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Organization Study, Highlights The Conference of Challenges

One of the highlights of the recent Conference of Challenges was the announcement of an organization study conducted by a sub-committee of the Long Range Requirement Task Force. The sub-committee, appointed by Acting Director Hartzog last May 10, immediately began its work keeping in mind that one of the six objectives of this Service is to continue to increase the effectiveness of the Service as an organization dedicated to park conservation, historical preservation and outdoor recreation.

Proceeding on the basis that our Service is recognized as a "people serving" organization, the sub-committee held many discussions with and sought the counsel of the Chief of the LRR Task Force, officials of several regions, and the Chiefs of two field design offices, as well as officials of the Washington Office. ized Services. Each Assistant Director would be supported by appropriate functional divisions.

The result of five months of deliberation and discussions was approved by the Secretary on October 3 and explained at the Yosemite conference.

Briefly, the sub-committee, under the leadership of William S. Bahlman, Chief, Division of Management Analysis, proposed additional positions in the Office of the Director and Associate Director for an Assistant to the Director; two Field Assistants to the Director; a Policy Analysis Officer; and an Information Officer. The headquarters organization would comprise Assistant Directors for Administration; Operations; Design and Construction; Resource Planning Coordination and International Affairs; Research; and Special- The appointment of former Assistant Director Clark A. Stratton as our new Associate Director, and the retirement of Assistant Director Hillory A. Tolson leaves the Offices of Design and Construction; and Administration vacant. In addition, Assistant Directors will have to be selected for the new Offices of Research; and Specialized Services. After these selections and confirmations have been accomplished, an orderly, phased process will be followed concerning new, changed or relocated Divisions and the general implementation of the approved plan.

One of the more interesting highlights of this organization plan is the realization that the Service should be organized functionally to bring proper focus on basic responsibilities. Hence, organization elements of "Resources Management and Visitor Protection" and "Interpretation and Visitor Services", which put emphasis on the job to be done rather than the professional assistance needed in performing the job, are a part of the new plan. This means that there will no longer be organizational elements of "History and Archeology"; "Natural History;" and "Ranger Services;" as presently constituted.

Also of interest is the sub-committee statement that the Service is composed of three categories of areas; those possessing primarily natural interest; those of historical or archeological importance; and those of National importance as recreation areas. There will be differences in policies and regulations under which these different kinds of parks will be managed.

AS WE GO TO PRESS WE HEAR OF THE TRAGIC DEATH OF OUR PRESIDENT

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

HE WAS TRULY A MAN OF THE PEOPLE

WHO DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO BETTERMENT OF ALL PEOPLES

OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY GOES TO HIS FAMILY AND THOSE NEAR AND DEAR TO HIM

Regional Office Building Dedicated

Some 900 employees, government officials and friends of National Capital Region gathered in front of the new NCR Office Building on Thursday, November 14, to dedicate the new "home" of the Region at 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W., in East Potomac Park. This is the first time in the 173-year history of the National Capital Parks that the administrative offices have had their own headquarters building. Employees of the National Capital Design and Construction Office are also housed in the building.

Secretary Udall delivered the Dedication Address. Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, welcomed the audience and introduced such distinguished guests as Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia; William Haussmann, the architect of the building; Victor Beauchamp of the contracting firm; Commissioners Tobriner and Duncan of the District of Columbia; Mrs. James Rowe, Chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission; officials of the District of Columbia Recreation Department, the National Park Service, and the Washington Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Presiding was T. Sutton Jett, Regional Director, National Capital Region. As a highlight of the program, the U.S. Navy Band under the direction of Lieutenant Anthony A. Mitchell for the first time played "The National Capital Region March" composed by Lt. Mitchell and dedicated to the Region.

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Udal Approves Report On Piscataway Park

Approval of the Land Use Survey of Piscataway Park--a plan designed to preserve the scenic character of the lands across the Potomac from Mount Vernon and to make available an extensive river shore area for public enjoyment--was announced today by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The 1,152-acre Piscataway Park Project is located along the eastern shore of the Potomac River in Prince George's and Charles Counties, Maryland, and provides the principal overview from Mount Vernon Estates and Fort Washington.

It is 15 miles south of the Nation's Capital at the confluence of the Potomac and Piscataway Creek. From the north it is served by Indian Head Highway (Maryland Route 210) to Farmington Road to Bryan Point Road and from the south by Marshall Hall Road (Maryland Route 227).

The land use survey recommends development of visitor use facilities for boating and fishing, picnicking, organized group camping and interpretation of the historical, archeological and natural history values.

The Park would have seven miles of river front including a number of sandy beaches as well as marsh and swamp, streams, forest and open fields. The survey proposes that about 400 acres be continued in agricultural use.

The Park was authorized by Public Law 87-362, signed October 4, 1961.

About 445 acres of the land in the authorized park area are held by the Accokeek Foundation, Inc., and the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

Larry Cook Back On Job Once More

Friends of Larry Cook, Chief, Ranger Services, WASO, were happy to see him return to his office early in November.

Larry suffered a coronary infraction on September 19 and was hospitalized in the Washington Sanitarium & Hospital recuperating for over three weeks. From all reports Larry has made a complete recovery and after a couple weeks' rest at home, returned to work at first on a limited basis, after which he is back on the job fulltime.

WILD RIVERS TEAM SELECTS RIVERS FOR STUDY

A joint Interior-Agriculture Wild Rivers Study Team has selected sections of 12 rivers with outstanding recreation potential for detailed study, the Secretaries of the two Departments announced today.

The study could lead to designation of a nationwide system of free-flowing rivers. Such a system would protect and maintain certain streams with high recreation value in their free-flowing state so that unique fishing, canoeing, floating and other outdoor recreation opportunities will be retained.

The segments of the rivers selected for detailed study are the three forks of the Flathead in Montana, the Skagit and its Sauk and Suiattle tributaries in Washington, the Rogue in Oregon, and the Klamath in California, the Rio Grande in New Mexico, the upper Green in Wyoming, and the Niobrara in Nebraska.

Also selected are the St. Croix and Namekagon in Minnesota and Wisconsin, the North Branch of the Susquehanna in New York and Pennsylvania, the upper Hudson in New York, the Big South Fork of the Cumberland in Kentucky and Tennessee, and the headwaters of the Savannah in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.

Secretaries Orville L. Freeman and Stewart L. Udall said the study will establish criteria for evaluating recreation potential of rivers still in their free-flowing state.

The Study Team's final report, due in about a year, could result in recommendation for Congressional designation of a national system of wild rivers. The rivers being studied could be major candidates for inclusion in such a system.

Several other rivers are presently under consideration or previously have been considered in other studies. These include the Salmon and Clearwater in Idaho, the middle fork of the Feather in California, Suwannee in Florida, the Buffalo in Arkansas, Upper Missouri in Montana, and the Current in Missouri. The Allagash River in Maine has already been recommended as a National Riverway. The role of these streams in a nationwide system of wild rivers may be further explored in the report. Others having potential may be studied later.

Brief descriptions of the 12 river sections selected for de-

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Elk Studies Group Holds Meeting

The Jackson Hole Cooperative Elk Studies Advisory and Technical Councils met in Jackson, Wyoming, November 13, 1963, according to Chairman Fred C. Fagergren.

This Council, composed of the United States Forest Service, the National Park Service and the State of Wyoming, each having responsibilities for the Jackson Hole Elk Herd and their habitat, was formed five years ago, and is devoted to coordinating studies of the herd and habitat.

Each member of the Technical Committee reported his past season findings and observations to the group. It was agreed much has been learned since the time the Council was formed, and it is apparent there are many and increasing avenues opening for a greater understanding of this resource. It is recognized that improved elk management will result as more information about the elk and how he lives is gained. The general public will continue to receive the greatest benefit from the Council's effort Mr. Fagergren said.

The Council will next meet during the spring of 1964.

Petrified Forest Becomes 31st Nat'l Park

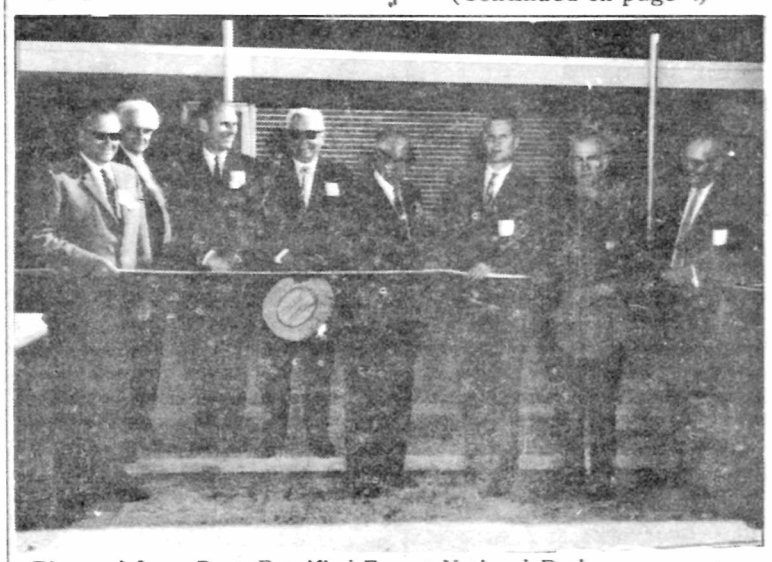
More than 500 visitors, & guests gathered at Petrified Forest National Park which was officially opened as the 31st national park when the ceremonial ribbon was cut by Orren Beaty, Jr., Assistant to Secretary of the Interior Stewart Udall, and Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, on October 27, 1963.

Dr. Edward B. Danson, Jr., Secretary of the Advisory Board on national parks, historic sites, buildings and monuments delivered the keynote address. He said "We owe a debt to all those who preserved this national park. It will enrich the lives of those who will see it in the future, as it has for us". He praised Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, and Carl Hayden, U. S. Senator (R-Ariz.) for their 1958 action in sponsoring the bill that raised the status of the Petrified Forest from that of monument to park. That change in status became effective on December 8, 1962, and was recognized by the dedication program upon the completion of the new buildings.

Brief speeches were delivered by Conrad L. Wirth; Orren Beaty; Milton J. Husky, Treasurer of the State of Arizona; and Charles E. Humberger, Superintendent of the park. Mr. Humberger invited all to join in a tour of the new facilities and the park following the program.

Present for the dedication were officials of the National Park Service: George B. Hartzog, Jr., Associate Director Ben Thompson; Assistant Director Daniel Beard, Regional Director of the southwest region; and Thomas J. Allen, Field Assistant to the Director; Fred Fagergren, former Superintendent

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Pictured L to R at Petrified Forest National Park ceremony are: George Hartzog, Associate Director, National Park Service, Richard J. Neutra, Architect, Daggett Harvey, Fred Harvey, Inc., Daniel Beard, Southwestern Regional Director, National Park Service, Conrad L. Wirth, Director, National Park Service, Orren Beaty, Jr., Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, Charles E. Humberger, Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park, Fred Fagergren, Former Superintendent, Petrified Forest National Park.

NPS Employees Attend IUCN African Meeting

Dr. George C. Ruhle, Chief, Branch of International Cooperation, WASO, Mrs. Mabel E. McPherson, Portland Field Office, Portland, Oregon, and John S. McLaughlin, Superintendent, Grand Canyon, attended the Eighth General Assembly of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature in Nairobi, Kenya, in September.

Dr. Ruhle and Superintendent McLaughlin represented Director Wirth on the International Commission for National Parks. The Commission is a permanent body organized under the IUCN under the leadership of Dr. Harold Coolidge. Members of the Commission including Ruhle and McLaughlin made inspection visits to Albert National Park, Congo, and Queen Elizabeth and Murchison Falls National Parks in Uganda. Albert National Park was intact and functioning, thanks to a devoted and dedicated staff, despite difficulties experienced over the last several years in the Congo. Mr. Marcel Bahizi, who visited a number of U.S. National Parks several years ago and will be remembered by many U.S. parkmen, is now Director of Congo National Parks. Mr. Bahizi joined the Commission during its visit to Albert National Park. The three National Parks visited by Commission members are highly scenic areas with diversified natural and wildlife resources and rank high in importance among National Parks of the world.

The General Assembly was held in Nairobi's magnificent Townhall from September 12 through September 24. The Permanent Commissions met on September 12 and 13. Formal IUCN business sessions were held on September 16 and 23 while technical meetings were scheduled September 17-20. The theme of the Technical Meetings was The Ecology of Man in the Tropical Environment and some very impressive papers were given which generated interesting discussions. Sixty-two countries were represented at the Assembly.

NEW CAMPGROUND BOOSTS BUSINESS

The Wilderness Road Campground at Cumberland Gap N.H.S. is a definite aid to local economy. After the first full year of operation the 166-site campground can be credited with pumping tourist dollars into local stores and service stations. Local owners and operators are enthusiastic and look forward to increased sales.

A typical reaction comes from Mayor and grocery store owner J. D. Estep, Cumberland Gap, Tennessee. "My business has increased over 10% during the last three months as a direct result of camper purchases. I have enlarged my stock of camping supplies and plan on keeping ice next season. Campers stay longer and I have noticed many repeat customers."

Mr. John Leonard who operates a service station nearest to the campground in Virginia commented: "The actual construction of the campground brought in extra sales. I put in ice and white gas due to demand after the campground opended. Next year I'll have to enlarge my ice cooler."

Another market in Middlesboro that opens at 7 a.m. and stays open until 11 p. m. had many late comers with out-of-state license plates. Owner Troy Welch expressed wonder that campers found his off-the-highway store. He states: "My night business has expanded so much that I'm planning a new late-closing store on the highway to catch more of the camper business."

Benefits to motel and hotel business are less apparent. White Thompson, owner of the new Wilderness Road Motel at Harrogate, Tennessee, has had "No Vacancy" signs up all summer. He plans on adding 20 new units by next spring. He commented: "I've talked to many campers who use the motel for one night to freshen up after days of roughing it, and I feel they have a real effect on my business."

Other local business men have identified campers in their stores, but had no specific details of benefits gained.

Conservation Aide Dies in Plane Crash

Carl O. Gustafson, his wife, Eleanor, and 11 year old daughter, Barbara Dell were killed Oct. 18 when their single-engine plane crashed into a railroad freight car near Teterboro Airport.

Mr. Gustafson was a member of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission and a personal assistant on conservation to Laurance S. Rockefeller, chairman of the New York State Council of Parks.

The plane, a Cessna 190, crashed into an empty Erie-Lackawanna boxcar and burst into flames shortly after taking off from the airport. Mr. Gustafson was at the controls.

Reached by telephone Friday night in Vermont, Laurance Rockefeller said Mr. Gustafson's death was a personal loss. He hailed his assistant's "dedication and tireless efforts to further the cause of conservation and outdoor recreation in America."

Mr. Gustafson was appointed to Palisades Commission by Governor Rockefeller in 1961. He was one of 10 Commissioners who serve without pay.

He was also vice president and trustee of the American Conservation Association and a trustee of Jackson Hole Preserve. He was assistant to Laurance Rockefeller when Mr. Rockefeller was chairman of the Federal Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

Mr. Gustafson, who attended the New School, was born in Baltimore. He was a pilot for Pan American World Airways before World War II. During the war, he was a pilot in the Air Force and at his death was a colonel in the Air Force Reserve.

The Gustafsons only other child, Carl Jr., 18, is a student at McDouough Academy," Baltimore.

HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND IS BEACHCOMBER PARADISE

Low-lying Assateague Island off Maryland and Virginia is submerged again—in controversy.

A proposed bridge to the 35-mile-long sandy isle has sparked a tug of war between public and private developers.

Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall wants to make Assateague a National Seashore to meet the need for ocean-front facilities in the crowded Central Atlantic States. The 40 cottage owners and some 3,000 who hold title to a 15-mile Maryland section oppose Federal acquisition.

All but forgotten for centuries, Assateague is today perhaps the largest undeveloped seashore between Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and Cape Cod, the National Geographic Society says.

Island Migrates

The ocean is Assateague's joy and problem. The island's gently sloping white sand beaches offer superb swimming, beachcombing, and surf fishing.

But storms buffet and sometimes swamp the sandspit barrier. A Maryland State geologist called Assateague, "an island that is sinking and is migrating toward the west." Since 1850, it has "moved" 2,000 feet toward the Worcester County, Maryland, mainland. Tidal action erodes the coastline; jetties at Ocean City to the north keep sand from drifting down to Assateague.

The Ash Wednesday storm of 1962 swept away all but a dozen of the island's 40 buildings and moved the northern tip 450 feet westward. Dunes that had stood weary guard against the Atlantic were leveled, beaches were eroded and strewn with broken shells. The only paved road was washed away or buried.

Much of the interior is at sea level. Swamps maintain Assateague's reputation for mosquitoes, jokingly said to be so large they are mistaken for ducks.

Assateague's oldest residents are undoubtedly her famed wild ponies which roam the 10-mile Virginia portion of the island--a Federal Wildlife Refuge.

Some say early colonists used Assateague as a natural corral. Others believe the animals descend from Arabian horses that swam ashore from a wrecked Spanish galleon. This is a likely explanation since hundreds of ships have foundered on the Assateague reefs.

Ponies Swim to Auction

Each July, the ponies are rounded up and herded across the channel to Chincoteague to be auctioned. After the foals are sold, their sires and dames are returned to Assateague to roam in freedom until next year's Pony-Penning Day. The ponies attracted national attention through Marguerite Henry's book, Misty of Chincoteague, which later became a movie.

While Assateague's future remains unsettled, its wildlife reigns undisturbed. In summer, terns and plovers nest on the beaches. Herons and cormorants enliven the oceanside while ducks and geese swim in the sheltered waters of the bay.

Theodore Roosevelt Boundary Adjustment

The Department of the Interior announced adjustment to portions of the southern boundary of the south unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, located in Billings County, North Dakota, that excludes from the park approximately 398 acres of land cut off by the realinement of U. S. Highway 10, and adds to the park about 459 acres, some of which were under the administration of the Forest Service, the State of North Dakota or in private owner-

Included in the land added to the national memorial park are approximately 132 acres of former recreational demonstration area lands and about 12 acres of the national grassland administered by the Forest Service which has concurred in the transfer of administrative jurisdiction of the land to the Secretary of the Interior. Of the land excluded from the park, approximately 151 acres were transferred to the Forest Service for administration or disposition under the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

FREEDOM RALLY AT INDEPENDENCE

A "Unity Rally" was sponsored by the NAACP in Independence Square, within Independence National Historical Park in June. The rally, which lasted three hours, was attended by an estimated 7000 persons.

Park Ranger personnel, supported by the City of Philadelphia Police Department, were kept busy maintaining order, assisting the public, and providing emergency services for the public. Park Guards and Police were called upon to settle a few minor disturbances and render first aid. On one first aid call, Assistant Chief Guard Porta, administered oxygen until the arrival of the fire department emergency squad with a portable resuscitator. The patient was removed to Pennsylvania Hospital by the Police and Fire Emergency Squad for additional checkup.

The CORE organization participated in the mass rally by invitation of the NAACP leadership, but members of the "Black Muslims" were present in the audience also. Despite the large attendance by persons of many organizations of diverse interests, Park Rangers and City Police had no difficulty in maintaining order and discipline.

Superintendent M. O. Anderson and Chief Ranger Gilbert W. Calhoun were present throughout the rally to effect coordination between the orgainization conducting the rally, the press, radio and T.F. coverage, and enforcement activities of Rangers and Police.

We are enclosing a copy of the "PHILADELPHIA INDEPENDENT" newspaper which provides excellent coverage of the rally, as can be seen on page 1.

A LETTER TO EDITOR OF RICHMOND NEWS-LEADER

Editor, The News Leader:

Your editorial of August 26 attacks Secretary Udall's plan to create a National Seashore on Assateague Island on the grounds that it is part of "a grandiose program... for the nationwide expansion of his empire." I would like to remind you that all Federally-owned parks, monuments and recreational areas do not belong to the Secretary of Interior or his department but are held in trust for all present and future generations of Americans as their own heritage.

In the face of the threat of an enormously increased population in future years I think we should be thankful for a man who does have grandiose plans for providing a nationwide expansion of public recreation areas. Mayor Reed of Chincoteague apparently realizes that Federal ownership of Assateague Island will benefit his community by preserving its unique character in spite of an increased tourist travel. One has only to compare the neon jungle of Virginia Beach with the long, lovely unspoiled length of Cape Hatteras National Seashore where egrets can still be seen wading in the ponds, and the rhythm of the surf does not form a background for that of the Twist. Some of us are even crazy enough to like camping in one of the well-run National Park Service campgrounds instead of shoe-horning ourselves into an over-priced motel room where the TV and swimming pool provide "a stimulating and fun-filled atmosphere on the Beach."

You have given the impression that the people of Assateague, by selling their land to the Federal Government are surrendering most, if not all, of their liberties; whereas, in fact, they are showing a trait notable throughout the history of our country: the willingness to compromise for the common good. True, they will not be able to have pizza joints and jazz combos, nor boardwalks or bowling alleys, but neither will they have overflowing dumps, red and yellow amusement parks and broken bottles in the sand.

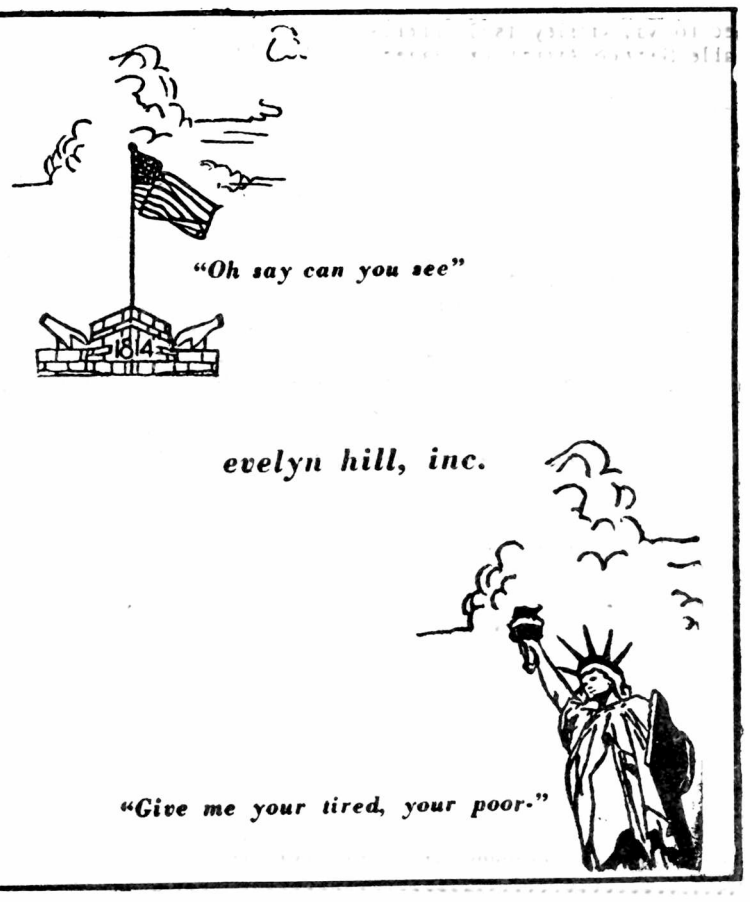
The tourist will come with the roads, no matter what, and the people of this area are to be commended for their good sense in cooperating with the Department of the Interior in the development of the area for public use in a way that is least damaging to its essential nature.

JEAN BENDER.

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NPS Completes Field Work on Recreation Sub-Study of North Cascades Resourses

Early this year the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior joined forces in a study of the natural resources of the North Cascades Mountains in the State of Washington. A Study group was appointed by the two Secretaries consisting of Dr. Edward C. Crafts, Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, as Chairman and members George B. Hartzog, Incoming Director, NPS; Arthur W. Greeley, Deputy Chief, U. S. Forest Service; Dr. George Selke, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Agriculture; and Dr. Owen Stratton of Interior's Resource Program Staff.

The National Park Service through Mr. Hartzog was assigned the recreation study portion of the joint study. This team, which began field work on June 15, worked out of Seattle, Washington, and consisted of Stanley W. Abbott Superintendent, Colonial NHP; Rendel B. Alldgedge, Chief, Branch of Statistical Analysis, WASO; Neal A. Butterfield, Assistant Regional Director, S.E. Region; S. T. Carlson, Chief, Branch of Park Protection, WASO; James E. Cole, Biologist, Western Region; Brian Harry, Assistant Park Naturalist, Yellowstone NP; Doublas Hubbard, Chief Park Naturalist, Yosemite NP; William James, Assistant Superintendent, Rocky Mountain NP; John M. Kauffmann, Recreation Planner, WASO; Woodbridge Williams, Photographer, WASO; and John S. Mc aughlin, Superintendent, Grand Canyon NP. The team was joined in the study by Philip L. Heaton, Assistant Regional Forester, Pacific Northwest Region, USFS, and Otis W. Foiles, Staff Assistant in that Region.

Approximately seven million acres of land were involved in the recreation sub-study and for the first time on any extensive basis the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission's system of classifying recreation resources was used as a recreation zoning tool. Field work was concluded on October 1, but it will be several months before the sub-study report is completed. Other resource studies on timber, forage, fish and wildlife, geology and minerals, economics and water and power are also being carried out for the same area.

Harry W. Kinsley Feted At Retirement Party

Harry W. Knisley and his wife Cora were honored at a retirement party held Saturday evening ment party held Saturday evening, November 9th.

About sixty-five people were present for dinner and the presentation of a service award to Mr. Knisley. He retired after more than twenty-three years of service in the Federal Government.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Knisley entered the National Park Service on August 1, 1942, as an operator, motor equipment, at Wind Cave National Park. He had earlier worked at Custer Recreation Demonstration Area during 1936-37, and was employed by the Veterans' Administration in Hot Springs, South Dakota, during 1938-39. He received a permanent appointment in 1941 at Custer Recreation Demonstration Area, and in 1951 returned to Wind Cave in his former position. He was promoted and transferred in October 1952 to the position of Foreman III, mixed gang, roads, at Grand Teton National Park, in which capacity he was serving when he retired on November 5, 1963. A resourceful and skillful employee, Mr. Knisley was the recipient of several awards for beneficial suggestions. In recognition of his long and devoted service, the Department of the Interior granted to Mr. Knisley its Commendable Service Award Mr. Fagergren said.

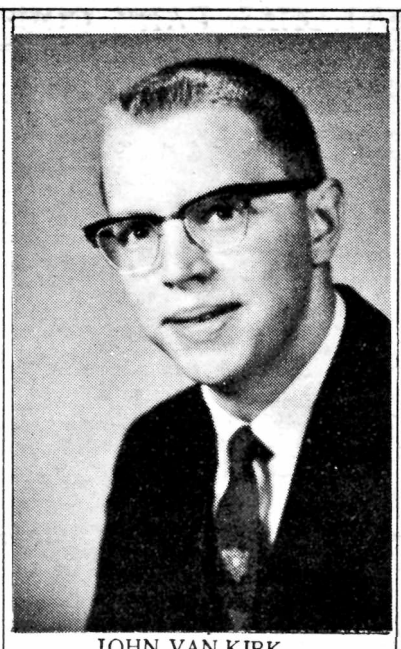
New Campground Picnic Area for Shenandoah Nat'l Park

By the summer season of 1964, a new campground and picnic area will be ready for visitors at Loft Mountain, in the little-used south section of Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, the Department of the Interior reported today.

The two-way entrance road at mile 79.3 on the Skyline Drive, the parking area, and the development's circulatory roads are presently about half completed. Work will soon start on the campground and picnic area, with a total of 250 sites, of which about 170 will be campsites. This will provide picnicing and camping facilities in one of the wildest and most interesting sections of the Park, as well as one of the highest points. Here the elevation is about 3,400 feet above sea level.

Up to the present, the main developments have been at Skyland, Big Meadows and Lewis Mountain, with campgrounds restaurants and overnight accommodations, all located along the Skyline Drive in the central part of the Park. This midsection has drawn a majority of the visitors and the pressure is becoming evident. To lessen the impact, plans prepared many years ago for the Loft Mountain development were approved in 1955. A water survey of the area was started.

The Loft Mountain development will be on the east side of the Skyline Drive--where the elevation is between 2,800 and 3,000 feet--and south of both the Swift Run Gap intersection with U. S. 33 and the Simmons Gap ranger station. The site commands magnificent views of the Park. While most of the terrain is steep, there are two comparatively flat areas between Loft Mountain and Big Flat Mountain, where the campground and picnic sites will be located. Wells will be drilled to provide sufficient water, which will be pumped to a storage tank on Big Flat Mountain, and a water and sewage system will be installed.



JOHN VAN KIRK

John Van Kirk Wins Honors

John Van Kirk, son of Midwest Region Budget Officer and Mrs. C. D. Van Kirk, was one of four semifinalists from the Omaha area in the 1963-64 National Merit Scholarship competition.

Their rating as semifinalists was given as a result of outstanding performances on the test of educational development given in more than 16,500 schools last March. John was among 13,000 seniors throughout the country who attained this rating. The group is composed of the highest scoring students in each State and in United States territories. Each semifinalist now moves a step closer to winning a four-year merit scholarship to the college of his choice.

Each merit scholarship is a four-year award to cover the undergraduate college years. The recipient's stipend is tailored to his need.

John, a senior at Benson High, is a young man with a wide variety of interests. He is president of the Chess Club, treasurer of Mu Alpha Theta, and secretary-treasurer of the Camera Club.

Recent Benson play productions have seen John active behind the scenes. He is particularly interested in stage lighting effects, has been in charge of lights for "The Merchant of Venice," "Brigadoon," and for the up-coming production of "The Miracle Worker."

His extra-curricular activities haven't kept John from being on the honor roll every semester at Benson. Last spring he entered a national math contest, placed 11th in the statewide competition. John hopes to attend the Illinois Institute of Technology next year, majoring in mathematics.

Last summer the Benson Oddfellows Lodge sponsored John's participation in the United Nations Pilgrimage for Youth. He was Benson's alternate delegate to Boys' State.

NPS Building

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the event was the color guard composed of members of the various armed services, who presented and retired the colors. As the band played, two Park Service men in uniform raised the American Flag on top of the building. It was caught in the brisk November breeze and made a striking picture against the clear blue sky.

Following the formal program, the visitors were invited to view the offices. Of modern contemporary design, the building is 3 stories high and includes approximately 30,000 square feet of floor space. About 200 persons occupy the offices. Under construction adjoining the Regional Office Building is the building designed to house the 250 man force of the United States Park Police.

Congress Asked to Establish Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore

The Department of the Interior recently submitted to Congress proposed legislation calling for establishment of Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore—encompassing 11,732 acres along the shores of Lake Michigan in Porter and LaPorte Counties, Indiana.

As suggested in the Department's draft legislation, the new national lakeshore would include the 2,182-acre Indiana Dunes State Park in its boundaries.

Establishment of the lakeshore, barrier dunes and hinterland as a unit of the National Park System will, the Department said, preserve some of the Nation's greatest natural features—important not only for their scenic but also scientific interest and value—and make them permanently accessible to the public.

Under terms of the proposed legislation, the Indiana Dunes State Park could be acquired only with the consent of the State of Indiana. The Secretary of the Interior would be directed to negotiate with the State for acquisition of the park.

"Today," the Department said in submitting the proposal, "there are about 6-1/2 million people living within a 50-mile radius of the Indiana Dunes. Another 3 million live within the 50 to 100-mile radial zone. Existing recreational facilities are inadequate to meet the present outdoor recreational demands of these people.

Tracing the history of the dunes area, the Department said: "The Indiana Dunes once comprised a 25-mile strip of uninhabited, tree-covered dunes, cattail marshes, and sandy beaches stretching continuously along the south shore of Lake Michigan, from East Chicago to Michigan City. Here was a paradise for the bird watcher, the beachcomber, the botanist, the hiker, the tent camper, and sun and lake bathers, where scenic solitude was the keynote.

"As early as 1916, Stephen Mather, the first Director of the National Park Service, recommended this area as being worthy of establishment as a national park. This objective was thwarted by this Country's involvement in World War I. In the meantime, industrial and residential development took place in the area and, by now, much of the natural scene has been destroyed. However, the remaining undeveloped beaches, dunes, and marshes along the Indiana shoreline and sections of the hinterlands are still tremendously important and merit preservation and administration for public enjoyment and use."

"Additionally," the Department said, "the Secretary could acquire such easements or other interests as he deemed necessary for the purpose of providing public access to the beach and waters located in front of certain areas that would remain in private ownership."

"The area's recreational value is readily apparent," the Department added. "Nowhere on the Great Lakes is the need for additional shoreline recreation areas greater than here and only in very few places on the Great Lakes are factors more favorably alined for combined recreational use of the water, the waterfront and the hinterlands.

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James H. Gadsby's 30 Years of Service

James H. Gadsby retired in September after 30 years of service. He attended the University of Illinois and graduated from Massachusetts State College (now the University of Massachusetts) in 1924.

Early employment included golf course, estate and sub-division design with private firms in Florida. He served as foreman for the City of Miami Parks Division for 7 years.

Mr. Gadsby joined the National Park Service on October 9, 1933 as an Inspector on work being done in state park projects under the Emergency Conservation Work program. During this time he helped establish the state park systems in Florida and Mississippi, "Doc", as referred to by his friends, served as Regional Officer in the Atlanta Regional Office and as Assistant Regional Officer in the Richmond Office under the CCC program from 1936 to 1939.

He also supervised the activities of inspectors assigned to the southern states in review of field work conducted by the CCC camps. When the CCC was abolished in 1943, Mr. Gadsby accepted an assignment as Assistant State Park Director of the South Carolina State Parks.

"Doc" rejoined the Service in Chicago as a Park Planner in 1946. The remainder of his career has been in the Washington Office where he has contributed significantly to river basin water control projects, and coordination of new park proposals. He last served as Assistant Chief of the Branch of National Park System Planning. He is remembered best for the quiet unassuming manner in which he handled difficult assignments so expertly.

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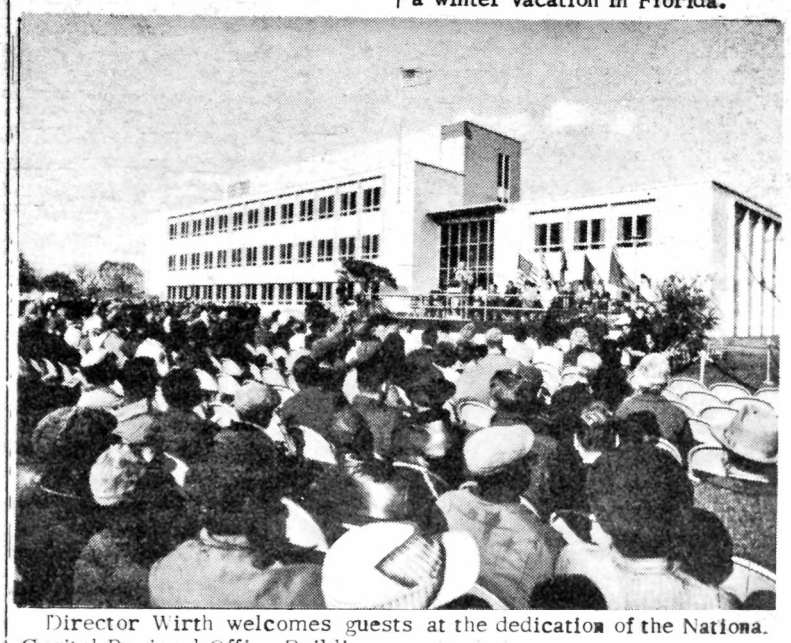
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Connie Wirth's Letter to Udall

October 18, 1963

Hon. Stewart L. Udall
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

As you know, I have been considering retirement since 1962. In February of this year, I submitted to you the names of five Park Service people that I felt were well qualified to fill the Associate Director position which had been vacant since Mr. Scoyen's retirement. Mr. Hartzog was selected from this list, and appointed. At that time, I indicated that I intended to retire in about a year, and gave you my reasons. While neither you nor Mr. Carver agreed that I should consider retirement, you indicated that you would respect my wishes. My reasoning has not changed since then.

You and the President have committed yourselves to further the development of a strong career service. Well-trained employees with an opportunity for advancement is basic to a strong career service. It is good government: it is good business. The National Park Service is a career service and, in my opinion, a very good one. It is a vigorous, capable, aggressive and loyal organization, dedicated to serving the public in accordance with the objectives enacted into law by the Congress and the policies established by the Administration and the Secretary of the Interior. These are traits that were built into it by its first Directors, Stephen T. Mather and Horace M. Albright, and maintained down through the years by the Directors who have followed them--Arno B. Cammerer, Newton B. Drury, and Arthur E. Demaray.

From my observations in over thirty-five years of Government Service, I believe that if the integrity of career service is to be maintained and strengthened three basic principles should be recognized:

1. Opportunity for advancement. There should be a general rule that key personnel subject to day-to-day pressures should retire in the early sixties, and younger, well-trained individuals advanced into the administrative and policy making positions. This will result in quicker reactions to changes caused by our fast growing national ceconomy and the resulting increased needs of our people.

2. Use of knowledge and experience. There should be established within the framework of the Civil Service Regulations a method for the retention of a reasonable number of senior employees as advisors, who would not be subject to day-to-day routines and pressures. This would bring better balance and stability into the organization. Today private business is picking up many of these well-trained Government employees on that basis.

3. Elimination of incentive distractions. The Schedule "C" classification should be abolished insofar as it is applied to the operating and technical career bureaus. I don't know of anything that has discouraged career employees more than the establishment of Schedule "C".

There is little that I can do about items 2 and 3, but knowing your strong feelings with reference to a better career service I could not help but express my thoughts. I can do something about item 1. Therefore, I respectfully request your approval of my retirement, to be effective after the close of business on January 11, 1964.

I shall always be proud and grateful for the opportunity afforded me by Directors Albright and Cammerer, and Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, to play an important role in the CCC program in the thirties, working with many bureaus of the Department and the leaders in the State Park field; and to Secretaries McKay, Seaton, and you for supporting the MISSION 66 program during my tour of duty as the sixth Director of the National Park Service. Of course, I have a warm spot in my heart for Secretary Oscar L. Chapman, for it was he who gave me my promotion to Director of the National Park Service on December 9, 1951. I sincerely hope that I have lived up to his expectations. And you, Secretary Udall, have sparked and brought into focus the building of a National Park System worthy of the American people. Certainly there is much yet to be done but the fact remains that the surge forward is under way, due largely to your efforts and leadership.

I believe we often forget the important contributions by our lawmakers, the elected representatives of the people, to the park and recreation programs. I have appeared before the Committees of Congress for over thirty years and I have nothing but admiration, respect, and sincere appreciation for their helpful and thoughtful consideration of our requests and reports. I number many of them among my very best friends.

There are also the conservationists, individuals and associations, as well as various civic-minded people, many of whom have been of tremendous help to the Service and to me personally, for which I am most grateful.

And last, but most important next to Mrs. Wirth who has shared my ups and downs and is my greatest critic and by far my strongest supporter, are the employees of the National Park Service. I have known all of the five previous Directors of the National Park Service, and worked on the staff of four of them. They taught me much and helped me greatly, and they know of my deep appreciation. But, I also know that they would understand and agree when I say that I owe the greatest debt of gratitude to the many loyal and devoted associates of mine in the National Park Service. Many of them have retired since I joined the Service in 1931, and those that are still in the Service I grew up with. No Bureau Chief could ever have had a more devoted, hard-working, and loyal organization than the people that make up the National Park Service. I shall never be able to adequately express to them my heartfelt appreciation. I commend them to you, and to the new Director.

Sincerely yours,
Conrad L. Wirth
Director

GREAT EXPLORERS AND SCIENTISTS RELIVE ADVENTURES IN NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC BOOK

The National Geographic Society marks its diamond jubilee with the publication this month of a book that distills the essence of 75 adventurous years.

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The book draws upon the records of more than 200 other National Geographic, expeditions, some 800 issues of the Magazine, dozens of lecture transcripts, and more than 75,000 photographs. New paintings portray the drama of unphotographed moments, and maps by the Society's cartographers show routes to discovery.

In his introduction to Great Adventures, Dr. Melville Grosvenor, president and editor of the National Geographic Society, emphasizes that it is "not a book about explorers, but a book by explorers--narratives in their own words, illustrated by photographs they took...Here are adventures too thrilling--achievements too important--to be forgotten."

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"The starboard engine of our Fokker trimotor plane was leaking oil! Calculations put us about an hour from the North Pole...I had seen too many expeditions fail by landing. I decided to press on, with only our remaining engines if necessary." (Richard E. Byrd makes a crucial decision on the first flight to the North Pole.)

"We lost five canoes in the rapids. We built three others and lost one of those. Under the strain, one of our boatmen went mad and murdered another, shooting him down on a jungle trail." (Theodore Roosevelt, weakened by illness, recounts to a National Geographic lecture audience his exploration of Brazil's River of Doubt, now Theodore Roosevelt River.)

"From my seat beside the driver I looked down the barrel of a gun held by a handsome young soldier. At three or four miles and hour it took a long time to roll past that swinging rife...Slowly we chugged by--than a salvo of shots rang out. Eleven bullets hit our car." (Maynard Owen Williams, first Chief of the National Geographic Foreign Editorial Staff, encounters a Chinese soldier near the end of an unprecedented motor trek from the Mediterranean across Asian deserts and mountains to the Yellow Sea.)

"Carefully we worked around the deposit until we had exposed a huge pile of jade--ear ornaments, beads, tubes, poinred implements, bits of human images, plaques. It took us three and a half hours to remove it, a fortune in stones ranging from porcelain white to deep blue, with all shades of green in between--782 pieces." (Matthew W. Stirling uncovers a treasure while on a National Geographic-Smithsonian Institution expedition studying the ancient La Venta civilization in Mexico.)

"We found ourselves on a merry-go-round of sharks...Around us glided gray shadows, one of them ten feet long. Others lurked over a sand shoal below. And here we were, almost naked, far from the safety of the upper world. I could only conclude that we were mad." (Jacques-Ives Cousteau dives deep in the Red Sea.)

"An elephant was almost on top of me...I wheeled around and tried to shove the gun's safety catch forward. It refused to budge...The bull drove his tusks in the ground on either side of me As I looked into one wicked little eye I knew I could expect no mercy from the beast. I was being crushed." (Carl E. Akeley narrowly escapes death while hunting elephants in Africa.)

"I was quartered in a miserable old temple full of coffins... in the Chinese-Tibetan borderlands. We had fought off bandits all the way from Kunming, and now hundreds of them were besieging me and my party of 12 trusty Nashis and 71 soldiers." (Botanist Joseph F. Rock withstands bandits while gathering plant specimens and exploring China's holy mountains.)

"There, about 40 feet above my head, is a softly rounded, snowy dome. The summit...I next few feet...A few more whacks of the ax, a few very weary steps. We are there. We are on the summit of Everest." (Sir Edmund Hillary recalls the climactic moment when he and Sirdar Tenzing Norkey become the first men to conquer Everest.)

"And when the battle finally ends, there are no victors and no vanquished. There are only survivors." (Barry Bishop, the National Geographic staff member who climbed Everest 10 years after Sir Edmund, ponders the lessons the 1963 American Everest Expedition had learned.)

These are just a few of the exploits recounted fully in the book. A quotation from Peary suggests what drove these men: "The true explorer does his work not for any hope of rewards or honor, but because the thing he has set himself to do is a part of his very being."

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tailed study follow:

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2. Skagit from its mouth to near Newhalem, Washington, including its Sauk and Suiattle tributaries.
3. Rogue from Grant's Pass to the Pacific Ocean.
4. Klamath in California from mouth of Scott River to the Pacific.
5. Rio Grande from the Colorado State line to Pilar, New Mexico.
6. Green from its source in the Bridger Wilderness area to near Pinedale, Wyoming.
7. Niobrara from Antelope Creek to its confluence with the Snake River in Nebraska.
8. St. Croix and Namekagon. Teh St. Croix from near Gordon, Wisconsin, downstream along the Wisconsin-Minnesota border to St. Croix Falls, and the Namekagon from near Trego, Wisconsin, to its confluence with the St. Croix.
9. South Fork Cumberland from Lake Cumberland near Yamacraw, Kentucky, upstream to include its two tributaries--the Clear Fork and New River--in Tennessee.
10. Savannah headwaters. Includes portions of the Chattooga, Keewee, Horsepasture, Toxaway, Thompson, Warwoman, and Whitewater in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia.
11. Hudson from Sanford Lake downstream to Corinth, New York.
12. North Branch Susquehanna from Otsego Lake, New York, downstream to Kirkwood, New York, and from Owego, New York, to the confluence with the Lackawanna River, in Pennsylvania.

PETRIFIED FOREST

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of Petrified Forest National Park; John Mclaughlin, Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park: -the members of the Advisory Board on National Parks, historic sites, buildings and monuments; and representatives of Holbrook-Petrified Forest Chamber of Commerce; and others who had worked for the park idea through the years. Richard J. Neutra, the well known architect who designed the new facility, was also a member of the official party.

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Fantastic Katmai Draws Few Visitors

Twice as big as Delaware, Alaska's Katmai National Monument far outstrips in size all other United States national parks and monuments. Yet this fantastic region of smoking fumaroles, snow-skirted peaks, and sparkling lakes has been visited by only about 900 persons in the last two years.

Spurred by recent efforts to open the remote area to more visitors and the opportunity to walk among restlessly slumbering volcanoes, Senator Ernest Gruening of Alaska recently flew and hiked over the region. He reports on his journey in the June issue of the National Geographic.

Eruptions Rocked Region

Katmai exploded to world attention with one of the biggest bangs in history. In June, 1912, the region literally shook itself to pieces, spewing molten rock across the landscape. Seething debris spewed over a 42-square mile area to a depth in places of 700 feet or more. Dust, blown high into the sky, caused gloomy days and spectacular sunsets in Nova Scotia, a continent's width away.

Senator Gruening writes, the smokes are almost gone. In The Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, where Dr. Robert F. Griggs and his colleagues cooked over steaming vents and piled blankets on the hot ground to keep cool at night, there are perhaps a dozen smoking fumaroles.

"Looking about," Senator Gruening reports, "I realize that the dying of the smokes was not all a loss. I knew that this cooler phase of the valley's life also interests volcanologists, geophysicists, and other scientists. More important to Katmai's future tourists, no longer do myriad steam clods hide the eerie panorama of the valley."

The author describes Katmai as "a vast solitude of mountains and desert and desolation; a land of snowfields and glaciers and airy pumice stones and deep crevices; a never-never land where sun and rain and fog and drizzle take turns and a volcano could go off at any time."

Discovering the wonders of Katmai requires some effort, however. Slippery banks send hikers sprawling. Sharp sand and steep slopes skin hands. Wind-blown ash and pumice, an excellent insulator, hide snow, and in Senator Gruening's words, "Down you go again."

On the still-steaming side of 2,760-foot Novarupta, center of the 1912 holocaust, "you leave tracks deep as a bear's on the puttylike incline. Suddenly one foot breaks through and you sink to your knee. Perhaps a smoldering cavern lies beneath. You don't stay to find out."

Katmai is 65 miles southwest of Anchorage. Small planes airlift visitors to Lake Grosvenor, named for Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor who is chairman of the Board of Trustees of the National Geographic Society, and to Brooks River, 15 air miles southwest of Lake Grosvenor.

As Dave Bogart, Katmai's ranger-in-charge, told the author, "Most of our national parks and monuments are known for one feature or another. In Katmai we have them all-- and space to boot. Man doesn't dominate here."

Storms Again Amuse Cape Hatteras People

We at Cape Hatteras National Seashore are greatly concerned about the mental health of people who spend their winters snowed-in in mountain-top parks. They lead such dull lives, and boredom will drive people to anything. We wonder how the poor unfortunates in places like Yellowstone and Mount Rainier manage to avoid taking up such indoor sports as gambling and murder to pass the time during the fall, winter, and spring.

We Cape Hatteras, where Nature violates her own laws, we have no such problem. In October, for instance, there were two very diverting hurricanes. While Flora was doing such terrible damage in the West Indies, we were soothing anxious park visitors by telling them that October hurricanes nearly always go out to sea before they hit the mainland. Fortunately Flora obliged.

Later in the month several members of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore staff took off for a long weekend, expecting things to be quiet, and hell broke loose. First the director announced his retirement. Then hurricane GINNY formed a few hundred miles southeast of Cape Hatteras. This was contrary to all the rules. Such storms usually form far south in the tropics and give us plenty of advance notice as to what they are going to do. The Great New England Hurricane of 1938, for instance, began as an area of low pressure in the Western Sahara. But here was GINNY, almost on our doorstep, and giving little indication of what she was going to do. She started northeast, changed direction, changed again, and threatened to go in paths that hurricanes never take. It would be easier to describe the gyrations of twist dancer than to plot the movements of GINNY. Apparently she gave the electronic computers in the Weather Bureau a nervous breakdown, for they began to give out self-contradictory predictions. She was due to go west, or maybe turn north, where she would hit Cape Hatteras with her eye. (Only hurricanes hit with their eyes.)

GINNY did neither. She turned South Southwest, once again defying all the laws of God and man. She appeared off the coast of Florida, where she was renamed Yankee Storm #2. We had long known that Floridians were no shrinking violets, but never imagined they had the colossal gall to call a storm from North Carolina a Yankee storm. It's a good thing for them that South Carolina and Georgia are between us. In the old days this would have been settled on the field of honor. As it is, we are demanding apologies and expect to take the matter up with the United Nations.

One of our girl employees complains that no hurricane has been named for her, and informs us that such a storm would REALLY be unpredictable. We plan to attend to this on our next visit to the Infernal Regions.

Since writing this, we have read that GINNY turned north again and gave people in Cape Cod a bad time.

In spite of all the advances of science, we are still shamefully ignorant of many things around us. More is known about outer space than about what happens along the seashore, for instance.

A group of workers headed by Robert Dolan of the Coastal Studies Institute, Louisiana State University, is trying to measure the forces at work where sea meets sand near Cape Hatteras National Seashore. They have leased a fishing pier a short distance north of the park boundary and set up their equipment. The late fall, winter, and early spring months are chosen for the work because the pier can then be had for a small sum, fishermen are few, and most important, forces at work on the beach are usually much more violent in these seasons. Except when hurricanes strike, most of the changes are caused by northeasters in the months of November through April.

Many methods are used by Dolan and his co-workers in their study of the forces that change the beach. One of them is time-lapse photography. A movie camera is set up to photograph a section of the beach and a picture is taken every two minutes. When these photos are projected at the usual speed a dramatic picture is given of what is happening. Stakes with bright orange bands spaced at regular intervals show height of waves on the upper beach and the amount of deposition and removal of sand removal of sand. A record is kept of wind velocity and direction. Ingenious devices measure the height of waves, separating the effect of tides from that of winds. The direction at which waves hit the beach is measured. In all, twenty-odd variables are considered. The data obtained will be fed to computers for processing.

When this, and other research, is completed, the situation mentioned in the opening sentence will be at least improved. Such research will have practical applications in stabilizing the seashore. Possibly some popular beliefs will be definately proven or disproven. Many people believe that groins, for example, are the solution to erosion problems at Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The experts are inclined to say that experience elsewhere shows that groins only make erosion worse. If scientific investigation proves this, then there will be a problem in educating people and their leaders.

As so as always, one problem leads to another. Life would become dull if that were not the case.

Major E. S. Luce Dies

Retired Major Edward Smith Luce, historian and authority on the battlefield where Gen. George W. Custer and his men were massacred, died Friday in his home, 4414 Cynthia Place, San Diego, Calif., at the age of 77.

Luce, who was superintendent of the Custer Battlefield National Monument in Montana for 15 years, was the author of "Custer Battlefield" and "Keogh, Commanche and Custer." A 16-year Army veteran, Luce served as a major in the 7th Cavalry Regiment once commanded by Custer who was killed by Sioux Indians during the battle of Little Big Horn in 1876.

Luce, who retired from the National Park Service in 1956, also was assistant superintendent of the tomb of the unknown soldier at Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery.

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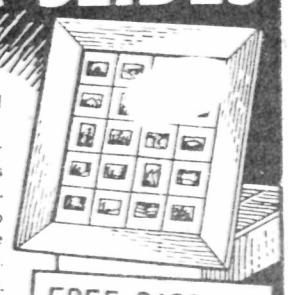
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VICTOR L. JACKSON, Park Naturalist, GS-7, to Chief Park Naturalist, GS-9, Great Smoky Mountains; RICHARD D. JACOBSEN, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-9, Lava Beds, to same GS-11, Virgin Islands; CHESTER JAROSX, from Administrative Asst., GS-7 to same GS-9, Minute Man; JOHN E. JENSEN, Historian, GS-7, Pipestone, to Historian (Park), GS-9, Whitlan Mission; HAROLD F. JOHNSON, from Asst. Regional Chief of Property Management and General Service GS-11, to same GS-12, Western R.O.; WILLIAM T. JOHNSON, Truck Driver (HD), to Operator General (LD), Olympic; SALLIE JORDON, Appointment Clerk, GS-4 to same GS-5, Northeast R.O.; EDWARD W. JYLKKA, Employee Development Officer, GS-11, to same GS-12, National Capital R.O.

DOROTHY M. KELIER, Secretary (Typing), GS-5 to same GS-6, National Capital Region; John L. KESSELL, Historian (Park), GS-7 to Historian, GS-9, Tumacacori, JOSEPH M. KLEINER, Janitor (Ungraded) Horace Albright Training Center to same, Grand Canyon.

CARL C. LAMB, Park Ranger GS-7 Yellowstone to Supv. Park Ranger, GS-9, Mount Mckinley; HAROLD L. LANNON, Maintenanceman (Ungraded) to Building Repairman, Platt; BILLY JOE LANNON, Maintenance Man, to Operator General, Platt; HAROLD E. LAWRENCE, Pvt. Plainclothesman, U.S. Park Police, to Detective, US Park Police, National Capital RO; Thomas R. Lowe, Civil Engineer, GS-7, to same GS-9, Natchez Trace.

LEROY E. MARCROFT, Regional Ch. Division of Property Management and General Services, GS-13, Western R.O., to Management Analysis, and Services officer, GS-14, National Capital R.O.; RICHARD B. MAEDER, Historian, GS-9, Theodore Roosevelt, to Park Planner, GS-11, Western R.O.; W.Z. MALISKA, Clerk-Typist, GS-3, to Private U.S. Park Police, National Capital R.O.; KATHERINE M. MANIEY, Clerk-Steno, GS-5, to Secretary (Steno.) GS-6, National Capital R.O.; VIOLET MARKEL, Pvt. Plainclothesman, US Park Police, to Detective, US Park Police, National Capital R.O.; PETER K. MARKVARDSEN, Foreman II, Mixed Gang, to Foreman, III Maintenance, (B&U), Mount McKinley; DAVID L. MOFFITT, Hosticulturist, GS-5 to same GS-7, National Capital R.O.; RICHARD T. MONTGOMERY, Engineer, (Gen) GS-14 to Civil Engineer, D&C, GS-15, WASO; Manuel A. Morales, Historian, GS-5 to same GS-7, San Juan..

DAVID F. MCALLISTER, Clerk-Typist, GS-3 to Pvt. US Park Police, National Capital R.O.; WALTER R. MCEWEN, Detective Sergeant, US Park Police to Lieutenant, US Park Police, National Capital R.O.; DONALD M. MCLONE, from Civil Engineer, GS-9 to Supv. Civil Engineer, GS-11 Olympic.

KEITH NEILSON, Asst. Regional Director (Administration, GS-14, to Asst. Regional Director, CIU, GS-15, Western R.O.

OLIVER R. ONKKA, Mechanic (HD) to Foreman III, Maint. (R&T), Mount McKinley; RAYMOND R. ORNDORFF, JR., Engineering Tech. GS-9 to Civil Eng. GS-11 National Capital R.O.

PETER L. PARRY, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-9, Isle Royale, to Superintendent, GS-11, Perry's Victory; HERBERT W. PAXTON, Pvt. Plainclothesman, US Park Police, to Detective, US Park Police, National Capital, R.O.; WOODROW B. PEPPER, Administrative Officer, GS-12, to same GS-13, Rocky Mountain; MERLIN K. POTTS, Ch. Park Naturalist, GS-12, to same GS-13, Rocky Mountain; BRUCE R. POWERS, Asst. Supply Officer, GS-11, to same GS-12, National Capital R.O.

JOHN C. RAFTERY, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-11, to same GS-12, Isle Royale; JAMES A. RANDALL, Asst. Ch. Ranger, GS-11, to same GS-12, Grand Canyon; JAMES EDWARD RAY, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-7, to same GS-8, Great Smoky Mountains; ROY W. REAVES, Park Guide, GS-4 to same GS-5, Carlsbad Caverns; ELWOOD E. RENSCH, Chief, Roads & Parkways Section, GS-13, to Ch. Div. of Landscape Architecture, GS-14, National Capital R.O.; JAMES L. RIDDLE, Park Ranger, GS-5, to same GS-7, Virgin Islands; GEORGE B. ROBINSON, Park Ranger, GS-5, to same GS-7 White Sands; STANLEY F. ROBINSON, Placement Specialist, GS-9 to Personnel Staffing Specialist, GS-11, National Capital R.O.; JOSEPH A. RONSISVALLE, Cartographic Draftsman, GS-7 to Realty Specialist, GS-9, National Capital R.O.

JUNE M. SANDIFER, Clerk-Typist, GS-4, to Secretary GS-5, National Capital R.O.; EVERTT, W. SAWYER, Chief of East Section, GS-12, to Asst. Reg. Chief Div. of Horticulture, Maint., GS-13, National Capital R.O.; HERMAN W. SCHMIDT, from Procurement Agent, GS-7, Sequoia, Kings Canyon to Adm. Asst., GS-9, Joshua Tree; DELMAR D. SCHARM, Property & Supply Sp. GS-7 to same GS-9, Sequoia-Kings Canyon; THOMAS E. SCOGIN, Caretaker, to Maintenance Man, Kennesaw, Mountain; PAUL G. SIFTON, Historian, GS-9, to same GS-11, Independence; STANLEY H. SPIRGEON, Supv. Park Ranger, (Chief), GS-12, to same GS-13, Rocky Mountain; DONALD S. SQUIRE, Supv., Park Ranger, GS-9, Yosemite, to same GS-11, Lassen Volcanic; CHARLES R. STEBBINS, Pvt. Plainclothesman, US Park Police to Detective, US Park Police, National Capital R.O.; MINNIE STEIN, Adm Asst., GS-7 to same GS-9, Statue of Liberty; JAMES A. STILES, Supv. Civil Engineer, GS-11, to same GS-12, Great Smoky Mountains; FRED STURIALE, JR., Accountant, GS-5 to same GS-7, National Capital R.O.; ARTHUR L. SULLIVAN, Historian GS-9, Minuteman, to Superintendent, GS-11, Salem Maritime.

ALBERT E. TAYLOR, JR., Administrative Asst., GS-6, to same GS-7, Colorado; BARBARA J. TEASTER, Sec-Steno, GS-4 to same GS-5, Great Smoky Mountains; CARLETON E. TINKHAM, Budget Analyst, GS-9, to same GS-11, National Capital R.O.; MRS YVONNE T. TOMS, Clerk-Steno. GS-3, to same GS-4, Blue Ridge Parkway.

JULIAN C. VASS, Pvt. Plainclothesman, US Park Police, to Detective, US Park Police, National Capital R.O.; JAMES B. VALDEZ, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-8 to same GS-9, Mount Rainer.

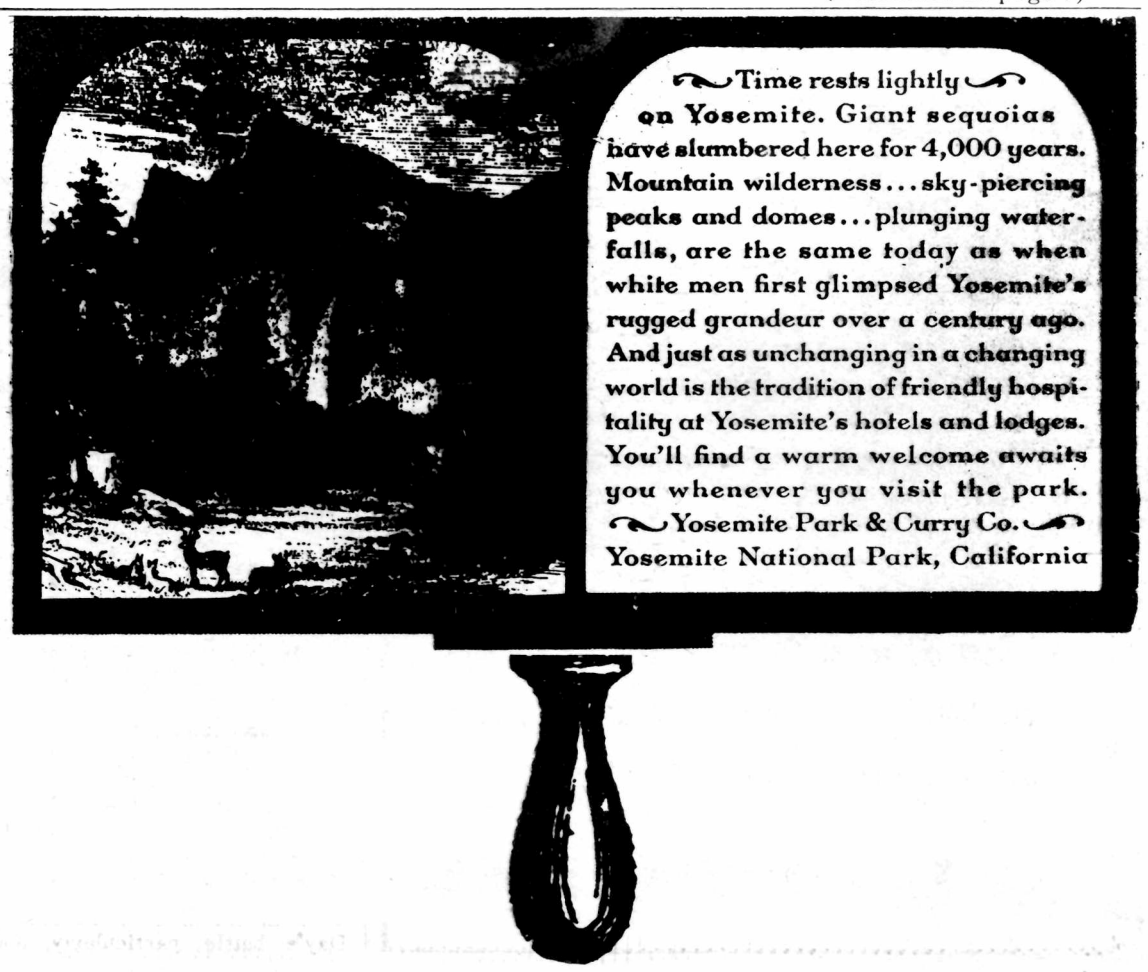
JEROME E. WARREN, Stock Control Clerk, GS-5 to same GS-6, National Capital R.O.; CHARLES E. WELSH, Pvt. Plainclothesman, US Park Police, to Detective, US Park Police, National Capital R.O.; MARVIN M. WELLS, Surveying Aid, GS-3 to same GS-4, National Capital R.O.; EDWARD B. WILLARD, Landscape Architect, GS-12, to same GS-13, National Capital R.O.; ANDREW C. WOLF, Management Asst., GS-9 to same GS-11 National Capital R.O.; WILLIAM R. WOODS, Warehousemen, to Property Management Asst., GS-5, Sequoia-Kings Canyon; FRANCIS J. WORTHINGTON, Realty Asst. GS-9, to same, GS-11, National Capital R.O.; GRANT

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LEONARD A. FRANK, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-7, to same, GS-9, Death Valley; AVIS FRANKLIN, Fiscal Accounting Clerk, GS-5 to Accounting Technician, GS-6, Grand Canyon; BETTY H. FRIEL, Finance Clerk, GS-5 to Secretary (Typing) GS-6, National Capital R.O.

WILBERT J. GRISHKOT, Sergeant US Park Police, to Lieutenant US Park Police, National Capital R.O.; WILLIAM W. GUNTER, Lieutenant, to Captain, US Park Police, National Capital, R.O.; ARNOLD H. GUSTAVSON, Landscape Architect, GS-11, Glen Canyon to same, GS-12, Cape Cod.

DORIS HALL, from Clerk-Typist, GS-4 to Program Clerk, GS-5, Western R.O.; SONDRA HALL, Clerk-Typist, GS-3 to same GS-4, Grand Canyon; KAY HANCOCK, Park Ranger, GS-5, to same GS-7, Rocky Mountain; RICHARD B. HARDIN, Supv. Park Ranger, GS-7, Olympic to same GS-8, Great Smoky Mountains; ROBERT C. HARADEN, Supv. Civil Engineer, GS-12, to same GS-12, Rocky Mountain; ROBERT O. HARRISON, Pvt.



Personnel

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REASSIGNMENTS

WRIGHT, Lieutenant, US Park Police to Captain, US Park Police, National Capital R.O.

TILLIE L. ZIELINSKI, File Clerk GS-4, to same GS-5, National Capital R.O.

ERNEST J. BORGMAN, Supv. Park Ranger, Virgin Islands to same Padre Island; HUGH BOZARTH, Supv. Park Ranger, Death Valley to Management Asst., Pipe Spring.

HAROLD O. EDWARDS, Chief Park Ranger, Virgin Islands, to Superintendent, Fort Vancouver.

JOHN C. GYNN, Forester (Timber Managements), Midwest R.O., duty station Yellowstone, same, Yellowstone.

RALPH M. IORIO, Supervisory Park Ranger, Mesa Verde, to Administrative Asst., Pipe Spring.

JACKSON W. MOORE, JR., Archeologist, Midwest R.O., to same, Bent's Old Fort.

GLEN W. RICHIE, Equipment Specialist (General), to Electronic Technician, Blue Ridge.

NORMAN SALISBURY, Supervisory Park Ranger, Wupatki, to Supervisory Naturalist, Muir Woods; DALE L. SMITH, Park Ranger, Shenandoah, to same, Russell Cave; KENNETH L. SMITH, Civil Engineer (Gen), Mount Rainier, to same Yosemite; BERT L. SPEED, Park Ranger, Russell Cave., to same Mammoth Cave.

ROBERT H. VIKLUND, Supervisory Park Ranger, Petrified Forest, to Management Asst., Crater Lake (Duty Station Oregon Caves).

ROBERT O. WHITE, from Supervisory Park Ranger, Great Smoky Mountains, to same, Cabrillo-Channel Islands; DARWIN E. WILLIAMS, Procurement and Property Management Officer Yellowstone, to Management Assistant, Grand Teton.

JACQUELYN D. YOUNG, from General Accounting Clerk, Yosemite, to Accounting Technician, Western R.O.

Cabrillo Channel Islands

Robert G. White has recently taken up his duties as Chief Park Ranger. Bob transferred here, with his family, from Great Smoky Mountains. His wife, Helen, and children, Linda, Ginger and Loren are now well settled at 1803 Chalcedony in San Diego.

The Superintendent, in the company of Messrs. Hummel and Gale, attended the Annual Meeting of the California Conservation Council in Pasadena October 31-November 2.

Margaret Hartman spent the long Veteran's Day weekend with Tom over at the Horace M. Albright Training Center.

Death Valley

The motorcycles came, 2000 registrants October 26, and during their stay they presented a very well planned and colorful program. The Victor McLaglen group performed breathtaking precision feats. Many trophies were presented: to the best attired lady and man cyclist, family group, best equipped motorcycle, 6'6" tallest cyclist, 4'8" shortest cyclist, youngest family rider (11 months), and a beauty queen. There were remarkably few accidents considering the number of motorcycles and the narrow highways, dips and soft shoulders. There were eight accidents in the Furnace Creek area, three in Emigrant and two in Grapevine, one of which was a serious concussion. The conduct of the cyclists was commendable; there was no park damage or riotous displays.

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We are now in the midst of the 14th Annual '49er Encampment. The campgrounds are fast filling to capacity with trailers and campers; artists are arriving with their paintings; and there is a feeling of excitement as one walks among the many visitors in the area.

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VISITORS

Assistant Director and Mrs. Hillory A. Tolson, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Lykes, Park Practice and Grist; Regional Director and Mrs. Dan Beard, Field Assistant to the Director and Mrs. Tom Allen and Regional Chief Ranger Services Tom Williams, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Superintendent and Mrs. Jack Williams, Aztec Ruins; Superintendent and Mrs. Harold Schaffsma, Great Sand Dunes; Superintendent and Mrs. Paul Judge, Saguaro; Superintendent Ray Nelson, Pea Ridge; Superintendent Tom Norris, Fort Smith; Superintendent John Cook, Chickamauga and Chattanooga; Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. Charles Shevlin, and Supervisor and Mrs. Frank Kowski, Grand Canyon; Superintendent and Mrs. W. H. Glover, Fort Frederica; Superintendent and Mrs. Robert T. Gibbs, Cape Cod; Superintendent and Mrs. James Myers, Cape Hatteras; Superintendent and Mrs. Stanley Abbott, Colonial; Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph W. Bauss, National Capital Region; Superintendent Kittridge A. Wing, Gettysburg; Superintendent and Mrs. Forrest M. Benson, Jr., White Sands; Chief Ranger and Mrs. Bob Vicklund, Petrified Forest; Superintendent Jack Anderson, Vicksburg; Associate Park Naturalist and Mrs. Bob Upton, Yosemite.

Karl S. Landstrom, Assistant to the Secretary of the Interior, arrived November 6, and Regional and Mrs. Edward A. Hummel are expected November 8.

Fort Necessity

Mount Washington Tavern, having been constructed about 1816-1818 during the early construction of the "Old National Road", was used as an Inn where travelers could secure overnight and eating accommodations.

In 1931 the building and 311 acres of land was purchased by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and developed into a Museum of general historic early American way of life.

This building was included in the transfer of Fort Necessity State Park to the Federal Government on August 23, 1962.

An early survey of the building determined an extensive need of repair and installation of structural fire control facilities. The building was in need of a new roof. This project was advertised for bids and contract was awarded to Fairchance Lumber Company, and work started on old cornice and spouting, replaced with new hand split cedar wood shingles, new cornice and spouting. Project was completed and inspected on April 29, 1963.

On April 30, bids were opened for additional rehabilitation work consisting of a new heating plant, rewiring, repainting, cleaning and waterproofing brick work, weather stripping all windows and doors, and a fire supression project consisting of a new 6" water line approximately 3400' to provide sufficient pressure for a sprinkler system in basement and attic, stand pipe cabinet with 100' of 1" hose on first and second floor, and a fire hydrant outside building. This contract was awarded to Fairchance Lumber Company, the only bidder, and work was started June 3, 1963. This project is now progressing and scheduled for completion by October 1, 1963.

Gettysburg

General Eisenhower made two more visits to the Visitor Center during the month. On one of the visits he was accompanied by Freeman Gosden of "Amos and Andy" fame.

The Park received $75,000 in Accelerated Public Works money for clearing of forest and brush on the battlefield. This gives us the opportunity to restore some of the conditions of 1863, particularly in te area of the Second Day's battle. During the month 50 men were hired to work on this project and had gotten a real good start.

All of our women interpretive personnel are in their winter uniforms now, and they make a very attractive appearance. These four women--Tellers Nora F. Saum and Barbara J. Lamb; and Park Guides Mary K. Thomas and Donna A. Fogarty--serve a very important function at this Park, and they create a highly favorable impression in their contacts with our visitors.

At the October meeting of the Gettysburg Chapter of the NPS Women's Organization, it was decided, in addition to our annual Christmas party for the adults, to have a Kiddies Christmas party this year.

We have information that Gettysburg is receiving $75,000 of Accelerated Public Works money for clearing of forest and brush on the battlefield. It is going to be a busy fall in the woods! This gives us the opportunity to restore some of the conditions of 1863 in the area of the Second Day's battle, particularly, and will mean a great deal to the Park.

Vandals were busy recently. Al Schneider encountered half-a dozen barricades of boulders and fence rails placed on various roads. He describes one barrier as looking like a "tank-trap". This mischief cost the maintenance force quite a few hours of repair time.

Glacier

Jane and Harthon L. Bill have evidently enjoyed their long-planned vacation in Europe. Superintendent Bill left a few days after returning from the Conference of Challenges. Jane had left Glacier September 30 for a visit with their son, Lt. "Sandy" Bill, stationed with the U. S. Army in Germany, and prior to Mr. Bill's arrival had made a trip into Italy.

They have both been generous with cards and notes during their travels from Frankfurt/Main to Vienna, Munich, Salzburg, sharing with the home-folk the thrill of seeing castles and cities of history and dreams. Following a visit in Paris, they planned to leave for home from London late in November, expecting to spend Thanksgiving in Trumbull, Connecticut, with Mr. Bill's father. Glacier will welcome them December 1st.

At the annual election of officers for Glacier National Park Chapter 456-NFFE the following were elected: Maurice M. Gingery, President; Paul W. Gerrish, Vice President; Edward R. Sbragia, Treasurer; Wm. C. Trotter, Secretary; Jerome G. Messenger, Custodian; C. Robt. Wasem, Director; A. David Cannavina, Director, and Clarence J. Bengtson, Director

Glacier Bay

The Administrative Assistant position for Glacier Bay and Sitka National Monuments was filled by Bill Locke. He is located in Juneau in the Superintendents office there. Bill attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, and has worked seasonally at Mount Rainier. Prior to his coming to Juneau he worked in Federal Service in Dayton Air Force Depot as a Budget Analyst in Automatic Data Processing. He also spent time employed as Budget Analyst at Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Grand Teton

Mr. Darwin E. Williams with his wife, Judy, and daughter, Nancy arrived here Oct. 20. Williams will replace John Rohn, Jr., as Management Assistant to the Superintendent. The Williams family includes two other daughters, Gretchen and Cheryl, who both attend the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington. Gretchen will be graduated in January and Cheryl is a sophomore. Nancy is a junior at the High School in Jackson, Wyoming. Mr. Williams began his Park Service career in July of 1939 at Mount Rainier as a summer ranger and has served in several capacities, principally in the purchasing and contracting field, at Mount Rainier, Yosemite National Parks and at Yellowstone National Park where he served as Procurement and Property Management Officer before his transfer to Grand Teton.

Another arrival on October 20 was Howard La Rue, who will fill the position of Procurement and Property Management Officer which was vacated by Dale Devine's transfer to Rocky Mountain National Park. La Rue, his wife Clara and their two children, Frances and James, are residing at Beaver Creek in a residence formerly occupied by the Charles Leisinger family. La Rue is a veteran of World War II in which he served with the Medical Corps of the U. S. Army. He first served in the Federal Civil Service with the Veterans Administration. He joined the National Park Service in 1956 at Grand Canyon National Park. Prior to his transfer to Grand Teton National Park he served as Administrative Assistant at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona. Both Frances and James are attending High School in Jackson.

Harpers Ferry

A successful student architect program was concluded for this summer on September 18 with the return of the last student architect to college. Our Seasonal Park Guides and Naturalist have also returned to school.

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Conrad Wirth, Director of the Park Service, and Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia on August 7 were guests at a luncheon at Hilltop House and presented us with the pen with which President Kennedy signed the Bill changing our name from Harpers Ferry National Monument to Harpers Ferry National Historical Park.

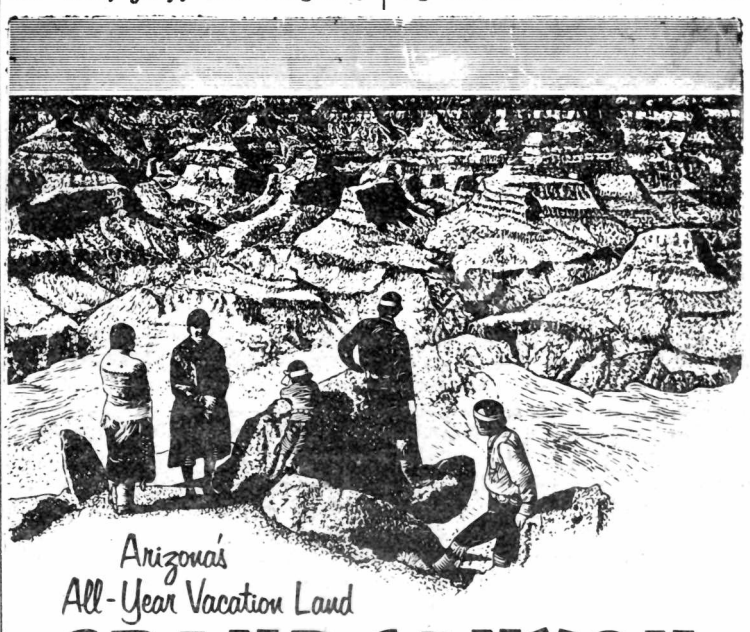
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On August 22 Mr. Bradley D. Nash, Historian, spoke to the Charles Town Kiwanis Club on the economic development of Jefferson County and the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, and the need for a planning and zoning commission for the future.

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Left to right: Supt. Paul McG. Miller, Asst. Supt. Gustav Muehlenhaupt, Jesse Stamey, Roy Hunter, Jessie Van McCombs, Floyd Crenshaw, Robert Merideth, Haskel Skaggs, John Krisko

HORACE M. ALBRIGHT TRAINING CENTER

Charles J. Gebler, Interpretive Specialist, Horace M. Albright Training Center, is departing at the end of the year to assume new duties as Chief Park Naturalist, Mount Rainier National Park. He succeeds Ross Bender who recently was reassigned to Great Smoky Mountains. Gebler has served for 28 months as a member of the Training Center staff.

David O. Karraker, Chief Park Naturalist, Carlsbad Caverns, has been selected to replace Mr. Gebler. Dave started working for the Service in 1952 as seasonal Park Ranger in Everglades and followed that assignment with seasonal work in Glacier and Shenandoah. He received a permanent Park Naturalist appointment to Everglades in 1955 and followed that with assignments in the Washington Office, again at Everglades, and then at Carlsbad Caverns.

Dave participated in the Departmental Management Training Program in 1957 and followed that assignment with an 18-month tour of duty in the Division of Natural History in Washington. He also participated in the first session at the Stephen T. Mather Center for Interpretive Training and Research. He will be accompanied to his new duty post by his wife Mary Jeanette (Jeff) who was formerly a seasonal ranger-naturalist at Everglades.

National Capital Region

Planning For Christmas

President Kennedy at a special ceremony on December 18 will press a button to light the National Community Christmas Tree and open the Christmas Pageant of Peace which is celebrated annually on the Ellipse south of the White House in pageant, and Music through New Year's Day. The Pageant of Peace with its beautifully illuminated giant Christmas tree is one of the National Capital's principal attractions during the holiday season.

This year's National Community Christmas Tree - a 78-foot Norway spruce - will come from the State of West Virginia. Small trees decorated to represent each State of the Union will form a "cross of trees" with the National Community Christmas Tree in the center. Santa's reindeers will be on display in a special enclosure. There will be a Yule Log burning, and a Nativity scene will depict the story of Christmas.

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The Chevy Chase Circle Association, a group of businessmen in the community, is planning to place a Christmas tree in Chevy Chase Circle which will be lighted by Walter Tobriner, Commissioner of the District of Columbia, on December 6. Other business associations, churches and community groups usually request permission to erect and decorate trees or place Nativity scenes in park areas.

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The Old Stone House and the Custis-Lee Mansion will be decorated with Christmas greens, garlands, wreaths and flowers. At the Custis-Lee Mansion, there will be a Christmas tree placed in the Family Parlor and decorated with homemade ornaments as when the Lee family occupied the home. The children's stockings will be hung on the bed curtains as in the early days. A traditional Yule Log fire will remain burning in the Family Parlor through the holiday season. The regular Sunday afternoon music program of "Arlington Airs" will feature Christmas music played when the Lee family lived in the house.

A bird's Christmas tree is decorated by children at the Rock Creek Nature Center. A 7-foot Juniper is planted outside the building near the feeding stations to be decorated by the children with delicacies for the birds. In the lobby of the building is another Christmas Tree which is decorated by the Nature Center staff entirely with natural materials gathered in the Rock Creek Park woodlands.

Christmas Stamp

Anyone using the official 5-cent Christmas stamp recently issued by the U.S. Post Office will notice that it contains a picture of the National Community Christmas Tree with the White House in the background. Design for the stamp was taken from an original painting by Lily Spandorf, a local artist who has sketched and painted many park scenes which have been published.

Mammoth Cave

Employees' length of service, a total of 120 years, was observed by the National Park Service at Mammoth Cave, November 15, when Superintendent Paul McG. Miller presented emblems marking 20 years of service for Robert Merideth, Park City, Jesse Stamey, Mammoth Cave, and Roy Hunter of Cave City, and 10 years' service for Jessie Van McCombs and Haskel Skaggs of Brownsville, Floyd Crenshaw and John Krisko of Mammoth Cave. Recognized also were the 20 years of service of Martie McDaniel, Park City, who was not present for the observance.

In making the presentations, Miller noted each recipient's career, congratulated him on his attainment, and thanked him for his loyalty to the Department of the Interior and the National Park Service.

Four of those receiving emblems, Hunter, Merideth, McCombs and Crenshaw, were born on lands now within park boundaries. Throughout their Park Service careers, except for Hunter's early seasonal employment as a cave guide, they have been employees of the park maintenance division. Recognition was given to Haskel Skaggs and Martie McDaniel, natives of the surrounding park area, for their many years of guiding parties through Mammoth Cave.

Assistant Chief Ranger Stamey, who was born in Sevierville, Tennessee, came to Mammoth Cave this summer from Cumberland Gap National Historical Park after having served as ranger in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Shenandoah National Park, and Cape Hatteras National Seashore.

Park Naturalist Krisko, a native of Kansas City, Missouri, transferred to Mammoth Cave from the National Capital Parks, Washington, D.C., in 1961.

Midwest Region

Joe Riha, Jr., better known as "Pepper," son of Midwest Region Assistant Procurement Officer and Mrs. Joe Riha, was a member of the Omaha Pepsi American Legion baseball team that won third place in the Little World Series at Keene, New Hampshire, in September.

The Omaha Pepsi team compiled a record of 35 wins and 4 losses during the regular season. "Pepper" was a utility infielder, and finished with a batting average of .318.

He is also a member of the National Honor Society at Archbishop Ryan High School in Omaha. His average for the first two years in high school was 94.3.

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Top bowling team at Kelley's Hilltop in Omaha is a Midwest Regional team with a record of 25 games won, 7 lost. Members of this team include Earl Alter, Howard Baker, John Kawamoto, Barnes MacDonald, Joe Riha, Bill Robertson, and Clifford Van Kirk.

A second NPS team from the Midwest Regional Office is not faring so well, being in the cellar with 9 games won, 23 lost. Its members include Jack Aiton, Ed Alberts, John Ayers, Fred Novak, Elbert Smith, Bill Stevenson and Jim Tobin.

Petersburg

The Park has recently acquired a very fine sword and scabbard by donation, from Miss Ethel Chase of Princeton, New Jersey, Chase of Princeton, New Jersey. The sword belonged to Miss Chase's father, Lt. Chase, who was in the Battle of the Crater at Petersburg on July 30, 1864. The acceptance of the sword, for the National Park Service, was accomplished with cooperation by the Northeast Regional Office and the Superintendent of Morristown National Historical Park. Museum Curator Ted Sowers, of the Park, visited Princeton, October 16, and received the sword from Miss Chase. Now at Petersburg, the sword, though in remarkably good condition, will soon be taken to the Museum Laboratory for protective preservative treatment.

Roosevelt - Vanderbilt

November 7, was the first anniversary of the death of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. Her passing from our midst is a much felt loss to her family, her friends and to all mankind. Mr. Stevenson has spoken the sentiments of so many people when he said that "She would rather light a candle than curse the darkness, and her glow has warmed the world." We certainly consider it our privilege to have known her and to have enjoyed her friendship.

In agreement with Miss Elizabeth Drewry, Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, we waivered admission fees to the Roosevelt Home, the Library, and the Vanderbilt Mansion. We did this primarily to honor the memory of Mrs. Roosevelt but also to invite the local community residents to visit the Historic Sites on this day.

There was a wreathlaying service at the Gravesites at 11:00 a.m. followed by a groundbreaking service at the Library at 11:20 a.m.

FBI Commends Park Ranger

SEQUOIA KINGS CANYON

To the Superintendent:

I wish to express to you my appreciation for the fine cooperation and assistance of your Rangers to Special Agent Robert J. Pettyjohn on October 15, 1963, in the location and apprehension of Federal Fugitive Herbert George Smith in the park.

Smith was first observed in the park by Ranger Rick Anderson, who immediately notified Special Agent Pettyjohn. Later the same date, through the excellent work of Rangers Anderson, James Dempsey, and Ray Murphy, Smith was located at Lost Grove and his apprehension effected as well as the recovery of the 1963 Cadillac limousine car which he had stolen in New York City.

Please express to these Rangers our sincere appreciation for their excellent cooperation and assistance in this matter.

I would also like you to express my thanks to Assistant Chief Ranger James Hartzell who handled the communication lines at the headquarters office during the locating and apprehension. These men are certainly to be commended.

This incident again served to point out the excellent cooperation which exists between the National Park Service and the FBI for which we continue to be most appreciative.

Anytime we can be of assistance to you or your men, do not hesitate to call upon us.

W. G. Simon
Special Agent in Charge
FBI Los Angeles

Yellowstone

WEDDING BELLS rang for Naomi E. Snyder and Ralph O. Hinton on November 9 in Cody, Wyoming. Naomi is secretary to Ernie Anderson, and Ralph worked as a seasonal heavy duty truck driver. The couple, vacationing in Denver and other parts of Colorado, will return to the Park around the first of December. Congratulations and best wishes from all their friends at Mammoth are extended to the newlyweds.

Yosemite

Wedding bells rang for Accounting's Kathy Kelly and Ranger Bob Swift on Friday, October 4, at the Yosemite Chapel.

Accounting personnel celebrated this special occasion with an Ahwahnee luncheon on Wednesday, October 2. Yvonne Marshall provided an appropriate bride and groom decoration and Accounting Officer Danz provided an appropriate festive table decoration which was appreciated all afternoon. Ranger Swift was firefighting and unable to attend. On Thursday, October 3, a "coffee break" surprise party was held, at which time a gift was presented to Kathy, and a delicious cake was served. Ranger Swift was on a fire reconnaisance flight and unable to attend.

A flight to Egypt was suggested for a honeymoon but Miss Kelly was afraid Ranger Swift would be firefighting and unable to attend!

Engineer John Best and Cynthia Roberts were united in marriage Saturday afternnon, October 5, at the Yosemite Chapel. After a reception at the Rangers' Club they left on their honeymoon trip to Mount Rainier National Park where John will serve on the engineering staff. Our BEST wishes go with them.

Yosemite Chapel was the beautiful setting for the Sunday afternoon candlelight wedding of Darleen Stieers and Jim Liles, on November 3.

Linda Spoarhford of Los Angeles, friend of the bride, was her maid of honor. Jerry Liles served as his brother's best man, and the guests were seated by Brinky Liles. The bride was given away by her brother Bill.

The parents of the newlyweds are Mrs. Edward W. Stieers of Fresno, and Mr. and Mrs. Granville B. Liles of Yosemite National Park..

Phyllis Ann Coffelt became the bride of Joel C. Lieb in a nuptial mass performed by the Rev. Fr. Gregory Woller in the St. Claire's Catholic Church in Three Rivers on October 26.

Phyllis was radiant in her white taffeta wedding gown with chapel length train. She wore a fingertip length tulle veil, crowned with seed pearls, and carried a bouquet of white carnations centered with an orchid.

Maid of honor was Miss Sharon Lester, and bridesman was Robert Coffelt. Add Coffelt, three-year-old niece of the bride was the flower girl.

Michael Graeher was best man; James Maloney was groomsman; and Richard Corbit and Stanley Coffelt were ushers.

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Zion

Superintendent Frank Oberhansley received his 30 year pin on November 6. Frank has had an interesting and varied career in the National Park Service which began August 7, 1933. His positions include naturalist positions at Yellowstone and Sequoia and Superintendency of Hawaii, Grand Teton, and Zion National Parks.

Several eyebrows are still up after last week's strange happening which found Rudy Lueck (local Lions Club president, of all people) walking away from the Lions Club drawing with a brand new shotgun. Del Armstrong's only comments were that it was going to be mighty difficult telling the guys in Yosemite, who had bought tickets on the shotgun, that everything was really on the up-and-up. He's still trying but it's mighty hard to convince someone unless you're sold yourself. Anyway, Rudy, congratulations - but it sure took lots of "luck".



Helen and George Fry were honored at a farewell dinner in Omaha on November 2 before their departure to Great Smoky Mountains National Park where George has been named superintendent. Regional Director Baker is shown here speaking on behalf of the Regional Office employees in saying goodbye to the Frys.