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Redwood to Reykjavik

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A two-ton slab of redwood has made it safely across our continent and the Atlantic Ocean to Reykjavik, Iceland, in fulfillment of a promise made more than ten years ago by a former Secretary of the Interior.

The commitment for a section of a redwood tree with enough growth rings depicting the number of years of Iceland's history was made by the late Secretary of the Interior Rogers C. B. Morton in 1974 when he took part in ceremonies celebrating the 1100th anniversary of the island nation's founding. Subsequent efforts, however, did not bring forth the gift. At the request of the State

Department, the National Park Service obtained a slab from a fallen giant sequoia in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. The section was shipped to the Forest Products Laboratory of the University of California at Richmond, there to be cured, trimmed and finished for shipment. But funding for the work was not provided. And so the lab

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Applying skills used as a former woodworker, Maintenance Worker Earl Roberts performs the delicate task of facing off a slab of old growth redwood destined for the National Museum in Reykjavik. Photo by Robert Belous.

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eventually dismantled the four-ton slab into sections—one of which became the lab's entrance sign.

The passing years did not dim Icelandic memory. In January 1984, the United States was reminded of Secretary Morton's promise in a letter written by Helga Jonedottir, assistant to the Prime Minister of Iceland. Citing the value and interest of such a gift to natural science—and the fact that their museum had not yet received the "transversal slice of a Sequoia giant fir"—the letter expressed gratitude for any help in investigating the matter. Accordingly, NPS was once again assigned the task of finding a suitable tree.

Because the Sierra's giant sequoia is rare and protected, the search turned to its coastal cousin, the giant redwood. The staff at Redwood National Park hunted for a log or stump of at least 1100-year age. But older specimens were either shy on growth rings or badly rotted. Redwood cores can also be deceptive. They often display "phantom rings," dark bands that appear to represent a year of growth but under scientific scrutiny would be held underage. A somewhat tardy gift was one thing, but a bogus one would be quite another.

The search broadened to lands outside the park. One timber company in the spirit of cooperation offered to donate a log, but their redwoods could not pass the age test. Finally, in June 1984 the park's research scientist, Stephen Veirs, discovered the long-sought tree on a log deck at the Arcata Redwood Company mill at Orick, near the southern entrance to the park. The stout log had recently been harvested in the Yurok Experimental Forest nearby the park in the Klamath River watershed. For a negotiated price of \$2,400, the park was allowed to slice off two slabs from the eight-foot diameter trunk, which began life 1,280 years ago, well prior to Iceland's first anniversary. The second slab would act as a back-up, in the event of some mishap to the first. The cuts were made with surgical precision by park staff Earl Roberts, a former timber cutter hired by the park following the 1978 expansion of Redwood National Park. Robert used a chainsaw with a five-foot bar to part the slabs, each weighing over 4,000 pounds.

The Iceland-bound slab would require an extensive period of drying prior to crating for shipment. Premature movement of the redwood slab would run the risk of stress fracture. On January 3, 1985, the crated slab was tenderly loaded by forklift onto a truck at the park's Requa Maintenance Station. The first leg of the journey would lead to Fairchild Air Force

Base, near Spokane, Wash. Thereafter, it was loaded onto an Air Force KC-135 transport, the military version of a Boeing 707, with a routine flight scheduled for Fairford Royal Air Force Base, near London. Following a change of planes at Fairford, the well-traveled slab landed in Iceland on January 11th. It will be displayed at the Museum of Natural History in Reyjavik, the nation's capital.

The second redwood section will be placed in the park's new visitor information center which is currently under construction. "It will be a permanent symbol of the friendly relations between our two countries," Superintendent Doug Warnock said. In turn, the people of Iceland will come to know of a distant park in California dedicated to the protection of giant redwood trees.

Resource Management/Interpretation Conference



Conference attendees enjoy a warm Malibu afternoon.

Malibu greeted participants of the first Interregional Resource Management/Interpretation Conference with balmy 80 degree weather in February. The conference brought together interpreters and resource managers from Alaska to the nearby Channel Islands and was held at the Calamigos Ranch in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. Dick Cunningham, WRO chief of Interpretation, organized the week-long sessions which provided a forum for discussion of research, management activities, and education programs for the visiting public.

Some highlights included keynote addresses by superintendents from Redwood, Channel Islands, Olympic and Glacier National Parks, who pointed out the fragility of coastal ecosystems and the urgency of developing public appreciation for these resources.

Researcher Gary Davis discussed the encouraging recovery of the brown pelican and Resource Management Specialist Judd Howell spoke of the successful Golden Gate Peregrine Falcon hacking program. The complex

jurisdictional problems associated with National Marine Sanctuaries was pointed out by both sanctuary directors present. The participants appreciation of marine systems increased dramatically after the field trip to Anacapa. The island was carpeted with the unique coreopsis flowering in as fine a display as has been seen in many years. Some new thoughts on interpretation were introduced by representatives from the California State Park System and by Dr. Stephanie Kazan from Point Reyes Bird Observatory. The intensity of management required in both Alaska and Hawaii, as well as the grand scale of projects ongoing in Redwood National Park, impressed members of the audience. By the end of the week everyone had increased their network of professional contacts as well as making a few new friends. Two more conferences will follow this one, focusing on desert parks and a third on mountain resources. Any increase in communication between the various divisions can only result in great benefit to the entire organization.

-John Donahue
John Muir NHS

Eugene O'Neill NHS opened to public

By Dianne Dawson
Park Technician

"Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site, is one of the Park Service's best kept secrets," says Superintendent Phyllis Shaw. It was established in 1976 "to commemorate Eugene O'Neill's contributions to American literature and drama" and opened amidst local fanfare on February 1, 1985. Tours of the playwright's home, Tao House, and grounds including a swimming pool, barn, chicken coop, potting shed and 13 of the original 158 acres are regularly scheduled.

After four years of work, the opening is a triumph for Superintendent Shaw. "It gives me great pleasure to have the public see the site and appreciate the genius of Eugene O'Neill at last," Shaw said.

The site, although in a growing San Francisco suburban area, is perched in a remote mountain hideaway. Access to the site is by a narrow, winding road, originally built by the O'Neills. Though improved since the 1930s, the road is one lane wide. Tours of the site are on a reservation basis and transportation is provided by Tours Are Us Inc., a van service.

Eugene O'Neill won four Pulitzer Prizes, the last prize awarded posthumously for the autobiographical play, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*. He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1937, the only American dramatist to be so honored.

Tao House (pronounced "Dow" House), was built for O'Neill and his wife, Carlotta Monterey, in 1938. Living there for six years, O'Neill authored his last five plays before a debilitating disease left him unable to write. The plays he wrote at Tao House were: *A Touch of the Poet*, *The Iceman Cometh*, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, *Hughie*, and *A Moon for the Misbegotten*. A restless man by nature, O'Neill resided at Tao House longer than any other residence. He considered it "his final harbour."

The National Park Service assumed responsibility for operation and maintenance of the site in October 1979. Superintendent Shaw has managed the repairs, refurbishing, and rehabilitation of the buildings and grounds. With excellent documentation on the house and its furnishings, work has begun to eliminate post-O'Neill alterations. First came the removal of non-original walls and doors, then refinishing wooden floors, restoring the



Eugene O'Neill National Historic Site.

antique graining on paneling, painting, removal of a fireplace and an addition to the front of the house and replacement of shutters, roof tiles and baselite wall blocks. The house was not the only structure to receive attention. Others receiving rehabilitation included the barn, chicken coop, potting shed and pool and its relating buildings.

Acquisition of the furnishings and other items owned by O'Neill and his wife will be undertaken by the Eugene

O'Neill Foundation. Among the items acquired and now on long-term loan to the NPS are O'Neill's chair, personal clothing and jewelry, pottery and fireplace and irons.

Indeed, the struggle to gain public access has been well worth the effort. After spending a few hours at the picturesque estate, the first visitors felt privileged to finally view the home that fostered the creativity of a gifted writer and playwright.

Interurban railroad history to be preserved



South Shore Railroad cars at U.S. Steel storage site.



(From left) Superintendent Dale Engquist; Elliott Hughes of the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Co.; and Claude Furnish of the U.S. Steel Corp.

Historians consider the Chicago South Shore and South Bend Railroad to be the last operating electric interurban railroad in the United States. It is a remaining link to an era when the electric interurban railroads were a major mode of transportation, connecting cities and towns and enabling our society to become more mobile.

In an effort to preserve the history of the South Shore interurban railroad and its role in the history of Northwest Indiana, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore acquired 19 of the railroad's recently retired vintage passenger cars. Most of the cars which were manufactured in the mid-1920s by the Pullman and Standard Car Companies of Chicago, were donated to the lakeshore by the Northern Indiana Commuter Transportation District. According to Superintendent Dale Engquist, the lakeshore's recently completed transportation study recommended that the Park Service restore some of the cars as exhibits, interpreting the history of transportation in Northwest Indiana. It has also been proposed that a number of the cars might, in the future, be used for

transportation of visitors to and within the lakeshore.

The South Shore Railroad runs the length of the 35 mile-long lakeshore and stops serve most of the major visitor facilities. A local private group, the Friends of the South Shore, is working closely with the lakeshore staff in its preservation efforts.

Funding for the storage, maintenance and restoration of the cars has been appropriated by Congress. One car is currently being restored at the Indiana Transportation Museum with an additional being made available to the museum for parts and materials. Another car will be restored later this year.

Locating a storage facility to house the remaining 17 cars proved to be a challenge. The car's wood and canvas roofs would rapidly deteriorate if left outdoors and exposed to the elements and potential vandalism. Several nearby industries that had enough indoor trackage and storage space were solicited through the lakeshore's recently published Gift Catalog. The U.S. Steel Corporation responded by donating indoor storage space in an idled Gary works building.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, Chessie System and the Elgin, Joliet and Eastern Railway Company agreed to move the cars to the storage site at no charge to the Park Service. The donation of storage space and movement of the cars will save the park \$20,000, which can be directed towards the restoration of a car.

Superintendent Engquist stated, "This is the largest contribution to the park since officials began soliciting assistance through the Gift Catalog. We are pleased that these corporations share our concern for preserving the railroad cars and the history that they reflect."

The South Shore Railroad has been serving the citizens of Indiana and Illinois since its inception in 1903. Earlier in this century, riding the South Shore was the way to visit the Dunes. Today, many visitors to Indiana Dunes still ride the South Shore to the lakeshore to enjoy the beauty of the forests, dunes and beaches. It is only fitting that the history of this last electric interurban railroad be preserved.

Park Briefs



WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT NHS, Ohio—March 2, 1985, was a date to remember in the history of the historic site—the day Cincinnati sat up and noticed the Taft home. It was the day of the William Howard Taft Inaugural Ball—a commemoration benefiting the birthplace and boyhood home of Taft.

The gala affair, sponsored by the Friends of the William Howard Taft Birthplace and the historic site was held at the recently restored Omni-Netherland Plaza. This elaborate fundraiser recreated the March 4, 1909, ball celebrating Taft's inauguration as the 27th President of the United States, even to the attendance of the guests of honor, President and Mrs. Taft—portrayed by the Honorable John O'Brien and Ms. Nellie Taft.

Cocktails were served in the Continental Room where a 3-foot ice-sculptured eagle perched upon the table of hors d'oeuvres. The banquet followed at 8 p.m. in the elegant Hall of Mirrors.

The Hall of Mirrors was decorated in red, white, and blue bunting. Six huge flags and a large gold presidential seal hung over the bandstand. The L.S. Ayres Department Stores interior designer, Mr. John Chesteen, contributed his expertise in decorating the room.

There was dancing to the music of Steve Schmidt and the Blue Wisp Big Band. Ballgoers kept track of dance partners on their dance cards. The men received bronze medallions commemorating William Howard Taft and the National historic site, and the women received compacts, compliments of L.S. Ayres.

President Reagan sent his greetings and best wishes for a memorable event. In his letter, the President commended those present for demonstrating the need for public support of our nation's cultural resources.

Tickets to the ball sold for \$100 each. Over 300 people attended, making it a smashing success. The Cincinnati Enquirer described it as "probably THE party of the year."



Ms. Nellie Taft and the Hon. John O'Brien impersonating President and Mrs. Wm. H. Taft.

The credit for the tremendous success goes to many generous and dedicated people, Superintendent Maxine Boyd said. John Hoerner, president of L.S. Ayres, donated the help of Ayres employees and \$10,000 cash toward expenses.

The Merten Company donated the inaugural program which all in attendance received. The cover of the program duplicated the original official program for the inauguration ceremonies of March 4, 1909.

Sidney Printing Works and Borman Engraving contributed their services in the production of the inaugural ball invitations and the dance cards.

Two anonymous donors provided the French champagne and vin blanc.

Hundreds of hours of research, planning, and preparations went into making this an unforgettable evening, Superintendent Boyd said. Donors of their invaluable time included: Mrs. J. F. Steele and the inaugural ball committee, advisors, and friends; the board of trustees of the Friends of William Howard Taft Birthplace; and the staff of the historic site.

The net profit from the benefit was about \$17,000.

Superintendent Boyd said that two objectives of the benefit were achieved: raising funds, and perhaps more



Centerpiece in ice.

important, raising community recognition. The Cincinnati Enquirer said, "It will be as hard to forget the Hall of Mirrors afloat in red, white, and blue bunting as it will be to ever again forget the yellow house on Auburn Avenue. . . And that's the whole idea."

YOSEMITE NP, Calif.—An 11,760-foot peak in the park was officially named Mount Ansel Adams, after photographer Ansel Adams, on April 22.

The U.S. Board of Geographic Names officially approved the proposal to name the peak, located between Electra and Forester Peaks on the southeastern boundary of the park, on the first anniversary of the famed photographer's death.

In commemoration of the naming of Mount Ansel Adams, the Ansel Adams Gallery in Yosemite Valley featured 12 of Adams' original prints from the 1920s - 1940s. The prints were the private collection of Dr. and Mrs. Michael Adams.

A celebration officially naming the mountain will take place in August.



Allen Bohnert, Museum Curator.

MESA VERDE NP, Colo.—The park will have the honor of participating in an exchange of one of its preservation specialists with a counterpart from a museum in Denmark.

Superintendent Robert C. Heyder said, "Mesa Verde is one of six participating U.S. institutions in the International Partnerships Among Museums program." The park's partner institution is the Haderslev Museum in Haderslev, Denmark.

The program is administered by the International Council of Museums Committee of the American Association of Museums (AAM/ICOM) and is sponsored by the United States Information Agency. Its primary purpose is the promotion of cooperative activities between American and foreign museums through the exchange of professional staff.

Allen S. Bohnert, museum curator at Mesa Verde, will spend six weeks at the Haderslev Museum, the major archeological museum in Denmark's Southern Jutland (Sonderjylland) in May and June. In return, the Danish museum will send Ms. Lizzi Thandrup, an objects conservator specializing in archeological materials and exhibition techniques, to Mesa Verde for six weeks in July and August.

While in Denmark, Bohnert will participate in an archeological excavation and study museums throughout the country. Ms. Thandrup's stay in the United States will include visits to various conservation facilities in the southwest as well as visits to nearby national monuments and parks, the Anasazi Heritage Center, and other points of interest in the four corners locale. In addition, she will present a program for the general public on Danish museums while at Mesa Verde.

GLACIER NP, Mont.—In addition to celebrating the park's 75th anniversary this year, another anniversary will also be observed this summer.

The Glacier Institute, an educational organization providing college-level field courses in the park, will begin its second season. The institute, like similar organizations in Yellowstone, Yosemite and Grand Teton National Parks, is a field school that utilizes the natural environment as a classroom.

An independent, non-profit corporation—the Glacier Institute—operates with support from the NPS, the Glacier Natural History Association and Flathead Valley Community College. Field courses are structured to provide participants with an introduction to Glacier's natural and cultural history as well as to provide a setting for instruction in the creative arts. According to Dr. Lex Blood, institute president, "Glacier National Park provides an unforgettable setting for

conducting educational activities. It is the goal of the institute to provide a broad range of courses for the public. These courses are taught by experts in their fields who are intimately familiar with the park. The institute's first season in Glacier was highly successful and we are planning an even more exciting second summer."

The institute will offer 13 different classes during July and August on subjects including grizzlies, glaciers, alpine ecology, photography and painting.

The first class, "Teaching in the Outdoors" will begin July 6th. College credit is available for institute courses through Flathead Valley Community College and the University of Montana. Course registration should be completed by June 15th to insure a space.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting: The Glacier Institute, Number One First Street East, Kalispell, Mont. 59901. Telephone: (406) 755-5222.

SARATOGA NHP, N.Y.—Since February, an important research program has been going on concerning the park's deer herd and its effects on the site and surrounding private land. The concerns of local farmers losing crops to foraging animals and efforts to restore the park to its natural, forested condition of 1777 spurred the project that is currently slated to last three to five years.

NPS and SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse) are sponsoring the study under the field direction of Brian Underwood. Using rocket nets and box traps, Underwood hopes to capture about 100 animals by the fall to place radio collars or numbered tags on them

to chart their migration patterns.

In the last 30 years, deer herds in several sections of the northeast have grown to unprecedented numbers. Problems have arisen as herds roam into human habitats, causing "damage" and sometimes bringing with them the dreadful Lyme disease. Underwood says he has received enthusiastic support from Saratoga's neighbors and volunteers who have offered their help. Simultaneously, the park is researching specific fenced-in plots of land to see how well plant growth does when herds are unable to "snack" on the shrubbery. A similar deer study is also underway at Morristown National Historic Park, in N.J.



Rocket net capture of deer at Saratoga NHP. Photo by Jim Mastin, VIP.

NPS people on the move

Dayson to Grant, Hamilton Grange Memorials



Diane Harris Dayson has been named site supervisor for the Hamilton Grange and General Grant National Memorials in Manhattan.

Dayson, a New York City native, is a veteran Federal employee and former educator who will be responsible for administering the two historic sites and working closely with community groups and the public.

She is a graduate of Cortland State University with a BA in history and early childhood education. She taught public schools in Ithaca, N.Y., upon graduation. In 1975 she joined the

National Park Service public involvement team at Gateway National Recreation Area in New York. Other Park Service assignments have included a law enforcement ranger at the Boston National Historic Park, Sandy Hook, N.J., Unit of Gateway, and acting concession specialist at Gateway.

Dayson, her husband Kevin, and their two children, Dayna, and Kyle, live in Hollis, Queens. Dayson's father, Robert Harris, is a veteran National Park Service employee with more than 30 years of Federal service.

Brown, assistant super for Rocky Mountain

Donald R. Brown has been selected as assistant superintendent of Rocky Mountain National Park, Colo.

Superintendent James Thompson said, "Don brings to the position a broad range of park management experience and a good knowledge of Rocky Mountain National Park as well."

Brown, 51, began his NPS career 27 years ago as a park ranger at Rocky Mountain. He returns to the park from Isle Royale National Park, Mich., where he was superintendent.

Previous assignments have included: Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, Mich.; Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va.; and at Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz. He also served as director of the international seminar on national parks and equivalent reserves at the University of Michigan.

Brown recently returned from a special assignment for NPS working with the government of Sri Lanka.

Brown is a native of Pontiac, Mich., and a graduate of Michigan State University with a degree in park management. He replaces James Godbolt who retired earlier this year.

Skiing, hiking and backpacking are among Brown's many interests. He is married to the former Virginia Wood and is the father of four daughters, Jenny, 22, Katie, 21, Gretchen, 19, and Alison, 17.

Ehorn, assistant super for Santa Monica

Nancy Fries Ehorn, an 11-year National Park Service career veteran, has been named assistant superintendent, Land Use and Resource Management, of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Calif.

Ehorn's responsibilities will include: long range development and land protection planning, resource management programs and research, and land use planning relationships with the counties of Los Angeles and Ventura, the city of Los Angeles, and approximately 65 other agencies and jurisdictions.

Superintendent Daniel R. Kuehn, said, "because of Nancy's past leadership in the planning process, she has intimate and detailed knowledge of the resources of the national recreation area. She is also aware of the area's many operational needs. For these reasons Nancy will be able to assume her new duties immediately without the usual orientation and learning period associated with a new position."

For the past four years Ehorn has been chief of Professional Services at the recreation area. Some of her numerous accomplishments include: Project manager and primary author in the development of the recreation area's first General Management Plan which guides the use and management of the national recreation area, and her active coordination with over 65 agencies and organizations having regulatory or land management responsibilities within the boundary to maintain essential working relationships and to accomplish NPS goals.



Ehorn has authored, or had a major role in the preparation of more than 30 NPS documents and professional papers dealing in resources management and planning.

"Competing pressures for use of land in the Santa Monica Mountains are as great as in any unit of the National Park System," Ehorn said. "I am excited about this opportunity to participate in making this new area fully operational, and to take on added responsibilities in the area of resources management."

Ehorn is a graduate of Colorado State University with a BS in Botany and a Master of Forestry degree from Yale University. Ehorn and her husband, Bill, reside in Ventura, Calif. Bill Ehorn, also a NPS career employee, is superintendent of Channel Islands National Park. They have two sons, Bill, 19 and Randy, 22.

Laney to Yosemite

James O. Laney, assistant superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif., has been appointed assistant superintendent of Yosemite National Park. He will be responsible for the day-to-day management of Yosemite's operations.

"Jim's knowledge, and abilities in park operations will make him an invaluable asset to Yosemite," Superintendent Robert Binneweis said.

Laney served in the U.S. Army for 20 years and retired in 1966 as a chief warrant officer. He earned his Bachelor's degree at Boston State College following his Army career, and did graduate work at Suffolk University in Boston, while working full-time as a civilian employee at the Boston Naval Shipyard and the National Park Service.

In 1974 he became an equal employment officer in the North-Atlantic Regional Office; then became chief of Cooperative Activities and later was promoted to assistant superintendent, Breezy Point and Jamaica Bay Units at Gateway National Recreation Area, N.Y.-N.J., from 1978 to 1981.

He was selected for the Department of the Interior's Executive Management Development Program in Washington, D.C., in 1981. He was assigned to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks in 1983.

Laney is married to the former Celestine Burr. They have four children: Michelle, who works in New York City; Michael, a captain in the U.S. Army at Fort Gordon, Ga.; Mark, a captain with the U.S. Army, Hawaii; and Anthony, who lives in Boston, Mass.



Tuskegee employees promoted



Clark W. Moore.



John Holt.

Willie C. Madison, superintendent of Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, Ala., has announced the transfer and promotion of two employees, Clark Moore and John Holt.

Moore, chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services has been promoted to supervisory park ranger at the Martin Luther King, Jr., National Historic Site, Atlanta, Ga. Moore, a native of Reidsville, N.C., holds an Associate of Arts degree from Morristown college and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Rust College.

Previously, Moore worked at the

Natchez Trace Parkway Miss.-Tenn.-Ala., and Ninety-Six National Historic Site, S.C.

Superintendent Madison stated that Moore has been an invaluable assistant in the development of the site interpretive programs and community relations. During the past five years, Moore has represented the site on the Department of Cultural Affairs (City of Tuskegee) and the Macon County Historical Commission.

Park Technician John Holt will be responsible for interpreting the history of America's 31st president at Herbert C.

Hoover National Historical Site, Iowa.

Holt, an Iowa native, received a Bachelor's degree from Iowa State and Master's degree from the University of Iowa.

Superintendent Madison stated that during Holt's two-year stint at the historic site, he played a vital role in special interpretive programs (Black Personalities Exhibition) and research for resource management projects.

In his new assignment as park ranger, Holt will be responsible for resource management, law enforcement and interpretive activities.

Joseph Smith to Great Smoky

Joseph W. Smith has been selected as supervisory district ranger for the North Carolina portion of Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Smith replaces Charles Harris who transferred to Cape Lookout National Seashore.

Smith, a 1970 graduate of North Carolina University, began his National Park Service career as a seasonal ranger

at Cape Hatteras National Seashore, N.C., in 1968. He worked as a student trainee at Gettysburg National Military Park, Pa., in 1969. His first permanent assignment was with National Capital Parks in Washington, D.C. He has also worked in Acadia National Park, Maine; Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Ariz.; Point Reyes National Seashore,

Calif.; and comes to Great Smoky from Olympic National Park, Wash. Smith is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and has a strong background in resource management, search and rescue, and fire control.

He and his wife, Doris, have two sons, Allen, 14, and Marc, 10.

Special People

Martha Champman



Martha Champman.

"I can't say enough good things about her," boasts maintenance foreman Homer Leslie. "She's dependable, conscientious, conservative of energy and supplies, a pleasure to work with and very proud of her job." Martha Champman has drawn rave reviews from Ocmulgee National Monument, Ga., staff since she came to work there in October 1984. In addition to being a great morale booster, she's inspired an interest among her co-workers in learning a new way of "talking." You see, Martha can neither hear nor speak.

Before she became custodial worker at the monument, Martha had faced every problem imaginable in trying to find employment. For 16 years she sought work and found only rejection, though people who knew her could not consider her handicapped—and certainly she did not! However, simple matters such as telephoning to set up interviews, asking

questions about application forms, communicating details regarding skills to a personnel manager were impossible. She wanted to work but no one seemed willing to give her a chance.

Then Superintendent Sibbald Smith heard about her from an employee of Goodwill Industries. Martha was brought to the monument and interviewed through a vocational rehabilitation counselor. When she was offered the position, her face "actually beamed," remembers Superintendent

Smith. Martha said the staff was so warm and friendly as they showed her around the park that she was ready to begin work that same day. The following Monday she did begin her duties and what a worker she is!

To Martha work is not drudgery but a cheerful daily challenge. If her attitude could be distributed nationwide, morale and productivity would soar to new heights. There would be sufficient energy to tackle even the worst chore—with a big smile left over!



NPS TV SAFETY SPOTS ON THEIR WAY—Staff members of WASO's Office of Public Affairs smile with relief after stuffing, packing, and stacking the last of some 450 envelopes addressed to television stations across the nation. The packages, containing TV Public Service Announcements, provided safety messages for the 1985 outdoor season. The OPA staffers shown left to right are Rosa Wilson, Nancy Marcey, Victoria Bemah, and Patricia Hubbard.

Protecting our past: the role of the departmental consulting archeologist

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Have you ever travelled to Hogtown Bayou, Fla.? How about Washtucna, Wash., or Tulahoma, Tenn.? Dr. Bennie Keel has. These are a few of the out-of-the-way places that the practice of archeology has taken him. Do they offer the kind of excitement an Indiana Jones adventure might? Well, Dr. Keel doesn't remember encountering giant tarantulas or secret passageways. Nevertheless, in his role as departmental consulting archeologist, he has contributed significantly to the enforcement of laws protecting America's archeological resources. Can Indiana Jones say the same?

In the course of a day, Dr. Keel finds himself wearing several hats and carrying out several functions. He serves as NPS assistant director, Archeology under the associate director, Cultural Resources, and also as the departmental consulting archeologist reporting to the Secretary of the Interior.

Every year, in this second capacity, he collects information on the scope, effectiveness, and cost of the Federal Archeology program. This is made easy or difficult, depending on the reticence of Government agencies to communicate such data. However, once all the information is in, it is compiled into an annual report used by the Secretary of the Interior when testifying before Congress.

In order to streamline the time-consuming process of compiling annual report information as well as tracking on-going projects, a national archeological data base has been developed. Dr. Keel sees the data base as a positive step in developing greater cooperation between reporting agencies as well as a way to conserve both time and money. It also will allow representatives from universities, Federal agencies, and private organizations to keep up-to-date on archeological activities in any part of the country.

Such a tool will assist project planning efforts also, and encourage evaluation of both the type and level of information accumulated from any research site.

Seeing that exemplary technical reports and bulletins are published is another aspect of Dr. Keel's work. Publications concerning skeletal materials and paleomagnetism serve as useful tools in the archeological community.

Finally, the office has a responsibility to investigate archeological resources uncovered during construction. This is coordinated with the advisory council and, in the past, involved data evaluation in consultation with the state historic preservation officer and the individual agency involved. Now that the responsibility has become more decentralized, the departmental consulting archeologist still keeps track of all such discoveries.

When archeological matters become politically sensitive, they stop on Dr. Keel's desk. At the New Melones dam construction project in California, various interest groups opposed completion of the work, partly because it impeded recreation on the river. In spite of the dam's importance to local farming interests, law suits were filed against the Corps of Engineers in an effort to delay activity. Members of the anti-project groups contacted the Secretary of the Interior, protesting inadequate archeological salvage efforts. In an effort to handle opposing interests, the departmental consulting archeologist became involved. Juggling the goals of those fighting dam construction with those encouraging it, Dr. Keel had to determine which of the floodable properties were archeologically significant, and make hard choices concerning mitigation. Although the work originally was estimated at four to eight million dollars, Dr. Keel completed it for under two million.

A project developed with the Corps of Engineers at the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway in Alabama and Mississippi stands out for Dr. Keel as the most challenging project of his Government career. The waterway development project was phased over time to allow for the construction of reservoirs, locks, and a canal to join the Tennessee River with Mobile Bay. Initially, the construction took place on a project-by-project basis, as did archeological investigation of the construction sites. Considering that the project area was 125 miles long, 5 miles wide, and involved 6 different construction phases, the separate investigation of each site reasonably might have involved both duplication of effort and phenomenal cost. With this in mind, Dr. Keel decided to consider all six sites as a unit. This provided the opportunity to study a large archeological area with no duplication of effort. The sites were eventually nominated for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a multiple resource area. In addition, the Tennessee-Tombigbee Project became a model for other mitigation efforts across the country. The work was completed under budget, due to the cost savings gained from combining projects.

Dr. Keel's fascination with archeology dates back to his work at Florida State University under Charles H. Fairbanks. Here he gained an appreciation for the human past, and found it intellectually stimulating to search out clues to the mysteries of early human occupation. Dr. Keel sees the challenges of the future as making sure that good archeology is done and that the taxpayers' money is handled wisely in order to preserve our archeological heritage.

Giant tarantulas and secret passageways notwithstanding, now there's a goal that even Indiana Jones might drink to.

Awards

Great Smoky's Employee of the Year Award

This is the second year neighbors have banded together to recognize an employee of the year at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn. The award was initiated by Mountain Living Magazine Publisher Wade Reese of Gatlinburg, Tenn.

The 1985 Employee of the Year is Pat Patten, seasonal ranger for the South district of N.C. The 1984 Employee of the Year was Debbie Huskey.

At an awards ceremony Patten received a pewter bowl with his name inscribed, and a trip for two to Myrtle Beach, S.C. His name will also be placed on a wood plaque along with Huskey's, and will hang in the park headquarters conference room.

Patten is not only an outstanding performer as a park employee but during periods of unemployment he has contributed as much as 54 hours in a single week as a park volunteer. He is friendly, outgoing, and is recognized in the community as an exceptionally capable park ranger. Patten regularly assists his wife in her work with the

Smoky Mountain Health Clinic, working with troubled patients in a three-county area. He has also donated time to the local emergency rescue service and the hospital while studying to qualify as an Emergency Medical Technician.

Eleven other nominees were recognized: Duane Alire, Tommy Brackins, William C. Webb, Herbert L. Williford, Kim DeLozier, Barbara McClure, Bill Black, Karen Schlecty, Fred Bradley, Anita Clark, and Jan Garrison.

Superintendent John Cook said, "I was somewhat apprehensive about the contest in the beginning but no longer; it is refreshing to find park employees respected by local communities and to find that the communities are not concerned about state lines. We are most grateful for this recognition."

The Employee of the Year is selected from a list of nominees submitted by other employees, including their supervisors. In 1985 there were twelve applicants. The winner was recommended to the superintendent by a panel of five employees. The panel judged each



Pat Patten.

nominee on performance, community activities, self development, safety record, attendance, attitude, work practices and job improvement.

Kathy Davis recognized

Resource Management Specialist Kathy Davis was recognized recently by Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz., with two separate Special Achievement Awards for her outstanding contributions towards the park's Resources Management and Equal Opportunity programs.

Davis' first Special Achievement Award came in recognition of her contribution as a member of the park's Resources Management and Planning Division where she has primary responsibility for pesticide management, vegetation management, fire management and independent research programs. As the top ranking Natural Resources Management staff specialist within the division, Davis also provides guidance and counsel to other divisional members and when called upon serves well as the acting division chief. In addition, Davis facilitates interdivisional and interagency resource protection/mitigation and professionally represents the park in interagency and off-site resources management activities.



Kathy Davis receives award from Deputy Superintendent John Guthrie.

As the chairperson for the park's Equal Opportunity Committee, she was presented with a second Special Achievement Award. Davis' energy, ingenuity and commitment activated

interest and enthusiasm on the part of staff in furthering equal opportunity goals and the aggressive pursuit of affirmative action initiatives at Grand Canyon National Park.

Golden Spike engineer wins safety award

Locomotive Engineer Robert "Bob" Dowty of Golden Spike National Historic Site, Utah, is the first recipient of a new Annual Safety Award. Regional Director Lorraine Mintzmyer initiated the new award in an effort to promote safety awareness and to recognize significant contributions in advancing safety in the Rocky Mountain Region.

Dowty was nominated for the award because of the outstanding safety record the park has had with the two operating steam locomotives in view of the potential for visitor and employee accidents associated with the daily locomotive operations.

Golden Spike Superintendent Denny Davies said hundreds of thousands have visited the park since the 60-ton locomotives were delivered in 1979, without a single serious accident involving staff or visitors. "When you think of the size of the engines, the high-pressure steam and heat, and fascination visitors have for trains, the park safety record is outstanding," said Davies.

Mintzmyer said she was pleased to recognize this special achievement and hoped that the award would draw additional nominations for the 1985 competition.

In accepting the award presented by his supervisor, Maintenance Foreman Quinn Willis, Dowty said "... though the award was in my name, it's for the entire staff, because safety is a team effort; no one can do it alone. I'm just pleased that our efforts are paying off."

Dowty, age 61, serves as the park's safety officer and exercises a strong leadership role in the parkwide safety program.

Point Reyes employees recognized

Two Point Reyes National Seashore rangers, Lee Shenk and Bryan Sutton, recently received Exemplary Act Awards and Matthew Matzen, was presented a Special Commendation Certificate. The employees were recognized for their roles in rescuing a surf fisherman who was knocked down in the extremely heavy surf on the beach. With significant risk to themselves, the three men rushed to the disabled visitor and dragged the individual up beyond the surf line.



(From left) Bob Dowty receives first Annual Safety Award from Maintenance Foreman Quinn Willis.

Cummins selected for DOI Manager Development Program

Gary Cummins, superintendent, USS Arizona Memorial, Honolulu, Hawaii, has been selected for the 1985-86 Departmental Manager Development Program (DMDP). The program begins on August 26, 1985, with a one-week orientation to the NPS Washington Office, and a two-week orientation to the Department.

Cummins will participate in a formal program that provides individual training and development experiences through a mixture of seminars, courses, and rotational work assignments designed to prepare participants for future upper-level management positions. Cummins will be reassigned to the Washington Office with a permanent change-of-duty station.

He joined NPS as a seasonal park ranger at Glacier National Park, Mont., in 1965, and moved to Padre Island National Seashore, Tex., in 1966. He became a facility manager at both New Mexico State University and the University of Hawaii in 1969 and 1971, respectively. From 1972 to 1976, he was director of the Historic Preservation Office in the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii State Parks.

He left Hawaii in 1977 to become a historian and planner at the Denver Service Center. In 1980, he returned to Hawaii as superintendent, USS Arizona Memorial.

Cummins was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, and graduated from Greenon High School in Springfield, Ohio. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the University of Montana, and a Master of Arts degree in history and anthropology from the University of Arizona.

Cummins and his wife, Diana, have two children; Gavin, 12, and Corbett, 6.

Congratulations are also extended to Donald Falvey, chief, Division of Engineering and Maintenance, Rocky Mountain Region, who was selected as alternate. Falvey joined NPS as a civil engineer at the Denver Service Center in 1972. Prior to joining the Park Service, he was a civil engineer with the U.S. Forest Service in 1966, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs from 1969 to 1972.

Ernest Ortega and Dan Wenk, the current DMDP trainees, will complete the program in June. They have had a very full, productive, and successful year, and we all wish them the very best in their future pursuits.



E&AA Annual Report

In conformance with a directive resulting from the Special Task Force to Revitalize the E&AA, appointed by Russell E. Dickenson, and chaired by Superintendent John Cook, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, the Annual Report for April 1, 1984-March 31, 1985 follows:

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the E&AA increased by 198 members; 53 are paying toward Life Membership on the partial payment plan; 21 paid for Life in a lump sum; 28 upgraded their membership from Annual to Life via the partial payment plan; 15 upgraded their membership from annual to Life via a lump sum payment; two increased their Life membership status to Second Century; none increased to Supporting Donor or Founder; and two are increasing their membership to Second Century via the partial payment plan.

By unanimous consent of the Board, the members of the National Park System Advisory Board have been granted Honorary Membership in the E&AA during their tenure on the Board.

The Board also voted unanimously to grant Honorary Life Membership to Park Ranger Federico Sisneros of Salinas National Monument, N.M. Mr. Sisneros is the oldest active National Park Ranger.

Former Director Russell E. Dickenson was granted Honorary Founder Membership by unanimous consent of the E&AA Board for his faithful support of the E&AA through his entire NPS career and most especially for his encouragement and support during his tenure as Director.

ALUMNI DIRECTORY

An Alumni Directory of the E&AA was published. Only 350 alumni members sent in the required completed form; however, the administrative office and the Board members are actively seeking more listings for the November 1985 update. (See the April COURIER for the blank form and send to the E&AA for inclusion). A prerequisite for listing of an alumnus is membership in the E&AA.

BOOK SALES

The following books were offered at substantial discounts to E&AA members: *"The National Park Service"* (Revised 1982 version), by William C. Everhart—17 books sold to new members; *"The Making of a Ranger: Forty Years with the National Park Service,"* by Lemuel A. Garrison—69 books sold; 14 sold to new members; and *"Parks, Politics and The People,"* by Conrad L. Wirth—54 books sold; 4 to new members.

Everhart's book originally was offered in the July 1983 COURIER to members of the E&AA at a 50% discount. A total of 110 of the Everhart books have been sold; the Garrison book was first offered to members of E&AA at a 50% discount in the October 1983 COURIER. A total of 243 Garrison books have been sold; and the Wirth book was first offered at a substantial savings to E&AA members in the June 1984 COURIER.

THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND

Loans were granted to 42 families for the college education of their children for the 1984 fall semester for a total amount of \$39,950 and a total of \$7,550 to eight families for the 1985 spring semester.

Funding for NPS families by region included: Southeast Region, \$4,550; National Capital Region, \$7,500; Mid-Atlantic Region, \$3,250; North Atlantic Region, \$3,000; Midwest Region, none; Southwest Region, \$4,000; Rocky Mountain Region, \$13,750; Western Region, \$4,000; Pacific Northwest Region, \$700; Alaska Region, none; Denver Service Center, \$2,000; Harpers Ferry Center, \$1,000; and Washington Office, \$3,750. The total funded was \$47,500.

In the spring of 1985, \$27,450 is due to be paid in full from 17 families.

Donations received to the Education Trust Fund from the various sources include: National Park Women (NPW), \$7,533.31; Kowski Memorial Golf Tournaments, \$1,648.00.

Superintendents Conferences and other donations from the regions: Southeast Region, \$201.91; National

Capital Region, \$399.55; Mid-Atlantic Region, \$253.50; Midwest Region, \$2,037.00; Southwest Region (included in Golf Tournament); Rocky Mountain Region (included in NPW); Western Region, \$1,198.60 (combined with NPW); Pacific Northwest Region, \$1,037.25 (combined with NPW); Alaska Region, \$214.01; Washington Office, \$424.55; Memorial Donations, \$751.00; Bequest, \$1,000.00; and Individual Donations, \$56.00.

Donations received by the Education Trust Fund from the various sources were \$21,570.83.

TASK FORCE

A mini-meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Great Smoky Mountains National Park on April 11, 1984. Those present were Superintendent John Cook, Chairman of the Director's Task Force; Jim Ryan of the Midwest Region and Chairman of the E&AA; George Fry, Southeast Alumni Representative; Jon Montgomery, Mid-Atlantic Employee Representative; Terry Wood, Executive Secretary; and Harry Elsey, Treasurer.

Superintendent Cook discussed the status of the reports due from the various Task Force committees along with the election of E&AA Board members. The need for a meeting of the Board members was also discussed. (Tentative plans have been made as soon as they are approved and finalized, a message will appear in the COURIER).

Names were presented by those present for a slate of active and motivated people to be contacted for consideration and vote of the Board for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair in E&AA. All suggested were contacted and graciously consented to run. Jim Tobin and Vern Ingram were elected by a majority to serve as Chair and Vice Chair.

New and/or revised bylaws, written by Tom Lucke and his committee, as part of the Cook Task Force, were approved unanimously by the E&AA Board and adopted.

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BOARD MEMBERS

New Board members were elected by the E&AA membership in November 1984; the Board Members elected Daniel J. "Jim" Tobin, Jr., an employee member as Chair and Vern Ingram, an alumni member, as Vice Chair in February 1985.

BENEFITS

E&AA membership offers participation in the National Writers Club (NWC), through Western Federal Savings and Loan Association, 14501 East Alameda, Aurora, Colo. 80012, which offers a 10% interest-bearing passbook account. (See your representative for further details).

Horace M. Albright's autobiography as told to Robert Cahn, author and correspondent for the Christian Science Monitor, will be offered at a substantial discount to our members through the courtesy of the publisher, Howe Brothers of Salt Lake City and Chicago.

As a member of the E&AA you can help maintain and improve the morale of the NPS employees, foster continuing close ties between the employees and the alumni and encourage public understanding of the NPS concept and the Service's responsibilities in administering the natural, historical and recreational areas of the National Park System.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

Harry M. Elsey, donated approximately 416 hours; Terry Wood, about 1,563 hours; and Lou Krebs, VIP, donated about 682 hours.

IN APPRECIATION

The E&AA would like to take this opportunity to thank its Board members for their work and support and other numerous people who also contributed to a very profitable year.

Special thanks go to former Director Conrad L. Wirth, for his untiring and steady support, as well as the offering of his book at such a substantial discount to our members; to former Director George Hartzog for his assistance with the planning of the August 25, 1984, Founders Day celebration at Fort Hunt, Va., and for other supportive actions; to Bernard Meyer of the White House

Historical Association for his assistance and advice to Harry Elsey and Terry Wood in the management of the E&AA Treasury; and to Russ Dickenson who came to the aid of the E&AA by appointing the Special Task Force, and for his many kindnesses and support shown to the E&AA administrators through the years, especially in the 1985 fiscal year.

Deep appreciation goes to John Cook, superintendent of Great Smoky Mountains National Park, who so ably chaired the Director's Task Force on E&AA. We also thank his various committee members for their assistance and support.

DONATIONS

Women's Organizations

NPS Women's Group—Wupatki Sunset Crater National Monument	\$ 25.00
Theodore Roosevelt NP Ladies Organization	50.00
Western Superintendent's Conference & NPW in Western Region Office	1,034.00
Rocky Mountain NPW	100.00
Zion NP Women's Club	200.00
Southwest NPW & Southwest's Recreation Association	184.00
Midwest Regional Office NPW	500.00
Craters of the Moon NPW	200.00
Midwest NPW	350.00
Delaware Water Gap NPW	200.00
Rocky Mountain Region, NPW	2,710.00
Southwest Region, NPW	100.00
Redwood National Park Women	200.00
Pacific Northwest Region Superintendent's Conference and National Park Women	1,037.25
Morristown NHP and NPW Christmas Party	58.00
Whiskeytown NPW	1,000.00
Mid Atlantic NPW	195.02
Cape Cod National Seashore Women's Club	5,000.00
North Cascades NPW	243.00
TOTAL	\$13,386.71

For Memorials

Water Resources Branch	\$ 41.00
Morristown NHP	70.00
Casa Grand Club	
Big Bend National Park	25.00
First City National Bank of Bryson	20.00
Western Archeological Center & Conservation (Tucson)	35.00
Secretary to Superintendent, GGNRA	65.00
Vice President, Irving Trust, NY	1,000.00
Other	495.00
TOTAL	\$1,751.00

To the various NPS superintendents and the Director of HFC who contributed unselfishly and generously to the Silent Auction for the benefit of the Trust Fund held at the NCR/WASO Founders Day at Fort Hunt on August 25, 1984. Also to those superintendents and management who willingly lent their assistance and support to the E&AA in securing payment on a few delinquent Education Trust Fund loans.

The Employees and Alumni Association of NPS is striving very hard to make the E&AA a most vital organization. Won't you lend your support by joining today?

Miscellaneous

Other (Gifts to ETF)

Tucson Gereiatrics Golf Tournament	\$ 38.00
Alaska Region	102.50
NPS Employees Association, WRO	100.00
Division of National Regional	
Programs-NPS-WRL (Cookbook Royalties)	283.60
Silent Auction 8/25/84	465.60
Midwest Superintendents' Conference	2,037.00
Southeast Region Superintendents' Conference	176.91
Southwest Region, Kowski Tournament	1,350.00
Silent Auction	30.00
Mid-Atlantic Superintendents' mini-Conference	201.50
Silent Auction	3.50
Hilmar Sallee	25.00
Silent Auction-RMR, NPW	35.00
Employees of Canaveral National Seashore	25.00
Alaska Region Superintendents' Conference	111.51
NCR/WASO Christmas Party	300.00
Matching funds to ETF from WASO Kowski Golf Tournament	260.00
Cookbook Publishers, Inc. (Royalties)	780.00
Mid Atlantic Mini Superintendents' Conference	52.00
TOTAL	\$6,377.12

NOTICE

If you are an annual member of the E&AA please check your COURIER label to be certain you are a member in good standing. Due to the high cost of postage, the E&AA can no longer mail delinquent notices. Postage costs the E&AA approximately \$150 annually to remind members of their delinquency when it is clearly printed on the label.

Labels used for those members on partial payment toward Life and Second Century do not contain a date; however, those members have also received membership cards. We ask all members to try to keep their memberships current without being reminded.

Annual membership-\$10. Life-\$100 (payable in a lump sum or four or five equal annual payments). Address: P.O. Box 1490, Falls Church, Va. 22041.

Your E&AA Representatives

Daniel J. "Jim" Tobin Jr.—Chairman of the Board
Theresa G. Wood—Executive Director
Maureen M. Hoffman—Treasurer
George M. Kyle—Education Trust Fund Officer/WASO Representative
Earl M. Semingsen—Special Memberships

William C. Everhart—Alumni Editor
Stanley T. Albright—Director's Representative
Stevie Graham—National Chair, NP Women
Thelma Warnock—NPW Correspondent
Conrad L. Wirth—Representative-at-Large

Mid-Atlantic

Jon Montgomery—Employee
Nate Golub—Alumni

Midwest

Norm Reigle—Employees
Ray Rundell—Alumni

Southeast

Bob Deskins—Employees
George Fry—Alumni

Southwest

Eldon G. Reyer—Employees
Les Arnberger—Alumni

Western

Mo Kahn—(Acting) Employees
Joseph L. "Bill" Orr—Alumni

North Atlantic

Herb Olsen—Employees
Joe Antosca—Alumni

National Capital

Margaret Davis—Employees
William R. Failor—Alumni

Rocky Mountain

John Chapman—Employees
Karl Gilbert—Alumni

Pacific Northwest

Don Jackson—Employees
Bob McIntyre—Alumni

Harpers Ferry

David Nathanson—Employees

Denver Service Center

Len Hooper—Employees
Bob Steenhagen—Alumni

Alaska

Keith Hoffnagle—Employees

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I AM A ☐ NEW MEMBER, ☐ RENEWAL, OR ☐ OTHER. I AM ALSO AN EMPLOYEE ☐ OR ALUMNUS ☐ ENCLOSED IS \$ _____ FOR E&AA MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION TO THE NATIONAL PARK COURIER. ALSO ENCLOSED IS \$ ____ AS AN ADDITIONAL GIFT TO THE E&AA.

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MEMBERSHIP RATE—1 YEAR—\$10. SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP: LIFE—\$100. (PAY IN FULL; OR 4 PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF \$25 A YEAR FOR 4 YEARS; OR 5 PARTIAL PAYMENTS OF \$20 A YEAR FOR 5 YEARS. SECOND CENTURY CLUB—\$200. SUPPORTING DONOR—\$500.

FOUNDER—\$1,000.

Maureen Hoffman, new E&AA treasurer

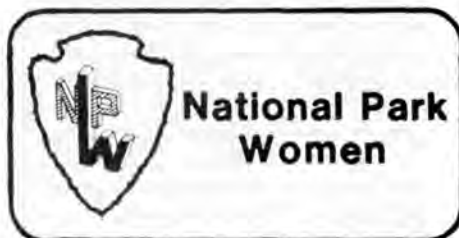
Maureen M. Hoffman, computer programmer on the Northeast Team of the Denver Service, who is physically located in the team's Bailey's Crossroads Office, Falls Church, Va., was appointed treasurer by unanimous vote.

Maureen entered the National Park Service in September 1955 as a secretary in the Branch of Engineering, National Capital Parks. In 1956, she transferred to the Division of Design and Construction, WASO, as secretary to Merel S. Sager, chief landscape architect. She became secretary to the

assistant director, Design and Construction, A. Clark Stratton, in 1963; Johannes E. N. Jensen from 1964 through 1967; and Chas. E. Krueger in 1968 and 1969. Once more Maureen became secretary to Johannes E. N. Jensen who was then associate director, Professional Services, until the Denver Service Center was created late in 1971. She has been with the Denver Service Center since then as secretary, program assistant, management assistant, and now as computer programmer.

After serving the E&AA exceptionally

well as its treasurer, Harry Elsey resigned the office of treasurer on May 1 because of personal commitment. The E&AA owes a large debt of gratitude to Harry for his fine work as treasurer as well as the donation of many hours of personal time over the past few years. Harry has assured the E&AA that he will continue to support its mission and goals and, of course, is still available for any assistance he can render to Maureen in her new role and to the E&AA administrative office and the membership.



By Thelma Warnock
NPW Correspondent

The Education Trust Fund of the E&AA continues to be a major project for the National Park Women (NPW). Since 1974 when the fund was established, women in NPS areas throughout the United States have found and are continuing to find interesting and innovative ways to raise money. The fund total of \$155,000 continues to grow through the efforts of NPW and other sources.

NPS families with young people at the college level are the recipients of interest-free loans. NPS employees, of course, may receive benefits, too.

The E&AA organization bears all administrative expenses for administering these funds so every penny contributed is made accessible to eligible students: Maureen M. Hoffman, E&AA Treasurer, receives the funds at P.O. Box 1490, Falls Church, Va. 22041; Terry Wood, E&AA Executive Director, and Lou Krebs, VIP, processes the applications and awards, and follow-up on the loans. They track down the few offenders who are delinquent. When these monies are returned and new funds added, more money becomes available for loans.

NPS folks have a natural curiosity and interest in who receives the loans, but this, of course, is not public

Profile of NPS/ETF recipients, 1984-85

information. Thanks to Lou Krebs who answered a profile questionnaire for this correspondent, the following information will hopefully stimulate and excite you to want to do more to help build the Fund. It is our hope the EVERY park area will ascribe to the value of this project. It should be noted that raising money can be fun when park folks get together.

ETF Report

July 1984, 42 applicants were loaned \$39,950; January 1985, 8 applicants were loaned \$7,550 (all the money).

Application information:

New loan applicants—30
Repeat applicants—20
Range of requests—\$700-\$8,050
Range of ages—18-24; Boys—24 Girls—26
All full time students.
Gross incomes, (parents total)—\$20,000-\$82,000
Size of families including parents—2-7
Families with more than one child in college—19
University—31 College—18
Trade school—1

Awards information:

Number of awards—50	Number of non-awards—0
Size of awards \$1,000	40
800	1
750	8
700	1

Parents in Administration—62.5%

Protection	10.0%
Interpretation	2.5%
Maintenance	10.0%
Regional Office	10.0%
Alumni	5%

Contributions to this Fund are tax deductible. Please make a donation directly to the treasurer. All contributions are gladly accepted!

1916 Society plans 1985 Founders Day celebration

The 1916 Society of the Employees and Alumni Association will celebrate the 69th anniversary of the establishment of the National Park Service with a formal dinner at the National Geographic Society Membership Center in Gaithersburg, Md., on August 26, 1985.

Tentative plans call for a social "hour" from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30, followed by a short program. (Further details and a reservation form will be published in the July issue of the COURIER).

The regions, parks and other offices of the National Park Service are also urged to celebrate our 69th anniversary.

Wirth visits Gateway Arch

It took him 20 years, but Conrad "Connie" Wirth, the "man who signed the construction contract that built the Gateway Arch," finally paid his first visit to Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Historic Site, Mo., on February 3. He was in St. Louis for the announcement of a new national museum and library to be built at Jefferson Barracks by the National Association of Civilian Conservation Corps alumni.

During Wirth's brief visit, Jerry L. Schober, superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, took Connie on a tour of the Museum of Westward Expansion beneath the Arch, and, of course, on a tram ride to the top. "I think it's terrific. I love it," Wirth said after entering the Arch. "I don't think anything more terrific could stand."

Wirth began his career in the National Park Service in 1931, after serving as a landscape architect with the National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Washington, D.C. In his NPS role as assistant director in charge of the Branch of Lands, he had responsibility for all land matters, including the acquisition of new park areas. In 1933, as part of

President Roosevelt's "New Deal" administration, Wirth assumed the awesome responsibility of organizing the Civilian Conservation Corps program for all state parks in the United States. Wirth's successes in these endeavors led to his eventual appointment as Director of the National Park Service from 1951 to 1964. It was during his tenure as Director that Wirth planned and implemented the long-range "Mission 66" program. This program was a ten-year effort to rejuvenate the National Park System—materially and spiritually—after years of neglect due to World War II and the cold war. "Mission 66" turned out to be a major success for the National Park Service and a morale booster for its employees.

Wirth retired as NPS Director in 1964 and immediately received a Presidential appointment to his old agency, the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, as vice-chairman. In the course of his long and rewarding career, Wirth has served with distinction on the board of the National Geographic Society and as a consultant to Laurance S. Rockefeller's American Conservation Association. Of all the titles he has



Conrad Wirth.

received, Wirth takes most pride in being called a "magnificent bureaucrat." This title, more than any other, reflects his total commitment to managing parks "for the benefit and enjoyment of the people."

Retired

Howard Maiden

Howard L. Maiden, Roads and Trails foreman of the South District of Shenandoah National Park, Va., retired on March 31 after completing 50 years of Federal Government service.

Maiden began his career with the Bureau of Public Roads in 1934 in the Central District of the park as a tractor operator. On June 7, 1937, he signed on as a laborer with the park staff, with a beginning salary of 35 cents per hour. From June 1945 to June 1970, he served in progressively more complex jobs as equipment operator and crew supervisor. In June 1970, he was promoted to Roads and Trails foreman.

Maiden can recall the park's many growing stages...from the early days of the CCC camps to the construction of all of the campgrounds, picnic grounds, trails, lodges, etc., in the park. He has worked with all five superintendents who have managed the park since 1936. Throughout his career, he has consistently represented the park and its values to

Roads and Trails crews, other park employees and park neighbors.

Maiden is married to the former Mary Comer. They are the parents of H. L. Maiden, Jr., of Elkton, Va. Maiden's future plans include relaxing, gardening, and perhaps some traveling.

Paul McCrary

Paul McCrary, a veteran park superintendent, interpreter and southeast regional staffer, retired April 19, ending a 34-year career with the National Park Service.

McCrary plans to move back to his native Texas where he will join an electronics business owned by a nephew.

His last assignment was at Vicksburg National Military Park, Miss., where he served as superintendent for the past year.

The Big Springs, Tex., native started his Park Service career at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex., after graduating from New Mexico State

University with a bachelor's degree in biology.

McCrary worked for several years as a ranger and interpreter in the west and midwest including Aztec Ruins, Tumacacori, Platt National Park (now Chickasaw National Recreation Area), Yosemite, Coulee Dam and the Midwest Regional Office.

In 1972 he transferred to Great Smoky Mountains as chief interpreter. During that assignment he was detailed as an interpreter planner on the Alaska Task Force, and two years later was named chief interpreter for the Southeast Regional Office.

He then moved to Cumberland Island National Seashore, Ga., where he served as superintendent for nearly six years. Prior to being named to the top job at Vicksburg, McCrary was assistant superintendent at Cape Hatteras National Seashore for nearly three years.

Friends may get in touch with Paul at 3924 Pershing Ave., Fort Worth, Tex. 76107.

Mary Maxine Boyd



Mary Maxine Boyd.

Mary Maxine Boyd, superintendent of the William Howard Taft National Historic Site, Ohio, since October 1981, retired on April 27.

During her tenure at the site, she emphasized the development and implementation of a Management Efficiency Program and the formation of a volunteer support system to assist in the challenging job of restoring and furnishing the birthplace and boyhood home of this country's 27th President.

On April 19 at a retirement party for Boyd, Midwest Regional Director Charles Odegard presented her with a Special Achievement Award and a check in recognition of her many accomplishments.

She was commended for organizing The Friends of William Howard Taft Birthplace, a group that is providing strong support to the restoration efforts, and for devising a public relations program that called attention to the pressing need to preserve the Taft home, which was in an advancing stage of deterioration.

A key element in Boyd's public relations was the creation of a Gift Catalog, which received the endorsement of President Reagan, former Presidents Carter, Ford, and Nixon, and former NPS Directors Horace M. Albright and Russell E. Dickenson.

The catalog has generated approximately \$170,000 in donations. "The response to

suggestions in the catalog is still building momentum," Boyd said, adding that additional donations of time and money can be expected.

Before coming to Cincinnati, Boyd was a management assistant/community relations specialist at Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, Calif. Her first NPS assignment was in 1968 when she pioneered the position of community relations specialist at National Capital Parks-East, Washington, D.C.

A longtime resident of Washington, D.C., before heading West, Boyd completed her formal education in Los Angeles where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in urban studies and sociology and a master's degree in

behavioral science from California State University, Dominguez Hill.

She was the third Black woman named to an NPS superintendency and was the only female superintendent in the 10-State Midwest Region.

Boyd's husband, Robert, is a retired educator, but is employed part-time as a financial planner and a Southern Ohio University faculty member. The couple's children are Vecki, who works for a computer firm in Los Angeles, and Robert, Jr., who is employed in telecommunications in Calif.

Boyd's retirement plans include painting, writing, traveling to Europe next fall, "and, of course, continuing to work with the Friends of Taft organization."

Neil Thorne

R. Neil Thorne, as program analysis officer in the Midwest Regional Office for the past 10 years, retired in March after 30 years of Federal service.

A native of Chicago, Ill., who moved to Utah at an early age, Thorne was a cattle ranger before entering the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944. His military service took him to the South Pacific during World War II and to Japan for occupation duty after the war ended. He was a rancher for another ten years after military service.

The ranching days across the river from Dinosaur National Monument, Colo.-Utah, provided Thorne with a convenient place to develop acquaintances with the National Park Service and some of its employees, including Superintendent Dan Beard and Jesse Lombard.

Thorne began as a seasonal truck driver at Dinosaur in 1957. Later field assignments, all of them in maintenance, took him to Big Bend National Park, Texas; Petrified Forest National Park, Ariz.; Morristown-Edison Group, N.J.; and Cape Hatteras National Seashore, N.C.

"I enjoyed working for the park service very much, moving around the country, seeing different things, and meeting different people," Thorne said. "I liked all of the parks in which I served. Each has unique features that make it attractive," he said.

Retirement for Thorne will include construction—much of it by himself—of a home at Silver City, N.M., about 125 miles northwest of El Paso, Tex. The attractions of the Silver City area for Thorne and his wife, Irene, include nearby wilderness and mountain areas

and a comparatively temperate climate.

The Thornes have three children: Ann, a mortgage company loan officer in Manteo, N.C.; Jim, a University of Nebraska-Omaha student; and David, who works on a ranch in Montana.

Deaths

Melvin Weig



Melvin J. Weig.

Melvin J. Weig, a distinguished alumnus of the National Park Service, died at his home in Horse Shoe, N.C., on March 13. He was a historian, administrator, naturalist, photographer, and cabinet maker. He was above all a

model Park Service professional who encouraged, trained, and befriended scores of young men and women throughout his lifetime.

Armed with a BA from the University of Buffalo, site of his birth, and an MA in history from the University of Chicago, he came to NPS in 1935 through one of the New Deal emergency programs (ECW). From 1937 to 1956 he was park historian at Morristown National Historic Park; for the next ten years he was superintendent at the Edison National Historic Site and later general superintendent at Morristown in 1967. In 1970 he retired, and he and his wife, the former Elsie Strolley of Morristown, moved to N.C.

Mr. Weig was proud of his Meritorious Service Award from the Department of the Interior; he was equally proud of his two Distinguished Service Awards from the Eastern National Park & Monument Association. He was on the first board of directors set up by Eastern National and served for many years with its principal committees. Another major interest that evolved from his work in NPS was his service as an officer and on the board of directors of the Charles Edison Fund.

In 1972 he wrote, "Looking back after 35 years I believe that my greatest satisfactions in Federal employment derived from a strong inner conviction of giving to every assignment, large or small, the best and highest of which I was capable...and in having contributed to preserving valued parts of the American heritage for present and future generations."

His contributions were indeed great and will be remembered.

Friends may make memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, National Center, 7320 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Tex. 75231.

George Raff

George Raff, a former employee of National Capital Parks-East for over 16 years, died on February 12. Mr. Raff joined the National Park Service in 1968 as a plumber and worked his way through the ranks of pipefitter and ultimately to maintenance mechanic foreman. In December 1984, upon his retirement from the Service, Mr. Raff received the Department of the Interior's Superior Service Award for his many years of devoted service and his profound dedication to the NPS mission.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, who lives at 4302 54th Street, Bladensburg, Md. 20710; a daughter, Margaret, and son, Paul, also of the Washington, D.C., area.

Jerry Whitehouse

Jerry J. Whitehouse, 32, a seasonal park aide at Ft. Stanwix National Monument, N.Y., was killed on I-81 in Pennsylvania on February 5th. He was struck by a tractor-trailer as he walked across the highway to assist another motorist involved in a minor accident during a snowstorm. He was going home to N.C., at the time of the tragedy.

Whitehouse was a living-history soldier at Ft. Stanwix and had previously worked in interpretation at Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area, Ohio; Castillo San Marcos National Monument, Fla.; and Ft. Larned National Historic Site, Kan.; and in the Law Enforcement Division at Ft. Caroline National Monument, Fla.

He is survived by his wife, Janet, of North Wilkesboro, N.C., and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Whitehouse of West Jefferson, N.C.

Lucy Wheeler

Lucy Pope Wheeler, 73, died March 8, 1985, at Alexandria Hospital, Alexandria, Va., of cardiac arrest following a lengthy struggle with cancer.

Mrs. Wheeler spent most of her Government career with the National Park Service's Washington Office from 1967 to February 1984, when she retired. At various times she worked for the National Park Service's History Division, Environmental Studies, and the Historic American Buildings Survey. While with the Buildings Survey, she researched and wrote about many of the country's classic movie palaces which have been converted or destroyed. She was a member of the Alexandria Historical Society and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

From 1961 to 1965, Mrs. Wheeler was a secretary with the Wetherhill Mesa Archeological Project at Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., where her husband, Richard, an archeologist, was project curator. Earlier she had been a secretary from 1951 to 1961, in the Physics Department of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Mrs. Wheeler was born on a farm in Wood County, Ohio, in 1911. She was graduated from Oberline College, Ohio, in 1934 with a BA in English Literature.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Page Wheeler, of 422 Queen St., Alexandria, Va. 22314, and two daughters—Dr. Valerie Wheeler of Sacramento, Calif., and Dr. Hannah Andrews of Chapel Hill, N.C.; and three grandchildren.

John Davis

John Davis, 83, died on March 1 after a brief illness. Mr. Davis spent more than 42 years in the National Park Service.

He joined the Park Service as a ranger at Mount Rainier National Park, Wash. He later became superintendent of Bryce, Zion and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks. He also worked in Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz., and was the assistant director for Ranger Activities.

In 1968 Mr. Davis retired after serving as superintendent of Yosemite for two years. Upon retirement, he was awarded the Department of the Interior's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award.

After retiring, Mr. Davis maintained ties with the Park Service, working occasionally as a hearing officer at wilderness and master plan hearings on parks throughout the West.

Surviving are his wife, Marie, of 4814 88th Avenue, Tacoma, Wash., 98467; a daughter Ann Frauson of Montana; a sister, Grace Bridges of Washington; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests that any remembrance be sent to the Education Trust Fund of the Employees and Alumni Association or to the donor's favorite charity.



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Dedication of George B. Hartzog, Jr., Visitors Center at JNEM,

May 11, 1985



NPS Director William Penn Mott, Jr.



(From left) Superintendent Jerry Schober, JNEM; Honorable Leonor Sullivan; and former St. Louis Mayor John Poelker.

In public ceremonies May 11, 1985, the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Arch Visitor Center became the "George B. Hartzog, Jr., Visitor Center." Participating in the dedication were William Penn Mott, Jr., Director of the National Park Service; Charles H. Odegaard, MWRO Regional Director; the Honorable John H. Poelker, past President of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial Association; Former Congresswoman Leonor K. Sullivan; and Jerry L. Schober, Superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, and members of the George B. Hartzog, Jr., family. Hartzog was represented by his son, George B. Hartzog, III, after the former director became temporarily ill in Arlington, Va. Some 200 friends and associates gathered that evening for a private dinner and tribute to Hartzog.

George B. Hartzog, Jr., was superintendent of Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JNEM) during the early stages of design and construction of the Arch and Visitor Center. Hartzog was instrumental in putting together the combination of Federal, state, city government, and other public and private initiatives that led to the construction of the Arch.

After his term at JNEM, Hartzog became Executive Director of Downtown St. Louis, Inc. (1962 - 1963) and Director of NPS until retirement in 1972. During his 9 years as NPS Director, Hartzog acquired 78 new areas, totaling almost 2,694,000 acres, for NPS.

William Penn Mott, Jr., Director of the National Park Service, spoke briefly at the ceremonies. Mott was Governor Reagan's Director of the California State Department of Parks and Recreation from 1967 to 1975.

Former Director Hartzog is reported to be fully recovered from his illness. He expressed regret that he was unable to attend the dedication ceremonies.



MWRO Regional Director Charles Odegaard.

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