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THE COVER ILLUSTRATION

The watercolor original for this month's cover was done by Sharon Maki (Crystal Cove, Isle Royale) especially for WOLF'S EYE. We'd like to thank Sharon for her excellent job in capturing the spirit of Autumn at Isle Royale. The six rubber-tile printing plates (one for each color) were prepared and the printing was done by Holley and Bob Linn

AUTUMN AT ISLE ROYALE

The cover of this month's WOLF'S EYE carries a scene which has been typical here for several weeks -- mostly the skies have been blue and clear, the birches and aspens have been a flare of golden yellows and for awhile the maples on Mount Ojibway blazened the horizon with firey reds. The time of year somehow represents a culmination of the activities carried on by the millions of individual living plants and animals during the past season on the island.

A walk in the forest is a fascinatingly quiet one with the rassel of leaves underfoot. Flies and mosquitoes have long since passed into their overwinter stages of life, squirrels and birds have already gathered most of their winter food supply and overhead an occassional flock of Canada geese honk their way southward. The little dwarf dogwoods have changed to dark red on the forest floor and the thimbleberry bushes are half green and half yellow. The oaks up the hill from Senter Point are a deep red and the maples on Sugar Mountain have assumed the yellows, oranges, and light reds -- each species has its typical autumn color.

The time of year brings a soothing quiet to the soul and the time of year shows-up as ridiculous all the pettyness and hatreds wrought by men in their eternal push for power over others.

ALBERT GILBERTSON -- ONE OF THE EARLY ISLE ROYALTY

The little log house up back of the Edison's in Rock Harbor used to belong to a man by the name of Albert Gilbertson and the little house itself used to be on Cemetery Island on the side closest to the Caribou Isle shore. For some reason known only to the factors of fate, he was usually called Gilbert or sometimes Gilber.

For a time Albert Gilbertson was a commercial fisherman in Siskiwit Bay. The reef extending offshore from Crow Point (due west from Wrights Island) is still known as Gilbertson's Farm because Albert Gilbertson always had a net on that reef. As near as we can figure it, Gilbertson must have been in the Siskiwit Bay area about the turn of the century -- around 1900.

The next thing we know about Albert Gilbertson is that he was living on Cemetery Island in Rock Harbor.... and it wasn't much later than the 1900 date. When he was fishing from Cemetery Island, Gilbertson made a habit of entering and leaving Rock Harbor via the gap between east and west Caribou Islands rather than going around the west end of Caribou through the Middle Islands Passage. This gap between east and west Caribou Islands came to be known as The Gilbert Hole (or The Gilber Hole).

We are told that Gilbertson had one wooden leg and when it came time to move the log cabin from Cemetery Island to where it now sits up in back of Edisons, he took one leg at a time and up-ended the thing down to his skiff and hauled it over to where the Edisons now live. At that time this homesite was occupied by Mike Johnson, father of Milford Johnson, Arnold Johnson and Laura Edison -- with whom most of us are quite familiar.

So from Albert Gilbertson, two Isle Royale Place Names are derived: GILBERTSON'S FARM and THE GILBERT HOLE.

PLACE NAMES ?????????????????????

The two place names listed in this issue of WOLF'S EYE were donated by Peter and Laura Edison. If possible we'd like to have at least one place name history in each issue -- this means we need the information concerning the names from you. Just address your place name information to: Editor, Wolf's Eye, Isle Royale National Park, Houghton, Michigan.

ATTENTION

ALL ISLE ROYALE NATIONAL PARK STAFF MEMBERS

All members of the National Park Service Employees and Alumni Association have a share in their Association's newspaper -- STEVE MATHER'S FAMILY NEWSPAPER. Like all newspapers (and we speak from personal experience) it's not only a great help, but it's essential that all members of the organization send in items of news. So let's hit the ball and send as much National Park Service news as possible to Earl M. Semingsen, Editor, Wind Cave National Park, Hot Springs, South Dakota.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Recently, October 14th to be exact, Superintendent Lewis and Acting Chief Ranger Stamey sailed down to Siskiwiit Bay on a routine inspection of the Siskiwiit Lake area. That evening the two dropped in on the Holte's at Wright's Island and the ensuing course of the conversation revealed that it was Ingeborg's birthday. True to witty form the two NPS folks replied why, of course, why else do you think we came all the way down here? The party lasted for several hours thereafter. Happy birthday, Ingeborg.

WELCOME TO A NEW STAFF MEMBER

We are happy to announce the appointment of Joseph Klobuchar of Calumet, Michigan, to the position of Clerk. Joe's duties will be the supervision of Isle Royale National Park property records, supply and equipment issuance and related duties with major residence time at Mott Island. Joe made his first trip to Isle Royale on October 1st and has expressed great interest in his new position and surroundings.

WORD ON A NEW CHIEF

While not yet official, it now appears that the Chief Park Ranger vacancy will be filled by Assistant Chief Ranger Joseph C. Rumberg, Jr., Grand Canyon National Park. Mr. Rumberg will come well qualified, having filled important Ranger positions at Mesa Verde, Big Bend, Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks. There will be further news of the personable new Chief and his family when the personnel action is further developed.

THE PARK DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Superintendent Lewis and family returned from the Park Development Conference at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks September 10-17. Weather at these beautiful National Parks was perfect and travel was unusually brisk. The wildlife such as elk, deer, buffalo and bears were of special interest because of their unusually good appearance. Waterfowl, such as Canadian geese, ducks, California gulls, and pelicans were abundant on the several larger mountain lakes. Two observations were made of the rare trumpeter swans. Several very busy weeks at the conference were devoted to panel discussions and reviewing development situations.

Following the talks of Assistant Secretary of the Interior, Roger Ernst, and Mr. Lawrence Rockefeller, at a final general assembly at Jackson Lake Lodge, a Park

Ranger Oneliok R. Evergreen appeared for a short inspirational talk as a concluding conference note. Later Ranger Evergreen was reported seen by Supt. Anderson at Scottsbluff National Monument. An unconfirmed report tells of Evergreen taking notes at Pipestone NM with the trail becoming cold on US Highway 26 in upper Michigan.

Supervisery Park Ranger Duane Graf, Petrified Forest National Monument and Father-in-law Clarence Johnson, Vice President, Hedman Co., Chicago, were October house guests of the John Lewis'. Both men were greatly impressed by the beauty and recreational potential of Isle Royale.

MISSION 66

This program is moving forward at an impressive clip. Bids will be opened on October 24 at Houghton for the construction of the Ranger III. Prospective bidders will board the Ranger II on October 21 for on-site examination of the Rock Harbor deepwater dock construction location. The proposed new dock will moor the Ranger III.

MRS. GEORGE K. TALLMAN DIES

Word was received recently from Mrs. Matthew Farmer concerning the recent death of Mrs. George K. Tallman. Mrs. Tallman and her husband (who died in 1950) for many years maintained a summer home near Rock Harbor Lodge....the home is still known as the Tallman House.

The Tallman's were well known, not only to the early Isle Royalty, but in the Janesville, Wiso. area as well. Their ancestral home, in which President Lincoln was a guest in 1859, has been donated by the Tallmans to the City of Janesville and the Rock County Historical Society as a museum.

All of the Isle Royalty pay final tribute at this time to Mrs. George K. Tallman who died in Janesville, Wisconsin, on August 29, 1957.

AN ANNUAL WOLF'S EYE COVER-FOLDER

During the next several months a cover-folder will be made for all your saved copies of WOLF'S EYE from the year 1957. The covers will be $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wider and $\frac{1}{2}$ inch taller than the actual WOLF'S EYE publication size and will be printed on "Pinecraft" cover stock with a suitable colorfully printed heading including the outline of Lake Superior and the Wolf's head.

At the same time, covers will be printed for the year 1958 so that each issue may be inserted at the time of publication.

Orders will now be taken for these covers to be delivered no later than January. Covers will sell for 50¢ each -- be sure to specify which year cover you want: 1957, 1958, or both. Payment can be made in cash, check, money order or 2¢ postage stamps. Checks should be made payable to: Isle Royale Natural History Association, Isle Royale National Park, Houghton, Michigan and all orders should be addressed to the same.

The profits accumulated from the sale of these covers will be used exclusively for the publication and mailing costs of WOLF'S EYE.

ANNUAL INDEX

The December issue of WOLF'S EYE will carry an index to all issues during the year 1957.

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