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1979: Centennial for the light bulb

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When the town of West Orange, N.J. turned out Oct. 21 to celebrate Thomas Alva Edison's electric light, the Park Service was there too, with a most appropriate entry in the town parade.

Edison's 1922 Model T Ford headed the parade, bedecked with banners and driven by town resident Mr. Larry Wilkinson, who had handsomely attired himself in dapper knickers and touring cap. The car, used by Edison to travel from his home to the laboratory, is part of the collection of the Edison National Historic Site located in West Orange. It

has recently been restored and now runs almost as smoothly as a new Model T could.

One hundred years ago, Edison's attempts to perfect a practical incandescent lamp began to produce real results. During October 1879, lamps that burned a slender piece of cotton sewing thread convinced Edison and his associates that they were on the verge of designing lamps that could compete with gas lights. He had promised: "I will produce a light so cheap that only the rich will be able to burn candles."

Celebrating this event, television specials, reenactments, scholarship awards, exhibitions, parades, and dedications took place all last year

Thomas Edison engrossed in his work, West Orange chemistry lab, 1929.



Edison in his West Orange chemistry lab in 1906.

across the country. The Edison site has provided assistance for numerous activities, loaning artifacts for museum exhibitions, including the current Edison exhibit at the Smithsonian Institute, responding to increased use of the vast site archives, and distributing educational materials. The site also served as a co-sponsor for a symposium in Newark, N.J., exploring Edison's place in the history of science and technology, initiated a scholarly study of Edison's electric light work for publication, sponsored play presentations, and hosted a variety of special interest groups at the West Orange site.

West Orange was Edison's home for 44 years. The laboratory, 10 times the size of his small legendary lab at Menlo Park, was the scene of the development of the motion picture camera, a storage battery designed for electric cars, which Edison saw as the car of the future, and the earliest silent and sound movies. Today

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that lab, the Edison family home, and their original contents make up the Edison National Historic Site.

The town parade was part of a day of celebrations sponsored by the West Orange Centennial of Light Committee. Just after the parade, 50 antique cars participated in a race up Eagle Rock hill, a steep, mile long climb from the town's Main Street to a county park overlooking the valley toward the Hudson River. Hill climbs like this were annual events in the early 1900s up this same hill. Edison always had an entry, not an internal combustion engine car like this Ford, but an electric car testing Edison's own storage battery. Chances are he would have approved of such a celebration in honor of his light. Especially if an Edison battery car took the electric car division.



Edison's 1922 Model T headed the Oct. 21 parade.

Yosemite Valley structures face wrecker's ball

Portions of the often crowded Yosemite Valley in Yosemite National Park would be returned to a natural state under a recently announced NPS proposal to open up more space for the use of visitors.

Director Whalen called for a joint venture between the Government and private industry over the next 10 years to remove certain structures, parking lots and roads from the Valley. These would include employee housing, NPS and concessioner administrative offices, warehouses and maintenance facilities. Most of these buildings would be relocated to sites at the edge of the park. Visitor facilities, campgrounds and lodges would be maintained at existing levels.

"The Valley is too precious to be used for Government housing and management facilities. We propose to move Park Service and concessioner employees out to make more room for the visitors—the people for whom we manage and protect the park," Whalen said.

The proposal also provides for a better public transportation system—one that would be pollution-free, quiet and energy efficient. This system would partially replace private cars and buses in the Valley. Soon, each year, more than 1.5 million cars will use the Valley.

A sum of \$1.4 million has been

earmarked for 1980 to improve visitor facilities and remove deteriorating buildings.

Replacement facilities would be built by private capital and leased back to NPS and to concessioners. The Yosemite Institute, a non-profit organization,

would manage the leasing arrangements. The plan will require Congressional approval.

The final general management plan and environmental impact statement is expected to be ready for public scrutiny early this year.

Director Whalen's visit to Yosemite, Nov. 29, 1979.



Photo by Richard Frear.

Acadia is a mood



Photo by M. Woodbridge Williams.

The wearing away of rock, and the refusal of rock to wear away is evident at Acadia NP, Maine.

Naomi L. Hunt

(Note: Acadia National Park, Maine, was proclaimed as Sieur de Monts National Monument in 1916; established as Lafayette National Park in 1919, and changed to Acadia National Park in 1929.)

Acadia National Park is unique for a rich combination of features—land and sea, woodland, lake and mountains—no one of which dominates the other. Though quite small (41,645 acres) Acadia evokes a strong and long-lasting response from a great number of people.

And how they respond! The Maine

Mystique—a powerful force everywhere along the Coast—is incredibly potent here. People visit, and experience emotion. Love. They leave but reluctantly, or they stay, sacrificing much material well-being.

The park is a monument of love. Unlike other national parks, Acadia is almost all comprised of donated land. More than 500 individuals have given property, making possible Federal protection. What but love could move so many to act so magnanimously?

In the early 1900s, George B. Dorr of Boston contributed his fortune to Acadia. Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus

of Harvard, dedicated to the project his brilliance and prestige. Later, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., chipped in Ocean Drive, the Jordan Pond House, the carriage roads and the unique stone bridges. Many, many others joyously did what they could.

People, perhaps, have responded intuitively to a realization that here nature can be found at her most sublime and most contentious.

John Cole, editor of *Maine Times*, put it nicely. Acadia, he wrote, is “an incredible combining of the fragile and the violent, the contorted and the calm, the shattered and the serene.” And man, so far at least, hasn’t damaged it irreparably.

The scene was set 2 million years ago in wondrously dramatic fashion—Acadia was encased in ice 2 miles thick. The weight of the glacier, 14-million tons to the acre, left the Acadia countryside changed utterly and forever.

Mount Desert Island, which had been high upon the mainland, became the largest Atlantic Coast island north of New York’s Long Island. Mainland mountains, once volcanic, became smaller islands, their tips barely above ocean’s grasp. The glacier shaped Cadillac, the Atlantic Coast’s highest mountain, and Schooner and Great Heads, the highest sea cliffs.

The glacier left, perched seemingly precariously on South Bubble and at the top of Cadillac Mountain, huge boulders whose coarse-grained composition isn’t elsewhere found for hundreds of miles. And the glacier left tracks, southeasterly scratches in hard, mean granite. Then the glacier gouged deep to carve Somes Sound, the East’s only fjord. Glacial tonnage depressed the whole landscape—ancient sea cliffs and beaches are found 500 feet above present sea level.

Acadia is situated where northern and temperate zones overlap, permitting an

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The Linnaea borealis grows in cool mountain woods.



Photo by Maurice Sullivan.

extraordinary variety of flora and fauna. There are about 50 species of mammals, and perhaps 1,500 species of plants. Plants characteristic of Arctic tundra thrive in the Big Heath, in bogs and on Cadillac Mountain.

In 1947, nature abruptly altered the parkscape. A cataclysmic fire blazed for several days, destroying 8,700 acres of Acadia's wild forest. Following the fire, for a number of years, only blueberry bushes, small plants and isolated seed trees grew on Acadia's steeper slopes. Eventually these were followed by birch and poplar, trees that do well on burned-over soil. These trees may so enrich the soil that other long-lived hardwoods will become established, blocking out once-dominant spruces and firs.

Burning introduced variety to the parkscape. Diversity is ecologically healthy; and following the fire, whitetail deer and beavers found the habitat more to their liking, and increased in number. Likewise many birds, including the towhee and brown thrasher, liking sunny, bushy places, moved in. The fire gave naturalists a golden opportunity to study some of the ways nature evolves intricate and beautiful balances in the midst of apparent disaster.

Acadia National Park is not limited to Mount Desert Island. Small but fascinating park portions lie on Schoodic Peninsula and on various off-shore islands. Schoodic Peninsula, the mainland portion of Acadia National Park, is 2,000 acres of rugged beauty circled by a road with scenic turnouts and picnic areas on both sides. The tip of the peninsula is noted for raging surf and tame gulls. A thunder hole is at Peninsula's end, and there is Raven's Nest, a rugged 60-foot-deep chasm caused by weathering in the severely jointed granite. Nearby can be found Arctic flora that seldom appears south of Labrador.

The love that the native State of Mainer retains for his homeland can be illustrated by the life and works of Edna St. Vincent Millay. In her early verses she spoke of her childhood there as "happy all day long on the coast of Maine" and of "the shore I loved beyond all words, even a song's words to convey." A poetic expression of the region? The mood of the region? Yes, "in a movement like a bird's flight and with the ease of a bird's song."

Ardent birdwatchers visiting Maine these days are in for a treat. According to the most recent reports, many new species of birds have begun to come into the State, some considered great rarities in these parts only a generation ago. For instance, the cattle egret, once unknown in these regions, has begun to nest in the east and some may be found here as early



Photo by Paul A. Knaut, Jr.

Seagulls are especially numerous on Schoodic Point.

There are quiet ski touring trails on the Carriage Roads.



as May. Other residents are the mockingbird, rose-breasted grosbeak, upland sandpiper, snipe, mourning-dove and woodthrush. Tourist-birds also show up occasionally, western kingbird, dickcissel, scissor-tailed fly-catcher, and black tern.

Acadia National Park is primarily a trail park for those on foot and contains over 100 miles of trails and footpaths, reaching every mountain summit and transversing every valley.

The system is designed to meet the

inclination of every type of walker. Broad lowland paths offer delightfully easy walks; winding trails to the mountain summits serve those who like a moderately strenuous climb; and rough mountainside trails give opportunity for more hardy exercise.

The scenery at Acadia National Park on Mount Desert Island offers a display of natural wonders of coastal shoreline and sea as they meet in awesome beauty. Here the wearing away of rock, and the



The scenery on Mount Desert Island offers a display of natural wonders.

The beach at Otter Cove is popular for investigating the marine life left by the ebbing tide.



refusal of rock to wear away, is evident. Here trees cling to the edge of a spot of dirt or shoot forth from a crack in the rocks.

There are about 30 miles of carriage paths in Acadia National Park that have been reserved for the cross-country skier and snowshoer. These paths are ideal for both enthusiasts—they are a network of wide, gravel paths that penetrate the park. The entire system is well marked with rustic wooden signs. Nothing is

quite so rewarding as making one's way through the quiet, snow-laden woods, along an ice-covered, gurgling brook or high along the side of a snow-covered mountain. Sledding, tobogganning, and skating may be enjoyed, and snowmobiles are allowed on a section of the Loop Road.

Some of the park's most spectacular scenery and natural features may be viewed on a trip on Ocean Drive. Some of these are:

Sieur de Monts Spring: Named for the French soldier who unfurled the flag in 1604, here is a nature center where exhibits tell of the natural and historic themes of Acadia.

Champlain Mountain Overlook: From the foot of the mountain, you can look up to steep cliffs, with Precipice Trail winding up. The area is a series of unparalleled seascapes with jagged coastline, island-dotted bays and cliff-bound coves.

Anemone Cave: In this area tidal waves have tunneled 82 feet into granite shore. The ebb tide leaves pools with a wide range of sea life in their depths.

Thunder Hole and Sand Beach: Here the sea rushes into a narrow slot in the granite, displacing the compressed air and causing a tremendous boom. Sand beach offers swimming—if you can take 54-degree water.

Otter Cliffs: Cliffs plunge 107 feet into the ocean. The view is breathtaking. In migrating season, great flocks of sea ducks float raft-like on the waves far below. Guillemots and cormorants dive for food in plain view.

The Black Woods: Here is a forest of mature spruce-fir and in its dim recesses only the wind makes sound, a mysterious sound—ghost-like. Beyond at Hunter's Head the Cranberry Islands can be seen out to sea, and spruces overhang the sea itself as the road winds on to Jordan Pond. Here in spring many birds may be heard singing.

The Jordan Pond House: Long-time favorite attraction for tea and popovers, the 132-year old building burned to the ground last June. However, within 3 weeks after the disastrous fire, plans were underway to resume the serving of meals; and if the historic site is not rebuilt, the popover and tea tradition will be carried on somewhere else in the area—somewhere where there are breezes and sunshine, water and mountains to view.

"Acadia is an interpreter's park," says Chief Naturalist Robert Rothe. "The diversity of the resource—bog, seashore, ocean, forest, mountain—lends itself to a wide variety of interpretive experiences. A park visitor, for example, can listen to a naturalist tell about the natural history of the starfish in the morning; then in the afternoon he can search for ospreys and eagles aboard an excursion boat, and, after dark, he can chart the stars from the summit of Cadillac."

And Intake Ranger Alan Whalon says, "If I were to stay here forever, this island would never cease to amaze me—so many changing moods—now quiet in the mists of a gentle fog, now wild in the grasp of awesome ocean fury. It's a delight for me to live and work here. I feel like a first-class millionaire!"

Photo by Maurice Sullivan.

Photo by M. Woodbridge Williams.

Fort Scott—a dream come true

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It was a grey November day in Fort Scott, Kans. Rain had fallen and continued to threaten. Temperatures struggled to get out of the 40s. Heavy overcast shielded the sun.

But the City of Fort Scott and the NPS people involved in the establishment and operation of Fort Scott National Historic Site were in a mood to celebrate. And celebrate they did.

The occasion was an outdoor program signalling the formal establishment of a new unit of the National Park System.

A second-floor porch of the headquarters building, once the fort's hospital, served as the speakers' platform. From it, the program dignitaries looked down on a crowd of more than 700 persons, including three school bands. A larger-than-expected turnout in a city of less than 9,000, it reflected the pride that this eastern Kansas community takes in its historic old fort and the fact that after many years as a ward of the city, the fort has become a full-fledged unit of the National Park System.

"This is the day we all dreamed about, but few really thought it would ever become a reality," said former United States Representative Joe Skubitz in a keynote address. "We all knew we had something of real historical significance here, but didn't seem to have the ability to put it together."

Fort Scott was established in 1842 to stabilize a theoretical boundary between American settlers to the east and American Indians to the west. Its role changed with the years but the fort became the nucleus of the City of Fort Scott.

Largely through the efforts of Mr. Skubitz, in whose Fifth Congressional District the city is located, Congress in 1965 authorized NPS financial and technical help in restoring the fort buildings. In 1968, on the eve of retirement from Congress, Mr. Skubitz sponsored legislation providing for full Federal operation. Formal transfer of the property from the City to NPS took place May 19, 1979. The unit's first NPS superintendent, Glenn O. Clark, entered on duty Oct. 9, 1979, and formal establishment through a Federal Register notice took place less than a month later.

Midwest Regional Director J.L. Dunning served as master of ceremonies for the establishment program. Director

Whalen was represented by Ira Whitlock, Chief of Congressional Liaison. Mayor John S. Baker represented the city.

The *Fort Scott Tribune* said the speeches and local comments evidenced

a belief "that there would never be another day like Thursday, Nov. 8, in Fort Scott's history." The program was followed by a community luncheon honoring Mr. Skubitz and his wife, Jess.



Looking up at second-floor porch, which served as speakers' "platform," for establishment program at Fort Scott.

Photos by O. A. Hanson.

(Left to right) Fort Scott Mayor John S. Baker, Superintendent Glenn O. Clark, and Rep. Joe Skubitz.



Fiery show at Pauahi Crater

Hawaii Volcanoes National Park once again hosted the creative processes of the earth with the Nov. 16 eruption at Pauahi Crater. Hawaiian tradition gives credit for the fiery display to Pele, Hawaiian Volcano Goddess.

Pele began her 24-hour display just as torrential rainstorms were sweeping the island, yet some 10,000 visitors turned out to see the show. Many visitors were island residents who waited as long as an hour to get a close-up view of the fountaining from the narrow vantage point on the Pauahi Crater's rim. Severe sulfur fumes and heavy rains deterred many from lingering at the fiery pit.

Lava flows from the Pauahi eruption caused some road blockage within the parks as liquid rock pahoehoe toes inched their way across asphalt. Earthquakes through fault zones also created cracks in the roadway.

The November eruption was recorded as a small one by the U.S. Geological Survey. Overall deflation of the magma reservoir beneath Kilauea volcano was minimal. Because a great volume of magma continues to gradually build pressure, it is hoped that Pele will soon astound visitors and park personnel with yet another fiery show.

Photos by Dina Kageler.



Earthquakes through a fault zone caused road damage in Hawaii Volcanoes NP. The earth steamed and the roadway dropped nearly a foot.

Gray Whales migrate south

Robert J. Valen
Park Interpreter
Cabrillo NM, Calif.

The day is calm. Wind, 9 knots out of the west. The sky is clear, so clear you can see California's snow-covered San Bernardino Mountains 120 miles to the northeast. Our attention, though, is directed to the west and the blue-green expanse of the Pacific.

Anticipation of an arrival starts by the middle of November. We spend more and more time scanning the surface of the ocean. We know they are coming. We just don't know when. It's a natural phenomenon as dependable as the rise and fall of the tides. We know we'll see them—it's only a matter of time.

Each winter at Cabrillo National Monument we expand our interpretive efforts to include one of Mother Earth's natural wonders; the migration of the California Gray Whale.

Public interest in sea mammals, especially whales, has increased in recent years. That interest takes the form of visitation at Cabrillo National Monument. An increase of visitors at the monument is seen from November through February, and during that period all 300,000 seem to be asking, "How are the whales doing this year?"

Starting in September, the first Gray Whales begin their migration, that takes them south from rich feeding grounds in the Bering and Chukchi Seas off Alaska to the warm, shallow lagoons of Baja

California, Mexico.

The first to leave usually are pregnant females seeking out the lagoon water as their calving place just as their ancestors have done for hundreds of thousands of years. Later, the mature males and females, who will court and mate along the way, are on the move. Lastly the yearlings, born the previous year, prepare themselves to follow the adult population.

Our first sightings of California Gray Whales from Cabrillo National

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Migration of the California Gray Whale.



Monument are made in early December and increase almost daily until the peak of the migration, usually in the middle of January. At this point it is not uncommon for counts to be made of more than 200 whales per day. During the past 5 years, the park has cooperated as an official counting and data gathering station for National Marine Fisheries of National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The team assigned by National Marine Fisheries was on duty for 90 days during the most active months of the 1977-78 southward migration. Their count was 6,300 Grays, about half the total estimated population. The southward portion of the migration is normally completed by the end of February. In the lagoons of Baja California the new-born calves quickly discover their capabilities and continue to add more fat to their fast-growing

bodies in preparation for the long trek to the far-away Arctic waters.

In early spring the Gray Whales begin the last half of this longest known migration of any mammal, about 12,000 miles, returning to the waters off the Alaskan coast. The whales follow a route that seems to be much further off shore than the one followed on the southward leg. Why? Scientists just do not know.

Weighing 35 to 40 tons and spanning up to 40 feet in length, the California Gray Whale is believed to be the earliest of baleen or whalebone whales to have evolved. Baleen whales are filter-feeding mammals skimming the ocean surface or, like the California Gray, plowing the food-rich bottom for small amphipods; a shrimp-like creature.

Although they number about 15,000 today, there were less than 1,000 Grays in the early 1900s, and needed action was

taken by the International Whaling Commission to establish a protected status for this diminishing species. Since 1937, members of the Commission (not all whaling nations are members) have been forbidden to hunt the California Gray.

During our interpretive programs in the visitor center auditorium, and our casual contacts on the bluffs and at the whale observatory overlooking the Pacific Ocean, many questions and philosophical discussions develop around the history and natural history of the California Gray Whale. We at Cabrillo find this interest as one more affirmation of an enlightened respect of one species for another, and look to next year's migration as we again direct our attention to the west, and the blue-green expanse of the Pacific.

Future bright for Colorado National Monument greenhouse

"Let's build a greenhouse. . ."

It was a casual remark, an idle suggestion, perhaps even a comment offered in jest, but the idea caught on, and the visitor center at Colorado National Monument now sports a functional and attractive new addition—the greenhouse. The modification may just be the first passive solar heating device to be employed in any unit of the Park Service.

But the greenhouse project was really little more than an afterthought, a footnote to a story that began in early 1979, when Director Whalen designated the monument as one of six Special Energy Initiative Parks.

From the outset, his announcement touched off a flurry of activity. Comprehensive building and fleet surveys inspired a host of energy-saving retrofit projects, and ultimately acquainted rangers and maintenance people with the joys of daily moped operation. Special training courses stimulated the preparation of new exhibits, and paved the way for an expansion of interpretive services, including repeat performances of the Colorado-based "Music Magic" energy show and the Franklin S. Roberts touring production of "When the Well's Dry." And, inevitably, there was a seemingly endless round of meetings, seminars, and conferences.

It was at such a gathering last June that someone first considered enclosing the visitor center's large, south-facing back porch, and said something about building a greenhouse. And within

earshot, apparently, was just the right combination of talent to pick up the idea, perfect it, and set the project in motion, including personnel from WASO's Energy and Interpretive divisions, Rocky Mountain Region's Energy Division, representatives of the Colorado and Grand Junction energy offices, and various members of the monument staff.

Project approval came quickly, and in a matter of weeks, architectural plans had been prepared, materials ordered, and construction dates set—pretty much standard procedure, albeit somewhat accelerated.

What set this project apart was the unique composition of its work force. At the suggestion of Grand Junction's energy office, it was decided to build the greenhouse as a hands-on workshop project in hopes of actively involving interested citizens from the local community.

On two successive weekends in October, perhaps 30 enthusiastic volunteers helped the park's maintenance crew and various contractors make the greenhouse a reality. There were housewives, students, a retired postal worker, an architect, and a biology professor, among others, who came to contribute their time and energies, and to learn more about the design and construction of passive solar heating devices.

In terms of energy savings and improved community relations, the new greenhouse at Colorado National Monument has already begun to yield important benefits, and its future appears bright, indeed.



Nearing completion, the interior of the solar greenhouse at Colorado NM. The woodstove serves as a back-up on overcast days.

Photos by Hank Schoch.

Heated air from the structure flows into the visitor center by convection.



Burglars caught napping during NPS movie

Tom Crowson, Park Ranger
Fort Smith NHS, Ark.

Does history repeat itself? People around Fort Smith, Ark., are wondering, after two burglars broke into the building at Fort Smith National Historic Site that for years housed the courtroom and jail of Judge Isaac C. Parker—the legendary “hanging judge” who sent 79 men to the gallows many years ago. Criminals knew then they could expect little or no mercy from the man. Things haven’t changed. Someone just forgot to tell these two fellows.

It took some time to get into the building. But once inside, the stage was set for the old Federal Court for the Western District of Arkansas to once again secure the cause of justice.

Something activated the burglar alarm. The burglars? Perhaps, but the window they came through did not have an alarm. What then caused the alarm to activate? No one knows. The burglars later admitted they had just broken in when the building was surrounded by police.

One man was arrested under the desk of the administrative clerk, and the other was arrested in Parker’s courtroom, in the very spot where the guilty had stood to receive their sentences.

After arresting the two modern-day criminals, one told investigators that they had watched a park orientation program

that afternoon, fallen asleep and had just awakened as the police arrived. Park personnel have been asking for a new movie for several months. It is believed this will provide sufficient justification to get it.

But the news had gotten out, spreading by word of mouth through the surrounding communities. The long arm of the law is just as long as ever and the nods and smiles of the oldtimers say it all. Judge Parker is still presiding over his court. And it makes the park staff feel a little more secure when they go home at night.

The “hanging judge” Isaac C. Parker, Fort Smith NHS, Ark.



Police recover Hampton silver

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An estimated \$40,000 worth of antique silver, porcelain and china that had been stolen from Hampton National Historic Site in Towson, Md., was recovered in the recently disclosed police fencing operation in Baltimore.

On Nov. 26, police arrested 45 of 71 persons sought in connection with a number of burglaries in the Baltimore area that involved \$1.5 million worth of goods.

The Hampton silver had been stolen from the historic site during the renovation of the mansion earlier last year.

The theft took place before the Park Service assumed full administration of the site. Protective measures have since been increased.

“We are gratified to have these valuable items back at Hampton,” said Dennis E. McGinnis, Superintendent of Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine and of Hampton. “Many pieces are more than 200 years old and some bear the Ridgely family crest.”

The valuables had been packed away in crates while the renovation of the mansion proceeded. Later, several crates were discovered to be missing.

The alleged thief or an accomplice “sold” most of the pieces to an undercover police “fence” for a fraction of their value.

Checking the returned items against its inventory, Park Service rangers estimate that 95 percent of the stolen pieces have been recovered.

When they identified the Hampton silver for the police, the rangers also discovered bronze statues and china that had been stolen from the nearby Ridgely farmhouse. The farm property is slated for Federal acquisition and is currently under Park Service protection through a lease agreement.

“We congratulate the FBI, Maryland State Police and Baltimore County Police for the professional skill they showed in organizing and carrying out this recovery of stolen goods,” said McGinnis. “Their cooperation has been exemplary.”

“These handsome antique heirlooms will be returned to Hampton where they will be interpreted as part of the mansion’s history.”

(Note: McGinnis retired in early January.)

Sequoia: If you lost it, we've got it

Hank Jones, Management Assistant
Sequoia and Kings Canyon NPs, Calif.

What does the Bronx Zoo, Macy's Department Store and Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif., have in common?

Answer: A lost and found department.

"Most visitors to the national parks don't realize the extent of our lost and found operation," says Dorothy Scott, chief park ranger's secretary, "I process nearly 3,000 items each year that are found and turned in to park personnel.

"We have had everything from expensive cameras, rings and binoculars,

to worn-out tires, pets, and occasionally one ski boot," Scott said. "Sometimes the items are unusual, like the canopy from Lt. David Steeve's plane when he ejected into the Sierra in 1957. The canopy wasn't found until 1978. It was returned to the U.S. Air Force for their disposal.

What happens to all of the articles found each year? According to Scott there is an established policy for their disposal. She says that prescription eyeglasses are given to the "New Eyes for the Needy, Inc." in Short Hills, N.J. About 75 pairs were sent to them in 1979. Scott said that items are kept by the Park Service for a specific period of time and if the loser doesn't come forward or lost

report cannot be matched to the object, then the finder gets it. If the finder doesn't want it, the item is given to a charity organization.

"The only exception to this procedure," Scott said, "is that if a park employee finds an article, and it isn't returned to the loser, the employee cannot get the item back as a visitor would.

"When this happens," she said, "objects with a used value of \$50 are sold according to Federal regulations." Items under this value are given to a charity organization.

"One article that we always seem to have each year is class rings," Scott explains. "In 1979, we were able to return 10 of these rings, those with names or initials on them, by working closely with the school the ring came from.

"In the past, even passports have been found," Scott said. "These are turned back to the embassy of the nation the person was from."

Scott mentioned that one of the most interesting lost and found incidents occurred a few years ago.

"A young family, with several children, set up housekeeping in a tent in one of the park's campgrounds. They apparently had everything they owned there," Scott said, "including four footlockers full of food and personal possessions, like children's report cards, photographs, and so forth. Then one day they drove off, leaving everything.

"After several months of sleuthing, we were able to locate the parents of this family and eventually returned all of the possessions to the persons who left them," she concluded.

"Visitors to the national parks need to know the lost and found program is alive and well and to report objects they lose, as well as to turn in things they find," she said.



Chief Park Ranger's Secretary Dorothy Scott sorts through lost and found articles at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif.

Romping around at Golden Gate

Youngsters attended "Sea Camp" aboard the historic schooner C. A. Thayer of the National Maritime Museum fleet in Golden Gate NRA, Calif., as part of the Urban Initiative program. Dave Nettles of Hyde Street Pier staff romps with the youngsters who learned about life at sea in the days of sail.



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GRAND CANYON NP—A tourist plane crashed here in mid-November and burst into flames minutes after its 44 passengers climbed from the wreck. Eight persons were injured. Many of the passengers were part of a French-speaking tourist group, and the plane was returning to Las Vegas after visiting the canyon. FAA spokesmen said the cause of the Nevada Airlines crash was "mechanical failure."



GULF ISLANDS NS, FLA.—When Hurricane Frederic wiped out roads here a few months ago, the park's interpretive program did not come to a grinding halt as might be expected. Instead, Park Naturalist Jo Falls and Historian Suzanne Lewis took their program to nearby Escambia County High School and presented it to 1,800 would-be visitors. Rangers gathered a wealth of information and suggestions on how to best help the seashore to recover, including aiding sand-dune restoration by using snow fencing and Christmas trees.



GOLDEN GATE NRA, CALIF.—Two large ocean-going barges were washed ashore near Bird Island in the Marin Headlands by a severe storm on New Year's Eve morning. As one of the Crowley Maritime Corp. barges, the *Agattu*, contained 35 cannisters of potentially dangerous chlorine gas, preparations were made to evacuate nearby residents and the area was closed to the public. The Park Service coordinated efforts by a number of public and private agencies until the cannisters could be lifted from the barge by helicopter. A second barge, the *Kona*, was a total loss.



ASSATEAGUE ISLAND NS, MD.-VA.—Clammers have dredged up an artifact of the Atlantic's long-ago past. It was the skull of a walrus, who lived here 10,000 years ago. Local geologists believe there is a wealth of pre-historic artifacts offshore from Assateague. Included are evidence of the early Paleo Indians and huge animals living along this coastline such as the walrus, 60-foot sharks, the mastadon, and lion-like animals, plus huge horses, two or three times as large as the modern-day seashore ponies.

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION—Everyone always knew there was a lot of hot air being generated in Washington, D.C., but now scientists from Johns Hopkins University have found two large underground "lakes" of high-quality methane beneath two former garbage dumps. Park Service officials hope to tap the gas, also known as swamp gas, to heat Government buildings and to fire a distillery that would produce alcohol to power lawn mowers and other small engines used in the 50,000 acres of Federal parkland here. "We plan to put all our maintenance people on alcohol next spring," says Maintenance Chief James Wolfe.

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY, MISS.—The dream of one continuous road from Jackson, Miss., to Jackson Falls, Tenn., came another step closer to reality Dec. 18. Superintendent C. W. "Jack" Ogle announced the opening of a 4-mile stretch of pavement in northeast Mississippi. To finish the 300-mile parkway, only 34 miles in Mississippi and Alabama remain to be completed and the work is either already contracted or funded.

Newly appointed Superintendent Bell at Booker T. Washington

Deputy Director Ira J. Hutchison (left), newly appointed Superintendent Geraldine M. Bell (center) and Regional Director Richard L. Stanton study a model depicting the reading of a proclamation freeing the slaves at the Burroughs plantation in Virginia in 1865. The model stands in the visitor center at Booker T. Washington NM near Rocky Mount, Va. Superintendent Bell was installed at a ceremony held at the park Nov. 13. She became the first black woman to be appointed a superintendent within the system.

Photo: Betty Masters; courtesy of Roanoke Times and World News.



Odegaard named PNWR deputy director

Charles H. "Chuck" Odegaard, former Washington State parks director, has been named Deputy Regional Director for the Pacific Northwest Region. Regional Director Russ Dickenson said that NPS is extremely fortunate in hiring Odegaard, who "brings to us more than 24 years' experience and national acclaim as a parks administrator and expert on outdoor recreation."

Odegaard served as director of the Washington State park system from 1963 to 1979. Prior to that he spent 5 years as district representative of the National Recreation Association, covering the Pacific Northwest States and three Canadian provinces.

He started his career in 1952 as parks director for Marinette, Wisc., and later was director of the Waukesha County (Wisconsin) park system.

Odegaard has served as president of the National Association of State Park Directors (1973-75) and the National

Society for Park Resources (1974-76), on the board of directors of the National Recreation & Park Association and the National Lewis and Clark Trail Foundation, and as a fellow of the American Park and Recreation Society.

The National Conference on State Parks recognized Odegaard with its Outstanding Achievement Award for Excellence in 1971 and with its Meritorious Award in 1977. He also was honored with the Seattle Civitan Award for service to retarded children in 1974.

A native of Beloit, Wisc., Odegaard graduated from Wisconsin State College at LaCrosse in 1952, following service in the Army. He has taken graduate work at the University of Wisconsin and the University of Washington, and has taught at the University of Washington and Oregon State University. He also has taught at the Albright Training Center at Grand Canyon.



Smith named to Ocmulgee post



Sibbald Smith has been appointed superintendent of Ocmulgee National Monument, Ga.

Smith, currently assistant chief ranger of the Natchez Trace Parkway, Ala.-Miss.-Tenn., succeeds Walter T. Berrett, who retired in December after a 40-year Federal career.

In his new post, Smith, a Cherokee Indian, will direct operations of an area set aside by Congress in 1934 to preserve the remnants of early Indian civilizations in the southeastern United States.

A native of Swain County, N.C., Smith joined the Park Service in 1965 as a resident worker at Oconaluftee Job Corps Center, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn. He served as a park technician at Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., and was a park ranger at Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, N.J.-Pa., before transferring to the Natchez Trace Parkway in 1976.

Before starting his NPS career, Smith owned a grocery store and motel in Cherokee, N.C., and also worked as a district circulation manager for Knoxville newspapers and as supervisor of a fish management program for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. He is a former member of the Cherokee Tribal Council.

Today, we face perhaps the gravest—certainly the most stimulating—challenge in the history of conservation. It is the challenge to build a quality society—one in which we manage not just to preserve the delicate balance between the needs of our people and the

Heyne retires to vineyards

After 30 years, Alvin E. Heyne has retired from Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif., to reside on his small ranch near Reedley.

David D. Thompson Jr., superintendent of the parks said that Al has done an excellent job keeping the heavy duty equipment, including snow plows, running in the Kings Canyon section of the parks.

Al began his Park Service career in Yosemite as a fire control aide for the summer of 1948, and then from 1951 to 1966 he worked as an automotive mechanic there. He transferred to Sequoia and Kings Canyon in 1970 and has worked at Grant Grove since then.

Al, his wife Marilyn and family will now spend their time in the grape vineyard they own and have plans to plant other fruits as retirement time permits.

39 years enuf for Motter

Ralph E. Motter, a program analyst with the Mid-Atlantic Region, retired recently after more than 39 years Federal Service.

Motter began his Government career in 1940 as a clerk with the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard. After military service, he joined the Park Service in 1957 as budget officer in Philadelphia.

What does he plan to do during his retirement? Well, he's an accomplished musician and plays violin, mandolin and guitar.

He and his wife, Hope, a retired newspaperwoman, reside at 306 Clearbrook Ave., Lansdowne, Pa.

Edwards heads Gateway police

The appointment of Maj. Clarence Edwards as commanding officer of the U.S. Park Police Field Office at Gateway National Recreation Area, N.Y.-N.J., has been announced.

Maj. Edwards, a 16-year veteran of the U.S. Park Police, is a Washington, D.C., native who previously had been assigned to the North Atlantic Regional Office as regional law enforcement specialist.

During his career with the U.S. Park Police, Maj. Edwards has held a variety of assignments. He served as commander of the Community Relations Unit, commander of Special Equipment and Tactics teams, and as an instructor in the Human Relations and Physical Training sections of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center's Basic Police School. He also worked as a criminal investigator.

Maj. Edwards holds a Bachelor of Science degree in administration of justice from American University, and is a graduate of the Mid-Level Manager Training Program, and of the FBI National Academy.



natural resources of our land, but actually to improve the heritage which has been handed to us.

—Quest for Quality
A 1964 Publication of the
Department of the Interior.



Taking five

During the Southwest Regional Superintendents' Conference last October, former Regional Director Joe Rumberg and former Associate Regional Director Carl Walker joined the group in a social event—a break in the busy days of official duties.



(On left) Joe Rumberg with Carl Walker.

Talking and smiling

Alumni Granville and Mary Liles smile for the camera while George Fry talks. Fry, former Chairman of the E&AA Board of Directors, was a superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn.; while Liles, retired superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., once was chief ranger in the Great Smoky Mountains. They were among the guests at the "Man-in-the Biosphere" plaque unveiling ceremony at Smokies on Oct. 26, 1979.

(From left) Mary Liles, Granny Liles and George Fry.



Ryan captures Kowski crown



(From left) Larry Freeman, Gary Everhardt, and Jim Ryan.

Jim Ryan, public information specialist in the Southeast Region, played 17 holes of outstanding golf over the swampy Great Smokies Hilton course in Asheville, N.C., to win the fifth annual Frank F. Kowski Memorial Tournament for NPS employees, alumni and friends.

The Great Smokies course is so marshy that some players have professed fear of stepping into the hazards because of the danger of quicksand. Water guards the fairways for the first 12 holes. Nonetheless, Ryan shot a 78 that would have been even more respectable except for trouble on a nasty, narrow par 5. On the par 5, Ryan twice sent his tee shot out of bounds before getting his swing under control.

The result was a nine, which cost him an even better round, but won him the tournament. Under the Callaway Handicap System, the poor score on the hole provided the needed handicap for a net 69, making him a two-stroke winner, with the lowest net in the tourney's history.

Last year's winner Spike Cottonwood came in with the lowest gross—75.

Playing in Three Rivers, Calif., Cottonwood finished behind (net) his wife, Em, and Larry Brochini. Brochini captured second place low net.

Larry Freeman at Smokies won closest to the pin honors, putting the ball 30 inches from the hole on one shot. John Tiechert of the Pacific Northwest Regional Office contingent logged the longest putt—38 feet, 4½ inches.

The tournament to honor the late Southwest Regional Director Frank F. Kowski, drew a record 162 golfers, far surpassing the previous years. In addition there were eight other contributors, which netted \$473 for the benefit of the E&AA Educational Aid Fund.

Sun-seekers settle on Tucson

The annual get-together of sun-seeking employees and alumni will take place for the third time in Tucson, Ariz., March 23 and 24.

Featured events will include the geriatrics golf tournament and the defense of the men's and ladies' traveling trophies won last year by Carl Walker and Barbara Rumburg, both of Santa Fe. For non-golfers there is plenty to do in the Tucson area.

If you're interested in coming and haven't received a letter with the tear-off coupon for reservations to the cocktail party, golf, and banquet, get in touch with Luis Gastelum, 2302 S. Oak Park Dr., Tucson, AZ 85710, or call 602-296-8446.

Smokies quilt nets \$750 for E&AA

The Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn., Women's Association has donated \$750 to the E&AA Educational Aid Fund.

The women designed and made a quilt featuring the wildflowers of the Smokies. Winner of a drawing for the quilt was Mary Cambier of Gatlinburg, Tenn. Mary and her husband John are NPS retirees. Mary says, "We enjoy hiking in the Smoky Mountains and appreciate the wildflowers of the area. . .," (which are featured on the quilt blocks).

Dunnings to visit all Midwest areas

A year ago last December, Jim and Evah Dunning returned to Omaha after an absence of 10 years from the Midwest. When Jim was named Midwest Regional Director, one of the goals the Dunnings had was to visit every area in the Region during their first year. Last summer they took two extensive trips, using their personal car and pulling their vacation trailer. This was a cost-effective way to visit several areas in one trip and it afforded the Dunnings an opportunity to meet employees, spouses and children in each park they visited. Jim believes that when Evah accompanies him it reinforces the NPS idea that administration is a partnership that includes not only employees but their families, as well. The Dunnings feel very strongly that the NPS family feeling makes the NPS organization something special, and they want to do everything they can to promote this feeling.

Gene V. Daugherty in memoriam

Ron Thoman
Cuyahoga Valley NRA, Ohio

The sudden death of Gene Daugherty, superintendent of Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon, Ariz., in an Oct. 28 hunting accident is a tragedy in the most classical sense of that word. At the prime of his life, at the prime of his career, at the prime of his contribution to family and friends, Gene was taken with so much left to give, with such unrealized potential.

A native of Pennsylvania, he was a 19-year veteran of the National Park Service. He began his Park Service career as a ranger at Prince William Forest Park, Va., in 1960 and was transferred to White Sands National Monument, N. Mex., in 1965 as chief ranger. In 1967, he was judged one of the most promising potential managers in the Park Service and was selected for the Department Manager Training Program in WASO. He quickly began proving that judgment correct as he designed the Mid-Level Manager Development Program, which still is in use today for identifying and developing potential managers in the Service. In 1968 he was promoted to a training position in WASO, and in 1970 was appointed chief of the Division of Urban and Environmental Activities for National Capital Parks. He became chief ranger of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Ariz.-Nev., in 1972. In June 1974 he was appointed as assistant superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif. The Service's last best expression of its confidence in Gene's ability and potential was his assignment as superintendent of the Albright Training Center in August 1977. There he was able to share all of his experience, understanding, and leadership with a broad range of new and veteran NPS employees who came for training or conferences.

Those of us who knew Gene as friend, colleague, and employee will miss him deeply. His cheerful, positive attitude, his wit and humor, his bouncy step were unfailingly there to brighten up our days. He was an outstanding listener and a firm but supportive supervisor. As a true team player, he was a delight to work for. His hard work and dedication to the mission

of the Service and the welfare of the park visitor was an inspiration. But above all we will miss his friendship.

With the same depth that we loved and will miss him, we all reach out in spirit to his family, who surely miss him most of all.

May we all keep in mind as we adjust to his absence that we were fortunate to have known Gene Daugherty. He enriched our lives and the Service. In that sense he will always be with us.

Tacked on the bulletin board in Gene's office was a favorite quotation of his that is symbolic of what he gave to all who came in contact with him:

"We can do anything for one day. So just today, let us be unafraid of life; unafraid of death which is the shadow of life, unafraid to be happy, to enjoy the beautiful, to believe the best. Just for today let us live one day only, forgetting yesterday and tomorrow, and not trying to solve the whole problem of life at once."—Joseph Fort Newton.



Gene V. Daugherty.

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Special Edition

A "special edition" of the *COURIER*, giving information about the First NPS Women's Conference, which was held Nov. 13-16, in the Washington, D.C., area, was published in January.

Anyone who wishes to receive a copy of this special edition should write to Naomi L. Hunt, Editor, National Park *COURIER*, Room 5103, 1100 L St., NW., Washington, D.C. 20240.

Blue Ridge honors four

Superintendent Gary Everhardt presented awards to four of his employees at the Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va. recently. Receiving recognition were James L. Bentley, Anita R. Otto, Andrew R. Kardos and Harley E. Jolley.

Bentley, chief of Maintenance for the 470-mile scenic motor road, received a Special Achievement Award of \$750 for his leadership in meeting what Everhardt called "high-quality standards of cleanliness, appearance and safety despite a dramatic increase in visitation and a significant decrease in staff."

Bentley was specifically cited for his efforts in obtaining the funding necessary to resurface most of the parkway, for providing access to the handicapped at visitor facilities, and for programs that have reduced energy consumption.

General Accounting Clerk Otto, who last year received a Special Achievement Award for outstanding service, was presented an Outstanding Performance Rating and a Quality Step Increase.

Everhardt said that Mrs. Otto's "skill and dedication, creativity and initiative have resulted in unparalleled efficiency in the accounting office."

Kardos, the parkway historian, and Jolley, who works seasonally as the park's research historian, both received Superior Service Awards. With the parkway since 1976, Kardos was cited for a number of contributions to the park and to the Service.

One of the most recent was a cooperative program with the Library of Congress and American Folk Life Society to record a wide variety of the culture of Appalachia. Selected segments of these recordings have been combined with other interpretive aids for use with parkway area schools and community groups.

Jolley, a professor of history at Mars Hill (N.C.) College, has been a seasonal employee of the parkway since 1958 and has had extensive experience along its entire length. His present assignment is

to research historical data to assure appropriate and accurate interpretation of park resources. He also wrote the book "On the Blue Ridge."

Jack Davis receives MSA



John H. "Jack" Davis, deputy director of the Western Region, received the Department of the Interior's Meritorious Service Award at the most recent Western Regional Superintendents' Conference in San Diego.

In presenting the award, Regional Director Howard H. Chapman said, "Jack has exhibited extraordinary skill and ability in the field of park management."

A second generation NPS employee, Jack began his career as a seasonal employee at Grand Canyon National Park in 1948. He became a park ranger at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Ariz., in 1955. He later became assistant superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway and then superintendent of Redwood National Park, Calif., in 1970.

"Jack's appointment as superintendent of Redwood was at a critical juncture in the park's history," Chapman said. "He played a vital role in negotiating with private timber companies to voluntarily establish timber cutting practices on their lands. He established harmonious relationships with timber company executives that led to tentative agreements for mitigating damage to the park."

Jack is the son of John M. Davis, veteran Park Service executive now living in retirement in Tacoma, Wash.

After becoming deputy regional director in 1974, Davis continued to serve in a liaison capacity for the park between the regional and Washington Office of the Service and the Department.

"In no small part, Jack's personal efforts led to the legislation that expanded Redwood National Park in 1978," Chapman said. "His Service record is characterized by imagination, skill and dedication."

Eastern Park Association awards

A manager and three agents were given outstanding performance awards by the Eastern National Park and Monument Association at a workshop conducted in Philadelphia, Nov. 26-29.

The management award was made to Tom Booker, the association's manager at Blue Ridge Parkway, N. C.-Va. Bernie Goodman, assistant superintendent of Independence National Historical Park, Pa., received the agency award in Class I (large operations). The award in Class II (intermediate size operations) went to Anne Dudley of the NPS staff at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Fla.-Miss.; and Bruce Peterson, NPS staffer at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, Mich., got the award in Class III (small operations).

The awards are determined on the basis of six criteria of performance: new ideas, merchandising improvements, good communication, compliance with association guidelines and procedure, cooperation, and effective management. Each awardee receives a personally inscribed plaque, and his or her name is also inscribed on a permanent plaque maintained at association headquarters. Each also becomes an officially designated delegate to the biennial conference of National Park Service cooperating associations, to be held in Texas in 1980.

Two NPSers get Alaska kudos

Dan Kuehn and Ellen Lang Hayes were recognized for their work with the Alaska Humanities Forum at that organization's recent awards banquet in Anchorage.

Ms. Hayes, former superintendent of Sitka National Historical Park, is currently Native Liaison Officer with Alaska Area Office in Anchorage.

Kuehn is a former superintendent of Mount McKinley National Park, now chief of Planning and Compliance in Pacific Northwest Regional Office in Seattle.

The two NPS employees were given plaques for their services on the State Committee of the Forum. The committee was a conduit for \$500,000 in matching funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities to sponsor community forums and other programs addressing the State theme: Land—Bridge to Community.

No rockers for Chuck Cadieux

When Charles L. (Chuck) Cadieux retired recently as a public information officer for an Interior assistant secretary, nobody expected him to end up in a rocking chair. Chuck—who worked for the NPS WASO Public Affairs Office in 1973-74—much prefers a cornfield blind on a freezing dawn.

What's more, Chuck writes as well as he shoots. His "Goose Hunting," published by Stone Wall Press, Boston, is drawing favorable reviews. The Washington Post called his writing style "smooth," his book "intriguing" and his anecdotes "lively." The introduction is by Robert L. Herbst, Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife and Parks.

The book is distributed by Stephen Greene Press, Brattleboro, Vt., and sells for \$12.95.

This past fall Chuck completed a movie on waterfowl hunting off the North Carolina coast. With a Japanese company paying the way, Chuck wrote the script. And guess who did the filming? Yep, author and hunter Cadieux.

Boss Pinkley's ruminations

Douglas Evans, Chief of Interpretation & Visitor Services, Southwest Regional Office, is coordinating work on the publication of Frank Pinkley's "Ruminations" by Southwest Parks and Monuments Association. Tentatively, the book will include a "Boss" Pinkley scrapbook of photos, articles, letters and other Pinkley memorabilia. NPS folks who have anything that might be of interest are urged to contact Keith Hoofnagle, West District Naturalist at Olympic National Park, who is designing and illustrating the Pinkley book. Keith's address is: West District Office, Olympic National Park, P.O. Box 1978 Forks, WA 98331.

Correction

The November COURIER reported that Administrative Officer Ray Brotherton of Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., received the Meritorious Service Award—"the highest recognition." The MSA is not the highest. The highest Department of the Interior award is the Distinguished Service Award.



Letters

Dear Mr. Whalen:

Thanks for the wonderful time!

You are to be congratulated for your magnificent national parks and monuments . . . and for the courteous and helpful men and women of the National Park Service. We received—and used—all the brochures and information which we had requested and you had sent us to begin with and the rest of our experience was a joy—Yellowstone, Rocky Mountain, Grand Teton, Arches, Canyonlands, Zion, Bryce, Grand Canyon, Mesa Verde.

At a time when many of us are disappointed or disenchanted with our "government," this marvelous organization of museums, trails, guides, movies and personal attention from the Park Service—and the special arrangements to view the breathtaking beauty of our land—all this has renewed our enthusiasm and pride in the good old U.S.A.! Thanks for making this happen.

Best wishes in all your efforts.

Mr. & Mrs. John Branch
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Chief, Office of Public Affairs
National Park Service

On 12 October 1979 USS Fort Snelling (LSD-30), currently undergoing overhaul in Baltimore, conducted a Change of Command ceremony at the National Park at Fort McHenry.

This ceremony, one of the most formal occasions in the Navy, was only made possible through the enthusiastic support by the staff of Fort McHenry. With the ship being dismantled by contractors, the Park Service provided a superb site in the center of the Star Fort. This not only enabled us to conduct the Change of Command with dignity, but provided great educational benefit to the ship's crew and several invited guests.

I received numerous commendatory comments from the distinguished guests present and wish to express my sincere thanks to Dennis McGinnis and Warren Bielenberg who, along with their staff, ensured this ceremony's success.

D. R. Pauling
Commander, U.S. Navy
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People on the move



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Mrs. Sarah Rogers

Sarah Vaille Rogers, widow of Edmund B. Rogers, died Nov. 21 in Denver. She was 85. Her husband, who died in 1972, had at one time been superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo., and of Yellowstone National Park.

A student of music, Mrs. Rogers taught piano for many years. She was a member of the Colorado Mountain Club and the Wednesday Music Club in Denver. Memorial contributions may be made to the Denver Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Charles E. Shevlin

Charles E. Shevlin, former assistant superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park who retired in 1965, died on Nov. 27 in Tucson, Ariz. He had been hospitalized for what appeared to be a stroke, but the precise nature of his illness had not been determined at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Kay, of the home address, 5725 E. Second Street, Tucson, AZ 85711. Interment was to be in Olmstedville, N.Y.

Mr. Paul V. Brown

Paul V. Brown, a former NPS assistant regional director in Santa Fe and Omaha, died Dec. 9 in Seattle. He was 81.

Mr. Brown spent most of his later years working as a director of city parks for both Indianapolis and Seattle.

He joined the Park Service in 1936. From 1937 to 1941, he served as assistant regional director in Omaha, and from 1941 to 1944 as an assistant regional director in Santa Fe.

Survivors include his wife, Florence; three sons, and nine grandchildren.

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The ultimate park visitor

Halloween eve was an historic occasion for the Park Service, and in particular Big Cypress National Preserve, Fla.

On that day, Alan Krahe Hogenauer of Port Washington, N.Y., arrived at Big Cypress and became the first person ever to visit each one of the 305 NPS areas in the System outside of Alaska.

The challenge of going to all the park units has taken the 38-year-old Hogenauer more than 20 years to achieve. It all started with an early childhood visit of his family to Statue of Liberty National Monument, N.Y. Subsequent visits have been made slowly but steadily, time permitting, on vacations, weekends and in conjunction with business trips.

He has visited NPS sites in 49 States, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Virgin Islands. Since 1959, when Hogenauer's project really got underway, there have been frequent changes and additions to the System, so the task increased in scope as time went on. Its completion at Big Cypress was not planned, but things just worked out that way.

For the past 4 years, Hogenauer has been director, Market Research and Planning, for Trans World Airlines in New York. Prior to that, he served as an air transport economist with the United Nations in East Africa. He has also worked as an airport planner and aviation consultant and as a researcher in Australia.

From 1965 to 1967, he and his wife, Sally, drove a land-rover around the world on their honeymoon. Hogenauer received his Ph.D. in transportation geography from Columbia University in 1975. Alan and Sally Hogenauer have two children, Meg, 10, and Bill, 8, and live in Port Washington, N.Y.



Alan Krahe Hogenauer with Ranger Carrol Schell at Big Cypress NP, Fla.

When Hogenauer arrived at Big Cypress in late October, he received a royal welcome. Ranger Carrol Schell drove into the ranger station with a cake in tow to celebrate.

"I guess you could say Hogenauer is the ultimate visitor," said Schell.

"Yeah," chimed in Park Manager Irv Mortenson, "he must be close to the dean of Park Service visitors."

With that, Hogenauer took a machete, cut through the cake and ceremoniously joined a select group of one.

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