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## President Proposes \$1.5 Billion for Parks, Refuges

By Dan Hughes

President Ford, in a speech before Old Faithful geyser in Yellowstone National Park Aug. 29, unveiled a proposal that would provide \$1.5 billion over the next 10 years for land acquisition, increased staffing, improved maintenance and rehabilitation of deteriorating areas in the Nation's park and wildlife refuge systems.

At the same time, the President advocated doubling the size of the Nation's parklands and refuges. This would be achieved largely through enactment of legislation that would create millions of acres of new parks and refuges in the wilderness of Alaska.

Calling it "our Bicentennial birthday present to the next generation and future generations," President Ford sent to Congress Sept. 1, the proposed Bicentennial Land Heritage Act.

### Land Acquisition

The legislation calls for \$141 million to be used to acquire land for parks, wildlife refuges, recreation areas and historic sites through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. The appropriation would provide \$110 million to acquire lands in authorized areas of the National Park System and \$31 million for wildlife refuge lands. The \$141 million comes from a backlog in as yet unappropriated monies already in the fund.

The NPS money would be spent to meet 1977 priorities for land acquisition in 11 park areas. Included are Appalachian National Scenic Trail, which stretches from Maine to Georgia, \$627,000 to organize a land acquisition program; Big Cypress National Preserve, Fla., \$30 million for the purchase of 128,727 acres; Big Thicket National Preserve, Tex., \$37,391,000 for the purchase of



President Ford waves to the crowd at Yellowstone National Park after announcing his \$1.5 billion proposal to upgrade the National Park and Wildlife Refuge Systems. Joining dignitaries on the podium with the President were Director Gary Everhardt and Yellowstone Superintendent John Townsley.

49,534 acres; Canaveral National Seashore, Fla., \$1.5 million for 118 acres; Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Ohio, \$18.7 million for 12,056 acres; Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Pa.-N.J., \$2,495,000 for 2,684 acres, and Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, \$1 million for 400 acres.

Other areas affected are the recently authorized Klondike National Historical Park, Alaska, \$2,565,000 for 824 acres; Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nev.-Ariz., \$500,000 for 596 acres; Lower St. Croix National Scenic River, Minn.-Wis., \$4 million for 1,380 acres and

Valley Forge National Historical Park, Pa., \$6,222,000 for 156 acres.

The NPS now purchases about 60,000 acres annually, using approximately \$77 million from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. At this time 559,608 more acres and \$449,631,713 are required to purchase lands in Congressionally authorized park and recreation areas and historic sites of the National Park System.

### Development

Another part of the President's proposal would provide

\$700 million for the development of new and existing parklands and refuges. The money is to be appropriated immediately and be available over the next 10 years. Of this appropriation, \$500 million is earmarked for national park units. The funds are to be used to implement park and refuge master plans, which include visitor facilities, roads and trails, resource management tools and such additional improvements as may be necessary.

The proposal also calls for \$459 million (of which \$259 million is to be immediately appropriated) for upgrading and in-

creased staffing of national park and wildlife refuge systems. The \$259 million is to be used for rehabilitation of deteriorated facilities, with \$194.3 million for national parks and the remainder for wildlife refuges. Emphasis to be given to those areas where public use opportunities are greatest. The \$200 million is to be made available over the next 10 years to provide 1,500 new permanent positions (1,000 for NPS). This represents a 12 percent increase in NPS permanent manpower. The President proposed an appropriation of \$20 million annually (\$13 million for NPS) to ensure the protection of natural resources and to meet the increasing public demand.

The President also proposed an increase of \$200 million in 1977 for the Community Development Bloc Grant Program of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Cities and States receiving these funds will be urged to give high priority to upgrading their existing parks, particularly those in urban areas.

In his Yellowstone speech, President Ford said: "This initial commitment may mean we will have to trim some waste and tighten our belts elsewhere but it is the soundest investment I can envision in the future of America. We must act now to prevent the loss of treasures that can never be replaced."

Director Gary Everhardt called the Bicentennial Land Heritage Program "an initiative that demonstrates that we are a nation concerned for the quality of our future. . . . We in the National Park Service are elated with the Presidential initiative. We believe it demonstrates a national love and concern for our beautiful land and it gives us all the impetus and hope that we can get the job done," he said.

## E&AA Biennial Election Scheduled

Members of the Employees and Alumni Association in four regions, the Denver Service Center and the Washington Office will be voting in October to fill vacancies on the E&AA Board for 4-year terms beginning Jan. 1.

There are seven separate contests in this biennial election of the Association. The Denver Service Center employees will choose between incumbent Mary F. Benson, Glennie Murray Wall, and William B. Hall, for their employee representative.

In the Mid-Atlantic Region, alumni will select their representative from three contend-

ers—Eugene DeSilets, Ross F. Sweeny, and Peter DeGelleke.

In National Capital Parks, incumbent alumni representative Theodore T. Smith is running unopposed for his seat.

The Pacific Northwest Region will select its employee representative from candidates Jim Thompson, Lowell White, and incumbent Edward Kurtz.

The Southeast Region will choose both an employee and alumni representative. Vying for the employee seat are incumbent Vern Ingram, Len Hall and Chuck Watson. Incumbent George Fry is running for reelection to his alumni seat against Granville Liles and Ben

Moomaw.

In the Washington Office, three candidates are seeking the employee representative seat—Bobbie Woodside, Duncan Morrow and Bill Everhart.

Ballots are enclosed in this issue of the Courier, along with biographical sketches of the candidates. Only E&AA members in regions or offices with candidates are allowed to vote—and only for their particular contests. In other words employees in DSC, WASO, PNWR and SER are eligible to vote, along with alumni in MAR, NCP and SER.

Because of the expansion of the Board 2 years ago, with the

addition of two new regions—North Atlantic and Rocky Mountain—14 board members are not up for election this year. They include: Mid-Atlantic employee representative Wallace Elms; Midwest Region employee representative William Birdsell and alumni representative Raymond Rundell; Southwest Region employee representative Monte Fitch and alumni representative Carl Walker; Western Region employee representative Curtis O'Sullivan and alumni representative Thomas Allen; North Atlantic employee representative Ray O'Dell and alumni representative Nash Castro; Harpers Ferry employee repre-

sentative Richard Russell; NCP employee representative Hugh C. Muller; Rocky Mountain employee representative Wayne W. Bryant and alumni representative Bill Bowen, and Pacific Northwest Region alumni representative Harvey Reynolds.

Ballots must be received at E&AA election center no later than Oct. 31. Please mail your ballot to Eunice B. Young, Executive Secretary, National Park Service Employees and Alumni Association, Room 3207, 1100 L St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. You'll find your ballot on Page 5. Biographical sketches begin on Page 4.

## 60 Years of NPS

## August 25 Celebration Commemorates Founders Day

On August 25th, employees, alumni, and friends of the National Park Service gathered to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the establishment of NPS and the 20th anniversary of the launching of the Mission 66 program. Following a social hour and buffet dinner in the beautiful surroundings of the National Geographic Society Membership Building near Gaithersburg, Md., a Founders Day Commemorative program was conducted in the auditorium with Director Gary Everhardt presiding.

"Mission 66 Revisited," a 1976 report on the program written by Howard Stagner was distributed to the guests.

## NPS Pride

Director Everhardt remarked on the significance of the date, and expressed pride in the role throughout the years that the Park Service has had in the preservation of our national heritage. He said that he thought Lon Garrison was probably the person at the gathering with the earliest record of NPS employment, having started in 1932—(and having grown a fascinating goatee since last seen by many!). But no, there was also Albert Cox, who started in 1931; and Ted Smith, who came to the Park Service 50 years ago as a seasonal at Yellowstone.

Deputy Director Bill Briggie and his wife, Dottie, were recognized; and then a telegram of "congratulations and fond regards" from former Director Horace Albright was read.

Gary Everhardt then made the announcement that President Ford would ask Congress for \$1.5 billion "to enhance the Nation's commitment to the preservation of its natural, historical, and recreational resources," and added that an announcement of this proposal would be officially made at Yellowstone National Park, the following Sunday, August 29th.

A film was then presented. The film, which had been produced by the Park Service at Yellowstone in 1966, showed former Director Albright, reminiscing about the signing of the Organic Act of Aug. 25, 1916. The second Park Service Director, dressed in colorful lumber-jacket and hiking boots, casually leaned against a tree in the sun-lit wooded area, and recounted with enthusiasm the exciting events that had led up to the memorable day the historic document was signed. He told how he sent the telegram to then Director Mather, who was his boss at the time. (Albright became Director in 1929.)

## Mission 66

Connie Wirth, sixth Director of NPS, took over the program then to reflect on and to commemorate Mission 66. Connie started out by saying, "I have nothing prepared here. I just want to say that everyone helped!" Connie mentioned some of the roles various persons had played in the great drama; and called attention to Brad Patterson of the then Sec-

retary's office, who had been so helpful at the time. Wirth continued to emphasize that . . . "every soul had a part in it." And . . . "when my book is printed, you'll find out . . . there's some good stuff in it, and I think you'll find it interesting."

"I was really worried about the parks back in 1955," Connie said. "They were just being loved to death, over-crowded, lack of staff, poor facilities, bad roads. I was really worried, and I didn't know what we were going to do about it. Then I decided one day that we weren't asking for enough money. We weren't thinking BIG enough! We had to expand our ideas about the Park Service, if we were going to get anywhere with it."

Connie Wirth went on to explain how he dreamed up this idea. He thought, "Why not start from scratch, why not throw away the routine ways of doing things and get back to fundamentals . . . define clearly what the National Park Service task is, figure out where we need to go, how to get there, and what it will cost in time, effort, and money."

On Feb. 8, 1955, Director Wirth presented his ideas to his staff and a newly chosen task force—seven men of varied professions and experience. They were William Carnes, chief landscape architect, who would serve as chairman of the group; Harold Smith, assistant chief, programs and plans control; Robert Coates, chief of economics and statistics; Jack Dodd, assistant chief forester; Roy Appleman, staff historian; Ray Freeman, park planner; and Howard Stagner, principal naturalist.

## Crazy Hours

Connie told about how they pulled these people off of their regular jobs and made up this special task force, and they worked in the conference room all kinds of crazy hours—analyzing, anticipating, and planning. There followed a whole year of self-examination, criticism, debate, fact-finding, research, analysis, and exchange of ideas. Every promising source of information and ideas was sought; and then they came up with the name "Mission 66."

A slide program was shown while Connie continued his remarks. He explained that the plan that began to emerge was aimed at bringing the whole Park System up-to-date in 10 years. When President Eisenhower asked the Secretary of the Interior and the Director to present the new program to a Cabinet meeting at the White House, they used the slide program, and the people who had done the work "went right in there and gave the presentation themselves."

"No one could ever say they didn't know what was going on!" added Connie. "From the start, every unit, every function, and every member of the Service responded and participated in the growing challenge of the job."

## Wine Glasses

Some of those who had played a particularly significant role in the great drama were at the gathering that evening. They were called to the front and were each presented a Jamestown wine decanter and wine glass. The hand-blown green glass was made with tools and methods similar to those of 17th-century glassmakers at Colonial National Historical Park, Va. Each one different.

Recipients of the gifts made brief remarks following their acceptance of the gift. They were Bill Carnes, Howard Stagner, Lon Garrison, Ray Freeman, and Brad Patterson. Late-comers to the Mission 66 program who were also recognized were Marty Martinek now of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in Mich.; Ted Smith of National Capital Parks special events; and Gordon Fredine, International Affairs.

Director Gary Everhardt was

presented a gift by former Director Wirth of several souvenir glasses that had been especially made to commemorate Mission 66. More anecdotes were shared to the accompaniment of laughter and hand-clapping. The party ended on a nostalgic note with Ray Freeman's story about the jars of aspirin and hard-rock candy, and his throw-away line . . . "and that's how we got the job done!"



Photos by Clare Ralston

Those who played key roles in the Mission 66 program were presented with gift wine decanters and wine glasses at the Aug. 25 Founders Day get-together. Among those receiving gifts from Director Everhardt were former Director Connie Wirth, left, and retired Albright Training Center Director Lon Garrison.

## President Reunited with Ranger Cronies

President Ford made his proposal for a Bicentennial Land Heritage Program at Yellowstone National Park on Sunday, Aug. 29, before a crowd of 6,000 near Old Faithful.

Superintendent John A. Townsley opened the ceremony and introduced Rev. Warren Ost, the director of "A Christian Ministry in National Parks," who gave the invocation. Interior Secretary Thomas S. Kleppe then introduced the President of the United States. After President Ford spoke, he shook hands with all those he

could reach, and then left the area by helicopter. Special guests and members of the Washington, D.C., press corps attended a barbecue in the woods near the geyser.

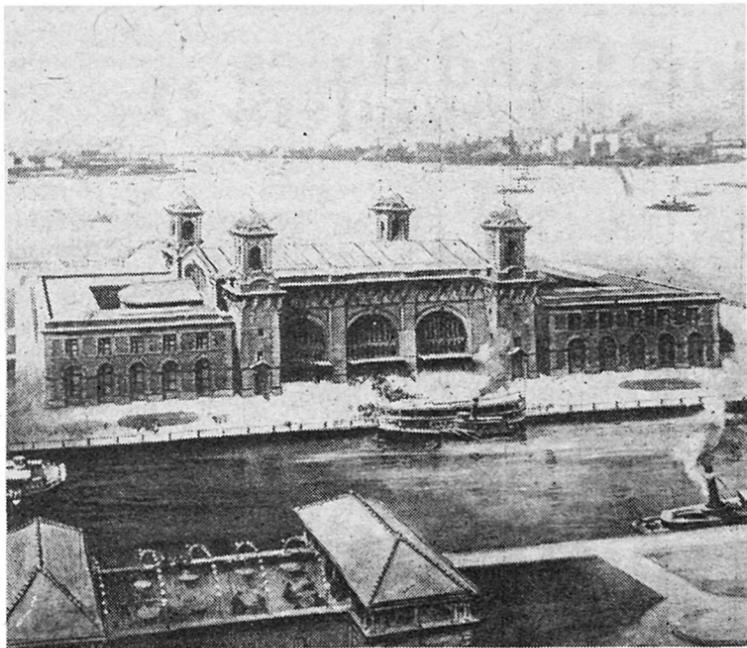
A special luncheon for the President at Artist Point observation area, where he worked as a "buck ranger" during the summer of 1936, had been arranged by Mrs. Jack (Isabel) Haynes. (Isabel Haynes' husband, Jack, and his father before him, were long-time concessioners at Yellowstone—having first started in business

as the Haynes Photography Shop, before the National Park System was established.

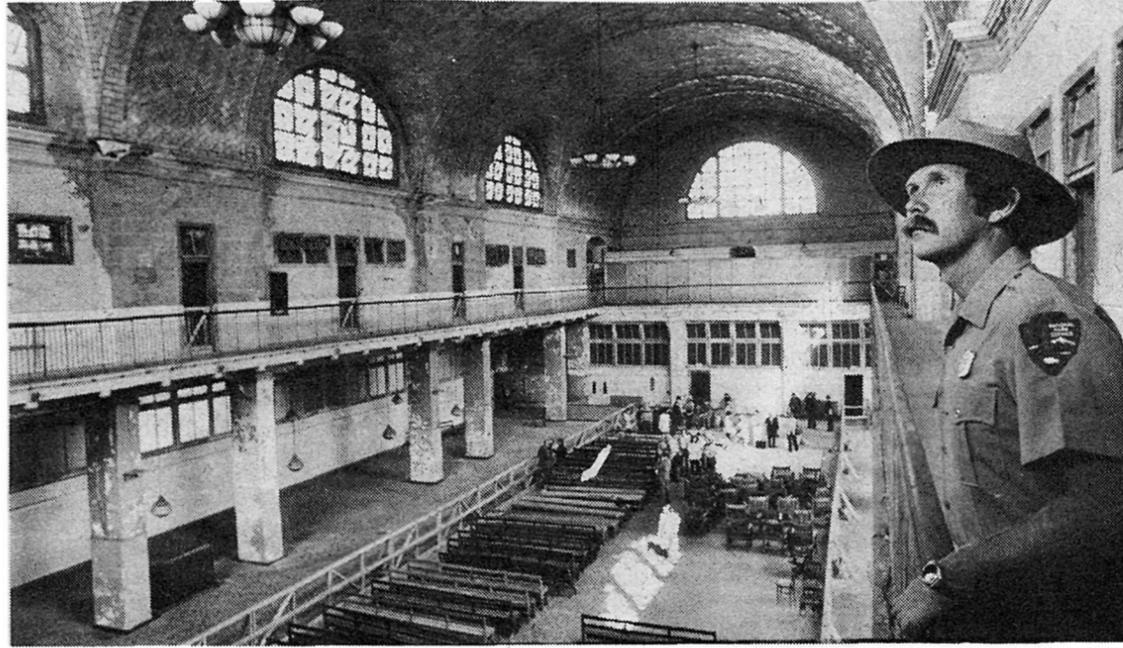
At the luncheon were several of Ford's former co-workers. There was Jack Thune, who had been Ford's roommate in the rangers' quarters, and former Chief Ranger George Baggley, who was Ford's boss that summer. Others who worked with Ford in Yellowstone and attended the luncheon were former rangers Art Jacobson and Scotty Chapman; and Wayne Replogle, who is still on the job.



President Ford took time out for lunch with his former Yellowstone co-workers after his Aug. 29 proposal for upgrading parks and wildlife refuges. Seated (left to right) are Art Jacobson, George Baggley, the President, Wayne Replogle and Jack Thune.



An illustration of Ellis Island from *Harper's Weekly* that appeared in 1898.



Washington Post Photo

Ranger Technician Jerry Price in the Great Hall at Ellis Island—New York Harbor's gateway to the New World for more than 12 million Americans.

## Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor ...

By Naomi L. Hunt

Ellis Island lies in the shadow of the Statue of Liberty. Today its handsome but decaying buildings, unfamiliar to many, still occupy a permanent place in America's history. More than 12 million immigrants passed through its gates between the years 1892 and 1954. And then a generation of rot began.

In 1954, Ellis Island was turned over to GSA, the Federal agency responsible for the disposal of unwanted Government property. The enormous brick and stone buildings were abandoned to time and silence. Pigeons, weeds, and vandals took over for 22 years, while bureaucrats and entrepreneurs quibbled over what should be done with the island and its buildings. Both New York and New Jersey claimed ownership of the island. Mostly Federal, State, and private negotiations languished until September 1956 when it was finally put up for sale.

### Cheap and Tawdry

Fortunately, at this point, considerable sentiment appeared in favor of some sort of memorial use of the island in preference to a commercial use. Telegrams were sent to the President and to GSA from varied sources, urging that the sale be put off to allow time to study its possibilities for preservation as a national historic monument, and charging that it would be "cheap and tawdry" to sell it to a private developer. It should be "set aside as a national memorial to America's immigrants."

The controversy dragged on for nearly 10 more years as the buildings and grounds continued to deteriorate. Finally, it was decided that the simplest method would be for the President to declare Ellis Island a national monument, as he was empowered to do under the American Antiquities Act of 1906.

On May 11, 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed Ellis Island to be a part of Statue of Liberty National Monument, to be administered by the

National Park Service. It was stipulated, however, that no funds appropriated for the administration of the monument should be expended upon the development of Ellis Island except as provided by Congress.

### Devastated

Decay accelerated—aggravated by the depredations of irresponsible man. There was no maintenance. The seawall began to crumble. The roofs developed leaks, then gaping holes. Vandals broke windows, ripped away valuable copper fittings in the machine rooms, destroyed... despoiled... devastated!

"The first time I saw it, I was so ashamed," says Puerto Rican-born Luis Garcia, unit manager of the two-island national monument, a veteran of 10 years in the Park Service. "Just imagine what that place would have been... a shrine for all Americans."

The island is empty now and it is hard to imagine that once there were thousands of people—the babble of voices in so many languages, shouting, laughing, and crying throughout the buildings.

The reception room, where 50-foot tiled ceilings arched high over crowds of more than 1,000, is empty. Light blue paint peels off the walls. Plaster lies in chunks on the floor. Huge windows are overgrown with ivy. The only reminders of the past are the rows and rows of straight-back brown benches where immigrants listened as inspectors called out their numbers in a dozen languages.

The main hall encompasses 60 rooms connected by long gloomy corridors. In the dormitories, rusty cots are piled 6 feet high. The dining hall, complete with antique stoves and steam tables, displays a sign in five languages: "Deposit Trays and Dishes Here."

In the library, where immigrants could read while anxiously waiting, there is only a rusty file cabinet, most of the drawers missing. A few cracked sinks, a pair of dirt-caked boots, a forgotten coat hanging in a corner,

a broken baby crib, a pair of crutches... heartbreaking reminders that one's mother, one's grandfather, "someone I knew" passed through here.

Some came to escape hunger and political or religious persecution. Others, lured by the steamship companies with tales of streets paved with gold, sought a better life, a higher-paying job, a plot of land to farm. And for all, before they were allowed to continue on to their destination in the "new land," must pass through the terrifying "experience" of Ellis Island. Although only a small percentage of the immigrants were detained or deported, it came to be known as the "Isle of Tears."

### Red Tape

All immigrants, faced a battery of inspectors, doctors, and social workers who questioned them through interpreters, who were themselves often harassed and over-worked with Government red-tape, and forms, forms, forms.

Ann Novotny, in her moving account, "Stranger at the Door," wrote... "We were told 'Keep moving' and 'Hurry up' as my group was pushed along one of the dozens of metal railings that divided the room into several passageways, until they reached the first inspector who looked at face, hair, neck, and hands. Interpreters asked, 'What is your age?' 'What work do you do?' 'Do you have a job waiting for you?' 'Who paid your passage?' 'Have you ever been in prison?' 'How much money do you have?' 'Let me see it now.'... On and on went the questions until I got more and more confused.

"Suddenly I was handed a landing card. It was hard to believe that the ordeal was over. My fears were unfounded, the statue in the harbor had not turned her back on me. America had accepted me."

People have an indescribable emotional feeling about this place. In the peak years of 1900 to 1915, as many as 5,000 travelers a day, most of whom spoke no English, swarmed through the Island after a 3-

week ship crossing of the Atlantic.

It has been estimated that about 100 million living Americans can trace their heritages to persons who passed through Ellis Island. Yet, for the most part, the historical remnants of Ellis Island were stolen or destroyed by vandals. And, although the Park Service took over in 1964, it has had little or no money to restore the "greatest shrine in America."

Last year, the first halting steps were taken toward transforming the Island from a shabby ruin into an active memorial to the human ingredients that poured into the American melting pot.

In 1974, Peter Sammartino, 72, chancellor of Fairleigh Dickinson University and a member of the New Jersey Bicentennial Commission, founded the "Restore Ellis Island Committee," and lobbied Congress to appropriate restoration funds. \$1 million was appropriated in 1976.

A small staff was hired of guides and maintenancemen, and for the first time in 22 years, on May 29th of this year, Ellis Island was again open to the public.

Visitors could purchase ferry tickets for \$1.25, which were in addition to the tickets for the boat to the Statue of Liberty National Monument, and were sold only at a tiny kiosk at the Battery Park facility. An average of 350 a day visited Ellis Island this past summer.

In the Main Hall, uniformed

rangers guide visitors along a walkway made of plywood to protect them from falling plaster. Other buildings on the 27-1/2-acre island will remain closed to the public. Current plans for operating the ferry boat and island tours will be discontinued the end of October for this year.

### \$21 Million Needed

What about the future? We don't know yet, but in Congress, the pressure for funding for Ellis Island will likely continue, and the restoration is getting a boost from many others besides. According to Park Service curator Ed Kallop, "to restore the Main Hall alone would probably cost \$21 million. On the other hand, a visitor recently commented, 'I believe every immigrant or child of immigrants would be happy to contribute at least \$10 to see this place restored. Just multiply that by 100 million.'"

At a ceremony marking the opening of the site last May, Director Everhardt said, "If the Bicentennial is to have genuine meaning, it must be as an inquiry into, and a celebration of America's history, and that history cannot be considered apart from the arrival of millions of immigrants at Ellis Island."

(Note: Thomas M. Pitkin, former chief historian for NPS, is the author of an illustrated book, "Keepers of the Gate, A History of Ellis Island, published by New York University Press, 1975.)

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# Biographies of E&AA Election Candidates

## Denver Service Center

### Employee Nominees

#### Mary F. Benson

Mary has been associated with the Park Service since the early 1940's when she married Forrest M. Benson, Jr., an NPS employee in 1942. They have been assigned to 12 areas in offices from Washington, D.C., to Hawaii and points in between. They have three grown children, a daughter, Teri, who is a registered nurse working on her masters degree in maternal childcare at Loma Linda, Calif.; a son, Bob, who manages a radio station in Vicksburg, Miss.; and a son, Bill, who is completing his senior year at the University of California, Hayward. Mary joined the ranks of NPS employees in 1969, when she started working in the branch of Historic Architecture in the Western Service Center in San Francisco. She is now a program assistant with the Mid-Atlantic/North Atlantic team in the Denver Service Center.

#### William B. Hall

After a 4-year stretch in the Navy, Bill became a Park Service employee at the Eastern Service Center in Washington, D.C., as an engineering draftsman. In 1971, he was transferred to the Denver Service Center. Pursuing improvement in his career, he became an engineering technician and began night school in the field of civil engineering. He will receive an associate degree in civil engineering in December. He became acting chief of the Branch of Drafting Service in December 1975, and was appointed to that position in June. He plans to continue his career with NPS, as well as furthering his education by obtaining a bachelors degree in civil engineering.

#### Glennie Murray Wall

Glennie, a cultural resources specialist with the Division of Quality Control and Compliance, entered the NPS in 1966 at the Horace Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon National Park. Her first assignment was as a park ranger at Pipestone National Monument, Minn., from 1966-68. She then transferred to Herbert Hoover National Historic Site, Iowa, for another 2-year assignment. She has also worked as a landmark specialist in the Western Regional Office and with the President's Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. A 1965 graduate of Portland State College, Glennie is married and has two daughters, Melinda and Lise.

## Mid-Atlantic Region

### Alumni Nominees

#### Eugene R. De Silets

Eugene was a landscape architect and park and parkway planner with the NPS for more than 34 years before retiring in 1968. He came to NPS in 1934 to work with the CCC after graduation from Ohio State University. He worked for many years on the Natchez Trace Parkway, Miss., as a landscape architect before being appointed chief landscape architect for the Eastern Office of Design in 1959. Later he became chief of Development and Planning. After his retirement he became a professor at Pennsylvania State University and also a consultant for the engineering firm of De Leuw, Cather and Co., of Chicago. He now resides with his wife, Emma, at 113 Warrior Road, Drexel Hill, Pa. 19026. They have three sons, Eugene Jr., Robert and Charles, all of whom are married.

#### Ross F. Sweeny

Ross entered the Park Service by way of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1935. He was in and out of the Richmond, Va., Regional Office as both design and field engineer for projects at Statue of Liberty, N.Y.; Salem Maritime, Mass.; Virgin Islands and other areas. After the war, and marriage to his wife, Kit, he became part of the Eastern Design Office involved in providing utilities for growing parks and marine structures at Everglades, Fla.; Isle Royale, Mich.; Fort Sumter, S.C.; Statue of Liberty, and Cape Hatteras, N.C. He retired in 1969. For the past 6 years he has been an hydraulic engineer for Burlington County, N.J., working on flood protection, drainage and environmental planning. Kit is active with the NPS Women's Organization in the Philadelphia area. The Sweeneys have two children, Ross, Jr., and Katherine Gustafson. Ross is now fully retired while remaining active in community and environmental matters.

#### Peter DeGelleke

Peter retired in 1973 as superintendent of Delaware Water Gap NRA, after 27 years with NPS. He worked in the old Northeast Regional Office on the park-and-recreation-area phase of the comprehensive plan for the Delaware River Basin, and as regional chief of State cooperation. He spent about 15 years operating a live-

stock farm in northwestern New Jersey, where he still makes his home. During the Depression, he worked in the Washington, D.C. office in connection with recreational demonstration areas; park, parkway and recreation-area planning programs, and work-control for CCC and ERA work projects. He started his NPS career as a landscape foreman with the CCC in Vermont in 1933. He holds a bachelors degree in landscape architecture from the University of Massachusetts and an honorary doctorate of fine arts degree from the Philadelphia College of Art.

## National Capital Parks

### Alumni Nominee

Ted Smith, former chief of the Division of Special Events, NCP, retired in 1972 after 45 years service and as a retired annuitant is now approaching the 50-year mark. Starting out with NPS in 1926 at Yellowstone, he became one of Superintendent Horace Albright's old-time mounted rangers. After a brief stint in the D.C. disbursing office, Ted transferred back to NPS as chief clerk at Shenandoah, Va. in 1934 during the CCC days, where he participated in FDR's dedication of the park. He also worked as an administrative assistant in Associate Director Demeray's office after the war. In 1951 he became superintendent of Prince William Forest Park, Va., and later special events chief for NCP. In that post he became involved in thousands of events including Inaugurations, Cherry Blossom Festivals, Happy Birthday U.S.A., as well as the many demonstrations that took place in NCP areas in the stormy '60's. He is a member of the Izaak Walton League and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

## Pacific Northwest Region

### Employee Nominees

#### Edward J. Kurtz

A forestry graduate from Colorado State University, Edward J. Kurtz, is now deputy regional director in the Pacific Northwest Region. Prior to being appointed to that position, Ed also served in PNRO as acting associate director, and chief, Office of Operations and Evaluations. He started his NPS career as a park ranger at Isle Royale National Park, Mich., after which he was assigned to Rocky Mountain National Park as a district ranger. He then served as chief ranger at Colonial NHP, Va., and Natchez

Trace Parkway, Miss. At Natchez he was promoted to assistant superintendent. He has been superintendent of Bryce Canyon National Park, Utah, and general superintendent of the San Francisco Bay Area Group at Point Reyes.

#### James B. Thompson

James Thompson, now associate regional director, Management and Operations, began his NPS career at Badlands National Monument, S.D., in 1959 after graduation from the University of Wyoming with a bachelors degree in geology. His first permanent appointment was as a park ranger at Shadow Mountain NRA, Colo., in 1960. In 1965, he was named management assistant at Jewel Cave National Monument, S.D. After completing the Interior Department's manager development program in 1966, he was assigned as a program analyst in Washington, D.C. In 1969, he became superintendent of Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park and State coordinator for North Dakota. From 1972-76 he served as superintendent of Death Valley National Monument, Calif. He is married and he and his wife, Janice, have two children, Samantha and Ian.

#### W. Lowell White

Lowell White, superintendent of North Cascades National Park, Wash., is a native of Colorado and joined the Park Service in the '50's as a seasonal ranger at Glacier National Park, Mont., after graduation from Colorado State University and service with the U.S. Air Force. He has held ranger positions at Montezuma Castle National Monument, Ariz.; Saguaro National Monument, Ariz.; Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument, Colo.; Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.; Yellowstone National Park, and Redwood National Park, Calif., where he served as chief ranger. His hobbies include skiing, photography, hiking, sports and canoeing. He is a member of the Society of American Forestry and Audubon Society.

## Southeast Region

### Employee Nominees

#### Vern Ingram

Vern Ingram, currently regional chief, Division of Contracting and Property Management at SER, is a native Virginia and a graduate of the National Business College of Roanoke,

Va., where he majored in business administration. A combat veteran as a bomber crew member in World War II, he began his NPS career in 1950 in the Finance Division at Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C. He subsequently served as administrative assistant at Cumberland Gap NHP, Ky., procurement and property management officer at SER and in other management positions. He is active in local business and civic affairs. His hobbies range from sports to gardening to motorcycling.

#### Leonard Hall

Leonard Hall, a native of Hazard, Ky., and a 1960 graduate of Eastern Kentucky State College, majoring in accounting and economics, joined the NPS in 1968. Between graduation and joining the Park Service, Leonard held jobs in various capacities in the hotel business. His first assignment with the parks was as a management assistant in the Concessions Division in Washington, D.C. Since 1972, he has been the chief of the Branch of Concessions and then chief of the Division of Concessions in the SER in Atlanta. He is married and he and his wife, Suzanne, have two sons and two daughters, ranging in ages from 9 to 17.

#### Charles E. Watson

Charles "Chuck" Watson entered the Park Service in 1946 at the Southwest Regional Office. He has served in various administrative and professional capacities at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nev., two assignments at Grand Canyon National Park, Big Bend National Park, Tex., Colonial National Historical Park, Va., and the Washington office. He is now serving as associate regional director, Administration, in the Southeast Region. He is a Life Member of E&AA. He and his wife, Susan, reside in Decatur, Ga.

### Alumni Nominees

#### George Fry

George Fry retired from NPS in 1973 after a 40-year Government career. He began his Park Service career in 1936 as a park ranger at Crater Lake National Park, Ore. He was reassigned to Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., in 1938 and served there until 1944. After a 2-year stint with the Forest Service, George became chief ranger at Lake Texoma Recreational Area. He served as chief park ranger at both Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky., and Everglades National Park, where he became assistant superintendent. His first superintendency came with his appointment to Isle Royale

National Park, Mich., in 1959. He served also in the Midwest Regional Office, before being named superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn. He served as associate director of Operations and Management and deputy regional director in the Southeast Region before retirement. He is active in the Boy Scouts of America, and his hobbies include woodcarving and travel. George and his wife, Helen, make their home in Gatlinburg, Tenn.

**Granville B. Liles**

Granville "Granny" Liles retired from the NPS in 1976 after 40 years Government service—35 with the Park Service. He had been superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway since 1968. He served in six other areas and was superintendent in two others—Death Valley, Calif., and Rocky Mountain. He began his career in 1939 as a ranger on the Blue Ridge. In 1947 he became chief ranger at Mammoth Cave, Ky., and later held chief ranger positions at Shenandoah and Great Smoky Mountains. In 1956, he returned to Mammoth Cave as assistant superintendent. After 2 years as superintendent at Death Valley, he served 2 more years as assistant superintendent at Yosemite. Following his Rocky Mountain superintendency (1964-65), he moved to the Southeast Regional Office as assistant regional director and then transferred to Blue Ridge. Before NPS he served in both the CCC and Soil Conservation Service and also the Public Roads Administration. In 1973, he visited the Soviet Union as part of a cultural exchange team on outdoor recreation. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Ashville, N.C.

**Benjamin F. Moomaw**

Benjamin "Ben" Moomaw was for 15 years superintendent of Kings Mountain National Military Park and Cowpens National Battlefield, N.C., until his retirement in March of this year. He began his NPS career at Colonial NHP, Va., in 1935. In 1937, he transferred to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, and with time out for World War II military service, held this position until 1949. From 1949 to 1951 he served at Blue Ridge Parkway. He then began his long tenure at Kings Mountain. His hobbies include granddaughters, books, fishing, boating and beachcombing. He and his wife, Evelyn, reside in Kings Mountain.

**Vote Early**

**and**

**Vote Often**

**Washington Office**

**Employee Nominees**

**Bobbie Woodside**

Bobbie Woodside is currently confidential assistant to the Deputy Director, WASO—a position she has held for 3 years. Her Interior Department career began 23 years ago in the Fish and Wildlife Service, where she served for 7 years in various offices of that agency. In 1960, she transferred to the National Capital Region, where she was secretary to the assistant director, White House Liaison and director, NCP. While at NCP, Bobbie was often detailed to work at the White House for Ladybird Johnson's press secretary, Liz Carpenter, where she assisted in such activities as Mrs. Johnson's beautification program, President Johnson's "Salute to Congress," and the weddings of the Johnson daughters. She also assisted with arrangements for the Ansel Adams Art Exhibition and the Walter Weber Art Exhibition for Mrs. Stuart Udall, wife of the former Interior Secretary. Bobbie and her husband, a Washington area attorney, are the parents of three children and have four grandchildren. She is active in numerous civic and charitable organizations. The Woodside's reside in Arlington.

**William C. Everhart**

William C. Everhart, assistant to the Director, began his NPS career at Gettysburg in 1950. He has served in four historical parks, in the San Francisco Regional Office, on the Seashore Survey, and as a member of the Long Range Requirements Task Force. He was appointed chief of Interpretation in 1964; Director of the Harpers Ferry Center in 1969, and assistant director, Interpretation in 1973. He has authored a number of NPS historical and planning studies, including "Report on Interpretation," (1973), and contributed to **National Geographic Magazine**. In 1972, he wrote **The National Park Service**, a book dealing with the history and operation of the NPS.

**Duncan Morrow**

Duncan is a public information specialist who has been in the Washington Office since May 1970. On special assignments he has visited many park areas including Mesa Verde National Park, for the opening of Wetherill Mesa; Fire Island National Seashore, for a press preview of the master plan; the Herbert Hoover Centennial at Herbert Hoover NHS; and major Bicentennial events at Minute Man and Independence National Historical Parks. Working primarily with the press, he has also done editorial work on some general interest publications. Before joining NPS he was a junior line Officer in the U.S. Navy, serving in Vietnam aboard both a hospital ship and a minesweeper. A 1966 graduate of Iowa's Parsons College, he holds a B.A. in English and is currently working toward an M.A. in public relations from the American University in Washington, D.C.

**Your E&AA Ballot**

**Denver Service Center**

**Employee Nominees**

Mary F. Benson\*

Glennie Murray Wall

William B. Hall

**Mid-Atlantic Region**

**Alumni Nominees**

Eugene DeSilets

Ross Sweeny

Peter DeGelleke

**National Capital Parks**

**Alumni Nominee**

Theodore T. Smith\*

**Pacific Northwest Region**

**Employee Nominees**

Edward Kurtz\*

Jim Thompson

Lowell White

**Southeast Region**

**Employee Nominees**

Vern Ingram\*

Len Hall

Chuck Watson

**Alumni Nominees**

George Fry\*

Granville Liles

Ben Moomaw

**Washington Office**

**Employee Nominees**

Bobbie Woodside

Duncan Morrow

Bill Everhart

*Instructions: Circle your choice for your representative in your region and category (employee or alumni). Members may send their ballots to Eunice Young, E&AA Executive Secretary, National Park Service, 1100 L St. NW, Room 3207, Washington, D.C. 20240 no later than Oct. 31. Only members in regions or offices electing officers this year may vote. An\* denotes an incumbent seeking re-election.*

**Looking Around Half Dome**



Winding up its successful cross-country run, "We've Come Back for a Little Look Around," came to Yosemite National Park August 22. The Temple University (Pa.) production, starring actors in the roles of John Adams, Ben Franklin, Mark Twain and Abraham Lincoln, combines history and humor to explore American progress over the past 200 years.



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## NPS Women Raise \$2,000 For Education

Two raffles sponsored by members of NPS women's organizations have added almost \$2,000 to the coffers of the Employees and Alumni Association Educational Trust Fund.

The Colonial National Park Women's Organization raised \$1,696.31 by raffling its "Tree of Life" Bicentennial coverlet.

In a letter to Rita Irby, Colonial WO secretary, E&AA Ex-

ecutive Secretary Eunice B. Young said: "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank you and all of the ladies of the Colonial National Park Women's Organization who participated in making this project such a success. The women's organizations throughout the Service are giving wonderful support to the E&AA Educational Trust Fund that has become so popular among the youngsters of NPS employees."

Members of the Metropolitan Boston NPS Women's Organization have donated \$271 raised from the raffling of a Bicentennial symbol rug, made by the women. The women donated the money to the fund in memory of the late Jane Wagers, wife of former North-Atlantic Regional Director Jerry Wagers.



Jan Herr with the colonial-period coverlet which she won in a drawing held by the Colonial National Historic Park Women's Club.

## Courier Editor Seeks E&AA Members' Help

The main purpose of the *National Park Courier* is to provide information about parks, park people (employees and retirees) and the National Park Service. Such information cannot be transmitted to the editor by mental telepathy—someone has to take the time to write it down and send it in, or call us.

Recently we learned of the death of an NPS retiree when his widow wrote in 7 months later calling our attention to the fact that nothing concerning his death had appeared in the *Courier*. When something like this happens, we can only express our sympathy and apologize. But it need not have occurred, someone should have told us.

The *Courier* will only be as good and comprehensive as you, our members, make it!  
 We need your help!

## 1st Super At Tuskegee NHS Named

Troy Lissimore has been appointed as the first superintendent of Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, Ala.

Superintendent Lissimore's most recent NPS assignment was at the Jamaica Bay (N.Y.) Unit of Gateway National Recreation Area, N.Y.-N.J. He previously served as the first superintendent of William Howard Taft National Historic Site, Ohio, and as superintendent of Ford's Theatre National Historic Site, in Washington, D.C. He began his Park Service career at Gettysburg National Military Park, Pa.

A 10-year NPS veteran, Lissimore is a 1966 graduate of Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., with a degree in history and political science. He has also earned master's degrees from both Howard University in Washington, D.C., and George Williams College in Chicago.

A native of Valdosta, Ga., Lissimore is married to the former Helen Rainey of College Park, Ga. They are the parents of two children.



# Park Briefs

**CAPE COD NATIONAL SEASHORE, MASS.**—A U.S. Court of Appeals in Boston upheld the NPS's ban on nude bathing at the seashore in a decision made this summer. The court said that rights guaranteed by the Constitution "do not encompass the right to bathe in the nude at Cape Cod National Seashore." The bathers had contended that the Brush Hollow Beech had been used for nude bathing for 40 years or more. A spokesman for the Free Beach Committee of Truro (Mass.) responded to the court ruling: "Skinny-dippers have rights, too."

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, COLO.**—A weekend seminar, "Autumn Ecology/Animal Behavior," was held here Sept. 17-19 with instructors from Colorado College. Beaver walks, elk watching, and field trips to observe migratory animals highlighted the 2½-day session. The seminar also incorporated outdoor camping as an integral part of the autumn experience. Twenty-five adults, paid \$15 for the non-credit seminar.

**SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK, VA.**—An advanced environmental education workshop for elementary school teachers was held at the Harry F. Byrd Visitor Center Sept. 18. The workshop is part of a continuing program whereby the natural, cultural and environmental resources of the park may be used by teachers and students of the 8-county surrounding area, according to Superintendent Robert R. Jacobsen.

**LINCOLN MEMORIAL, WASHINGTON, D.C.**—A House Interior subcommittee has approved a bill calling on the Park Service to figure out a way to add the names of the States of Hawaii and Alaska to this shrine to our 16th President. The names of the first 48 States admitted to the Union are chisled in marble around the top of the Memorial, but there is no room to wedge in the names of the newest States. The bill authorizes \$20,000 for adding the names.

**ALLEGHENY PORTAGE RAILROAD NHS, PA.**—A raft of activities were available to visitors here during this last month of summer. Included were demonstrations of barrel-making, early American food preparation, early American dance, pioneer crafts and lifestyle. Several exhibits, including "A New Spirit for '76," and a musical salute, "We, The People," were also on hand to whet visitor interest.

**BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, N.C.**—In an effort to promote awareness of the rich folk heritage of the many communities along the parkway, NPS co-sponsored, along with neighboring counties, a "Blue Ridge Parkway County Night Folk Festival" in late August and over Labor Day. Each county selected participants for such activities as clog, buck, and smooth dancing, folk ballads, and instrumental music played on banjos, dulcimers and guitars.

**PUUKOHOLA HEIAU NHS, HAWAII**—A month-long Bicentennial celebration, Hawaiian-style, was held July 31-August 28. The program, entitled Ke Kulana No'eau O Ka Wa Kahiko.—The culture of Ancient Hawaii, featured demonstrations of and instruction in Hawaiian arts and crafts by members of the Waimea Hawaiian Civic Club. Different activities were scheduled for each day, including net-making, lauhala weaving, ancient lei-making, Hawaiian quilting, feather work and construction. Other highlights included a display of drums in various stages of construction, Hawaiian Games day, and coconut-frond-weaving, along with demonstrations of delectable Hawaiian food dishes.

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK**—Park rangers successfully captured a grizzly bear sow and her three cubs which had mauled a park visitor in the Fishing Bridge Campground during the early morning hours of August 16. The bears were shot with tranquilizing drugs and flown by helicopter to a remote portion of the park and released. Superintendent Townsley said that the bears had been attracted to the campground by food that some campers had left out in the open, a violation of park regulations.

**LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK, CALIF.**—Lassen Guest Services of Mill Creek, Calif., has been chosen for the operations of concessions at the park. The company will operate a guest ranch, ski area and service store. Mr. & Mrs. John Koeberer, who do business with Lassen Guest Services, have been the temporary concessioner at the park since 1975. Their offer was one of three considered by the NPS. After review in Washington, a 5-year contract will be awarded.

**CARLSBAD CAVERNS NATIONAL PARK, N.M.**—The park's annual bat flight breakfast was held Aug. 19. Sponsored by the park activities association, the breakfast gives area residents and park visitors an opportunity to view and hear a return flight of the cavern's bat colony. These return flights differ from the exit flights that are most commonly seen. Unlike the exit flights, where the bats move in a circular fashion using their wings, the return flights are characterized by the bats diving into the cavern entrance from great heights with their wings folded, creating an unusual, and almost eerie sound.

## Stop Waste!

Dear Employees and Alumni:  
 I am greatly concerned about the large number of undelivered copies of the *National Park Courier*, which are returned to the Postmaster in Washington, D.C., each month.

Our new Treasurer, C. P. Montgomery, has informed me that close to 100 copies of the July issue were returned because of incorrect addresses. The Post Office charges 25 cents for each undelivered copy of the *Courier*.

Please, please, please, keep us informed of your change of address; and if possible, let us know in advance of your move.

We must cut down on this tremendous waste! If I can be of any help, give me a personal collect call at (202) 343-4481.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Naomi L. Hunt  
 Editor

## The Final Days Of Arno Cammerer

Many of the alumni will remember "Cam" (Arno B. Cammerer who was director 1933-1940 and then, became director of Region One at Richmond 1940-1941). According to records supplied us by the archives at Harpers Ferry Center, he died April 30, 1941. That was on a Wednesday. Elbert Cox sent us the original of what seems to, must have been, Cam's last note and since it indicates so well what a thoughtful and considerate human being he was, even on his death bed, we thought his old companions would like to know about Cam's last days.

Elbert was then superintendent of Colonial when Cam came for a visit. Not feeling well, he went to bed at Yorktown and Elbert went to see him. Cam tried to pass off his condition with a ribald remark on how he felt. But Elbert was not taken in, so he called Dr. White, "who was always on hand to get a fish hook out of a back side or something." He checked and gave Cam a hyperdemic and told him to go home at once. (Cammerer was still living in a Virginia suburb of Washington.)

Someone from Chief Clerk Clarence Montgomery's office drove him home. On Monday, 4/28 he wrote Cox a note of

thanks. It said: "I got home Friday (4/25). Thanks to your friendship and Sam White's help and immediately put myself under a doctor's care. I was sick esp. when the morphine wore off."

"Since then a heart specialist with Dr. Sexton and Dr. Sutton with night nurses, but they don't know what it is—they think Kag will show. I'm glad I got home for which I shall be eternally grateful to you. Tell (?) of this letter. At that time wasn't in pain. Later (?) I'm writing this on my back. Cam."

On the back of the letter, Ida Cammerer added: "Mr. Cammerer is dangerously ill from a heart attack yesterday" (Sunday).

The point we make again is that apparently the day after his heart attack and 2 days before his death, he was considerate enough to scribble out a thank you note. Which, we suggest, is the stuff he was made of.

(We thank Elbert Cox for helping on the research on dates.)

# NPS Alumni Notes

By Dan Beard

## Emmerts Lead Slow, Healthy Lives

John W. (Jack) Emmert and his wife Esse are still alive and active at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Jack started as an electrician in Yosemite in the summer of 1912 and retired as superintendent of Glacier National Park in 1957. As we see it, Jimmy Lloyd is the only living person who can beat that record of service. We figure that Jack is now 88 years old. Along the line, Jack became assistant superintendent of Yosemite and Yellowstone (where his crewcut used to stand erect when anybody talked about not feeding bison in winter). He went on to be superintendent of Hot Springs and then at Glacier.

Among Jack's lasting achievements was his leading part in bringing about a huge land swap—of many thousands of acres of Eastern Montana Public Domain—for 10,000 acres of State-owned timber land west of the Continental Divide in Glacier National Park. It was one of the reasons Jack received the Department's Distinguished Service Award in 1953.

At the time negotiations began, there was an imminent threat of sale of the 10,000 acres to logging interests.



The Emmerts

He writes from his present home where he settled after being director of Idaho State Parks: "Have been interested in community theater and have been a director of our tri-state conservation committee. I believe we are improving the lake-shores for visitors." To which he adds, "We are both in good health, but not very fast."

Jack remembers when FDR was in Yellowstone; they took him out to see the bears. The car got between a mother and its cubs and the mother started toward the president's car. Secret Service agents got out their guns as they whisked the car away. Jack remarked laconically, "Gee, we almost lost a good bear."

Emmert has won too many honors to mention, but one of those he prizes most is becoming an honorary life member of the E & AA.

## Howard Baker Rises to Bait

Howard Baker rose to the bait. We asked to hear from him since he had suddenly gone into hibernation after his very productive term as chairman of the E & AA Board. We did not want him to "fade away" too quickly.

Well, he seems to have settled down to a quiet existence. With Doris, they went to see their son in Michigan (who does not play center). Each week he gives a short talk to the Downtown Lions Club on Bicentennial events; a big wheel in the church; bowls three times a week (just as he was doing in the 1930's we recall); plays plenty of bridge. He's sort of quieted down. He writes: "I get a lot of comfort in seeing so many things started while I was Chairman and the educational fund simply amazes me, and the way the ladies support it is really heart-warming."

## Six Alumni Take RV's on an Alaska Spree

By Ira Lykes

With some apologies to Robert W. Service, we might start this story something like this:

Oh, the Northern Lights have seen queer sights  
But the queerest they ever did see  
Was in June and July, when six alumni  
Went on an Alaskan spree.

It all started back in September '75 at the Smokies meeting when George and Helen Fry, Tiny Semingsen (Flora didn't attend), and Ira and Mantha Lykes decided they wanted to travel through the 49th State in their recreation vehicles. So plans were made and after much correspondence, reservations on the Alaska Ferry System were obtained.

The Lykes' left Florida on May 24 pulling their travel trailer. After stops at Mammoth Cave and Wisconsin Dells they pulled into Moorhead, Minn., to await the Fry's—pulling their trailer. George and Helen left Gatlinburg, Tenn., a few days later than the Lykes' and also made a few stops along the way.

Then in caravan, on up through the International Peace Gardens in North Dakota, the R.C.M.P. academy at Regina, Sask., and into Banff and Jasper National Parks, Can. Then by the Yellowhead Highway through British Columbia to join up with Tiny and Flora Semingsen at Prince Rupert on June 15. They had come up from Seattle in their motor coach.

With all the "rigs" aboard the ferry TAKU, they set sail for Haines, Alaska by way of the Inland Passage. Three days and 2 nights of some of the Nation's

outstanding scenery with an occasional shower—but then, that's the Alaska Panhandle!

Since there is no way to drive to Alaska without going over the Alcan Highway they set forth out of Haines, up through the northwest reaches of British Columbia and into Haines Junction in the Yukon Territory. Here the fun (sic) began, what with flat tires and broken windshields, but nonetheless through some rugged and strikingly beautiful wilderness scenery. The paved roads at the Alaska border were a welcome relief from chuckholes and flying gravel.

And so on down to the Kenai Peninsula to try their hands at salmon fishing at Seward, Soldotna and Homer. Not much luck with salmon (that was to come later) but they did have a big fish fry of some of that famous Alaska halibut which "Tiny" conned from a more experienced fisherman at Homer Spit.

Then back up to Anchorage to have a look at the largest city in Alaska, and to visit the Anchorage office of NPS where Carl Stoddard gave a good fill-in on the Service's work up there. They were the guests of Lennon and Sharon Hooper for an Alaska salmon dinner in their lovely home, and a few nights later at the home of Anita and Bob Peterson for an NPS office party.

There's nothing like NPSers for gracious hospitality.

On July 6, again in caravan, up to Mt. McKinley National Park. A bright, clear day gave a view of the mountain 100 miles before they got there; and a trip by bus to Eileson visitor center gave a first-hand look at some magnificent scenery and native wildlife.

Then on to Fairbanks where the temperature was in the low 90's and the sun never seemed to set. Then a fun evening at the Malemute Saloon, Cripple Creek Cache, followed by a trip to Circle, the most northerly point in the United States road system, and just a few miles south of the Arctic Circle,

crossing the famous Alyeska pipeline several times.

Homeward bound by way of Tetlin Junction and Dawson City, Yukon, for a look at Robert Service and Jack London cabins, and the famous Klondike country. Then south to Whitehorse for a ribald evening of sourdough theatricals, and a ride on the famous Lake LeBarge, after which the "rigs" were put on flat cars of the White Pass and Yukon railroad for a run over the old '98 trail into Skagway where they again embarked on the Alaska Ferry for the trip south with stops at Sitka, Juneau, Petersburg, Wrangell and Ketchikan. It was here that the salmon met their

match for with a good guide and boat, George, Mantha, and Ira brought in five beauties, totaling about 25 pounds!

Back in Prince Rupert on August 2, the Fry's headed home via more Canadian National Parks; the Semingsens' and Lykes' down to Montana via Kamloops, Revelstoke and Glacier, then homeward to Florida on August 18.

The trip covered nearly 13,000 miles, not including the voyage on the inland passage. Hundreds of photographs were taken and these, coupled with some wonderful memories of sights seen and times spent together will fill many hours with pleasant memories.



It wasn't all hard driving with no watering holes. Here, our intrepid voyageurs take a break for a night in the Malemute Saloon, near Fairbanks, Alaska. (Left to right) seated are Flora Semingsen, Mantha Lykes, George Fry and Helen Fry; standing are Ira Lykes and Earl M. "Tiny" Semingsen.

# People on the move



## New Faces

AMUNDSON, Georgia R., Procurement Clerk, Bighorn Canyon NRA  
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 VINSON, Charlene B., Cardpunch Oper, Finance Div, PNRO  
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## New Places

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 MAYO, Charles W., Park Tech, Div Interp Recreation & Resource Mgmt, GW Mem Pkwy, to Park Ranger, Div Interp Recreation & Resource Mgmt, GW Mem Pkwy  
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## Joining the Alumni

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 DEL ROSSI, Dorothy S., Clerk, Minute Man NHP  
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 DILTS, Abby A., Sec, Cape Cod NS  
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 FULLER, Kent L., Civil Engineer, Assist Mgr RM/MW Regions Team, DSC  
 HANSEN, Kathryn E., Clerk, Mesa Verde NP  
 JAMES, James E., Tractor Operator, Metal Craft Shop, NCP  
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 KELLY, Joseph Michael, Park Tech, Lake Mead NRA  
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 MCKNIGHT, Eric D., Private, US Park Police  
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## Deaths

Minnie Stein  
 By Herb Evison

Back in 1971 I took a long subway ride and then a long taxi ride out into the heart of Brooklyn to record the reminiscences of Mrs. Minnie Stein, an old acquaintance whom I had first met during World War II in the course of an assignment at the Statue of Liberty. Recently, when the transcription of that tape was sent to me for review, I noted with sadness on the cover page the word "Deceased." Just when her death occurred I do not know, but at the time I visited her she had reached 77.

Mrs. Stein, a widow with a daughter who had a brilliant career at Rollins College, started at the Statue in 1939 as a clerk-stenographer; for many years, up to her retirement in 1964, she was administrative assistant there and she established a reputation during those years of good judgment, utter reliability, and willingness to work; on several occasions and for varying periods she served as acting superintendent. During all that time she lived in the heart of Brooklyn, making a long commute to the Statue each day, rain or shine, blizzard or heat wave.

Mrs. Stein (originally Minnie Cohen) was the daughter of a Russian immigrant who made his business start in the United States as a peddler, carrying a pack on his back; his two sons continued a successful career in merchandising in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Stein was an intensely loyal Park Service employee, who assured me she had enjoyed every hour of her Service employment.

### Joe Blaha

Joe Blaha, 18-year-old son of maintenance supervisor Rudolph L. Blaha of Roosevelt-Vanderbilt National Historical Sites, N.Y., drowned at the YMCA camp Segorwa in Southfield, Mass., July 26.

Joe is also survived by his mother, Mattie B.; brother, Albert, of Hyde Park, N.Y., and a sister, Mary Jane of Falls Church, Va.

He graduated in June from Falls Church, Va., High School. Graveside services were held at Conway, N.C., Cemetery July 29.

Newell H. (Hal) Foster, who was Mrs. Stein's "boss" at the Statue of Liberty for 17 years, recently wrote of his surprise and sadness at hearing of her death. "She had been treated for a malignancy in her shoulder years ago," he reported, "and at the time of her last letter the shoulder was giving her a lot of trouble."

"Minnie Stein was an exceptional person — very capable, industrious, pleasant to greet, and very popular with all employees. A very complimentary letter from Mr. Albright following one of his visits at the Monument said of Mrs. Stein: 'That girl belongs with the Park Service.'"

### Herbert Sault

Herbert Sault, who served as a ranger at Yosemite National Park from 1922-26, died July 25. He was 91.

During his almost 92 years, he worked as a ranch hand, a store-keeper, a ranger, and an employee of the National Automobile Association.

His Yosemite days in the rough and ready 1920's, when rangers wore six-shooters, was a most exciting part of his life. Although he never wrote a book about his experiences, he tape-recorded many of his memories and gave copies to the Yosemite Reference Library.

These tapes reveal the life of a patrol ranger—in the backcountry without any communication apparatus to be rugged, sometimes dangerous and often lonely, but not without humor.

Before joining the small ranger force at Yosemite, Bert's only experience in law enforcement had been as a temporary mounted patrolman in San Jose, Calif., after the 1906 quake. He acquired almost instant on-the-job training at Yosemite with such lawbreakers as bootleggers, poachers, IWW labor agitators, escaped convicts, and bears.

Bert Sault's last visit to Yosemite was September 30-October 1, 1974, when he attended the Oldtimer's Reunion held in connection with NPS's 84th anniversary. At 90, Bert was the oldest man present and blew out the candles on the cake.

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