

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Arches National Monument
Moab, Utah

January 27, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of January, 1952,
Arches National Monument

WEATHER: The stormy weather which started in November is still with us, bringing 7 inches of snow on January 7 & 8 and several light snow and rain storms since. Four nights of below zero temperatures occurred, the lowest being 3 degrees below. The entire month has been an exceptionally cold one.

TRAFFIC: Only 31 cars carrying 101 people entered the area, which is a decrease of 324 percent from the same period last year. We blame it on the cold, stormy weather, for during January 1951 only .52 inches of precipitation was recorded at Moab as compared to the 1.54 inches for January 1952.

INTERPRETATIVE SERVICES: Five parties were contacted at Headquarters and none in the monument. Eighty-three visitors registered and apparently viewed the Wayside Exhibit. We estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail.

SIGNS: The new Headquarters entrance sign was placed and is a certainly an improvement over the old one. The State Highway Dept. has not yet installed the one-mile warning signs and directional sign at the junction of US-160 and State Route-93; however they have promised to have them in before spring. Maintenanceman Linbourn is now working on a Mesquite lettering set which will supply the sign project and also give us uniform letters.

ROADS: Running dangerously low on funds we have limited road maintenance to snow removal and repair of washouts; however the monument roads are all in good shape. It has been necessary to close State Route-93 three times during the month, because of washouts and heavy snow.

REHABILITATION PROJECTS: Cool weather and a shortage of personnel have brought the rehabilitation projects to a standstill. In quarters #1 the painting and refinishing of the floors was postponed until after the middle of February, when Ranger Worthington will return from White Sands and I will be able to take annual leave which will enable me to remove my family from the house until at least the floors are finished.

PERSONNEL: Ranger Northington, on January 5, left for White Sands National Monument where he will spend about a month assisting with the construction of their new restrooms.

General: Maintenance-man Amburn has just finished the construction of a grease rack, a structure badly needed here for many years. He has also remodeled our tool room giving everything a place and putting it in it's place.

Ralph H. Wilson
Ralph H. Wilson
Superintendent

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Arches National Monument
Beech, Utah

February 23, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the Month of February, 1952,
Arches National Monument

WEATHER: Three snowstorms occurred during this month of cloudy, cold and windy weather.

TRAVEL: Weather conditions have held our travel down to a minimum. Only 65 cars entered the area carrying 187 people from 12 different states, Alaska, and Canada.

PATROL AND CIVIL SERVICE: Twenty-six parties were contacted at headquarters, where we had to advise about a third of them not to try to enter the area. No contacts were made in the monument.

ROADS: Only washout repair has been done on our roads, because of the lack of funds; however they are all in very good condition. Route # 88 our approach road, was completely closed twice during the month by floods down the Courthouse Wash. Last week the State Highway Department bladed this road and it is now in very good shape.

SIGNS: Maintenance man Winbourn has the job of replacing all of our road & trail signs about 50% complete. By the end of March we hope to have this project completed and will then have a uniform sign system.

REHABILITATION PHASE ONE: With the continued ideal weather and plenty of other work to do we have not started the roof job on quarters #1-1. The Kohler Bros. have not yet been able to start the painting and floor finishing job on quarters #1. The Courthouse-Shop-Office building and quarters #1-2 have been given two coats of paint and a fair job of camouflaging both these buildings resulted. The fence around quarters #1 was also given a coat of paint and repaired. Fertilizer was hauled for the planting at the Utility area and the trees will be set out this week.

Personnel: Ranger Worthington returned from a month's temporary duty at White Sands National Monument and since his return a great deal of work on the rehabilitation jobs has been done. The story that Rangers are not supposed to do manual labor, we take with a grain of sand.

Butler B. Wilson

UNITED STATES
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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Arches National Monument
Moab, Utah

March 25, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of March, 1952,
Arches National Monument

WEATHER: More snow, wind, and cloudy, cold days made up our weather picture for the month.

TRAVEL: We are amazed at the number of people who braved the snow choked highways to get into the area. Seventy-four cars, carrying 226 people entered the area. We note a decrease of 43.4 percent from the same period last year; however Easter Sunday last year came within the March report period and accounted for 860 visitors for the single day.

INTERPRETATIVE SERVICE: At headquarters 19 parties were contacted and only one in the monument. The register at the Wayside Exhibit showed 138 visitors and we estimate that the same number used the Cove Nature Trail.

ROADS: With additional funds for equipment operation, Maintenanceman Winbourn took advantage of the moisture in the ground by ditching and blading all our roads. He was also able to raise the grade on stretches which had become below grade. It isn't often we have enough moisture to do this type of work. Within a week all roads should be in excellent condition.

SIGNS: With the lettering on a completely new set of road & trail signs finished by Maintenanceman Winbourn, Ranger Worthington has taken on the job of routing and painting them.

REHABILITATION PROJECTS: Sixty trees were planted to form a screen for the utility area and a hand-made watering system devised out of old CCC water pipe. Sufficient fertilizer was hauled and spread for the tree planting and lawns at both quarters. Flagstone to complete the walks at quarters #1 and edge the lawn at quarters #2-1 was hauled and laid. We are still waiting for the weather to moderate before tackling the roof repair job on quarters #2-1, and for the Mohler Bros. to do the job on quarters #1-1.

Bates A. Wilson
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April 25, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent
From: Superintendent, Arches
Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of April, 1952,
Arches National Monument

Weather: During the first half of the month the stormy weather continued, however we are finally enjoying warm sunny days.

Travel: In spite of disagreeable weather during the first half of the month our travel was boosted to 11% over last April. By a record day on Easter Sunday, when 1397 visitors entered the Area in 279 Cars. We found it difficult to seat this many people at our three picnic tables and consequently we now have a great many picnic sites which do not show on the Master plan. Four more pit toilets would have solved some urgent problems and made the cleanup job a more pleasant one.

INTERPRETATIVE SERVICE: At Headquarters 101 people were contacted in 40 cars and at the Wayside Exhibit 1345 people in 365 cars were given detailed information on the Area.

Four Guided tours with 15 people were taken to the Window Section, Delicate Arch, and the Fiery Furnace.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES: Easter Services were held in the Devils Garden with 150 people in attendance.

ROADS: Maintenance man Winbourn repaired the crossing at Salt wash leading to the Delicate Arch view point. And shaled a number of sandy sections on the Windows Road. He also completed a finish blading job on all roads.

SIGNS: Ranger Worthington has completed the Routing of all Roads and Trail signs. All but a few have been mounted on juniper post and placed.

REHABILITATION PROJECTS: With the arrival of spring and warm weather, the roofing job on quarters #1 was completed and the lawn planted. Both the lawn and the 60 Silver Poplar (Populus alba) trees are showing definite signs of life.

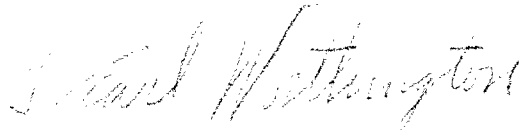
The flagstone walls at Quarters #1 were completed as was the edging around the lawn at Quarters #1. The success of all the land scaping depends largely upon a constant supply of water and we are hoping our 10 K W generator will continue to operate until some provision is made for a standby unit large enough to operate our water pump. The Mohler Brothers will begin work on quarters #1 around the 12 th of May the completion of this job will finish

our rehabilitations program, for this year.

PERSONAL: On April 8th Park Ranger Hugh L. Dosarth from Olympic National Park visited the Arches. April 24th Superintendent Russel L. Mahan and Ranger Ray Dobbins of Colorado National Monument paid us a visit.

ACTIVITIES OUT SIDE THE AREA: Work has been temporarily halted on the new Seven Mile Canyon road until funds from the A. I. C are made available; however a good start has been made and approximately four miles have been roughed out.

Utah State Highway Department, is definitely worried about the high water in the Colorado River which might wash out the Hoab bridge. We are also a bit concerned.



T. Earl Worthington
Park Ranger.

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Arches National Monument
Moab, Utah

May 26, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of May, 1952, Arches

WEATHER: Except for two days of heavy wind, which brought one nice rain, we have enjoyed very pleasant weather this month.

Travel: Our traffic counter was sent into the Utah State Highway Dept. for repairs and this month's travel count was taken from the register with a 25 % addition for non-registration. By this method we record 1905 visitors entering the area in 705 cars. An increase of 27% over the same period last year is noted.

INTERPRETATIVE SERVICES: Of the 1905 visitors who entered the area 1080 were contacted at the Dayside Exhibit and 271 at headquarters. Eleven guided tours were made with a total attendance of 144. Contact time amounted to 122 hours and 25 minutes. A conservative estimate on use of the Dayside Exhibit and Cove Nature Trail was 1080 visitors each. Ranger Worthington gave four illustrated lectures to 27 people at his residence and outside the area.

PUBLICITY: Both Arches and Natural Bridges came into the limelight this month through articles in three magazines, one outside newspaper, and one motion picture.

Three of the 26 colored pictures in Jack Breed's National Geographic article, "Examining the West's Fantastic Four Corners, June 1952) are of Owachomo and Sipapu bridges. Ford Times and Desert Magazine carry illustrated articles this month on "Moab & The Movies", which feature the filming of "Battle at Apache Pass", in Court House Wash. This picture, according to Time Magazine, April 23, topped the Variety Poll for Box Office-Take and is now running in fifth place this week. In addition to the expected and required credit in the courtesy line, we received a full screen of appreciation for cooperation in a very extravagant manner. The Salt Lake Tribune ran their annual illustrated weekend trip to Arches in their Sunday edition of two weeks ago.

FLORA: As a result of an abnormal amount of moisture this past winter and this spring the wild flower bloom is the heaviest ever experienced.

NPS VISITORS: Les Amberger arrived May 23 and spent May 24 working out a finished draft for the printed leaflet on the Cove "ature Trail. From Arches he went to Natural Bridges with Superintendent Wilson. Ranger and Mrs Clyde Maxey, Astec Ruins, sight seeing on leave.

NOTED VISITORS: Jack Broad enroute to Dinosaur National Monument where he plans to do an article for National Geographic.

W. T. Wilson
Rates E. Wilson
Superintendent

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

June 29, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of June, 1952, Arches National Monument.

GENERAL: The constant stream of visitors seeking information at Headquarters has made it impossible to accomplish, on time, the end-of-the-year office work; hence the lateness of this report and others. I have my eye on a well hidden cave in the Fiery Furnace, as an office.

WEATHER: Except for one rain, which fell on June 3, this has been a very dry month. Heavy winds have been a daily occurrence and although the maximum temperature rose to 104 degrees, the average for the month has been on the cool side.

TRAVEL: This month's travel count of 3039 visitors arriving in 1292 cars, gives us a record for any single report period and shows an increase of 41 % over the same period last year. Our picnic areas were used by 619 campers. Forty-one states and five foreign countries were represented.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: At the Wayside Exhibit 3236 visitors were contacted by Rangers Worthington & Williams. Ranger Williams being stationed at the Wayside Exhibit in the trailer house has increased our contacts tremendously. The new Headquarters sign is responsible for a great increase in contacts at this point. The 654 visitors who stopped at Headquarters certainly interrupted a lot of office work. While the Rangers were not on duty at the Wayside Exhibit 657 people signed the register and used the Exhibit as an Unattended Interpretive Device. Each of the 3236 visitors contacted at the Wayside Exhibit were informed of the Cove Nature Trail and we estimate that this number used it. Ranger Worthington, while on a weeks leave, gave 6 illustrated lectures to large groups in Salt Lake City and Yellowstone Nat'l. Park.

PERSONNEL: Howard Williams entered on duty as Seasonal Ranger May 27. He is stationed at the Wayside Exhibit in the trailer house and this arrangement not only saves operation cost on our pickup, but also has increased our contacts to an all time record.

NPS VISIONS & INSTRUCTIONS: General Superintendent Davis arrived June 10 and spent the 27th in the area going over various problems. While here he called Mr. George W. Nathan, District Manager, Utah Power and Light Company, concerning the possibility of running a power line to Arches from their line in Moab. Mr. Nathan will be in Moab July 1 & 2 and we hope some satisfactory agreement can be worked out at that time.

ROADS: Inspite of the dry windy weather our roads are in fair condition. Maintenanceman Winburn spent six days at Natural Bridges with the dump truck and loader, chaling the Headquarters Approach road.

Robert L. Wilson
Superintendent

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

July 26, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the Month of July, 1952, Arches National Monument

GENERAL: Little time has been found for anything except contact and cleanup work by Rangers Worthington and Williams in the monument and at headquarters the continuous stream of visitors has been no help in getting out the office work. Officials of the Utah Power & Light Company called at this office to discuss the extension of their power line from Moab to Arches and the information obtained was reported to General Superintendent Davis.

WEATHER: Only one very light rain fell on July 26 and maximum temperatures have ranged from 95 to 103 degrees. We all agree with the visitors, "It's Hot".

TRAVEL: In spite of the extreme heat the 4622 visitors arriving in 1451 cars broke our single report period record again and give us an increase of 82% over the same period last year. Forty-two states, four foreign countries, one territory, and the District of Columbia were represented.

SPECIAL PARTIES: Miss Bortha Dutton, School of American Research, Museum of New Mexico, visited the area with a group of Senior Girl Scouts, on July 14. The group camped two nights at Turnbow Cabin and were taken on a conducted tour of the area. Miss Dutton will return with a similar group on August 4.

PUBLICITY: The July 11 edition of the Christian Science Monitor published an article written by Marvin S. Gilbert, which featured Arches National Monument. The Moab Times Independent noted our June record travel month with an article on the front page. The United States Vanadium Company's Photo News, June-July issue, carried a picture of Delicate Arch on its cover.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: At the Wayside Exhibit 2771 visitors in 682 parties were contacted by Rangers Worthington and Williams and at headquarters the contacts amounted to 593 visitors in 192 parties. Although our total travel for this month was greater than that of last month, our contacts fell a decrease. Last month the Rangers were doing the clearing of the area after S. P. This clearing is a necessary daily job; however our work schedule now allows two hours within the Rangers theoretical 3 hour day. This cuts out two hours of contact work, but eliminates the necessity of the Rangers putting in 10 and 11 hour days. During the Rangers absence from the Wayside Exhibit 1851 people signed the register and apparently took advantage of the Wayside Exhibit as an unattended interpretive device. Each of the 2771 visitors contacted at the Wayside Exhibit were informed of the Cove Nature Trail and we estimate that this number used it. Twenty two letters of inquiry were answered during the month.

ROADS: Due to the lack of moisture our roads are becoming very difficult to maintain with corrugation and sand pocketing almost impossible to control. A light hailing eliminates the corrugations for a day or so, but the heavy travel soon brings them back again. Maintenance man Winburn has found it necessary to haul shale from Salt Wash to fill the sand pockets and although this maintenance is difficult he has kept the roads comparatively smooth. In comparison with State Route # 93 they are boulevards.

Eates H. Wilson
Eates H. Wilson
Superintendent

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August 23, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of August, 1952,
Arches National Monument

GENERAL: As has been the case for the last three months, little office work was accomplished with the steady stream of visitors seeking information. Rangers Worthington and Williams have found little time for anything but contact and cleanup work; although Ranger Worthington did make the revision in the Cove Nature Trail.

WEATHER: No measurable amount of precipitation had been received since July 24, until August 22, when a cloudburst occurred washing out all crossings in the area and all on State Route # 89. Since that time every day has produced a light shower. We have enjoyed almost a week of cool weather with all this moisture evaporating rapidly.

TRAVEL: For the third consecutive month our single report period travel record has been broken and this month puts us well over last years annual travel. From 42 states, the District of Columbia, and five foreign countries, 5983 visitors entered the area in 1876 cars and two busses. This is an increase of 117 % over the same period last year.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: At the Wayside Exhibit Rangers Worthington and Williams contacted 2946 visitors and 505 were contacted at Headquarters. During the Rangers' absence from the Wayside Exhibit 2176 visitors signed the register and we estimate that 3541 used the Cove Nature Trail. Fourteen letters of inquiry were answered. The new printed leaflet for the Cove Nature Trail were placed in the dispensing box on August 12, and as of August 26, had collected paid for 201 leaflets out of the 233 placed in the box. I wonder if the general public is as cheap as this in other areas.

PERSONNEL: Park Ranger Williams was terminated on August 25. We are going to miss him and our interpretive contacts for the next month will take a decided drop; however "no hay was dinner!"

NPS VISITORS: Hugh H. Miller, Assistant Regional Director and Victor Cavallaro, Chief of the Branch of Biology, spent the afternoon of August 13 and August 14 in the area.

SPECIAL PARTIES: Miss Martha Sutton, School of American Research, Museum of New Mexico, visited the area with a group of Senior Girl Scouts, on August 4. The group camped one night in the area and were taken on a conducted tour of the fiery Furnace.

ROADS: Chaintennocoman Winbourn has been busy hauling shale with which to stabilize the liquid dust holes in our roads. With the recent rains he has been able to do some very effective blading; however a great deal more will be necessary before our roads will in perfect condition.

EQUIPMENT: A complete overhaul job on the motor of the dump truck was necessary and this piece of equipment will be back in service within a day or so.

LOCAL NEWS: L.L. (Fish) Taylor, Editor of The Times Independent, and real friend of the Park Service, has been quite ill for the past ten days with what the doctors believe to be a virus infection. He is at the moment in Salt Lake City, under the care of a specialist, and word received today was that there was some improvement.

The construction of the Shafer Trail mine road, from the Neck to the White Rim, is progressing rapidly. Over two miles has been roughed out.


Bates P. Wilson
Superintendent

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

September 26, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of September, 1952,
Arches National Monument

GENERAL: With the termination of Seasonal Ranger Williams on August 25, Ranger Worthington and I have found little time for anything, but office, contact and cleanup work. Material for the utility storage yard was purchased and hauled, but it's construction will have to wait until the visitors let us alone.

TRAVEL: Although travel dropped about 20% below that of August we still show a 64% increase over the same period last year, with 4370 visitors entering the area in 1551 cars. Forty-three states, six foreign countries, District of Columbia, and Alaska were represented. Our annual travel of 6296 cars and 26213 people shows an increase of 42% over last year.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: At the Wayside Exhibit 1622 people were contacted and 394 were contacted at Headquarters. While the Wayside Exhibit was unattended 2529 people signed the register and we estimate that all people contacted used the Cove Nature Trail. Two guided tours were made into the Fiery Furnace with a total attendance of 14 people.

NPS VISITORS: Enroute to or from Superintendent's Conference: Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Cornell, Supt. & Mrs. Ross Maxwell, Supt. Irving Townsend & family, Supt. & Mrs. Everett Bright, Supt. & Mrs. Oscar Worthington, Supt. & Mrs. Cal Miller, and Supt. John Will Paris. Matt Dodge, on inspection of Interpretive program and devices. Just visiting: Naturalist Edwin Alberts & family and Chief Ranger Harold Edwards & son, Rocky Mountain Nat'l. Park, Naturalist Norman Horkenham & family and Administrative Assistant Ralph Anderson, Yosemite Nat'l. Park.

ROADS: After the best rain we have had all year, Winton Moore and Winbourn was able to blade our roads into perfect condition; however during the storm it was necessary to help one tourist car out of Courthouse Wash and close the road, because of high water. The local State Road crew repaired the washouts the day after the storm.

PUBLICITY: An article on Road, which included Arches, appeared in last week's Denver Post Magazine Section.

Local News: Work has been resumed on the Seven Mile Road to Dead Horse Point and it's completion is expected by the end of October. The Snifer Trail Mine Road, from the Neck to the White Rim is still under construction and about 50% complete.

L.L. (Fish) Taylor, Editor of the Road Times Independent, who has been ill for some time, is making a slow recovery.

Wm. H. Wilson
Wm. H. Wilson
Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

October 31, 1932

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of October, 1932
Arches National Monument

GENERAL: With a 66% decrease in travel from last month, all three of us have been able to take a portion of our annual leave which has to be used before December 20. Construction of the Utility-Storage Yard and Water-Tank-Stand has been started. Two pit toilets were installed, one at the Balanced Rock and one in the Devil's Garden. Ten picnic tables were received and will be installed when time permits.

WEATHER: No precipitation has been received during the entire month and according to the Weather Reports this is the longest dry period on record. We are enjoying the beautifully warm fall weather, but would welcome a little moisture.

TRAVEL: We had a normal decrease of 66% in travel from September; however we show an increase of 184% over last years October travel. A total of 2038 visitors entered the area in 944 cars, from 35 states one territory, and two foreign countries, during the month.

INTERPRETATIVE SERVICE: At the Dayside Exhibit 601 visitors were contacted by Ranger Worthington and 153 at Headquarters. While the Dayside Exhibit was unattended 1819 people signed the register and we estimate that the 759 visitors contacted used the Cove Nature Trail. Eleven written requests for information were answered.

TRAILS: Two new directional signs were placed on the Devil's Garden Trail and one on the Delicate Arch Trail. A new alignment was worked out for the approach portion of the Delicate Arch Trail and we are awaiting approval of this route from the Regional Office.

ROADS: Very little maintenance has been done on our roads this month. Due to the very dry weather they are becoming badly corrugated, but there is not enough money for continuous maintenance throughout the year.

Local News: All three members of the staff were successful in bagging their first deer and are taking some in going after number 2.

John F. Wilson
Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

November 28, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of November, 1952,
Arches National Monument

WORK: Construction of the Utility Yard fence and later tank loading system was completed. A complete interior paint job was done on the Ranger Quarters (B-1). With the loss of Ranger Worthington, the arrival of Ranger Morris and two welcome visits from Regional Office personnel, little time has been spent on the large backlog of office work and only 32 hours of annual were worked into a very busy month.

WEATHER: Until November 11, dry and warm fall weather prevailed; however since that time we have had a well-nigh 1 inch of precipitation and not so desirable below freezing temperatures.

TRAVEL: Although we show a decrease in travel of 53% from October, we note an increase of 100% over last November. A total of 1216 visitors entered the area in 367 cars, from 42 states and two foreign countries.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Forty-three visitors were contacted at the Day-side Exhibit and 88 at Headquarters. While the Day-side Exhibit was unattended 510 visitors signed the register and we estimate that 608 used the Cave Nature Trail.

ROADS: After the recent storm (which was) broke up almost all our roads and they are now in fair shape for driving; however a great deal of shale plotting should be done.

TRAILS: Work is being planned for the remodeling of the Palmito Arch trail. About 250 ft of trail must be necessary. It is impossible to get an air compressor close enough to the job and we are in hopes of obtaining a force pump. Work this month November 21 going over this job.

PERSONNEL: Earl Worthington left for Lees Ferry where he will take over the duties of Supervisory Park Ranger. Doing down a small job here for five years he will certainly be missed, but we all congratulate him on his promotion and wish him the best of luck.

PERSONNEL(contd.) Bob Morris entered on duty as Park Ranger November 22. He and his family, son, Logan, & Nancy, arrived ten days ahead of schedule and found their quarters in the preliminary stages of an interior paint job. They are all either wonderful sports or good actors for they showed no dismay at the state of things and having to camp in the trailer house. They even all pitched in and we finished the job in three days. There is no doubt in my mind as to how Bob will get along in this area.

N. F. S. VISITORS: John Holl & Harold Arch, October 28 & 29
Albert Schroeder, November 15
Carl Allenen, November 18, 19, & 21

CAMPING: During Carl Allenen's visit two days were spent in locating a suitable campground site.

PUBLICITY: "Delicate Arch", by Josef Munch, occupies the two center pages of the December issue of Arizona Highways.

Mr. & Mrs. Stuart Jewell, photographer for Walt Disney Studio spent three days in the area. They were taking motion pictures to be used in a Disney short which will depict the southwestern desert. He is apparently a proven photographer, for all the flower shots in "Nature's Half Acre" were his.

Patricia E. Wilson
Superintendent

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
ARCHES NATIONAL MONUMENT
MOAB, UTAH

December 24, 1952

Memorandum

To: General Superintendent

From: Superintendent, Arches National Monument

Subject: Monthly Narrative Report for the month of December, 1952
Arches National Monument

TRAVEL: There were 168 people in 54 cars representing 9 states. This is considerably more than we had during December 1951 when there were 76 people in 23 cars.

WEATHER: Cloudy and cold days were the rule, with intermittent rain and snow during the month. The much needed moisture is a great help, and we hope more is on the way.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Sixty one visitors signed the register at the Wayside Exhibit and 14 were contacted at headquarters. An estimated 40 people used the Cove Nature Trail.

ROADS: All monument roads are in good condition. The state bladed route 93 to the monument boundary and stock piled shale which they may spread over the slick rock stretches at a later date.

TRAILS: Construction of the new Delicate Arch trail was attempted with a Barco Hammer. But it was soon discovered that the Barco isn't for drilling deep holes, 3 to 4 feet deep, in hard rock. An effort is being made to borrow the Schramm that has a self contained air compressor and drilling hammer.

MAINTENANCE: The 3/4 ton Chevrolet pickup was taken to Grand Junction for a complete service job. New shock absorbers and motor mounts were installed. The 1950 Dodge pickup also had a complete motor tune up. Some worn out parts were replaced on the D-12 motor patrol by Maintenanceman Winbourn.

GENERAL: Two trips were made to Grand Junction for supplies and to have the automotive equipment serviced. A firing cable to be used in building the Delicate Arch trail was borrowed from Colorado National Monument and a detonator from Mesa Verde National Park. All quarterly reports are being completed and some of the backlog of office work was cleared up during the month.

PERSONNEL: Ranger Morris and family have done wonders with the Ranger Quarters and we are still trying to find a job which Bob is unable to do expertly. We all feel very fortunate in having them here at Arches.

Bates E. Wilson
Superintendent

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