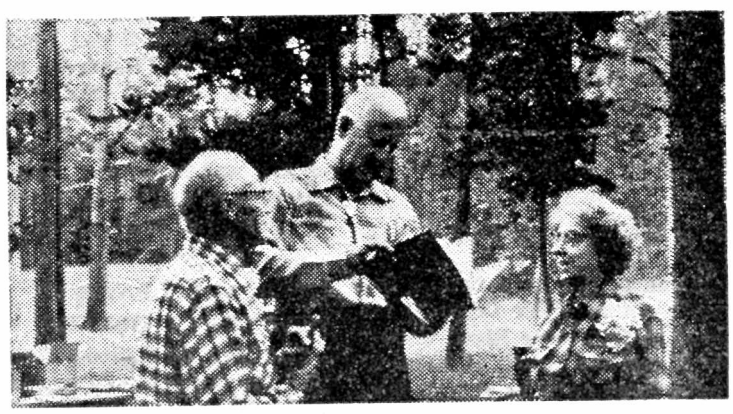
**President for round-out**

Calling attention to the fact that rounding out the National Park System is one of the objectives of the MISSION 66 program approved by the Eisenhower administration, he suggests: "That the Secretaries of the two departments, Interior and Agriculture, get together and see if this item of the President's program cannot be got off the ground. At least we should have a program adopted for specific and named areas and thus eliminate the wild generalities that are the source of present difficulties and make any agreement impossible."

# *Ed and Sally Go All the Way Up To Yellowstone for Goodby Picnic*

**Edmund B. Rogers,** who was superintendent of Yellowstone for some 20 years, chose his old stamping ground at Indian Creek for his retirement party. This was held on July 27 with old friends and close NPS asociates. Photographers **Jack** and **Isabelle Haynes** were in charge of the farewell picnic.

Edmund retired officially from the Service July 31 to private life in Denver, Colo. Since he left Yellowstone in 1956, he has been an Assistant to the Director working on the legislative history of all the National Park System areas, a work which was finished in late 1959 and duplicated.



**Ed Rogers, a guy named Wirth, and Sally**

The Rogers were presented with lifetime discount passes to all the Concessioners' Houses and to the Park, each one being individually engraved on silver in the size of the regular complimentary permits. These five silver passes were mounted on black velvet and framed, with substitute cardboard ones issued for actual use. A hand-tooled leather-bound book of letters was also presented Mr. Rogers, the Director making the presentation.

Ed Rogers was born in Denver (which he obviously loves), was educated at Cornell and Yale, and served in the Army during World War I. Before joining the NPS he did engineering work with the Geological Survey along the Mexican border; managed the Mountain Division office of the American Red Cross, and served as assistant to the trust officer of the Colorado National Bank, Denver. Mountaineering has been his hobby since boyhood.

Ed became superintendent of Rocky Mountain in 1929; in 1936, he transferred to the Yellowstone superintendency left vacant by the death of Roger W. Toll in an automobile accident. There he stayed for 20 years, except for a tour of duty in 1939-40 as acting superintendent of National Capital Parks.

The home address of Edmund and Sally Rogers — 674 South Emerson St. City? Denver, of course.

# *Interior Award Given C. M. Goethe*

Among those recognized for distinguished service in the field of conservation by the receipt of Conservation Service awards from the Department of the Interior early in May was Mr. **Charles M. Goethe,** Sacramento, Calif. The certificate of award was sent to Regional Director Merriam, Region Four, with instructions to deliver it in person to Mr. Goethe, who celebrated his 85th birthday this year.

In the citation which noted the great benefits of the NPS interpretive activities, Secretary Seaton said, "In large measure we have you to thank for the inception and initial support of this potent force in America." Referring to his and Mrs. Goethe's observation of Swiss nature study practices, and their transplanting the idea to Lake Tahoe, and thence at Mr. Mather's request, to Yosemite, the Secretary added, "From this modest begining in 1920 has grown the vigorous and effective program of nature interpretation in the National Park System today. Since those formative years, you have never ceased to demonstrate your continuing deep interest in furthering the conservation and educational activities of the National Park Service."

## EODC

An important promotion which should have been included in a previous issue of **The Courier** was that of **Eugene R. DeSilets** who succeeded to the position of supervising landscape architect, EODC, vacated by the retirement of **Harvey Cornell,** on Nov. 1, 1959. This position is one of the three chiefs of professional branches in the design offices, - one of the top-level NPS landscape architectural positions.

Gene started with the Service at Colonial in 1934 and shortly thereafter transferred to Natchez Trace. He was at Natchez Trace until 1954, except during World War II when he worked as site planner for the Air Force at Wright and Patterson Fields in Ohio. With the great reorganization of 1954, Gene was brought to Philadelphia in charge of the Project Design Section of the Branch of Landscape Architecture, EODC, where he served until his elevation to chief of that branch.

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The month of July was a bad one for some of the EODC people. Engineer **Ted Northrop** was hospitalized at Saratoga for injuries sustained while at work. Architect **Dave Henderson** turned in to the hospital in Philadelphia for minor surgery, and Landscape Architect **Stan Tauscher** underwent an emergency appendectomy in a New Jersey hospital. Stan and Dave are back at work now, but Ted was still out of the office as of August 10.

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Miss **Irene A. Albertson,** stenographer in the Historic Structures Section, EODC, and Mr. George J. Fogel were married in Holy Name Roman Catholic Church, Philadelphia on Aug. 6. There was a Nuptial Mass after the ceremony. A reception followed after which the couple left on a motor trip to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Fogel will reside in Philadelphia.

## WODC

Summer again brought its influx of summer students. They came from colleges all over the country, providing the temporary help needed for our busiest construction season. In return, they are gaining valuable experience towards their professions. Scattered throughout the Parks and WODC are 90 future engineers, 22 landscape architecst, and 5 architects. Many are trainees who will eventually receive career appointments.

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Miss **Fifi Branner** and **Per Rundberg** took the California state licensing examinations in June and are awaiting the results.

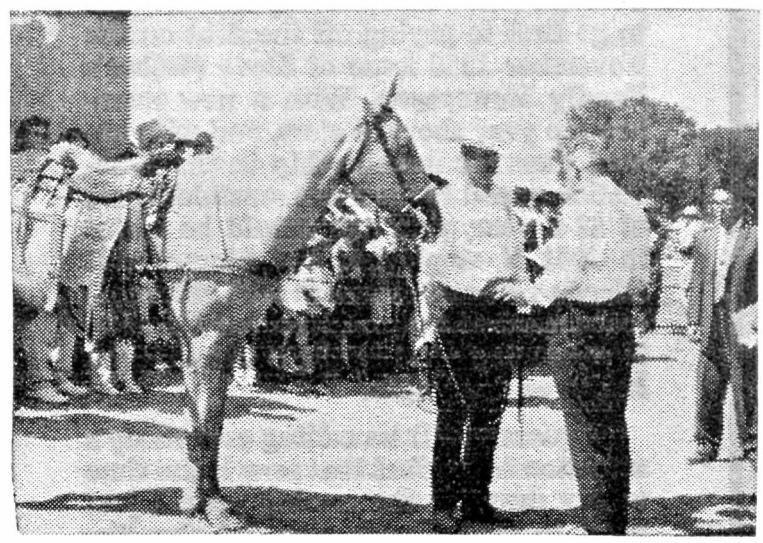
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**Robert Boyce** and **Cecil Doty** had several paintings displayed in a private San Francisco art gallery recently, and a painting of Bryce Canyon by Mr. Boyce has been accepted for a prominent local art show.

# *Pony Express Riders Are Hailed at Fort Laramie, Scotts Bluff*

For a few magic moments in July, Fort Laramie relived its past glory.

Again, the Pony Express thundered through it; blue-uniformed cavalrymen of the Wyoming Fifth Cavalry Volunteers walked its paths; and little girls in calico and sunbonnets played around its buildings as America paid tribute to the gallant mail carriers of a century ago.



**Swearing in the eastbound rider at Fort Laramie.**

On July 25, about 1,500 persons watched Chief Postal Inspector David H. Stephens of the Post Office Department administer the 100-year-old Pony Express oath to rider Ray Martindale of the Goshen County sheriff posse.

**Director Wirth** and Mr. Stephens spoke during the program preceding the arrival of the rider from the west and Miss Lola Homsher, official representative of Governor Hickey and director of the Wyoming State Archives and Historical Department, gave a brief account of the original Pony Express.

Later the same evening, at Scotts Bluff, Director Wirth and Inspector Stephens spoke to a crowd estimated at about 500 persons before the arrival of the eastbound pony at the area. Also appearing on the program which climaxed a 4-day celebration at Scottsbluff were Supt. **John Henneberger** of Scotts Bluff and Governor Ralph G. Brooks of Nebraska.

# *Like Destry, John Calvin Preston Rides Again — on Pony Express Run*

Yosemite was represented in the recent National Pony Express Centennial rerun by Supt. **John Calvin Preston.** John's maternal grandfather, Calvin J. Cross, was one of the original Pony Express riders who carried the mail in the vicinity of Julesburg, Colorado, back in the 1860's.

Prior to the start of the west to east rerun, Preston and the other riders were administered the Pony Express Rider Oath by Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield, in which each rider swore that he would abide by the original oath, ". . . I will, under no circumstances, use profane language; drink no intoxicating liquors, that I will not quarrel or fight with any other employee of the firm. . ." In addition, the 1960 riders had to promise that ". . . I will not myself nor allow any other to permit the mochila (a saddle cover with four pockets or 'cantinas' for mail) transporting the mail . . . to be carried by or placed upon anything but a human or a horse, not even allowing it to touch the ground."

While the average day's ride for the early Pony Express riders was 75 to 100 miles, John was elated to learn that he would be required to carry the mail only 4½ miles, beginning at the site of the old Fifeen Mile House near Sacramento on the route of the original run.

"And," he bragged, "my mochila didn't touch the ground once."

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Miss **Mary Gibbs,** administrative clerk, has been visiting 7 European countries with the San Francisco Archdiocesan Pilgrimage Tour. She was planning to have a cocktail in Paris with **Ronald Mortimore,** former WODC landscape architect who is taking summer courses at Fontainebleau, France.

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WODC Administrative Officer **Bob Coombs** has just received a certificate signifying completion of a year-long extension course given by the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, entitled "The Economics of National Security." Bob, formerly chief ranger at Coulee Dam, holds the rank of Commander in the Naval Air Reserve.

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HABS resumed the recording of important old buildings in California this summer. Associate Professor **Richard Peters,** with five students from the University of California Architectural School - **Richard Berteaux, Lawrence Cardoza, David Criz, Roger Pelissier** and **Donald Royse** — and **George R. Parker** from the University of Colorado went to Sacramento early in August on a project arranged for by **Charles Pope,** WODC historic structures architect, with **Dr. Aubrey Neasham** (NPS alumnus) of the California State Parks and Beaches and the Sacramento Landmarks Commission.

The crews scaled and measured the B. F. Hastings Bank Building and the Adams Express Building, chosen because of their historical connection with the Pony Express and their architectural expression of the early 1850's. In a re-development area their survival is in question.

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**Charles Pope** and measuring teams including **Bob Parker** and **Joseph Myg tt** travelled to Ft. Spokane, Wash. the last of July. The immediate job was to measure some old Fort buildings for an historic structures report and for preparation of HABS drawings for the Library of Congress.

# THINGS IN PRINT

## "The Outer Banks of North Carolina"

"The Outer Banks of North Carolina," by **David Stick** is in only slight degree a tourist guide to a section of American geography where the National Park Service has been active for the past decade. Mostly, it is a history of the Outer Banks from the time that the first English settlement was established on Roanoke Island in 1584 until just yesterday. That's a long history; it is also an unusually interesting one, — compounded of "The Lost Colony," piracy, hurricanes, shipwrecks, Civil War battles, the pioneer flights of the Wright Brothers, prosperity, depression, and the modern era in which the most significant development has surely been the establishment of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore Recreation Area. Here, within a radius of only a few miles, the National Park Service administers three areas, — Fort Raleigh, site of the Lost Colony; the Wright Brothers National Memorial, site of those first flights; and the first of what it is hoped will be a fairly numerous group of national seashores.

David Stick, son of Frank Stick, who has long been associated with Outer Banks history (and who illustrated the book with well-executed pen-and-ink sketches), starts off with the great advantage of a deep love for this windswept outer barrier and long acquaintance with it; he has devoted effective and paintaking research to his task; and he writes about it well. In doing the book, in which he was assisted by a grant from the Old Dominion Foundation through the Eastern National Park and Monument Association, he has done a fine service to his own community; he has also left the visitor to the Outer Banks, seeking for background on them, greatly in his debt.

The Van Rees Press, New York, is to be credited with an excellent production. Publisher is the University of North Carolina Press, which also published Stick's "Graveyard of the Atlantic." "The Outer Banks of North Carolina" retails for $6.00.

## National Park Service Glossary, Etc.

The National Park Service's 5-foot shelf of handbooks recently had added to it an 82-page "National Park Service Glossary of Commonly Used Terms and List of Common Alphabetical Contractions." If anybody doubts that the Service speaks a language all its own, let him examine the 74 pages devoted to definitions, - 471 of them, or thereabouts. In the process he can also learn a lot about Service thinking. The product is almost as notable for its omissions as it is for its inclusions.

Take, for example, the word **park.** It is a word that has a multitude of meanings including, in the Park Service's own park field, certain characteristics which mark an area as a park, - such as controlled access, control of light and air, etc. But wait a minute; here it is in the Handbook: "Park. The term favored, in preference to 'area,' for abbreviated or informal reference to any unit administered by the National Park Service which includes any lands and is generally considered or named as an entity."

Here is already an item to add, to bring the number of definitions to 472. It was promulgated several months ago, after a tentative definition described it as "parklike." The reference is to **national parkway,** about which even the Division of Design and Construction seemed for a long time unable to make up its mind. "A National Parkway," according to a memorandum from Assistant Director Jackson Price, "is a federally owned, elongated park featuring a road designed for pleasure travel, and embracing scenic, recreational, or historic features of national significance." Offered as part of the definition were the following embellishments: "Access from adjoining properties is limited and commercial traffic is not permitted. A national parkway has sufficient merit and character to make it a national attraction and not merely a means of travel from one region to another. A National Parkway can be established only by an Act of Congress."

It is really an interesting book to browse through. Here, for your enlightenment is the definition —yeh, we're not kidding—for **Esthetic values:** "The finer intangible and cultural park values as distinguished from material and economic values. Scenic beauty, inspirational values, the opportunity to see and appreciate nature, are esthetic; the benefits of fresh air, sunshine, and a good place to camp, are more material."

One of the more interesting miscellaneous facts uncovered is that, in the jargon of the Park Service, a "normal type building" is not a structure; only if it is an unusual or monumental type building.

All kidding aside, this handbook represents a tremendous amount of work and a monumental exercise in semantics by somebody. It is truly a great oak that from a tiny acorn grew.—H. E.

## Colonial Authors To Be Published

Two books by Colonial NHP employees will be published in late autumn by Garrett & Massie, Inc., Richmond.

**Seventeenth Century Jamestown Houses and Buildings: A Pictorial Book** was written by **J. Paul Hudson,** curator at Colonial for the past 6 years, who has specialized in museum work for a quarter century. It will contain more than 100 illustrations, - half of them drawings by **Sidney King,** the other half photographs of building foundations, hardware and other materials excavated at Jamestown. Mr. King has contributed 5 perspective maps showing Jamestown as it may have looked at five different times in its history.

**Road to Revolution: Virginia's Rebels from Bacon to Jefferson, 1676 - 1776** is the work of Historian **Charles W. H. Warner,** with a foreword by Dr. T. J. Wertenbaker, retired head of the Princeton history department. It analyzes the political thinking of certain political leaders during the century before the Revolution, from Bacon to the men who influenced the young Jefferson at William and Mary. It is illustrated with several historical photographs published here for the first time as well as with drawings by Sidney King.

## Dr. Gould Tells Story Of His Life

**Raymond Gregg,** Hot Springs superintendent, has called the **Courier's** attention to "Covered Wagon Geologist," the autobiography of **Dr. Charles N. Gould.** It is published by the press of the University of Oklahoma, an institution with which Dr. Gould was associated for many years; it will be of particular interest to those present and former NPS people — such as Ray Gregg — who had the privilege of association with Dr. Gould when this eminent geologist was employed by the Service during the 30's.

Ray reviewed the book for the **Omaha World Herald** some months ago. "This book," he wrote, in part, "will bring the same enjoyment to the reader that personal contact brought to the thousands who have traveled with him, heard him speak, or sat at his feet for training in the science of probing the earth."

Dr. Gould died in 1949. Among his monuments are one of the strongest university geological departments in America and the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

### ASSOCIATION ISSUES TWO TETON HISTORY BOOKLETS

Western history enthusiasts will welcome two new publications recently issued by the Grand Teton Natural History Association. The first, "Mountain River Men," is by **Frances Judge,** wife of **Paul Judge,** superintendent of Bandelier, but stationed at Grand Teton for many years. It is a small booklet about the Menor Brothers, Bill and Holiday, and the history of Menor's Ferry. The second, "Campfire Tales of Jackson Hole," contains seven articles. These include the story of the discovery of Jackson Hole and the Yellowstone by John Colter in 1807-08; of the Mountain Men in Jackson Hole; of Lieut. Doane's expedition down the Snake in the winter of 1876-77; and the stories of Deadman's Bar, the Cunningham Cabin affair, and Uncle Jack Davis, Jackson Hole prospector.

### "AMERICAN EARTH" FIRST PRINTING IS NEARLY GONE

Bruce M. Kilgore, managing editor of the **Sierra Club Bulletin,** stated early in August that the response to "This Is the American Earth," by Nancy Newhall and Ansel Adams, "has been so great that we are nearly out of the first printing and will expect to have a second printing out by late fall."

### BATTLEFIELD BOOKLET

Designed especially for the use of groups making the 150-mile tour of Virginia Civil War battlefields from the Wilderness to Appomattox is a recently produced tour guide. Joining forces with the Eastern National Park and Monument Association in getting it out were 4 Civil War parks, Fredericksburg, Richmond, Petersburg and Appomattox. The finest single feature of the publication is the color tour map which provides a helpful guide and suggests major points of interest for better understanding of the whole period of the 1864-65 contest between Grant and Lee and the armies under their command.

Travelers using the guide will progress systematically from the Wilderness to Spottsylvania, North Anna, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, Five Forks, Saylers Creek and Appomattox Court House and the McLean House, where the two generals met and "wrote into history the last hours of the Confederacy."

## Miss Overly Weds Frank L. Lewis

Miss **Rita Lorraine Overly,** daughter of Supt. and Mrs. **Fred J. Overly** of Great Smoky Mountains, became the bride of **Frank Lynford Lewis** on June 25, at the First Methodist Church in Gatlinburg.

The bride, in an Empire-style gown of white satin and a veil of silk illusion held by a bridal crown, carried white and yellow roses. She was attended by her sister **Patricia**



Mrs. Lewis

**Ann Overly** as maid of honor; **Miss Gail Christensen,** sister of the groom, as bridesmaid; and **Miss Donna Christensen,** another sister, as junior attendant.

Mesdames **Nancy Wagner, Coleen LaRean, David Condon, John Morrell** and **Arthur Stupka** assisted in serving at the reception held at the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred R. Convery, aunt and uncle of the bride, were out-of-town guests from Chehalis, Washington.

## Marie Gastellum Weds Mr. Curran

**Marie Gastellum,** daughter of Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. **Luis Gastellum,** and **William E. Curran, Jr.** of Framingham, Mass., were married at 9 o'clock on the morning of August 20 in the Mammoth Chapel in Yellowstone. The ceremony was performed by Father Penny of Cody, Wyo.

Marie's sister Gloria was maid of honor; bridesmaids were Miss Mary Schwinzhamer of New Rockford, N. Dak., and Miss Mary MacDonald of Sioux Falls, S. Dak. Junior bridesmaids were Frances Gastellum and Katherine Kurtz of the park. Best man was David Ferrari of San Jose, Calif.; the ushers, Richard Curran, brother of the groom, and Michael O'Keefe of Boise, Ida. Edward Gastellum and George Tracy, Yellowstone, served at the altar. Louis Good, son of Yellowstone's assistant chief naturalist, was the ring bearer.



Mrs. Curran

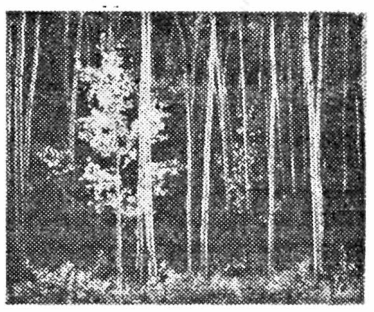
The wedding was followed at 11 o'clock by a reception in the Mammoth Hotel Map Room. Bride and groom are students at Creighton University, Omaha, where they will continue their studies during the coming year.

### NAVAJOS MAY SEND PARK RANGER TO NPS SCHOOL

Writing to the **Courier** right after he and **Ted Thompson** had returned from a trip through the Southwest recruiting instructional assistance for the next session of the Training Center, **Frank Kowski** reported the possibility that an additional trainee at that session would be the chief ranger of the Navajo Tribal Parks. "As of now," he wrote, "they have 15 park rangers and a lot of plans for the future. They are really enthused about their tribal parks and since they seemingly have plenty of money, their system will probably materialize within the next few years."


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**Aaberg, Al,** supv. park ranger, GS-7, Glacier, to chief park ranger, GS-8, Devils Tower, **Abelson, Lloyd A.,** park historian, GS-7, Pipestone, to same, GS-9, Cumberland Gap. **Allen, Roy,** seasonal park ranger, Rocky Mountain, to park ranger, GS-5, Sequoia-Kings. **Benham, Martin N.,** supv. park ranger, GS-7, Mount Rainier, to same, GS-9, Everglades. **Butterfield, Neal A.,** chief, Columbia River Basin Survey Branch, GS-13, Portland, Ore. to chief, Division of Recreation Resource Planning, GS-14, Region I. **Calhoun, Gilbert W.** supv. park ranger, GS-7, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt, to same, GS-9, Hot Springs. **Cawood, Hobart G.,** park historian, GS-5, Cumberland Gap, to same, GS-7, Fort Frederica. **Chase, Willard M.,** adm. officer, GS-10, Hawaii, to same, GS-11, Mount Rainier. **Contor, Roger,** asst. chief ranger, GS-8, Bryce Canyon, to Mgt. asst., GS-9, Oregon Caves.

**Featherstone, William L.** asst. chief park ranger, GS-10, Shenandoah, to recreation planner, GS-11, Region I. **Freeland, Dixon B.,** supv. park ranger, GS-8, Great Smoky, to same, GS-9, Colonial. **Giles, Thomas F.,** rec. planner, GS-11, WASO, to chief, Special Studies Section, GS-12, Region I. **Hadley, Lawrence C.,** park specialist GS-11, WASO, to mgt. asst. to the supt.



**In Joe Joffe's old job.**

(information specialist and concessioner coordinator), GS-12, Yellowstone. **Hankins, James D.,** ranger, GS-5, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt, to chief ranger, Hot Springs. **Howe, Wayne,** asst. chief ranger, Sequoia-Kings, to same, Yosemite. **Jamison, Lyle E., adm.** asst. GS-7, Arches, to same, GS-7, Glen Canyon. **Jeffery, Robert D.,** foreman-III-maint., Acadia, to foreman IV-maint., Dinosaur. **Johnson, Harold F.,** adm. asst., G8-5, Craters of the Moon, to purchasing agt., GS-9, Yosemite.

**Kump, Cloyd A.,** clerk steno., GS-4, Dinosaur, to adm. asst., GS-5, Wupatki. **McKown, James,** historian, GS-5, Pipe Spring, to ranger, GS-7, Grand Canyon. **Myers, Marion W.,** forester, GS-9, Lassen Volcanic, to same, GS-11, Yellowstone. **Parry, Peter L.,** supv. park ranger, GS-7, Natchez Trace, to same (district ranger) GS-9, Isle Royale. **Partin, Willie A.,** supv. ranger, GS-7, Chiricahua, to same, GS-8, Lake Mead. **Perkins, Robert N.,** supv. ranger, Yellowstone, to same, Sequoia-Kings. **Peters, Robert W.,** ranger, GS-5, Gettysburg, to supv. ranger, GS-7, Great Smoky. **Peterson, Robert,** Supv. ranger, GS-7, Yosemite, to same, GS-9, Mt. McKinley.

**Raftery, Jack,** asst. chief ranger, GS-9, Crater Lake, to same, GS-10, Big Bend. **Rogers, Robert W.,** asst. chief ranger, GS-9, Big Bend, to same, GS-11, Olympic. **Sellers, O. Raymond,** naturalist, GS-7, Lehman Caves, to same, GS-9, Yellowstone. **Squier, Robert C.,** regional chief, National Plan Sec., GS-12, to regional chief, Br. of National Park System Planning, GS-13, Region I. **Theon, Curtis E.,** adm. asst., GS-6, Chaco Canyon, to personnel asst., GS-7, Region III. **Willett, John T.,** supt., Stones River, GS-9, to same, GS-11, Pea Ridge. **Yardic, George T.,** adm. asst., GS-5, Wupatki, to same, GS-6, Arches.

### REASSIGNMENTS

**Beall, Annabelle M.,** secretary, Office of the Secretary, to same, Branch of Personnel, WASO. **Beer, Joe H.,** lands, arch., EODC, to same, Shenandoah. **Bouland, Harlie M.,** accountant, Sequoia-Kings, to same, Yellowstone. **Bowman, James H.,** engineer, WODC, to park engineer, Isle Royale. **Briggs, George S., Jr.,** ranger, Kings Canyon, to staff forester, Lassen Volcanic. **Bright, John W.,** park lands. arch. to recreation planner, Region I. **Burgen, William N.,** supv. ranger, Blue Ridge, to same, Yellowstone. **Burns, Robert A.,** Bureau of Land Mgt. to ranger, Sequoia-Kings. **Burroughs, Daniel F.,** chief of state cooperation, Region V, to chief, Columbia River Rec. Survey Branch, Portland, Ore. **Davis, Benjamin H.,** supv. historian, Roosevelt-Vanderbilt, to supt., Antietam. **Davis, Daniel E.,** supv. ranger, Grand Canyon, to same (forest protection and fire control) Glacier. **Davis, Eliot,** dist. ranger, Yellowstone, to supt., Grand Portage. **Devenport, James F.,** supv. ranger, Harpers Ferry, to same, Wind Cave, **Farrar, Glen C.,** civil engineer, Colonial, to same, Mammoth Cave.

**Gonzales Manuel A.,** prop. mgt. asst., Region IV, to proc. and property management assistant, Region III. **Hefti, Vincent M,** supv. ranger, Grand Canyon, to same, Black Canyon of the Gunnison. **Heiser, Bruce E.,** acctg. technician, Olympic, to fiscal acctg. clerk, Lake Mead. **Hewitt, Arthur F., Jr.,** naturalist, Yellowstone, to archeologist, Mesa Verde. **Houston, Jack V.,** ranger, Hot Springs, to same, Natchez Trace. **Jansson, Harold F.,** adm. aid, Chalmette to same, George Washington Birthplace. **Lillis, David M.,** supv. exhibits specialist, Western Museum Lab., to exhibits specialist, Branch of Museums, WASO.

**Mardis, James,** acct., Yellowstone, to same, Zion. **Maule, Stuart H.,** personnel asst., Region III, to archeologist, Wupatki. **McCabe, Joseph O.,** civil engineer, Region III, to park engineer, Zion. **McClanahan, W. Dean,** supv. ranger, Hot Springs, to supt., Pipestone. **Mickee, Rachel L.,** acctg. and fiscal clerk, USGS, to budget clerk, Branch of Finance, WASO. **Morris, Robert C.,** supv. ranger, Glacier, to same (fire control asst.), Grand Canyon. **Peterson, Charles L.,** asst. supt., Morristown, to supt., Fort Clatsop National Monument Project. **Rose, Robert H.,** regional naturalist, Region V, to principal geologist, Br. of Natural History, WASO.

**Small, Edwin G.,** supv. historian, Boston National Historic Sites Com., Boston, to supt., Minute Man National Historical Park Project, Boston. **Stump, James M.,** supv. civil engineer, EODC, (Hdqrs. Blue Ridge), to supv. engineer, Shenandoah. **Sumner, Lowell,** regional research biologist, Region IV, to research biologist, Br. of Natural History, WASO. **Townsley, John A.,** mgt. asst., Crater Lake (Oregon Caves), to park planner, WASO. **Walker, Alex D.,** adm. officer, Mount Rainier, to asst. supt., Mount Rainer.

### RETIREMENTS

**Abegglen, Emma E.,** clerk-typist, Br. of Property & Records Mgt., WASO - 17 years, June 30, **Anderson, Edward J.,** mandatory, landscape gardener, NCP - 18 years. **Bailey, Chester A.,** optional, guard-special policeman, NCP - 32 years. **Clift, Harvey,** foreman plumber, Crater Lake - 22 years, July 10. **Doust, Harry W.,** supt. Antietam - 32 years, June 30. **Fiore, Michael J.,** disability, private, motorcycle officer, NCP - 15 years, **Hullen, Behrend H.,** stock control clerk, Yosemite.

**Littleford, John,** optional, Foreman II, landscape gardener, NCP - 36 years. **McIntyre, Raymond W.,** disability, chief ranger, Colorado. **Phillips, Lester N.,** camp supt., Yosemite. **Rich, Willis,** laborer, ungraded, Mammoth Cave - 15 years. **Rogers, Edmund B.,** special asst. to the Director - 31 years, 10 months, July 31. **Skinner, Curtis K.,** optional, asst. supt., Mount Rainier. **Wilson, George F.,** mandatory, tour leader, Chickamauga-Chattanooga - 15 years. **Watson, Mrs. Edna,** Branch of Property and Records Mgt. WASO - 11 years.

### LATE ADDITIONS

**Promotion: Iverson, Phillip R.,** supv. ranger, GS-7, C. & O. Canal, to same, GS-9, Grand Canyon.

**Reassignments: Alford, Billy R.,** acctg. technician, Zion, to supv. actg. technician, Grand Canyon. **Clark, Joseph,** lands. architect, Shenandoah, to same. Crater Lake. **Dempsey, James M.,** supv. ranger, Great Sand Dunes, to same, Bryce Canyon. **Hackett, Coyt H.,** museum curator, Region IV, to same, Yosemite. **Hackett, W. Ted,** from supv. ranger, Devils Tower, to same, Glacier. **Krause, Roderick J.,** adm. asst., Aztec Ruins, to same, Chaco Canyon. **Orgill, Stewart R.,** tour leader (Supervisor), Carlsbad, to ranger, Lake Mead.

**Retirement: Deal, George S.,** disability, operator-general, Colonial — 28 years, 3 months.

# Awards List

Forty-one fewer suggestions were received by the NPS Incentive Awards Committee during the fiscal year recently ended than during the preceding year, according to the committee's annual report. There were 7 more awards, though they totaled altogether $705 less than in 1959. Superior performance awards were given to 55 employees, compared with 88 the preceding year; 8 employees received special act or special service awards, against 16 the year before. The total amount expended on awards was $19,135 in 1960; $34,000 in 1959.

The NPS gave 3 distinguished service, 19 meritorious service, and 60 commendable service awards; it presented one valor award. Length-of-service emblems were given to 411.

### Meritorious Service

**Bursley, Allyn P.,** ret. Supervisory recreation planner (Regional Chief, Division of Recreation Resource Planning), Region I. **Grimm, Rudolph L.,** ret. supv. park ranger, Glacier. **Libbey, Donald S.,** supt., Hot Springs (posthumous). **Selby, Raymond F.,** ret. capt., U.S. Park Police, NCP. **Trowbridge, William G.,** budget officer, NCP (Posthumous).

### Special Service

**Smith, Robert E.,** architectural engineer, D&C Division, WASO, $500. Personnel Clerk **Terrell,** NCP, $200.

### Special Act

**Ritter, Marion W.,** highway engineer, EODC, forsustained superior performance, $200.

### Superior Performance

**Amato, Rose L.,** Secretary, Arch. Branch, EODC, $100. **Cleary, Mereda D.** Secy., Eng. Branch, EODC, $100. **Eberle, Margaret M.** personnel clerk, EODC, $200. **Knapp, Jean A.,** secy., Lands. Arch. Branch, EODC, $100. **Karas, Patricia A.,** Clerk-Steno., Office of Audits, WASO, $200. **Kennedy, William (Joe),** supt., Whitman. **Kozel, John** History Branch, WASO, $150. **Livingston, Doris P.,** clerical asst., Office of Supt., NCP, $100. **Murphy, Anne M.,** program clerk, EODC, $150. **Robey, George W.,** asst. chief, Horticulture Branch, Div. of Maint., NCP, $200. **Small, Jacob,** carpenter, Gettysburg, $100. **Spalding, Hannah G.,** clerk, Office of Audits, WASO, $200. **Stevens, Raymond L.,** chief, Northwest Section, Div. of Maint., NCP, $200. **Stottlemeyer, Grayson E.,** asst. chief, Geo. Washington Memorial Parkway, Div. of Maint., NCP, $300. **Heller, Elwyn,** seasonal mgt. aid, Yosemite, $100.

# Session Report Is Good Reading

Not much of the literature that the NPS is producing these days can compete in real interest with the reports which are put together at the conclusion of each session of the National Park Service Training Center at Yosemite by **Frank Kowski** and his staff. Mimeographed, they make good reading, but comparatively few copies are produced in complete form, - that is, with the full quota of illustrations. There were 23 of these in the copy of the report on the W. B. Lewis Session of last winter and spring recently loaned to the **Courier.**

One of the remarkable features of the training center's operations is that it attracts an extraordinary number of "visiting lecturers," some 90 of them at that Lewis Session.

### Instruction For Wives

The reader of the report gains the impression that the relatively new employees of the NPS and their families accept things as they come philosophically. That refers particularly to housing for the trainees, still a thousand miles from being satisfactory, especially when, as was the case last winter, there were 25 youngsters among those present.

An innovation at the last session, sought by trainee wives, was a series of four evenings of "wife instruction." Topics included General Service Information; First Aid for Service Wives; Responsibilities of the Service Wife; and (believe it or not) How to be a Good Widow. "The staff approached this assignment with a few apprehensions," but it worked out well.

Those chosen to attend the **Frank Pinkley** Session of the center are:

Park rangers: **James D. Arnott,** Everglades; **Hugh L. Crenshaw,** Hot Springs; **Edwin J. Elmore,** Blue Ridge; **Raymond L. Spruill,** Fort Caroline; **William S. Worthington,** Great Smoky Mountains; **Laurel W. Dale,** Glacier; **William P. Ellis,** Dinosaur; **Paul L. Swearingson,** Yellowstone; **George F. Wagner,** and **Neal G. Guse,** Rocky Mountain.

**Donald H. De Foe,** Lake Mead; **Donald L. Jackson,** Coronado; **Francis H. Ugolini,** Organ Pipe Cactus; **Charles W. Wendt,** Big Bend; **Stanley T. Albright,** Yosemite; **Leo D. Doyle,** Joshua Tree; **Herbert L. Gercke,** Olympic; **Thomas D. Monroe,** Death Valley; and **Charles B. Sigler,** Mount Rainier.

Park historians: **John W. Bond,** Petersburg; **Lionel J. Bienvenu,** Morristown; **Wescoat S. Wolfe,** Fort McHenry. Park archeologist: **John P. Bradbury,** El Morro. Park naturalist: **John Krisko,** National Capital Parks. Museum curator: **Vernon C. Tancil,** Independence.

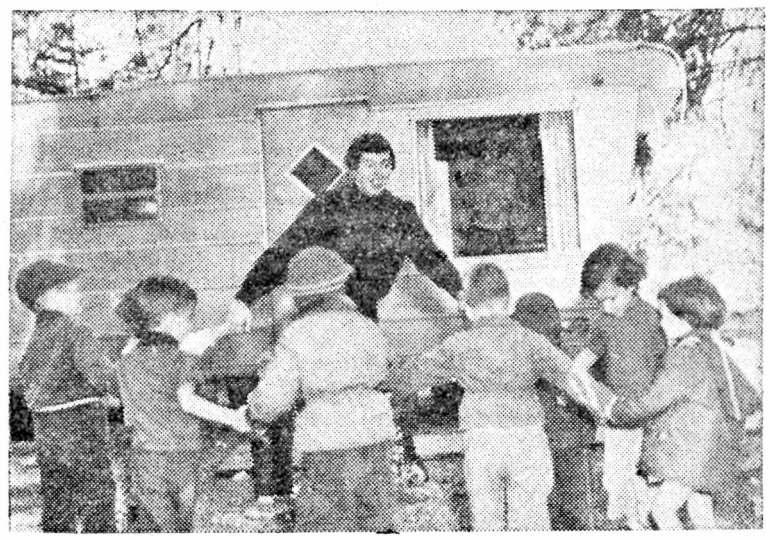
The July issue of Family Camping Magazine contains a well-illustrated feature article entitled "School for Rangers," which tells all about the training center.

# *Mather Grandson Weds This Month*

**Stephen Mather McPherson,** son of Mr. and Mrs. **Edward R. McPherson, Jr.,** of Darien, Conn., and grandson of **Stephen T. Mather,** will be married to Miss **Penelope Edson Chester** of Greenwich, Conn., on Sept. 17. The wedding will take place at Christ Church, in Greenwich.

The bride, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colby M. Chester 3rd, is a 1960 graduate of Sarah Lawrence College. The groom is a graduate of St. Paul"s School, 1955, and Harvard University, 1959, and is now with the Morgan Guaranty Trust Co. They will live at 435 East 85th Street, New York City.

Stephen was a summer ranger in Yellowstone National Park in 1859.



**Mrs. Burchard and Some of Her Charges**

Mrs. Duncan Burchard, Big Bend, held weekly children's gatherings and story hours for the 25 youngsters at Yosemite during the W. B. Lewis Session

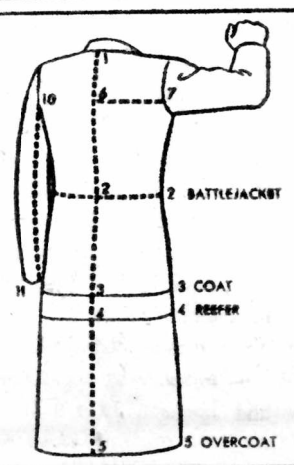
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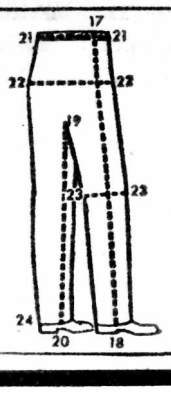
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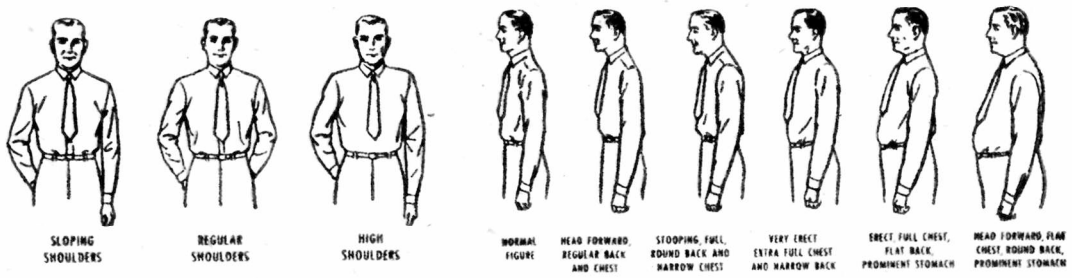
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# Obituary

### ALBERT D. ROSE

At about 7:30 a.m., on May 25, 1960, Al Rose, assistant superintendent of Hot Springs National Park, was stricken with a heart attack and pronounced dead on arrival at St. Joseph's Hospital a few minutes later. He was 58 years of age.

Al entered on duty in the position of assistant superintendent of Hot Springs National Park on January 4, 1959, coming to that position from chief park ranger at Mount Rainier National Park.

Although a native of Colorado Springs, Colo., Al spent most of his life in Washington. He joined the National Park Service in 1932



ALBERT D. ROSE

as a fire dispatcher at Mount Rainer and worked up to the chief park ranger's position. Before coming to the NPS, he served with the Forest Service for six years.

He attended Willamette University at Salem, Ore., and served with the Coast Guard during World War Two. He was a member of the American Legion and of the Lions Club.

Memorial Services were held at Gross Mortuary, Hot Springs, on May 26, with burial in Bremerton, Wash., on May 31.

Margaret, his widow, returned to Bremerton to make her home. Her address is 1133 Hayward.

### OTIS B. TAYLOR

Otis B. Taylor, former Region One regional naturalist, and affectionately known as "O. B." to hundreds of warm and admiring friends, died at McGuire Veterans Hospital, Richmond, Va., on June 17 after many years of precarious health.

O. B. was born in Kentucky in 1892. He attended first the University of Wisconsin and later the



OTIS B. TAYLOR

University of Kentucky, from which he received his Bachelor of Science Degree. Later, he earned his Master of Science degree from the University of North Carolina. His career included teaching in the Department of Biology at North Carolina State College. There he established and taught the course in wildlife management until shortly before entering the National Park Service in 1934. Leaving the college, he did a reconnaissance survey for the Bureau of the Biological Survey in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, and Mississippi, to locate suitable areas for the establishment of migratory waterfowl refuges.

Otis served in the Army during World War I, during which he contracted a disabling case of tuberculosis. The disease was later arrested and thus enabled the National Park Service to benefit from 17 of his most useful and productive years. All of his Service career was with the Region One Office in Richmond and its predecessor, the District III office, established during the early days of the CCC, except for a special assignment in Washington during 1949 and 1950, assisting in the preparation of the Soil Conservation Manual.

He was a extraordinarily skilled agronomist, in addition to being a fine biologist and wildlife technician. As an agronomist, he made a lasting contribution as an advisor in connection with the treatment and use of farm and pasture lands along the Blue Ridge Parkway and in programming the agricultural use of lands in the historical areas of the National Park System in the East.

Upon his retirement for disability in 1951, O. B. was given the Meritorious Service Award. In recommending to the Department that he be given this award, Assistant Director Tolson wrote, "Throughout his career Mr. Taylor demonstrated qualities of human understanding and leadership which very few people possess. He had a peculiar faculty for inspiring persons who worked with him to put forth their best efforts." No kinder, more considerate, more selfless person ever worked for the National Park Service.

"O. B's." widow, Ruby Asher Taylor, will continue to live in their home at 2928 Battery Ave., Richmond 28, Va.

### WALTER L. HUBER

Walter L. Huber, nationally known conservationist and engineer, former member and chairman of the Advisory Board, past president and honorary vice-president of the Sierra Club of which he had been a member for 53 years, and past president of the American Society of Civil Engineers, died suddenly on May 31.

The **Sierra Club Bulletin** noted that Mr. Huber, a third-generation Californian, was graduated from the University of California in 1905. "He worked in the 1920's on the original concepts of the Central Valley Project, and has served as consultant on literally scores of western dam projects."

In staff meeting on June 2, Regional Director Merriam, Region Four, said that "as district engineer of the Forest Service years ago, he was responsible for the survey of the Devils Postpile National Monument when that area was set aside under the Antiquities Act." In the death of Mr. Huber, many past and present NPS people have lost a warm personal friend.

### LOUISE WILLIS

Mrs. Louise Willis, wife of Marion Willis, retired Bryce Canyon roads and trails foreman, passed away recently at a Salt Lake City hospital following surgery. Survivors, besides her husband, include two sons, Monte of Tropic, Utah, and Smith of Panguitch, Utah Funeral services were held at Henrieville, Utah, where the Willis's had been making their home.

### MRS. NETTIE N. BENSON

Mrs. Nettie N. Benson, 64, knowledgable, helpful and devoted administrative assistant to the Director, died on July 12 of a heart attack at her home, 2322 41st St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

With the National Park Service since 1933, Mrs. Benson served under four Directors. She began her Government career in 1917 as an employee of the Adjutant General's Office, War Department, in Washington. She went to the Office of Public Buildings and Public Parks of the Nation's Capital in 1921 and continued with that Office until 1933 when, under a Presidential reorganization, its activities were transferred to the National Park Service.

Funeral services for Mrs. Benson were held on July 16 at the S. H. Hines Funeral Home in Washington, D. C., and burial was in Washington's Mount Olivet Cemetery. Pallbearers were T. Sutton Jett, associate superintendent of National Capital Parks, and William G. Carnes, Ben H. Thompson, Wilson H. George, Norman B. Herkenham, and Maurice R. Cutler, of the Washington Office staff.

Mrs. Benson is survived by two brothers, Ernest M. Norton of Dearborn, Michigan, and Lester Norton of Ord, Nebraska. She was the widow of James C. Benson, who died in 1954.

### SGT. JOHN W. MASON

Sgt. **John W. Mason,** who retired from the U. S. Park Police for physical disability Aug. 31, 1955, died on Aug. 6 at Mount Alto Hospital, D. C. He served as a park policeman for nearly 24 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary, a son, Jack, his mother, 4 sisters, a daughter-in-law, and a granddaughter.

As a patrolman, Mason was assigned to motorcycle duty in the National Capital Parks and was a handsome, popular and respected friend of motorists and pedestrians. He became a corporal on July 1, 1950; a sergeant on Dec. 1, 1950. Throughout his career he particularly cherished membership in the Policemen's Association.

A chief petty officer in the Coast Guard during World War II, Sgt. Mason was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on Aug. 9, with full military and police honors.

### "UNCLE GEORGE" LYCURGUS

Hawaii has lost probably its oldest and certainly one of its most beloved citizens. "Uncle George" Lycurgus, 101-year-old proprietor of the famed Volcano House in Hawaii National Park, died on August 6 after a brief illness. He had seen Hawaii as a kingdom, a republic, a territory, and at last a State. Governor Quinn said of his passing, "Uncle George had endeared himself to everyone in the State. He had become a tradition — in fact, almost a myth. Because he had lived a century, his passing cannot come as a surprise, but it still is a great shock."

His funeral, a brief and simple ceremony at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Hilo, was attended by many notables not only from the island of Hawaii but from neighboring islands as well.

He is survived by a daughter, Georgina, now living in Greece, a son, Leo, manager of the Hilo Hotel, and another son, Nicholas, who has assisted his father as manager of the Volcano House. There are two granddaughters, one of whom made a trip from Mexico City in July so that Uncle George might see his only great grandson, just 6 months old.

### ELLEN M. BAGBY

Miss Ellen M. Bagby, 81, since 1930 chairman of the Jamestown Committee of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities, died July 19 in Richmond.

Miss Bagby worked unremittingly for the recognition of Jamestown, part of which the Association had acquired in 1892, as one of the Nation's great shrines. In 1940, after the NPS had acquired the remainder of the island, the APVA portion was designated a national historic site. The accompanying cooperative agreement provided for certain joint operations, including collection of a single fee. It was replaced by a new one in 1956 when the APVA provided land for the new visitor center and arrangements were made for joint use of the building.

"She helped greatly in keeping before today's Virginians those principles and shrines that played such prominent and distinguished roles in the development of the Commonwealth and the Nation," Virginia's Governor Almond commented on learning of her death.

### THOMAS R. CHEKEL

**Thomas R. Chekel,** 19, of San Pedro, Calif., seasonal laborer on a trail crew at Sequoia and Kings Canyon, was killed when he fell more than 50 feet to a ledge on a rugged cliff near the Elizabeth Pass trail in Sequoia National Park. He had left the work site a little ahead of the rest of the crew, to begin supper preparations, as was customary. Since he was not at the camp when the crew arrived, a search was begun. His body was found the next morning.

## Washington Office

**Dick Sutton,** chief architect, who had a stroke last December and was hospitalized for a short time, is still recuperating at his home near McLean, Va. He has been receiving visitors for several months and is now able to visit his friends in the near vicinity; is in good spirits and looks exceptionally well. He spends much of his time outside supervising landscaping and gardening activities at his attractive home, under Mrs. Sutton's watchful eye.

**Earl A. Disque** of the Branch of Landscape Architecture, Washington Office, has returned to duty after cervical neuritis of the back, from which recovery has been slow but definite.

**Jim Siler** has also returned to duty with the Branch of Lands, after many months of illness.

Recorded in the minutes of the Director's staff meeting for May 15 was the fact that three more superintendents had been elevated to Grade GS-15. They are **Fred G. Overly,** Great Smoky; **Sam P. Weems,** Blue Ridge; and **John E. Doerr,** Olumpic.

**Howard R. Stagner,** chief naturalist, attended the 21st session of the International Geological Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, in August, and visited several other European countries.

Miss **Millis Patton,** assistant chief of records management, received her Master of Arts degree from American University on June 5. Her master's thesis was a case study of the organization and management of the National Park Service.

### BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. **Lawrence Fisher** (Br. of Natural History), a son, July 29. To Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Lovegren** (Personnel Branch), a daughter, July 24. To Mr. and Mrs. **John F. Delay** (Br. of Landscape Architecture) their 7th child, a son, June 17. To Mr. and Mrs. **Perry Johhnson** (Mrs. Johhnson formerly with Division of Ranger Activities) a daughter.

### DEATHS

Mrs. **Gennaro Voccia,** mother of **Mrs. Virginia V. Burch,** Br. of Visitor Protection, May 13 at Providence, R. I.

Mrs. **Margaret Delay,** mother of **John F. Delay,** June 13, at St. Paul, Minn.

### MISS HUMM MARRIED

Miss **Isabel Virginia Humm,** secretary to Don Lee, chief of the Branch of Lands, and **Joseph Ardell Whitehead,** Major, U.S. Army, ret., were married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C., on Friday, May 13. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Officers Club, U. S. Army Medical Center (Walter Reed). The Whiteheads are living at 6600 Luzon Ave., Apt. 27, Washington 12, D. C.

## Services Honor NPS Benefactor

Memorial services for the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr., benefactor of the National Park System and of conservation in general, were held at many places. Of special significance, because the sites were especially dear to Mr. Rockefeller, were those held at Williamsburg on June 9 and at Grand Teton on July 31.

The services at Williamsburg were at Bassett Hall, which was Mr. Rockefeller's home when in the city he had restored. Participants in the service, held in late afternoon under the Great Oak Tree that he had admired so much, included all the Protestant clergymen of Williamsburg and Mayor Stryker. Raymond B. Fosdick delivered the memorial address.

The Grand Teton services took place at the summit of Lunch Tree Hill, a low knoll close by Jackson Lake Lodge. Because of the beauty and serenity of its setting, this was a favorite spot for meditation for Mr. Rockefeller. The Rev. E. C. Dicken of St. Johns Episcopal Church, Jackson, Wyo., and Supt. Harthon L. Bill conducted the services, which were attended by some 400 persons. Among them were a number of members of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission, meeting at Grand Teton under the chairmanship of Laurance Rockefeller; the Director; and Howard Baker, regional director of Region Two.

### HUMBERGER RECEIVES TWO AWARDS IN SINGLE DAY

Everyone has heard of the two-time loser, but in July, Asst. Supt. **Charlie Humberger** of Zion became a two-time winner. At a staff meeting, Supt. **Oberhansley** presented Charlie with two awards. One was the Special Citation for Outstanding Service in the Field of Safety, a Departmental award bestowed on only two NPS employees a year. That was enough to make Charlie blink, but when Mr. Oberhansley produced a $100 incentive award in addition, he was overwhelmed.

# *Youngsters Conduct Dedication of Rock Creek Nature Center*

The Rock Creek Nature Center, National Park Service MISSION 66 project and the first of its kind in the National Park System, was dedicated on Saturday, June 4.

The dedication program was presented entirely by school children of the Washington area who had been specially selected by the various school systems. Paul F. M. Zahl, Jr., a fourth-grade student from Hyde Elementary School in the District, served as master of ceremonies. Talks were presented by Miss Carla Van't Hoff of Columbia Park Elementary School in Prince Georges County, and Paul E. Jefferson of Syphax Elementary School in the District. Local Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls assisted during the event. Musical selections by the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Senior High School A Capella Choir and a special concert by the St. John's Cadet Band were also featured. Director Wirth served as chairman of the day and cut the ribbon to open the center.

The new Center, designed primarily to meet the needs and interests of children and to promote their understanding and appreciation of the outdoors, is on Glover Road south of the intersection of Oregon Avenue and Military Road in Rock Creek Park. It features exciting museum exhibits on local natural history, an auditorium where specially developed individual programs are presented, a self-guiding nature trail, and the first public planetarium in the Washington area. The new "Theater of the Stars" has a 24-foot dome on which are projected images of the stars, planets, Moon and other celestial bodies. The program there is one of the most striking and effective offered anywhere in the National Park System. Given in darkness that is relieved only by the points of light on the domed ceiling, the auditor — even at 10 o'clock in the morning — finds himself in Rock Creek Park not only gazing at the stars but hearing the typical sounds of the night hours, made by the wood thrush, the barred owl, and the tree frog.

Live specimens in cages, aquariums, and terrariums, a busy hive of bees, "work it yourself" devices, electric quiz games, and other exhibits teach children about the wild animals, plants, geology, and weather of the Washington area and encourage nature hobbies and conservation.

The new center, sucessor to the one established in the old Klingle Mansion, also in Rock Creek Park, several years ago, has been heavily visited and used ever since its opening day.

### PARK POLICEMAN FINCH IS LAUDED FOR HEROISM

Mayor George M. Miller of Takoma Park, Md. presented a "Certificate of Award" to Pvt. **James D. Finch,** U. S. Park Police, at a ceremony staged by the Takoma Park City Council on July 25.

The award was given for heroism in preventing loss of life in a burning building 15 days earlier. Shortly after midnight on June 10, while enroute home at the end of a tour of duty, Finch observed a building ablaze. Disregarding his own safety, and before the fire department arrived, he entered the building and woke and warned the occupants of two apartments to leave at once. From one apartment, he helped assist a man and a small child to safety.

### PISTOL SHOTS TO GATHER FOR 15TH ANNUAL TOURNEY

Top-flight pistol marksmen are expected to participate in the 15th annual pistol tournament scheduled by the U. S. Park Police, Friday through Sunday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. he 3-day invitation matches, to be held at the Park Police outdoor pistol range at Fort Totten, D. C., are open to classified shooters who are members of the National Rifle Association. Though entries for individual matches must be received by midnight, Sept. 16, team match entries are made at the range on the dates of the matches.

Special awards for top team shooters will include the "Secretary of the Interior," the "U. S. Park Police," and the "Interior Department Recreation Association" trophies. Match winners will receive prizes from a dazzling array of merchandise.

Police **Chief Harold F. Stewart** heads the police officials sponsoring the matches. Other executive committee members include **Donald D. Carruth,** executive officer of the tournament; **Inspector Melvin Leach; Frank E. Papuga,** chief range officer; and **Sgt. Franklin A. Arthur,** chief statistical officer.

### INVITE PARK EXECUTIVES

Secretary Seaton and Director Wirth have joined with Supt. Harry T. Thompson of National Capital Parks in an invitation to the American Institute of Park Executives, meeting this year in Los Angeles, to convene in the National Capital in 1963. Should the invitation be accepted, one of the events planned is a post-conference trip to Colonial National Historical Park and Colonial Williamsburg.



**The Director cuts the ribbon at Rock Creek Nature Center.**

### HUMANE REVIEW FEATURES MOUNTED POLICE TROOPS

The May-June edition of the **National Humane Review,** published by the American Humane Assn., carries an account of 7 metropolitan police forces in the United States which maintain horse-mounted patrolmen for day-to-day police work. One of the 7 is the U. S. Park Police, a part of the National Captial Parks organization.

By contrast with industrial centers, where horsemen are used to control mass violence or threats of violence, the riders of the Park Police patrol woodland areas and bridle paths, control crowds at public events, and ride in processions and parades.

The Horse-Mounted Troop is commanded by **Sgt. Thomas C. Tingle, Sgt. Alfred D. Beye** is also assigned to it as are 14 patrolmen. In four strategtically located stables are 16 Morgan horses. The Park Police use a 4-horse-capacity van to move horses to areas where special needs demand a concentration of strength.

### WATER SPORTS CENTER

The new Water Sports Center on the Potomac at the mouth of Rock Creek is nearing completion. Its dedication is tentatively set for Sept. 24.

The center will be used by high school and college rowing teams, and may possibly become the scene of national, intercollegiate and international rowing events. It is also expected to serve local youth groups as a training center for canoeing, life-saving and water-safety practices. Government Services, Inc., will operate it under contract with the Department.

The completed center will include a 2-story building with a 1-story wing, a balcony overlooking the river, a public lounge, public restrooms, separate showers and toilet facilities, and storage space for many shells and canoes. Floats and docks will also be provided for canoes and shells.

### LT. KRUEGER NOW HEADS NEW PARK POLICE GROUP

Implementing a recommendation made by Police Commissioner Donald S. Leonard, after a survey of the U. S. Park Police organization, **Chief Harold F. Stewart** has combined 3 former divisions—Communications and Records, Transportation and Equipment, and Training —into a new service division. Each of the former divisions becomes a unit or branch, with their former heads continuing in charge.

**Lieut. Albert Krueger,** relieved of his assignment as commander of the Traffic Division, commands the newly formed division. **Lieut. Richard E. Crack** has been promoted and suceeds Krueger as head of the Traffic Division, in which, as a sergeant, he was assistant to Krueger.

**Park Police Promotions**

**Richard E. Crack,** sgt. Traffic Division, to lieut., commanding Traffic Division. **Wilbert L. Grishkot,** corp., Patrol Division, to sgt., supervising outlying reservation patrols. **Jesse N. Pickeral,** pvt., Patrol Division, to corp. (horse mounted), assigned to general supervisory duty in the Horse-Mounted Unit.

June 29 — The Service awarded a $133,224 contract for a visitor-center headquarters building at Fort Donelson National Military Park, - the 50th visitor center contract since the beginning of MISSION 66.

# Oakes Applauds Yellowstone Zoning, Criticizes Other NPS Developments

**John B. Oakes,** chief of the editorial page of the **New York Times,** and member of the Advisory Board on National Parks, Historic Site, Buildings and Monuments, in a 'colyum" that appeared in the **Times** on August 7 and that was headed "Conservation: Yellowstone," started off with the statement:

"The integrity of the National Park System is threatened on many fronts, but in none more seriously at the moment than in the first and greatest of the national parks, Yellowstone itself."

**If not there, nowhere**

The column is devoted principally to a discussion of the controversy over the Service's proposal to zone Southeast, South, and Flat Mountain Arms of Yellowstone Lake against motor-propelled boats — about which hearings were held last month in the park, at Cody and at Idaho Falls. "If the Park Service is not to be permitted to enforce this necessary zoning in a limited portion of Yellowstone, its authority to make such essential administrative regulations will be blocked everywhere."

The following expressions of Mr. Oakes' viewpoint will, we feel sure, be of interest to **Courier** readers:

"The National Park Service has already made many more compromises than necessary in response to political and commercial pressure. One is at Yellowstone Lake itself. Presumably to take some of the heat off the proposed zoning of the lower arms, the Park Service is going ahead with a gigantic $2,500,000 'improvement' of boating and camping facilities for the rest of Yellowstone Lake . . . Apparently, no one has given serious thought to the possibility of restricting the numbers of persons or boats permitted on any given lake, instead of enlarging the facilities to encourage additional use."

**Developments disapproved**

After disapproving comment on the provision of a marina at Everglades and of mechanical ski tows in Rocky Mountain and other western parks, he concludes:

"The National Park Service is right in fighting for the limited zoning of Yellowstone Lake; but it has already cut some of the ground from under its position by yielding to pressures for bigger and better resort facilities to carry out purposes for which the national parks were never intended and which in the not-too-distant future may destroy for all time their unique character."

### FOX PROVES VALUABLE AS TUMACACORI STABILIZER

Although not noted as a wildlife area, Tumacacori has had a problem with rabbits and ground squirrels undermining walls of the historic church and other buildings with their burrows. This has created serious stabilization difficulties, particularly in that portion of the old walls below ground level.

Recently, however, a grey fox moved into the grounds. Almost immediately there was a noticeable decline in the rodent population as evidenced by a lack of new burrows.

It is the sincere hope of Superintendent **Mike Becker** and his staff that the fox will continue to find the Tumacacori climate to his liking.

### FREDINE MAKES THE S.E.P.

The July 2 issue of **The Saturday Evening Post** contains an article entitled "The Animals Come First," by **Gordon Fredine,** until shortly before that chief biologist of the National Park Service, as told to Robert Cahn. Below the title of the article is this statement: "Here, from an authority, are some things you should know if you plan to visit one of our national parks this summer."

Fredine is now a member of the Mission 66 staff.


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# Great Smoky Prize Essay Contests Teach Youngsters, Affect Elders

What's the best way to go about engendering interest in a great national park and in protecting it against fire, hunting, and other illegal or undesirable activities among its hundreds of mountaineer next-door neighbors? Perhaps Great Smoky Mountains National Park doesn't have the complete answer to that question, but Supt. **Fred Overly,** Chief Ranger **Corky Johnson,** and others in the park believe they have found an important part of it in an annual essay contest in the junior and senior high schools in the communities surrounding the park.

The contest is based on two widely accepted beliefs. One is that the time to start planting right attitudes in people is when they are young. The other is that what youngsters learn, and are convinced of, often influences the behavior of their elders.

**Attracts 333 Entries.**

Great Smoky's third annual essay contest was completed late in the spring and the prizes were awarded to the winners in June. The subject was "Why do we have national parks?" It attracted 333 entries from 26 participating schools. However, many more than 333 students wrote on the subject since essays on it were assigned as part of the regular course of study in many classes. In those cases, the teachers entered only the cream of the crop. When the contest was instituted, in 1958, there were 73 entries; in 1959, 356.

The Great Smoky Mountains Natural History Association puts up the prize money for the contests and meets the other incidental expenses. The prizes consist of four firsts of $15 each and four seconds of $10 each. They go to the writers of the best and next best essays submitted by senior high and junior high students in each of the states—North Carolina and Tennessee—in which the park lies. In addition, there are 10 honorable mentions in each state, each earning a silver dollar; incidentally, all prizes are paid off in silver dollars. First and second prize winners and their teachers also are given an escorted tour of the park by the rangers and a good luncheon in Gatlinburg. What's more, every teacher from whose class comes either a prize winner or an honorable mention is given a box of candy.

**A Lot Of Work Involved**

To "pull off" such a contest entails a lot of work each year, says Corky. Every school from which essays are invited must be visited by a park ranger at least three times a year, to explain the contest, to answer questions, and to create interest in participation. That is a selling job with pupils, teachers, and principals and a bang-up good exercise in public relations for every ranger. There is general agreement that it is worth all the money and effort that it costs.

Subject of the essays in the first contest was, "What the Great Smoky Mountains National Park Means to Me and My Community;" in the 1959 contest, "How I Can Help Prevent Forest Fires."

Any superintendent with a difficult park-neighbor relationship who is interested in further details can get them from Corky Johnson.

## Colonial

At the June 22 staff meeting, 20-year pins were presented to **Norris Jarvis** and **Joseph Thompson;** 10-year pins to **Mrs. Josephine Brummer, Ernest Clarke** and **Ernest Washington.** At the same meeting, **Carol J. Virosteck,** buildings, utilities and maintenance foreman, received a superior performance award of $150.

**George S. Deal,** operator general, ungraded, retired on disability July 8, after 28 years with the park. He and Mrs. Deal own a home in Yorktown, where they will continue to live.

**Turner L. Robinette,** formerly of Blue Ridge Parkway (where he worked under **Supt. Stan Abbott**) and Great Smoky, recently left the Army to return to the NPS as park engineer at Colonial.

## Virgin Islands

Chief of Lands **Don Lee's** recent trip to the Virgin Islands was no real estate man's holiday. Upon his arrival there he met with a group of lawyers and businessmen and assisted them greatly in connection with the liquidation and dissolution of the Antilles Corp., a landholding company. As a result, Mr. Lee was able to work out details for the purchase of two very desirable parcels of land, the Estate Rutenberg and the Estate Venture.

At Cruz Bay, the NPS has undertaken an ambitious project involving the dredging and bulkheading of a marina and the construction of a dock for park use, roads, parking area, walks, and a maintenance building. The lands involved in the project had to be in Government ownership before any construction bid invitations could be issued. Gov. John D. Mernin and the Virgin Islands Legislature cooperated wholeheartedly with the Service in expediting the enactment of territorial legislation authorizing the conveyance of several parcels of land at Little Cruz Bay to the United States. In addition, the Legislature voted an appropriation of $100,000 toward the dredging and bulkheading portion of the project.

It was also necessary to obtain the Secretary's signature on an order extending the authorized park boundary to include this land. Concurrently, through the generosity of Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., additional strategic lands were also donated to the Service just prior to the fiscal year-end "deadline."

## Manassas

**Maj. Gen. James C. Fry, U.S.A.,** ret., is executive director of First Manassas Corporation, a nonprofit group organized to plan, promote, finance and present a reenactment of the first Battle of Manassas on July 21 and 22 next year. **Len Volz,** Region One chief of operations, attended a meeting of the corporation's Board of Directors on July 27.

## San Juan

From June 20 to July 8, **Julio Marrero,** San Juan historian, paid a visit to the fortifications of Cartagena delas Indias in Colombia and the Fort of San Juan de Ulua in Veracruz, Mexico. His visit to those two places on official assignment was supplemented by the study of documents related to San Juan National Historic Site in Venezuela and Mexico. This was the first time that a historian from San Juan has visited the sister fortifications of El Morro and San Cristobal. According to Marrero, the massive fortifications of Puerto Rico compare favorably with those of Cartagena, with which they are often compared; among the outstanding military structures of the Americas, they epitomize the military empire of Spain in America.

'Historia," the historical review of the History Department of the University of Puerto Rico had in its August issue articles about the history of El Morro by Historians **Ricardo Torres-Reyes** and **Julio Marrero-Nunez.**

Visitors in Puerto Rico in the latter part of June were Asst. Supt. and Mrs. **Howard Stricklin** of the Blue Ridge Parkway, and their daughter Alta. Supt. **Kit Wing** gave them the 'special tour."

# Brown Has Hand In Double Rescue

Caretaker Harvey Brown, Natchez Trace, late in June participated in the rescue of two young women from the treacherous undercurrent of Pearl River near Jackson, Miss., when, completely disregarding his own safety, he twice plunged into the river fully clothed to go to their aid. In response to a scream, he first assisted another swimmer to bring one of the women ashore.



Harvey Brown

Then, learning that another was drowning upstream, he swam against the current until he sighted her; was seized and submerged by her; but managed to get to the surface and keep himself and the woman afloat until other assistance reached them. A fisherman who swam to their aid took the woman ashore; the swimmer of the first rescue helped the exhausted Brown from the water.

Both young women survived. The second credits Brown with saving her life.

## *Castillo Getting Safer Gun Deck*

The gundeck of the Castille de San Marcos is undergoing a carefully planned restoration job.

The work covered by the contract specifications includes removal of the obsolete paving of the terreplein, or top gundeck of the fort, and replacing it with a dark, rough-surfaced coquina concrete-tabby. The present concrete tile surface of the roof of the old fort, in place more than 20 years, no longer meets the demand of modern foot traffic.

According to Supt. Ray Vinten, today's women's heels are partly acountable for the changes in design of walking surfaces in the fort. Spike heels were continually getting wedged in the joints of the tile and too many irate husbands were removing too many wedged heels from hot asphalt joints. The new surface will be free of joints and will more nearly conform to the tabby surface of Spanish colonial times. The object is a safe, glarefree, and fairly authentic gundeck to meet modern demands.

## *Appomattox Loses Important Trees*

Appomattox Court House is rapidly losing important trees; within one month the park lost three, and a number of less important ones suffered damage. The most important demise was that of the "Lee Farewell Tree," the tulip poplar under which Robert E. Lee is reputed to have bade his men an informal farewell after the surrender. A severe storm snapped it off on June 12. The Huntley-Brinkley TV-broadcast the event and it received wide AP pictorial coverage.

On June 28, two beautiful American elms in front of the McLean House had to be destroyed because of Dutch elm disease. Dating back to the 1870's, the two added much to the appearance of the "Surrender House."

## *They Know Where Court House Was*

For the first time since its establishment in 1940, Appomattox Court House National Historical Park has something more than a site with which to answer its traditional question. This question, repeated countless times a day throughout the year, is "Where is the Courthouse?." Now, what remains of the Court House since its burning in 1892 is being excavated. This summer, Archeologist **Edward McM. Larrabe,** with 3 assistants, and a labor force of 7, has been exploring this site to provide necessary data as to the building's exact location, construction, etc.

The location of the Court House and even of the porches and walks has now been determined. Besides the normal finds several piles of charred books have been discovererd. Identified up to the present, from these charred scraps, have been one volume of the **Official Records,** several deeds, and a wedding license. This project, being conducted in the center of the restored village of Appomattox, has been a source of fascination for the Park's visitors.

## Vicksburg

Announcement that the **Cairo,** sunk in the Yazoo River on December 12, 1862, might be raised as a Civil War Centennial commemoration project has roused much interest, and has focused attention on the work of the three men who, through painstaking research and perseverance, found the remains of the ship in the Yazoo's mud. The May 29 issue of the **Vicksburg Sunday Post** carried an interesting "Post Scripts" by Annie Lee Sanders of the **Post** staff entitled, "Locating 'Cairo' Thrilling Experience for Historians; Project on to Raise Ship."

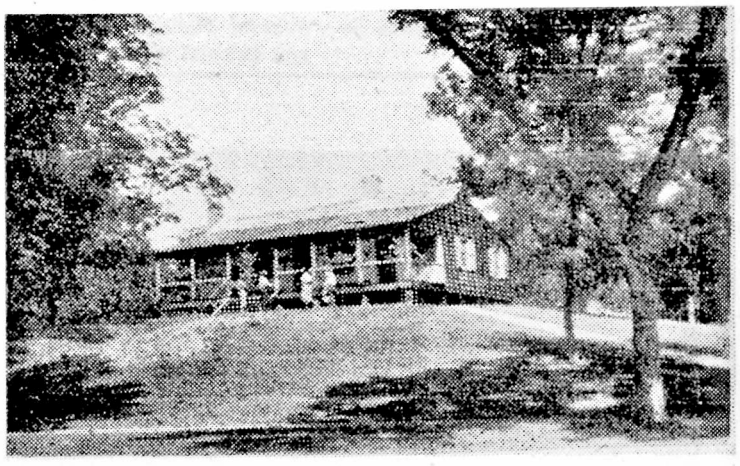
**Edwin C. Bearss,** regional research historian, Warren C. Grabau, amateur historian and geologist of the U. S. Waterways Experiment Station, and **Max D. Jacks,** maintenanceman, working together, succeeded in discovering the remains of the ship—the first ever sunk by electrically operated torpedo ("Galvanic torpedo" was the Civil-War-period designation of the instrument of destruction) — in November 1956.

Vicksburg's Mayor John Holland has been named chairman of the Mississippi State Civil War Centennial Commission and hopes to have the commission's headquarters in Vicksburg, since the city will be a focal point for the centennial observance.

Monday, June 13, saw the erection of another state memorial on the battlefield of Vicksburg, - this one the Kansas State Monument. It stands 9 feet high, is cast in antique bronze, "having three circles with a spiral through the center. The lower circle shows unity of the pre-Civil War era; the middle circle depicts the split of 1861-65; and the top circle shows all together again. The spiral represents the whole struggle, and regained unity of the post-Civil War era, under the American eagle."

**Ray Bretherton,** administrative asst., and his wife **Julia** brought home from the hospital another son, Thomas Charles, their third, born on June 21.

Born, April 3, a grandson, **Thomas Phillip Davis, Jr.,** for Mr. and Mrs. **C. R. Vinten,** Castillo de San Marcos. Parents are Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Davis, mother, nee **Charlotte Vinten.** Tommy born in Charlottesville, Va., weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces.



**Mount Locust**

Mount Locust, historic home and former stopping place for traffic over the Natchez Trace in its heyday, was restored by the National Park Service in 1956 and is now open to travelers along the Natchez Trace Parkway. It is the subject of an excellent new booklet issued by the Eastern National Park and Monument Association which is steadily building up its list of distinguished interpretive publications.

## Great Smoky Mountains

Traffic in grown bears and cubs for display in front of stores and service stations has presented Great Smoky rangers with a new problem, — the trapping of bears in the park. Late in July, they discovered a trap, formed by welding together two large oil drums, only a short distance off the Cades Cove road. Painted in the proper NPS shade of green, its paint was not yet dry when it was discovered.

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The R. M. Schiele Reservation, site of the Boy Scout camp on Lake Lanier, N. C., was dedicated on August 7. It honors Ranger-Naturalist **R. M. Schiele,** who organized and administered the camp during his 34 years of service as Scout Executive of the Piedmont Council.

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**Park News and Views,** the every-pay-day chore of **Miss Mary Ruth Chiles,** reported in its August 4 issue, the cracking of a theft ring which, for several weeks, had been stealing from the cars of visitors. FBI and park rangers, working together with Maryville, Tenn., police, brought about the arrest of two adults and a juvenile, now awaiting trial on charges of grand larceny. Most of the stolen property was recovered and returned to its owners.

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The **Dave Condons** and the **Bill Wilhelms** celebrated their 25th wedding anniversaries just two days apart, - on July 24 and 26, respectively. Dave and **Lorna** were married in Rexburg, Iowa; Bill and **Margaret (Tug) in** Baltimore, Maryland.

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## Natchez Trace Parkway

**Jerry A. Eubanks,** McCool, Miss., GS-7 engineer, joined the parkway staff on May 6 . . . **Kenneth H. Loflin,** Jackson teacher, returned for his second summer as ranger for the Ridgeland sistrict.

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In June, the 860-foot Houlka Creek Bridge in Chickasaw County, last in the 164-mile Jackson-Tupelo section of the parkway, was put under contract; paving began on the 27-mile stretch of parkway road between Miss. 32 and U.S. 45. In July, construction began on a $213,-000 administration building and visitor center at Tupelo headquarters.

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## Blue Ridge Parkway

Landscape Architect **Edward Schauman,** assigned to Blue Ridge from EODC, recently resigned.

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On May 30, **Robert W. Bell** transferred to the parkway from the Forest Service, filling the vacancy created by the transfer of **Hubert Penny** to Horseshoe Bend. Bob and **Betty** have 2 children, Jeanice, 3, and Robert, 10 months.

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Acting on Supt. **Weems'** recommendation, the Washington Office has approved the use of radar in traffic law enforcement on the parkway. It will take the issuance of a special regulation and the placing of appropriate signs before the authorization can be made effective. It is justified to help enforce speed regulations in certain sections where local travelers violate them flagrantly; to reduce the frequency of pursuits; and, at all times, as a deterrent.

Avoidance of pursuits on the winding parkway is particularly sought at all times by the parkway ranger staff.

### FORT JEFF CONCESSION OPERATORS ARE SOUGHT

A prospectus inviting offers to provide regularly scheduled transportation to Fort Jefferson and to furnish overnight accommodations and a restaurant there was issued July 23.

Most visitors now arrive at the fort by charter or fishing boats. However, regular round-trip transportation from Key West is necessary for the successful operation of a lodging and restaurant concession.

To provide lodging and restaurant facilities, it is planned to use two bastions of the fort. The conversion job will probably cost about $200,000; the whole construction program about $1,000,000.

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### FORT JEFFERSON

The 1942 vintage "Fort Jefferson" has a long-needed replacement, a 65-foot steel Army T-boat loaned to the NPS for use between Fort Jefferson and Key West. The boat was navigated across the Gulf from New Orleans to the fort by Capt. **C. R. Greenleaf,** skipper of the new NPS Ranger III, operating between Isle Royale and Houghton, Mich., and **John Williamson,** the Ranger III engineer. They were accompanied by District Ranger **Ernest J. Borgman** who had flown to New Orleans carrying a 60-watt FM radio and 10-foot antenna. On its arrival at the fort, Capt. **Paul K. Foster** piloted the vessel to Key West, where he deposited Capt. Greenleaf and Messrs. Williamson and Borgman.

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## Gettysburg

Commemorative exercises were held on July 1, 2, and 3, in observance of the 97th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. Among the speakers were Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania John S. Rice and Lt. Gen. George W. Read. An estimated 13,000 persons viewed the exercises held on the field of Pickett's Charge on the afternoon of July 3.

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The Gettysburg Battlefield Preservation Association has made its first step in helping to preserve the battlefield by acquiring the strategic 55-acre Roy Wolf tract, which lies between Little Round Top and the Emmitsburg Road. It was the battleground of Generals Longstreet and Sickles on July 2, 1863.

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Recent Gettysburg acquisitions include a number of items donated by the family of **Jacob M. Sheads,** who has been a seasonal ranger-historian for 25 years. Among the items is a letter to "Met's" grandfather written in gratitude for the Sheads family's care of a wounded New York soldier. Another is an antique clock struck by a Minie ball during the battle. When damaged the clock was on the mantel in the parlor of the Sheads house. Letter, clock, and Minie ball will all be on display in the new Visitor Center.

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How lower the Cyclorama painting of Pickett's Charge for restoration without damaging it? Carpenter **Jacob Small** solved the problem; Supt. Myers handed him a $100 check for his accomplishment at the annual NPS Women's Organization picnic in June.

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Park Ranger **Stanley G. Canter** entered on duty June 16, filling the vacancy left by the transfer of **Bob Peters** to Great Smoky. Stan and Gwen occupy the Culp House on the park.

## *Gibson Retiring; 32 Years Service*

On September 10, Region Five Administrative Officer **Benjamin F. Gibson** will retire after 32 years of Federal Service.

Ben, a Navy veteran, began his Federal civilian service with the Department of Agriculture in 1930. He came to the NPS in 1936 at Sequoia as an assistant clerk. By 1938 he was chief clerk, a position he held until 1950 when he transferred to Independence as Fiscal Officer.

Recognition of his excellent service there resulted in Ben's promotion to park administrative officer in 1953. Two years later he became a charter member of the Region Five Office by promotion to regional administrative officer.

In his assignments at Independence and in the Region Five Office, Ben faced difficult tasks. Both were new organizations and administrative services had to be put into operation from scratch. Ben's depth of experience in park administration and his energetic application to the work at hand proved invaluable.

Region Five will show its appreciation for his long and valuable service at a retirement party and testimonial dinner to be held September 8 in Philadelphia.

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## Home of FDR-Vanderbilt

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt called the Memorial Day services held this year at the grave of her husband, at Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, "one of the most impressive that I have ever attended." The service was sponsored by the Roosevelt Home Club, and Rep. Richard W. Bolling of Missouri delivered the principal address. Rep. and Mrs. James Roosevelt of California and Mr. and Mrs. John Roosevelt of Hyde Park and their family were also present.

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The world premiere of the film "Sunrise at Campobello," is scheduled for Sept. 28 at the RKO Palace in New York City. Dore Schary, one of the producers, has stated that there would be a pre-showing of the film at the Roosevelt Theatre in Hyde Park to which Mrs. Roosevelt, her guests, and employes of the Home of FDR National Historic Site and the Franklin D. Roosevelt library would be invited. A date for the pre-showing had not been set in early August.

A portion of the film was photographed at the Roosevelt Home at Hyde Park on June 7. The portion filmed at Hyde Park deals with outdoor scenes and shows Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, the President's mother, in her customary routine morning travel, in a horse-drawn carriage and the family gathering on the south lawn of the home site where Mr. Roosevelt is shown playing with his sons.

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Tour Leader **Lester Oatman** returned to duty June 14. He had been in the Veterans Hospital, Mountain Home, Tenn., on sick leave since March 7.

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Supervisory Tour Leader **Charles L. Milroy,** who suffered a slight stroke on Feb. 13, was able to return to work on May 26.

**Marvin Ogle,** a member of the Tree Preservation Crew, became a father on June 25 when a son, **Darrel Hugh,** 7 lbs., 10 oz. was born in Gatlinburg, Tenn. Marvin was working with the tree crew at Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historic Sites at the time. Due to the tree crew's very rigid schedule, Marvin had not seen his new son as of August 6. He expects annual leave soon that will permit him time to visit his family at Gatlinburg.- **Roxie E. Atkinson**

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### HARRY DOUST, ANTIETAM SUPER, RETIRED JUNE 30

**Harry W. Doust** received a citation for commendable service upon his retirement in June, after more than 32 years of service in the Federal Government, from the superintendency at Antietam. A veteran of World War I, he entered the Government service on July 1, 1926, as clerk with the U. S. Post Office at Latouche, Alaska. He served there a year before he transferred to the Department of Justice as a guard at McNeil Island, Wash. He came to the NPS in 1930, as a park ranger at Glacier. He transferred in 1935 in the same capacity to Hawaii, and in 1937 began a 13-year assignment at Colonial, where he advanced to chief park ranger. In 1950, he became Superintendent of Antietam.

Harry was honored at an informal dinner at the Towne House in Harpers Ferry on June 7. At the dinner he was presented with an "Emancipation Proclamation," and several small gifts, with a further gift scheduled to be sent him in Florida.

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### VISITOR CENTER DISPLAYS INSTALLED AT MOUND CITY

Though old display materials were placed in the new visitor center at Mound City Group National Monument when it was opened on May 13, the new exhibits were installed by June 30. These emphasize the importance of the place as a prehistoric burial site, yet relate it to the total prehistoric occupation to show it as the burial shrine of one of the outstanding Indian cultures of North America. Maps, paintings, original materials and modern objects stress the outstanding artistic abilities and the wide cultural range of the Hopewell Indians. The building is so located that from it the best possible view of the mound group is obtained. To add to visitor enjoyment, a push button provides the visitor with a 3½-minute talk which provides the essential facts about the site.

## *Seek Old Mines On Isle Royale*

Archeologists are seeking the story of Michigan's first copper miners this summer at Isle Royale. Main object of the 2-year project is to find and map the many copper pits worked by prehistoric Indians on Isle Royale.

**Dr. James B. Griffin,** director of the Museum of Anthrcpology, University of Michigan, is leading the team of archeologists. From Carbon 14 dating, it is known that the Indians were extracting copper from the island more than 3,000 years ago.

Once the mining pits are mapped, exceptional ones will be developed by the National Park Service as on-site exhibits along the trails. Nearby shelters containing exhibits will further explain the story.

An important sidelight of the archeological survey will be investigation of Indian campsites on the island beaches. Over the centuries, Lake Superior's water level has receded. The ancient miners followed the retreating water in setting up their beach campsites. By sampling the archeological remains at successive beach levels, the Michigan scientists hope to construct a cultural sequence that will show how the Indians' way of life changed through the years.

Regional Archeologist **John L. Cotter,** Region Five, is coordinating the project for the National Park Service.

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### YOUNGEST GRANDDAD?

**Rito Negron-Rodriguez,** Region Five programs analyst, challenges Service employees to dispute with him the title of youngest grandfather in the NPS.

Rito, 42, bases his claim to the title on the birth of his granddaughter, **Jeannette Michelle,** June 22, at the Arlington General Hospital, Arlington, Va.

Jeannette, and her parents Jaime and Barbara are doing well. **Jaime,** 20, is the oldest son of Rito and his wife **Tomasa.**

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### PRODUCERS!

Region Five Museum Curator **Horace "Vox" Willcox** is the father of a second set of twins, born August 3. Mrs. Willcox and the babies, Andrew Elliott and Kathryn Alice, are doing fine.

What with the 2-year-old twins, Eric and Roger, and the "Second Regiment" as Vox calls the newcomers, the Willcox home is a bustling place.


**GREETINGS**

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**MESA VERDE COMPANY**

Concessioners in Mesa Verde National Park during the past 24 years

*"When you think of ruins, think of us!"*

# *Steel Pin Holds Eagle's Broken Wing; Nearly Ready for Freedom*

On December 28, 1959 two eagles were observed fighting over the remains of a deer on the shore at Northeast Harbor, Me. As observers Elwood Bracy and Andrew Davis of Otter Creek approached, an adult eagle flew off but the other remained with a wing broken in the fight. Bracy and Davis captured the injured eagle and brought it to the Bracy home in Otter Creek where it was cared for by



Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Bracy. Mrs. Bracy called Park Naturalist **Paul G. Favour, Jr.** of Acadia National Park, who identified the bird as an immature bald eagle, estimated to be about 8 months old.

**SPCA Agent Helps**

Paul brought the bird to his own home; there examination showed the break to be repairable. Mrs. Lewis Tapley of Southwest Harbor, local agent of the SPCA agreed to having the Society finance an operation for setting the wing.

The eagle, nicknamed "Brownie" by the Favour family, now has a steel pin holding his broken wing bone together, a pin he'll wear all his life.

Brownie has had his troubles, however. Released last spring, he apparently was not yet able fully to take care of himself. After 3 weeks in the wild, Paul found him a half mile away, thoroughly soaked after a 3-day rain, and brought him home again for further care.

Brownie is free once again, but he had the misfortune to molt nearly all his flight feathers at one time and so is grounded. He stays near the Favours' quarters near Sand Beach where he is still being fed. Soon his new primary feathers will be grown out and then it is hoped he can take off once more for good.

**Eagles Becoming Scarce**

Paul notes that the eagle population has dropped in the past few years, making the survival of this one important. It is unlikely that there are more than 3 pairs breeding in the Acadia area.

"Brownie" has essentially all brown plumage; not until he is three or four years old will he have the adult white head and tail.

## Acadia

Seasonal Ranger **Charlie Stewart** was the first man on the rescue team to reach a climber stranded on a narrow ledge on Champlain Mountain. Upon securing the climber with a safety line Stewart noticed he was very tense and in danger of going into shock. Spying a clump of blueberries growing near the ledge he reached out and picked a handful saying "Have you been up here all this time and not eaten any blueberries? Try some; they're delicious." This had the desired effect. The climber relaxed, the danger of shock was averted and he was able to assist himself as he was roped up the cliff to safety.

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With Hurricane Brenda headed, apparently, toward the Maine coast, most of the campers at Black Woods campground worriedly approached Seasonal Ranger **John Whitcomb** to ask where they should go to avoid the storm.

"Stay right here," was John's advice. "You'll have plenty of warning if there's danger. But the hurricane isn't going to hit here; tomorrow the sun will be shining bright." Dubious, but somehow reassured, and no longer panicky, the campers returned to their campsites. The next morning brought a beautiful sunny day, to the campers' delight and to the great relief of John's wife, **Mernie.** And no sign of Brenda!

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A farewell party was given at the Jolly Jo Restaurant the latter part of May for **Robert D. Jeffery,** foreman III-maintenance supervisor at Acadia for the past 2 years, and Mrs. Jeffery. Bob transferred on June 9 to Dinosaur where he received a promotion to Foreman IV. - **Marjorie Higgins.**

## Hopewell Village

On Sunday, August 7, nearly 7,000 people attended Establishment Day ceremonies at Hopewell Village National Historic Site.

This Pennsylvania iron-making community, founded before the Revolution, became a national historic site in August 1938. Each year the village celebrates Establishment Day with a program of demonstrations by skilled artisans who have preserved the industrial crafts of early America.

**Charcoal Is Made**

Outstanding this year was the charcoal-burning demonstration. Throughout the more than 100 years of its operation, 1770-1883, Hopewell Furnace used charcoal fuel only. **Elmer Kohl,** a professional collier whose father manufactured charcoal for another Pennsylvania iron furnace—extracted hot charcoal from a 14-cord pile of hardwood which he had stacked and burned during the previous 2 weeks.

Blacksmith **Harry Houp** relighted the village forge and made horseshoes. **George Arold** demonstrated how Americans of 150 years ago made candles by the dipping and molding processes. Women of the village baked bread in outside stone bake-ovens, using traditional recipes. The bread was passed out to visitors—as long as it lasted.

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Cape Cod structures, chosen because of architectural interest and merit or historical associations, are being measured and photographed this summer as part of the Historic American Buildings Survey. John Shaw, assistant professor of architecture at North Carolina State College, is supervising the 6 students of architecture who are making the survey; assistant supervisor is Charles Dotts, assistant professor of architecture at North Dakota State College. The groundwork for the survey was laid last summer by Dr. Ernest Allen Connally, professor of architecture at the University of Illinois.

# *Mammoth Cave Visitor Center Dedication To Be September 30*

On Sept. 30 the new Visitor Center at Mammoth Cave National Park will be formally dedicated. Though details of the program are not available as yet, it will be a short but colorful ceremony. Music will be furnished by the Fort Knox Post Band.

The new facility is already playing an important part in more efficient operation and better service to the visitor. This summer, the Visitor Center's first operation in a busy season, has proved its worth and the wisdom of the thought and planning which have been incorporated in the structure. One of the unique features of the structure is that it is air-conditioned with cool air from the cave.

In July, more than 36,000 visitors made use of the new exhibit room. Well over 16,000 saw the audio-visual program in the auditorium. With past history as a guide, August was expected to see even more intensive use.

Other developments at Mammoth Cave include a new 400-car parking lot for the Visitor Center and 16 miles of new road. It is hoped that much of the construction around headquarters will be finished by the day of the dedication.

## Yellowstone

The King and Queen of Thailand had planned to visit Yellowstone July 11 and 12, but the Queen was so ill on the big plane flying to the States, that the King declared it would be impossible for her to attempt a flight in the smaller plane that would be necessary for landing anywhere near Yellowstone. So, after many hours of getting the members of their entourage, some 56 persons in addition to the King and Queen, settled in suitable quarters at Old Faithful, all plans were called off.

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**Frank Kowski,** supervisor of the NPS Training Center at Yosemite, and his famiy paid a short visit to his alma mater, Yellowstone early this summer. Old friends in the Park welcomed them with a potluck supper at BlackTail Deer Creek ranger station. Such old timers as the **Lee Colemans,** the **Biastocks,** and the **Bob Robinsons** were on the welcoming committee. At the same party, the **Lawrence Hadleys** were welcomed into the Yellowstone family, where Lawrence has taken the post once occupied by **Joe Joffe.**

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Former Assistant Superintendent **Warren Hamilton** of Yellowstone returned with his wife for a visit the last of July and found the trout in Yellowstone the biggest and best eating variety in the country! The **Hamiltons** took a trip down into the southern tip of the Lake together with the **Harthon Bills** of the Grand Tetons.

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Construction of two 4-unit apartment houses at Mammoth Hot Springs, to house seasonal employees, was provided in a recent $139,653 contract; the contract also covers construction of 6 comfort stations for the 300-unit campground at Madison junction, scheduled to be opened to use next spring.

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**Glen Bean** was hardly settled in his new job at Yellowstone before he was elected to the Yellowstone School Board. He was installed at a meeting of the board on June 1.

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One of the days when Director **Wirth** was visiting in Yellowstone, he spied a caged bear on top of a visitor's car! When the car was stopped, it was learned that the man in the car had captured this bear, an old one, outside of the Park and was merely driving through Yellowstone to deliver the bear to its destination which was a small zoo in South Dakota. The ranger staff said that could not have happened at any time other than when the Director was visiting the Park!!!

Begging, frolicking, sleeping in the sun, - that's the Yellowstone black bear as usually seen by the visitor. Late in July many visitors saw him in a different and grisly role.

A male black bear was after a female who still had twin cubs with her; since the female does not mate until her cubs are in their second year, she was putting up quite a fight with the male. He then grabbed one of the cubs, killed and proceeded to devour it — and this was in one of the campgrounds with all of the visitors watching the performance! The mother bear chased the remaining cub up a tree and climbed up after it — and that was the end of the story for the time being!

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Early August visitors were Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Breidenbach,** of Lafayette, La. Mr. Breidenbach, a retired college professor, had been in Yellowstone before — quite a while before, in fact. In 1904 he worked as office boy for Major (later General) Hiram Chittenden of the Army engineers, who designed and supervised the construction of Yellowstone's road system. He was back in 1905, but hadn't visited the park since. Seasonal Ranger **John Magnuson** who greeted them, put them in touch with **Jack Haynes,** whose father Mr. Breidenbach had known. The Yellowstone Park Company hosted them to the summit of Mount Washburn.

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Miss **Judy A. Kumpf,** coming from employment with a lumber company in Belgrade, Mont., joined the Yellowstone staff in GS-4 on June 6. **Paul L. Swearingen** started as a park ranger on June 8 and will soon be leaving for the Yosemite Training Center.

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Yellowstone has just lost two fine workers by transfer to other areas. One is District Ranger **Elt Davis,** now superintendent of the brand new Grand Portage National Monument. That is somewhat familiar territory to Elt and **Kay,** since he was for several years chief park ranger at Isle Royale.

The other loss is **Jim Mardis,** accountant, transferred to Zion. Jim's father worked in Yellowstone for some 30 years.

## Region Two Office

Serious illness and major surgery have taken their toll of Region Two Office personnel and their families. Hospitalized during the past two months were Assistant Regional Director. **Melbourne Harvey;** Field Solicitor and **Mrs. Morris Cook;** Museum Curator **Newell Joyner; Ann Field,** wife of Forester **Ernest K. Field; Jan Shrum,** secretary to Regional Chief of Ranger Activities **Frank Childs; and Herma Baggley,** wife of Regional Chief of Operations **George Baggley.** The illnesses, combined with the normally heavy travel to field areas during the summer, almost emptied the Regional Office on several occasions.

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Assistant Regional Director **Harvey** has announced that he will retire from the Service effective October 31. Mr. Harvey has been a very pleasant and congenial associate, and it is with deep regret that we report his leaving the Region Two family.

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Celebrations like the National Governors' Conference, the Pony Express re-run, the Carver dedication, and the Boy Scout Jamboree kept Region Two personnel on the hop this summer. Perhaps the biggest casualty recorded to date was the radiator trouble **Ed Alberts** incurred with his little foreign-made car en route to the Boy Scout Jamboree at Colorado Springs where Ed coordinated NPS activities for the get-together. It cost Ed more than $50 to have his little runabout repaired.

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**Warren Mattes,** son of Regional Historian **Merrill J. Mattes,** is taking an exciting bicycle tour of France, Switzerland, and Italy.

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When illness forced the absence of Field Solicitor **Morris Cook,** his place was taken by **Albert B. Logan** of the Denver Office of the Field Solicitor, whose tour of duty moved him to write a memorandum on the excellent "espirit de corps" of the Region Two Office and the National Park Service generally.

# *Carver Visitor Center Dedicated*

Assistant Secretary **Roger C. Ernst** was the principal speaker at the dedication, on Sunday, July 17, of the new visitor center at George Washington Carver National Monument. Regional Director **Howard W. Baker,** Region Two, was master of ceremonies, with Supt. **Clarence H. Schults** welcoming the guests. Present as representative of the State of Missouri was Lt. Gov. Edward V. Long.

The $150,000 structure comprises a large lobby, an exhibit room which will house mementoes of the famous Negro scientist, public facilities, and the monument's administrative offices.

The area is in southwestern Missouri, about three miles southwest of the town of Diamond.

## Badlands

Mr. and Mrs. **Herbert Millard,** operators of Cedar Pass Lodge in Badlands National Monument, were awarded a full-color aerial photograph of Cedar Pass by the South Dakota Parks Association. Association Vice President Leonel Jensen presented the award when the association named the Millards the outstanding park supporters in South Dakota for 1959-60. The frame for the photograph was cut from an old cedar tree at Fort Randall before that area was covered with impounded water.

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**Joe Receives Diploma**

**Joseph R. Prentice,** Hopewell Village superintendent, who was one of two NPS employees chosen to participate in the Fourth Departmental Manager Development Program in Washington last winter and spring, completed his assignment on June 4 and received his diploma from Regional Director R. F. Lee at a ceremony in the Region Five office on July 25.

## Glacier

A special fire school held at St. Mary jointly by the NPS, Forest Service, and Indian Service on July 13, was participated in by 133 Blackfeet Indians. The day after the school, 50 Blackfeet firefighters were called out on a National Forest fire; three days after it all the remaining firefighters were out on going fires in Montana!

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Lewis and Clark High School, Spokane, Wash., again this year sponsored the 'outdoor laboratory," for science students, June 11 to Aug. 15, part of which was spent in Glacier. Here the group took advantage of the guidance available from the park rangers and naturalists. The group tours the park for a week on foot, in order best to observe special formations, glaciers, and wildlife.

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Born to **Rose** and **Elvin T. Aaberg,** at Devils Tower, a daughter July 17. Mr. Aaberg transferred from Glacier to become chief ranger at Devils Tower, relieving **W. Ted Hackett** . . . Born to **Dauphne** and **Marvin C. Hershey,** a son, Milton John, Kalispell General Hospital, July 28th.

## Grand Teton

Superintendent **Harthon L. Bill** of Grand Teton National Park presented Fiscal Accounting Clerk **William T. Rush** with a superior performance award of $150 at ceremonies held at the Park on March 7

On July 24, Director Wirth presented **Peter Linn,** who retired from the Service on July 29, with a commendable service award. Formerly fiscal accounting clerk at Grand Teton, Mr. Linn had more than 22 years of Federal service.

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### GRAND TETON COMMUNITY WELCOMES NEW ARRIVALS

A pair of blessed events brought pride to the Grand Teton family in late February and March. On February and March. On February 29, **Robert Allen Womack** was born to Operator General and Mrs. **E. Ray Womack.** Chief Ranger **Russell E. Dickenson** and Mrs. **Dickenson** welcomed the arrival of **Russell Steven Dickenson** on March 17.

Since then there have been several new arrivals: to **Dell** and **Janet Bressler,** a boy, **Ricky,** on May 17; to **Jack** and **Edna Caresia,** a boy, **Roger,** on May 22; to **Charles** and **Edith Leisinger,** a boy, **Charles Ray,** on June 2; and to **Bryan** and **Ruth Harry,** a girl, **Ann Bryan,** on July 6, her father's birthday.

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### MANY ATTEND OPEN HOUSE AT MOOSE

The Grand Teton History Museum, in the new visitor center and administrative headquarters at Moose, Wyo., was officially opened to Park visitors at an informal open house on July 17. Well attended by residents of Jackson Hole and visiting officials of a number of Federal agencies, it marked the completion of the Moose Visitor Center, the installation of the exhibits being the final phase in the construction of the project.

**The displays, devoted to a concise, comprehensive story of the fur trade era in Jackson Hole, were developed and installed by the Western Museum Laboratory. The exhibit plan was conceived chiefly by Regional Historian Merrill J. Mattes.**

## Colorado and Black Canyon

Chief Ranger **Raymond W. McIntyre's** disability retirement was approved on July 1. Mr. McIntyre had been on sick leave for some time prior to that and in order to locate in a more suitable climate, Mr. and Mrs. McIntyre left for Oregon on June 15. A farewell gift and breakfast were given by all employees.

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**Orla Gae Zabriskie,** daughter of Foreman III and **Mrs. Mayo Z. Zabriskie,** was graduated from Fruita High School in June.

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**Vincent M. Hefti** entered on duty as supervisory park ranger at Black Canyon of the Gunnison June 15, by transfer from Grand Canyon.

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Chief Park Naturalist Pat H. Miller of Colorado National Monument was married on April 30 to Caro Rehder of Loma, Colorado. The marriage took place at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Grand Junction, Colorado.

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Supervisory Park Ranger and Mrs. **Vernon E. Hennesay** left for Los Angeles, Calif. on May 28, because of the death of Mrs. Hennesay's father there.

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**Alan Bussey** is working this summer in Sequoia National Park on the Soil and Moisture Control crew. **Clark Bussey,** who has been serving as Ensign, USNR, in Guantanamo Bay the past year, is being transferred to a new LST bound for the Mediterranean.—**Pauline B. Achen**

## Mesa Verde

Welcomed back from Yellowstone as a permanent member of the Mesa Verde staff (as archeologist) was **Arthur F. Hewitt,** who had served as a seasonal park ranger (archeologist) here for 8 summers.

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**William D. (Star) Ellis** resigned as maintenanceman, effective July 1 and **Curtis G. Gates** was selected to succeed him, reporting for duty early in August. **Sterling Bell,** warehouseman, accepted a position in Rifle, Colo.

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With a text — a good one — by Ansel Hall, and several easy-to-read sketch maps by Della Taylor Hoss, the Mesa Verde Co. has recently produced a fine booklet, beautifully illustrated with many reproductions of color photographs, entitled, "A Pictorial Guide to Mesa Verde National Park."

# Dedicate Bryce Visitor Center

The new Visitor Center at Bryce Canyon National Park was dedicated on Saturday, June 18, with approximately 1,200 persons in attendance. At the same time, the Stephen T. Mather plaque at the entrance to the new building was unveiled with appropriate ceremony.

The dedicatory address was made by Secretary Seaton, who also cut a ribbon to officially open the $250,000 structure.

Sponsoring the event, in cooperation with the Service, was the Five County Organization of Southern Utah. William G. Bruhn of Panguitch, Utah, immediate past chairman of the sponsoring group, was master of ceremonies. Speakers, in addition to Secretary Seaton, included The Director, Regional Director Thomas J. Allen, Supt. Louis W. Hallock, and Utah State Attorney General Walter Budge, representing Governor George D. Clyde. The Director spoke on the work of Stephen T. Mather before he and Mr. Allen officiated at the unveiling of the plaque.

### Old Timers on Hand

Also seated on the speakers' stand and acknowledging introductions were officials from several nearby communities; Mrs. Minnie Syrett who, with her husband, provided the first visitor accommodations at Bryce Canyon; J. W. Humphrey, former forest supervisor, who probably did more to further the cause of the park than any other person; Dr. Angus Woodbury who, as park naturalist at Zion, started the interpretive program at Bryce; and Kenneth Weight, first park naturalist.

On the stand also were Supts. Frank Oberhansley, Zion; John McLaughlin, Grand Canyon; Earl Semingsen, Dinosaur; Thomas Walker, Timpanogos Cave; Paul Steele, Lehman Caves; William Krueger; Capital Reef; Albert Henson, Montezuma Castle; and Granville Liles, Death Valley. Messrs. Henson and Liles were interested observors who will have dedications coming up later in the year.

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### Archeologist Travels Far

The summer travels of Archeologist Thomas W. Mathews, who left Southwest Archeological Center July 10, included New York City, Lisbon, Vienna for the 34th International Congress of American Anthropologists, and Paris, where the 6th International Congress of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences met.

# *Staff Is Growing, Plans Forming For Glen Canyon Recreation Area*

Eight public-use sites on the shores of Lake Powell and an additional one below Glen Canyon Dam at Lees Ferry, to be developed during the next several years at a cost of about 10 million dollars,- this is what the National Park Service envisions for the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. **James Eden** was transferred from the superintendency of Organ Pipe Cactus to the Reclamation Bureau town of Page a year ago to start things moving as superintendent of the area and since then has been gradually building up the force that will be required to do the job as developments get under way. He has established headquarters at Wahweap, about 7 miles out of Page and the location of one of the major prospective public-use developments.

### The Growing Staff

Also from Organ Pipe came **John Mullady**—a son of **Chris**—to take the chief ranger's job. From Arches came **Lyle Jamison** to be Eden's administrative assistant. **Richard J. Baker** is maintenance foreman and **Mark Cook** maintenanceman.

To transport supplies and materials on the lake, once it becomes navigable water, the Service has obtained a 26-ton Navy landing craft, 56 feet long and powered by twin diesel engines. Already operating on the river is the "Park Ranger," a 17-foot boat that, powered with two 35-horsepower outboards, can move.

The development at Wahweap, will begin this year; at the other sites as funds become available and access is provided. Right now, marinas, concessioner facilities and operations, bathing beaches, access roads, and airstrips are in the planning stages.

Since the Glen Canyon area may well become one of the nation's foremost water-recreation areas, orders to the staff are to "think big."

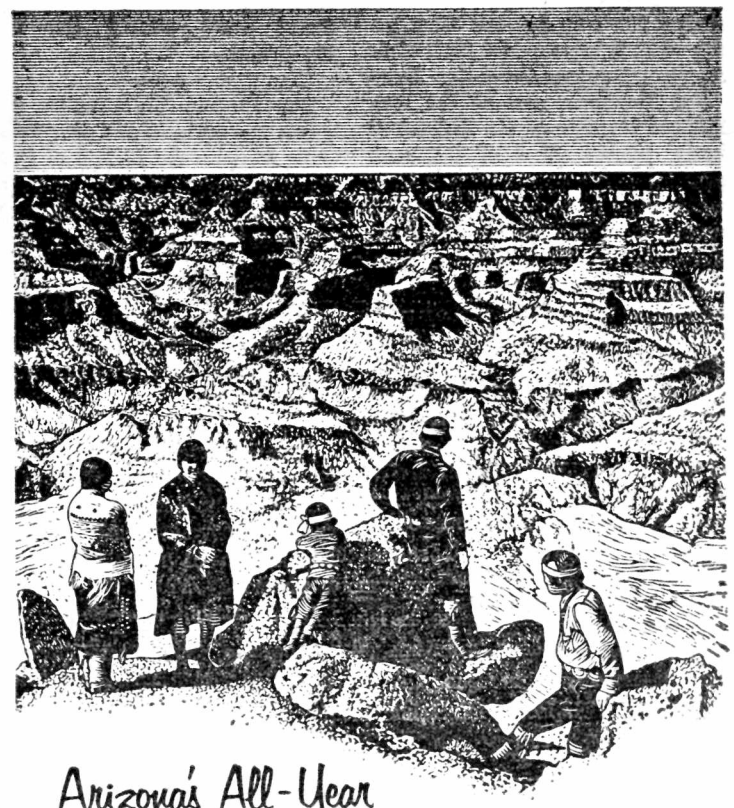
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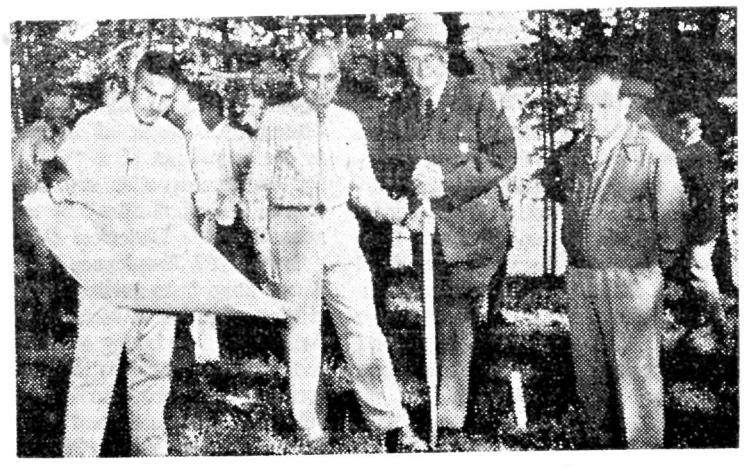
**The Page Signal is Arizona's** newest newspaper, "published Wednesday's at Flagstaff, Ariz." Noted on the masthead is the fact that **Platt Cline,** publisher of the **Arizona Daily Sun** at Flagstaff, former Grand Canyon seasonal, and firm supporter of the National Park Service, is publisher of the new paper.

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### SONS OF SAGUARO FOLKS ARE HONOR HIGH GRADS

**Douglas,** son of Saguaro Administrative Assistant and Mrs. **Earl Fonner,** lettered in football, was president of the Senior Class at Amphitheater High School, and received a scholarship in science to the University of Arizona. **"Tee,"** son of Supt. and Mrs. **John O. Cook,** graduated with honors from Catalina High School and received the Baird Scholarship to the University of Arizona. He also set a new city high school record in the 880-yard dash, the only city track mark cracked this year.





**What! With Your Coat On, Lon?**

BPR Project Engineer **John Gillespie,** Contractor **Charles Smith,** Supt. **Lon Garrison,** and BPR Division Engineer **Bill Carmella** (left to right in that order in the picture above) participated in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Bridge Bay marina on June 30. The marina is the initial project in the NPS comprehensive program for future public use of Yellowstone Lake and is designed to relieve congested boating conditiins at Fishing Bridge and Lake. (NPS Photo).

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# Gold Cup Classic Coming to Mead

Lake Mead will be the scene of one of the world's most famous water events this fall when the roaring unlimited hydroplanes compete for the much-sought-after Gold Cup.

Dates for the Gold Cup Classic, which has been called the "World Series" of boat racing, are set for November 5-13. The first 3 days of the event will be devoted to small-boat racing contests, with the qualifying trials for the unlimited schedule for the following 4 days. The big competition begins on November 12 and will end with the final heat on the succeeding day.

The Gold Cup event is sponsored by the Lake Mead Yacht Club and the Lake Mead Cup Association in a community effort, with Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, and Boulder City, Nev., and Kingman, Ariz., participating.

Supt. **Charles A. Richey** and Asst. Supt. **Jerry B. House** are members of the Board for the Association and the Gold Cup Committee chairmen include the following Area personnel: Course, Engineer **E. W. Blair;** Fencing, Maintenance Foreman **Hubert Atchison;** Food, Maintenanceman **Earle Boisclaire;** Grounds, Landscape Architect **Bill Glover;** Parking, Chief Ranger **Joe Keefe;** and Safety and Patrol, Motorboat Operator **Gene Gatzke.**

## Lake Mead

History was made on the Colorado River July 12, — the day the first upriver trip of the Colorado from Lake Mead was completed with the arrival of 3 jet-powered boats at Lees Ferry. Four Turbocraft jet-powered 18-foot boats started the trip, but one went under when it hit a hidden rock while attempting to run Grapevine Falls.

Jon Hamilton, son of the New Zealand inventor of the Turbocraft boats, piloted all 4 of the craft over the tough Vulcan (Lava) Falls which had thwarted all previous upriver efforts. Others in the party included Otis (Doc) Marston, a retired investment broker from Berkeley, Calif., and veteran river runner; Guy Mannering, Christchurch, N. Z.; George Morrison, Jim Bechtel, and Dick Young, of the Indiana Gear Works, Indianapolis, Ind., American manufacturers of the boats; Ed I'Anson, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Bill and Buzz Belknap, Boulder City, Nevada.

Lake Mead will boast one of the finest marine installations in the southwest on completion of the new marina at Hemenway Harbor next summer.

Estimated to cost more than one million dollars, it will feature a floating dock containing 400 boat slips and 160 moorings. A large central building will house a store, dining rooms, and related facilities. In addition there will be a dry boat storage building and a sales and service building.

The project is being constructed by the newly-formed Marina, Inc., which took over the Lake Mead Marina contract from Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Whitehouse.

With 68,700 visitors at Lake Mead and Lake Mohave during the Memorial Day week-end, all previous recreational use figures for the Lake Mead National Recreation Area were shattered. Of the total 45,200 were at Boulder Beach.

## Zion, Cedar Breaks and Pipe Spring

Park Ranger **Bob Stevens'** promotion to GS-7 in April came at just the right time. Holly, Bob's and Norma's third child, second daughter, was born May 3.

**Ed Bossler,** park engineer, retired April 30. Taking his place is **Joe McCabe** who, with his wife **Marian,** transferred from the Region Three Office, arriving May 29. **Ed and Gladys Bossler** bought a home in Phoenix where Ed hopes to do ocasional consulting and other engineering work. Their address: 11001 Alabama Ave., Sun City, Ariz.

Following the Bryce Canyon visitor center dedication, Secretary Seaton was a Zion visitor, on June 19 with the Director and Regional Director Allen, and took to a couple of the canyon trails. At the lawn party for Messrs. Wirth and Allen, Alumni **Dave Canfield** and **George Grant** were among the visiting guests.

The Student Conservation Program was initiated at Cedar Breaks June 29, with the arrival of Peggy Thompson of Princeton, N. J., and Margo Schmidt of Big Bend National Park. The two are providing a real boost at shorthanded Cedar Breaks, especially in the operation of the little museum.

Previously, the program had been offered only at Olympic and Grand Teton.

**James (Charlie Brown) McKown,** Pipe Spring historian, who has long wanted to be a park ranger, realized his dream with his transfer to Grand Canyon July 1. With it went a promotion, too.

It's a boy, **Rhett Graff,** born May 3, for Mr. and Mrs. **Kent Wintch.** Kent is Administrative Assistant at Bryce Canyon.

# Six Men Count 3 Desert Bighorns At Organ Pipe Cactus Waterholes

The first waterhole count of desert bighorn sheep in the history of Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument was conducted on June 26, 27 and 28. Rather disappointing, with only 3 sheep observed, it nevertheless offered other interesting wildlife observations. Near the 6 previously scouted and chosen waterholes desert mule deer, javelina and coatis were seen, all seemingly in good condition. One observer sighted a rare aplomado falcon in an Ajo Mountains canyon.

Late June was chosen for the count since that is normally the hottest and driest period, when natural tanks where sheep would water would be few. The weatherman didn't disappoint; daily readings averaged 105 to 110 degrees in the shade.

Observers included **Fred Bohannon, Chuck Budge** and **Frank Ugolini,** Organ Pipe; Region Three Chief of Ranger Activities **Tom Williams;** SWAC Naturalist **Earl Jackson;** and **Roger Johnson,** Cabeza Prieta Game Refuge game technician.

Back at SWAC, Jackson opined that he had been picked because years of insomniac sheep counting had qualified him for the task. He also cited fringe benefits, - the bliss of going 3 days without shaving or bathing, and the dispelling — after experiencing the desert heat — of all fears of future contact with Hell's fires.

# SWMA Brings Out Four New Titles

The Southwestern Monuments Association announces 4 new titles, recently printed or scheduled for early release. "Pueblo Bonito," first printed version of the trail guide for that ancient Chaco Canyon city, was distributed in June. "Coronado Peak Trail" or "Camino Pichacho Coronado," the first bi-lingual trail guide to be published by the Association (appropriately, for Coronado National Memorial, bordering Mexico) is in the press.

Another "first venture" will be a pictorial map, suitable for framing, now being readied for printing. It covers Mexico and southwestern U.S. as they were at the time of the 1540 Coronado Expedition and is done in the style of 16th Century Spanish cartographers by **Don Percival,** with text by **Jack Slack.** For probable November release is "Mammals of the Southwestern Mesas and Mountains," written by Saguaro's park naturalist, **George Olin;** this, the second in a "mammal" series, is exceptionally well illustrated by Ed Bierly, whose wildlife drawings are tops in accuracy and appeal.

# Steen Collecting Here and Abroad

The museum exhibits at Mesa Verde and Canyon de Chelly will benefit greatly from a visit to Brooklyn, N. Y., Sweden, and Finland by Regional Archeologist **Charlie R. Steen,** Region Three. Charlie left Santa Fe on August 2 and will return September 28.

First stop was at the Brooklyn Museum where the Sam Day Archeological Collection was examined. A selection was made of specimens to be turned over for use in the Canyon de Chelly visitor center.

From Brooklyn, Steen proceeded to Stockholm, Sweden. There he recorded the Nordenskiold Collections at the Ethnographic Museum and in the possession of Dr. and Mrs. Olof Arrhenius. Mrs. Arrhenius is a daughter of the late Baron Gustave Nordenskiold, first professional archeologist to excavate at Mesa Verde; during a visit to the Park early this year with her husband and family, she expressed an interest in donating to the Mesa Verde Museum such of her father's original notes and Indian items as might be of value for exhibit purposes there. Mr. Steen will make a selection of the items desired.

The final 6 weeks of the Scandinavian visit are being spent in Helsinki, Finland. There, at the Finnish National Museum, Steen is studying the Nordenskiold Collection and will select and arrange for an exchange of items for exhibit at Mesa Verde.

### LEADERS IN ARCHEOLOGY IN NEW ADVISORY GROUP

The Director has appointed an advisory group of 4 eminent archeologists for the Wetherill Mesa archeological project at Mesa Verde, **Dr. J. O. Brew,** director, Peabody Museum, Harvard; **Dr. Emil Haury,** director, Arizona State Museum, Univ. of Ariz.; **Dr. Robert Lister,** chairman, Department of Anthropology, Univ. of Colo.; and **Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, Jr.,** director, Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution.

The group met with Park staff members on May 25 and 25, spending the first day inspecting the Wetherill Mesa ruins and the second in conference at the Wetherill Mesa laboratory. They plan to meet in the park again this month, to look over and discuss the summer's work.

# Zion's New Visitor Center Soon Proves Itself Notable Success

Composed of four units—a lobby, an interpretive devices section, administrative offices, and restrooms —Zion's new visitor center was opened to the public on June 10. In its short period of operation, sound architectural planning which has kept in mind the purpose of the building and the needs of the visitor has produced gratifyingly successful results. It can be said for the strucure that it looks as though it "belongs" in Zion Canyon. Working on a basic design by **Cecil Doty,** WODC, the Salt Lake City firm of Cannon and Mullin drew the detailed plans.

From either side of the information desk in the glassed-in lobby, the visitor enters the auditorium and the museum space. The museum is awaiting the exhibits—some 30 of them—being prepared in the Western Museum Laboratory. To the rear of the interpretive devices section are the administrative offices,- adequate, roomy, air-conditioned, and a welcome relief to all concerned from the cramped quarters, with their stale air, which the staff had occupied for so long.

Conforming to the topography of its location, the building is visible from only a short section of the main road,- which had to be realigned, as the center was built over the original road.

# Bicknell, Casa Grande's Super, Will Call It A Day October 29

The Courier is informed **Al Bicknell,** superintendent of Casa Grande National Monument, and one of the real old-timers of the Service, is scheduled to retire on October 29, 1960; he will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 on October 21. Al's first job in a national park was as a mechanic for the Yellowstone Park Boat Company in 1910; he started to work for the National Park Service as a park ranger in Yellowstone under a rather famous superintendent, named Albright, in 1920.

The December issue of the **Courier** will provide a reminiscent look at Al's career, which has been one of quiet efficiency and effectiveness and unremitting devotion to duty.

If both a hackamore and a heelrope can be gotten on Al around that time, some of his friends plan to get together with him at Coolidge about October 1, to let him know what a warm place he and Bina have in their esteem.

# Young Carpenter Is Going Places

**Kenneth M. Carpenter,** son of Region Three's Regional Administrative Officer and Mrs. **J. M. Carpenter,** was this year's recipient of the Arnold Memorial Scholarship at the University of New Mexico. The award, which included an expense-paid trip to Miami, Fla., to receive it, was given by the Arnold Air Society, AFROTC honorary.

Carpenter, Cadet Colonel in his senior year at the University where he majored in chemical engineering, had earlier received an Interfraternity Council Scholarship for leadership and scholarship. Other school awards include the Distinguished Cadet Award and the Air Science Excellence Ribbon, - received 7 times.

In his senior year, Ken was a member of Blue Key, senior men's honorary; Sigma Tau, national engineering honorary; Kappa Alpha, social fraternity; and the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

### NPS FOLKS ASKED TO HELP ARIZ. HISTORICAL GROUP

The Arizona Antiquities Act, effective June 25, 1960, prohibits obliteration of any historic or prehistoric site without specific approval of the director of the Arizona State Museum. A result of its passage is the formation of a "Committee for the Preservation and Restoration of Historical Sites" by the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society.

Seven NPS Employees in Region Three have been invited to help in calling attention to historic sites in Arizona and in taking steps toward their proper preservation and restoration. They are **Charlie R. Steen, Albert H. Schroeder,** and **Robert M. Utley,** Region Three Offce; **Walter Hellman,** Tumacacori; and **Roland Reichert, Sallie Van Valkenburgh,** and **R. Gordon Vivian,** Southwest Archeological Center. **Ray Brandes,** formerly with Southwestern National Monuments at Globe, now historian for the Historical Society, is handling organization correspondence.

# Pipeline Salvage Studied at SWAC

**Dr. Wesley L. Bliss,** whose archeological experience includes field work in most of the United States (including Alaska), Canada, and Mexico, spent several weeks this summer at the Southwest Archeological Center working up a large room-full of materials from a "pipeline archeology" project.

Under agreement with the NPS the Transwestern Pipeline Co. (sponsored by Gulf Interstate of Houston, Tex.) financed salvage archeology along its 30-inch gas line from Corono, New Mexico, to Needles, California; field work, under Dr. Bliss's direction, was accomplished from November 1959 to June 1960. The materials studied and reported on at SWAC were recovered from some 50 sites, (12 were excavated), from Corono to Window Rock, Ariz., and between Flagstaff, Ariz. and Needles. Assisting Dr. Bliss in the pottery analysis was his wife **Shirley,** and volunteering for part-time sherd washer and artist were son **David** and daughter **Loa.**

### STUDENT TEACHERS TAKE ORGAN PIPE FIELD TRIP

For the third consecutive year, a group of biology and botany teachers from colleges and universities all over the U. S. recently took a 2-day field trip in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument. The teachers, many of whom are prominent in their fields, were enrolled in Arizona State University's Summer Institute of Desert Biology, sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

The Institute has one interesting requirement: a teacher enrollee must not have previously studied in a desert area.

## Carlsbad Caverns

The 120,430 visitors recorded at Carlsbad during July exceeded the previous monthy record by nearly 20,000. The count of 7,529 for July 3 was also a new high mark for a single day; the previous record was 7,140, set in 1947.

## *Curt Skinner Ends 31 Years Service*

A big gray moving van lumbering along the road down the Nisqually River signaled the retirement of another NPS oldtimer. **Curtis K. Skinner,** whose career spanned those of all six directors, retired July 26 after 31 years of service. Curt and **Betty** had been a part of the Longmire community since March, 1952, when Curt was promoted from Yellowstone chief ranger to assistant superintendent of Mount Rainier. His career in the parks actually began in 1924 when he was appointed for the first of 3 summers as seasonal park ranger at Rocky Mountain. Then after 3 years of newspaper work at Leadville, Colo., he received a permanent ranger appointment at Yellowstone. Except for a hitch in the Coast Guard during World War II, he rangered there for the next 22 years.

Curt and Betty were honored at a retirement dinner at Paradise Inn July 19, when about a hundred friends and associates gathered there to shower them with gifts (including a leatherbound volume of letters from Service friends) and to wish them well for the future.

For some time, the Skinners have been developing a beach home on the Oregon coast a few miles south of Newport. There they are settling. For friends who may be passing by, their address is Star Route South, South Beach, Ore.

## Craters of the Moon

Dr. Jack Green, a lunar geologist affiliated with the Aero-Space Laboratories of North American Aviation, Inc., was a visitor late in June. During a talk while here, Dr. Green used a large photograph of the moon in the visitor center to point out that the lava flows and associated basaltic features in the monument may be strikingly similar to the dark areas visible on the moon's surface.

While exploring one of the large lava tubes, Dr. Green mentioned the possibility that similar formations might exist on the moon and might offer shelter for men and equipment should a moon landing be made.

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Peter T. White of the editorial staff of the **National Geographic** interviewed Supt. **Floyd Henderson** at Butte, Mont. on June 20, preparatory to final editing of the text for a pictorial feature on the monument scheduled to appear in the October issue. Photographs and text for the article are by **William Belknap, Jr.**

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**Harold F. Johnson** transferred from administrative assistant, GS-5, to purchasing agent, GS-9, at Yosemite. The 4-grade jump was possible because he had previously been in a GS-9 with the Navy Department. **Duane A. DeVaurs** became administrative assistant, GS-7, by transfer from GS-5 payroll supervisor, Yosemite. **David C. Ochsner** went up from park naturalist, GS-7, to chief park naturalist, GS-9.

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A crowd of about 1,500 attended the annual "opening" day celebration on May 22. The program was preceded by a colorful parade, including a color guard from the local Civil Air Patrol Squadron, the Butte High School band, and a riding club.

Following a welcome by Superintendent **Henderson** there were speeches by Henry McQuade of the Idaho Supreme Court and Charles Stark, manager of the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce.

## Crater Lake

With the transfer of **Jack Raftery,** to Big Bend, **The Phantom Ship's Log** lost its editor.

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Former Superintendent and Mrs. **Tom Williams** visited Crater Lake briefly early in June while enroute to attend their son Jeff's graduation from the University of Oregon.

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The talents of Crater Lake residents were displayed at a local arts and hobby show in the recreation hall, Thursday, June 16. The wide range of beautiful entries exemplified the many possibilities available for the expression of artistic talent. Included were: needlework and knitting, wood objects, ceramics, jewelry, leather work, water colors, oil and silk screen paintings, and a picture lamp.

The show was prepared and arranged by **Helga Raftery** and **Slim Mabery.**

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**John A. Townsley,** management assistant, Oregon Caves, who accepted a lateral transfer to the MISSION 66 Staff in Washington on completion of his assignment in the Departmental Management Training Program there, returned to "The Caves" for 3 weeks in June, to assist with summer preparations. He was succeeded at Oregon Caves by **Roger Contor,** promoted from assistant chief ranger at Bryce Canyon, who entered on duty at the Caves July 9, just in time to greet the Director and Regional Director on their tour of inspection July 11.

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Gary Johnson, Grants Pass, was taken before Park Commissioner Van Dyke, June 20, charged with writing his name and the date on the wall of the Royal Gorge Chamber of Oregon Caves. Found guilty, he was sentenced to 10 days in jail and a $50.00 fine. All but $15.00 of the sentence was suspended, contingent upon his satisfactory removal of the writing.

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**Jeanne Bowdler,** wife of Park Ranger **John Bowdler,** suffered severe cuts and lacerations on both hands and arms, cuts and bruises on her face, a dislocated thumb and a broken tailbone, June 18, when she misjudged her footing and slipped approximately 500 feet down the hard frozen snow of Hillman Peak. Treatment required 12 stitches in her arm and 2 in her lip, 2½ days in the Medford Rogue Valley Memorial Hospital, and a number of weeks' convalescence at home. Recovery is now complete.

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Brand new grandparents in the park are Mechanics Helper **Herb** and **Gladys Gerald,** with the birth of their first grandchild William Coleman Gerald, May 28, in Seattle, Wash.; and Electrician **Nelson** and **Ruby Smith,** with the birth of their first grandchild Patti Lorri Wyatt in Heidelberg, Germany.

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**Margret Hartel,** daughter of Equipment Operator **Guy Hartell,** has spent the past year in Europe as a teacher in the U. S. Army dependent school, Dachau Army Base, Dachau, Germany. During her free time she has been very busy sightseeing that country. Her teaching assignment for the coming winter will be at Garmisch Army Base near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

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### WORK FOR CONCESSIONER, EARN UNIVERSITY CREDIT

Class work for university credit has been combined this summer with summer chores for the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. under an unusual arrangement worked out by the company, the NPS, and the University of California Extension Division. Under it, the Division set up a pilot program in the park that enabled students employed by the company to go ahead at the same time with college work. The company arranged work schedules so that there was the minimum of conflict between work and class hours.

As usual, seasonal personnel employed by the Service at Yosemite included a number of persons who teach the other 9 months of the year. One, **Franklin Potter,** Ph.D., professor of geology at San Fernando Valley State College, conducted the 45-hour elementary geology course: another, **Jack Fry,** M.A., zoology instructor at Santa Monica City College, gave the Introduction to Zoology course. There were also two non-credit courses—presented on film—on "Opera Appreciation," and "Atomic Age Physics."

The company employs about 600 college students each summer.

## Lava Beds

Construction of the sewer and water system and extension of the power and telephone system for the new Mission 66 residential area is near completion. The utilities contract includes extending power up Sconchin Butte to the fire lookout.

Construction of 4 residences and a quadruplex is expected to be started by press time.

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Maintenance Foreman **Lyman "Pat" Patrick** received an incentive award of $140 for construction of two pickup truck cab protective racks. — **Jeanne Jacobson.**

## Olympic

**Louis Kirk,** who left the **park** naturalist position at **Theodore** Roosevelt National Memorial Park about two years ago to teach in Southern California, is back with the Service again as a park naturalist at Olympic, where he served as a seasonal during the summer of 1959. Louis and his wife Ruth have become a highly successful writer-photographer team of recent years.

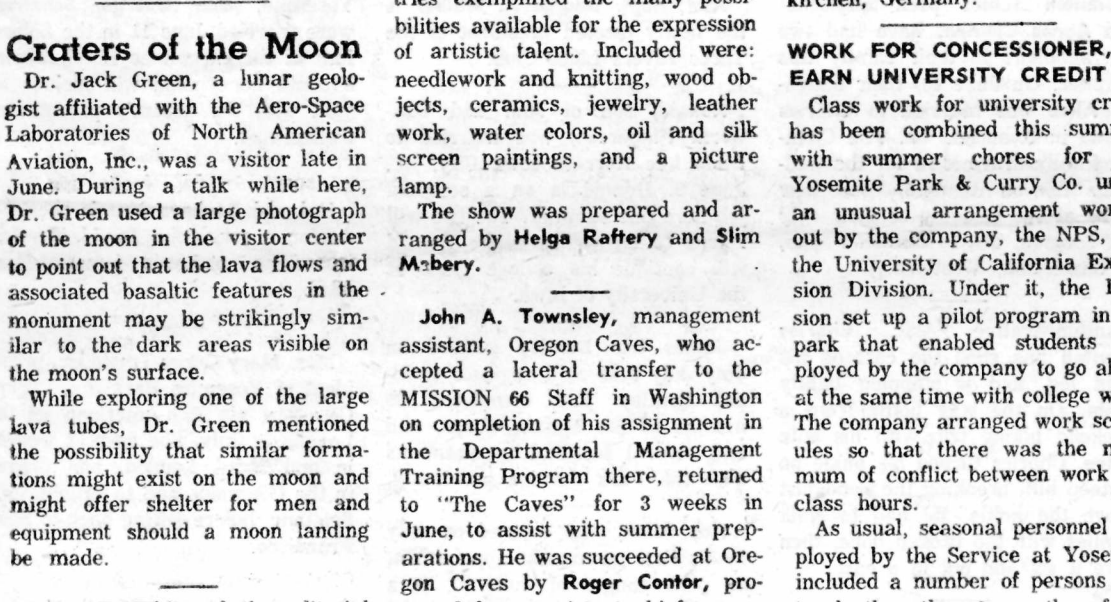
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**John C. Russell,** GS-5 time,, leave, and payroll clerk, recently transferred to the Alaska Communication System as a GS-8 realty officer.

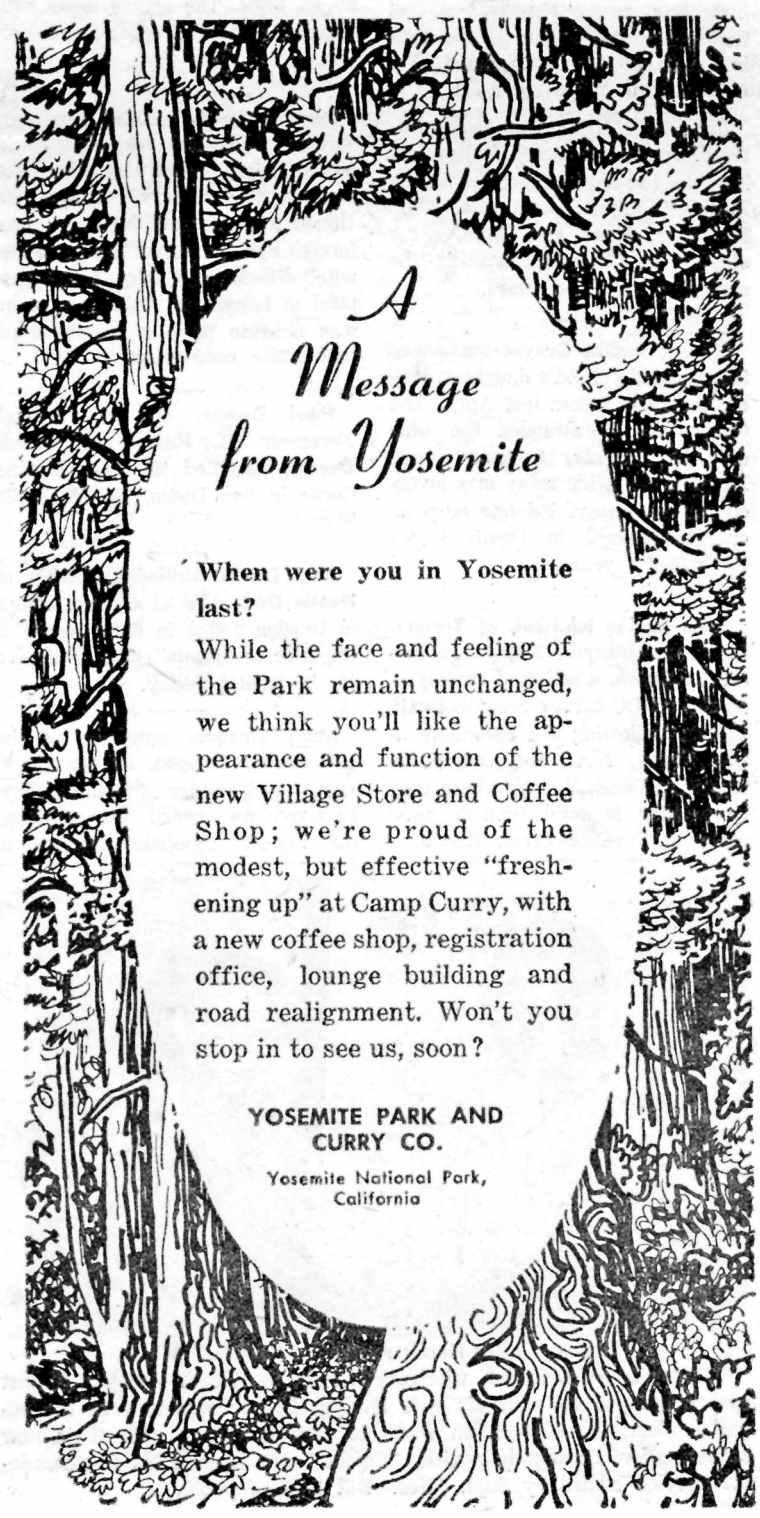


**Busy Yosemite Women**

Yosemite women have taken on a service project for the Crippled Children and Guidance Hospital, Fresno. For the past year they have had semi-monthly sewing meetings to make stuffed toys for crib-age children. Here, left to right, with some of their handiwork are Mesdames Marge Caywood, Betty Preston, Lois Kowski, Esther James, Margaret Fladmark and Alice Stratton.



**Curt Skinner receives a book of greeting letters from Supt. Macy as wife Betty looks on.**

# *D. V. Mining Venture Unprofitable; Companies Pull Out, Backfill Holes*

The Peerless Oil & Gas Co. and the Midwest Oil Corp. of Denver are abandoning their placer mining venture in Death Valley National Monument.

In the winter of 1959 newspapers and magazines carried banner headlines about a new gold strike in Death Valley. The two companies had options on 96 claims covering almost 15,000 acres on the floor of the Valley in the southern portion of the monument. Huge discovery pits — some more than 20 feet wide, 40 feet deep, and 200 feet long — were dug in the Amargosa River valley gravels with heavy construction equipment. Now, since no minerals were found in this current gold rush, Peerless and Midwest are backfilling their discovery pits in an attempt to restore the area to its original condition.

Congress made an exception of Death Valley National Monument when it authorized prospecting and mining there in 1933, subject to surface use under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

### DEATH VALLEY VISITOR CENTER DEDICATION SET

The dedication of the new Visitor Center-Museum at Death Valley is scheduled for November 12, during the 1960 Death Valley '49ers Encampment. The program is being planned by a committee representing the '49ers, the California Division of Beaches and Parks, the Death Valley Hotel Company, Ltd., and the National Park Service.

## Death Valley

On July 21, Supt. Liles presented the Commendable Service Award to **Edd Wendland,** who retired July 31 after more than 16 years with the NPS. A veteran of World War I, Edd joined the Service as a fire guard at Bandelier in 1944, later advancing to operator general. He came to Death Valley in 1956 in the same position.

Edd and his wife, Vi, recently bought a new "10-wide," 45-foot trailer home and plan to live in it in the Santa Fe neighborhood.

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Seasonal Ranger **Lee Shackelton** transferred from Death Valley last May to fire-aide ranger in Sequoia-Kings Canyon. Lee's wife, **"Ti,"** and sons, **Steve** and **Dave,** are staying in Oakland, awaiting the arrival of a third child.

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**Ed** and **Lucille Graves** announced the marriage of Ed's daughter, **Helen,** to Eddie Baker last April. The Graves family attended the wedding in Phoenix, Arizona, where Ed gave the bride away in a lovely church ceremony. Ed has been an operator-general in Death Valley for some 7 years.

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**Lynn Elaine Ishmael,** of Tecopa, Calif., was married May 21, to **Carrol Joe Smith,** a seasonal employee on the WODC survey crew in Death Valley. Following the ceremony in Las Vegas, Nev., the couple returned to Death Valley, where they were later honored with a patio party at Furnace Creek Ranch.

**Bob Binnewies,** seasonal surveyor on the WODC crew at Death Valley, transferred in June to fire-aide ranger at Grant Grove in Kings Canyon National Park. Bob is the son of former Supt. and Mrs. **Fred Binnewies.**

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The July issue of Desert Magazine, featuring heat and Death Valley contains four articles by residents and former residents of the Valley. **Jean Bullard,** wife of Chief Naturalist **Bill Bullard,** writes about her family routine; **Roland Wauer,** park naturalist, advises tourists; **Ruth Kirk,** wife of a former Death Valley ranger, describes the ways of our Indians; and **Fred Binnewies,** former superintendent, tells how he felt about leaving.

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Woodall's Triailer Travel Magazine for July features **Charley Kasling,** a former truck driver in Death Valley, in an article by **Marjorie Sims,** wife of operator-general **Kerby W. Sims.** The article deals with Charley's unusual driftwood collection and trailer life.

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**George Swift,** WODC engineer, suffered a broken rib while on a job in Death Valley last June. Not realizing it was broken, George continued to work until further illness forced him to leave the job. His wife, **Ethel,** took him to a hospital in Longmont, Colo., where he was able to have a much-needed rest while recovering.

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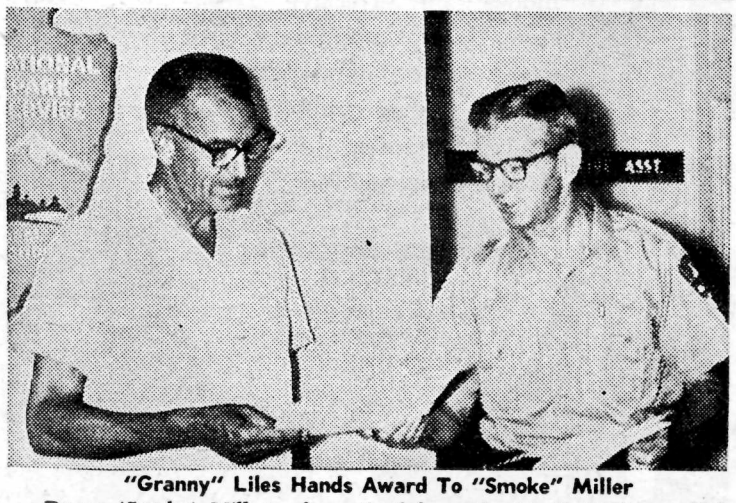
**Paul Deeter,** son of General Foreman III, **Harry and Ordell Deeter,** enlisted in the Marine Corps in San Diego, California in May.

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Mrs. Ira M. Rutledge, mother of **Nealie Dott,** died of a heart attack in Dryden Texas in July. Nealie is the wife of **"Boots" Dott,** Foreman II, in Death Valley.

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**Mary Dragoo,** daughter of the late **Parker Dragoo,** former supervisory park ranger at Death Valley, received an award for attaining the highest scholstic average in her clss at Shoshone High School. Except for one A-, Mary, who was a Junior, made all A's or A pluses! She also placed first in a statewide mathematics contest. While in school, Mary lived with Chief Ranger **Dan Danielson** and family. In June, she left for Lutherville, Md., to live with her aunt.



**"Granny" Liles Hands Award To "Smoke" Miller**

Roger (Smoke) Miller, who retired from the Death Valley staff last spring, stopped by with his wife Evelyn, former secretary to the superintendent, June 10-12, en route to Buffalo, Wyo., with their new house trailer. During their visit, "Smoke" was handed his Commendable Service award by Supt. Liles.—**Bill Bullard photo.**

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## Sequoia-Kings Canyon

**Ellsworth Fingerson,** administrative officer, is home after chest surgery in Fresno. He is having further treatment in Exeter before he is released to return to work.

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**Arnold G. (Ole) Quist,** foreman II (mixed gang-bldgs. & utilities), is one of the most active Boy Scout leaders in the Mount Whitney Council. His participation is paying off, his boys are forging ahead with their Scout work, and at the annual summer encampment, Ole's troop came home with 26 merit badges and advancements in rank. The troop also took first place on Paul Bunyan Day as an extra honor.

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**Gary,** son of **Jerry,** foreman IV maintenance (bldgs. & utilities) and **Grace Ray,** was married to **Linda Greenwood on** Aug. 13, in the Three Rivers Community Presbyterian Church. On Sept. 9, their daughter **Soni** will be married to **Robert Dunlap** at the same church. Both young couples will be living at Three Rivers for the present at least.

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**Blanton** (chief park engineer) and **Agnes Clement** have had two big weddings in their family this summer. On June 10, their daughter **Alice** was married to **Charles Boone** in Roanoke, Va. The Clement family drove East for the wedding. Then on August 5, Agnes flew to be at the wedding of their only son **Blanton, Jr.,** to **Beulah Payne,** in Charleston, West Va.

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Administrative Asst. **Charles Grenfell** has shed the cast on his right leg, and is stepping lightly again. On the way home from a weekend hiking trip with his wife **Helen,** Charles turned his ankle on a steep hill, breaking the bone just above the ankle. He had to walk 7 miles with the broken bone, then have it set and put in a cast.

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**James S.,** park ranger, and **Geneva Rouse** are the proud parents of their second girl, **Betty Joanne,** born July 10. The baby and Geneva probably were the first Sequoia and Kings personnel to use the new Gov't. Health Benefits program.

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**Lon Maxon,** trail maintenanceman, had to be rushed to the hospital from the fire line when he was stung by a yellow jacket. He was unconscious for a time and had to have adrenalin and oxygen. After several days in the hospital he was released to recuperate at home.

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**Homer M. Hardin,** who retired on disability from the position of foreman IV, maintenance & construction (B&U), Sequoia and Kings Canyon, had a serious heart attack and has had to be in the hospital for three weeks. He hopes to return to his home in Visalia soon and promises to take it easy.

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Park young people are busy in the Future Homemakers Association in the Woodlake Union High School. For the coming school year, **Janice Coffelt** will be president, and **Roberta Coffelt** will be parliamentarian. They are daughters of **J. B. and Frances Coffelt.**

**Fred P. Walker,** who retired from the position of road foreman, Sequoia and Kings Canyon, several years ago, and his wife Alma are making extensive trips to see the good old U.S.A. When they are at home in Three Rivers, Fred keeps busy selling Fords.

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**Mary Grenfell,** daughter of **Charles** and **Helen Grenfell,** and **David Pence** were married at the Memorial Chapel at San Jose State College. Mary is clerk cashier at Crystal Cave and will finish her senior year at San Jose State this year. Dave will head the music department of one of the big high schools at San Jose.

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**Linda Kay,** daughter of **Stanley H. Bechtel,** district park ranger, was graduated from Wasatch Academy this June.

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**Suellen,** daughter of Assistant Superintendent **George A.** and **Dottie Walker, and Ronald Ebel** were married in a formal ceremony at the Three Rivers Community Church on June 11. Suellen and Ronald are living in Richmond, Calif.

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**Dayle,** daughter of **Dave** and **Doris Mishler,** has been elected secretary of the Three Rivers 4-H Club for the coming year. She was also selected to attend the state-wide leadership conference held at Davis College this month. **Una Stalcup,** wife of **Vondlee R.,** carpenter, Sequoia and Kings Canyon, is an active leader of this group.

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Asst. Supt. **George A. Walker** is the newly elected president of the Three Rivers Lions Club.

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**Ronald,** son of **Ann** and **Ellsworth Fingerson,** was married to **Dixie Lee Kerr** in Iowa City, Ia., June 9. Ronald is on a seasonal job here this summer. The two will return to Iowa City where Ronald will continue his college work at the University of Iowa.

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**James Lee Bentley** entered on duty July 8 as civil engineer trainee. Bentley just completed 39 months in the Marine Corps, and had several seasonal appointments with the Park Service previously.

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**Roy Allen,** who entered on duty in his first permanent appointment as park ranger of June 27, is a specialist in mountaineering and mountain rescue. He has previously had several seasonal positions with the NPS and the Forest Service.

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**Gene J. Balaz,** supervisory park ranger, left with his wife and two children on May 11 to report for his new position, same capacity but higher grade, at Grand Teton, May 15.

## Yosemite

In the years since the deaths of Ta-bu-ce and Lee-mee, our ranger naturalists have had to handle the daily Indian demonstrations without the interesting sidelight of someone showing and explaining the Indian way of life. **Julia Parker** has now joined the interpretive staff as a tour leader and is an attractive addition to the garden, as she demonstrates basket weaving and food preparation each week day morning.

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**Toby Nelson,** son of Asst. Chief Ranger **Dan Nelson** and **Junia,** participated recently in an 8-day cutdown version of the regular live-off-the-land survival course, conducted by the Air Force and attended by 130 Senior and Explorer Scouts. After classes at Stead Air Force Base the group moved on to a wilderness reserve for three days out in the open for instruction on how to survive, after which the trainees were turned loose in small groups to make their way cross-country. They learned how to trap small game and obtain vegetables. Toby says it was a fine experience but one he doesn't care to repeat right away.

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Recent recipients of suggestions awards: Mechanic (Welder) **Bill Kirk; Duane De Vaurs,** former payroll supervisor; and **Helen Doty.**

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Plumber **Johnny Banias** and **Pauline** are the parents of 6-pound **Carolyn,** born May 10. Johnny says he was pulling for a redhead but Pauline wouldn't cooperate. Anyway, they're happy to settle for a brunette . . . Blister Rust Foreman **Gary** and Mrs. **Brown** of Wawona have a new addition to their tenthouse as of July 8, when **Kristin Ann** made her appearance at Lewis Memorial Hospital . . . Born July 25, **Russell Arthur,** 7 lbs., 7 ounces. Parents: Foreman and Mrs. **Lawrence Brochini.**

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**Nancy Proctor** became the bride of **Russell Carey, Jr.,** of Denver, Colorado, on Tuesday afternoon, June 21, at the Church Bowl in Yosemite National Park. Nancy's father is head of the Commercial Division of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

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**Bernice Brownson,** daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Harry Brownson** of Yosemite, and **George Schaffer** were married June 11 in the Solarium of the Ahwahnee Hotel. Their 5-month honeymoon will include a visit with the groom's parents in Switzerland.

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**Hal** and **Barbara Morris** receipted for a son, **John David Morris,** born June 7 at Lewis Memorial Hospital.

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Mrs. **Mary Curry Tresidder,** president of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., flew via Pan-American jet to London in July. She spent 2 weeks in and about London, and drove to the Cotswolds and to Edinburgh, Scotland, before jetting back to San Francisco.

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Road Foreman **Ernie Byers** and wife, **Lucille,** have acquired a new daughter-in-law. Son **Jim** and the former **Laurie Jacobs** were married in Reno recently. The newlyweds met on the slopes of Badger Pass. Jim will return to Stockton this month to continue his college studies.

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Ranger **Sam Clark** and **Trudel** heard recently from son **Rolf.** A Yale graduate in 1959, Rolf was graduated again last month from Officers' Candidate School at the U. S. Naval Base in Newport, R.I. and was commissioned an ensign in the Navy.

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### SPEBSQSA SUFFERS LOSS

With the transfer of Park Ranger **Jim Devenport** to Wind Cave, the Charles Town (West Va.) chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America loses its vice president.

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Research Historian **Edwin C. Bearss** contributed the latest of his Civil War studies to the Spring, 1960, issue of **Military Affairs.** His article is entitled "Grierson's Winter Raid on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad."

# *Lassen Camp Tables, Fireplaces Vanish; Just Part of MISSION 66*

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Campers in the Sunset Campground at Lassen Vocanic began submitting reports of the disappearance of tables and fireplaces. Those responsible for what appeared to by mass thievery were park employees who were removing these items from the campground as soon as units were vacated by visitors. The 70 camps at the beginning of the season dwindled to 50, then 20, then 1. The last camper was moved on July 26. Why? New campground construction was to begin. This MISSION 66 project will result in the construction of a 280-unit campground to meet increasing demand, with 7 comfort stations and all the facilities required for modern-day camping. Meantime, campers are being relocated in certain areas designated as overflow campgrounds until construction is complete. The new installation will replace 3 separated, smaller camp areas and result in greater efficiency of operation and the protection of nearby fragile areas.

Drakesbad is also a site of MISSION 66 improvement. New water and sewer systems will be installed to replace the antiquated facilities now in use.

### REDEVELOPMENT SHOWING RESULTS AT CAMP CURRY

Visitors to Yosemite this summer were able to note the results of the first stage in the redevelopment of Camp Curry, first opened to the public in 1899 and now capable of housing 1,400 guests. For more convenient registration, the "front desk" was removed from the lounge front to an enlarged building nearer parking and bus-loading areas. To simplify the flow of traffic and return to meadowland a choice area directly in front of Camp Curry, the NPS has provided a long sweeping circle to replace the former access road; this serves a parking area near the new registration building.

A completely new coffee shop has replaced the former grill. Also, connected to the west edge of the dining room is a large open dining deck which faces west toward the Camp Curry complex, while to the east diners are offered a magnificent view of Half Dome.

## Hawaii

A new half-mile boardwalk now reveals the story of Puupuai — "Hill of the big fountain" — this park's newest landmark, the yellow-and-white mottled cinder cone perched on the south rim of Kilauea Iki. It permits the visitor to walk the base of the cone through some of the most interesting parts of the devastated area. Signs will point out tree molds as much as 12 feet deep as well as chunks of lava nestling in barren tree branches. The walk goes from the enlarged parking area at Kilauea Iki Overlook, where the cone obliterated the Crater Rim Road, to the newly completed Puupuai parking area back of the cone. A new bypass road supplies the missing link in the Crater Rim Road.

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Employees and residents of Hawaii National Park turned out in full force for a special luau, or Hawaiian feast, to dedicate the Maintenance Division's new garage on July 30th.

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The annual meeting of the Hawaii Natural History Association was held at Headquarters June 20. In an attempt to provide an accurate membership list, the members present voted to dispense with annual dues and establish a life membership for $1. The Association is an active one, due to its rapid-selling publications, volcano movies and slides.

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Hawaii National Park was honored by a visit from the **King and Queen of Thailand** in June. The royal party, accompanied by the Governor of Hawaii and several guests, were received at park headquarters for a special showing of the daily talk and volcano movie. They then toured the Crater Rim, stopping at the Hawaii Volcano Observatory and Kilauea Iki, and were served lunch at the Volcano House.

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A farewell Aloha Dinner for the **Jack Muratas** was held at the Volcano House on June 22. For the past two years Mr. Murata has been scientist-in-charge at the U. S. Geological Survey's Volcano Observatory here in the Park, and was responsible for the installation of equipment at their new Geo-Chem. Laboratory. **Dr. Jerry Eaton** will take Jack's place as head of the Observatory staff.

## Mount Rainier

Another Westerner, **Alex Walker,** until recently administrative officer of Mount Rainier, has succumbed to the charms of the Eastern United States. On July 26, he went on duty as assistant superintendent at Morristown. Prior to coming to Mount Rainier, Walker served in Glacier, Death Valley, and the Region IV Office.

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For the second time in the last 3 years, Mount Rainier boasts a family with all of its members on the NPS payroll. **Henry J. (Heinie) Evans** is a supply clerk while his wife, **Florence,** serves as secretary in the chief ranger's office. Son **Doug** is on the naturalist staff at Grand Canyon, while son **David** is a fire control aid at Sunset Park, Mount Rainier.

The other family that enjoyed this distinction in recent years is the **Les Ellis** family. Les has been Roads and Trails Supervisor for many years. His wife, **Frances,** worked as telephone operator during the summer of 1958; their daughter, **Natalie,** was employed in the fiscal office and their son, **Jim,** worked on the building and utility crew.

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This, from COON HOLLER, is almost too much!

District Ranger Parsegan reports —Seasonal Ranger Newcomer's wife had a newcomer Newcomer on June 23, a girl, Lynn Marie. There are now four Newcomers, all newcomers to White River.

### C. L. PETERSON GOES TO FORT CLATSOP MEMORIAL

**Charles Lund Peterson,** asst. supt. of Morristown since 1956, has been named the first superintendent of the Fort Clatsop National Memorial Project, Ore. His address is Box 83, Astoria, Ore.

The memorial, containing the site of the winter encampment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, was authorized by Congress in 1958. It will be officially established when at least 100 of the 125 acres within its designated boundaries have been acquired by the Federal Government.

# *Lassen's Waters Are Investigated*

By arrangement with Humboldt State College, **Paul Hubbell,** a graduate student has been conducting a study of 23 lakes in Lassen Volcanic National Park. His investigation began June 15. For 3 weeks he was busy at Butte Lake; during that time he discovered that the rough fish population of this lake greatly exceeds the population of trout. In fact, gill nettings revealed that chubs, suckers, and dace make up about 97 per cent of the total.

None of the five species of rough fish found in the lake is native; they were probably brought in by fishermen to be used as bait. However, the presence of these exotics offers a problem for the fish, the fishermen, and the managers of waters such as this.

Later efforts have been concentrated on the smaller lakes in the central section of the park. Field work was expected to be finished around Sept. 1; a report will be submitted before the end of October.

### PLUMBER FOREMAN CLIFT RETIRES AT CRATER LAKE

**Harvey Clift,** plumber foreman II, who entered on duty as a seasonal employee at Crater Lake on July 19, 1938, retired effective July 10, 1960.

Over the years, Harvey performed a wide variety of duties which included plumber, carpenter, pipelayer, and general mechanic. He transferred to Yosemite National Park in 1942, where he served as plumber and power station operator, but returned to Crater Lake in 1946 and was subsequently promoted to foreman plumber, his position at retirement. He served with the U. S. Navy during World War I.

Harvey and Mary have been busy preparing a retirement home near Talent, Oregon. Their new address will be: Rt. 1, Box 412A, Talent, Oregon.

# *Find Plane Wreck In Isolated Lake*

Sequoia and Kings Canyon park rangers assisted in the investigation of the remains of a B-24 plane found in an unnamed lake in the Le Conte area of Kings Canyon National Park July 27. Seasonal Park Ranger **Lee Roy Brock,** working with USGS survey men making topographical surveys of the area, discovered the wreckage. Investigation by the military, using deep-sea diving equipment, revealed that it was a plane which disappeared with its 6-man crew Dec. 3, 1943.

The main part of the fuselage and one engine had been located in the deep water and the tail section and part of a wing section were recovered. Other parts of the plane were scattered over a wide area near the lake. Depths of 120 to 150 feet were searched, with water temperatures of 33 to 35 degrees. Several feet of silt at the bottom and shale, with dangerous underwater slides, halted further investigation.

### Cone Found in Crater Lake

The **Sunday Oregonian,** Portland, on July 24, reported the discovery by the Coast and Geodetic Survey of a large submerged cone 612 feet below the surface of Crater Lake. Though the submerged volcano has a basal diameter of a mile, a lava flow reaches a mile and a half from its base. It was reported to have come into existence before the caldera filled with water.

# ALUMNI MISCELLANY

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The Courier greatly needs alumni editors in Regions One and Five. Alumni editors are, preferably, persons who maintain a fairly extensive correspondence with other former employees of the Service; we eagerly invite volunteers for these staff assignments in the two regions not now covered. Retirees and other former employees are also cordially invited to send news of themselves to the nearest alumni editor.

### MAYBE YOU WILL WANT TO NOTE THESE ADDRESSES

Here are some addresses which we feel sure many readers of the **Courier** will be glad to have (The first seven are all in Washington, D. C.):

**Miss Isabelle F. Story,** 2853 Ontario Road, N. W.; **Mrs. Arno B. Cammerer,** 2201 15th St., N. W.; **Miss M. Madeleine McGrath,** 2212 I Street, N. W.; **Mrs. Frances Dean,** 2150 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W.; **Mrs. J. Ross Eakin,** 3830 T St., N. W.; **Mrs. Alice Hunt Ziegler,** 1317 Otis St., N. E.; **Miss Ethel M. Baer,** 1448 Girard St., N. Y., **Mrs. Robert P. (Golda) White,** Box 472, Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Mrs. White, widow of the former supervisory general engineer, EODC., and for many years a Gatlinburg resident while Bob was park engineer, is eagerly awaiting the opening of the new Sugarlands Visitor Center, just across from the headquarters building of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. When the building goes into operation, she will handle publication and other sales in its lobby for the Great Smoky Mountains Natural History Association.

### MISS ARMISTEAD, RETIRED, IS STILL A BUSY PERSON

**Miss Sarah C. Armistead,** who was secretary to every superintendent of Colonial, and who retired in 1956, is living in Hampton, Va., at 165 Cherokee Road. She is living a "quiet!" life now, - her boundless energy not letting her read any of the dozens of volumes she has accumulated in her library, the nucleus of which is historical, generated by her love of the Park Service, and in particular Colonial NHP. Although it has always been her fondest wish to read, she is instead, quite active in civic matters of Hampton, being a worker for various health agencies — T. B. Association, the Heart Fund, the Cancer Drive, and the fund-raising drive to enlarge the hospital. She is also an interested member of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Though she no longer lives in Yorktown, Miss Armistead is avidly interested in it, and keeps up her contacts by her active participation in the Comte de Grasse Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. **J. C. Brummer**

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**John C. Diggs,** who retired several years ago from the position of recreation planner in the Region Three office, writes from Pharr, Texas, that Mrs. Diggs suffered a fractured hip last February and was still confined to her bed in early August. The Diggs address is 823 South Dahlia Street, Pharr.

### MRS. PRYOR REPORTS ON YELLOWSTONE OLD-TIMER

Mrs. **Anna K. Pryor,** for many years proprietor of Pryor's Store in Yellowstone and in every real sense an alumna of the National Park Service, wrote Tiny Semingsen in mid-June to comment that the "National Park Courier is quite a publication, like a visit with former friends." With her letter she enclosed a subscription for the **Courier** for Mr. **George Whitaker,** 838 South Grand Ave., Hotel Stillwell, Los Angeles, of whom she wrote:

"Mr. Whittaker was a Spanish War veteran, came to park after Spanish war as a soldier; when discharged after enlistment was finished, remained as a 'government scout' for many years when he resigned and purchased the general store at Mammoth. It was from Mr. Whittaker we purchased the Store in 1932; he and his wife had owned it twenty years. He is now 87 but his health is good and he hasn't forgotten a thing about the park. I know he will enjoy your paper."

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**Gordon C. Winn 16th Life Member**

Tiny Semingsen reports the receipt of a check for $100 for a life membership in the Employes and Alumni Association from **Gordon C. Winn** of Craig, Colorado. Mr. Winn was a park ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park from 1933 to 1938 and is now in the sheep busines. Mr. Winn's life membership is the 16th. As with other life membership payments, it will be invested and its income used for Association purposes.

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**Simeon H. Pickering,** who retired after 21 years and 10 months as a tour leader at Statue of Liberty on April 30, writes that his new address is 956 Blaine Ave., Salt Lake City 5, Utah. Mr. Pickering is an artist whose talents were used in various ways at the Statue; he is also an enthusiastic and skilled photographer who has contributed a considerable volume of his work to the NPS.

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**T. Ray Goodwin,** former Death Valley superintendent, and his wife are now living at 1405 East Clark Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Their son Ted is a microwave expert with the Bell Telephone Co., with headquarters in Las Vegas and lives at home. Their daughter Kay is attending the University of Nevada and will teach in Lone Pine next winter. Ray is looking forward to the dedication of the visitor center in Death Valley; it will be the realization of a project for which he worked and of which he dreamed for years.

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**Charles J. Kraebel,** Glacier National Park Superintendent back in the 30's, recently returned home with his wife and son, on leave after more than 3 years of forestry work in Nationalist China. Unfortunately their lovely house in Berkeley was badly damaged by fire just 2 days before their arrival. However, they are having the house repaired and will return to Formosa for another year of conservation work.

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September 13, 1960 will mark the Golden Wedding anniversary for **Col.** and **Mrs. John R. White,** and October 10 will be the Colonel's 81st birthday. Their address is P.O. Box 104, Saint Helena, Calif.

### RETIREES FROM RAINIER REMAIN IN NORTHWEST

Of the still living employees who have retired from Mount Rainier in the past 15 years, all but one—rather surprisingly—still live in the Pacific Northwest and within view of The Mountain, **Arthur Best** who lives in California, is the exception.

**Julia S. Woodring, personnel officer**, retired in 1959, 6739 East Burnside, Portland, Ore, attends concerts, weaves; **Lillian M. Towne,** telephone operator, retired 1958, 6135 Steilacoom Blvd., Tacoma 99, Wash., now answers only her own telephone; **William Heckman,** district ranger, retired in 1956, 1110 Woodland Ave., Centralia, Wash., works wood in his woodworking shop; **William W. Brown,** retired for disability in 1959, is part-time operator of push-button loading and unloading wood-toting truck.

**Floyd S. (Dick) Dickinson, mechanic**, retired in 1956, makes general headquarters in Seattle, travels extensively in good weather; **Herman B. Barnett, chief ranger**, retired in 1945, 409 5th Street, Puyallup, Wash., gardens, reads, discusses politics; **Walter Hewitt, Sr.,** shop foreman, retired in 1951, 3859 34th St., S.W., Seattle, does brick work, building his own house in Puyallup; **Harold Hall,** district ranger, retired about 1948, gardens on old family ranch near Packwood, Wash.; **Arthur Collens,** electrician foreman, retired for disability in 1953, 3578 So. D St., Tacoma, works part time, radio repair shop; **Edward S. Hall,** U.S. commissioner, retired 1949, 314 No. G. St., Tacoma, reads papers, watches TV.

### YOSEMITE

Former District Ranger **Carl Danner** and **Lisa,** and Park Engineer **Carlton Smith** and **Muriel** visited recently. While they were here, former District Ranger **Gus Eastman** and **Irene** journeyed up from Mariposa to talk over old times . . . Park Ranger **Homer Hoyt** returned to check up on us — his first visit to the park since his retirement a year ago. He and Florence spent some time at Wawona and Tuolumne Meadows, this time as park visitors . . . Former park ranger **John Bingaman** and wife **Martha** have summered in the park to escape the heat of Palm Springs.

**Dan Tobin,** who retired 8 months ago from the regional directorship of Region V and was immediately made a member of the staff of alumni auditors, recently wrote that he and Erma "have been in a changeover process since we left the Atlantic Coast in late February." In rented quarters in Sonoma, Calif., they have been looking around for a permanent residence, which they found a few weeks ago, about 3 miles from where they have been living. "Expect to move in about Sept. 1," he writes. "Unpacking the many cartons and crates that have not been touched since they were shipped from Philadelphia 6 months ago." The new address - 249 DeChene Ave., Boyes Hot Springs, Calif. It is 42 miles from San Francisco where "we can get into (and out of) the big city atmosphere whenever desired."

Dan's letter lists several former NPS associates who have preceded them into the "Valley of the Moon" neighborhood: **Hugh and Eleanor Parkes,** long-time Sequoia folks "living only two doors away;" and **Mrs. Laurine Tomlinson** of Boyes Hot Springs where she and the late Major Tomlinson retired 10 years ago. A few miles away, in Santa Rosa, is another Sequoia couple, **Frank and Eulalia Akehurst;** in the nearby Napa Valley, **Col. and Mrs. John R. White** have had a retirement home since leaving Sequoia. Dan reports a recent visit, in the company of the Parkes and Mrs. Tomlinson, to the Whites, "a nice get-together of old friends."

### SANTA FE

**Franke** and **Cornell (Paul R. and Harvey H.),** "City Planners — Landscape Architects — Consulting Engineers," are reported to be busy beyond a first season's expectations. Among their jobs are community planning assignments for Farmington, Los Alamos, Santa Fe and Taos, in New Mexico; and they were recently awarded a contract for a master plan for Alamosa, Colo. **Paul R. Jr.,** planning engineer and also associated with the firm, and formerly an engineer in the Region Three Office, is now on the staff of the University of California assigned as a nuclear engineer to the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, where he recently won a promotion.

**Jack Diehl** continues to direct the Santa Fe Federal Employees Credit Union. He recently had a bout with an ulcer at St. Vincent's Hospital and is required to take it a little easier until that is cleared up.

**Polly** and **Preston P. (Pat) Patraw** of the Santa Fe alumni group have rather frequent occasion to visit California where their son George and daughter Betsy, both married, are living. Pat is a consistent high scorer in New Mexico bowling tournaments.

The Santa Fe alumni group have adopted **Pat** and **Peg Rogers,** of Utah Parks Co. and Sun Valley fame, as full members. They give generously of time and enthusiasm to all activities.

**Betty** and **Paul Franke,** who attended the Colorado University Alumni Institute late in July report a visit with **Lucille Morris,** widow of **Earl Morris,** former NPS consulting architect. Mrs. Morris' daughter Elizabeth is on an archeological dig in Iran; her daughter Sarah is a WAC lieutenant, stationed at Abilene, Tex.

## *Guardipee Still Is Scout Leader*

Francis X. Guardipee, Blackfoot-Piegan Indian, retired from the position of district park ranger at Glacier on Dec. 31, 1947, after 32 years of Government service, but he has never retired from activity



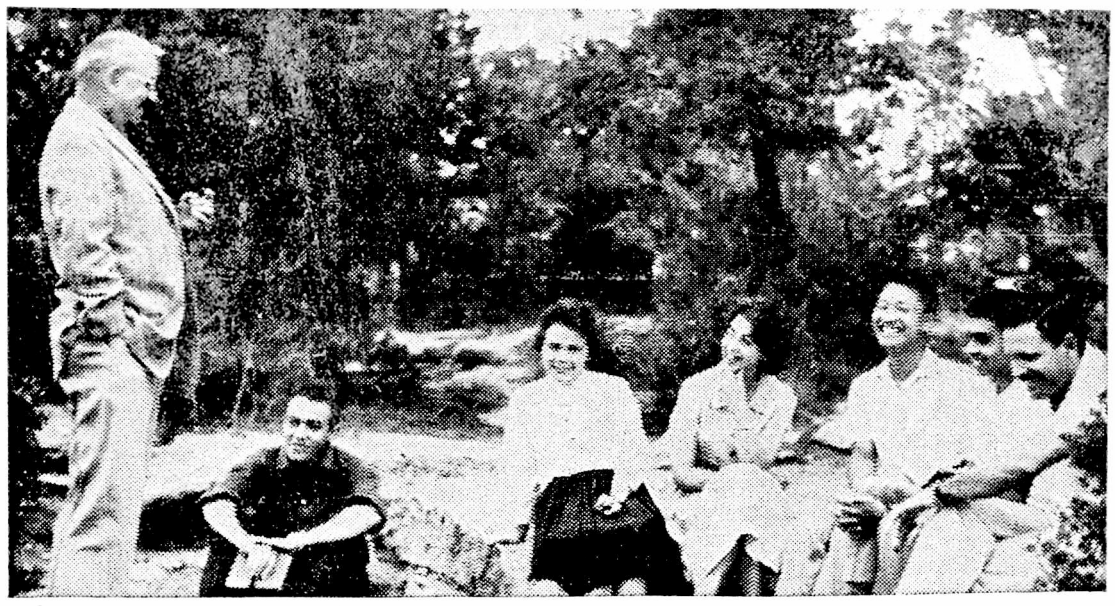
with Boy Scouts. Spurred to it originally by Preident Theodore Roosevelt, he has been in Scout work for 43 years, and he carries it on in two widely separated places,—Montana in summer and southern Florida in winter.

In Florida, Mr. Guardipee, a Roman Catholic, is scoutmaster of Troop 25, sponsored by the First Methodist Church of Homestead. "Scouting," he says, "trains the boys to find their God everywhere—not just in a building."

In Montana, he is assistant scoutmaster for Troop 65, at Browning, in the Blackfeet Reservation, and he accompanied members of that troop to the Jamboree at Colorado Springs this summer. Attendance at Jamborees is not new; he went to one in Paris in 1947, and at Valley Forge in 1950. He has received about all the awards that Scouting can give, including the Silver Beaver and the Silver Antelope awards for distinguised service to Boyhood and, from Canadian Boy Scouts, the Purple Cross of Jerusalem.

He has a son, Francis X. Guardipee, Jr., known as "Gunner." He's a fire control aid at Everglades National Park, and Mr. Guardipee, Sr., spends his winters with him.

The **Courier** is indebted to **The Glacier Reporter** of Browning for the fine picture of Mr. Guardipee.



# Students from Far Distant Places Toil Through Summer at Mesa Verde

Early this past summer an unusual international expedition arrived at Mesa Verde. It consisted of five students from foreign countries engaged wholly or largely in earning their way—and an education—at American universities. For these five young people the Mesa Verde Company's general manager, **Ansel F. Hall,** had reserved places on his summer staff, to work along with some 60 American students who are also helping to finance their educations by working in the park.

Accepted after personal interviews with Roger L. Hall of the company staff, now at Harvard Business School, the five are: **Alberto E. Neri,** Italy, student at Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., and currently a bellboy at Spruce Tree Lodge; **Esther Wollkopt,** Argentina, student at Wheelock College, Boston, — a kindergarten teacher at home but a waitress at Mesa Verde; **Adi Burjor Godrej,** India, a student at M.I.T., working his way through college as an assistant to Prof. Buerger of the Department of Geology, and a worker at all kinds of jobs in Spruce Tree Lodge's maintenance department; **Ursula Christine Bender,** Bavaria, Germany, a student at Newton College, Mass., and serving hamburgers and chocolate malts at the Spruce Tree Lodge lunch counter; and **Duk Nong Yoon,** Korea, also from M.I.T., earning his way by farming and engineering drafting, and manning a gasoline pump at Mesa Verde.

Led by Neri, the five gathered in Boston before the start of the season and drove together to distant Mesa Verde. On the way, they were given the red carpet tour by **Drew Chick,** of National Capital Parks; they traveled over the Blue Ridge Parkway to Great Smoky, thence west to Santa Fe, where they were entertained by "Tommy" Tomson, manager of La Fonda Hotel; and thence to Mesa Verde.

## *Governor's Conclave Meant Going Home for Many of Their NPS Aides*

The 1960 Governors' Conference at Glacier is now history and the superintendent and his staff, for the past two months, have been too busy with the influx of visitors even to spend much time thinking about those few headline-making days late in Jne. It is reported that no previous Governors' Conference ever produced as many words of news sent out over telegraph and telephone.

From the public relations standpoint, apparently, no other conference feature matched that of providing NPS aides to each of the governors. We are indebted to the **Hungry Horse (Montana) News** for a list of those NPS aides for whom the Glacier assignment meant a return to a previous duty post. The **News** gave the conference extraordinarily full word coverage, but its picture coverage, thanks to the skill and enterprise of Editor Mel Ruder, was superlative in completeness and in quality of newspaper halftone. One of the pictures in the July 1 issue included all but two — Supt. Raymond **Rundell,** Vicksburg, and Chief Ranger **Dick Nelson,** Everglades—of this group.

The list (park rangers unless otherwise designated) includes:

**James Dempsey,** Great Sand Dunes; **Stanley Spurgeon,** asst. chief ranger, Grand Teton; **John C. Higgins,** Grand Canyon; **Keith Miller,** Jewel Cave; Supt. **Fred G. Bussey,** Colorado; **David Stimson,** Isle Royale; Supt. **Floyd Henderson,** Craters of the Moon; Chief Ranger **Paul L. Webb,** Dinosaur; **Robert J. Murphy,** Rocky Mountain; Chief Ranger **Elmer Fladmark,** Yosemite; Naturalist **Chester O. Harris,** Rocky Mountain; **Robert C. Morris,** Sequoia-Kings; Chief Park Naturalist **Don Robinson,** Blue Ridge; Forester **Bruce Miller,** Washington Office; and Management Assistant **John Townsley,** Crater Lake.

Miss **Elizabeth (Liz) Cushman,** spark-plug and director of the National Parks Association's Student Conservation Program, was married on June 4 at St. James Church, New York City, to David Carpenter Titus. Miss Ailene Kane succeeds that energetic and enthusiastic young woman as director.

The August 11 issue of **Yellowstone Weekly News** (contents not for publication) notes that on the night of August 8, fire hastened the job of demolishing the old Canyon Hotel which had begun last fall and was scheduled to be completed over a 3-year period.

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