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E&AA trippers back from Gaspé Peninsula

By Jo Ellsworth
Wilmington, Del.

An unexpected wildcat taxi strike faced disembarking members of the Employees and Alumni Association converging on Boston for the scheduled Gaspé Peninsula Tour, Thursday, Sept. 8. Everyone arrived in good spirits. At the cocktail party given in the "Function Room" of Dunfey's Parker House in the heart of Boston, a congenial atmosphere prevailed as old friends renewed ties and new acquaintances were made. Donna Champlain, tour escort, and Charles Reardon, tour driver, were presented.

Early Friday morning, members of E & AA took a NPS guided walking tour following the Freedom Trail to Faneuil Hall—Boston's Cradle of Liberty; the new market at Quincy's Market Place; Old South Meetinghouse and other historic sites along the way.

Superintendent Gurney welcomed the E & AA group to the newly established Boston National Historical Park. A deluxe Silver Eagle motor coach awaited to transport the group to the U.S.S. Constitution "Old Ironsides," moored in the Boston Navy Yard. This flagship was first authorized in 1794 and rammed and battled her way to victory many times before steam replaced her kind. Eight per cent of her original hulk remains; she was completely restored by June 1976.

The Silver Eagle motorcoach became the daily conveyance from site to site for the next 9 days of the tour. She winged her way from Boston to Lexington and Concord, where Minute Man National Historical Park was visited. Here Superintendent Moffitt met the group at the new visitor center and introduced Park Ranger Cynthia Krystoe to interpret the park. Park Ranger Rick Pendergast moderated a skit at Concord Bridge—the bridge that played such a prominent part in the beginning of the American Revolution. Volunteers acted the parts of a farmer's wife and grenadier.

Tour Acadia

Leaving the State of Massachusetts, the Silver Eagle soon sped over I-95 toward Ellsworth and Bar Harbor. Acadia National Park was visited. Employees and Alumni Association were guided on a sightseeing trip

around The Loop of the park by Naturalist Rothe, interpreting many highlights of Mount Desert Island.

Lobstering is an enterprise in the waters around the island; labeling the pots are different colored floats, denoting ownership. Thunderhole was silent. The tide was low. A spectacular coastal view of cliffs and islands was seen in the fading daylight. Cadillac Mountain was busy with end-of-day visitors.

As hunger overtook the group prepared to seek choice lobster dinners in local restaurants, red shells cracked under the pressure of forceps and large bibs collected the juicy spray. Eating fresh lobster was a new experience for some of the western visitors.

Saturday morning was rainy. E & A were eager to board the Silver Eagle and be on the way. Tour Escort, Donna Champlain, soon had everyone playing the "Bus" game. If anyone said the word bus during the day a nickel was forfeited. The "kitty" was awarded to the lucky winner. It is surprising how absent-minded intelligent people can be.

NPS Stalwarts

Entering Canada at Woodstock, the Eagle stopped for lunch. When she was taking off her left appendage wheel dropped into a crevice beside the drive and the flight ended

Courier Editors Move Up Deadlines

For many months the National Park Courier has been arriving late to our home subscribers; this has recently been compounded by a strike at United Parcel Service, further delaying 2nd class mail deliveries. In an attempt to "catch up," the Courier for October and November is being combined in this expanded edition which should reach subscribers in early November. We've also changed our deadlines so that future issues of the Courier will arrive "on time" to our subscribers. New deadline for field submissions to the Courier is the 10th of the month preceding the month of publication. For example, deadline for field submissions for the December issue is Nov. 10; for January, it's Dec. 10. "Hot tips," leads and big or urgent news items may be phoned to us at any time at (202) 343-4481.



A view of the Atlantic Ocean at Acadia National Park, Maine—one of the early stops on the recent E&AA tour of New England and the Gaspé Peninsula.

quickly. Stalwart Park men—believe me, they are superior—through perseverance and hard work set her free that Saturday afternoon. Once freed she flew steadily toward Carleton, P.Q. the first stop on the Gaspé Peninsula.

It was nightfall when passengers were assigned to their rooms. After dinner, groups

gathered and conversed. Before the Eagle took to the roads the next morning, walks were taken along the shore and the great blue bay, Baie Des Chaleur, was scanned as far as the eye could see.

This seacoast was rocky, a rocky seashore instead of sand. The air was crisp and smelled clean by comparison with pol-

luted city air. The Gaspé Peninsula remains primitive. Its residents depend on fishing, trapping and attending to tourist trade. E & A, who had not visited the bank, paid a dollar and five cents for every Canadian dollar purchased and eight cents tax as well.

(see Gaspé P. 9)

Quest for Early Man Launched

One of the largest archeological projects ever on this continent has been launched in Alaska to locate the remains of the first humans in the New World who crossed the Bering Land Bridge from Russia during the Ice Age more than 10,000 years ago.

The search for early man is being sponsored by the Park Service and the National Geographic Society. Both NPS and the Society have pledged \$300,000 apiece over the next 3 years to finance the project.

Archeologists, anthropologists, geologists, paleontologists and other scientists will be seeking remnants of early man at nine sites in the Nenana Valley, along the North Slope of the Alaska Range, about 75 miles south of Fairbanks and just north of Mount McKinley National Park.

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Early man came to North America across the Bering land bridge at least 10,000 years ago, according to most scientists.

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Jack E. Stark Named New NAR Director

Jack E. Stark, Everglades National Park, Fla., superintendent since 1971, has been named North Atlantic Regional Director. He succeeds Jerry Wagers, who was recently named superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nev.-Ariz.

A native of Arkansas City, Kan., Stark joined the NPS in 1957 at Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va., after completing his B.S. degree in forestry at Colorado State University in 1953.

Other NPS assignments have included Cape Hatteras National Seashore, N.C.; Glacier Na-

tional Park, Mont.; Coronado National Memorial, Ariz.; Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Okla., and Shenandoah National Park, Va. He is a graduate of the Interior Department's management training program and served in the U.S. Navy.



Jack Stark

Stark and his wife, Gail, have three children, Jennifer, 18; Cynthia, 15, and John, 11.

John M. Good, a 24-year NPS veteran, has been appointed to succeed Stark at Everglades. Good's most recent NPS post has been as assistant superintendent of Yosemite National Park.

A geologist, Good holds both B.A. and M.S. degrees from Washington University in his hometown of St. Louis, Mo. He joined the Park Service in 1952 after 4 years with an oil company in Texas.

He began his NPS career as a tour leader at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex. Later, he served as a naturalist at Lake Mead NRA; Dinosaur National Monument, Colo.-Utah; and Yellowstone National Park. For 2 years, he was the NPS chief geologist in Washington, D.C.

After 5 years as chief naturalist at Yellowstone, he was named superintendent of Acadia National Park, Maine, in 1968. In 1971, he transferred to Yosemite.

E&AA extends election balloting

The Board of Directors of the Employees and Alumni Association have decided to extend the deadline for casting of ballots in the biennial E&AA election because of a delay in the mails, causing some members to receive their September *Courier* late, or not at all.

A month-long strike at United Parcel Service (a private mail company) has caused tremendous back-ups in U.S. Postal facilities, delaying deliveries of 2nd class mail for up to 3 weeks. E&AA Election Central, for example, has received no ballots at all from one region,

and only scattered returns from two other regions holding elections.

In addition, there has been some misunderstanding among members, regarding the voting instructions. Some members have been voting for their choice among all of the regions. **This only causes the ballots to be voided.** The rules are as follows: Only **bona fide** members of the Association are permitted to vote; members eligible to vote may only vote in their regional contests. For example, E&AA members in the Southwest Region are not permitted

to vote for candidates in the Denver Service Center—only DSC employees-members may vote in the contest for DSC employee representative.

Because of these misunderstandings and the mail delays, the deadline for casting ballots in the 1976 election has been extended until midnight Nov. 30. If you have not voted, or if you have voted for more than one candidate, please mail you new ballot to Eunice B. Young, Executive Secretary, National Park Service Employees and Alumni Association, Dept. of the Interior, Room 3321, Washington, D.C. 20240.

Your E&AA Ballot

Vote for one only

Denver Service Center

Employee Nominees

Mary F. Benson*

Glennie Murray Wall

William B. Hall

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Alumni Nominees

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Ross Sweeny

Peter DeGelleke

National Capital Parks

Alumni Nominee

Theodore T. Smith*

Pacific Northwest Region

Employee Nominees

Edward Kurtz*

Jim Thompson

Lowell White

Southeast Region

Employee Nominees

Vern Ingram*

Len Hall

Chuck Watson

Alumni Nominees

George Fry*

Granville Liles

Ben Moomaw

Washington Office

Employee Nominees

Bobbie Woodside

Duncan Morrow

Bill Everhart

Instructions: Circle your choice for your representative in your region and category (employee or alumni). Members may send their ballots to Eunice Young, E&AA Executive Secretary, National Park Service, Room 3310, Main Interior Washington, D.C. 20240 no later than Nov. 30. Only members in regions or offices electing officers this year may vote. An* denotes an incumbent seeking re-election.

Alaskan quest for early man

(from P. 1)

No Bones

Two University of Alaska scientists, Dr. William R. Powers, and anthropologist, and Dr. Russell D. Guthrie, a zoologist, will direct the new project. The project is to concentrate around an archeological dig known as Dry Creek, where earlier excavations have produced a number of relics indicating human habitation about 11,000 years ago. Although no human bones have been found, there are a number of flaked stone tools and animal bones.

Most scientists believe man came to North America long before 11,000 years ago. NPS Chief Archeologist Doug Scovill says that one of the aims of this new project is to fill in a time gap of some 7,000 years. Scientists on the Russian side of the Bering Straits have found evidence of man's inhabitation dating to 18,000 years ago, he said.

"This project is one of many significant efforts being conducted in the quest for early man on this continent," he said. Dr. William F. Irving of the University of Toronto, working in the Yukon Territory of Canada, has unearthed tools made from mammoth bones dating back 25,000 years. Dr. Douglas Anderson of Brown University is exploring the coastal areas of Alaska for signs of early man and another group of scientists is searching for evidence in the Aleutian Islands.

The scientists at Dry Creek hope that further digging there and in the surrounding areas will turn up earlier traces of man. Much of the money being spent will go for extensive surveys of a 4,800 square mile area surrounding Dry Creek.

Some scientists believe man's arrival in the New World could have occurred as much as 70,000 years ago. The migrations from Asia could have occurred only during the peaks of the Ice Ages when so much water was locked into the thick ice sheets that sea levels were low enough to expose what is now sea bottom. This is known to have happened 12,000 years ago, 40,000 years ago, and 70,000 years ago, and at still earlier times.

At its maximum, the Bering Land Bridge was 1,500 miles wide and supported a cold and dry plains or steppe environment favored by mammoths, musk oxen, caribou and other large animals.

The Dry Creek site is significant because it lies in a narrow corridor that remained ice free during the Glacier period. The area on the north slope of the Alaska range would have been a natural migratory route for animals and, presumably, for the hunters following them. Early man gradually made his way south between the melting glaciers to land that was ice free. Signs of his life—his tools, weapons, his bones and the bones of the animals he hunted, would not have been disturbed by subsequent glaciers in these icefree areas.

Director Everhardt said at a news conference Sept. 28 announcing the joint effort: "The National Park Service has in its care much of the great heritage of this Nation. We are pleased to be a partner in this effort to understand better the origins of man on this hemisphere as a means of bringing our earliest history to life for those who now share this land."

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Jack Craine Captures Frank Kowski Links Crown



John McKee, retired chief of Maintenance at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Utah-Ariz., shot his way to second place in the 2nd annual Frank Kowski Classic. Presenting the trophy is Glen Canyon Superintendent Temple A. Reynolds.

By Ben Moffett
Public Information
Specialist, SWR

Henry C. Craine of Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky. emerged from a field of 130 NPS employees and retirees to win the second annual Frank F. Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament.

Craine, 53, fired a one over par 71 over the 6,324-yard Park Mammoth Resort Golf Course to Capture the first place trophy in the tournament, honoring the late director of the Southwest Region.

No Lessons

A veteran of 11 years in the Park Service, Craine is a 5'7, 170-pounder who cooks for the Great Onyx Job Corps Center. Despite the fact that he took up golf only 5 years ago and has never taken golf lessons, Craine had a gross score three strokes better than the nearest competitor.

Craine's principal rivals were John McKee, retired chief of park maintenance at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Utah-Ariz., and Charles Cottonwood of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif.

McKee, who is past president of the Glen Canyon Golf and Country Club, slipped into second with a gross score of 79, which netted him a 71 after handicap was figured in under the Callaway System. Since McKee and Craine both had net 71's, Craine was given the title based on his having no handicap.

Cottonwood took third with a four over par 74 at the Three Rivers Golf Course. The 74 was second only to Craine in the gross scoring, but the California golfer received only two handicap strokes from Callaway for a net 72.

Six others also recorded net 72's, but Cottonwood took third place on the basis of the lowest

handicap. Among those bunched at 72 was James Lewis of Padre Island National Seashore, Tex., who conceived the tournament idea.

Herky Allcock, a retired civil engineer from the Western Region and the defending champion, was not among the leaders with a net score of 74. Allcock won last year with a net 72.

Craine bogeyed the first hole, but got it back on the third and was one under until the 15th. He birdied the 590-yard par five 12th by chipping up from the front of the green and one-putting.

Earlier this year he eagled the same hole by driving the green in two.

D.C. Tops

Washington, D.C. contributed the largest delegation—28 players—to the tournament, while the Southwest Regional Office fielded a contingent of 23 at the Santa Fe Country Club.

The field of 130 was pleasing to tournament director Earl Hassebrock and to Monte Fitch, chairman of the board of the sponsoring Employees and Alumni Association. There were 79 golfers in the inaugural event.

A total of \$242 was placed in the E&AA scholarship fund in memory of Kowski.

The scores:

71—Henry Craine and John McKee. (Craine awarded the title on the basis of his having no handicap under the Callaway System).

72—Charles Cottonwood, Guy Lomareaux, Jim Lewis, Ken Bachmeyer, Ray Ringenbach, Jim Fugate, Neil Newton. (Cottonwood awarded third on basis of his having the low handicap).

73—Bob Barrell, T. Hewitt, Ray Murry, Larry Brochini, Fred Davenport, Fred Kaas, Jim Mardis, Stan Albright, Jim Ryan.

74—Jack Midyette, Bill Schnettler, Louis Gastelum,

Ray Rundell, Herky Allcock, H. Scott, Robert Miller.

75—Earl Hassebrock, Curt Townsend, Olin VanBuskirk, J. O. Cook, Dave Gackenback, Vinnie Mullally, Bill Donald, Dan Heally, Ted Thompson, Roger Haney, C. R. Stebbins, Danny Harrison, Bob Hartley, Al Louass, Helen Rundell, Tom Diehl.

76—Martin Wheelock, Tom Giles, Monte Fitch, Jim Vukonich, Tom Lubbert, Ed Countreman, T.S. Barker, Faye Lukens, Max Sanders, Charles Mangers, Bill Galloway, John Kawamoto, Al Schroeder, Stan Joseph, Betty Peterson, Max Hancock, Pete Schuft, W. F. Stevens, D.G. Walters, Vic Dahlberg, Roy Anthony, Jim Monheiser, B. Brockington, Wayne Welker, Vern Ingram, Mert Ingram, Will Kriz, Chuck Watson, Alan Beer.

77—Kit Wing, Lois Kowski, Ben Moffett, Glen Farrar, Dick Boyer, Neil Mangum, Whitey Rowell, Ed Donnelly, Ed Peetz, Frank Wiles, Howard Baker, Micky Nordgren, Jose Cisneros, Ed Rodriguez, Catherine Shuft, R. E. Stevens, Emajoy Barrell, Richard Hite, Al Rayford, Mark Canada, Dick Reiss, Russ Mckown, O'dell Hanson, Bill Seibert, Jim Howard, Joe Beer.

78—Volney Westley, Barbara Rumburg, H. L. Bill, John Collins, Mike Strock, Jack Pound, Jack Dolar, B. W. Williams, Coy Hanson, Al Korzan, Nancy Williams, Keith Shew, Kun Fene, Chuck Fleegle, Art Graham.

79—Joe Rumburg, Carl Walker, Mary Fitch, Ben Gale, George McIntosh, Vera Brochini, Fred Mang, John Aubuchon, Charles Taylor, Al Shaeffer, Lester Broliar, Bill Trotter.

80—Earl Baker, Fred Sturiale, Sally Sellers, Liz Pound, Dick Ketcham, C. T. Thomas, J.C. Woolfenden.

Contributed to fund but unable to play: Levi Lopez, Art Hehr, Bob Bone, Dan Hostler, Dave Mims, Sherman Perry.

Park Briefs

LASSEN VOLCANIC NATIONAL PARK, CALIF.—NPS, in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey, is closely monitoring volcanic activity at the park. The park headquarters' seismometer is connected directly with the Berkeley Earthquake Center at the University of California. In addition, last summer more seismometers were installed throughout the park, to act as an early warning network, to give exact location and intensity of any subsurface activity that might precede a quake. A "tiltmeter" measures changes in the angle of the volcano's surface which may precede an eruption. The Lassen volcano is a plug-type and eruptions can be highly explosive and dangerous. Early warning and evacuation could save many lives.

NATCHEZ TRACE PARKWAY, MISS.-TENN. ALA.—With the new school year underway, the Parkway's NEED (National Environmental Education Development) Center Program and Environmental Study Area are once again in full swing. The program introduces students to their total environment and teaches them how they fit in, and how they can be responsible users of the world's limited resources. Science students might study soil and water testing or weather predicting, while math students might measure heights and diameters of trees. History students step back in time at the old CCC camp or Chickasaw Indian Village. Classroom subjects can be studied outdoors.

ALLEGHENY PORTAGE RAILROAD NHS, PA.—The Fifth Annual Fall Color and Craft Fair offered visitors insight into our 1830's past, Oct. 9-10, in addition to some lively folk ditties, courtesy of "We The People," a five-string banjo and guitar playing couple. The program also included craft demonstrations by area artists—stonecutters, woodworkers, musicians, painters, cornhuskers and sketchers.

CAPE HATTERAS NATIONAL SEASHORE, N.C.—An oil spill, the second in a few days, fouled beaches along the seashore Oct. 7. The spill was 30 miles long and extended between Nags Head and Kill Devil Hill to Rodanthe. The U.S. Coast Guard mounted a clean-up project and six NPS employees worked full-time to clean up the mess. No major wildlife damage was reported.

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK—Original paintings by student artists went on display Sept. 30-Oct. 6 in a traveling NPS exhibit entitled—"Student Artists Paint the Bicentennial." The 18 original works were winners of an art contest sponsored by the NPS and New York Society of Illustrators.

STONES RIVER NBP, TENN.—Archeologists made close examinations early this fall to make sure that the NPS would not be building any roads or parking lots over precious historic sites buried over the past century. The diggers attempted to locate seven Civil War period structures known to be in the park, plus adjacent lands. John Walker, director of the search, says his team located an old fireplace that was once part of a toll booth on the old Nashville Highway.

MAMMOTH CAVE NATIONAL PARK, KY.—Because of a new NPS management policy, "Lost John," a 2,000-year-old Adena Indian "mummy" on display here for 40 years has been removed from public view. "Los John" has been replaced by a printed exhibit and the "mummy" moved to a section that is off limits to the public. "Lost John" was found by guides in 1936 in a remote section of the cave. He was apparently killed by a large boulder beneath which he was found and preserved by the stable temperature and humidity in the cave.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK—A 175-pound park bear, which had been captured for the fourth time begging food from visitors, is being sent to Montana State University where it will be killed by the veterinary science department and used for research. MSU scientists will conduct an autopsy on the bear and present their findings to park officials.

GOLDEN GATE NRA, CALIF.—The park in cooperation with Recreational Equipment, Inc., sponsored a "Clean Up Ocean Beach Campaign" Oct. 10. About 40 local residents turned out and scoured the beach for trash all afternoon, carrying out 120 bags of it. GGNRA has benefitted greatly from local clean-up efforts by both the Boy Scouts and Sierra Club groups. Ocean Beach is not only in need of clean-up efforts, though. This year eight persons have died in the dangerous waters off San Francisco and the park is starting a safety awareness campaign, says Ruth Kilday of GGNRA.

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Briefs (cont'd)

OLYMPIC NATIONAL PARK, WASH.—A U.S. Park Policeman on special assignment here was stabbed in the abdomen Sept. 3 while trying to arrest two persons suspected of theft. Sergeant Bill R. Frazier was hospitalized in Seattle, but released a few days later. A Federal grand jury has indicted an Alamogordo, N. Mexico couple for assault with intent to commit murder on a Federal officer.

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK, FLA.—The popular Shark Valley Tram tours have been suspended until Nov. 20, to allow for an annual rehabilitation of the tram equipment and as an energy conservation measure. Since this is the high water period, eliminating heavy vehicle traffic helps prevent damage to the road. The Shark Valley Loop Road will be open only to hikers and bicycle traffic. In addition, all regularly scheduled interpretive activities have been suspended until the beginning of the park's regular winter season, Nov. 20.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK, COLO.—Once again, it's elk mating time and to make sure the animals have the needed privacy for their amorous adventures. Superintendent Roger J. Contor has closed the mating areas to off-road hiking. Spotlighting of elk was also verboten. However, the elk were not provided with "Do Not Disturb" signs. Visitors have an opportunity to observe and listen to the elk during this exciting time of year, said Superintendent Contor.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONT.—A 22-year-old woman, Patricia Mahoney, was killed during a bear attack Sept. 23. Five Montana State University students were sleeping in their tent when the bear mauled Miss Mahoney. The morning after the incident two grizzly bears entered the campground and were shot to death by park rangers Bob Frausen and Lloyd Korteg, after the bears had succeeded in treeing two California State Park rangers who happened to be in the park.

SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKE-SHORE, MICH.—Fall came early on South Manitou Island thanks to an army of millions of green caterpillars. Some 2,000 acres of birch, beech, maple and ironwood stretched bare branches against the sky in mid-August. When Dunes Rangers Ray Kimpel and Dean Einwalter arrived with two Michigan State entomologists, they found the forest floor carpeted with dead and dying caterpillars, and the air reeking with decay. Most had apparently died of starvation after exhausting their food supply. Next year, there will be very few adult moths to start the cycle over again.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, N.C.—Following a nationwide trend, visitation here has skyrocketed to new record levels. Both July and August figures show in excess of 2,000,000 visitors. And get this—January through August figures put visitation over the 11 million mark, up 12 percent from the same period of a year ago.

SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK, VA.—The park's third art show was held Nov. 6-7 at the Panorama Restaurant overlooking Skyline Drive. Artists, 16 years and up, submitted works in six categories, including acrylics or oils, water colors, drawings and graphics, sculpture, photographic prints and slides and mountain crafts. Prizes were handed out, but the main purpose of the show was to encourage original objects d'art inspired by the park environment and to acquire works for permanent display in the park.

GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK—If you want a campsite for Easter or next summer, you'd better get your bid in now. Reservations for hiking and camping in the Inner Canyon area of the park were being accepted Oct. 1, and Superintendent Merle E. Stitt advises making reservations 3-6 months in advance for trips planned in the park's heavy-use period from March through September. The demand for Easter-week reservations is so great that the park is planning a drawing for the limited sites. You think it's crowded now—just wait!

KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARK, CALIF.—In an attempt to restore the Redwood Mountain forest area to its natural environmental conditions, 300 acres of woods were burned this fall. Fires play an important part in the forest ecology, allowing the giant sequoia seed to get to the soil so they can grow and cleansing the forest floor of dead debris—branches, fallen trees and needles. Prior to the prescribed burns, fire crews cleared away fire lanes around 40-acre plots to control the burning.

NPS Sponsors Indian Art Exhibit



Director Everhardt discusses one of the exhibits in NPS's "Indian Pride on the Move" display, which is traveling to many of America's smaller communities through the end of this year. Fonda Thompson is one of a staff of five Native Americans traveling with the exhibit.

More than 100 pieces of Native American art, created between 1850 and 1925, are being shown to the public for the first time in the Park Service's traveling art exhibit, titled "Indian Pride on the Move."

"Indian Pride on the Move" has been created as a NPS mobile exhibit, taking the art collection on tour to many of America's smaller communities, Indian reservations and national park areas through the end of this year. The tour will primarily visit areas in the Rocky Mountain states and the Southwest.

Works in the exhibit come from the David T. Vernon

Collection of Native American Arts and emphasize the art of the northern Plains, western Woodlands and Plateau tribes. The Vernon Collection was acquired in 1967 by the Jackson Hole Preserve and made available to Grand Teton National Park, by Laurance S. Rockefeller, president of the Preserve. The art selected for "Indian Pride" are pieces never before shown on public display. Other pieces in the Vernon Collection are on display at Grand Teton's Colter Bay Museum.

Among Native Americans, the creation of art for its own sake was rare. Beauty was not confined to a small part of living.

As a result, artistic expression was joined with the creation of articles for daily and ritual life. The form of these objects and the materials from which they were constructed were as diverse as these people and the land.

The collection includes beadwork, quillwork, hide painting, carvings, weaving and musical instruments and has been mounted for display into a 40-foot-long van with 16-foot-wide expandable sides. Selection of the objects has been under NPS direction and in cooperation with the University of Montana, Missoula. Joel Bernstein, on leave from his post as associate professor of art history at the University of Montana, is project director.

A staff of seven—five of them Native Americans—are traveling with the exhibit that includes stops in Ohio, Indiana, Nebraska, Wyoming, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas.

The late David Vernon formed his collection over most of his life. His interest in Native American culture began as a boy in Illinois with a discovery of Sauk and Fox arrowheads. This interest expanded to the northern Plains culture while working at Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks, and at age 18, on ranches in Wyoming and on the Crow Reservation in Montana. Later, as a commercial artist, he began collecting in earnest, visiting many reservations.

The preservation of our Native American heritage became Mr. Vernon's prime concern. His wish to display the collection in the West—the land of its creation—became a reality when the Jackson Hole Preserve acquired the entire collection and made it available for exhibit at Grand Teton's museum, dedicated in 1972. Mr. Vernon died in 1973.

Horace Albright gets another award



Horace Albright

Horace M. Albright, second NPS Director, received the 3rd annual Neasham Award for Historical Preservation Sept. 14 from the California Historical Society in Los Angeles.

The award, initiated in 1974, recognizes Albright's nearly 50 years of national and California leadership in the preservation of natural resources.

The bronze medal award is named in honor of Dr. Aubrey V. and Irene Simpson Neasham. Dr. Neasham is the former historian for the National and California State Park Systems. Mrs. Neasham is a past

president and trustee of the California Historical Society and former director of the Wells Fargo Bank History Room in San Francisco.

Former Park Service Director Newton Drury was the 1975 winner of the Neasham Award.

Albright's award cited him for being instrumental in establishing Death Valley National Monument, Calif., in 1933. He is a veteran member of the Death Valley '49ers, and at 86, he still proudly wears the "Boss of the Plains" hat a favorite of teamsters and pioneers crossing the plains.

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New Arabian Park

Meet Me at the Oasis

In March of 1976, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia contacted the United States Government to request assistance in planning its first national park. During the previous year, a private consulting firm, the Development Assistance Corporation, had prepared a plan for a national park in the Asir (Ah-seer) region of southwestern Saudi Arabia. Several former NPS employees worked on that original plan, including former Director Ronald Walker, John Mosely and Johnny McLaughlin. The Saudi's subsequent official request was for NPS to appraise the plan and propose alternatives to it as necessary.

Park Priority

The Saudis are into their second 5-year development plan, an ambitious economic and social initiative financed by the sale of oil from the largest proven reserves in the world. The Asir Kingdom Park is a high priority item in this plan.

In less than a month, negotiations between the U.S. Representative of the United States/Saudi Arabian Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation in the capital of Riyadh, the Saudi government, the U.S. Treasury and Interior Departments and the NPS Division of International Park Affairs, cleared the way for the Park Service participation in the project.

Don Humphrey of the Washington Office of Planning and Program Policy was selected team captain. Dick Steeves of the Blue Ridge Parkway was assigned to accompany Humphrey to Riyadh to begin the preliminary plan and site evaluation negotiations with the Saudi Ministry of Agriculture and Water and the U.S. Representative (USREP) in Riyadh.

In the meantime, Rob Milne, chief of the Washington Division of International Park Affairs interviewed and selected the remainder of the evaluating and planning team from the Denver Service Center and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

\$15 million Park

Humphrey and Steeves met with Saudi and USREP officials in mid-April and explained their approach. The purpose and objectives of the park were established and agreed upon. The Americans promised to carry a revised park plan as far as possible, working from "the top, down" during the 2 months assigned to the work. A telex was hastily sent to Washington requesting a competent designer, because it was clear that the Saudis wanted to get development underway as soon as possible, inasmuch as over \$15 million dollars were budgeted for the park.

While waiting for the remaining team members to arrive, Humphrey and Steeves flew to Abha, the capital of the Asir Region. Abha is a provincial town of some 30,000 people situated immediately adjacent to

the eastern margin of the proposed park, atop the rugged escarpment of the Great Rift. At an elevation of more than 7,000 feet, Abha and the surrounding region receives around 20 inches of rainfall annually, enough to grow good crops of wheat on the intricately terraced hillsides and wadis (dry or intermittent streams) of the region.

Working out of a 3-bedroom villa provided by the ministry of Agriculture and Water, the two team members reviewed the DAC plan, visited proposed development sites atop the escarpment and on the Red Sea shoreline. Boundaries were studied and adjusted based on two plane flights over the area and detailed perusal of large scale aerial photos of the entire region. A first rough draft of



Cliff Doak, 2nd from right, U.S. representative to Saudi Arabia from the Treasury Department, and Don Humphrey, to his right, with Saudi Arabian friends.



The tourist road from Abha to Sawdah, the highest point in the park, passes through terraced wheat fields and a rich cultural zone of native architecture.

the outline and perspective plan was prepared and taken to Riyadh to be typed and reproduced.

By this time the remaining team members had arrived. From the Denver Service Center came Frank Collins, landscape architect; Bob Lopinske, architect; Larry May, ecologist and Paul Zenisek, civil engineer. A week later Glen Smart, and endangered species specialist with the Fish and Wildlife Service arrived to complete the team.

Feverish Work

For 5 weeks the team worked feverishly against the clock to prepare as detailed and comprehensive a plan as time, resources and talents would allow. By early June the team met with the Amir of the Asir, the son of the late King Faisal. The following week the plan, with the provisional blessing of the Amir, was presented to the Minister of Agriculture and Water, his top staff and other Saudi officials. Their response was affirmative and before the team left on June 12, seven handcrafted plans were delivered to the Saudi government and USREP. The 103-page report contained, besides the purpose and objectives, a section on the social and economic influences affecting planning, an enlarged development section, resource management consider-

ations and management and staffing recommendations. Four appendixes contained a policy for kingdom parks, related reserves and antiquities, a boundary description, a resource reconnaissance listing the ecology and known higher plant and animal species, and an estimate of anticipated utility requirements for the proposed development.

What kind of park does the plan envisage? How large is it? What are some of its interesting features? The Asir Kingdom Park contains over 1,500,000 acres of land and water. It extends from the coral reefs of the Red Sea to the highest point in the Kingdom estimated to be over 9,000 feet high—Jabal Sawdah. The eastern margin sits just atop the escarpment of the Great Rift, that great split in the earth's crust extending from central Africa up the Red Sea into the Dead Sea.

From this escarpment eastward, are the terraced farmlands atop the Arabian shield. Some of these terraces are over 1200 years old. Numerous small villages, usually of extended family or kinship groups dot these farm lands, closely packed, usually atop a rocky outcrop, looking for all the world like Indian pueblos of the southwest. While these lands are excluded from the park, the plan recommends future study to preserve this unique cultural

expression of the Asir against unregulated change.

Below the escarpment the land drops off precipitously in cliffs, steep slopes and long ridges separated by deep wadis. Geologic uplift is continuing in this area and the forces of erosion have fashioned a wild and awesome landscape. Eventually these ridges decline to a broad, depositional coastal plain—the Tehama—ending at the Red Sea shoreline. The northern portion of this dry, barren desert landscape contains numerous lava flows and at least 28 extinct volcanoes and cinder cones.

The Red Sea coast is significant for its bird life, migratory types primarily from Africa and Europe and an unusual resident population. The waters and coral reefs of the sea contain rich marine life.

Interesting Fauna

The wildlife of Saudi Arabia, like much of the Middle East, has been seriously reduced by man. Some species are extinct, others are very rare. In spite of this the park has an interesting and varied fauna and with proper management many species could increase in numbers. Large troops of baboons are fairly common. Jackals, fox, hyenas, gerbils and jerboas are found in the park and leopards, wolves and ibex may still exist in the park or adjacent lands, but in extremely low numbers.

On the bright side, a healthy population of the African lammergeier lives along the escarpment. This extremely large vulture is on the IUCN list of endangered species. It rides the thermal updrafts along the escarpment with a variety of other soaring birds including at least two other species of vultures, as well as eagles, kites and ravens.

The plant life is surprisingly rich and varied. Juniper forests crown the higher elevations. Many species of acacia, several of fig and a great variety of trees, shrubs, perennials, grasses and annuals may be found.

Severe overgrazing by sheep and goats is a problem in the park that will eventually be brought under control and eliminated in certain areas. Woodcutting, particularly prevalent in the juniper forests, will be controlled. Off-road vehicle use is now a serious problem and needs corrective management.

The Asir Kingdom Park will be used primarily by the Saudi people with some use from the thousands of foreign nationals now working in Saudi Arabia on its economic development. By 1980, paved roads will link the park to all parts of the Kingdom and over 100,000 visits a year are projected by 1986. The population of the country is about six million. Closely adjacent to the park is a holiday resort-complex of villas, hotels

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and recreation facilities, including a golf course which will be linked to Abha by a tramway. A Swiss firm will be constructing this facility soon.



A Zebu Bull enjoys a cool breeze along a sandy beach on the Red Sea.

Super View

Four of the five developed areas are atop the escarpment. The fifth is a beach development on the Red Sea. A visitor center on the Greenbelt Road circling Abha will provide a superb view of the escarpment and the escarpment road connecting Abha to Jeddah along the coastal plain. This mountain road, similar to the "Goin-to-the-Sun Road" in Glacier National Park, is a major engineering project now under construction by a West German firm.

In the juniper forests of Sawdah, adjacent to the Holidayevillage will be a campground and picnic area and two viewing terraces. A near panoramic view of the escarpment and Arabian Shield will be provided at Al Hadbah. At Al Qara'ah, near the southeast edge of the park a large family camping and picnic area, concession, interpretive facility and viewing terrace will be provided.

A long-range proposal at Al Qara'ah is a Sonoran Desert Museum type of zoo and arboretum to serve as an interpretive facility to acquaint the Saudis with the plant and animal life of the Asir and the need for its conservation.

The beach at El Shegeg will have an open beach pavilion with a concession facility. Camping will be permitted nearby. Because of the extreme heat of this area, (more than 145° F. summer temperature), the beach will be used almost entirely in the winter months.

All facilities have been designed to be in conformity with the Saudi culture. Family groups will be afforded privacy. Campground and picnic sites will be well-separated and screened. They will be sited among the junipers at Sawdah and the large granite outcrops and acacias at Al Qara'ah.

The Saudis are proceeding rapidly with the development of the park with NPS assistance. Paul Zenisek (DSC) has just returned from a 1-month assignment to direct the topographic survey of the development sites and Ray Lee (DSC) has been assisting in contract specifications. Plans are now underway to assign five NPS planners to handle contracting for design and construction and quality control. A park management specialist will be selected to work in Saudia Arabia on park policy development and a kingdom-wide park site survey conducted by the Saudis.

Concrete Clipper Plies C & O Canal

By Dan Hughes

During most of the 19th century and up until 1924, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal served as an important commercial transportation artery for the Potomac River Valley. Wooden barges plied the 184-mile canal from Washington, D.C. to Cumberland, Md., carrying coal, flour, grain, and lumber to the Capital.

Over the Trees

But floods, hurricanes and the railroads caused the economic collapse of the canal. In 1972, Hurricane Agnes finished off most of the decaying waterway and boat transportation ceased.

But now, there is once again a boat plying the canal between Georgetown and Fletcher's Boathouse. The "Canal Clipper" a concrete replica of the barges of old, went over the trees and into the water Sept. 28, beginning a new era in interpretation and the C & O Canal National Historical Park, D.C.-Md.-W. Va.

The "Canal Clipper," built by Nauta-Crete Ltd. of Centerville, Va., at a cost of \$200,000, weighs in at 30 tons (only one-third of the old canal boat tonnage). She is 87 feet long and constructed of concrete, wire mesh and oak, which after a few rain storms should weather

enough to look authentic. She is powered by two mules (Jack and Jill), but the Clipper also has a motor.

The first weekend in October, the Canal Clipper began carrying passengers the 1½ miles from Lock 4 in Georgetown to Fletcher's. Passenger capacity is 80-100 and her speed about 4 mph. During her trip the Clipper passes through 3 locks. The fare is \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids.

During their trip, visitors are treated to a 20-minute interpretive skit, depicting the life of a 19th-century canal boat captain and his wife.

"The Canal Clipper brings

canal life into focus for the visitor," says Supervisory Park Ranger Harry Delashmutt. "It is hard for the modern visitor to visualize what canal life was really like."

\$100 Million

In June, the portion of the C & O Canal from Washington to Seneca, Md., was repaired and refilled, making it possible to launch a canal barge. C & O Superintendent Bill Failor estimates that it would take \$100 million to put the canal back into pre-Hurricane Agnes shape.



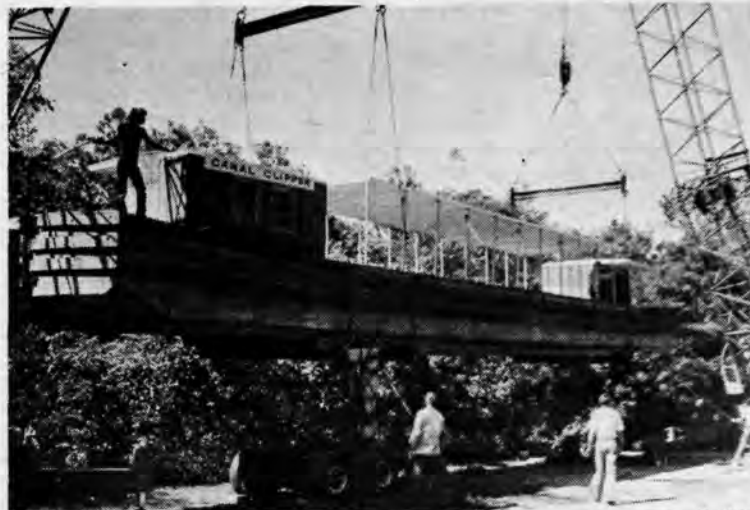
"Canal Clipper" awaits crane crew along the roadside in Maryland.



And up...



And over the trees...



Clipper on its way up.

Photos by Dan Hughes



And up and up...



And into the waters of the C&O Canal.

George Harding Creates World Azalea Capital

By Naomi L. Hunt

A lush green garden with stately trees and flowering shrubs is never the result of a happy accident—it is the product of a gardener who is knowledgeable about his climate and geography, about which plants will flourish in his area, and a tremendous amount of careful planning and consistent care.

Such a place of beauty, the azalea capital of the world, is the creation of George W. Harding, about 34 miles from Washington, D.C.

Landscape Architect

George has lived and worked with plant materials in the Washington, D.C., area all his life. He was a horticulturist and landscape architect for the National Park Service for more than 25 years and is a specialist in azaleas, rhododendrons, and camellias.

George and his family live on Wildcat Road in North Woodfield, Md., where he has an extensive nursery with hothouses for cuttings, planting beds for various stages of plants, and beautifully landscaped formal gardens, where thousands of azalea plants—many exotics—grow. With his special hybridized varieties he supplies the National Arboretum and other internationally recognized growers throughout the world.

In 1933, George came to work for the Public Buildings and Parks in the Nation's capital. It was the same year that responsibility for the Nation's parks in Washington, D.C., was transferred from the Army Corps of Engineers to the National Park Service.

Before coming to NCP, the newly added region of the Park Service, George had worked as a tree expert with the Davy Tree Company; as grounds supervisor and horticulturist for the Walter Reed Hospital, and at the Congressional Library; and as chief landscape architect for the U.S. Capitol. In his new job as head of grounds maintenance for NCP, George was also responsible for the White House grounds. Harold Ickes was Secretary of the Interior at the time; and Arno Cammerer was Director of the Park Service.

Knew Presidents

Over the years, George had occasion to talk with many of the great, the near-great, and the would-be-great of the time. He knew Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower. He was often at the White House, supervising the work required at the personal request of a President. Harding met frequently with Interior Secretaries and their staffs. He served under five Park Service Directors, and a number of NCP superintendents—or directors, as we call them now.

In 1952, while Connie Wirth was Director of the Park Service, he sent George out west on a grand tour of all the parks in the System.

As George reminisces about old times, so many names pop into his mind: Merle Sager, Ben

Howland, Keith Pohemous, Garthside, Ed Kelly, Chapman, Harry T. Thompson, Irvin Williams, Rudy Bauss, Con Heine, Ted Smith, Elsie Gurney, Irving Root, Marshall Finnan, Lucille Peacock, Carol Smith, the Queen of Holland, Eisenhower, General Grant, Truman, and others—many others.

"I liked Truman," he says thoughtfully. "I really liked that man."

"It was exciting! We did a lot of interesting things. We introduced flower displays along Independence Avenue. We planted camellias and azaleas in West Potomac Park. Now Washington is the 'azalea capital of the world'. And it all began in the parks... the parks of National Capital Region."

In 1960, however, George got sick of bucking the system. He got sick of it all, and decided that he was going to do what he had always wanted to do—develop his own nursery and gardens, and grow special varieties of azaleas and rhododendrons.

Merry Old England

So, George retired from the Park Service to become one of the world's outstanding specialists in hybridizing azaleas. The lovely gardens on Wildcat Road are not George's first private venture, however. He first developed an area closer to Gaithersburg, Md., but when it was bought up by a developer for an apartment-house complex, he started all over again—from scratch. Eleven years ago, the area—now so beautifully landscaped with trees, paths, and flowering shrubs—was once covered with wild honeysuckle, briars, thistles, and ragweed. The home, a stately 19th-century mansion, was in such sad disrepair that it was unsafe to climb the winding stairs. Now, all has been restored—including the four working fireplaces, one with an 18th-century mantle. The grounds reminiscent of a lavish estate in Old England.

Daughter Kay and her husband Washington Waters White and their seven children live in a large brick house adjoining the Harding place. They all help in managing the grounds and caring for the thousands of azaleas. George keeps records on all his plants. Each one is labeled; and must be moved two or three times before taking its permanent place in the magnificent landscape.

Azaleas may live for 200 years. Many of George's varieties were developed by him, right there in his own gardens. Last spring, he resisted the urge to leave it all and move to Arizona, where his grandson is planning to go to college—but where azaleas cannot grow. Instead, he started a new azalea bed with 2-year old plants, a bed which he calls his "Bicentennial Garden."

George Harding probably won't be around to celebrate our "next Bicentennial" but he certainly does adhere to the Park Service ethic, as he continues to "... conserve the scenery... and provide for the enjoyment... of future generations."



George Harding's beautiful azaleas

T-Shirts Boost Morale At Independence

Friendly competition between interpreters and rangers of the four groups at Independence NHP, Pa.—always keen—got a nudge with the advent of the "Area 2" T-shirt.

The green-and-white T-shirt, designed by staff members, has turned out to be a big morale booster.

The design resulted from a contest among Area 2's 50 permanents and summer seasonals. Tim Lemmer, a summer seasonal, created the winning design which was built around the symbol for Greek Revival architecture.

"We had a great team spirit in our area," says Supervisor Ellen Bishop, "and our T-shirts are one example of it."

Joanne Fini, a seasonal who teaches English when she's not a park ranger, started it all.

"I would pass street vendors selling T-shirts of all kinds and it occurred to me we should have something like that to show our team spirit and as a remembrance of our summer at the park," Joanne says.

"We had the shirts made to order and sold them to all hands at \$2. Only exception was Superintendent Cawood—we gave him one."

Already the idea has caught on. A second area group at Independence is designing its own T-shirt.



Photo by Tony Johnson

Four members of the interpretive staff of Area 2 at Independence NHP model the T-shirt the staff designed itself. From left, clockwise, are Joanne Fini, Derrick Cook, Ellen Bishop, and Suzanne Battaglia.

It's not too early to think about Christmas!

Why not give a friend something to enjoy all year—a gift membership in the E&AA. Once a month they will receive the National Park Courier.

Franklin Court Complete

The last section of Franklin Court, at Independence National Historical Park, Pa., opened to the public Oct. 1.

Following a dedication ceremony honoring "Benjamin Franklin, the Builder," guests toured the building at 318 Market Street, one of three houses designed and built by Franklin between 1786 and 1788. The ceremony will be held at 318 Market Street at 5:15 p.m.

An archeological exhibit enti-

tled "Franklin's Tenant House, Built 1786—Rediscovered Today" allows the visitor to visualize these 18th-century houses and learn of Franklin's involvement in their construction.

Refurbishing and interpreting this final portion of the Market Street Houses has been undertaken by the Friends of Independence National Historical Park through a contribution of \$35,000.



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Bicentennial Impressions

Dear Editor,

Millions of people across the United States participated in thousands of Bicentennial events ranging from spectacular parades and fireworks to dramas, reenactments, lectures and other local and national activities. Each individual was left with his or her own impressions of the Bicentennial as we celebrated our 200th Birthday.

Morristown is just one of 22 Park Service Bicentennial parks, but I am sure that some of my impressions will parallel those of many employees and friends of the NPS who made contributions to the Bicentennial effort.

My first impression is of the planning and organization that went into the Bicentennial effort. There was a lot of midnight oil burnt by a lot of people in preparation for 1976. The end product was new facilities, renovated historic structures,

reenactments, dramas, dedications, special exhibits, educational programs and many other activities that could not have taken place unless the "home-work" was done first.

My second impression is one of project supervisors and exhibit teams working under very difficult conditions pushing structures and exhibits to completion in time for the Bicentennial. They not only completed their projects (often by working late into the night), but they completed them with exceptional skill and craftsmanship.

My third impression is of many park volunteers and employees putting on reenactments and dramas or demonstrating 18th-century skills with or without the cooperation of Mother Nature. These people carried on in the snow, in the rain, and in temperatures well below freez-

Peace Corps Seeks Park Volunteers

If you enjoy outdoor living and qualify as a park planner, you're needed in Ivory Coast in West Africa to help that country's national park service formulate an overall park management plan to promote tourism.

This is only one of many job openings in developing countries around the world for Americans with know-how in park planning, wildlife management and park administration to help those new nations develop their national parks.

In a joint arrangement known as the Smithsonian Institution—Peace Corps Environmental Program, the Smithsonian works with officials of the Peace Corps and the developing country to help determine environmental needs that might be met by Peace Corps Volunteers, and helps to match applicants with job openings best suited to their particular talents and interests.

In recent months, there has been an increasing number of requests from emerging countries for national park specialists.

To cite just a few examples, Colombia wants three conservationists to help develop master plans for its new national parks, Paraguay needs a planner to help develop a new park in the isolated northern Chaco, Dominican Republic is looking for a national parks advisor and a manager for the country's newly established Office of National Parks, and Upper Volta wants two park management technicians for its wildlife reserves.

The logical source for such expertise, of course, is the U.S. National Park Service, with its wealth of talent and skills. Permanent, temporary, or retired NPS employees who accept such assignments can look forward to rich rewards in professional experience abroad and



David K. Morris, a former DSC employee, is on a 2-year leave of absence with the Peace Corps in East Africa.

the personal satisfaction of offering their skills to less-fortunate countries of the world where those skills are urgently needed to preserve the environment. NPS permanent career employees are assured of reinstatement rights when their Peace Corps overseas tours are completed.

In some cases, specialized pre-service training is provided by NPS. Last spring, for example, six non-NPS volunteer trainees received specialized technical training at Yosemite, Everglades, Carlsbad, Denver Service Center, and other NPS sites before leaving for their assignments in Latin America and Africa. The Volunteers not only were exposed to expertise and actual situations appropriate for their overseas assignments, but they also established rewarding personal contacts and friendships with NPS employees.

The National Audubon Society and the National Wildlife Federation also provide train-

ing, in some cases, to prepare Volunteers for specific conditions to be found at the project site abroad.

Trainees are provided living expenses during specialized training, as well as requisite technical materials that will be used during the overseas assignment, such as books, manuals and other reference materials.

The average assignment is for 2 years, with an option to extend after that. The pay—designed to allow the Volunteer to maintain approximately the same living standard as host country colleagues doing the same job—includes a living allowance that takes care of housing, utilities, food, transportation, clothing and entertainment, plus a vacation allowance, free health care, and a "readjustment allowance" of \$125 a month that is set aside and given to the Volunteer when his assignment is completed.

If you're selected for one of these positions, you get intensive instruction and tutoring in the language of your host country, orientation in the country and its culture, and extensive briefing on the project and organization with which you'll be involved abroad. You also get round-trip fare to and from your place of assignment.

Since the program is tailored to specific requests from host countries, some assignments specify single male volunteers; others call for a single person of either sex; and some accept couples. Couples with children are rarely accepted.

For more information or application forms, write to James A. Sherburne, Smithsonian—Peace Corps Environmental Program, Dept. K-7, Smithsonian Institution, or the NPS Division of International Park Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20560. (Photos).

Letters:

Toklat Story Sparks Bill Myers Memories

Dear Editor:

The story by Grant Pearson in the August *Courier* about Toklat cabin stirred some old memories.

Their efforts were enjoyed by thousands, who shared the good times and the bad times with them.

Everybody got into the act. Park managers and maintenance men were out assisting with traffic control. Secretaries and clerks helped out at information desks. School children acted as guides to visitors. Local communities participated in park activities in many ways.

To take a line from our new interpretive film on Morristown, "Do you think it is worth all that arguing, frustration and letter writing just so you can have hot biscuits every day . . . I'd say it was." I have to agree with that Continental Soldier, it was worth it.

Bill Binnewies
Superintendent
Morristown-NHP

The recollections go back to 1928, when I was 15, the newest and youngest ranger in the Park Service. Civil service didn't have an age limit—at least in Alaska. Beside being the youngest, I was surely the smallest, weighing in at 105 pounds, the size of Willie Shoemaker.

But back to Toklat cabin. Among its notable features was the roof—6 inches of dirt piled over small spruce poles. Great insulation. And it shed water for maybe the first day of rain until it got soaked through. Then it dripped for a day after the rain stopped, onto everything in the cabin.

The summer of 1928 we made two important additions to Toklat: depositories. One was a good looking cache, 10 feet off the ground, to protect supplies from bear, wolverine and varmints. A picture of it was featured in the Fairbanks *News-Miner* a few years ago, and it has been on thousands of post cards. The other depository, the first in Mt. McKinley Park, was a one-holer. It featured a seat

lined with caribou fur, a great luxury at 40-below, when the gales ripped down off Polychrom Pass, and tore at quivering flesh like the claws of a Bengal tiger.

It was around Easter in 1929 when I was marooned at Toklat, alone except for by dog team, after a blizzard piled up three feet of snow and made travel impossible until the stuff packed down.

It was a snug and comfortable retreat during the storm. A drawback, however, was the lack of food. For several days I lived off dog rations, which were actually better than they sound. There was rice and corn meal and smoked salmon and tallow. Not bad if you have a hearty appetite.

The three of us who built the cache and the outdoor johnny in 1929 recently had a reunion in Anchorage—Grant Pearson, Fritz Nyberg and I. The years have treated us all quite well.

William A. Myers
Lapeer, Mich.

Gaspé Peninsula voyagers soar on Silver Eagle

Glimpsing the village of Carleton as the Eagle soared away, a post card scene was remembered—a sharply spired church remained a landmark along the seacoast of the Baie de Chaleur.

Touring to the lower tip of eastern Gaspé, a small fishing village, Perce, became the stopping place. E & A stayed two days at La Cote Surprise on the cliff overlooking Perce. Artists find interesting the scenes they see here. The Rock, like the Rock of Gibraltar, slices the waves long before they reach shore. This huge rock, an upheaval, unlike the Gibraltar, softens in battering ocean waves crashing ships to pieces into the waters of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. In 90 years, our guide told the group, at the present rate of erosion, this flaky formation will disappear. How it came to be challenges the visitor's curiosity.

E & A clambered around the cluttered rock walk to the Rock. A narrow strip of land, frequently immersed in sea water, extends to its precipitous sides. Tom Ela found several fossil impressions in rocks scattered along the way to the Perce Rock and sea urchins' shells were cast ashore by waves.

A motorboat trip to Bonaventure Island revealed a rookery where gannet, on which a 6-foot wing-spread is not unusual; puffins, cormorants, the great black-winged gull, herring gulls and other seabirds were identified.

Stores in Perce sold gifts, souvenirs and post cards pertinent to the Gaspé. Food, especially bread, was served in

abundance in eating places, there.

The manager of La Cote Surprise, gave a slide talk and guided a tour in and about the Village of Perce, emphasizing the highlights of the locality.

Winter at Perce is so severe that only four or five hundred residents remain on this point of land to brave the elements. The ocean freezes solid. Trapping caribou, moose, some bear, and small game is the principal winter occupation. Tourism is brief, beginning in early July and ending in early October when the first snow falls.

With a heavy crop the Eagle left Perce Tuesday, Sept. 14. E & A had stowed collections of polished stones, glass and other sea-born mementoes. She lifted the extra weight traveling high on the cliffs at times or skimmed along the coastal highway leaving behind the wading sea birds. For miles the Perce Rock stood out against the sky. The Eagle approached Forillon National Park about noon.

At Forillon a Canadian park naturalist interpreted his park. He said that it was closed to the public; the tourist season was over. If a gale had blown off shore, his park would have been remembered forever.

Forillon's temporary visitor center displayed museum exhibits of the area and a slide show shared information about the flora and fauna. Litterbugs inhabit Canadian Parks, too; an effort is made to appeal to their better natures just as in every national park in America.

The Eagle seemed to want to remain at Forillon; she struggled and resisted but hearty

Charlie spurred her on and she reached Rimouski, P. Q. by nightfall. Rimouski is the largest population center on the Peninsula. French is the language spoken by employees of the Auberge des Gouverneurs. Buffet service sufficed but high school French made further communication possible. Everyone was saying merci, merci. Breakfast proved an ordeal to late-comers. Service was slow and the kitchen ran out of food.

On to Quebec City

Soaring into Quebec City, the Silver Eagle dropped her prey at the door of another Auberge des Gouverneurs. Here accommodations were commodious and, even prestigious. Wide hotel windows overlooked the populous city.

Quebec City is one of the oldest cities on the continent. Jacques Cartier and Samuel Champlain camped on that site and claimed all for France. Ninety-seven per cent of the natives speak French, exclusively; it is, also, the capital of the Province of Quebec.

Rising high above the upper city are towers of the huge Chateau Frontenac. One has not seen Quebec City if he has not visited the Chateau. A party of E & A dined at the Frontenac, Wednesday night, and, indeed, well into the following morning.

The Citadel, also, overlooks the lower city. It is a military installation of long standing and functions actively, today. The lower city is largely for business, sitting along the St. Lawrence River at a vantage point where ships can easily dock and

load or unload. Lower Quebec City contains some of the most historic buildings, dating back to early colonization.

The upper city is changing as many American cities are; brownstone dwellings are being demolished and tall buildings taking their places. A few historic structures are being left to depict the past to future students and visitors.

A great city mall has been built underground providing modern shopping facilities. This mall is approached by elevator from several tall buildings in upper Quebec City.

E & A received an invitation from the Director of Parks Canada in Quebec to visit Cartier Brebeuf Historic Park, 1 mile from Old Quebec, and the Artillery Park of 1712.

Tours were planned to take the NPS group to sites in and outside the city. The Silver Eagle conveyed a large group to Sainte Anne de Besupre; a beautiful basilica famous for its "sign of faith." It is a majestic structure. The interior design and symbols are awe-inspiring.

Fresh Bread

Returning, the Eagle stopped beside an outdoor bake oven where freshly baked bread was offered to visitors tasting much like that which mother used to bake. Back at the Auberge small buses awaited the Eagle's return. Upon her arrival E & A were whisked off on a sightseeing tour of historic sites of greater Quebec City. Crumbling ruins, now being restored, were seen in the lower city. These revealed dome of the life of early populations.

Friday, the Eagle took to the highways on her return to Bos-

ton. She swept through the hills of Vermont and New Hampshire, exposing road construction where giant machinery was tearing the earth apart. Dabs of fall color stippled the roadside and forests through which she traveled. Fall coloration would be at its peak several weeks hence.

Farewell Dinner

Arriving at Logan Airport near Boston Harbor the Eagle's duties for the NPS Gaspé Tour came to an end at the Hilton. Reassembling for the farewell dinner, E & A responded gratefully. Ray O'Dell, his wife, aides; vivacious Donna, the Silver Eagle driver, and others were thanked by applause for the entertaining, informative, exciting 10 days of touring.

Monte Fitch, chairman of the E&AA board of directors, announced that groundwork had been laid for a trip down the Mississippi on the River Queen from St. Louis to New Orleans, next year. E&AA and their companions are welcome on a first come first served basis, to share River Queen hospitality. The date was not disclosed. Register now, or, join the E and AA for future trips.

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Park policeman poet chronicles adventure

By C. A. Mason
U.S. Park Police

It all began in Boston at the Parker House Hotel
Where the NPS Alumni gathered for the starting bell.
The Taxi Driver's Union was striking for a raise
And members who arrived on time looked up in silent praise.

The grand old streets of Boston, though designed 'above reproach'
Were not laid out with thoughts in mind of Michaud's Silver Coach.
The State House and the Market Place were something to behold
And the structure of old Fanieul Hall literally cost a pile of gold.

Then to the Constitution, grand old mistress of the sea
She bore her canvass proudly from here to Tripoli.
Now we travelled on to Concord and to the Lexington Green
Where Dave Moffett and his staff displayed a skit that should be seen.

Wayside, the home of Hawthorne who meditated there
Inspired this humble writer to make like Shakespeare.
Compared to the trip to Bangor, Maine, with the "U" turns - and the "Zs"
The midnight ride of Paul Revere was really 'just a breeze'.

A chilly wind blew over rugged Cadillac's crest
But the sea and gulls at Acadia seemed a haven of quiet rest.
At the Panorama Restaurant now on Dominion ground
We ran into misfortune as the Silver Eagle sank down.

She listed to starboard and settled by the stern
In a ditch that was not obvious while reversing for a turn.
Now planks, a jack and rocks galore were brought into the act
And men did strive and men did sweat to get that coach back on the track.

Then endless hours of riding through sunshine and some rain
We finally descended onto the Carleton plain.
The next day a brief journey revealed the Perce Rock
Then a closer inspection after boarding at the dock.

The briney swells were rolling, now the craft was light but stout
And Bonaventure Island was soon circled 'round about.
Comes a day of rest and leisure, adventure was the mode
As we gathered agates sparkling and to Perce Rock we strode.

To Gaspé's Forillon National Park, of water, rock and tree
Where for cordial acceptance, it was "merci" and "oui"
The Silver Eagle approached a grade for our luncheon to partake
But alas, the mighty "I'autobus" found the incline much too great.

Now after getting 'squared away,' a true course then was set
And near to west-by-south we sped to Rimouski, Province of Quebec.
Quebec City and environs, walled town rich in ancient lore
Quaint LeChateau Frontenac, gourmet's delight was Le Concorde.

Craftsmen's shops for wood and copper, mosaic ceilings at Sainte Anne's
Tasty bread beside the roadway, piping hot from baker's pans.
Departure then from old Quebec was early in the day
Direction now was mostly south t'ward border of the U.S.A.

Optimism reigned on high as points were checked on maps
But wait, there was a slight delay, our leader's memory had suffered a lapse.
Every nook of Eagle Coach was searched with utmost care
But Donna's purse could not be found, though she 'looked everywhere'.

A call back to the grand hotel, where two nights we had lingered
Reassured our anxious leader that her wealth had not been fingered.
Finally across the border, past trees of multi-colored shade
"Oh's" and "ah's" of exclamation quite frequently were made.

Then return to Boston proper, to the Hilton Airport Inn
Where good-byes and "au revours," left eyes moist and bravado thin.
Now as we go our separate ways, in retrospect we say
This diversion it was pleasant, let the future bring what may.

NPS Cannon Man

Bill Meuse Receives Roy Appleman Award

The Harpers Ferry Interpretive Design Center held a special awards ceremony Aug. to present Bill Meuse with the Roy E. Appleman Award. This award was established in 1971 to honor the career of a distinguished research historian whose contributions to the Park Service, from 1935-1970, are legion, Roy Edgar Appleman.

Rearms Parks

Bill Meuse came to Harpers Ferry in 1974, fresh from park assignments at Saratoga National Historic Park, N.Y., and Fredericksburg National Military Park, Va., where he worked in developing innovative living history programs for both sites. As chief of Historic Ordnance for the NPS, Bill ramrodded a special program in which a number of Revolutionary War parks were re-armed in

time for Bicentennial celebrations. This unique program was the basis for his award recommendation and subsequent awardee selection.

The re-arming of 11 Revolutionary War parks required research on the historic art and technique of cannon casting. Bill had spent years gathering this kind of information and brought practical experience gained at his own expense through working with a foundry in perfecting these ancient techniques. He willingly made available to the Park Service several expensive patterns that were his property for the casting of the cannon. He located four foundries—three in New York State and one in Pennsylvania—that were willing to undertake the intricate work in an art that had been all but lost and participated in negotiating contracts with them for the casting of approxi-

mately 100 cannon of various sizes. He also located a shop at Glens Falls, N. Y., which made many of the cannon carriages. Obtaining brass for one cannon and seasoned white oak for the carriages provided moments of panic for the tight schedule, but the materials were finally located.

Bill gave technical direction to three NPS technicians who put the finishing touches on the brass cannon and built 11 garrison carriages of different sizes. This work was done in a rented facility at Brunswick, Md.

Better Than Originals

Without his know-how and guidance, the Park Service would not have been able to accomplish the reproduction Revolutionary War cannon project. The results have been superb. The pieces have been



Bill Meuse puts the finishing touches on one of his cannon barrels at his shop in Brunswick, Md.

proof tested and are probably superior to the originals. General Henry Knox, chief of artillery in the Revolution, would have been proud to have these guns in his artillery train. These tubes, if properly cared for, will contribute to park interpretation for hundreds of years, which is truly a lasting contribution.

This project allowed priceless original cannon—particularly those surrendered by Burgoyne at Saratoga and Cornwallis at Yorktown—to be taken off the

field and properly protected inside visitor facilities and other buildings in the parks.

Presently, Bill, his wife Lucy and son Tad live in Bolivar, W. Va., near his worksite. In October Bill is anticipating a transfer to Springfield, Mass., where he will become curator for the world's largest gun collection in the Springfield Armory. Under his management new cataloging, sorting, and identifying of munitions will be undertaken.

The New Centurions!



Three NPS veterans, who were former co-workers in the Midwest Regional Office's Cooperative Activities Division, got together again at a recent retirement coffee honoring three new retirees—whose combined NPS service totaled a century. Left to right are Ralph N. Johnson and Russell L. McKown, who retired in the '60's and Kenneth R. Krabbenhoft, who is still in there pitching as chief of MWR's Federal, State and Private Liaison Division. The new centurions were Deputy director Robert L. Giles, Joe H. Riha and Earl F. Alter, who all retired Aug. 6.

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Granny Liles Still Gung Ho About NPS



Granville B. (Granny) Liles is trying to wind down after a little over a year since retirement as superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway. Mary and Granny did not have to go through the trauma most retirees experience of moving to a new house and often to a new part of the country. They were already there at 3 Fox Chase Road in Asheville, N.C. 28804. It's in the country they love so well and they have spent so much time at the Great Smokies and on up the mountains that they can be called "ridge runners."

At last word their family is fine: Sylvia is a teacher; Jim is still with the NPS; Gerald works for Columbia Broadcasting Co.; and Brink is in the construction business. Speaking of his retirement, Granny says: "The first 6 months were spent trying to change my work schedule that I had developed through the years — getting to work before 8 and trying to do it in a long day." He points out that the Parkway is long and he burned up a lot of rubber trying to keep on top of it. He has not yet got used to "no schedule."

We point out in passing that Granny spent practically his whole career in uniform, from ranger on up. He started where he finished, on the Blue Ridge Parkway: three times a chief ranger, twice an assistant superintendent, three times a superintendent and, in civilian clothes for a time as an assistant regional director.

Granny keeps up with the NPS and his many friends in the organization that he is so proud to have been associated with over the years. "I have heard Director Everhardt speak at several functions in the past year," he says, "and there seems to be a renewed satisfaction that there is a career man at the head which is restoring the old *esprit de corps*." The Liles enjoyed visiting Bob and Mary Gibbs who have retired in their beautiful home in Tryon, N.C., and Andi Berg in Hendersonville.

Granny claims that highlights of his life included working for Sam Weems and Stan Abbot. He is gung ho about the Service and hopes it can continue to hold its head high and proudly in the years ahead. And, in case anybody wants to rally round, he's bound to get Mt. Mitchell as a Service area.

Liles seems to be a youthful 63 or 64 years old and he slyly tells us he still has all his teeth and hair. Well, stick around, buster!

NPS Alumni Notes

By Dan Beard

Ranks of Mather's Men Thinning

Dear Editor,

Jesse L. Nusbaum's death reported in the *Courier* earlier this year brings us the startling realization that the ranks of people who served in important capacities under the Service's first Director, Stephen T. Mather, are thinning indeed.

To my knowledge, Horace M. Albright and Thomas J. Allen, both still active in conservation and park affairs, remain from this group of stalwarts who contributed so much in those 14 years of the Mather era to the formulation of policies, operations, organization and spirit of the Service and the parks.

Robert Shankland calls them "Mather's men" in his book, "Stephen Mather," and they were indeed—handpicked by Mather himself. Jesse Nusbaum was one of these, and although he is probably remembered by most of us for his distinguished services in the latter part of his career as the Department's archeologist in Santa Fe, he first made his mark as superintendent of Mesa Verde National Park, Colo. Mather made him superintendent there in 1921. Considering the fact that Mather, at least in the earlier part of his tenure as Director, had to select superintendents who were without experience in park work, he had an uncanny ability for recognizing talent when he saw it.

It has been my privilege to know, from near and afar, most of Mather's superintendents. I served under three of them—Horace Albright, when he was superintendent at Yellowstone; Roger Toll and Edmund Rogers. In their capacities as active superintendents, I also knew and worked with Tom Allen, Tom Boles, Ross Eakin, Jesse Nusbaum, Frank Pinkley, Minor Tillotson, Charles Goff Thomson, Owen Tomlinson, Eivind Scoyen and John R. White.

All of them have or had distinguished careers. In my opinion, although everyone of them was a rugged individualist, they had common characteristics. They were, each in his own way, adept at public relations and invariably became well-known public figures in the region of their assigned parks. They were indefatigable promoters of park interests. Most of them "ran a tight ship" and were "Captains" thereof in the truest sense of the word. Decision-making did not bother them. They went to Washington Headquarters only when they had to—they were real operators.

I recall they uniformly took a dim view of regionalization when it was first proposed. This was natural as they were accustomed to dealing with the Director and his staff and could see

no point in dealing through an intermediary. When the chips were down, however, several of them became regional directors and they were good ones.

As it turned out, there was one who became director, one became associate director, and there were several assistant directors. They are and were a rare breed and together offer ample testimony to the ability of the man who selected them.

Those remaining should be declared national monuments here and now and honored as such by all of us.

**John S. McLaughlin,
Former Superintendent,
Yellowstone NP**

Want to be Director? Go to Australia



Samuel P. Weems, retired Superintendent of Blue Ridge Parkway, N.C.-Va.-Ga., sat at the head table as guest of honor. He was the Director of National Parks and Wildlife and the testimonial dinner was being held in Australia ("Always hankered to be a director," said Sam, "but I sure had to go a long way to find an opening.") The roster of guests read like an Australian *Who's Who*. But one of them stuck us: "Member for Wolondilly."

It was a long step from the 1920's when Sam was working during the Florida boom. Each year he'd put on his best plus four pants, bow tie, and climbed aboard his Stuts Bear Cat to head for the Georgia Tech Georgia game, with a companion. He was rooting for Tech, his alma mater.

We do not have statistics on where and when Sam was born, but it certainly must have been way, way below the Mason Dixon Line. We once tried to convert him from an engineer into a biologist. The lesson didn't take because he writes: "second time in Australia I was nearly run over by big kangaroos—endangered? hell no. I issued permits to kill 1/4 million of them!"

The last address for Weems we have is P. O. 887, Ponte Verda Beach, Fla., 32082. Asked why he had picked Flori-

da as a place for retirement, Sam snorted, "I always did want to be a yankee." He has not remarried since the loss of his wife. He claims repairs made at Johns Hopkins and is doing all right.

We cannot think of Sam as leading a quiet life, but it seems to be the case. He said something on tape (a little garbled) about not having to pay for golf balls anymore, which sounds like a dinger of a deal for a senior citizen—saves chasing diamondback rattlesnakes out of the rough. He has a 26-foot boat and frequents the Intra-coastal Waterways not far from his house.

Sam still remembers how several of us superintendents used to get together and plan our strategy before attending a regional superintendents' meeting. And the time he was riding with one regional director who was stopped for speeding, got a royal bawling out, and could only say "Yes, Sir."

(We corrected ourselves. Sam was so much a fixture at Blue Ridge Parkway for so many years that we forgot he retired as assistant regional director at Richmond in 1975 — we believe as a reemployed annuitant though.)

Octogenarian Al Heyne Retires

Alfred Arthur Heyne is retiring from the Park Service this fall, after serving over 30 years in Yosemite National Park. Al is a familiar sight to all Yosemiteites; however, we would like to give you a little of his background prior to his coming to work in Yosemite in 1941.

Al's mother was the sister of the famous Waltz King, Johann Strauss. His father was of German and Irish descent. On August 17, 1909, Al came to the United States by boat, landing in New York. From there he went to Baltimore, eventually settling in Pensacola, Fla., where he worked on a cattle ranch as a cowhand.

After leaving Florida, Al went to Calgary, Alberta, Canada, where he homesteaded 160

acres. Between 1911 and 1914 he worked for the Canadian Park System. His winter job was to guide French, German and English officers on grizzly bear hunts. He worked for the Dominion Oil Company in the summer.

In 1914 Al went to Prescott, Mich., where he spent some time ranching before returning to Calgary in 1917. It was at the Calgary Stampede in 1917 that he won the bareback riding event!

In 1918 Al married his late wife Edna, in Michigan and moved to Southern California where he worked for the Harold Lloyd Movie Company. Al often played piano with Charlie Chaplin and, in fact, if you can talk him into it, he still plays the piano beautifully.

In 1920 Al went to work for the Rockefeller family where he remained employed as a gardener for 19 years. There is a story going around that once when Nelson Rockefeller's ball rolled into the flower bed Al pulled him out by the ears!

In 1940 Al came to Mariposa, Calif., with a friend to spend 2 weeks and bought a ranch where he and his wife raised two girls and four boys, all currently residing in California.

In 1941 Al went to work for the NPS in Yosemite where he worked through the summer of 1945 as a laborer and fire guard. After spending 2 years at his ranch in Mariposa he returned to Yosemite in the summer of 1948 as a Fire Control Aide. He has been on the Crane Flat Fire Lookout since 1957 — 19 years. Al will retire this fall and will celebrate his 85th birthday on Nov. 25.

Ex-Yosemite Ranger Goes to Sea, Ohio

Yosemite rangers go on and on. John Bingaman served there from 1921 to 1956 then settled in Stockton Calif. We got a letter from him on the high seas between Los Angeles and Puerto Rico.

We quote him:

"Irene and I are on this cruise... Acapulco, Panama Canal, Cartagena, Colombia, the islands of Aruba, Martinique, St. Thomas, and San Juan. Then we fly to Cleveland, Ohio, visiting friends and relatives... then home. We feel most fortunate to be able to do these things and enjoy our retirement, especially at my age." John is 77. Irene is—well—not 77.

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Deaths

Everett W. Bright

Everett Bright, former superintendent of Pinnacles National Monument, Calif. and NPS veteran of 18 years, died Sept. 25 at his Hollister, Calif. home. He was 76.

Mr. Bright worked at Grand Canyon National Park; Tuzigoot National Monument, Ariz.; Canyon de Chelly National

Monument, Ariz.; Craters of the Moon National Monument, Idaho, and Pinnacles.

A native of Oklahoma, Mr. Bright was a U.S. Army veteran of both World Wars having served in France during the former and in the Pacific area during the latter. He retired as lieutenant colonel in 1960 after 32 years of service.

He joined NPS in 1930 with the CCC program in his home State of Oklahoma under Herb Maier. His first field assignment was superintendent of Tuzigoot.

Mr. Bright was married in 1945 to the former Eleanor Hunt who survives him. The family home is at 835 Seventh St., Hollister, Calif. 95023.

Vernon Ruesch

The *Courier* has just received a late death report on Vernon Ruesch, who died of a heart attack May 20 in Santa Fe, N.M.

Mr. Ruesch retired 3 years ago from the NPS and had resided in Springdale, Utah. During his career he served 19 years at Grand Canyon National Park and for 4½ years at Mount McKinley National Park and Sitka National Historical Park, Alaska.

He was an Elk, a Mason, and past commander of the American Legion. At the time of his death he was serving on the Springdale City Council.

He is survived by his wife, Sydney, two daughters and one son—Mrs. Norman (Evelyn) Iverson of Frederick, Okla.; Mrs. Gary (Kathryn) Mulloy of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Scott Ruesch of Springdale. He also is survived by six grandchildren, three brothers and a sister.

Funeral services were held May 24 in Springdale, with burial in the Springdale City Cemetery.

Ada Wenrich Fry

Ada Wenrich Fry, mother of E&AA vice chairman George W. Fry, died Sept. 4 after a short illness at Lancaster General Hospital, in Pennsylvania. She was 86.

She was the widow of the late Peter Stuber Fry, who died Jan. 30, 1974. She had been a resident of Ephrata, Pa., since 1926.

Besides her son, George, she leaves two daughters, eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Don Watson

Don Watson, known as the "park archeologist of Mesa Verde National Park" for 20 years, died recently of leukemia in his hometown of Cortez, Colo. He was about 71.

Don was born in Canon City, Colo., and joined the Mesa Verde staff in 1930. During his 20 years with Mesa Verde he contributed much to the park. He started the library and the "Mesa Verde Notes," a compilation of park stories; constructed and designed numerous museum exhibits still in use today;

was an avid photographer; and wrote two books, "Indians of Mesa Verde," and "Cliff Dwellings of Mesa Verde."

"Don was one of the foremost interpretive archeologists of the Park Service," said Gil Wenger, chief park archeologist at Mesa Verde who knew Don for many years. "He was friendly, modest and well-liked. He was a marvelous interpreter and fine man."

Mr. Watson leaves one sister living in Seattle, Wash. Before he died Don requested that any memorials to him be in the form of a contribution to the leukemia fund.

William H. Hall

William H. Hall, landscape architect and planner, who served as manager of the Chopawamsic Recreation Demonstration Area Project (now Prince William Forest Park) from 1934 to 1939, and who retired from the Corps of Engineers in 1970, died on March 30, 1975; his death was reported in a letter from his widow, Emma Margill Hall, early in August, when she returned the transcription of an interview made with her husband in May 1971.

Bill Hall was a native of Texas; at various times he attended the University of Texas, the University of Michigan, and the Graduate School of Design at Harvard University. He received his A. B. at the University of Michigan in 1924 at the age of 21. He first spent several years in private practice, interrupted for his graduate work at Harvard. His first public employment was in the Maryland National Capital Parks under the late Irving C. Root; he returned to that agency after his 5 years at Chopawamsic then, after 5 years there, spent 2 years with the Boy Scout headquarters office in New York City. For 2 years, from 1954 to 1956, he was superintendent of Maryland State Parks. Except for those 2 years, he spent the rest of his working life, starting in 1946, with the Corps of Engineers.

Bill is survived by his widow, and by one daughter and two grandchildren. Mrs. Hall's present address is 6641 Wakefield Drive, No. 814, Alexandria, Va. 22307.

Frederick J. Hickman

Frederick J. Hickman, Midwest Regional training officer, died August 24 in Omaha after a long illness. He was 54.

A 20-year Air Force veteran, he retired in 1965 with the rank of major. He later served as a training specialist at the Wisconsin State Headquarters of Selective Service in Madison, Wis. He joined the NPS in 1974.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; three sons and a daughter. The family resides at 5137 Franklin St., Omaha, Neb. 68104.

Funeral services were held at Kramer Mortuary in Benson, Neb., with burial at Offutt Air Force Base, near Omaha.