

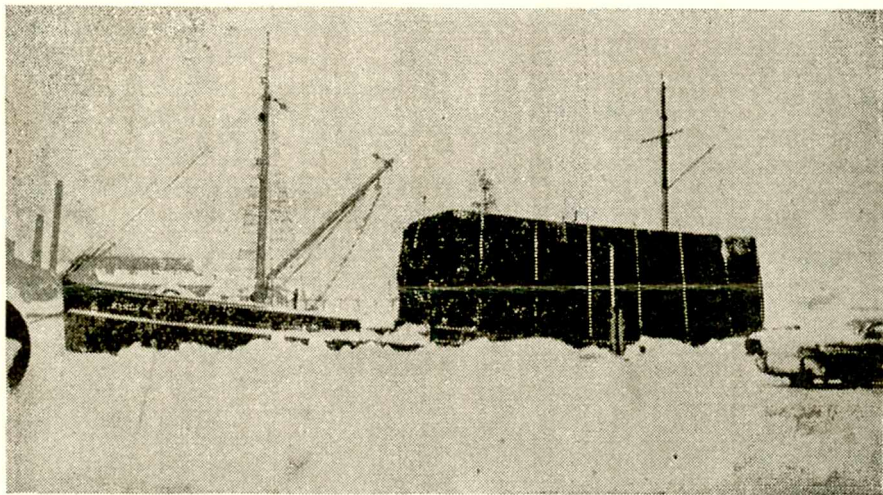
# WOLF'S



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THE RANGER II at Houghton on February 1st.

## OLD PRINTER AT HEART

Biologist Jim Cole of Rocky Mountain National Park arrived at Houghton Headquarters two days before the trek to Isle Royale for the winter wildlife study. Naturalist Bob Linn lost no time acquiring Jim's services for the printing job on Page 1 because he knew almost everyone in Jim's family was a printer by trade. The two had fun (exasperating moments included) working the 5 x 8 inch hand press in a not-so-tidy corner of Bob's office.

## THE COVER PHOTO

For those who have not seen the Ranger II during the winter months, the photo on the cover may give some idea of her "cocoon stage". The large black area is the winter overcoat erected by the ship's crew which serves to keep valuable heat from escaping areas where winter work must proceed. That's Johnny Williamson's Ford parked there on the right, and in the background are the smelter stacks over in Ripley across Portage Lake. It was snowing when the photo was taken -- this adds that certain atmospheric vagueness so typical of Houghton in winter.

## THIS WINTER ON ISLE ROYALE

The winter wildlife study has had a few setbacks, but it is progressing. Jim Cole, Bob Linn and Roy Stamcy left for Eveleth, Minn. on the 7th where Northcast Airways, Inc., would fly them to Isle Royale. Bad flying weather detained their take-off until Tuesday, the 12th. A Cessna 180 piloted by Art Tuomes took Bob and Roy while a "souped-up" Piper Cub piloted by Ty Murphy took Jim. Ice was very prevalent across most of the lake. Washington Harbor is frozen solid out to Singer's with thinner ice extending out beyond Singer's. Siskiwit Bay is solid out to Houghton Point with thinner ice all the rest of the way to Schooner Island. Malone Bay is solid. Rock Harbor is solid and ice was seen extending all the way to Passage Island. On the

north side ice reached all the way to Canada with a few broken ribbons of water interspersed.

The planes landed on Siskiwit Bay and camp was opened up. The Cub and its pilot, Ty Murphy, stayed while the Cessna 180 returned to the mainland. The camp which was set up last fall proved to be very comfortable with its supply of fuel-oil-stove heat, a few electric lights and ample grub. During the first day of operations Jim and Ty flew two areas: one between Houghton Point and Lake Malloran and another in a general area around Siskiwit Lake. 112 moose were counted in those two areas.

On the second day, Bob flew to Mott Island where he inspected headquarters conditions. The large scow is not only securely iced-in, but so covered and surrounded with snow that it was easy to snowshoe from the harbor onto the scow and from there onto the Mott Island dock. Normally, this could only be done with the aid of a helicopter.

Tracks of red squirrel, rabbit, moose, and fox were seen on Mott Island and two timber wolves were seen across Rock Harbor going toward Rock Harbor Lodge.

During the afternoon of the second day, a plane arrived from Minnesota to bring news that Bob's wife and Roy's wife were both ill and so the two men returned to Houghton that day. Jim and Ty remained on the island to complete the moose and wolf count which at that time had progressed VERY favorably. The browse study which was to have been done also will now probably take place early next spring.

#### FROM AND ABOUT THE ISLE ROYALTY

Nels Wick (Washington Harbor) plans on visiting relatives in the Scandinavian countries in March and April - returning to the island sometime in July. Andy Hansen will operate Nels' rig for him in the meantime.

Old Friends Book: Administrative Assistant Gus Muehlenhaupt has recently sent, as a gift, a most at-

tractive color picture of the Mount Rushmore Borglum group to former Chief Park Ranger Charley Humberger. Prominent in the art study is National Park devotee Alfred Neuman.

Cod's Frozen People: ..... Muchlenhaupt, Lewis, and Al Neuman.....!!

Ed's Note: You may be somewhat perplexed by the casual statements concerning the name AL NEUMAN. For some years, now, a certain magazine, popular among some ironic individuals, has published references to this character of dubious origin. He appears in the most unexpected circumstances -- having a boyish face with the ears located in the same latitude as the mouth and otherwise giving all the general appearances of a mongoloid idiot....no doubt he is! Anyway, not long ago, John Lewis "discovered" MAD. If you haven't seen a copy of MAD, your education has been sadly neglected..... and WOLF'S EYE has absolutely no stock (common or preferred) in this publication, either.

"Yes, we did receive the WOLF'S EYE and think it is a good idea. As for news, your readers may be interested in knowing that we are in the process of buying the furniture and many of the items have already been purchased (for Rock Harbor Lodge - Ed.). Then, they might also like to know that I am planning on being at ye olde Rock Harbor Lodge again this year. Reservations are already coming in for the Lodge and the Ranger II. One of the most important reservations is that of Mr. Dennis Glen Cooper and party in late June. We are not only going to be honored with his presence at Rock Harbor, but, we are looking forward to a visit from him during April here at Mammoth Cave..... I had a wonderful stay in the Big Bend National Park during October and November, and came back via Tucson, Arizona and visited the Demaray's home and also Saguaro National Monument. Thought I would enjoy it particularly because Mr. Lewis was from there. Then, I came by Carlsbad, saw Taylor Hoskins and spent some time going through the Caverns." .....Ruth M. Sanders

"We received and have read with great pleasure your new park publication, WOLF'S EYE..... The Regional Staff will be looking forward to reading forthcoming issues of WOLF'S EYE for, as you no doubt appreciate, many of us here in the city get nostalgic at times for the great outdoors and enjoy reading about it the more since we only get to experience it from time to time now." ....  
J. Carlisle Crouch, Acting Regional Director

"Karl Gilbert passed through here last week for Everglades National Park -- a transfer from Yellowstone. Received WOLF'S EYE ok. We are having nice weather in the 70's and 80's ..... warmest winter I've ever spent in Florida -- hope it keeps up..... Normal's are here; also the Wood's." ..... Joe Colombo

Supt. John Lewis and family left Houghton on Feb. 5 for points west and southwest. We'll expect some color in those office-paled skins on their return.

The Bob Johnson's will move to Houghton on about February 20 and Bob returns to work at Headquarters on the 25th.

John Markham, after an extended leave to points from here to yonder (who really knows?), returned to work this week.

Kay and Elt Davis finally returned from the jaunt out west. They look and act refreshed after many years of little or no vacation.

Supt. Lewis and Naturalist Linn presented the slide talk MISSION 66 several times during January and February. A warm response was given the program in all cases.

### ETERNAL WINTER

But the fierce Kabibonokka  
Had his dwelling among icebergs,  
In the everlasting snow-drifts,  
In the kingdom of Wabasso,  
In the land of the White Rabbit....

And at night Kabibonokka  
To the lodge came wild and wailing,  
Heaped the snow in drifts about it,  
Shouted down into the smoke-flue,  
Shook the lodge-poles in his fury,  
Flapped the curtain of the door-way.  
Shingebis, the diver, feared not,  
Shingebis, the diver, cared not;  
Four great logs had he for firewood,  
One for each moon of the winter,  
And for food the fishes served him.  
By his blazing fire he sat there,  
Warm and merry, eating, laughing,  
Singing, "O Kabibonokka,  
You are but my fellow-mortal!"

..... from the Song of Hiawatha,  
Chapter 3, "The Four Winds",  
...Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

"Mr. Scoyen stated that at the last meeting of the Regional Directors, they asked that a survey be made on boating in the national parks. There is an enormous interest in boating and it is the real boom section of out-of-doors recreation. Mr. Scoyen said he appointed a committee, consisting of Supt. Richey, Lake Mead, Chairman; Supt. Beard, Everglades; Supt. Lewis, Isle Royale; Supt. Garrison, Yellowstone; and Supt. Kelly, National Capitol Parks, to go into the matter and report at the PARK DEVELOPMENT Conference."..... Report of Director's Staff Meeting, January 17, 1957.

With characteristic humorosity, the Orsborn's of Rock Harbor suggested that "Sea Gull's Eye" might be more appropriate than WOLF'S EYE. In any event, we can expect genuine assistance from Coach during the coming season in getting good material for WOLF'S EYE.

"Congratulations to you on your fine first issue of the WOLF'S EYE. I hope it will be possible for you to continue its publication..... I must take violent issue with your editorial statement that 'it's not hard to get news from the Houghton Office.' That, my dear friend, is the closest lipped group of individuals I have ever encountered! And you may quote me."..... Martin B. Christenson, Omaha. (OK, Chris, I quoted you, and agree! --Ed.)

