



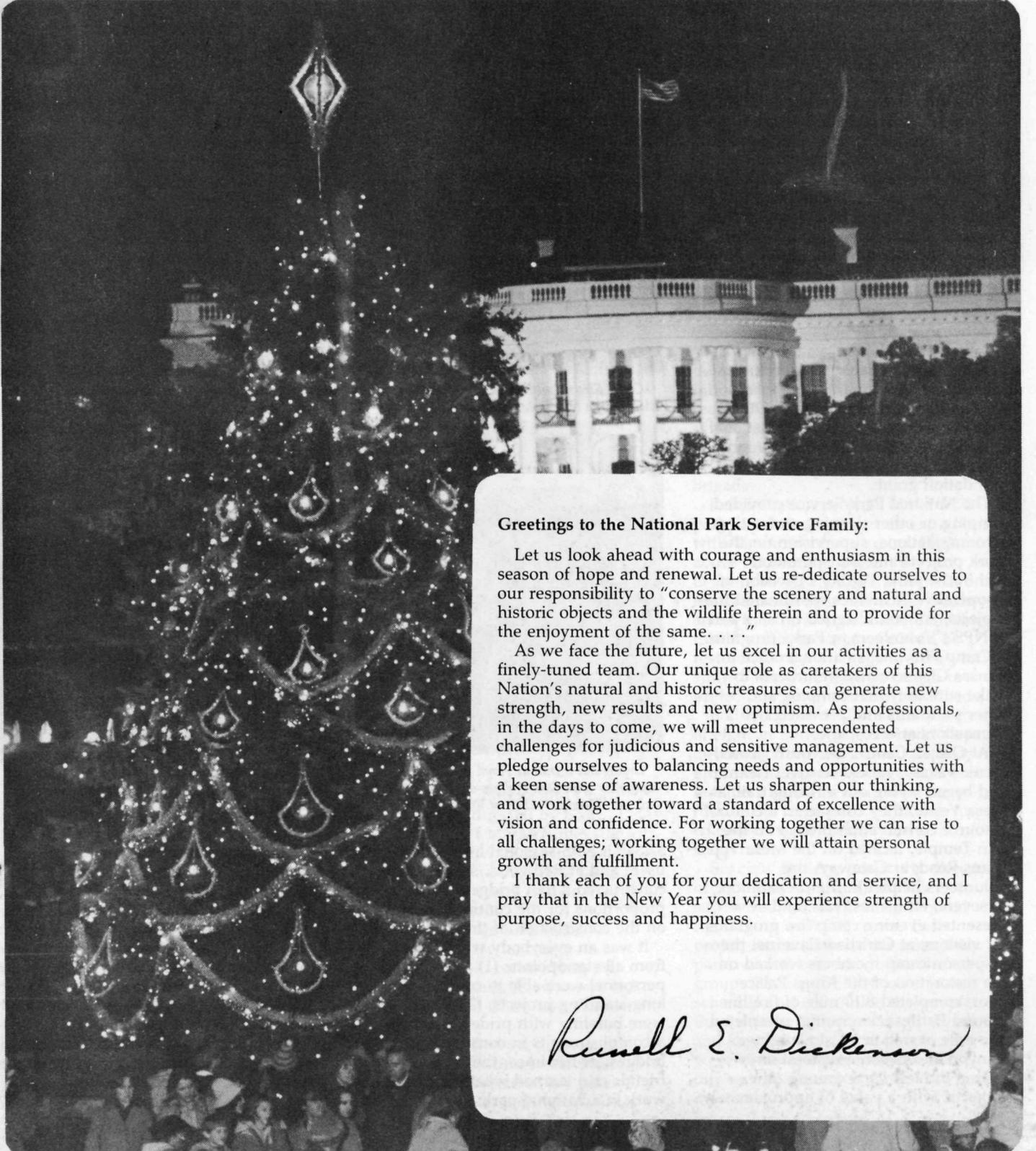
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Greetings to the National Park Service Family:

Let us look ahead with courage and enthusiasm in this season of hope and renewal. Let us re-dedicate ourselves to our responsibility to "conserve the scenery and natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same. . . ."

As we face the future, let us excel in our activities as a finely-tuned team. Our unique role as caretakers of this Nation's natural and historic treasures can generate new strength, new results and new optimism. As professionals, in the days to come, we will meet unprecedented challenges for judicious and sensitive management. Let us pledge ourselves to balancing needs and opportunities with a keen sense of awareness. Let us sharpen our thinking, and work together toward a standard of excellence with vision and confidence. For working together we can rise to all challenges; working together we will attain personal growth and fulfillment.

I thank each of you for your dedication and service, and I pray that in the New Year you will experience strength of purpose, success and happiness.

Russell E. Dickenson

Camp Fire project in national parks

By Jean Henderer, Chief
Division of Cooperative Activities
WASO

Last summer, over 6,000 hours of labor were eagerly volunteered to the National Park Service by high school age members of Camp Fire, Inc., formerly Camp Fire Girls, working on a variety of needed work projects. The participating parks were Ozark National Scenic Riverways, Mo., Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., Gateway National Recreation Area, N.Y.-N.J., Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex., and Redwood National Park, Calif.

Between six to 11 boys and girls volunteered their services at each park, paid their transportation to the site and an additional fee for food and weekend recreation expenses. Other costs were shared by Eastern National Park and Monument Association and private donations including a foundation grant.

The National Park Service provided camping or other sleeping and eating accommodations, supervision for the work projects and transportation within the park. WASO's Division of Cooperative Activities coordinated the projects. All youth signed on as a part of NPS's Volunteers in Parks program.

Camp Fire, Inc.'s national office in Kansas City screened volunteers to make sure they met camping and other standards and provided two counsellors at each park.

At Ozark, Camp Fire youth cleared scenic vistas, worked on river cleanup and began laying out a hiking trail; at Mesa Verde, they completed a cultural resource conservation project on the Sun Temple, located on the Mesa Top Ruins Road; at Gateway, the volunteers helped in the preparation of several ethnic festivals, and presented evening camp fire programs for visitors; at Carlsbad Caverns, the 11-person camp members worked on the restoration of the Kings Palace floor, completed 8/10 mile of fire line around Rattlesnake Spring; completed one mile of trail in West Slaughter Canyon and began a restoration project in New Cave among other projects, with a value of approximately



Camp Fire volunteers working on the stabilization of Sun Temple, a pre-historic archeological site at Mesa Verde NP, Colo.



Laying out a trail at Floyd Bennett Field at Gateway NRA, N.Y.-N.J. In foreground, Camp Fire counsellor with Sam Holmes of Gateway; Carol Bitner, Camp Fire's deputy national executive director, and Jean Henderer, chief of Division of Cooperative Activities, WASO.

\$7,345 if NPS seasonal help had been used; and at Redwood, six youth constructed 8 foot bridges of major proportions for the continuing effort on the construction of the coastal trail.

It was an everybody wins project from all standpoints: (1) park personnel were able to complete some long-standing projects; (2) the youth were bursting with pride over their accomplishments in constructing bridges, or fire lines, they made new friends and learned what it's like to work in a national park; and (3) Camp

Fire's national organization was offered opportunities to provide training in outdoor recreation work and broaden career opportunities for high school age youth.

Many park employees who were involved in the project commented on the high calibre of the youth and the quality of the work they performed at the park.

It is hoped that the project can be expanded next summer to include at least 15 youth at each site and, perhaps more parks participating.

YCC and CETA workers at Redwood



YCC crew, with hay hooks in hand, working on the D-line rehabilitation project at Redwood NP, Calif.



YCC crew leader Gloria Watt of Arcata with crew Michaelle Smith, Lisa Bartlett and Bonni Thompson removing corral from the Bald Hills area of Redwood NP, Calif.

By Jean Swearingen
Management Assistant
Redwood National Park, Calif.

Forty-five Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) and five Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) enrollees worked their way through 8 weeks of projects in Redwood National Park, Calif., last summer.

The enrollees were all local residents, ages 15 through 21. They worked 5 days a week with park staff, throughout the park. The six crews and their leaders were from Smith River, Crescent City, Hiouchi, Klamath, Orick, McKinleyville,

Trinidad, Arcata, Eureka and Chico. The project was directed by Scott Davis, a student from McKinleyville.

Eight weeks of work by this crew of 50 accomplished a long list of tasks that improves the park in many ways. Some projects were:

Work sites on the Bald Hills including boundary fencing, dismantling an old corral along the road and soil testing. Crews were led by Scott Morris of Chico and Gloria Watt of Arcata.

The mouth of Redwood Creek was lined with beach seining nets where a crew of four girls assisted the park aquatic biologists in netting, marking,

counting, measuring, and releasing juvenile salmon and steelhead as a part of a major research program.

The newest section of the Coastal Trail, between Wilson and Damnation Creeks, the 10-site campground on DeMartin Prairie, was finished up. The eight-person crew under the leadership of Bob Flores of Eureka put in picnic tables, bear boxes, site numbers, signs, and cleared each campsite east of the main trail.

Another link in the Coastal Trail chain, south of Gold Bluffs Beach at Major Creek, was built by a crew of 14. The trail heads up a steep slope from the beach, and connects with U.S. Highway 101 along Skunk Cabbage Creek. Brushing the thick coastal vegetation and hacking switchbacks out of the hillside was difficult work, but leaders Gary Rost of Crescent City and Scott Morris of Chico and their combined crews pushed their way up at a rapid rate. Innovation was the byword. They required water to put out the slash fire at the end of the day. Hard hats not only protected workers, but also doubled as effective buckets for a fire brigade.

Rehabilitation projects in the 1978 park expansion area got an extra boost with Tim Gillentine's group. High above Redwood Creek on the old D-line, the YCC and CETA enrollees learned the proper use of hay hooks and why straw is best for the finishing touches after removal of a road or restoration of a drainage system—800 straw bales were used as mulch to protect the newly removed roadbed.

Bob Hoffland of Chico had his crew of eight at Enderts Beach build steps on a very steep and hazardous section of the trail. Ingenuity reigned as crew members found new ways to carry rock to the steps without having to take a full wheelbarrow down the steep trail.

Six crew leaders, under the direction of Scott Davis of McKinleyville supervised the work. They worked right along with the crews. Each project had a labor leader from the park, who also worked with the whole group. Davis said, "My job was to schedule and coordinate the people. But I mainly ran errands, got supplies and kept track of the 56 people who were working on as many as 10 different projects throughout the park in one day."

YCC at Hopewell

By Janet Kennedy
Park Ranger
Hopewell Village NHS, Pa.

It seems it's when times are tough, staffs are cut and dollars are shrinking that enthusiasm and hard work of individuals really shines. This was the case at Hopewell Village National Historic Site, Pa., this summer when the Youth Conservation Corps worked for its seventh season. Sixteen young

men and women from four nearby school districts spent 8 weeks working, learning and providing the park with the positive results of valuable work projects.

Hopewell Village is an early American ironmaking community in southeastern Pennsylvania. From 1771 to 1883 the furnace provided stoves, pig iron and other ironware to customers in Pennsylvania and beyond.

The park's historic setting offered special challenges, opportunities and learning experiences for the corpsmen. Each participated in the costumed interpretive program, receiving a taste of "living history" and helping to expand the seasonal staff which had been cut due to budget limitations.

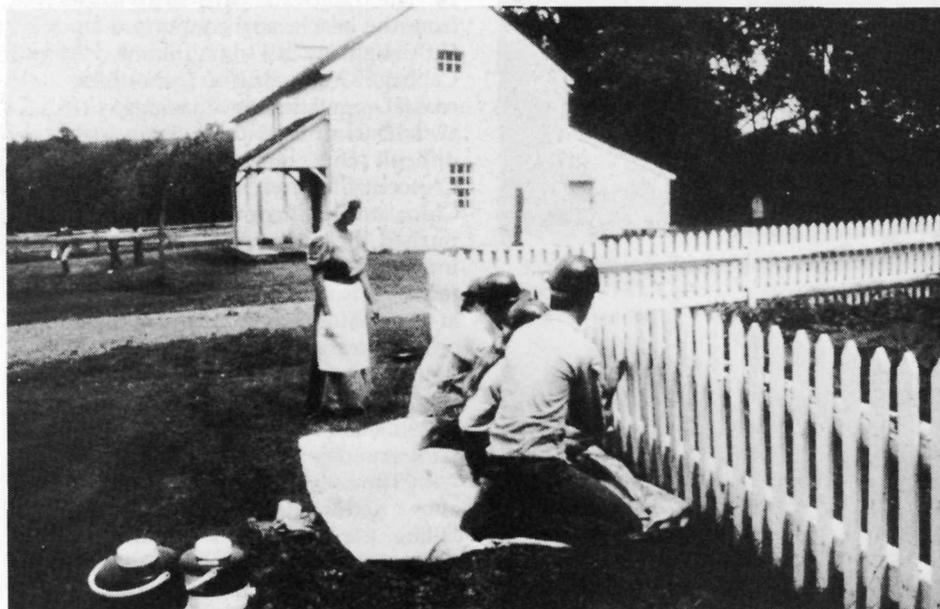
Conservation and resource-oriented projects are the foundation of the YCC program. Projects this year included boundary clearing, vegetation removal from the historic east headrace (a former waterway leading to the furnace), and painting picket fences in the historic village.

One of the unique opportunities provided the YCC this year was the repointing of historic ruins in the park. These two structures, with only the stone walls remaining, had once been homes for ironworkers and had collapsed over the years. With supervision provided by a maintenance worker skilled in masonry, corpsmen repointed the structures, thereby preserving them for many years to come.

The YCC assisted maintenance and ranger staffs with projects that required much time or manpower. They repainted the maintenance building, including a new addition, posted "No Hunting" signs along the boundary, cleared trails and repaired boundary wire.

Hopewell Village shares a boundary with French Creek State Park. For years the two parks have worked closely together and this summer provided a special opportunity for cooperation. French Creek has had a residential YCC camp in past years but was not funded this year. The Hopewell Furnace YCC donated more than 400-manhours to the adaptation of a former State park family campground into an equestrian campground. This is the first of its kind in the Pennsylvania State Park system and will be a model for future equestrian campgrounds.

A staff was not hired for the camp this year. Leadership was provided by ranger and maintenance division staff and by two corpsmen hired as Youth Leaders. A spirit of cooperation and working toward a common goal was evident as the divisions—in spite of their busy schedules—contributed time and expertise to the YCC. Thanks to this spirit, the program was a success. Park resources were improved, visitors received a quality park experience and 16 young men and women found employment and the opportunity to "make a difference" at a national park in their own neighborhood.



YCC enrollees involved in fence painting and "living history" at Hopewell Village NHS, Pa.



Hopewell Furnace Youth Conservation Corps, Hopewell Village NHS, Pa.

Precious spikes returned for festival

By Michael Johnson
Park Technician
Golden Spike NHS, Utah

Bigger and better than ever, Golden Spike National Historic Site, Utah, recently played host to more than 8,500 visitors at their 7th Annual Railroader's Festival. It was a day of historical reenactments, exhibits, and special events to commemorate the railroader's unsung contribution to the opening of the American West.

Planning began last January when Golden Spike Empire, a regional branch of the Utah Travel Council, agreed to co-sponsor the event. With that underwriting, park staff, headed by Superintendent Edward "Ted" Nichols, set about developing a program that would be not only entertaining, but also introduce visitors to the themes of western settlement and the coming of the "Iron Horse." Popular features of previous festivals were retained, while months of brainstorming and hard work brought new ideas and approaches.

Negotiations were made to assemble a unique display of Last Spike memorabilia. Stanford University agreed to lend the genuine "Golden and Silver Spikes." To add to the display, two rare items made from the Golden Spike's casting sprue were obtained. A gold ring made for President Grant was sent from the White House Collections, while a tiny Golden Spike watchfob was graciously lent by Mrs. June Haseltine of San Francisco. The fob had been presented to her great-grandfather, Alban Towne, A Central Pacific official. Never before had these four items been displayed together.



Golden Spike, loaned by Stanford University for display at Golden Spike NHS, Utah.



Fred Garlow of Cody, Wyo., grandson of Buffalo Bill, recreated the image of the famous scout who was employed as a hunter for the Kansas Pacific Railroad.

In the meantime, an invitation was sent to Fred Garlow of Cody, Wyo. Garlow works with the Buffalo Bill Historical Center and, in fact, is the grandson of the famous scout. For special events, Garlow recreates the image of his ancestor from childhood memories. Buffalo Bill, of course, received his famous nickname when employed as a hunter for the Kansas Pacific Railroad.

Utah newspapers were very receptive to park press releases; wire services picked up the story, and "Good Morning America" gave the event national coverage.

An oldtime medicine show kicked off the schedule. Meanwhile, Fred Garlow, mounted on a white charger, circulated through the grounds interpreting the life of William F. Cody. Steam locomotive authority John H. White, Jr., of the Smithsonian Institution, followed with a slide lecture on the history of American Steam engines, with the specific references to the park's own "119" and "Jupiter." Union Pacific's hot air

balloon hovered overhead, but was later forced down due to heavy breezes.

The day's most exciting moment was undoubtedly the Professional Spike Driving Contest. Contestants turned out from most local railroads to vie for the \$100 first prize. The hammers were flying furiously as entrants worked against the clock to set and drive six railroad spikes. In a tense runoff, Dale Jones of Union Pacific took his second straight title with a record-setting time of 32 seconds.

There were also the famous reenactments of the Golden Spike ceremony, along with authentic 19th-century buffalo hunter and soldier camps. The park's steam engines were in continuous operation.

Park historian Paul Hedren concluded, "The festival is a great way to bring out many visitors. Special events really help a small park to bring its story to the public."

DEATH VALLEY NM, Calif.-Nev.—During October, 180 burros were removed from Death Valley National Monument.

Superintendent Ed Rothfuss said NPS is pleased at the success during its first month of the 4-year program to remove all burros from the monument.

The burros were taken to the Government corral near Ridgecrest, Calif., where they were checked and painlessly freeze-branded with a distinctive three-inch arrowhead (the symbol of the National Park Service). All Death Valley burros will wear this brand.

The Fund For Animals, Inc., will be responsible for finding homes for the first burros removed. The adoption fee at Ridgecrest is \$50 per animal.

Superintendent Rothfuss further said one load of burros has been taken to the Fund's Black Beauty Ranch in Texas to be adopted out from there. He also said that the Bureau of Land Management wranglers returned to Death Valley in November to spend 20 days rounding up more burros.



Photo by Shirley Harding.

Superintendent Ed Rothfuss and Assistant Superintendent Joe Moyers take a look at the burros, along with visitors at park headquarters. Death Valley NM, Nev.-Calif.



VIP Pat Vergara conducts a guided tour at Hampton NHS, Md.

HAMPTON NHS, Md.—The Hampton mansion is one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture in America, but it wouldn't be open to the public without the help of 300-plus volunteers.

More than 90 percent of the guided tours (given daily every half hour) are conducted by VIP tour guides. These guides are required to donate at least 2 days per month in addition to being knowledgeable of 18th- and 19th-century American history, architecture and early American building methods. "Without VIP's we could not open the mansion to the public and still protect the valuable museum collection contained within," Site Manager Adam Karalius said.

But the valuable collection in the mansion is not Hampton's only treasure guarded by volunteer workers. In addition to the VIP guides, Hampton receives tremendous local support from garden clubs. The planting and weeding of the gardens, placing floral arrangements and exhibits within the mansion and conducting fund-raising events to benefit the site are all carried out by the members of the garden clubs.

Also, the gift shop is entirely staffed by volunteers. The 275 volunteers at Hampton are an impressive example of the public's wide support of NPS.



Radio personalities Frank Harden and Jackson Weaver flanked by Park Ranger Cris Jefferson of George Washington Memorial Parkway, who frequently serves as a VIP in Rock Creek Park, Washington, D.C.

ROCK CREEK PARK, D.C.—The spectacular fall colors of late October in Rock Creek Park not only signaled the seasonal change in Washington, D.C., but also signaled the beginning of an exciting, new challenge for the National Park Service.

Oct. 30 was Rock Creek Park's and the National Capital Region's first Foliage, Fun, Friends and Volunteer Appreciation Day. The events of the day were the private sector's salute to the volunteers of the National Capital Region.

The day's activities began at a morning breakfast at the Shoreham Hotel highlighted by Director Dickenson awarding over 200 certificates of appreciation to many important volunteers of the Region.

After the breakfast the volunteers and the general public were invited to Rock Creek Park to enjoy and perhaps learn to better appreciate the beauty of the Rock Creek ecosystem. Nature hikes, carriage, and bus tours of the park were interspersed with outdoor concerts featuring spectacular country swing and bluegrass music.

UPPER DELAWARE S&RR, N.Y.-Pa.—Park Ranger Lou Sideris performed a quick rescue Sept. 24, preventing two fishermen from suffering hypothermia in the 54-degree water. Sideris was on duty at the Zane Grey boating access when he saw two fisherman go overboard. Borrowing a rented canoe, he paddled to the pair, pulled them and their boat ashore with the help of two other canoeists and checked them for possible injury. Said Thomas Bartley of Northport, N.Y., and Patrick Fitzpatrick of Jersey City, N.J.: "We thanked God and the ranger service for men like Lou Sideris."

TUMACACORI NM, Ariz.—On Sept. 15, the monument celebrated the 75th anniversary of its establishment. Legislation protecting the ruins of this Hispanic mission community in southern Arizona was signed into law by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908.

In addition to speeches, refreshments and music in the patio garden, a postal substation processed outgoing mail with a special cancellation. A commemorative cachet set consisting of three special envelopes with appropriate stamps and the cancellation was designed and printed. Sets are still available for \$2 with a stamped, self-addressed envelope from the Superintendent, P.O. Box 67, Tumacacori, AZ 85640.

GEORGE WASHINGTON BIRTHPLACE, NM, Va.—George Washington Birthplace National Monument was a gift to the Nation by the Wakefield National Memorial Association on the 200th anniversary of Washington's birth. Today, the park is giving citizens another opportunity to support it through donations of services, money, or materials. A gifts brochure outlines several areas of need including improving programs and facilities, protecting people and resources, and sponsoring the care of plantation animals. Specific items include "help with costumed interpretation at the Colonial Farm," "provide unique entrance sign, \$3,500," "plant flowering shrubs, \$25,"

"outline Birthhouse site with brick \$3,500."

There is no fee to visit the park and often visitors want to contribute. This brochure will suggest ways to do so. Assistance with the brochure was donated by Black Cat Studio and Cardinal Press of Fredericksburg, Va.

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT, Mont.—A new white marble marker was placed along the Little Bighorn River in Mont., June 25 to honor the only black member of Lt. Col. George A. Custer's ill-fated 7th Cavalry.

Isaiah Dorman, who was married to a Sioux woman, was an interpreter and scout with Custer's command. He was hired only 6 weeks before the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

His marker—11 inches wide and standing 2½ feet high—will be emplaced on Bureau of Indian Affairs land across the valley from the Last Stand site. It reads: "Isaiah Dorman—Interpreter—Fell near here June 25, 1876."

The headstone inscribed with his name is the result of a drive led by Ms. Kathryn McKinney of Denver, president of a black heritage group. The cost of the marble marker was funded by the Adolph Coors Company of Golden, Colo.

YELLOWSTONE NP—Two female cubs, approximately 6 months old were trapped near West Yellowstone, Mont. The cubs were with their mother, who had been frequenting areas around the area and was teaching her cubs to be "garbage" bears.

Needing to relocate the cubs and their mother, the park transported the two cubs to a location in the northern part of the park, via helicopter. Along the way, the release system inexplicably malfunctioned and the two cubs fell into the trees. One died as a result of injuries, the other survived.

Efforts are continuing to eliminate the availability of human foods from bear habitat to prevent the necessity of such relocations. In addition, persons completing the first interagency bear management/law enforcement training program will work together in the backcountry areas of Greater Yellowstone to provide information on bears, backcountry etiquette and regulations.

NPS people in the news

Rector to Assateague

Roger K. Rector, presently superintendent of Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona has been selected to become superintendent of Assateague Island National Seashore, Md.-Va.

Regional Director James W. Coleman Jr. of the Mid-Atlantic Region announced that Rector will replace Michael Finley who was reassigned in August as associate regional director for operations in the Alaska region.

Serving at Petrified Forest since 1979, Rector has supervised a staff of 45 that preserves a section of the Painted Desert containing numerous examples of petrified wood, Indian ruins and petroglyphs, and fossilized ferns.

During his tour as superintendent, paleontologists discovered the fossilized bones of at least 25 species of 200-million-year-old reptiles within the park. Other experts recently discovered that prehistoric Indians who lived in the area used petroglyphs to take sun sights and create a solar calendar.

Rector has had earlier experience in the Mid-Atlantic Region. From 1974 to 1979 he served as assistant

superintendent at Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Va. From 1970 to 1973, he was a program specialist at Independence National Historical Park, and from 1969 to 1970 an administrative assistant on the staff of the former Northeast Regional Office in Philadelphia.

He joined the Park Service in 1966 to work at the Cumberland Gap Job Corps Conservation Center at Middlesboro, Ky. He completed the Department of the Interior's management development program in 1974. He has received three Special Achievement Awards and one Superior Performance Award.

Before coming into the Park Service, Rector was an investigator for the Retail Credit Company of Knoxville, Tenn. From 1957 to 1959 he served in the U.S. Army.

He graduated in 1956 from Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. He was born in 1935 at Middlesboro, Ky., and graduated from Powell Valley High School in Speedwell, Tenn. He is married to the



former Betty Leonard of Harrogate, Tenn. The Rectors have one son, Roger II, who is a student at Northern Arizona University.

Rector, former chairman of the Board of the Employees and Alumni Association, currently serves on the "Director's Task Force for Revitalization of the E&AA," under the chairmanship of John Cook.

Pollack to Salem



Cynthia L. Pollack, a 14-year career NPS employee, has been named superintendent of Salem Maritime National Historic Site, Salem, Mass.

North Atlantic Regional Director Herbert S. Cables, Jr., said Pollack will succeed Acting Superintendent Angella Reid, who will return to New York City as the manager of Hamilton Grange and General Grant National Memorials.

A graduate of Beth Israel School of Nursing, Pollack has served as supervisory park ranger at Saugus Iron Works National Historic Site, Mass. Subsequent promotions have given her assignments as Acting Superintendent of Salem Maritime in 1982 and Acting Superintendent of Saugus Iron Works in 1983.

The headquarters for Salem Maritime is located at the Custom House, 174

Derby St., Salem. The site also comprises Derby Wharf, with the newly restored Salem Lighthouse, the Derby House, Bonded Warehouse, Hawkes House, Scale House, the West India Goods Store, and a new visitor information facility.

Pollack, a native of Saugus, has worked as an operating room nurse, as well as a day camp manager in New York and Massachusetts. She has received numerous awards, including the Storrow Award for Excellence in Nursing; the National Park Service Superior Performance Award in 1975, and the Department of the Interior Superior Service Award on Oct. 3. Pollack and her husband Lewis have two grown children, Susan and Charles.

Ellard moves up at Rock Creek



Mrs. Georgia A. Ellard, a 28-year veteran of NPS, has been named superintendent of Rock Creek Park, the Nation's first and largest natural, urban park.

"Mrs. Ellard brings to this post wide and valuable experience and talents," said Manus J. Fish, National Capital Regional Director. "As superintendent, she will have overall management

responsibilities in such fields as administration, maintenance, visitor programs and services, concessions and historical, cultural and natural resources."

A native of Creighton, Pa., Mrs. Ellard was assigned to Rock Creek Park as assistant superintendent in May 1981, and was named acting superintendent in early 1983. She succeeds James J. Redmond, who died this past summer.

She moved to the Washington area in 1952 and joined the National Park Service in 1955. Other assignments have been as general manager of the National Visitor Center and with various regional Park Service offices, including personnel, design and construction and professional services.

As superintendent, she has management responsibility for the park's 1,700 acres, which also includes Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway, Rock Creek Nature Center, Peirce Mill and the Art Barn. Other park areas under her administration, totaling another 1,500 acres, include Montrose, Dumbarton and Meridian Hill Parks,

nine forts and the Old Stone House in Georgetown. Mrs. Ellard's management responsibilities include the administration of Rock Creek Park's \$2.5 million annual budget and supervision of 80 Park Service employees and 100 park volunteers.

Established as a part of the National Park System in 1890, Rock Creek Park today attracts some 26 million recreational and parkway users annually.

Mrs. Ellard and her husband, Arnett, reside in Wheaton, Md. They have three daughters: Linda, a graduate student at Towson College; Md.; Andrea, a statistical analyst with GEICO, and Roberta, a freshman at the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga.

Woodside to Gulf Islands

On July 23, Walt Woodside joined the staff as sub-district ranger for Ft. Pickens Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fla.

Prior to his new assignment Walt was supervisory park ranger in Visitor Protection at Biscayne National Park, Fla. Walt has also worked as a park ranger at Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., Wolf Trap Farm Park, Vienna, Va., and Independence National Historical Park.

Walt, his wife, Marsha and their three children are residing in Gulf Breeze, Fla.

VanSlyke to Lake Clark

Larry C. Van Slyke has accepted the position of chief ranger for Lake Clark National Park and Preserve in Alaska. He replaces Michael J. Tollefson who was appointed superintendent at Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve.

Van Slyke was the district ranger at Grand Canyon National Park. Previously he was a park ranger at Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo. He also has held seasonal positions at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colo., and Everglades National Park.

Van Slyke, 38, was born in Louisville, Ky.



Pearson to Hyde Park sites

Duane R. Pearson, 42, a 21-year career NPS employee, has been named superintendent of the National Historic Sites in Hyde Park, N.Y.

North Atlantic Regional Director Herbert S. Cables, Jr., said Pearson succeeds Dixon Freeland, who is retiring after 35 years of service.

A 1962 graduate of the University of Nebraska, Pearson began his Park Service career in Yellowstone National Park. He became a year 'round NPS employee at the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia in 1966. Subsequent promotions have given him assignments as chief ranger at Richmond National Battlefield Park in Virginia and superintendent of the Manhattan Sites, which include Federal Hall, Castle Clinton, Hamilton Grange, General Grant, Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace and St. Paul's Church in Eastchester.

The Hyde Park headquarters is located at "Bellefield" on the Albany Post Road. This administrative unit of the National Park Service includes the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Vanderbilt Mansion, and Eleanor Roosevelt National Historic Sites.

Pearson, a native of Wahoo, Nebr., received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Nebraska. Pearson and his wife Jeanne are expecting their second child this winter and will make their home in the area.

He assumed the Hyde Park Superintendency on September 19.

Russell to Klondike Gold Rush



Willie Russell, former emergency services coordinator for the Pacific Northwest Region, last June was named superintendent of Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, Seattle.

Russell succeeded Elaine Hounsell who was appointed assistant superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, Oreg.

Russell is the second superintendent of the Seattle park that was created in 1976 to tell the story of the 1898 gold

rush and its effects on Seattle. The park is linked to other units in Skagway and Dyea, Alaskan and Canadian sites in Dawson and Whitehorse that commemorate the gold rush.

Russell entered the Park Service in 1980 as a senior management trainee at Olympic National Park, Wash., transferring in 1981 to the regional office in Seattle.

Born in Lessley, Miss., Russell spent 20 years of active service in the U.S. Army including tours in Korea and Vietnam. He was awarded two bronze stars, two commendation medals, a meritorious service medal and other decorations before retiring as First Sergeant, U.S. Army Advisor Group, 3rd Brigade, Ft. Lawton. He then served 6 years at Seattle Tacoma International airport as operations controller and operations supervisor.

Russell earned a B.A. degree in Public Administration from the University of Puget Sound in 1975 and is now completing his Masters degree in Business Administration from City University, Bellevue. He also is a graduate of the U.S. Army Leadership Academy for senior sergeants and the Seattle Police Academy.

Russell is married to the former Claretta Copeland of Suffolk, Va.



Davis to Gulf Islands

Christal Davis has been selected as park aide in fee collection at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fla. Prior to her appointment she has worked as a temporary employee in fee collection. From 1980 to 1981 she was an enrollee with Young Adult Conservation Corps at Gulf Islands. Christal and her daughter live in Pensacola, Fla.

Reaves to Gulf Islands

Roy Reaves, a veteran NPS archeologist and ranger, has been named to the newly created post of assistant superintendent for Planning and External Affairs at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fla. Reaves took over his new post on August 7.

Superintendent Frank Pridemore said that Gulf Islands Assistant Superintendent Ping Crawford "will remain second in command of the park staff, in charge of daily operations. Roy will provide valuable oversight to the extensive cultural resource at Gulf Islands, which includes prehistoric archeological sites and coastal fortifications dating from pre-Civil War through World War II."

Reaves has completed graduate work at the University of Colorado in archeology and holds a B.A. degree in anthropology from the University of New Mexico.

A 22-year Park Service employee,

Reaves came to Gulf Islands following several assignments in Washington, D.C. Immediately prior to this assignment he served a detail as chief archeologist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. He was chief archeologist for the National Register of Historic Places, and acting chief and deputy chief of Interagency Archeological Services Division. A native of New Mexico he began his career as a museum aide at Saguaro National Monument, Ariz., and later served at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex., Casa Grande National Monument, Ariz., and Pipestone National Monument, Minn.

In 1972, Reaves was assigned as one of three consultants to advise Federal agencies nationwide about the 1971 Executive Order for the protection and enhancement of the cultural environment. When the Interagency Archeology Services was formed, Reaves was assigned as deputy chief of the Denver Field Office. In 1978, Reaves was sent to the Washington, D.C., office to coordinate the national

program for protection and enhancement of the cultural environment.

Smiley to Gulf Islands

Mike Smiley has been assigned to Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fla., as management assistant. He will be responsible for management efficiency initiatives. Prior to his assignment to Gulf Islands on July 23, Mike had been a community planner in the Southeast Regional Office where he worked in administering the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program.

Mike joined the Department of the Interior as an outdoor recreation planner in 1979. Prior to 1979 he worked as a community planner for the U.S. Department of the Air Force and as an associate planner and planning consultant for the State of Georgia. He has also worked as a planning consultant for several private organizations in Georgia and Florida.

Mike and his wife, Camey, are residing in Gulf Breeze, Fla.

Awards



A Unit Citation for Excellence of Service was presented to Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore employees on Aug. 23. Receiving the award (from left) Superintendent Dale Engquist, Sub-District Ranger Sue Kylander, Seasonal Technician Phillip Lawson, Park Technician Fred Grish, Sub-District Ranger John Cannon and District Ranger David Montalbano. (Not in picture: Seasonal Technician Paul Crawford.)

Park scientist cited

Dr. Donald R. Field, regional chief scientist of the Pacific Northwest Region was presented on Oct. 2 the Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Award for Excellence in Recreation and Park Research. The National Recreation and Park Association presented it during the 1983 Congress for Recreation and Parks, the Nation's largest conclave of the park and recreation movement.

The award, the highest citation for exemplary research in the park and recreation field, carries a \$1500 honorarium.

Dr. Field, a professor of forest resources at the University of Washington, has been with the National Park Service since 1970. In 1982 he was appointed chairman of a task force to study the National Park Service and its employees "in an era of change."

Dr. Field earned his doctorate in rural sociology and demography from Pennsylvania State University and has done extensive research in those fields.

Since the mid-1970s, Dr. Field has analyzed hiking patterns in Alaska—looking at the characteristics of those who enter the wilderness and their behavior in wilderness areas, at recreation patterns in Southeastern Alaska with emphasis on cruise ship travel patterns, at tourist expectations in the Nation's most untouched State; and occupational and recreation use of water resources.

He also has examined Japanese tourism to areas operated by the National Park Service since 1978, and regional use of areas managed by the National Park Service in the Pacific Northwest.

Since 1978, Dr. Field has looked at the recreational use of Mount Rainier and adjacent areas managed by the Federal Government. Continuing his interest in demographics and sociology, he has examined the social factors that influence park use by urban residents of the Puget Sound area.

Among the large number of research publications to his credit, are many that investigate the park usage patterns of varying age categories and socioeconomic classes.

"Through his talents of leadership and organization, he has injected social science into the decision-making process of the National Park Service," noted Director Russell E. Dickenson in supporting the nomination. "I have often sought his professional advice, and his insights into the sociological aspects of park management have been influential at the national, regional and local levels."

Whiskeytown - Award of Excellence

On August 25, Western Regional Director Howard Chapman presented a Unit Award Certificate for Excellence of Service to ten Whiskeytown Unit personnel. A massive mudslide on Crystal Creek Road on Jan. 26, 1983 swept away a State and county road crew that was attempting to clear an earlier roadslide, killing one county employee, critically injuring a State employee, and injuring numerous others.

Whiskeytown personnel receiving the award signed by the Secretary of the Interior were Michael Cole, Delbert Goodwin, Thomas Teaford, Gerald Hawkins, Gerald Ivey, Dennis Plumb, John Reeves, Francis Richard, Rollin Single and Terry DiMattio.

PNWR receives award from State of Oregon

A project which led to nomination of the Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway as a national historic landmark has won the Pacific Northwest Region an award from the State of Oregon.

Each year, at the annual Governor's Conference on Historic preservation, the Historic Preservation League of Oregon presents a single Award of Merit to an agency or institution considered to have made an outstanding contribution to historic preservation in that State.

PNWR was singled out for the 1983 award, with the Cultural Resources Division cited for "outstanding" work for the Gorge project and other preservation projects.

Fort Jefferson 'Award of Excellence'



(From left, back row) Tom Rutledge, Tom McGrath (DSC), Fort Jefferson National Monument Superintendent Kevin Kacer and Ray Moore. (Front row) Nina Kelson, Charles Kelson and Ron Masters. (Not in picture: Dave Stewart (DSC)).

On the night of June 16, 1982, more than 20 boats were anchored in Garden Key Harbor, Fla., when a violent storm struck the Tortugas shortly after dark. High winds in excess of 60 miles per hour caused anchors to break loose, mooring lines to part and boats to crash together.

Within minutes, the entire off-duty staff of the Fort Jefferson National Monument responded and, working from small power boats in high seas, secured the boats and calmed the

panic and confusion among passengers and crew. The heroic rescue efforts were improvisational and, at times, unorthodox, but they resulted in minimal property damage and no serious injuries.

Superintendent Kevin Kacer accepted the Unit Award for Excellence of Service for the six resident employees and two members of the NPS Denver Service Center Planning team, presented for their heroic duty.

Denver Service Center awards

December 1982: A Special Achievement Award for Sustained Superior Performance was granted to Michael H. Bureman, historian in Legislative Compliance Division. Special Achievement Awards were granted to Russ Virgin, landscape architect, SE/SW for his design work at Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site and to Sandra Lukosky, secretary, MW/RM Team for her error-free work in computer programming.

February 1983: Special Achievement Awards for Sustained Superior Performance were granted to Richard V. Giamberdine, landscape architect, MA/NA Team, to Kevin D. Brandt, landscape architect, MW/RM Team Branch of Construction, and to Charles L. Shaffer, exhibit specialist, MW/RM Team Branch of Construction. A Special Achievement Award was granted to Linda Romola, cultural resource planner, MA/NA Team for her work on Shenandoah and Upper Delaware.

May 1983: Special Achievement Awards for Sustained Superior Performance were granted to Thomas J. Fair, microphotographer/printing foreman, Branch of Micrographics, to Vina M. LoSasso, secretary, Professional Support, and to Fred A. Spencer, civil engineer, SE/SW Team Branch of Construction. Special Achievement Awards were granted to Theodore Grant, cartographic technician, Branch of Mapping for his work as First Aid Coordinator and personal valor in a dangerous situation, to Katherine R. Hempel, legislative compliance specialist and Jackie W. Powell, archeologist for their work on the Combined Federal Campaign, and to Gerhard R. Tegeder for his long-term chairmanship and work on the Incentive Awards Committee.

July 1983: Special Achievement Awards for Sustained Superior Performance was granted to William D. Lovato, photodraftsman, Branch of Micrographics, Van Brower, photodraftsman, Branch of Micrographics, and to Ruth J. Kemper, secretary, National Capital Team; Sarah L. Kunke, architect, NA/MA Team for her work at the level of a vacant, higher-graded position, to Joan E. Manson, typist, Branch of Graphic Arts and Editing for her fast and accurate work on the Corps of Engineers Project, to David R. Stuart, archeologist, SE/SW Team for devising a new method of compiling sites for the Corps of Engineers Project, and John C. Paige, historian, SE/SW Team for his work on the Corps of Engineers Project.

September 1983: Special Achievement Awards for Sustained Superior Performance were granted to Karen A. Leitner, lead procurement clerk, Branch of Contracts, Judith Brandt, secretary, National Capital Team, and Eric G. Strickland, microphotographer/printing leader, Branch of Micrographics; Glenda M. Catanach, procurement clerk, Branch of Contracts for doing her work and that of a vacant position, Rosanne E. Manes, secretary, Branch of Contracts for doing her work and that of a vacant position, and to Terri A. Blecha, program assistant, NA/MA Team for doing her work and that of a vacant secretarial position.

Wade earns NASAR Award

The Board of Directors of the National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) recently announced that Bill Wade, of Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, N.J.-Pa., has been presented with NASAR's most prestigious award—the Hal Foss Award. This award is presented annually to the person making the most significant contribution to national SAR.

NASAR President Bob Hill, of Sacramento, Calif., said, "Bill Wade earned this award for being a creative force in the advancement of search and rescue management since 1973. While at the Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon, he designed the "Managing the Search Function" course—a course that has been presented to several thousand people and has been credited with directly improving life-saving response. For these and numerous other contributions, no one has done more, nor given more unselfishly."

NASAR is a national "umbrella" association, made up primarily of people who volunteer their efforts to carrying out NASAR's purposes. These include data collection, training, Governmental liaison, communications, emergency medical services, public education and technology improvement. NASAR's efforts are directed at these and other activities, "So That Others May Live."

This award was presented to Bill at the Association's annual conference, held this year in Dallas, Texas, Sept. 15-18.

On the move

HENRY, D. PAUL, Park Ranger (Instr.), WASO, to same, Joshua Tree NM.

MARTIN, SANDRA J., Program Asst., WASO, to Budget Asst., Assateague Island NS.

SHEA, JAMES M., Museum Aid, Boston NHP, to Museum Tech., Colonial NHP.



Dryfhout Appleman-Judd awardee

John H. Dryfhout, Superintendent of Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site in Cornish, N.H., is the recipient of the prestigious Appleman-Judd Award for 1983. The nationwide National Park Service award is given to note special Preservation of Cultural Resources.

Superintendent Dryfhout received the engraved award at a ceremony following the North Atlantic Region Superintendents Conference banquet on Oct. 4 in Pittsfield, Mass. Regional Director Herbert S. Cables, Jr. proudly stated before handing out the award, "John has made history among National Park Service superintendents with his fantastic work." Cables was referring to Dryfhout's excellent research and writing ability shown in the 368-page *The Work of Augustus Saint-Gaudens* published by University Press of New England late in 1982. Along with the book, Dryfhout's masterful curatorial methods at the Saint-Gaudens site enabled him to be selected as the 1983 winner.

The award is named for Roy E. Appleman and Henry A. Judd who worked for preservation ideas during the 1930s and '40s within the National Park Service. Dryfhout's nomination was made by Regional Director Cables to a Washington-based committee.

NORTON, SHIRLEY J., Admin. Clerk/Tech., Devils Tower NM, to same, WASO.

PADILLA, WANDA L., Park Tech., Tuzigoot NM, to Library Tech., Mesa Verde NP.



Beach 'Superintendent of the Year'

Warren D. Beach was chosen NAR "Superintendent of the Year" for his exceptional leadership at Morrystown National Historical Park during 1983.

In presenting the \$500 award in a ceremony on Oct. 4, Herbert S. Cables, Jr., Regional Director of the North Atlantic Region, said "Superintendent Beach has provided dynamic direction for his staff throughout 1983. Of specific note was his perfect orchestration of the 50th anniversary celebration of the park held over July 4th weekend."

A 21-year veteran of the National Park Service, Beach has been superintendent of Morrystown since 1981. He resides in Morrystown, N.J., with his wife LaRie and two children.

Criteria for the annual regional award includes the review of 25 park superintendents in the areas of National Park Service mission accomplishments and the development of relationships with other Federal, State, local and private organizations. Nominations are reviewed by a Regional Committee of Specialists and recommendations are made to the Regional Director.

REED, JOHN C., Supv. Park Ranger, SERO, to Supv. Biologist, WASO.

SEGER, JOHN, Maint. Worker, Dinosaur NM, to Maint. Worker, Homestead NM of America.

Arthur Stupka donates library to Great Smokies

What does one do with a lifetime collection of books, reports, pamphlets, and clippings when selling a home of 40 years? Arthur Stupka, park naturalist at Great Smoky Mountains National Park from 1935 until his retirement in 1964, recently faced this question. His nature library, organized in a methodical manner, filled a room in the house he and wife Margaret had built outside Gatlinburg.

Margaret McCloud and Arthur Stupka met at Ohio State while both were students. Upon Arthur's graduation he went to Yosemite where he served as a seasonal ranger-naturalist; there he met and worked under Dr. Harold Bryant and Ansel Hall. When Margaret graduated, the two were married and headed to Acadia National Park, Maine. They both took a Civil Service Examination on the same day; the two names appeared at the top of the list. Ben Hadley at Acadia said no other national park was so fortunate as to get two naturalists for the price of one.

After 3 years at Acadia, Stupka was named Great Smokies' first Park Naturalist. When they moved to Gatlinburg, they brought their college textbooks, field guides, journals, boxes of clippings, and some of his school papers. This was the nucleus of the library. Over the years, the collection grew. Christmas and birthdays were marked by gifts of books; authors who had sought Stupka's assistance presented autographed copies of their works; magazines and newspapers were clipped and filed in handmade print boxes. Trips to other parts of the country found them bringing home such books as *Bird Studies at Old Cape May*, Hudson Stuck's *The Ascent of Denali*, *The Wolves of Minong*, and Natt Dodge's *Flowers of the Southwest Desert*.

Margaret Stupka's death in June 1981 left Arthur alone in the house with the beautiful view of Mt. LeConte. The naturalist team was no more.

In February 1983, Arthur Stupka and Grace Grossman, widow of long-time NPS employee, Charles Grossman, were married. The house has been sold, and the books have been donated to the library at Great Smoky Mountains National Park where they are to become a valuable resource and a tribute to the Smokies' first and foremost naturalist. The Stupka Scientific Library collection contains some 700 books and approximately 50



Arthur and Grace Stupka receive certificate of appreciation from Superintendent John Cook.

linear feet of vertical file material. A special book plate to commemorate the gift has been designed and will be placed in each volume.

Superintendent John Cook, thanking Stupka for the generous donation,

presented him with a certificate of appreciation and said, "This is really a special day. The whole park will benefit from this library."

—Kathleen L. Manscill.

Retiring

Zabriskie of Whiskeytown

Mayo O. Zabriskie retired after 30 years of very fruitful service for the Park Service, with his last station at the Whiskeytown Unit of the Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area, Calif., where he served as chief of maintenance.

Mayo and Helen moved out of Government quarters in April, a disability retirement was effective July 18, and Western Regional Director Howard H. Chapman presented the appropriate certificate on Aug. 25, during his visit to the area.

Mayo began his career with the Park Service as a truck driver at Grand Canyon National Park in 1954 and progressed through the maintenance ranks as Mixed Gang Foreman, Foreman III, Foreman IV and retired as

chief, Division of Maintenance. He and Helen worked in a variety of areas in addition to Grand Canyon and Whiskeytown; Colorado National Monument, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colo., and Badlands National Monument, S. Dak.

Chapman states in his letter to Mayo: "I know that through your efforts . . . all the areas you served in . . . were better for your having been there. I also feel that the hundreds of millions of visitors passing through these areas have had a better experience for your having served in each one of these areas."

Mayo and Helen will be living in their home in Redding. Their address is 343 Pearl Street, Redding, CA 96003.



E&AA news and notes

HOW CAN YOU HELP

National Park Foundation's brochure



(From left) Superintendent Bob Binnewies, Bill Kirk and Christine Kirk.

Yosemite alumni picnic

The Third Annual Yosemite National Park Alumni Picnic was held Sept. 25 on the grounds of the Wawona Hotel. More than 200 people from all over the United States attended, including three former superintendents—John Preston, Laurence Hadley and Lynn Thompson. Betty Preston and Mary Hadley accompanied their husbands.

After dinner, Superintendent Robert O. Binnewies presented the Yosemite Award to former employee Bill Kirk. Bill, a man of many talents, designed and made the metal mileage signs now used throughout Yosemite's backcountry. These signs have become a permanent replacement for the former wooden signs that required frequent maintenance. Bill also planned the bear-proof garbage cans used in Yosemite today.

The park is most appreciative of these important contributions of Bill's that solved two major maintenance problems.

Happy he, who with bright regard looks back upon his father's fathers, who with joy recounts their deeds of grace, and in himself, values the latest link in the fair chain of noble sequence.

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

John L. Bryant, Jr., President of the National Park Foundation, has sent a letter to each member of the NPS Employees and Alumni Association to advise how gifts can be made to our national parks.

For those of you who are not members of the E&AA, we include a copy of John's letter and a coupon so that you may request information about the needs and means of making a donation.

November 11, 1983

national park foundation

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Dear Fellow Employees and Alumni Association Member:

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Today, as in the past, the best person to obtain such gifts is someone who is deeply committed to the National Parks and who understands their needs firsthand. That is why I am sending this brochure to you. If you or a friend would like to help, please let me know by returning the bottom portion of this letter.

Sincerely,

John L. Bryant, Jr.
President

Enclosure

Dear John:

I would like to help. (Please check):

I have some ideas I want to discuss with you about potential gifts. Please telephone me at () - . is a convenient time to call.

Please send me additional brochures.

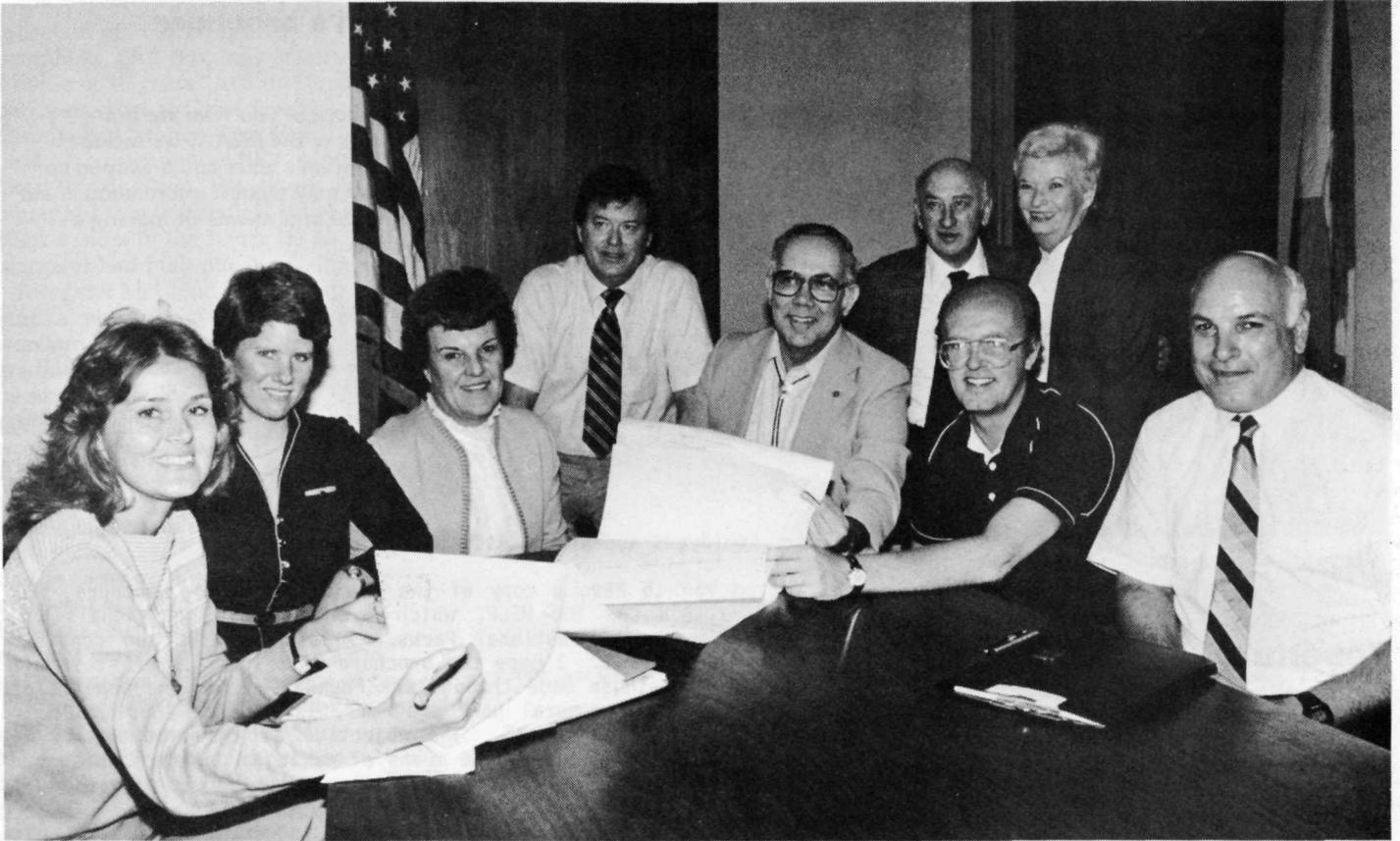
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NPS E&AA Task Force report



(From left) Debbie Trout, Great Smoky Mountains NP, N.C.-Tenn.; Mary Kimmitt, Independence NHP, Pa.; Frances Reynolds, Rocky Mountain Region; Roger Rector (formerly of Petrified Forest NP, Ariz.) Assateague Island NS, Va.-Md.; John Cook, Great Smoky Mountains, Chet Brooks (ret.), Duluth, Minn.; Terry Wood (ret.), Washington, D.C., Executive Secretary, E&AA; Tom Lucke, Southwest Regional Office, and Richard V. Giamberdine, Denver Service Center. (Not in picture: Jim Tobin, Pacific Northwest Region.)

The Task Force appointed by Director Russell E. Dickenson for the revitalization of the Employees and Alumni Association of the National Park Service held its first formal meeting on Oct. 19-20 in the National Capital Region's Conference Room in Washington, D.C. Present were the Chairman, Superintendent John Cook of Great Smoky Mountains National Park; Mary Kimmitt of Independence National Historical Park; Roger Rector, newly appointed Superintendent of Assateague Island National Seashore, Md.-Va.; Jim Tobin, Regional Director of the Pacific Northwest Region, Debra Trout, representing the Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR); Frances Reynolds, E&AA employee representative from the Rocky Mountain Region; Tom Lucke, Southwest Region; Richard V. Giamberdine, E&AA employee

representative from the Denver Service Center; Chester Brooks, recently retired superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., and Terry Wood, Executive Secretary of E&AA and recently retired from the Washington Office.

The current bylaws of the E&AA and the benefits currently derived from membership in E&AA were discussed with special emphasis placed on the updating of the bylaws to today's needs and desires of the employees and the alumni as well as the future ability of the E&AA to offer more benefits to its members.

John Cook will be making numerous recommendations to the Director for his approval and the approval of the E&AA Board on the redefinition of the aims and purposes of the Association, ways and means to interest more employees and alumni in joining the

ranks of the E&AA, and the need to explore new methods for the additional funding of the Education Trust Fund.

The group was honored and pleased to have Director Dickenson visit them assuring them of his continuing interest in and support of the E&AA. The group was also privileged to have former Director Conrad L. Wirth participate in the sessions and to give them the benefit of his support and his expertise in the mission of the E&AA.

Correction

The photo of the Fort McHenry Guard was erroneously labeled as the "Continental Color Guard," in the article that appeared on page 3, October COURIER.

NPS Women— a recap

All NPS women staff, wives, alumnae and alumni wives have been organized nationally since 1952 under bylaws uniting 10 regional representatives into a national board. The board meets at the Director's invitation. This gives recognition of the importance of such a support group for the NPS.

On the regional level at various superintendent's gatherings, accompanying spouses have the opportunity to bring problems and concerns from each field area to the attention of the regional representative, who in turn communicates with the national chairperson. Currently this is Alice Lee, 209 Longwood Dr., Vicksburg, Miss. 39180. (601-636-3432) Each NPS area is encouraged to send a name of an interested woman from its area for a complete at-home mailing list for 334 areas plus 10 regional offices.

NPW promotes friendship on the local level by helping park folks feel acquainted, providing social activities, and raising money for the E&AA Education Trust Fund. Through many years, thousands of dollars have been forwarded to this loan fund for NPS employee dependents from proceeds from unique and creative ways and means. Social events provide fun as well as raise funds. These contributions are sent to E&AA Trust Fund Officer, Pat Smith, National Park Service, Room 2431, 1100 L St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Communication is a main project of NPW. For many years orientation booklets for a park's newcomers have been rewritten and sent by wives to new folks. Such information is helpful in making an easier transition at moving time. If your area has no such booklet, take up the task for us. Ideas were presented in July '83 *COURIER* or you may write to address below for help.

Because our NPS friends are scattered all over the United States and many of our previous regional newsletters have been discontinued, the Pacific Northwest and Alaska regions decided 3 year ago to expand their newsletter to national scope. This was approved at the last national board meeting. The "Breeze-Northwinds" is now published in the Western Region at Redwood National Park, Calif., and is a means of "keeping in touch" with

people and parks. Many folks send in their personal news, which is printed and sent out to subscribers 2 weeks later. This is truly a personal news sheet. It is available for \$3 for three issues a year. A reminder card is sent when news gathering time comes: Jan. 15, Apr. 15, and Sept. 15. Hurry! Address below. Checks: Thelma Warnock.

There has been some mention of a "bed & breakfast" project for NPS folks. Other ideas, comments and possibilities should be addressed to Alice Lee (address above) or to this correspondent. Share your ideas on fund-raising, social events, isolation, newsletter, gripes, housing, projects, living in parks, logo for NPW, retirement, morale, moving, whatever. Write Editor Thelma Warnock, P.O. Box 1602, Crescent City, CA 95531 (707) 458-3373.

Thelma Warnock
NPW Correspondent

Volunteering . . . a gift of time and energy

"It all started in 1962 with a grass fire charging toward a group of tent campers," he commented. "All I could think of at the moment was helping people," and that's what Lloyd Bishop has done as a National Park Service volunteer ever since his retirement in 1962. His alertness and willingness to help others has become a yearly tradition at Kettle Falls campground in Coulee Dam National Recreation Area, Wash.

"Bish" as he is known to his friends, is a spry gentleman of 87 who attributes his good health "to a gypsy way of living." Originally from rural Indiana, he served as an electrician in the Navy during World War I on "the *New Mexico*," the first electrically driven battleship. Other work-adventures took him to the Marmon Motor Car Company and then to the Duzenburg plant where he had the privilege of driving L.L. Corams land speed record car from Pittsburg to Indianapolis—it had no brakes!! In the 1950s Lloyd journeyed cross-country to work for the famed Boeing Corporation and finished up his "full time career" with the Washington State Liquor Board "retiring" in 1962.

Since 1962, "Bish" has spent 21 summers volunteering his time and

energy helping visitors at the Kettle Falls Campground. Every fall when the sun edges toward the south, he packs his bags, hooks up his trailer and heads to Boulder Beach and Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Ariz.-Nev., for his winter job—volunteering.

Lloyd says his only goal in life is "to help other people as much as I can. Its a good feeling to care and be cared about and appreciated." To Lloyd Bishop and our many volunteer friends in the National Park Service—We thank you!

By J. Jerry Rumburg
Chief Park Interpreter
Coulee Dam National Recreation Area,
Wash.



Letter

To the Editor:

Please extend my hearty "Thank you" to all those who answered my plea in the *COURIER* for up-to-date addresses of a considerable list of NPS alumni; I'm sorry I can't write each of these former associates of mine to express my appreciation.

One of the sad reflections I have had from this response has been the several reports of deaths, some of them several years in the past, that have never been mentioned in the *COURIER*. It seems to me that any present or former employee is entitled to an obituary that contains some account of the length and character of his Government service.

I would like to suggest most earnestly that you make a plea—as strong a plea as possible—that any NPS employee or alumnus who hears of or reads of the death of a former employee supply the *COURIER* with as much information as possible about the deceased—a newspaper obituary, personal recollection, or what have you. But please don't tell them to send them to me; I can't take proper care of half the chores that I try to perform.

—Herb Evison

Correction

In the August *COURIER*, we were incorrect in giving Horace Albright's son-in-law's name as Russell. It is Roswell Schenck; and the address is 12045 Viewcrest Road, Studio City, CA 91604.

National Park Rangers Rendezvous

Bill Halainen
Park Ranger
Minute Man National NHP, Mass.

For most of us, the National Park Service is a unique institution, an organization with both high professional standards and strong social foundations. It is both vocation and avocation. But, because of the large number of parks in the System and their remoteness from each other, we often find it hard to meet socially and communicate professionally.

The Association of National Park Rangers, founded in 1977, has met those needs. Its membership has jumped over the ensuing 7 years from 33 to just over 1,200 rangers, and the reasons for its success are apparent to anyone attending one of the Association's annual rendezvous.

Held this past October in Las Vegas, host of last year's Western superintendents' conference, this year's Rendezvous attracted more than 400 members from Kotzebue to the Virgin Islands, and from Hawaii Volcanoes to Acadia. Traveling at their own expense and on their own time, these rangers came together to fraternize, hear speakers, participate in professional workshops, and seek other ways to meet the Association's constitutional mandates of supporting management, raising professional standards and communicating with each other.

The principal days of the meeting were filled with a host of both formal and informal activities.

Three speakers highlighted the opening session on Monday. Associate Director for Management and Operations Stan Albright spoke on current trends and developments at headquarters, and was followed by National Parks and Conservation Association's Destry Jarvis, who offered an outside counterpoint to Service perspective on management. The final speaker, Dave Quarles of Trend Reports, presented a fascinating, humorous and insightful look at future trends in this country and ways in which they will affect the National Park Service.

Tuesday was given over entirely to a wide variety of small workshops in which participants could both listen and respond to recent developments within the Park Service. Among the sessions held this year were workshops on integrated approaches

to interpretive training, uniforms, U.S. Park Police vs. Park Rangers relations, park uses for computers, the role of law in park administration, seasonal supervision, and methods for managing visitor impacts on resources. There were also night meetings on EO, mountain search and rescue, and the new general regulations.

The third and final day was given over to association business, interspersed with the presentation of awards and drawings for the host of items in the annual raffle. The latter included a wide variety of superbly handcrafted objects made and donated by rangers.

But an equally important aspect of the Rendezvous was the unparalleled opportunity to meet with rangers from all over the country, including friends not seen for years.

In short, this Rendezvous, like those of former years, served to raise the morale of rangers from across the country and rekindle their zeal through the stimulation of challenging discussions and meetings. In so doing, the Association met its mandate of supporting both rangers and the Service, and will continue to do so in the future.

Stephen Tyng Mather

By Horace M. Albright

(Editor's Note: This is the last in the series of articles on Deceased Greats, started by Herb Evison several years ago.)

Stephen Tyng Mather was a popular and well known officer of the Department of the Interior when Franklin K. Lane of California was the Secretary in the cabinet of President Woodrow Wilson.

He was Assistant to the Secretary from January 1915 to May 1917 and then Director of the National Park Service from May 1917 to January 1929. He was the leading promoter of legislation to create the National Park Service and was its first Director, being well remembered for many goals he achieved while serving in this position. He passed away January 22, 1930 and, for more than 50 years, has rested with generations of his family in the little cemetery near the property of the Mather Homestead in Darien, Conn. This house was built by his ancestor in Colonial days and declared a Registered National Historic Landmark in 1964.

However, few remember Mr. Mather, the distinguished individual. I am often asked about Stephen Mather's appearance, his physical characteristics, his temperament, his interests aside from his official activities—even his business from which he was semi-retired after earning a modest fortune. I have always found it difficult to accurately describe an individual, but I will try to outline the principal features of this remarkable man with whom I was



closely associated for 15 years.

Stephen Mather was an impressive man. He was 47 years old when he came to Washington, D.C. He was over 6 feet tall, athletic, vigorous, strong features, slightly ruddy complexion with expressive eyes, a rare shade of blue, and a shock of prematurely white hair. He was keenly interested in many things, spoke expressively and enthusiastically as his mind darted from subject to subject. He was essentially a newspaper man, a public relations man.

Mather was born in San Francisco July 4, 1867, the son of Joseph and Bertha Mather. His father was in the export-import business there from 1864 to 1888. Stephen was educated in the schools of San Francisco and graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in the class of

1887, 2 months before his 20th birthday. During summer vacations, he worked in various places, one year selling books in villages and mining camps in the foothills of the Cascades and Sierra Nevada, which probably accounted for his early love of mountains, hiking and horseback riding. On leaving college, he became a reporter on the *New York Sun*. For 5 years he worked under the famous editor Charles A. Dana and acquired a genius for publicity which he later employed to convince Congress and his countrymen of the vital importance of a national park system.

In the meantime, his father, having come to New York to live, became the agent there for the Pacific Coast Borax Company, and, after Stephen's stint on the *New York Sun*, he joined his father in the Borax business. One of his better known achievements was to design the famous logo of the Twenty Mule Team for the company's products. He had the trade name patented, an early Washington experience. When a Chicago office was opened, Stephen was placed in charge, and Chicago became his permanent home.

After an illness around the turn of the century, he decided to leave the company and search for a deposit of boron-bearing ores and initiate a borax business with a friend, Thomas Thorkildsen. They were successful and, in the course of a decade, had a profitable business of moderate dimensions. They were, however, limited by the extent of their mine's production of raw material for their refinery. Mr Mather was in charge of refinery operations and sales of products with a Chicago office while his partner directed mining operations in California. As the mineral deposits became depleted, the partners had to buy boron ores from the Pacific Coast Borax Company. With expansion of their business limited, Mather's duties left him time for his outdoor activities, enjoyment of his family and a certain amount of travel.

This was not enough for a man of Stephen Mather's temperament. He took up the challenge of Franklin K. Lane to come to Washington and try to establish a national park service, a task left undone by his predecessor Adolph Miller and others before him. His talents, energy and enthusiasm

focused on this project and fulfilled him for the remainder of his life.

To be concluded next month.

What to do when your check doesn't arrive

The Office of Personnel Management has announced new procedures for dealing with lost annuity checks. According to OPM instructions, an annuitant should wait until the fifth mail delivery day after the annuity check date before contacting his or her local post office. Then the annuitant should sign a postal tracer form or write a letter stating the check was not received. In either case, the annuitant should be sure to include his or her CSA or CSF number, full name and address, and the expected receipt date of the missing check.

Signed letters may be sent to:
**Annuitant Services Division,
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FYI

Automated Merit Promotion System Development underway

By Mary J. Rinker
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The Branch of Employee Evaluation and Staffing, Personnel Division, in the Washington Office is currently developing an Automated Merit Promotion System. Under this system, individuals interested in being considered for vacancies in occupations covered by the system would submit one application/questionnaire to be used for consideration for any vacancies which arise in their areas of interest throughout the Service. Applications would be rated and ranked and a list of highly-qualified candidates developed through use of a computerized rating and ranking process. Applicants would be notified of their consideration for a position. The Branch of Employee Evaluation and Staffing expects the system to be in place within the next 2 years.

The Park Ranger occupation is the prototype for the proposed system. A job analysis of Park Ranger positions that will determine the major duties and the knowledges, skills, and abilities (KSA's) required of incumbents is being conducted through interviews with managers and employees in the regional and field offices. The study will also involve the use of questionnaires and other data-gathering methods prior to implementation of the system.

It is anticipated that the Automated Merit Promotion System will substantially reduce the amount of time and paperwork required to fill vacancies—a major concern of employees and management officials. If the test phase proves successful for Park Ranger positions, other

occupations will be included in the system as appropriate.

Written comments and suggestions concerning the Automated Merit Promotion System are welcome and should be sent to the Branch of Employee Evaluation and Staffing, Personnel Division (in Washington).

Interpretive Skills course

Thirty-two park rangers and technicians from California and Hawaii attended the fifth interpretive skills course presented in the Western Region during the fiscal year 1983.

A one-week Advanced Interpretive Skills course was conducted at the Yosemite Institute by the Mather Training Center and the Western Region Division of Interpretation as part of the Park Service effort to provide professional skills training for all Park Service interpreters.

Dick Cunningham, chief of Interpretation, WRO, said, "The number of courses available at our training center cannot meet the needs of the parks. We must find a way to localize our training at the Regional level to meet our interpreter's needs. We look forward to the day when interpretive skills training will be a mandatory course requirement in the same manner as law enforcement skills," he added.

Toward that goal WRO held five skills courses during the past year. Two were held in Arizona and California and one in Hawaii. Some 100 park interpreters received training in either basic or advanced training during these sessions.

Instructors were Dave Todd, Southern Arizona Group Office; Marti Leicester, Santa Monica Mountains National Park, Calif.; Robert E. Lee, Fort Point National Historic Site, Calif.; Jerry Shimoda, Pu'uohonua O Honaunau Historic Park, Hawaii; Mike Watson, Mather Training Center; Tom White, Southern Arizona Group Office; Jon Ericson, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park; and Dick Cunningham, Western Regional Office.

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Books

A year of books on the Indiana Dunes

By Dale Engquist
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Since well before the turn of the 20th century there has been a struggle to preserve the Indiana Dunes. It is a struggle between conflicting land use values—between the forces of economic development and preservation. The conflict continues today, 60 years after the creation of the State park and almost 20 years after the National Lakeshore was established. To understand the Dunes today and to manage its resources one must understand its past, not only its natural history but also its human and political history.

Although there is voluminous literature on the Dunes, this year has turned out to be the year of new books. A theologian has written the *Sacred Sands*, two longtime residents have authored the *Duel for the Dunes*, and the Eastern National Park and Monument Association has published *The Indiana Dunes*.

J. Ronald Engel's book *Sacred Sands, The Struggle for Community in the Indiana Dunes*, was released last spring (Wesleyan University Press, \$22.95). Kay Franklin and Norma Schaeffer's book *Duel for the Dunes, Land Use Conflict on the Shores of Lake Michigan* will be published soon (University of Illinois Press, \$18.95). Both books are histories of the long and often bitterly fought battle to save the dunes. For more than 100 years, and intensively for the last 70, a battle has been waged pitting preservationists against industry, Illinois against Indiana and, sometimes also, the people against their own elected representatives. Both books do a thorough job of chronicling the struggle and its long and significant cast of characters including Stephen Mather, poet Carl Sandburg, ecologist Henry Cowles, landscape architect Jens Jensen, Hull House's Jane Addams, the late Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois and many more.

Dr. Engel reports on the "save the dunes" movement from the viewpoint

of a philosopher and theologian. The dunes preservation is treated as part of the progressivism movement of the Midwest as a "... battle ground in the struggle for social justice and environmental preservation." He concentrates more on the early years. Although he includes references to a modern-day struggle to defeat a proposed nuclear power plant on the borders of the national lakeshore and a few later events, his history ends largely with the authorization of the national lakeshore in 1966. The politics of the struggle is included but he concentrates more on the artists, poets, scientists, social reformers and thinkers. His book explains why so many people have fought for so long and with such devotion for their dunes. For them the dunes meant more than a park or pleasuring ground. To them the Indiana Dunes is a sacred symbol and the "save the dunes" movement a lay religion.

Kay Franklin and Norma Schaeffer are, as their book title suggests, less philosophical and more pragmatic. They take a closer look at the history of the dunes since the authorization of the lakeshore, including present management, conflicts over further expansion and the Park Service's proposal for planning and development.

The debate over land use and values is not unique but the intensity and length of the struggle is. While very significant battles were won in the dunes preservation movement, often against overwhelming odds, major battles were also lost. The towering and extensive central dunes were bulldozed into the marshes and lakes, and the area is now home to steel mills and the Port of Indiana. The national lakeshore's 13,000 acres surround residential communities and abut three steel mills and two power plants. Still, much of the best of the dunes has been preserved within the boundaries of the national lakeshore and the State park, even while the struggle to ensure preservation continues.

The Indiana Dunes (Eastern Acorn Press, \$3.95), written by Chief Interpreter Larry Waldron, with photographs by former interpreter Robert Daum, graphically illustrates the benefits of preservation victories. The land, the lake, the plants, the dunes and the bogs are described and beautifully illustrated. The book concentrates on natural history showing why Indiana Dunes is often referred to as the birthplace of ecology

in North America and why, in its present-day land forms, one finds the history of continental glaciation so well illustrated. His book does not ignore the human history. The people's relation with the land is part of the natural history story; human history is summarized in the chapter on "People."

(Editor's Note: This was originally published in longer form in the Fall issue of *Park Science*.)

Monarchs of the Mist, by Joseph E. Brown, Coastal Parks Association, Point Reyes, Calif.

The layout and design of this book certainly convey the feeling of majesty due to the redwoods, but the chapters within are not only majestic, but thickly informative. Filled with beautiful pictures, it quotes from Thoreau and through poetic descriptions, the reader is filled with awe and interest.

The redwoods are one of the few sights declared as a World Heritage Site, keeping company with Australia's Great Barrier Reef, the pyramids and the Grand Canyon. They are "living links to the age of dinosaurs."

The book not only concentrates on the stars of the Redwood National Park, but also includes the ocean, rivers and prairies as star billings whose vastness "dwarfs, humbles, and overwhelms the human mind and spirit."

Though filled with many naturalist and scientific facts that the ordinary reader might skip over, the book does answer any question you might have as to the history, surroundings and uniqueness of the *Monarchs of the Mist*.

—Dawn Currie-Scott.

The Overland Migrations narrated by David Lavender, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial National Historical Association and National Park Service, Washington, D.C.

NPS has combined David Lavender's attentive narration for detail and photographic impressions of modern sites with historic sketches, paintings and diary fragments to successfully capture the adventure and fear of the first overland pioneers.

The book is divided into three sections, each one adding a layer of reality to the immigrant "movers"

experience for our own day. The first section is filled with panoramic views of the natural wonders that met the traveller's eyes. The second brings the good and bad of the characters and their trip to life in narration coupled with sketches, paintings and words from the traveller's first-hand experience. Lavender traces not only the everyday activities, but also the overall work involved just to advance the road for the day's travel. He follows those going to Oregon, those to California, the fortunates and unfortunates like the Donner party who was stranded in 22 feet of snow and left to cannibalism.

Included in this work are stories of the pilgrimages of the Mormons to Salt Lake City and the gold seeker's rush. The reader is absorbed into the time span, by being aware of what was happening on the trail, in Congress, at war, abroad and just over the hill with the Indian tribes.

All along, places of importance and interest to the settlers are pointed out and compared to their present state to make visiting these monuments a two-phase enjoyment. The last section of the book singles out 15 national parks to visit and learn from. They are depicted in pictures with short captions relating to the narrated tale within.

Throughout, the book is educational in depth without letting the reader know he is being educated. The narration is captivating and easily read in one sitting. An excellent preparation for a family vacation or singular outing to one of the parks that commemorate the overland migrations.

—Dawn Currie-Scott.

Views of Cedar Breaks, by Beth Gilchrist, Zion Natural History Association, Zion National Park, Utah.

This is a special Golden Anniversary pamphlet to commemorate Franklin D. Roosevelt's establishment of over 6,000 acres of limestone formation as a national park.

The pamphlet/booklet is filled with panoramics and close-ups of the color, wildlife and formations unique to Cedar Breaks. It not only depicts Cedar Breaks in all of its seasons, but also shows the gorgeous results of Cedar Breaks frequent inclement weather such as August hailstorms and splendid rainbows.

—Dawn Currie-Scott.

Shenandoah conducts bear population study

By Arthur Miller
MAR Public Affairs Officer

With more visitors hiking and camping in the backcountry, Shenandoah National Park, Va., needs more basic knowledge about its sizable population of black bears.

"We want to maintain a healthy bear population in the park," says Superintendent Robert R. Jacobsen. "But we also want to separate the bears from the people."

To get more information, the park is collaborating with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute (V.P.I.) and State University to conduct the first comprehensive study of bears ever made in the 300-square-mile park.

"We want to know how far they range, what kind of habitat they prefer, where they den for the winter and how many we have in the park," says Dave Haskell, the park's resource management specialist.

The National Park Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service are jointly funding the 3-year field study. Michael Vaughan, leader of the Virginia Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at V.P.I. directs it. The Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries is also interested in the results and lends assistance.

The field work began in the spring of 1982 when the V.P.I. team trapped and tranquilized 130 bears. While each animal was tranquilized, the biologists weighed and measured it, took a blood sample, made a paw print, extracted a premolar tooth to be analyzed to determine the bear's age, then applied antiseptic to the tooth area and drops to the eyes. The heaviest bear captured weighed 350 pounds.

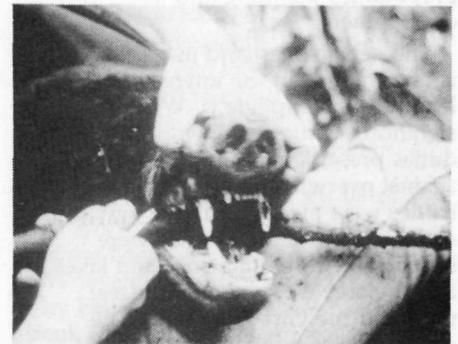
From the 130, the field team selected 29, half of them male, half female. Each was fitted with a light collar carrying a radio transmitter as well as a blue or yellow ear tag.



Jeff Waldron and Alison Teetor plot radio telemetry bearings on black bears on a topographic map. Shenandoah NP, Va.



Alison Teetor turns the antenna until the signal comes in strongest on her radio receiver in the Shenandoah Bear Survey.



Extracting a molar from a captured black bear. Biologists will saw through the tooth and read the rings as they do tree rings to determine the bear's age. Part of the VPI research survey at Shenandoah.

Alison Teetor, a wildlife management graduate from Colorado State University, and Jeff Waldon, a student intern from V.P.I. showed me how they track the bears by radio telemetry.

In a four-wheel-drive pickup truck, we bounced along fire and service roads in the park. From time to time,

Alison would slide out of the truck, climb a nearby rock and aim a radio receiver antenna in the direction of the last-known location of a bear.

"If I hear a rapid beep-beep," she explained, "I know the bear is up and moving. If the beeps come slowly, the bear is probably resting or sleeping."

For each signal the receiver picked

Photos by Art Miller.

Deaths

up, she or Jeff drew a bearing on a grid map. Where several bearings from different listening points crossed, they pinpointed a bear's location. This on-the-ground monitoring is supplemented once a week with an aerial survey of bear movements. With telemetry equipment on its wings, a light plane crisscrosses the park's tree-covered hollows picking up bear signals (each bear transmitter has its individual frequency) for use in plotting bear locations on a map. The researchers then correlate the patterns of bear movements with other factors such as the vegetation, people present in the area, topography, remoteness and type of forest cover.

"A female may forage for berries and leaves in one area in the summer, but seek a den in a different part of the park for the winter," Alison explained.

The data from the field surveys is fed into a computer at V.P.I. "If we didn't have this calculating capacity, it would take months to organize and analyze all of our readings," said Vaughan. After the computer has done its work, the V.P.I. team will display on a map the seasonal movements of its sample of 29 bears in four selected regions of the park. From the information collected, the team will be able to answer questions about whether bear travel patterns take them outside the park and back in again, whether males travel more than females and what kind of mischief bears get into with local farmers.

"From this research, we hope to learn what makes a good habitat for bears," said Haskell. "That in turn will enable us to locate campgrounds and trails and other visitor areas in locations that are not favorite spots for the bears."



Black bear browsing.

James Baxter Myers of Fairfax, Va., died Oct. 2 in the Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C. He was a native of Mt. Sidney, Va., was a retired employee of the National Park Service, and a Navy Veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Faulconer Myers of Fairfax, one brother, Harry Lee Myers of Mt. Sidney, Va.; one sister, Elizabeth M. Lisle of Richmond; two nieces and one nephew.

J. Barton Herschler, 86, former superintendent of Saguaro National Monument, Ariz., died Oct. 17. Mr. Herschler began his Park Service career in 1928 as a ranger at Grand Canyon National Park. The following year he was transferred to Yosemite National Park and in 1930 he was named as custodian of Muir Woods National Monument in California.

In 1938 he became chief park ranger

of Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado and remained there until 1955, when he was promoted to superintendent of the former Millerton Lake National Recreation Area in California.

Mr. Herschler, a native of Ashland, Ohio, retired in 1958, after serving 29 years with the Park Service.

He is survived by his wife, Edith; a daughter, Wilma Diamond of Tucson; a granddaughter, Christine Johnson, Houston; and three great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth (Betty) Skinner, 75, wife of Curtis Skinner who retired as assistant superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park, Wash., in 1960, died in a Salt Lake County Medical Center in Oct. She and her husband upon his retirement built a home on the seashore near Newport, Oreg. In 1962, they sold their home and moved to her birthplace in Salt Lake City, Utah. Her husband, 83, survives her.



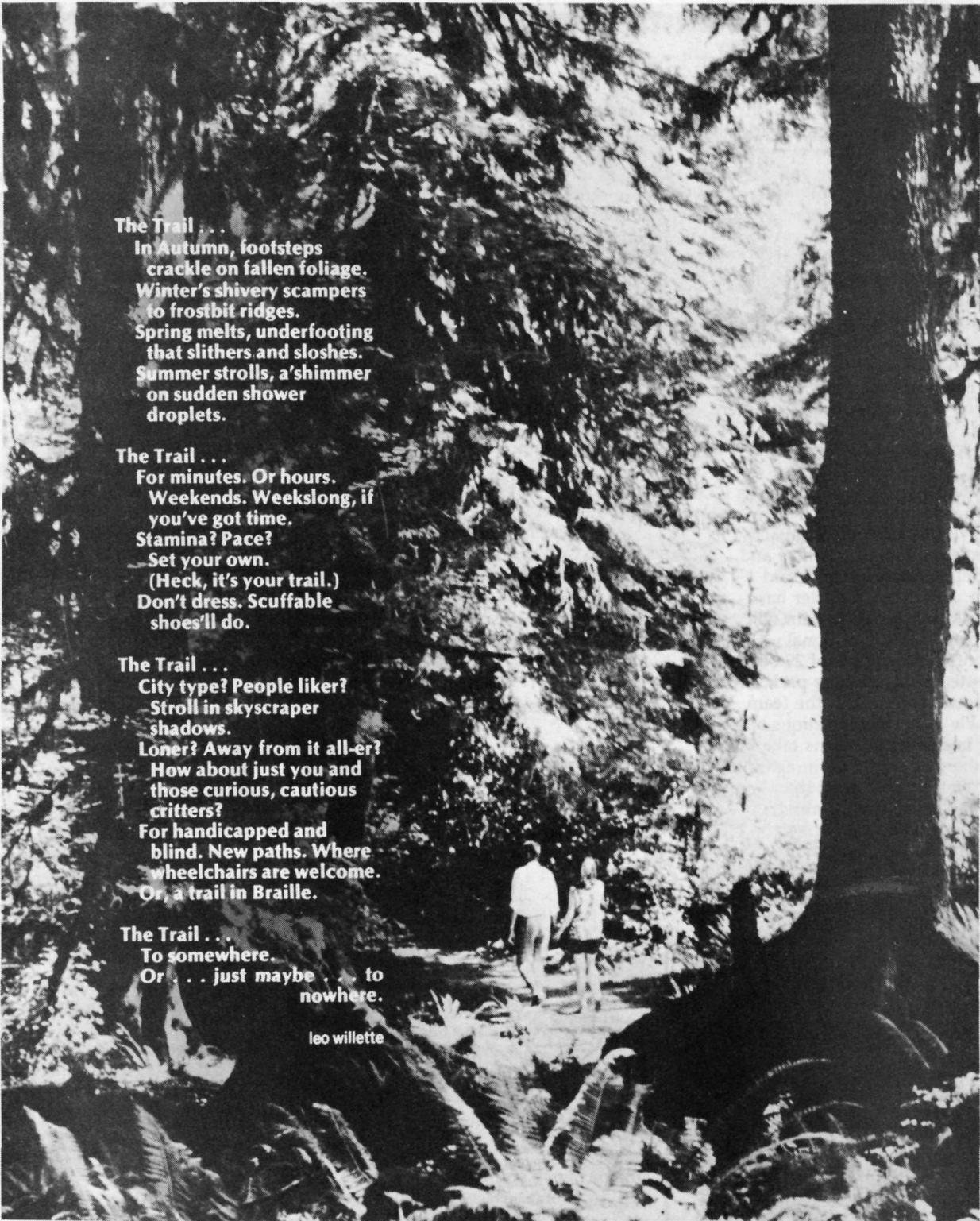
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crackle on fallen foliage.
Winter's shivery scampers
to frostbit ridges.
Spring melts, underfooting
that slithers and sloshes.
Summer strolls, a'shimmer
on sudden shower
droplets.

The Trail . . .

For minutes. Or hours.
Weekends. Weekslong, if
you've got time.
Stamina? Pace?
Set your own.
(Heck, it's your trail.)
Don't dress. Scuffable
shoes'll do.

The Trail . . .

City type? People liker?
Stroll in skyscraper
shadows.
Loner? Away from it all-er?
How about just you and
those curious, cautious
critters?
For handicapped and
blind. New paths. Where
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