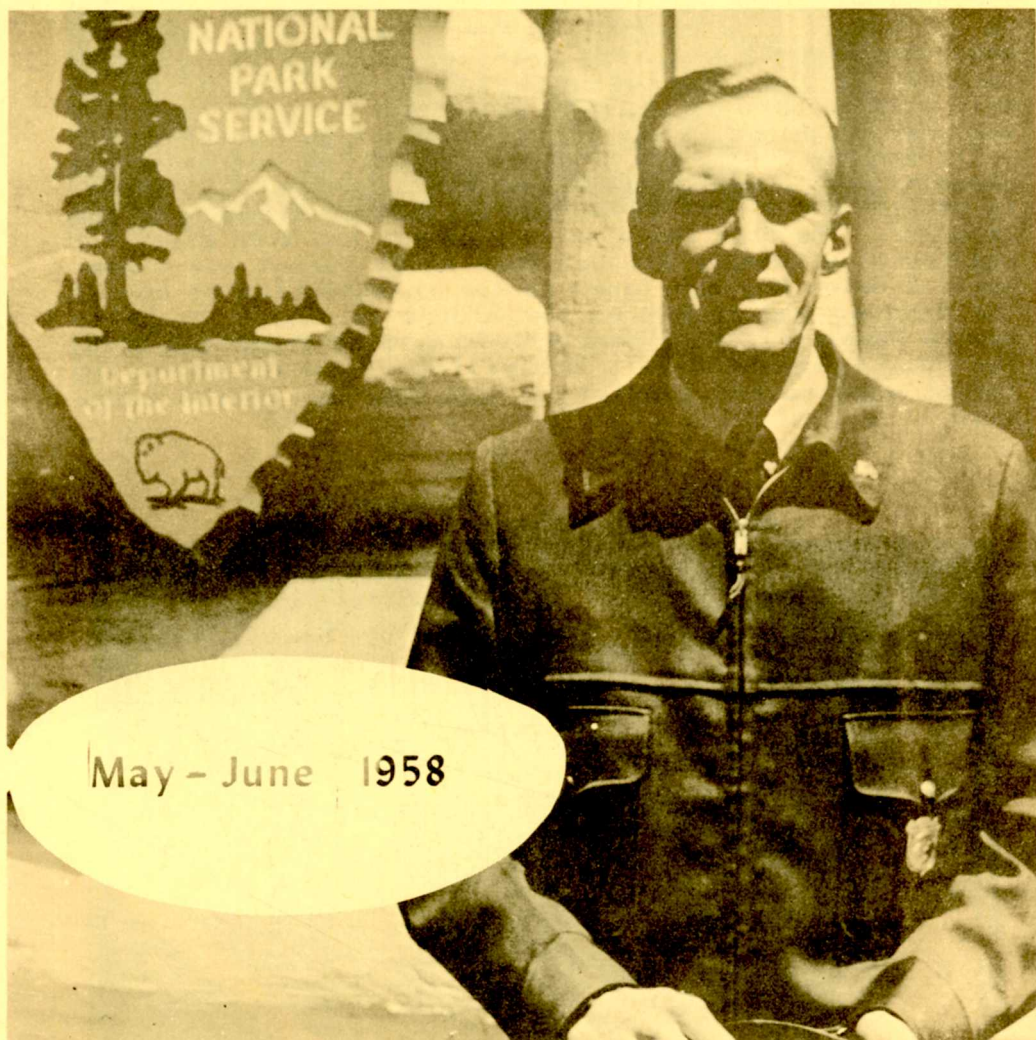


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COVER PHOTO

Benjamin J. Zerbey became the Chief Ranger at Isle Royale State Park, thus ending our year of Chief-Ranger-lessness. Ben's wife, Jane, and children Rickey, Mark, Sarah Jane, and Joey are now living in the Chief Ranger residence at Isle Royale. We all welcome the Zerbeys to the Isle Royale and wish them the best of luck and happiness at Isle Royale.

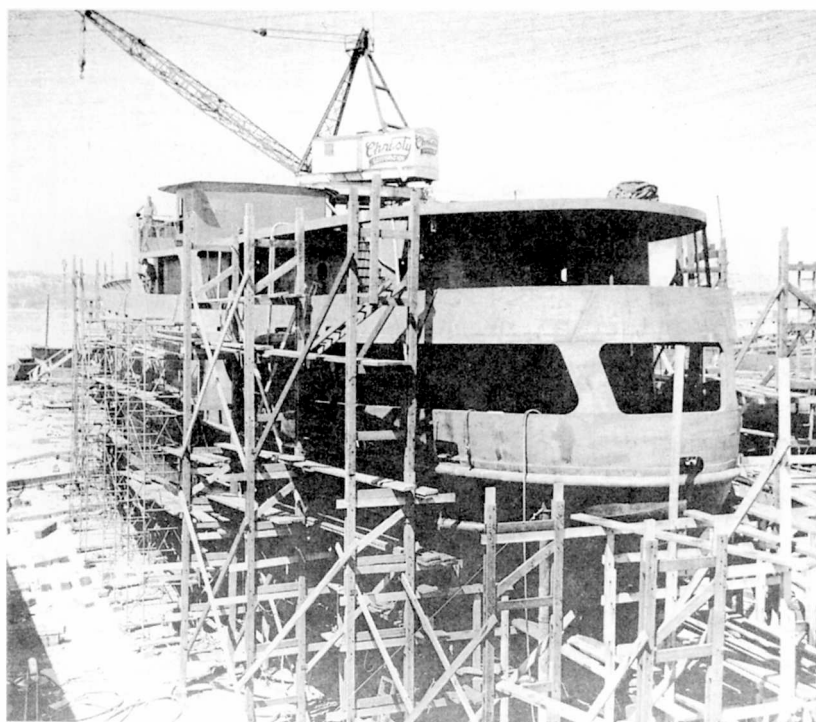
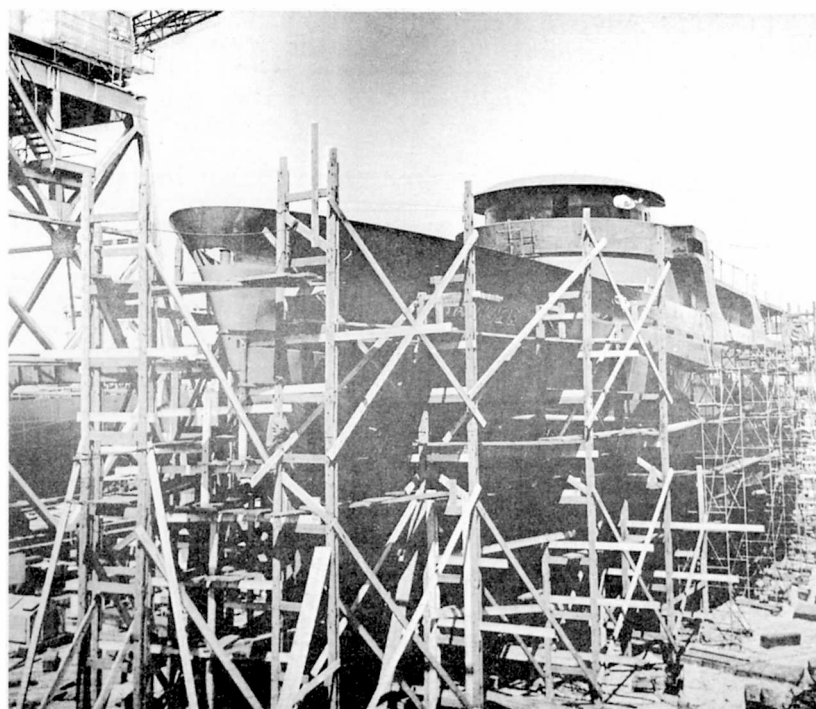
RANGER III

These photos concerning Ranger III as we go to press were taken here. These photos, by Herb Reynolds of the Wolf's Eye, give us a very good idea on progress to date.

Since the photos were taken (June 2), Ranger III has been christened and launched. Before he left for the christening and launching ceremony, Superintendent John Lewis said: "June 21, 1958, is now officially established as the Christening date of the New Ranger III. Congressman John Bennett has been notified and will attend the ceremony if the congressional work-load permits. There will also be National Park Service representation from the Regional, Washington, and Construction and Design offices."

It must be remembered that the Christening and launching ceremony does not mark the completion of Ranger III. There is still a great deal of work to be done -- mostly in the interior. The date which until recently has been given for completion of Ranger III has been about August 1st. However, a delay has developed in the installation of one of the engines and it may be the middle of August or later before Ranger III is formally dedicated at Houghton, Mich. The July issue of Wolf's Eye will very likely carry the latest word on the completion date and dedication ceremony.

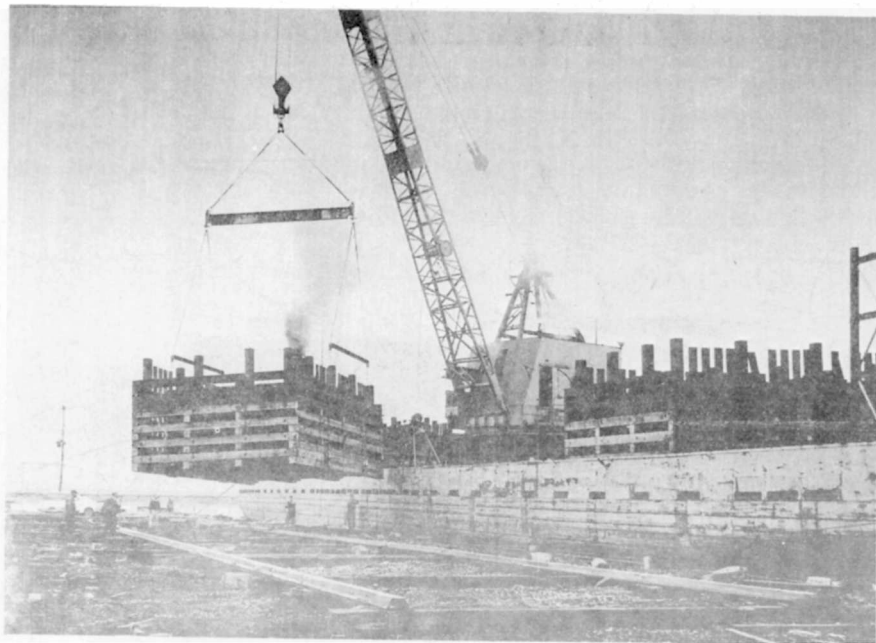




BOATS NEED DOCKS

Ranger III will have a brand-new dock in Snug Harbor. The new dock now under construction by the Roen Salvage Co. is scheduled for completion around July 15th. The photos presented here were taken on May 31 showing the pre-made cribs being hoisted aboard the Roen Steamship Company's barge, "Hilda".

Engineer Nathan Golub, Eastern Office of Design and Construction, Philadelphia, arrived on Monday June 2 to assume duty as project supervisor of the new deepwater dock at Rock Harbor. During the early morning hours of June 3, heavy equipment of the Roen Salvage Co. arrived after the long water trip from Sturgeon Bay (Wisc.) via Sault Ste. Marie. The Roen Co. convoy consisted of:





Tug: "John Purves"

Tug: "Buddy"

Barge: "Hilda"

Barge: "LSM-357"

The large crane on the Hilda lowered the five 40-ton dock cribs into the waters of Rock Harbor which were then towed into the security of Snug Harbor. At the conclusion of this operation, the tug John Purves left for Grand Marais with the barge "Hilda". The foregoing perhaps represents the largest dock construction operation since the Mott Island dock was built in the thirties. Certainly, the Roen Salvage Co. is employing the heaviest and most efficient equipment ever used on an Isle Royale project.

CAMPERS DELIGHT

Isle Royale camp visitors are assured of added facilities this year. The Daisy Farm and Malone Bay will be improved by the placement of eleven Adirondack-type shelters, charcoal grills, and tables. A new dock will be built at Todd Harbor and a shelter erected there starting June 24th or 25th.

AT LAST -- HOUSEKEEPING CABINS

The Locatelli Construction Co. of Calumet, Michigan, was the low bidder on the building of 20 housekeeping units at Rock Harbor. Bids were opened at the Houghton office on June 4th and construction is expected to begin this fall.

POWER POWER POWER !

Electrical Engineer Harvey Sinclair, Eastern Office of Design and Construction, arrived at Mott Island on May 15th to supervise the completion of the electrical system. Mott Island and Rock Harbor were energized on May 18th. Some refinements are being made in the main station switch gear, but electricity now arrives silently at Rock Harbor Lodge and there appears to be enough of that miraculous substance to go around -- probably for the first time in many years. Mott Island suburbanites Johnson (Star Island) and Linn (Davidson Island) who operate their own power stations had a good laugh though, when a defective gadget blew its top in the Mott Island Power Station one night and halted every thing electrical at Mott and Rock Harbor for several hours.

N P C

Resident Manager Young and an opening staff of National Park Concessions, Inc. arrived at Rock Harbor via the Ranger II on June 3. Mr. Young and his family are residing at Rock Harbor this year and Mr. Hamilton Houchin will manage Windigo Inn.

All our good wishes go to Arthur Demaray who has undergone surgery in the past several months.

Conferences were held with Messrs. Sanborn, Hanson and Houchin at the Houghton Headquarters on May 23. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn now reside at Sedona, Arizona.

RANGER ACTIVITIES

Chief Ranger Zerbey, District Ranger Stimson and Park Ranger Stamey have been busy putting the park protection house in order. Because of emergency conditions, prompted by an extremely dry forest, the fire towers at Mount Ojibway and Feldtmann Ridge were manned during May. Soaking rains have since eased the threat of fire -- for the moment.

On June 7, Chief Ranger Zerbey and District Ranger Stimson traveled to Grand Portage to assist the Bureau of Indian Affairs with forest fire control training.

The annual "Fire School" at Mott Island has just been completed -- June 17, 18, 19. Regional Forester Bill Savage was here for the school adding immeasurably to the success of the training.

THE ISLE ROYALTY

Commodore Joe Colombe visited Mott Island for a week in late May. It was a heart-warming sight to see Joe in his spanking new red wool shirt inspecting the Tonawanda.

Park Service personnel aboard the Tonawanda paid official calls to commercial fishermen Rude and Holte and families on June 5. Our good neighbors are in the characteristic excellent health and humor.

THE ISLE ROYALTY'S NEWEST AND YOUNGEST --

A new arrival in the Isle Royalty is Lane Mitchell Johnson who claimed Bob and Ruby Johnson as his parents on May 9th. Lane was born in Two Harbors, Minnesota, and arrived at Isle Royale aboard Ranger II on May 27th. His Dad, Bob, beat him, however, when he became one of the Isle Royalty at the age of 10 days -- 25 years ago.

ROMANCE -- YOU CAN'T BEAT IT !

All winter long we've been getting little notes, cards, and letters from Tom Smith as he traveled to Paris, Rome, and Madrid, thence to the West Indies, etc. Then when Tom arrived at Mott Island not long ago he brought the best and most romantic news of all -- his marriage on May 4th to Lynne Topen of Sidney Australia whom he met in Rome, Italy. We'd say Tom was pretty international in flavor. Anyway, we sure do wish congratulations and best of luck always to Tom and Lynne Smith. Currently, Lynne has returned to Sidney, Australia, on a visit with her parents and will return to this country in August. Tom is now at Windigo anxiously awaiting that day.

Another romance culminated in the marriage last March 29 of Betty Pritchett to Bernard J. Mumm. Betty has been one

of the Isle Royalty for many years -- having been NPC's Manager of Windigo Inn and Hostess at Rock Harbor Lodge for several years. We all wish Betty and her new husband all the best for many years to come.

GRADUATES --

Cynthia Anne Baine, from Baylor University, Texas.

Karen Alice Holte, from U. of Minnesota at Duluth.

STILL FLYING HIGH

We are pleased to report that seaplane pilot Bob Rusch and Mrs. Rusch are with us again this year. Bob is an invaluable aid in all emergencies where fast transportation is needed. He is especially useful in reporting and scouting forest fires. It might be added that Bob's plane this year is a Cessna 180 -- a powerful, sturdy, and most comfortable riding plane that combined with Bob's skill will give visitors and personnel very good service.



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