

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

January 27, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of January, 1951

WEATHER: The prolonged drought was slightly dampened by a one inch snow storm on New Years Eve and again, on January 17, by two inches of snow; however the moisture content of the snow in both storms was only a trace and we are still far below normal.

TRAVEL: A 31% increase in travel appears over last month's count and an increase of over 600% over the same period last year, makes up for the two slow months of November and December. Our very dry weather is believed to be responsible for these increases. A total of 427 visitors entered the monument in 136 cars.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Out of 427 visitors only 38 were contacted and the total contact time amounted to 6 hours and 50 minutes. In an earnest attempt to cut down our equipment operations we have necessarily neglected the contact work; however we will attempt to solve this problem by parking our dump truck on the job and combining the use on the one pickup for Maintenanceman Winbourn's transportation and Ranger Worthington's patrols.

ROADS: No work has been done this month due to the slowness in delivery of tires for the grader and loader.

TRAILS: Maintenanceman Winbourn has finished the job of cutting a set of steps into Winter Camp Canyon which gives us a safe $\frac{1}{2}$ mile trail to the Winter Camp View Point of Delicate Arch. Signs have been made for this section of the trail.

WATER SYSTEM: Although we had a serious mishap during the first attempt to install our new Pacific Jet Pump, we now have a supply of water which is kept constant by a very efficient Floatless Switch. We only get 450 gallons per hour, because it was necessary to install a smaller Jet than was originally planned, but since the tanks have been full the pump runs less than an hour a day. It is certainly a relief to know that our tanks are full and will stay full with a minimum of power plant operation.

EQUIPMENT: Three new tires were received and mounted on the D-12 Patrol. This puts this piece of equipment back into operation. We are still waiting for the shipment of tires for the Front-End Loader.

GENERAL: About half the month was spent on the installation of the new Water Pump; however our annual inventory is almost completed and signs have been made for the Delicate Arch Spur Road and Trail.

Bates E. Wilson

Bates E. Wilson
Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT
MOAB, UTAH

February 26, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Narrative Report for the Month of February, 1951

WEATHER: The drought continues with only a trace of precipitation. A touch of spring has been definitely noted in quite a number of warm days and a few very windy ones.

TRAVEL: Our traffic counter, on loan from the Utah State Highway Department, was returned to them at the close of the January travel month. It will be returned to us May 1, after reconditioning. The visitor count this month was taken from the register and 25% added for Non-registration. There appears a 180% decrease from the count of last month. Non-registration undoubtedly can be blamed for this decrease. The total visitors for this month amounted to 153 people, arriving in 60 cars, from 13 states and Canada. In spite of the heavy decrease between this month and last, we still show an increase of 61% over the same period last year.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Our interpretive service improved this month with 63 of the 153 visitors being contacted. Total contact time amounted to 7 hours and 40 minutes.

MONUMENT ROADS: Ranger Worthington worked for a week with Maintenance-man Winbourn, shaling the crossing on Salt and Winter Camp washes. This work makes this road passable although a finished job of grading is impossible until we receive more moisture.

APPROACH ROADS: The Utah State Highway Department worked a full week plating approach road #33 with shale and improved it a great deal; however much more plating and grading could be done.

WATER SYSTEM: The new Pacific Jet Pump is working satisfactorily with it's capacity the same: 450 gallons per hour.

MOTOR EQUIPMENT: We have been unable to obtain new tires for the Front End Loader, but finally put back into operation by recapping two of the old tires. We are keeping our fingers crossed against blowouts.

PERSONNEL: Notice of the approval of my transfer to Blue Ridge Parkway was received on February 20, but sofar I have received no notice as to when this transfer will be made. From the Red Rocks to the Blue Ridges. What a change!

Bates E. Wilson

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Superintendent

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

March 26 1951

Memorandum;

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for Month of March, 1951

Weather: Two welcome snow storms blotted any thought of warm spring weather, but did bring us almost an inch of much needed moisture.

Travel: We recieved our Traffic counter back from the State of Utah which they loaned us last year, and our traffic shows a tremendous increase of 864% over last Month. Allowing 3.2 People per car we had 990 people visit the Arches during Easter Sunday.

And we took the actual count from the register from the first of the month to the 23rd and allowed 25% for non registration which gave us a total of 1322 people for the Month.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Our interpretive Services improved this Month with 530 of the 1322 visitors being contacted, Total contacts this month amounted to 31 hours.

INTERPRETIVE DEVICES: The two center panels were installed in the Wayside Shelter on March 15 and we are waiting for a set of pictures from Harry Reed and other material from the Regional office to complete it.

MONUMENT ROADS: Maintenance man Winbourn has completed the spring cleaning of culverts and ditches. He also made one complete round of blading on all Monument Roads. The lack of moisture has been holding us up on this job for some time.

APPROACH ROADS: There is some talk of the State turning the Maintenance of #93 over to the County. We are in favor of this action for Grand County at least has the necessary Equipment.

PUBLICITY: The March issue of the Nash Airflyte Magazine ran a feature article on Arches, by Hal Strong, with a great many excellent pictures. The Denver Post Empire gave a full page of pictures to Arches in their February 18 issue, Showing Delicate, Landscape, and turret through North Window.

INVESTIGATIONS: The Bureau of Reclamation contacted the Superintendent concerning the construction of a dam at the Moab Dam site on the Colorado River. A report of this contact was immediately made to the Regional Office.

PERSONAL: Superintendent Wilson was unable to accept the Transfer to Blue Ridge Parkway, due to the prohibitive increase in the living cost entailed in the Transfer.

EQUIPMENT: Two new tires were received for the front wheels of the front end loader. We have still not been successful in obtaining rear tires for this piece of equipment.

SIGNS: In placing the new signs on Delicate Arch Spur Road we are experimenting with a new design and color scheme. If the combination proves satisfactory we will request permission to change our entire sign system.

NATURAL BRIDGES: The State road Commission on March 6 announced that nearly \$1,686,000 would be expended this year on road construction to uranium mines in southeastern Utah. The State has agreed to finance 10% of the total cost of three separate road improvement projects, while the while the remainder of the cost will be paid by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The improvement of 90 miles of Road between Green River and Hanksville and the construction of 30 miles of new road, to avoid the 9000 foot elevations at the Bears Ears in the Elk Mountains will certainly increase travel to Natural Bridges. A truck road is also under construction from the junction of Hite and Bridges roads, running about forty miles south to an oil well which is being drilled by the Shelly Oil Company.

LOCAL INTERESTS: Construction has started on a truck trail from Moab down the North side of the Colorado River to the Cane Creek Oil Well.

UTILITIES: A new Propane hotwater heater and a kitchen range were installed in quarters #1 on March 5th. During this installation corrections were made to the existing system to bring it up to standard specifications.

J. Earl Worthington
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Acting Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

~~ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT~~
BALT. STATE

April 26 1951

Memorandum:

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for Month of April, 1951

Weather: We recieved two welcome rain storms this month
in which $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of percipitation fell.
It gave us a chance to grade all monument roads.

Travel: A 74% increase over the same period last year was
noted; of the 2270 visitors for the month 990 arrived on Easter
Sunday.

Interpretive Services: Contacts of 920 people was made with a total
time of 65 hours.

Nineteen guided tours were made with an attendance of
210 people.

Special Activities: Easter Services were held at the Window Section
of the monument with 250 people in attendance.

Monument Roads: As of April 20th all road equipment operations ceased
due to lack of funds.

Approach Roads: Utah State Highway Maintenance crew bladed route # 93
twice this month; however due to lack of moisture the results were very
poor.

NPS Visitors: Ranger & Mrs EF. White of Yosemite National Park
Chief Ranger, & Mrs L.W. Mallock Crater Lakes National Park
Ranger & Mrs Ray Dobbins Colo. National Monument
Superintendent Rose Mase Verde National Park

Local Activities: Road is under construction down the Colorado River
to the oil well and being built by the Americol Petroleum Co; seven or
eight miles is completed.

T. Earl Worthington
T. Earl Worthington
Park Ranger.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

June 3, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for the month of May, 1951

WEATHER: Over one inch of rain fell during this report period bringing with it abnormally cool weather. Maybe those Rain Makers have something!

TRAVEL: Inspite of the stormy weather 1495 visitors arrived in the area in 447 cars which gives us an increase of 30% over the same period last year. Twenty-seven states and four foreign countries were represented.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 1495 visitors who entered the monument 650 were contacted. Fourteen guided tours were made with a total attendance of 216 people. Total contact time amounted to 81 hours. Three tours outside the monument were made with 108 students of the Grand County School. The purpose of these field trips was to view and discuss vandalized petroglyphs along the Colorado River and explain to them the meaning and reasons for the Antiquities Act.

INTERPRETIVE DEVICES: The four panels which flank the two large center panels on the Wayside Exhibit were received from the Regional Office along with a welcome \$35.00 to pay for their installation. The installation of these panels will complete our Wayside Exhibit. Informational and directional signs for the Covo Natura Trail were received from Les Arnberger who is revising our Nature Trail leaflet. His help and suggestions will improve this trail a great deal.

PUBLICITY: Director George Sherman of the Universal Motion Picture Co. spent one half day in the monument seeking location sites for a Technicolor picture to be filmed in the vicinity of Moab around the end of June. He left without making any definite decision on location, saying that there was so much to choose from that the decision was going to be difficult.

NPS VISITORS: Naturalist Leslie P. Arnberger, May 10 & 11.

PERSONNEL: Park Ranger P. Earl Worthington is on Annual Leave from May 18 until May 31, in order to use up his 1950 annual leave.

ROADS: Taking advantage of the moisture received this month Maintenanceman Winbourn was able to do a good job of blading on all monument roads.

NATURAL BRIDGES: Two trips to Natural Bridges were made for the purpose of transporting and installing propane tanks, refrigerator and stove.

Bates E. Wilson

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Superintendent

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P. Earl Worthington

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ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT
MOAB, UTAH

June 27, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for the month of June, 1951

WEATHER: Although we received no measurable amount of precipitation temperatures have been exceptionally low for the month of June.

TRAVEL: During the unusually cool weather 2794 people visited the area in 872 cars. Thirty-eight states, District of Columbia, and seven foreign countries were represented. An increase of 91 % over the same period last year is noted.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 2794 visitors 317 were contacted in the monument and 330 at headquarters. The Cove Nature Trail was used by an estimated 640 visitors and 658 stopped at the Wayside Exhibit. Many comments expressing appreciation of these two interpretive devices appear on the register. Fourteen guided tours were made with a total attendance of 131 people. Ranger Worthington gave 17 illustrated talks while on annual leave and after hours at his residence with a total attendance of 330 people.

PUBLICITY: A permit to film motion pictures was issued to The Universal Motion Picture Company. They started filming "Battle of Apache Pass" on June 21, using locations at Fisher Towers on the Colorado and at the Sand Flats East of Moab. Their present plans are to film in the monument around the first of July. This picture, being made in technicolor should give this area a great deal of publicity.

NPS VISITORS: General Superintendent, John M. Davis, May 29
Landscape Architect, Carl W. Allenman, June 24
Hugh M. Miller, Assistant Regional Director, June 1
Harold M. Ratcliff, Forrester, June 1.

PERSONNEL: Howard M. Williams entered on duty as Seasonal Ranger June 24. Ranger Worthington returned from two weeks annual leave May 31.

ROADS: Due to the lack of funds during the first part of the report period and no moisture, Maintenanceman Winbourn has only been able to do shale plating work on the monument roads; however they are in fair condition.

APPROACH ROADS: Because of the possible motion picture filming in the area the State Highway Department plans to do extensive shale plating on Route #93.

PROTECTION: A case of theft was reported on June 25 by a visitor whose car was broken into and a purse stolen. The window of the car, parked at the Windows Section, was broken and a purse containing \$6.00 was taken from the front seat while the camera men were making a tour to Double Arch. We received the report two hours after the theft was discovered and were unable to get any description of cars or people who were in that area at the time the crime could have been committed. Consequently we were unable to ^{do} much of anything except make a report to the local authorities.

EQUIPMENT: One army surplus truck was sold on invitation bid to Robertson Brothers, Moab, the successful bidders.

Bates E. Wilson
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Superintendent

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July 27 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Narrative Report for the Month of July, 1951

WEATHER: Temperatures between 100° & 107° have prevailed for the last three weeks. Although higher temperatures have been recorded this is the longest continued high temperature on record.

One light rain fell in the Monument; However a heavier rain fell west of highway 180, in the head of Courthouse Wash, which ran enough water to make the crossing on State route #93 impossible, for half a day.

TRAVEL Due to the continued excessive heat & the presence of the Motion Picture group in Moab our travel shows a decrease of 10% from the same period last year; However our annual travel shows an increase of 28% over last year. during this July period 2554 visitors entered the Monument in 807 cars Representing 43 States and 4 Foreign Countries.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: Of the 2554 Visitors 1202 were contacted at the Wayside Exhibit and 253 were contacted at Monument Headquarters. 8 Guided tours with a total attendance of 59 people were made. Ranger Worthington gave 2 illustrated talks with a duration of 1 hr. each at his Residence to 10 people after hours.

The Cove Nature Trail was used by 906 People and many comments were appreciation were received verbally and found on the Register.

All visitors who stopped at the Wayside Exhibit expressed their interest in the information it affords.

PUBLICITY The Universal Picture Inc. started filming the Battle of Apache Pass in Court House wash in Arches National Monument on July 1 1951 and completed their work on July 8th, the entire cast of 120 people and 40 head of horses were used.

The Filming was done in the bottom of the Wash and on the slick rock rims no damage was done and their \$1,000 Bond was turned back as soon as the area was cleaned up.

10 Kilo Light
EQUIPMENT MATERIAL An almost new Iron wood trailer house was delivered on July 14th by Tony Valen via of Bandiller Nat'l Monument. It was leveled up on blocks near the Wayside Exhibit, and will serve as quarters for our seasonal Ranger when all utilities are installed. Ranger Howard Williams has improved our Radio Transmission 100%.

An electric welder was received from Casa Grande, courtesy of Bill Supernaugh's pickup; However it has not yet been used as it is a 3 phase Motor and requires more voltage than we can produce.

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August 27, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent Arches
Subject: Narrative Report for the month of August, 1951

WEATHER: Temperatures remained above 100 degrees until the last week of the report period when two light rains brought welcome relief.

TRAVEL: We again show a decrease in travel from the same period last year, amounting to 34% and believe it can be attributed to excessive heat. Our total visitor count amounted to 2749 people in 359 cars, representing 34 states and five foreign countries.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 2749 visitors 1665 were contacted at the Wayside Exhibit and 205 at Headquarters. The Cove Nature Trail was used by an estimated 1665 people. On August 13, Ranger Williams moved into the Trailer House recently parked at the Wayside Exhibit. His being stationed in the area five days a week gives us a great many more contacts, better control & protection and also saves 30 miles per day on equipment operation.

ROADS: Moisture from the two rains that fell in the area was sufficient for a complete blading job of all our roads; however it took three full days to repair all wash crossings. Approach road # 93 is in fair condition.

NPS VISITORS: Kenny Saunders on August 14
Matt Dodge on August 25

PERSONNEL: As the result of an accident I was on sick leave for 56 hours during the month and then took emergency Annual Leave in order to take my daughter to a clinic in Albuquerque for allergy tests. I returned via Santa Fe and spent one and one half days in the Regional Office.

Bates E. Wilson
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Superintendent

From Grand Canyon we received a drill Press & 300 Ft. of #4 under ground cable.
This cable should make a great improvement in our power lines, not only in looks but in efficiency.

NPS VISITORS: Mr & Mrs Jerome Miller & Daughter Regional Office
Tony Valencia Bandalier National Monument.

ROADS: Maintenance-Man Winbourn took advantage of the one light rain received in the Monument and Bladed all Roads. The State Highway Dept. spent 3 days shaling the worst stretches of approach Road # 93. This work improved the condition of the sand holes, but considerable moisture is needed for a good Blading job.

ACCIDENTS: This narrative report is being written in a rough draft for Ranger Worthingtons completion.
At this writing I am now taking my case in the Grand County Hospital, Following an Accident which occured on July 26 at the Wayside Exhibit. While attempting to hitch a compressor, mounted on a 2 wheel trailer, to a pickup, I received a deep cut on the back side of my right leg, just above the knee, when the tongue of the trailer swung unexpectedly and caught my leg against the license plate bracket of the pickup. The cut is over 2" long with one main muscle severed, but thanks to the quick and efficient 1st aid action of Ranger Worthington and Maintenance-man Winbourn, And Dr. H.V. Tomples Skilled stitching job no complications are expected.

T. Carl Worthington
T. Carl Worthington
Acting Superintendent

UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

September 26, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for the month of September, 1951

WEATHER: The rains during the latter part of August brought a little moisture to this country and lowered the maximum temperatures down to the low 90s. The last two weeks of September have been cool and pleasant.

TRAVEL: Our travel has finally come back to normal with only a decrease of eleven visitors from the same period last year. The count for this month amounted to 2965 visitors in 934 cars, representing 38 states, District of Columbia, and 5 foreign countries. Our annual travel of 18,441 visitors and 5944 cars shows an increase of 18% over the annual travel last year.

INTERPRETATIVE SERVICE: Of the 2965 visitors, 1879 were contacted at the Wayside Exhibit by Rangers Worthington & Williams and 319 at Headquarters. The Cove Nature Trail was used by an estimated 1879, or all visitors contacted at the Wayside Exhibit. Ranger Williams was stationed at the Wayside Exhibit and lived in the trailer-house until September 11, when he was terminated. Many more contacts would have been made if we had been able to keep him on the job during the entire month.

PUBLICITY: Arches was given two "Flugs" in the Moab Times Independent for national park status, by Dr. William Sanborn and writer Burt Hamerstein.

NPS VISITORS: Leo Diederich, John Koll & Harold Marsh, September 6.
Naturalist Dick Burns, September 24. Enroute to Lake Mead from Great Smoky Mts. Nat'l. Park.

NOTED VISITORS: Dr. & Mrs William B. Sanborn, Burt Hamerstein (Eugene Rebel)
Edward H. Croth, American Consulate General, Nairobi,
Kenya Colony, Africa (retired).

PERSONNEL: Ranger Howard Williams was terminated on September 11. Howard did a good job in the monument and we are grateful for all the expert electrical and radio advice.

SIGNS: At the junction of State Route #93, our approach road, and US-160 the State Highway Department will very soon erect a new directional sign for this area. They also will place two warning signs one mile on each side of the junction. Thanks to Hish Taylor, who has been appointed to the five man Advisory Council, Dept. of Engineering, State Road Commission, we are getting immediate action on these signs.

ROADS: All roads in the monument are in excellent condition. State Route # 93 is in fair condition; however it still needs a great deal more shale plating.

TRAILS: Ranger Worthington and I spent a full day working out and measuring a route to Delicate Arch from the end of the new spur road. The best route measured exactly $3/4$ of a mile and a report of our findings is being prepared.

Bates E. Wilson
Bates E. Wilson
Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT
CAMP STONE

October 26, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Narrative Report for the month of October, 1951, Arches

WEATHER: Very pleasant warm days and cool nights have prevailed during the entire report period. The one rain, received on October 22, brought a touch of fall and a small but welcome amount of moisture.

TRAVEL: Our travel for October took it's usual nose-dive from the heavy count of September; however it is interesting to note that the decrease this year was only 135% as compared to the 215% decrease of last year. More and more visitors are learning that October is an ideal time to visit Arches.

A total of 1266 visitors in 402 cars entered the area during this October, representing 31 states and 4 foreign countries. An increase of 27% is noted over the same period last year.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 1266 visitors 321 were contacted at the Wayside Exhibit and Headquarters. The Cove Nature Trail was used by an estimated 296 people. Our Ranger Contacts have taken a decided decrease due to limited funds for the operation of equipment. We are limited to two trips a week into the area. If a visitors happens to die in the area we are hoping that he will pick Wednesday or Sunday, for the body could become quite ripe in three days.

PUBLICITY: A colored picture of Delicate Arch appears on the Standard Oil Company's Road Map for 1951. There is also a title line reading "Arches National Monument".

NPS VISITORS: Eugene T. Mott, Supervisor, Construction & Maintenance
October 15 through October 19.

ROADS: Inspite of very little moisture Maintenance man Winbourn did a light job of blading all roads in the area, before bringing all road equipment into headquarters for winter servicing.

UTILITIES: Gene Hott arrived on October 19 and spent four days bringing all our propane systems up to standard. He also gave us a lot of help in the laying of our new power line and a great deal of good advice on other rehabilitation projects. We certainly appreciate his good advice and help.

NEW SOMEWHAT LINE: Eight hundred feet of underground cable were laid according to the Master Plan, from the generator to Superintendent's residence and the Ranger Quarters. This line being No. 4, 2 conductor, improves the looks of the place and gives us much better service than the old CCC salvaged line which ran on poles and rambled along the top of the ground with very ragged insulation.

GENERAL: All three employees took to the timber on opening day of the deer hunting season returning with a 66 2/3 % success. Ranger Worthington was the only one to fail to bring home the beast, but he still has three days to get the job done.

Bates E. Wilson
Bates E. Wilson
Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Arches National Monument
Moab, Utah

November 26, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of November, 1951,
Arches National Monument

WEATHER: The entire month has been cold and cloudy with very little precipitation until November 24, when we received a 12 hour drizzle which was capped by three inches of snow at the 5000 foot elevation in the monument.

TRAVEL: A total of 187 cars carrying 532 people entered the area this month. Sixteen states and 2 foreign countries were represented and an increase of 34% over the same period last year is noted.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Of the 532 visitors who entered the area only 111 were contacted on the two weekly trips. The Wayside Exhibit is certainly serving it's purpose and many compliments are noted on the register. An estimate of 230 people used the Cove Nature Trail. Maintenanceman Winbourn gave two illustrated talks using Ranger Worthington's set of pictures.

PUBLICITY: The Salt Lake Tribune, Grand Junction Sentinel and The Times Independent carried articles with many pictures about the construction of our new entrance road next year. We are very glad to read about this good news, but so far we have heard nothing official about it.

NPS VISITORS: Harry Linder, Mesa Verde National Park November 3
Ruth Ferrill, " " " " " "
Bob Upton, " ? November 15
Mr. & Mrs. Art Gilmore, Region Three Office November 24

SIGNS: With perfect sign weather we have started construction of a new Headquarters Entrance sign. This is our rush job at the moment, for we are using a borrowed router and have promised to return it to Colorado National Monument on December 1.

GENERAL: Material has been purchased for the repair of the roof on our Ranger Cabin and a 2 x 4 railing strip has been fastened around the edge of the roof, but foul weather has held up the hot tar job. The new power line was permanently wired to the switchboard in the generator house and an estimate has been obtained on the shop and office rewiring job. Two new tires were received and mounted on the AC Loader. All equipment was winterized and outside water hydrants were cut off.

Eates E. Wilson
Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Arches National Monument
Mojab Utah

December 26, 1951

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of December, 1951,
Arches National Monument

WEATHER: The stormy weather which started November 24 has continued through the entire month, giving us over 2 inches of precipitation in the form of snow and rain. Snow reached a depth of six inches in the monument. In the intervals between storms the minimum temperatures dropped to 10 degrees above zero, which is cold for this country.

TRAVEL: Due to the exceptionally cold and stormy weather our travel shows a decrease of 328 percent from the same period last year. Only 76 people came into the area in 23 cars, representing 11 states.

INTERPRETATIVE SERVICE: At headquarters and in the monument only 31 of the total visitors were contacted. All visitors signed the register and apparently took advantage of the Wayside Exhibit. It is estimated that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail. Nineteen requests for information were answered.

PUBLICITY: A great deal of material on Natural Bridges, The Needles, and country adjacent to Arches was sent to Jack Breed for use in his forthcoming article in the National Geographic. Articles continue to appear in the Salt Lake Tribune & Deseret News about our "Hoped-For" entrance road, and they have almost convinced us that we will get it.

NPS VISITORS: John G. Lewis and Family, Bryce Canyon Nat'l. Park
Russell Julian, Colorado Nat'l. Monument
Monte Finch, Colorado Nat'l. Monument

SIGNS: The panel for our new headquarters entrance sign was completed and six large juniper post were cut, hauled, and peeled for the framing. The whole assembly should be ready for planting by January 1. Three eight foot "ROAD CLOSED SIGNS" were also made.

ROADS: After the cooling rains during the last of November, Maintenance-man Winbourn was able to do a splendid job of blading on all monument roads and all snow was cleared after the recent storms.

EQUIPMENT: "Old Smokey," our 18 year-old saddle horse was surveyed. Our order for grader tires, placed last February, was finally completed this month, giving us new tires all-around on the B-12 and one old one for a spare. Five 6:30 X 16 tires, which will replace the 6:00 X 16 tires on the new pickup, were received.

REHABILITATION: The rewire job on the warehouse was completed December 24. The 10-KV light plant was overhauled and will be in perfect running order when two governor parts are received. These jobs are under Account 231.02. All the material for jobs under Accounts 231.01 & 231.03 have been purchased or ordered and these jobs will be started as soon as weather permits and skilled labor is available.

Robert L. Wilson
Robert L. Wilson
Superintendent