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Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall looks on as George B. Hartzog, Jr., (at the right) and A. Clark Stratton are sworn in as director and associate director, respectively, of the National Park Service, by N. O. Wood, Jr., director of management operations, Department of the Interior. The ceremony took place in Secretary Udall's office on January 8.

DIRECTOR HARTZOG'S LETTER TO N. P. S. PERSONNEL

To Each Member of the National Park Service

As I begin my duties as the seventh Director of the National Park Service I wish, again, to pay a personal and affectionate tribute to Connie Wirth for the unsurpassed contribution he has made in the cause of preserving the great scenic and historic heritage of our Nation. The example of his dedicated and distinguished service is in the finest tradition of the National Park Service and is a continuing source of inspiration to each of us.

Nothing I can say will adequately convey to you the pride I feel in being selected to serve you as your Director--nor, the humility with which I face so demanding a task. I pray God that by His Grace I shall prove worthy of the trust that has been placed in me.

The Task Force, with your help, has now charted THE ROAD TO THE FUTURE. The first draft of these long-range Objectives and Goals of the Service was discussed at the CONFERENCE OF CHALLENGES in Yosemite. Copies of the latest draft will be sent to you, Connie and I, jointly, last week recommended the program to Secretary Udall for approval. The Objectives and Goals, when approved by the Secretary, will define the full scope of the challenge to our Service in the years ahead. Such continuity is the bedrock upon which have been built the programs and the traditions of the Service.

This is not only a time of great challenge it is also a time for personal re-dedication. All of us would agree, I believe, that we in the National Park Service are especially fortunate to be privileged to work with--and for many of us to live in the midst of--our Nation's greatest natural, historical and recreational resources. None, however, are more aware than we, that with this privilege comes an enormous responsibility--our stewardship of the park resources. Our commitment to the public interest must be worthy of the inheritance entrusted to our care--an inheritance conceived by the Congress and cherished by the people of this Nation.

Many important programs will require our best efforts in the days ahead if we are to meet fully the opportunities that are ours. A few of these programs were highlighted in my talk at Yosemite, which appears in this issue of the National Park Courier.

Ours is an organization of gifted, experienced and enthusiastic people whose dedication and devotion constitute one of the proudest traditions in all Government service. Together, we can meet the challenges--both old and new--that are ahead of us. To this end, I pledge you my best effort and earnestly solicit yours.

George B. Hartzog,
Director

Conrad L. Wirth Outlines Post-Retirement Activities

"I have been asked by many people what I am going to do now that I have retired from the National Park Service, Department of the Interior. Now that my plans are fairly well worked out, I should like to inform our friends. This statement may seem a little formal to some, and informal to others, but I am trying to outline our immediate future to meet all situations.

"First, let me say that Mrs. Wirth and I shall continue our active interest in parks, recreation, history and conservation in general. Using the word 'parks' in its broadest sense, we feel very strongly that 'Parks are for People' and that 'People need Parks.' As private citizens, we will do all we can to assist in planning, establishing, and improving management of more adequate Park Systems at all

levels of Government. We feel that any National overall comprehensive system of parks, recreation, and historic areas must be made up of sound systems of parks of the various political subdivisions of Government.

"We have no false ideas of how much we can do. However, we do know there are a lot of very fine people, both in and out of Government working toward these same objectives and we intend to work right along with them as we have in the past pursuing these interests which we feel are important. Perhaps what little we can do, added to what others are doing, will be helpful."

Now, as to special jobs, our plans are as follows:

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New N.P.S. Committee of Senior Executives

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall recently announced approval of the establishment of a Committee of Senior Executives to serve on a consultative basis to the National Park Service on matters of broad policy and program.

The Committee members will serve without compensation and will consist of retired National Park Service executives, or those about to retire.

The Committee, not limited in number, will consist initially of Horace M. Albright, former Director of the Park Service and now residing at 427 Landfair Avenue, Los Angeles, California; Newton B. Drury, former Director, 822 Mendocino Avenue, Berkeley, California; Elvind T. Scoyen, former Associate Director, 1317 Wescott Avenue, Visalia, California; Hillory A. Tolson, former Assistant Director who retired December 28, 5200 Sangamore Road, N. W., Washington, D. C.; and Conrad L. Wirth, former Director of National Park Service who retired January 11, 1964. He lives at 3808 Leland Street, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Wirth and Jett Awarded Scenic Society Medals

Former National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth, and N.P.S. National Capital Regional Director T. Sutton Jett were among seven persons honored today by the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society.

Wirth, retiring director of the National Park Service, received a medal in recognition of his 36 years of service.

Rep. John P. Saylor (R-Pa.) received a medal for his contributions to the field of conservation and preservation of the Nation's natural resources. Saylor is a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and a member of the Outdoor Recreation Resources Review Commission.

Others honored were Angela Moore Place of New York, vice chairman of the National Trust for Historic Preservation; Sigard F. Olson of Ely, Minn., biologist, author and educator; Edward J. Meeman of Memphis, Tenn., member of the Advisory Board for National Parks, Historic Sites and Buildings, conservation editor of Scripps-Howard newspapers and chairman of the National Conference on State Parks, and Desmond Guinness, Kildare County, Ireland, director of the Irish Georgian Society.

A posthumous award was presented to Albert Bickmore Corey, Albany, N. Y., of the New York State Education Department.

Training Center Building

Named Conrad L. Wirth Hall

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has announced his approval to designate the new administration building at the Stephen T. Mather Interpretive Training and Research Center, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia, as the Conrad L. Wirth Hall, in honor of the retired director of the National Park Service.

The Secretary's approval was in response to a suggestion made recently by Senator Jennings Randolph of West Virginia and Bradley D. Nash, former Under Secretary of Commerce. In a letter to Secretary Udall, Mr. Nash said:

Hartzog's Talk At The Conference Of Challenges

Mr. Secretary (Secretary Udall), Connie (Director Wirth) and my friends.

This is an emotional moment for me. In fact, it has been an emotional time for me for several days.

It is a moment of deep gratitude. I am grateful to many people, especially to that lovely lady (Mrs. Hartzog) who just came up here; and to you, my associates, who have guided and trained and counseled with me for many years; and to my God who has blessed me; and, to you, Mr. Secretary, for the confidence you have shown in designating me for the leadership of this great organization.

Mr. Secretary, I share the thoughts you have expressed. This is an organization of gifted, experienced and enthusiastic people whose dedication and devotion constitute one of the proudest traditions of all of our government service.

It is a high honor to be selected as your Director. I am very grateful. It is wonderful, also, to continue to be one of your associates.

It is a high personal honor to be selected to succeed Connie Wirth. During his long career he has given unceasingly of himself. He has walked--and at times he has run with great strides--in the forefront of those who were working to preserve the great scenic and historic heritage of our land. The imprint of his life will always be upon this Service and upon these parks which he loves. His example of dedicated and distinguished service at one and the same time inspires me and, likewise, humbles me when I ponder the enormous task which is about to pass to me.

However, it is also a time of high hope and real confidence, because I know in my heart that I can rely upon you. With your

support, your loyalty, and your ability I am confident that building upon the firm foundations that have been laid for us by others, we can together, by the grace of God, meet the challenge, both old and new, that are ahead of us in the same fine and high traditions that have been built for us into this National Park Service.

All this week we have been devoting ourselves to a CONFERENCE OF CHALLENGES. At this particular moment, facing the greatest personal challenge of my life, I feel impelled to share with you a few thoughts about some of the great challenges I see ahead of us. These thoughts are drawn largely from the concepts and philosophies of Connie Wirth--and I think that this is natural--just as his concepts and philosophies were shaped by those under whom he served. He, like his predecessors, has shared generously of his knowledge and his experience and his wisdom with you and with me.

Secretary Udall has stated the challenges ahead of us in these words, and I quote:

"Ours is a time of revolution and change. We must recognize anew our growing obligations to preserve and secure full benefit from our natural and historical heritage. We also must safeguard additional open lands in the mountains, in the plains, and along the shores, to further this renaissance."

You all know the thrilling story of the establishment of Yellowstone National Park--that first of all of our great national parks.

Here in the Act of 1872 were the first fruits of a new idea. By this act of Congress our people enunciated a new public land policy for our nation--a policy

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Candle-Light Service At Lincoln Memorial

A Candlelight Service marking the end of the 30-day period of national mourning for the late President Kennedy was held on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial on the evening of December 22. An estimated crowd of 14,000 persons attended. Thousands of candles were lighted from a torch ignited from the eternal flame burning at the grave of the assassinated President in Arlington National Cemetery. Proceeds from the sale of candles will be used to relieve the suffering of families affected by the civil rights strife.

President Lyndon B. Johnson

addressed the assemblage. Memorial music was provided by the Howard University Choir and the U.S. Army Band. A memorial prayer for President Kennedy, a prayer for our country and its leaders and a prayer for brotherhood were given by members of the clergy. The ceremony was sponsored by the Inter-Religious Committee on Race Relations, in conjunction with the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, the Council of Churches of Greater Washington, and the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington.



President and Mrs. Johnson hold lighted candles at Memorial Service for Pres. Kennedy.

NPS High-Level Appointments Approved by Secretary Udall

Approval of top management appointments in the National Park Service was announced Saturday by Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall.

The appointments, announced by National Park Service Associate Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., are:

Ben H. Thompson as assistant director for resources studies.

Jackson E. Price as assistant director for specialized services.

Howard W. Baker as assistant for operations.

Johannes E. N. Jensen as assistant director for cooperative activities.

Clarence P. Montgomery as deputy assistant director for administration.

The appointments are a culmination of intensive organizational structure study in the National Park Service and vacancies created by retirements and promotions. All of the men will be in their new positions early in January, when appointment of Mr. Hartzog as director of the Park Service succeeding Conrad L. Wirth, retired, becomes effective.

The appointment of A. Clark Stratton, now assistant director for design and construction, to the associate director early in January, was announced previously by Hartzog.

Thompson, a native of Ohio, presently is assistant director in charge of resource planning. He started work with the Park Service in 1929 in Berkeley, California. He was chief of the division of recreation resource planning from 1951 to October 1961, when he was promoted to the assistant directorship. He is a graduate of Stanford University and received a master of science degree from the University of California. The Thompson home is at 44 Wellesley Circle, Glen Echo, Maryland.

Price, joined the National Park Service as chief counsel in June 1944. He is a native of the District of Columbia and attended

George Washington and Georgetown Universities and practiced law for several years before joining the Department of the Interior as assistant solicitor in 1934. Presently he is assistant director for conservation, interpretation and use. The Price home is at 5129 Bradley Blvd., Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Baker, a native Nebraskan, is a graduate of Kansas State College. He joined National Park Service in 1930 as architect, and has been Regional Director with National Park Service in Omaha since 1950. The Baker family lives at 1721 North 49th Street, Omaha.

Jensen, native Iowan, is a graduate of University of Michigan and a registered professional engineer. He had been associated with Michigan State Highway Department and private firms in Detroit before joining Eero Saarinen & Associates, Hamden, Connecticut. Jensen entered the National Park Service in June 1963, as chief of construction division in Washington, D. C. The Jensens reside at 3114 Elbe Road, Alexandria, Va.

Swem, is a native of Iowa and a graduate of Iowa State University, with graduate training at Harvard. He was associated with Colorado State Game and Fish Department, the Bureau of Reclamation of the Department of the Interior before joining the National Park Service in 1957 and has been chief, division of national park and recreation area planning in Washington, D. C., since 1963. The Swem family home is at 4109 Watkins Trail, Annandale, Va.

Montgomery, is a native of Virginia, and attended Newport News Business College. He joined the National Park Service as fiscal clerk at Yorktown, Va., in 1933 and has been finance officer for the Service in Washington, D. C. since 1955. The Montgomery home is at 3130 North Inglewood Street, Arlington, Va.

Scientific Research Emphasis by N.C.R.

In keeping with the new emphasis being placed on scientific research by the National Park Service, the Office of Conservation, Interpretation, and Use of the National Capital Region has started a Scientific Report series. The purpose of this series, which originates in the Branch of Natural History, is to present publishable scientific investigations to the scientific public and park personnel. The scope of the series will be to cover both biological and geological investigations worthy of publication whether they be descriptive or full-fledged basic or applied research.

Two reports have already been published in this series. Scientific Report No. 1, Periodicity and Anthesis on Theodore Roosevelt Island for the year 1962-1963, and Scientific Report No. 2, Geomorphology and Vegetation of Theodore Roosevelt Island, were both done by Lindsey Kay Thomas, Jr., Research Park Naturalist in the National Capital Region. The results of both these basic research projects contributed significant information for scientists, interpretive naturalists, planners, and managers.

The first report, Periodicity and Anthesis on Theodore Roosevelt Island for the year 1962-1963, shows six ecological seasons based on the blooming of 286 species of vascular plants on the island. These blooming seasons are correlated with the radiation from the sun. The dates and length of time that each species began and remained in bloom is recorded. A hypothesis to explain why some species have long flowering periods and others have short periods is presented. The major habitats where each species is found on the island are also recorded.

The second report, Geomorphology and Vegetation of Theodore Roosevelt Island, presents data that shows how the Potomac River has given the island its present form and what the actual or putative habitats of each of its natural developmental stages were. Mr. Thomas' investigations led to a revision of the geologic map of the area. This map is one of twenty-seven maps in the report. Another map shows actual plant successions and the eleven habitats on the island. Man's influence on both the geomorphology and vegetation are discussed in detail.

The sequel to the second report is in preparation now by Mr. Thomas. This third report will deal with the native and exotic plant species of the island. One of the features of the report will be a list which contains information regarding the locations where each species is found on the island and whether the species is native or not.

Book Of N.P.S. Laws Published

Laws Relating to the National Park Service—Supplement II, compiled by Hillory A. Tolson and printed at the Government Printing Office, came off the press shortly before Mr. Tolson retired as the Service's assistant director for administration.

In the Foreword to this valuable reference work, Mr. Tolson states:

"This is the second printed supplement to the publication, Laws Relating to the National Park Service, which I compiled and which was printed by the Government Printing Office in 1933. The first printed supplement to that volume was compiled in 1944 by Attorney Thomas Alan Sullivan of the National Park Service.

"This supplement contains the

laws relating to the Service enacted by the Congress between May, 1944, and January 1, 1963. It includes the laws relating to the national monuments, military parks, battlefield sites, and other areas transferred in 1933 from War Department to National Park Service administration. It does not include the laws relating to the park areas administered by the National Capital Region of the National Park Service. Those laws are being compiled by the Office of the Solicitor, Department of the Interior, for publication in a separate volume.

"Miss Louise Murray, my secretary, assisted me in compiling this supplement. She also prepared the general index which covers the 1933 volume and its two supplements."

Irwin P. McLaren Retires Recipient of Service Award

Irwin P. McLaren was the recipient of a commendable Service Award upon his retirement after 30 years of service with the National Park Service.

McLaren entered the National Park Service on November 29, 1933, as a stenographer in its Washington Office. In April 1942, when the Service had headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, he was made Chief, Payroll Section. The following year he became Chief Clerk. Upon transfer back to Washington in 1947, Mr. McLaren continued to be employed in personnel appointment and records work, and in 1950 he was promoted to Chief, Appointment Branch. Progressing into placement and employment ac-

tivities, he was promoted in 1952 to Placement Officer. When he retired on December 30, 1963, it was from the position of Personnel Staffing Specialist (Examining).

An able and conscientious employee, Mr. McLaren showed special ability in dealing with employment applicants in a friendly, considerate way and in being courteous and helpful to other Service employees having business with the Personnel Office. N.P.S. Director Conrad L. Wirth said for his years of loyal and devoted service, he is granted the Commendable Service Award of the Department of the Interior.

Advisory Board Suggests 8 New Areas for National Park System

Eight land and water areas, rich in scenery, recreation potential, and history, for addition to the National Park System were among recommendations made to Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall by the Department's National Park Advisory Board.

The recommendations, stemming from the Advisory Board's 49th regular meeting, held at Big Bend National Park in Texas, urged establishment of the following areas now being considered by the Congress:

Allagash National Riverway, Maine, "strongly endorsed" as a new approach to the problem of preserving an outstanding 192,000-acre canoe area;

Allegheny Parkway, West Virginia-Virginia-Kentucky, to provide extensive opportunities for recreation travel to people living in the large population centers of the East;

Amistad National Recreation Area, Texas, to provide greater recreation opportunity at the Amistad Dam and Reservoir now being constructed on the Rio Grande River.

Assateague Island National Seashore, Maryland-Virginia, "enthusiastically endorsed" to set aside a large undeveloped area to help meet the public recreation needs of one of the Nation's fastest growing regions;

Buffalo National River, Arkansas, to reserve for public use and enjoyment many outstanding scenic and scientific features in addition to the nationally significant free-flowing river;

Guadalupe Mountains National Park, Texas, to preserve the outstanding scenic and scientific values of the North and South McKittrick Canyons and part of

this famous fountain mountain range; and

Nez Perce Country National Historical Park, Idaho, to commemorate and interpret the history and culture of this greatly scenic Northwest area.

The 11-member Advisory Board also recommended four sites be made eligible for recognition as Registered National Historic Landmarks. These are the Saugus Iron Works, Saugus, Massachusetts; Robie House, Chicago, Illinois; Fort Richardson, Texas; and the Homestead of Stephen Tying Mather, father of the National Park Service at Darien, Connecticut.

To improve three existing units of the park system, the Board recommended:

(1) Extension of the Blue Ridge Parkway from a point near Beech Gap, N.C., to a point near Marietta, Ga.

(2) Addition of two highly scenic valleys (Cedar Grove and Tehipite) to Kings Canyon National Park, Calif.

(3) Increased funds to assure completion of the dramatic arch, visitor, and Museum of Westward Expansion at the Jefferson Expansion National Memorial, St. Louis, Mo.

The Advisory Board recommended against a General Accounting Office proposal that road construction in the national parks be transferred from the National Park Service to the Bureau of Public Roads.

64 SPECIES OF BIRDS BANDED AT ZION

As part of a research project designed to define the altitudinal migration of Zion's avian residents, 1,397 birds were banded during 1963. Park Naturalists Ro Wauer and Dennis Carter capped 64 kinds of birds in Oak Creek and Lower Zion Canyon within Zion National Park. Banded birds included sharp-shinned hawks, screech owl, 4 kinds of woodpeckers, 5 kinds of flycatchers, chickadees, 7 kinds of warblers, and 22 kinds of Fringillids. A total of 619 juncos banded was the high with 267 pine siskins and 140 white-crowned sparrows being next. The rarest birds found during the year included an indigo bunting and rufous-crowned sparrows.

Fred Harvey Reorganization and Promotions

The Western Division headquarters for the Fred Harvey Company has been moved from Los Angeles to Grand Canyon.

With this change, Fred Wittborg, Vice President and General Manager, Western Division, Hotels and Restaurants, moved back to the Canyon after being in Los Angeles for several years. Fred and Genevieve took up permanent residence at Grand Canyon December 1.

Mr. H. J. Stiffler, formerly General Manager, Hotel Operations Grand Canyon and Death

Valley, was elected Vice President and General Manager of the Company's Central Division, Hotels and Restaurants. His headquarters will be in Chicago and Hersh and LaVernne have moved to that city.

Harold W. (Bill) Snow, Manager of Bright Angel Lodge since 1957 was promoted to Manager at Furnace Creek Inn and Ranch and has moved to Death Valley and Robert Harrison, formerly personnel officer here, is now Manager of Bright Angel Lodge.

Ice Skating on The Lincoln Memorial Reflection Pool



Days when ice-skating is available in the National Capital Region are usually very scarce but below-freezing temperatures in December and early January created several opportunities for people to skate on the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, the Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens, and the C. & O. Canal. As soon as below-freezing temperatures occur, the National Capital Region telephones are busy answering inquiries from skating enthusiasts. Often snow, wind or other conditions make the ice unsatisfactory for skating even when it finally freezes to the proper depth. The Reflecting Pool and Kenilworth Gardens are lighted for night skating whenever ice conditions permit. Photo by Abbie Rowe

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Superintendent and Mrs. Ted Davenport, Prince William Forest Park, congratulate Hillory and Charlotte Tolson at the reception prior to the Tolson retirement dinner. The Tolson's daughter, Pamela, stands to the right.

The Tolsons Feted At Retirement Party

Hillory A. Tolson, for many years Assistant Director of the National Park Service, his wife Charlotte and daughter Pamela were guests at a reception and dinner Friday evening, January 10 in honor of his retirement. More than 350 of his many friends and associates throughout the years attended the reception in the Interior Department cafeteria from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. preceding the dinner.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall, National Park Service Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., and Associate Director and Mrs. A. Clark Stratton paid tribute to the Tolsons. Albert Cox, Regional Director, and many members of his staff in Richmond also attended as did quite a number of active and retired employees from the Northeast Regional Office, the Eastern Office of Design and Construction, and Park employees from around the country. Mr. and Mrs. Tolson and Pamela, a student at the University of Maryland, greeted all who came to pay respect to this man who has given so generously of his talent and energies throughout his more than 44 years with the Federal Government. The reception line, at one time three deep, extended for hundreds of feet down the corridors leading to the reception room.

A dinner, held in the main dining room and attended by more than 250 employees and friends, followed the reception. Distinguished guests joining the Tolsons at the head table included Director George B. Hartzog, Jr., retiring Director and Mrs. Conrad L. Wirth, Associate Director and Mrs. A. Clark Stratton, former Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Dale Doty, former official of the Bureau of the Budget and Mrs. Samuel Dodd, and Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Jones. Mr. Jones, Manager of the Hays Adams Hotel in Washington, was a

former consultant on the National Park Service concessions.

Connie Wirth, toastmaster for the evening, lauded retiring Assistant Director Tolson, pointing out the many important contributions he had made to the National Park Service during his long and distinguished career, and presented him with three bound volumes of letters sent in by Tolson's wide circle of friends. The Tolsons were also presented with a sizeable cash gift contributed by his fellow workers.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of an illustrated narration of Mr. Tolson's life, from his boyhood in Laredo, Missouri to the present time. The story, titled "The Saga of Little Bun" was prepared in a light vein but recounted many of his accomplishments throughout the years. The original artwork and the production itself was presented to the Tolsons after the program was concluded.

Miss Camille Elias sang "River Seine", one of Mr. Tolson's favorite selections, and then presented him with an album of music recorded by the U. S. Marine Corps Band and autographed to him by Lt. Colonel Albert F. Schopper, Director of the Band.

Mrs. Tolson was attired in a blue-green silk sheath dress and wore a chartreuse orchid corsage presented by those attending the reception and dinner.

Mr. Tolson plans to continue actively in the affairs of the National Park Service, having been appointed to the Senior Executive Committee to advise the Director, and has also been asked to continue with the General Administration Training Course which he instituted in 1941. He also plans an active career in law here in the Nation's Capital. He is a member of the District of Columbia Bar and was admitted to practice before the Supreme

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Retiring Director Conrad L. Wirth presents Hillory A. Tolson, retiring Assistant Director with one of the volumes of letters Tolson's many admirers throughout the country have written him.



Mr. and Mrs. Hillory A. Tolson (Charlotte and Hillory to their many friends) stand to accept the plaudits of those attending the dinner in their honor on Friday evening, January 10, 1963. George A. Hartzog, Jr., the Service's new Director, is shown to the right.

Mount Rainier Has 1½ Million Visitors

Visitor travel to Mount Rainier National Park exceeded the 1½ million mark, but no new records were established during the 1963 calendar year, according to Superintendent John A. Rutter. He stated that travel for the year totaled 1,544,300 visits or 19% less than 1962 when 1,905,302 visits were recorded. The 1962 record year was greatly influenced by general travel to the Pacific Northwest attracted by the Century 21 Exposition (World's Fair) in Seattle. Using 1961 as a comparison, travel in 1963 showed a slight decrease of 3%.

The largest one-day public use during 1963 occurred on July 28 when 26,738 visits were recorded. The all-time record day was set on July 22, 1962 when 31,427 visitors entered the Park.

Weather was definitely an in-

fluencing factor which accounted for the decrease in visitation as compared to the two previous years. During June, July and August, on 27 days of clear weather were recorded at Paradise. The other 65 days were either cloudy or rainy.

During the 1963 winter season, which included December 1962, January, February, March and April of 1963, a total of 227,722 winter visits were recorded as compared to 190,424 during the same period in 1962. A total of 91,414 persons visited Paradise during the above period of time. Of those going to Paradise, 31% were skiers, while the other 69% were family groups who came with sleds, toboggans, and "flying saucers" to enjoy these winter activities as well as the winter scenery. Increased winter use has been a continuing trend for several years.

Telephones a Luxury In California's Big Sur

Washington -- Between California's two great cities lies a mountain fastness still so unspoiled that electric lights and telephones are a luxury.

This is the Big Sur country, an 80-mile-long strip of plunging headlands and canyons pounded by the foaming Pacific. Big Sur begins in the Santa Lucia mountains about 150 miles by road south of San Francisco and ends 200 miles north of Los Angeles, the National Geographic Society says.

The rugged shoreline is threaded by a two-lane, roller-coaster highway, California's "Wonderful One." But Big Sur has remained thinly settled, thanks to nature's barriers and residents' recent efforts to hold off a threatened invasion by neon motels and housing developments.

A zoning plan, approved by the local county supervisors late in 1962, outlaws-- among other things--rooftops that break the skyline.

"It happens that whoever settles in this region tries to keep others from coming here," wrote novelist Henry Miller. "Something about the land makes one long to keep it intact--and strictly for oneself."

A Big Sur artist told a National Geographic writer, not long ago: "Even the highway hasn't spoiled it. We've had electricity for only three years, and the telephone, until recently, was eight miles away. Where else can you find so much beauty and peace in such a climate?"

In the Big Sur, nature speaks with majesty and eloquence. Winter storms howl through canyons and valleys where coastal redwoods grow strong and tall. In spring and summer, silent fogs creep over the seascapes.

Gulls wheel over the rocks. Whales pass offshore. Sea otters frolic in the surf.

Homes with spectacular views are tucked away in hidden spots; only mailboxes betray their presence. The postman brings groceries as well as mail in his truck, and neighbors still help one another with roof-raising. Open fireplaces provide heat in winter.

Wrote Miller's 10-year-old daughter in a Big Sur guidebook for visitors: "Big Sur is a beautiful place and anyone living, renting, or even went through is a lucky lucky fellow. And I mean that."

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Open Letter

January 3, 1964

TO ALL NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PERSONNEL:

In my first message as Director of the National Park Service, on December 10, 1951, I stated:

"On this day, as I take over the job of Director, the best I can do is to pledge to defend the Service's policies and to remain loyal to its long and honorable tradition, and I am sure you will all join me in that pledge."

I am sure that history will record that we have kept our pledge. I hope that it will also record that we have made the National Park System more worth while and of greater service to the Nation.

Twelve years have passed. In this period many dedicated park people have left the Service and new, forward-looking associates with constructive ideas have joined us. Many improvements have been made; the System has grown in number of areas with no deterioration in its quality. Visitation has more than doubled. New methods of preservation and interpretation have been devised. Sound training programs, with new, advanced training facilities, are in operation. Our backlog of worn-out facilities has been greatly reduced. Obsolete, disgraceful employee quarters have been replaced. In general, all phases of MISSION 66 have advanced pretty much as planned and the program is nearing completion, thanks to the trust that has been placed in us and the support that we have received from the Administration and from Congress. However, there is still much to be done, and it will take the combined efforts of all to move into even more meaningful programs to accomplish the desired results, and fulfill the additional responsibilities that are now being placed on your shoulders.

A new, capable, and younger team is now taking over the leadership of the Service. It is a good team, and they deserve and will receive, I am sure, the same support and loyalty that you have given to me. Team play, loyalty, and sincere belief in the principles that govern the establishment of the National Park System are attributes that are essential to the success of the National Park Service, and I know that the Director and his staff will govern themselves in such a way as to promote and nurture these attributes.

Secretary Udall and George Hartzog have asked me and several other retired, long-time Park Service people to act as advisors to the Director. I consider this a great honor and have told them that it will be a great pleasure to do this. The responsibility for the management of the National Park System is, and must be, that of the Director. He is the one that the Secretary will hold responsible to carry out the intent of the laws laid down by Congress and the policies established and approved by the Administration and the Secretary. Loyalty to the Secretary and the Department is an important part of the loyalty to the Service, for they are one and the same. You can't have one without the other and be successful. A Director, to be successful, must develop and nurture loyalty.

Secretary Udall has been high in his praise of the National Park Service and of the influence it has had throughout the World. Further, he has been more than generous to me in reference to my activities as Director of the National Park Service. He has indicated his approval of the National Park concept many times.

Anyone who reads Secretary Udall's book, THE QUIET CRISIS, cannot help but realize that he believes that there is a "mystique" to the great out-of-doors, and that it is important to our way of life. Certainly anybody looking at a sunrise over the Grand Canyon, walking the trails through wilderness areas, or watching the sun set over the Grand Tetons, and who doesn't have a feeling of "mystique" in his soul has missed one of the finest experiences of life and is to be pitied. I hope that all Park Service people, and those who visit the great areas of the National Park System, will experience the mystique of nature. It is important to you, to your family, and to the country—and don't let anybody tell you otherwise, and never be ashamed of it.

I know it is not necessary for me to mention these two subjects of "mystique" and "loyalty" in this, my last letter to you as Director of the National Park Service. However, because of the way in which they were brought up at the time of my request for retirement, I feel I should be sure that there is no misunderstanding as to my feelings. I am extremely proud of the attitude of my associates in the National Park Service and humble in the loyalty you have bestowed upon me.

I am also pleased with the way the changeover is taking place. I know many of you are concerned with some of the changes and what the future holds for the Service. These same questions come up every time there is a change in the Directorship. Those who have gone through changes in the past know what I mean. The change in Directorship at this time is logical and proper. We should look at it as a step forward; taking advantage of the accomplishments of the past, and building for a better future. Each individual who retires leaves his imprint on the Service, whether he be a Director, a ranger, or any other employee, and those who fill his place must strive with all his ability and might to serve the country well so that the United

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that recognized the holding of land in public ownership perpetually for other than material gain or riches. We can be rightfully proud that this truly American philosophy has become part and parcel of the philosophy of many nations.

The system of national parks that has grown from this enactment almost a hundred years ago has deep meaning not only for us but also for people all around the world.

Over the years there have been many pressures to whittle away at the values of our national parks. Such pressures, in many different forms, continue to manifest themselves and they will continue in the future.

Our first Directors, Stephen T. Mather and Horace M. Albright — and Secretary of the Interior Franklin Lane established high standards for implementing the Congressional policy for the preservation of our national parks as laid down in the National Park Service Act of 1916. A lengthening line of earnest and able Directors and Secretaries, including Connie Wirth and Stewart Udall, have supported and strengthened these standards.

Now fully supported by the people, these standards have become increasingly important in resisting the pressures that would impair the basic values of our national parks.

Since these standards were first established profound changes have occurred in our land. The automobile has become commonplace. Our population has exploded and is continuing to increase. We are a nation whose citizens now live largely in urban areas and this trend is continuing. Our constantly rising standard of living provides us with ever more leisure time.

The preservation of our national parks in an environment of change is at once an old and familiar challenge and also a new and greater challenge of dramatic new dimensions. Even so, it is my firm conviction that those original high standards — now well established and time tested — are still applicable and even more meaningful and useful to us today in the preservation of our national parks.

The soundness of this conviction is clearly supported, I believe, in the brilliant report of the Secretary's Advisory Board on Wildlife Management. The distinguished Dr. Starker Leopold, who addressed us here earlier this week, and his colleagues, who with him comprised this Board, have challenged us with bold and thoughtful suggestions that are wholly in keeping with our traditionally high standards.

The suggestion of the Board that the goal must first be defined for each national park is basic to all others. This we intend to do. More than this, we intend to pull together in one place clear and concise policy statements for the administration of the national parks.

As suggested by the Advisory Board and re-emphasized in the recent report of the National Academy of Sciences, we intend to coordinate and intensify our research efforts. The necessary organizational changes have already been approved by the Secretariat. We shall continue our efforts to fulfill this research need to support our management. Likewise, we shall be vigilant in our management to do a better job in carrying out our defined goals as supported by research.

The Advisory Board recognized, and so do we, that the so-

lutions of all of the tasks confronting us do not lie wholly either within the national parks or within our authority. Some of our wildlife problem are examples. We need to strengthen our ties with universities, conservation organizations, our sister federal agencies, the states and their political subdivisions and others to seek creatively and with imagination for answers both to our mutual problems and to these problems that are unique in national park management.

We must continue to rely upon you in the field to be alert to establish and maintain communications through personal contacts with these all-important outside groups. Many of you have done outstanding work in this area. All of us need to do likewise. These outside contacts are at the core of our day-to-day responsibilities.

The Secretary's Advisory Board on Wildlife Management, independent researchers, conservationists, the LRR staff, and many of you individually have called attention to the factor of human use and the physical developments therefor, and the resultant impact of both upon the preservation of park values. We need to do much more research into these delicate relationships and we intend to do it as rapidly as possible.

In the meantime, I believe we need to move now on at least two fronts in dealing with these relationships:

First, assign a professionally qualified natural scientist to each Package Master Plan Team.

Secondly, explore with our sister federal agencies the possibilities of jointly planning developments required to meet the needs of public use of national parks and of adjacent federal lands.

In the atmosphere of mutual confidence and cooperation recently established by Secretary Udall and Secretary Freeman, we have already begun exploratory talks with the U. S. Forest Service about this second matter. Moreover, as you know, we invited it, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and other sister agencies to join with us here this week in our CONFERENCE OF CHALLENGES. As soon as we return to Washington we expect to formalize our verbal request to Chief Forester Ed Cliff for a joint meeting of our regional directors and the chiefs of our field design offices with his regional foresters to explore such joint planning possibilities.

We face a continuing challenge to improve interpretation of our country's scenic and historic heritage. In a recent speech Dan Beard predicted that — within 25 years I believe it was — interpretation would be our single most important activity.

The recently approved plan of reorganization will strengthen greatly the formal structure for the direction of our interpretive efforts. There is more than reorganization needed, however. We need to cultivate an exploring state of mind!

There have been dramatic new advances in the methods and techniques of communications. Have we explored their full implication for our programs? To communicate the value of our heritage to those outside the parks, especially to schools, service organizations, and the like, we need to think and act creatively in providing movies, improved publications which more interestingly and succinctly set forth the policies and purposes of the national parks, traveling exhibits, improved interpretive

facilities such as the new installation here at Happy Isles, better training programs, etc.

The profound changes all about us present us with many new challenges. The first of these new challenges to which I invite your attention very briefly is the need to provide additional areas for the greatly expanded demand for outdoor recreation.

Significant numbers of natural and historical areas requiring traditional management, will continue to be added to the National Park System by the Congress.

However, the vast majority of the new areas being considered by the Congress fall within the definitions established by the President's Recreation Advisory Council for National Recreation Areas. The public need for such areas is beyond question and it is urgent!

We in the National Park Service are uniquely equipped by training and experience to play our part in meeting this new challenge. If we are to make the contribution we are expected to, however, we must devise new tools, methods, and concepts to manage these new kinds of parks. The utilization of these new things need not adulterate or dilute our basic principles of national park management. Moreover, the inclusion of these new types of areas in the National Park System does not in my judgment detract from the high standards of our great natural and historical parks nor the high standards established for their preservation and management.

These new types of areas are not alternatives to our priceless national parks; rather, they are additions to the System which will contribute greatly not only to the preservation of our natural and historic heritage but also at the same time provide much needed recreational opportunities. For example, I have had the firm belief ever since my assignment at Rocky Mountain National Park, that Shadow Mountain National Recreation Area not only provides valuable additional outdoor recreational opportunities but also contributes in a material way to the preservation of Rocky Mountain National Park.

Another aspect of this outdoor recreation challenge is the opportunity to cooperate with other agencies — state and federal — in their administration of their recreation programs. Also, we can learn valuable lessons from them.

There is a real opportunity, I believe, to share our land planning, interpretive and other skills with such agencies as the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Fish and Wildlife Service, and others. At Glen Canyon and Whiskeytown National Recreation Areas we are developing joint visitor center and interpretive facilities with the Bureau of Reclamation. These joint facilities will present a unified story covering development of our resources and of outdoor recreational opportunities. This is another example of the type of cooperation that brings into sharp focus the total broad conservation program of the Department of the Interior. And, it saves the taxpayers money!

Ever since its establishment the National Park Service has worked closely with the states in the development of their park and recreational programs. In fact, our first Director, Stephen T. Mather, organized the National Conference on State Parks in 1921. These long and fruitful relationships have been of material benefit not only to the states but also to the nation.

In 1936 the Park, Parkway and Recreation Study Act vested in the Secretary certain responsibilities for assisting the states in recreation planning. These functions were performed by the National Park Service. In 1962, with the establishment of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, these responsibilities were transferred to the new agency. Moreover, the Congress has re-

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States of America will be a better place for future generations. We who have retired, or are retiring, hope most sincerely that we have served well and laid a sound foundation for future accomplishments and service.

Mrs. Wirth and I have been blessed with an opportunity of working with the finest group of people in the World, and for the greatest Nation on earth, in preserving and making available for the enjoyment of the people the great scenic and historic heritage that is theirs. There are great days ahead, and much to be done, and we envy all of you. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Conrad L. Wirth
Director

Natt N. Dodge Retires After 30 Years Service

Natt N. Dodge, regional naturalist of the National Park Service's Southwest Region, retired on December 30 after 30 years of duty with the National Park Service.

A graduate of Colorado State University, Natt began his career with the National Park Service as a naturalist at Mount Rainier National Park, Wash. In 1935, he was transferred to Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz. Two years later, he was promoted and transferred to the Headquarters of Southwestern National Monuments, Coolidge, Ariz., where he served until December 1942. At this time, he was again promoted and transferred to the regional office in Santa Fe, with the title of acting regional naturalist. His title was changed to regional naturalist in 1946, the position he occupied until his retirement.

As regional naturalist, Natt has provided technical supervision of educational, interpretive, and research activities of units of the National Park System within the Southwest Region. The region includes Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, southwestern Colorado, and southeastern Nevada. In his off-time, Natt has written for publication.

The author of six books on natural history and more than 300 published articles, Natt has acquired a nation-wide reputation in his field. The latest evidence of this is his being asked to write the chapter on "Wild Life of the American West" for Julian Messner's recently published massive volume *The Book of the American West*.

Natt illustrates much of his writing with his own photographs. His book *100 Desert Wildflowers in Natural Color*, published in 1963, contains his photographs.

Active in community affairs, Natt has held the post of secretary of the Kiwanis Club for many years. His nature talks, illustrated with color slides and motion pictures, are given regularly before school groups, civic organizations, and garden clubs in Santa Fe and surrounding communities.

Mrs. Dodge ("Hap") is also active in city and church affairs.

More than 200 friends of the Dodges attended a retirement dinner given for them at a Santa Fe restaurant on December 17.

Natt and Hap will continue to reside in Santa Fe. Their address is 465 Camino Manzano.



Natt N. Dodge (left), regional naturalist of the Southwest Region, receives his 30-year pin from Regional Director Daniel B. Pear at the retirement dinner.

The Rotunda of the United States Capitol was a no man's land in early days, because neither House nor Senate would assume responsibility for it, National Geographic says. Peddlers moved in. Visitors could buy apple peelers or corn shellers, or view a panorama of Paris for 50 cents.

The cape buffalo is generally rated as Africa's most vicious wild animal, National Geographic says. Buffalo have been known to ambush a hunter and trample him with ax-sharp hoofs. They have even dispositions—always angry.



Conrad L. Wirth presenting John Roberts, NCDC Architect, with \$10.00 cash for 2d place. Mr. Roberts is also the designer of the NCP(R) emblem of the Washington Monument and the sunrise.

(Photo by Sylvester Coles)

Conrad L. Wirth Presents Anti-Litter Contest Awards

by Loyola F. Collier

Conrad L. Wirth took time out from a busy schedule to present awards to winners of the anti-litter photo contest sponsored here recently by the Interior Department Recreation Association (IDRA) Camera Club.

The first prize of \$25.00 cash was received by Golda Stegner, National Capital Planning Commission (Ret.), for her color slide of two children placing their litter in a trash container. Second prize, \$10.00 cash went to John Roberts, NCDC Architect, for his picture showing a hand dropping a beer can into one of the new style English trash baskets recently installed in the parks in the Metropolitan Washington Area. Third place, \$5.00 cash, was won by Ben Schley, Fish and Wildlife Service, showing a picnic table scene with clutter left behind by careless people. Also, there were 3 honorable mentions of one roll color film each, Mishi Kamiya, Coal Research, of her "before" and "after" type picture, aptly titled "After the Snack;" Jim Lee, Bureau of Land Management, showing litter on public lands near Las Vegas; and Ben Schley, of a litter of pigs and beer cans. Each winner received a 4 1/2-inch model of "Litterbug Pete."

The contest was announced in the Washington Sunday Star, Camera Section and the IDRA News.

Judges included John B. Thomas, NCR's Public Health Service Consultant; nationally known amateur photographer, Martin H. Miller, U.S. Treasury Department, Savings Bonds Division; and Edward S. Cobb, U.S. Naval Photographic Center, Head of Tests and Specifications.

Winning entries and the judging itself will be displayed in the Interior Department showcase for special activities. Entries will then be forwarded to Keep America Beautiful, Inc.

Spring is just a few months away, when millions of mobile-minded Americans will be taking to the highways, waterways and mountains, carelessly leaving

ing a trail of litter behind them.

Perhaps if these people could see this unsightly mess alongside the neat attractive displays set-up for their benefit in the visitor's centers, they would realize what they are doing to our country.

All areas in the Park Service system are invited to be on the look-out for picture-story telling ideas and are encouraged to send their photographs to Keep America Beautiful, Inc., 99 Park Avenue, New York 16, N.Y., KAB will send information and "how-to" material free upon request. Another suggestion of what to do with these pictures is to set up displays such as a life size cardboard figure of a uniformed Park Ranger pointing his finger at YOU, the public, with the other extended arm pointing to the display panel showing the captioned litter photos taken in your respective parks.

Imagine a visitor's dismay when right in the middle of an interesting slide lecture at his favorite national park, the ranger flashes on the screen, an array of assorted rubbish, and announces this startling fact, "How would you good people like to return home and find this on your front lawn? No one would, I'm sure. We are also sure you wouldn't want to leave your homes to find the same condition at your next campsite, picnic table, trail or favorite seashore area."

By appealing to the individual's sense of pride, we can gradually gain the public's cooperation in helping us keep their park system a model example to the rest of the world and as being the cleanest, the neatest and most beautiful areas on this earth.

Washington—About 59 percent of the moon's surface is visible from the earth at various times because of lunar oscillations known as librations. The remaining 41 percent has never been seen by man, but some of it has been crudely photographed by a passing Soviet space craft, National Geographic says.

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cently expanded the scope of responsibility of the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in this field. We shall continue to support and cooperate with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in the implementation of its programs.

There is still extremely important work left for us to do in the field of state cooperation. The Park Practice Program is one example of such cooperation and I am delighted to see that in recent days this program has been expanded to include the membership of the American Institute of Park Executives so that the benefits of this program can now be shared by all professional park people — municipal, state and federal. There are continuing opportunities, also, for us to assist the states in design, interpretation, historical preservation and the sharing of our management know-how.

There is a great and growing concern today with man's environment. Secretary Udall, Under Secretary Carr, and others have spoken frequently on this subject. Most often this problem is diagnosed in relation to urban areas. However, it is one that effects all segments and all sections of our country. We in the National Park Service can make important contributions to the search for solutions to the problems that perplex us in this connection. To do so, however, requires that we become an integral part of the community within which we live. Some of our most significant contributions may be made in our non-official relationships through participation in professional and service societies and organizations, and I encourage each of us to take an even greater part in these programs.

Additionally, we can make a contribution by planning with an eye to the outside influences that affect our programs. The Leopold Committee, for example, in raising certain questions with respect to our wildlife problems, suggests that quite possibly the answers are to be found in conditions that exist mostly outside of the areas for which we are responsible.

Additionally, significant research opportunities in the problems associated with air pollution, pesticides, etc., are available in the national parks.

As mentioned earlier, the national parks and the national park idea have great significance not only for us but also for people all around the world. The park philosophy is being embraced by more and more nations. We shall continue our cooperation with those organizations interested in and devoted to the international park movement, and we welcome the growing opportunity to share our management know-how with other nations in the development of their park and recreation programs. We were thrilled this week to learn that Secretary Udall has asked Connie to go to Africa

to assist in an important assignment in this field.

The traditions of the National Park Service have been built by generations of dedicated and devoted people. These traditions are among the most cherished and respected of any institution in the world. The ingenuity of our people in meeting each new challenge has resulted in the National Park Service receiving ever broadening and ever-increasing assignments with ever more difficult and complex implications. The future of this great Service requires teamwork not only within the organization but also with our associates—the concessioners, the Congress, our alumni and our friends throughout the country. I count it a great honor to work with you in this team effort.

In the words of Robert Frost, "The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep and miles to go before I sleep" * * *

If you and I would keep our promises to those who have gone before and to this and to future generations, we have much yet to do!

Now, I have an announcement. This is an announcement that gives me a great deal of pleasure to make, and I think it is going to make you very proud and very happy.

I am pleased to tell you that the Secretary has, today, approved my recommendation for an Associate Director. He is a long-time National Park Service career employee. He is a person who has your affection, your esteem and your confidence. He is a person with whom I have worked for some time and in whom I have great confidence. He is a man of integrity and ability, devoted and dedicated to the same high principles of public service to which each and every career employee of the National Park Service is dedicated.

Clark Stratton, would you, please, come up here?

Thank you very much.

Correction

Under Promotions in last issue L. T. Davenport was erroneously listed as promoted from GS-11 to GS-12. It should have read from GS-12 to GS-13.

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Wirth Announces Post Retirement Plans

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"1. We will retain our membership in some twenty citizen and professional groups and help as a part of the team wherever we can.

"2. I have always felt highly honored to be selected as a Trustee of the National Geographic Society and I shall continue as a member of that Board. I believe that the National Geographic Society organized for "The increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge" has contributed over the years more than any other organization to the better understanding of the relationship between man and his environments, and of the history of man on this Continent. This knowledge is fundamental to our way of life and becomes more important each passing year. Knowing and understanding the history of the people who preceded us, their accomplishments, their culture; and knowing and understanding people in other sections of the world and their culture and habits, is of utmost importance to the peace of the world. This is especially true as the world grows smaller and smaller.

"3. Before my request for retirement was officially announced by the Secretary, he and Director George Hartzog asked me to serve on a Senior Executive Committee to the Director, with such other retirees as former Directors Albright and Drury, former Associate Director Elvind Scoyen, and former Assistant Director Hillory Tolson. This I readily accepted with pleasure. I think it is a good idea and my only regret is that I didn't think of the idea while I was Director. I am thoroughly convinced that George Hartzog is going to make a great Director, and he is setting up an excellent group of top-flight men as Assistant Directors, headed up by Clark Stratton as Associate Director. Believe me, it gives me a great deal of pleasure and satisfaction to have this opportunity to continue my association with the National Park Service as a part of George Hartzog's team. I am sure it is going to be a strong, aggressive administration, and to have a part in it, even in just an advisory capacity, is a high honor.

"4. I have accepted a position as Consultant to Mr. Laurance S. Rockefeller. Laurance Rockefeller has devoted a great deal of his time, energies, and resources to the sound principles of conservation and especially as they apply to human enjoyment through the whole spectrum from the small playground to the vast wilderness areas. Laurance has followed and expanded on the principles of his father, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and today he is generally recognized as the citizen leader in this field. To be asked to be a Consultant to Laurance Rockefeller, and in a way follow in some of the footsteps of my former boss, Horace M. Albright, whom I greatly admire, is more than I had a right to expect.

"5. One thing I believe in very strongly is that all of us in the park and recreation field must improve our professional standing. It is not enough to plan adequate park and recreation systems, and acquire land and provide facilities, we must also provide well trained management and technical help and find some way to insure the retention of these qualified people free from adverse influences and whimsical changes. The best politics—and we do live in a political form of government—is a good job; and I am naive enough to believe that the better we do our job the more stable the park and recreation profession will be, the better we will serve the people, and the stronger and better our political form of government will be. The need to strengthen our profession I know is the goal of the American Institute of Park Executives, the National Conference on State Parks, and other similar organizations. It is my intention to devote as much time as I possibly

can to help in building a program that will provide the best results.

"6. My son, Ted, is in business for himself in Billings, Montana, after having spent some twelve years as a Landscape Architect in city, state, and national park organizations. His firm is known as Theodore J. Wirth and Associates, Landscape Architects and Planning Consultants. I have agreed to help them, especially in park work, when needed, and when there is no conflict of interest. When Ted was with the National Park Service he sort of worked for me, now I will sort of work for him.

"7. I have had a desire for a long time to set down, in an understandable down to earth manner, the accomplishments and values of the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 30's. In my opinion, that was one of the really great accomplishments in the field of conservation in both human and natural resources. Mrs. Wirth has promised to help me put this desire of mine into writing, but we will need a lot of help, especially as to the experiences of people who were in the Corps. I am not just referring to Supervisors and Administrators, but the boys themselves. It should cover all of the activities in all of the Departments and not just the national and the state parks. I think if we understood fully some of the experiences, reactions, and effects of the program on people who served in the Corps, and what it did for the Nation as a whole, we will really begin to realize the true value of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the need for some permanent approach to a Youth Resources Conservation program. So, if anyone has any interesting experiences, data, philosophy, or facts, we will be glad to receive them and use them if we can. Certainly it should be done before those who were associated with the Corps either pass on or forget what took place. I have a lot of information now, but it all pertains to my part of the program and my observations, and I do not believe it should be just one man's experience.

"8. At the request of Secretary Udall and the State Department, I now plan to go to East Africa around the first of March for three or four weeks to make a study and report on the general overall conservation programs, especially as they relate to the economical growth of the countries we will visit. Mr. Frank Masland, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and I will do this together and will have the full support and help of AID, and the officials of the countries we are to visit.

"Well, this pretty well outlines what Mrs. Wirth and I are thinking about at this time, and what we are about to do. It most likely sounds like a lot of work for a person who wanted to lead a less strenuous life. Maybe it is too much, but we intend to do as much as we can. Mrs. Wirth and I fully intend to spend more time together and start taking some real vacations, which is something we have never been able to do in the past.

"We are moving to New York City and will most likely be there before this epistle gets to anyone, so we might as well announce our new address. We have rented a furnished apartment for a year at 100 Riverside Drive, New York, New York, 10024.

"I will have an office with the National Park Service in the Department of the Interior, Room 3118, which will be headquarters for the Senior Executive Committee and Miss Rita Matthews will be secretary for this committee. I will also have an office in New York, and Miss Mary Marrett will handle the secretarial duties there. I do not have the room number in New York, but mail addressed to me at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, Room 5600, will reach me."

(SGD.) CONRAD L. WIRTH

National Capital Region

RUDOLPH W. BAUSS, Chief, Museum Branch, had what he describes as one of the greatest experiences of his life when he made a 9,000-mile trip to the West in October and November visiting 22 National Parks enroute. He said the Superintendents and Rangers at the Parks had added so much to their enjoyment of the trip by helping them to see the most in the short time they had at their disposal. They enjoyed it even more, he said, than when they returned the previous year for a trip through their native Germany. In comparing them, he said that Germany has more art work, more old buildings, castles, etc., but there is nothing to compare with the wonders of our parks ("Each one is a gem", he says) and the infinite variety of scenic beauty and grandeur which they represent. He was impressed with the rich resources of our country - oil wells, dams, olive groves, the easy harvesting of grapes as compared with the old methods in Europe, and an endless number of other examples.

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Friends of LORIN DAVIS, former Chief of Administration Division, National Capital Region, will be pleased to know that he is recovering nicely from his recent heart attack. He is staying with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carlton E. Tinkham, in Vienna, Virginia. Lorin was stricken while visiting a brother and three sisters in Indiana and was hospitalized for several weeks.

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The lobby of the National Capital Regional Office Building will soon be decorated by a receptionist in National Park Service uniform. Mrs. Patsy C. Sorah, who had previously been employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, was hired for the job. Looking nice in a Park Service uniform is only one of Mrs. Sorah's responsibilities. She will be greeting official visitors to the building and directing them to their destinations; will assist strangers to Washington to locate the areas of greatest sightseeing interest, and will accept telephone inquiries directed to the Branch of Information on a great variety of subjects concerning the Region and its activities. Pat's husband is a member of the U. S. Park Police force.

The United States Military Academy at West Point was, for many years, this Nation's only engineering school.

SOME 1963 BIRTHS

A son, Howard Robert, was born February 4, at Glynn Brunswick Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Osborne of Fort Frederica.

A daughter, Sandra Gay, was born at Glynn Brunswick Memorial Hospital on February 23 to Mr. and Mrs. James W. Riley of Fort Frederica.

A son, James Kiyo, was born early in March to Mr. and Mrs. John Kawanto of the Midwest Regional Office.

A son, Myron Stacy, weighing 9 pounds 1/2 ounce was born March 6 to Mr. and Mrs. William Hall of Blue Ridge Parkway.

A daughter, Karen, was born on March 14 to Barbara and Bill Wendt. She is the first child of the couple stationed at Yosemite.

A son, Louis Fritz, was born March 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Tauscher. Stan is EODC Landscape Architect quartered at Great Smoky Mountains.

A son was born March 29 to Connie and Hill Hall of Yosemite.

A daughter was born April 5 to Cheryl and Larry Steward of Yosemite.

A daughter, Michele Rene, was born at Frankford Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa., on Palm Sunday, April 17, to Mr. and Mrs. James Killian. Jim is EODC Landscape Architect.

A daughter, Cindy Elise, weighing 8 pounds 2 1/2 ounces was born May 17 at the I. S. Allen Hospital in Moab, Utah to Gwen and Stanley Canter of Arches. She arrived on Stan's birthday.

A daughter, Karena Loreen, was born at St. Johns Hospital on June 2, to Blythe and Dick Stenmark of Grand Teton.

A daughter, Barbara Ann, weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces was born June 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Keith A. Trecler of Lehman Caves.

A daughter, Audrey Jean, was born to Jean and Garland Moore at their home on July 28. Gary, after a five-minute course of instruction over the telephone performed the delivery. He is Park Engineer at Death Valley.

A son, Jeffrey Brian, was born on August 16 to Beth and Homer Leach of Yosemite.

A son, Robert John, was born August 20 to Marge and Jack Fewless of Yosemite.

A son, Corey Michael, weighing 8 pounds 13 ounces was born August 26, to Mr. and Mrs. "Gene" Welch of Walton Ranger at Glacier.

A son, William B. Robertson III, was born September 19 to Elizabeth and William B. Robertson of Everglades National Park.

A daughter, Erma Rae, was born December 23 to Liz and Ray Murphy of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park.

A son, Steven James was born on December 29 to Barabra and James Corson of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park. He is their fifth child, and the only boy.

A son, David Lee was born at James Archer Smith Hospital, Homestead, Fla., on December 14 to Julia and Harvey D. Wickware of Everglades.

A son, Paul Carl, weighing 9 pounds 1 ounce was born September 7 to Marylyn and Fred Eubanks of Cape Hatteras.

A daughter, Mari Jennette, weighing five pounds 12 ounces, was born at Lewis Memorial Hospital on July 28, to Polly and John Banias of Yosemite.

A daughter, Collene, was born November 2 to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Brady. Brady is a park ranger at Petrified Forest National Park.

BIRTHS FOR WHICH SOME INFORMATION IS MISSING

A daughter, Deborah Susan, weighing 8 pounds 8 ounces was born September 9 to Anne and Jerry Eubanks of -----?

A daughter Jerri Patricia, weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces was born on (date?) to Patricia and Jerry Cahoon of -----?

A daughter, Wendy Jane, weighing 9 pounds 10 1/2 ounces was born September 21 to Judy Wilson of -----?

Did You Know

The egg came before the chicken. Birds are an offshoot of reptile stock that was laying eggs millions of years before the first prehistoric bird flew, National Geographic says.

No physical marker can long remain at the North Pole, because the face of the earth's northern axis frequently changes as the Arctic Ocean's pack ice drifts across it, the National Geographic says.



Time rests lightly on Yosemite. Giant sequoias have slumbered here for 4,000 years. Mountain wilderness... sky-piercing peaks and domes... plunging waterfalls, are the same today as when white men first glimpsed Yosemite's rugged grandeur over a century ago. And just as unchanging in a changing world is the tradition of friendly hospitality at Yosemite's hotels and lodges. You'll find a warm welcome awaits you whenever you visit the park.

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SOUTHEAST REGION

What does the new year hold in store for us--and for the National Park Service? It would be hard to believe that it could match the record of 1963--at least in some respects.

So many persons say to me "I never liked history; it's too dull and dry." They fail to realize that events occurring today and things that will happen tomorrow are the essence of history. How little any of us thought as we went about the routine of our jobs on November 22 that this would be a day marked throughout the world for its tragedy. Most events cannot be judged with accuracy by contemporary historians, but none of us could escape the impact of that historic day.

In quite a different sense, 1963 has been a historic year for the National Park Service. It was twelve years ago that Mr. Wirth assumed responsibility as Director. His retirement and the appointment of George Hartzog as his successor has now become known to all. This again is history in the making and we are very much involved in it.

One reason so many express a dislike for history is that they always think of history as happening to someone else--never to me! Colonel John Glenn, in speaking to the group of high school students at the youth forum on the 60th anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight at Kill Devil Hills, spoke of his own background as that of just "an average American school boy." No one will deny that he has played a leading role in a dramatic and exciting bit of history.

Of course neither you nor I will be called upon to match the astronauts in 1964, but each of us has a vital job to do in caring for the National Parks. Let each of us maintain his sense of purpose and remember each day that what he achieves in his job will in fact be a part of the record from which history is written. If we do this, the record of our accomplishments can become a bright page in the history of the National Park Service for 1964!

CHICK-CHATT

On December 18, a Christmas Party for the Chick-Chat Staff was held at the Ellis Restaurant in Chattahoochee. The room in the Ellis Restaurant was decorated for Christmas and favors were given each of the 30 present. Festivities included a social hour, a delicious dinner, a visit by Santa and dancing. Needless to say, some of our number suffered from "Twistitis" the

next day, but a good time was had by all.

In order to pass along some of the Christmas spirit to the visitors a Christmas tree was placed in the Chickamauga Visitor Center. Secretary Bernice Phillips and Historian Cindy Ray were the decorators. For those who are interested, the tree was cut outside the park boundary.

Perhaps the big news of the month was that the wife of Caretaker Frank Suttles gave birth to a ten-pound boy. This was their fifth child, but the first boy for the Suttles. A comment by Frank was, "I quit".

Historian Cynthia Ray received an engagement ring for Christmas from Dick Heine of Signal Mountain, Tennessee. Dick is presently serving a "hitch" in the Navy at Newport, Rhode Island. An April wedding is planned.

Colorado

Superintendent Fred G. Bussey says that 347,897 visitors were received at Colorado National Monument in 1963. This represents an increase of 18,350 visitors over 1962.

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument also experienced an increase in travel. A total of 146,553 persons visited the area--an increase of 14,785 visits over the previous year.

With the new developments planned or underway in both areas, and the state's program for attracting tourists to the western slope of Colorado being presented at various travel shows, another increase in travel is predicted for 1964.

Zion

Several Zion employees took home the "bacon" during a recent Turkey shoot sponsored by the Zion Canyon Lion's Club. "Ole Yellowstone" Mardis, "dead-eye" Ruesch, and "cool-look" Lueck each collected two of the cold birds. Other experts included Randy and Del Armstrong, Eric and Leslie Brueck, and Joe McCabe. The shoot featured big bore, 22 rifle, and shotgun shooting. The Talk of the shoot was Randy who shot 7 for 7 shotgun shots (first time ever to fire a shotgun) at the clay birds.

New officers of the Zion Recreation Club were elected at a recent meeting. They are Ro Wauer, president; Chloe Fisher, vice-president; Frank Langan, secretary-treasurer; and Earl Mansor, sergeant-at-arms. The first activity of the new club year began with a farewell and welcome potluck at the Ranger Dorm on December 4. Honored

guests were the Jim Peck family who are leaving the Service to return to private construction in Santa Fe; and Virginia Barclay, the Bozarth and Bolanders who are all new to the Zion family.

Death Valley

It is a rare privilege to see the Death Valley sunrise in the wee hours of the morning. It slowly peeps over the mountain looking very much like a large brilliantly lighted lantern hanging from the sky. When you reluctantly turn from this wonder there are more in store for you. The sun's rays touch the mountain caps and perform a miracle of color in variegated patterns.

This morning while drinking from the beauties of the Valley, we glimpsed the first desert flower in bloom, the "Desert Sun Flower." The valley and hills are becoming scantily dotted with this effusion of sun-beam yellow.

Being a part of this valley gives proof that the Supreme Being never intended that the world be of regimented sameness. It is very manifold, which is easily evidenced when one spends only a short time exploring or gazing upon the pristine and incorrigible natural wonders.

Dinosaur



Maynard B. Barrows, Park Forester at Dinosaur National Monument was the recipient of a \$400 Superior Performance Award. The cash award check was presented to him by Superintendent Earl M. Semingsen at the Employees Christmas party recently.

With the advent of Christmas season, spirits reached new highs at Dinosaur National Monument. Adults Christmas party, Children's Christmas party, snow at the Dinosaur Quarry (something which has not been seen since the winter of 61-62) and marriage for two of our clerk typists has kept the coffee table talk lively.

Those who know Superintendent "Tiny" Semingsen know that a party is never dull when he is present. He was even dancing the Limbo, if you can imagine--of course the stick may not have been quite as low as used by the professionals.

Highlight of the Christmas party was the presentation by Superintendent Semingsen of a \$400 Superior Performance award to Maynard Barrows, Midwest Region Forester assigned to Dinosaur. This award represents outstanding work in land acquisition and exchange within Dinosaur National Monument. It was through efforts by Mr. Barrows that helped bring about the exchange of 8,688 acres of Colorado State land within the Monument for the Bureau of Land Management land adjacent to the Monument. Mr. Barrows has devoted more than 30 years service towards the National Park concept and is to be congratulated for this recognition.

Cupid scored in November and December with the marriage of Mary Beth Sutton and Pat Winkler, clerk typists assigned to headquarters. Both girls have been with Dinosaur less than a year. Mary Beth has departed for Grand Junction, Colorado where her husband is attending Mesa Junior College. Pat, who chose to remain on the job, has acquired the nickname "Techni-

color". Born a redhead, she decided blond hair would be more appropriate for her wedding. This process of change evolves through many color changes and for several weeks before the big day, Pat showed up for work each day or so with a new hair color. It was an office challenge to determine what color the next day would bring. The final blow to this buildup was after the wedding when Pat showed up as a brunet again.

Everglades

"Kathy" Joseph visited Superintendent and Mrs. Stanley C. Joseph over the Christmas holiday season. While Kathy was here, Stan and Ruth took her to Key West in the rain.

On Friday, December 13, a farewell party was given for James and Mildred Parker. Jim accepted a position of Foreman II (Shop) and transferred to Glacier where he entered on duty January 5. A real old-time Everglader, Jim started as a temporary employee nearly 15 years ago, and progressed steadily to Foreman III (Shop). He will be missed by his many Everglades friends as well as those in Homestead where he resided. The Park Ladies furnished the refreshments. Ida Heaton (Mrs. Paul N.) and her aides did a wonderful job of decorating.

The Park Ladies entertained all park employees at a Christmas party in Headquarters on Monday, December 23. The main feature was a show entitled "The Magic Onion." Ruth Joseph made the hand puppets manipulated by Carol Pfeiffer and Bertie Benham. The voices and sound effects had been previously taped, and included the voices of many park people ranging from Greg and Denise Branges (son and daughter of Chief Park Ranger Robert J. Branges) through Asst. Superintendent Cal Burroughs and Supt. Stan Joseph. Cal was the voice of the villain and Stan was the fierce (?) dragon.

Just about all the ladies brought Christmas cookies to accompany the excellent egg nog concocted by Barbara Branges, Helen Burroughs, Marion Whitney, Doris Whitehouse, and Jane Maxwell.

FORT FREDERICA

Fort Frederica National Monument receives very old and Rare Book from Mr. Henry Emmerson of London, England, entitled "THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN" The book is an original and dated 1726.

Mr. Emmerson was a corres-

pondent of the late Mrs. Margaret Davis Cate a well known historian who spent the greater part of her life collecting and assembling historic material on Fort Frederica. Mrs. Cate's Will provided that Fort Frederica should have her entire collection provided a suitable place was provided for the housing and use of the material.

A Visitor Extension is now under construction and is scheduled for completion in February 1964. This Extension contains a Room Dedicated to Mrs. Cate, which will be The Reading Room.

It was the expressed wish of Mr. Emmerson that this book be hand delivered to Fort Frederica, this was accomplished through Mr. Harold Peterson, Staff Historian of the Washington Office who received the book from Mr. Emmerson and delivered it to Southwest Region where Mr. J. C. Harrington, Chief History Archeology Southeast Region delivered the book to Mr. Alfred W. Jones, President of The Fort Frederica Association who presented it to W. H. Glover Superintendent, Fort Frederica National Monument.

This Book will have a place among the Collection in the New Visitor Center Addition.

Fredericksburg-Spottsylvania

Loyal G. Lambert, formerly Park Guide at Abraham Lincoln's Birthplace National Historic Site, Hodgenville, Kentucky recently transferred to Fredericksburg and Spottsylvania National Military Park. Park Guide Lambert is in charge of reception, information, and interpretation at the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center. Located 10 miles west of Fredericksburg, Virginia on Route 3, the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center is one of the newest Visitor Centers in the National Park Service.

Park Guide Lambert prior to his appointment in the National Park Service was in the U. S. Air Force. He retired from the Air Force as a Master Sergeant in 1962 after 22 years of service. While in the Air Force Lambert was a Rescue and Survival Technician and Instructor in several of the Air Force's major survival schools. At Stead AFB in Reno, Nevada, he was an instructor in mountain survival; at Ladd AFB in Alaska in arctic survival; and, at Avon Park, Florida in jungle survival. He has taught and trained Strategic Air Command combat air and flight crews the means of survival after a forced or crash landing in all kinds of terrain

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and climates. He has taught Air Force men how to find, catch, prepare, and eat all kinds of wild game, fowl, and reptiles; how to protect themselves in the wilderness; and, how to defend and give themselves medical treatment.

Park Guide Lambert is a native of Delaware and is married to the former Audrey Williams of Milan, Georgia. They have two girls, Polly and Holly. The Lamberts reside in the Park near the Chancellorsville Battlefield Visitor Center.

TOLSONS

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Court of the United States in 1935.

All of their many friends and associates wish the Tolsons many happy and fruitful years in this well-earned retirement. They plan to continue residing at 5200 Sangamore Road, Washington, D. C.

Gettysburg

During the holidays two special events took place—a Christmas Party sponsored by the NPS Women's Organization at the Hotel Gettysburg, with an "Open House" at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Tilberg afterwards; and a Kiddies' Christmas Party in the Visitor Center on the evening of December 20. Both events were well attended. Santa even appeared at the children's party (in the person of Seasonal Ranger Tom Brown), held each child on his lap, listened to their "wants", and then gave each of them a treat.

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On the afternoon of December 23, Maintenance Foreman Jay L. "Piney" Wisler was presented with a radio by his fellow employees in the auditorium of the Visitor Center, on the occasion of his retirement. Piney has done a long and conscientious job for this Park and his good record is not going to be easy to match. Piney plans to "... just take it easy" for awhile, and then, perhaps do some traveling.

GRAND CANYON

The Annual Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored by the Grand Canyon Rotary Club is becoming more successful and popular each year; so much so that this year seven prizes were awarded. Those participating are residents of Grand Canyon Village and Western Trailer Village (just outside the Park) where employees of Western Equities live.

First place this year went to the Bufort Belgards; 2nd, the Clifford Flynns; 3rd, the L. V. Smiths; 4th, the Robert Pavliches; 5th, the Charles Gebbers; 6th, the Tom DeHavens; and 7th, the Al Kendalls.

Prizes, ranging from a U.S. Savings Bond to an electrical appliance, were donated by Valley National Bank, Babbitts' General Store, Western Equities, Verkamp's, Grand Canyon Shell Station, and Arizona Public Service Company. All winners received a dinner at Bright Angel Lodge courtesy of the Fred Harvey Company.

HAWAII VOLCANOES

Thomas C. Vint, former Assistant Director, Design and Construction, and his wife Mary recently celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary. Tom is currently on special assignment in Hawaii Volcanoes for WODC. Tom describes the work here on the new 20-mile Kalapana Road as reminiscent of his first assignment here in 1930 at which time he and Mary were on their honeymoon. Tom entered the Hilo Hospital shortly before New Years for an operation which was successful and is reported well on

the road to recovery. We are all anxious to see Tom back at his desk or out in his Bermuda shorts hard at work once again.

Mr. Yoshio Sunobe, Producer of Science Production of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation, was in the park from December 19 until December 31 filming scenes of the park for use in a documentary film in color. The film is for television use as part of the Japan Broadcasting Corporation picture series "A Visit to Various Hawaiian Islands—An Approach to its Nature and Culture." Various scenes of the park and natural activities and visitor contacts were taken as well as recordings of bird calls. One of the primary reasons for the Government-sponsored film is to better acquaint the Japanese people with the Hawaiian Islands in anticipation of the lifting of vacation travel restrictions from Japan in April 1964. At this time a great influx of visitor travel is expected to the park.

A team of Japanese scientists under the direction of Professor Takeshi Minakami, of the University of Tokyo Earthquake Research Institute, recently completed a 6-month cooperative earthquake study with the USGS in Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. The scientists hosted the park personnel in a Japanese-style party before leaving. All park personnel are at present trying to figure how best to accept the numerous offers to visit these wonderful people in Japan.

HOT SPRINGS



At Hot Springs National Park, Assistant Superintendent Courtland T. Reid (right) received a Special Act Award of \$500 for his performance as Acting Superintendent from June 7 to December 1, 1963. The presentation was made by Superintendent Bernard T. Campbell at a staff meeting on January 8. Courtland was appointed Acting Superintendent when Superintendent Robert H. Atkinson was killed in an automobile accident.

The holiday season added its flavor to a retirement and welcome party held at Hot Springs on December 6.

A delicious buffet supper was the occasion for a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Evison, and Mr. Archie Lindley, our new Superintendent, Chief Park Naturalist, and Laborer, respectively. Near the close of the evening's festivities, Caretaker John "Pop" Watts, retiring after 25 years of Federal Service, was presented a Meritorious Service Award, a lifetime pass, and a fine set of matched luggage. The latter will be put to good use next Spring, when the Watts will journey to Alaska for a visit with the "kids." Safe trip and happy fishing, Pop!

Isle Royale

The year of 1963 recorded the greatest travel to Isle Royale since the days when the passenger vessel South American made regular stops at the island. 7,836 people visited the island for a total of 37,293 overnight stays. This is an average stay of 4.75 days, the greatest for any area in the National Park Service. Of interest is the steady increase in the length of stay the past few

years; from 3.85 in 1960, 4.5 in 1961 and 4.6 in 1962.

The Ranger III made 51 round trips during the year, carrying 2,138 passengers to the island and returning 2,110.

Plans and preparations are underway again for the annual winter survey and study of the island's moose and wolf population. As in the past, Purdue University will participate along with park personnel. The first contingent is scheduled to arrive by ski equipped plane at Windigo on January 31st and the survey will last for about seven weeks.

Ranger III entered dry dock for its 5 year inspection by the U.S. Coast Guard and the American Bureau of Shipping at Superior, Wisconsin, September 23. The hull was sand blasted and painted with four coats of epoxy paint. The propellers were disassembled and all seals replaced. Stuffing boxes were repacked, the propellers were disassembled and all seals replaced. Stuffing boxes were repacked, the shaft pulled, sand blasted and repainted. All doors were regasketed. The double bottom was inspected, fire hose racks rebuilt and CO2 bottles hydrostatically checked and recharged. In an experiment, zinc plates were attached to the hull and rudder to determine if electrolytic action could be retarded. If this shows promise, others will be added at the next dry dock five years hence.

The boys on the boat report that the Ranger is about 2 miles an hour faster since it was in dry dock.

Montezuma Castle

Superintendent Ebert writes that his staff at Montezuma Castle really got into the spirit of "Employees and Alumni Association Week" by their 100 percent participation in becoming members.

The eight permanent employees and four intermittent wage board employees are now full-fledged members of the Association.

Our entire staff was pleased to have a means open to them whereby they could, as a part of the Service as a whole, join in paying tribute to retiring Director Wirth. The idea was a good one; at least those at Montezuma Castle felt so.

Travel to both sections of the Monument broke all past records again in 1963. This is the fifth consecutive year of record-breaking travel. Superintendent Ebert reports 231,719 visitors to the Monument in 1963, an increase of 4 2/3 percent over 1962 and an increase of 80,195 1962 and an increase of 64 percent during the past five years.

Olympic

The Oscar Sedergren family (ass't sup't) left Christmas Day for Yosemite and stayed through New Year's visiting friends. Daughter Sandy remained there for a few more days while Flo and Oscar went on down to Sequoia to see Pete and Catherine Schuft, who were formerly at Olympic.

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Sixty children talked to Santa Claus and received treats from him at the annual Christmas party. The affair was a potluck dinner, chairmanned by the Wayne Hoffmans (opr. gen.) and the C.B. "Bud" Hanifys (elec). Serving with them on the committee were Sid and Helena Malbon (pk. landscape architect) and Rod and Louise Royce (staff park ranger). Rod was the affable emcee, and the jolly dancing Mr. Claus was played by Hanify.

An article by Mary Lou Hanify, wife of Bud, appeared in the Charmed Land magazine section of the Seattle Sunday Times this month. It was about a Port Angeles man who is a violin maker.

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Prime activity for days off is steelhead fishing. Some of the lucky anglers who have been

boasting of their catch are Ted Sullivan (dist. park ranger, Kalamazoo), Maynard Fields (supv. park ranger, Hoh) and Hank Maguire (foreman II, trails). Secretary-treasurer of the Port Angeles Steelhead Club is Ray Stickler (adm. officer). Uniform of the day for this sport is rain gear, long johns and snakebite remedy.

Pea Ridge

Pea Ridge National Military Park, about which you read last year when the Visitor Center was dedicated (May 31), is still in the process of growth. With more than 4,200 acres in the Park (and no inholdings) this unit promises to develop into one of the System's finest military parks.

Since our Park's name is laughed at almost as much as Tuzigoot, let us explain how it got the name Pea Ridge. When the first white settlers arrived in this part of Arkansas, the land appealed to them. These Ozark foothills, spotted here and there with level fertile areas called prairies, were an attractive place to live. There was an abundance of water, and plenty of timber and native stone for building. In this particular area was a crescent-shaped hill formed mostly of long-weathered sandstone over limestone, and covered with a variety of wild pea vines. The area came to be called Pea Vine Ridge or Pea Ridge. When the battle was fought here in 1862, the Federal commander, General Samuel R. Curtis inquired among his staff as to the name the battle should take. A scout informed the General that regardless of what the Union Army called the battle, local people would call it the battle of Pea Ridge. Curtis accepted the name, and a Union victory here graced the annals of Civil War history with the battle of Pea Ridge.

The new Visitor Center did not look its best in an open field, so landscaping and tree-planting is presently under contract. When the crab apples slated for planting are in full bloom each spring, the building should be properly framed. Completion of the tour road is also slated for this spring.

Roosevelt-Vanderbilt

The American Broadcasting Company has been shooting some film in the Vanderbilt Mansion to use in a third of its four series program entitled, "The Sage of Western Man." It is tentatively scheduled for showing on February 29, and will be entitled, "1898."

Superintendent Benjamin H. Davis made a trip to Campobello Island just before Christmas in company with three members of the EODC staff which turned out to be rather exciting. The four flew through snowstorms and worked under rather cold conditions but with the wonderful cooperation of the officials from the Canadian National Park Service, they were able to accomplish their mission. The Roosevelt Home on Campobello has great potential as an international memorial to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Shenandoah

Superintendent R. Taylor Hoskins of Shenandoah National Park is shown congratulating Mr. J. Marvin Stump, at his right, upon his receiving a \$400 Outstanding Performance Award in recognition of his fine work performance since his assignment to Shenandoah. Mr. Stump was permanently assigned to Shenandoah National Park on May 29, 1960. At Mr. Hoskins' left, Mr. Joe H. Beer is being honored with the presentation of his Ten-Year Length-of-Service Emblem. Mr. Beer took up his duties at Shenandoah in June of 1960. Prior to coming to Shenandoah, both men served at the Eastern Office of Design and Construction in Philadelphia. The presentations took place at the Superintendent's staff meeting on December 18, 1963.

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D. L. Huggins, Bryson City, North

Carolina, reported for duty on Dec. 17, 1963, as Park Ranger Trainee. His current assignment is in the Central District and he and his family are residing at Big Meadows. Under the Trainee program, Mr. Huggins will be assigned to a small NPS area upon successful completion of one year of on-the-job training and attendance at the NPS Training Center in Grand Canyon. Mr. Huggins is a graduate of Western Carolina College with a BS degree in Education. Prior to his present trainee assignment, he was a Math and Science teacher on the staff at the Bryson City Junior High School. He also was employed as a Seasonal Park Ranger in Great Smoky Mountains National Park during the seasons of 1961-62 & 63.

Beverly Jo Ballew-Henry J. Pratt Wed.

Wedding bells rang out during the Christmas season for two former Service employees of Grand Teton National Park, Miss Beverly Jo Ballew and Mr. Henry J. Pratt. The Jackson, Wyoming Latter Day Saints chapel was the setting for the early afternoon wedding of the couple on Saturday, December 21, 1963.

Parents of the bride and groom are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ballew of Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Pratt, formerly of Bozeman, Montana and now residing in Pibroch, Alberta, Canada. The bride worked on the staff of the Administrative Officer for Grand Teton during the period, 1957-63, and later was employed at Rocky Mountain National Park for the Chief Park Naturalist. The groom began his Service career on the personnel staff at Yellowstone in 1957; then in 1959, he became Personnel Officer at Grand Teton where he served until April of 1962. He is presently employed in the Washington Office as a Classification and Wage Specialist, and is attending American University on a part-time basis at night for a Master's Degree in Public Administration.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a street length dress of white velvet with tapered three-quarter length sleeves. Her elbow length veil was held in place by a small pearl adorned hat and her bouquet was of red and white carnations. Mrs. Barbara Coons, sister of the bride, was matron of honor and wore a dress of red brocade satin and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

Mrs. Dell Bressler, a cousin of the bride, served as an attendant. She wore a pink brocade dress and carried a bouquet of red carnations. James H. Pratt of Gardiner, Montana, served as his brother's best man. William Ballew, the bride's brother, was usher. After the beautiful double-ring ceremony conducted by Bishop Clark A. Moulton, a family reception was held at the home of the bride.

Conrad L. Wirth Hall

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"In view of the very central part played by Director Wirth in the establishment of the Mather Center, and in recognition of his 30 years of service in the cause of conservation in the Park Service, it is suggested that the new administration building be known as Conrad L. Wirth Hall."

Secretary Udall, who called the suggestion an excellent one and is pleased to give his approval, is asking the Park Service to implement it at the time the Mather Center is dedicated in early 1964.

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