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Role of VIP's expanded

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Volunteers in the Parks Program

The National Park Service's Volunteers in the Parks (VIP) program is nearly 12 years old now. During that time over 80,000 individual volunteers have contributed almost 4 million hours of work to NPS in a variety of services to park visitors. They have helped park managers accomplish a tremendous amount of work that otherwise would not have been done. They have helped build and maintain community relations, brought new perspectives and fresh ideas into NPS operations, and, in general, enabled the Park Service to better serve the public and preserve the resources in its care.

Over the last few years volunteers have played an increasingly important role in helping the Service accomplish its mission. We have found ourselves relying more and more on volunteers for a much greater variety of help and services than in the past. In several

cases, volunteers have become an integral part of park operations. And many park managers are currently seeking new and innovative methods of including volunteers in the management and operations of the parks.

In response to this expanded role of Volunteers in the Parks, the Service is placing special emphasis on the VIP program; particularly on ways of making more efficient use of volunteers and making the VIP program more effective and responsive to the needs of both park managers and volunteers. We are interested in encouraging volunteers with all levels and types of skills to perform almost any type of work that is needed as long as they do not supplant or displace paid employees.

One of the first steps in this direction is the Director's recent removal of the restriction on using volunteers for maintenance-type work in the parks. Volunteers can now be used for maintenance-type work just as they have in all other areas and categories of park management. This

action will have a significant impact on the VIP program and on the unfunded backlog of work that presently exists in the parks.

Several other steps are also being taken to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of our VIP program. They include:

- Developing a means of providing on-site professional training in volunteer program management skills for park personnel.
- Improving volunteer recruitment procedures at the park level so as to obtain volunteers with skills that match identified park needs.
- Developing an improved system for evaluating the VIP program on a Servicewide basis.

The Service's VIP program is a sound program and one in which all of us can take pride. It provides an ideal vehicle for the public to become directly involved in park management and operations while at the same time providing significant tangible benefits to the Service. In fact, during this time of fiscal restraint the program has become in many cases an essential



VIP Paula Vernon staffing the information counter at Mammoth Hot Springs, Yellowstone NP.

part of the Service's effort to provide adequate resource protection and visitor services. Looking ahead into the rest of the 80s and beyond, and in considering the increased public interest in volunteerism, it can be expected that the VIP program will continue to grow. Our challenge is to foster this growth in such a way that it

will not only help the Park Service meet its management goals and legislative mission, but it will also help the American public in developing a greater appreciation for the principles of conservation and the value of national parks through their experiences as volunteers in the National Park System.

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Guadalupe Mountains 10th Anniversary

What do Guadalupe Mountains National Park in Texas and Disney World in Florida have in common? Not much, except that both attract people and are celebrating their 10th anniversary in 1982. The grand finale of Disney World's year-long celebration comes Oct. 1, and Guadalupe Mountains National Park's comes one day earlier on Sept. 30, although no special ceremonies are planned at Guadalupe Mountains.

The manmade wonders of Disney World's 27,400 acres are experienced mostly either by or through mechanized equipment in the midst of civilization's noise, but the natural wonders of Guadalupe Mountains National Park are experienced mostly by leg and foot-power or, if the visitor brings his own, by "real" horse power. There is also ample opportunity for solitude in the mountain range.

The idea of a park in the southern (or Texas) portion of the Guadalupe Mountains had been talked about for many years before its establishment. One of the first to advance the idea was one of the major landowners in the area, Judge J. C. Hunter, Sr., of Van Horn, who later moved to Abilene, Tex. His son, J. C., Jr., carried on the idea after Judge Hunter's death. Judge Hunter's suggestion for a park encompassing El Capitan and Guadalupe Peak came in 1925, less than 2 years after he acquired his 71,979-acre ranch, and 2 years after a large cave known as "Carlsbad Cave" and a section of land around it on the northeastern slope of the mountain range were proclaimed a national monument by President Calvin Coolidge.

The Guadalupe Park idea simmered along for several years, but with the Nation's money and energy going mostly to war efforts, little progress was made either by the National Park Service or interested individuals who pushed for the park's creation in the 1940s. Through the 1950s and early 1960s, the NPS was struggling to renovate and rebuild outdated facilities at the older parks that had been neglected through the Depression and war years. The NPS was also coping with an unprecedented boom in travel that had started as soon as rationing of



El Capitan, Guadalupe Mountains NP, Texas

gasoline and tires was lifted after World War II. This left little time or money for new park proposals. Fortunately, the two principal landowners in the Guadalupe during this period, J. C. Hunter, Jr., and Wallace E. Pratt, were conservationists as well as being ranchers and oil men. While some people may doubt the compatibility of these three interests, these men and the Guadalupe story are proof that it is possible to be a conservationist and an oil man or a rancher. Both men loved the land and

wanted to see this beautiful area protected. Also, both men wanted other people to be able to see and enjoy this beautiful mountain area. They did not drill for oil here or scar it with unneeded roads or other development. There were plenty of other less attractive places for that. They also kept cattle, sheep, and goats out of the McKittrick Canyon drainage, because they recognized its rare beauty and scientific value. Both knew that this was a place to keep just as it was entrusted to them—

undisturbed and unmarred for future generations.

As Wallace E. Pratt and members of his family reached a point where they felt the need to be closer to medical facilities, they moved from their ranch home near McKittrick Canyon into the city of Carlsbad, N. Mex. It was at about this time that they decided to donate their ranch home and another stone cabin (which had been their home earlier located 2½ miles up in the canyon), and some 5,680 acres of what Pratt described as "the most

beautiful spot in Texas" to the National Park System. This donation was in two stages and was completed in 1961. The newly acquired land was administered as a "detached" unit of Carlsbad Caverns National Park and would become the nucleus of Guadalupe Mountains National Park in a few years.

With the Pratt parcel in hand, long dormant private interest in the southern Guadalupe Park idea surged.

As the idea gained momentum, the NPS was again asked to investigate the area extending south and west from the donated Pratt lands in McKittrick Canyon and encompassing all of the Texas portion of the Guadalupe range.

Eventually, a bill authorizing the new park, sponsored by Congressman White and Senator Yarborough, was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson on Oct. 15, 1966. This authorized the park, subject to acquisition of all of the land and mineral rights within its boundaries and publication of a notice in the Federal Register. Money was not appropriated to acquire any of the land until the 1968 fiscal year.

Finally, a notice was prepared and published in the Federal Register on Sept. 30, 1972, declaring formal establishment of the park. This was nearly 50 years after the first recorded suggestion for a park in the area.

The park was formally dedicated the same day it was established—Sept. 30, 1972.

The park's biggest need now, in its 10th birthday, is for an operational headquarters and visitors center building for the Pine Springs area. Plans call for this facility to be located just off Highway 62-180 east of the campground and main trail network "hub" and southwest of the historic ruins of the old Butterfield Stage Line Station known as "The Pinery."

Utilities for the new visitor center and headquarters complex are already in place, having been included in the general utilities contracts; and plans for the building are nearing completion so that construction can begin just as soon as funding is received. In the interim, the park's temporary operational headquarters is a small 1940s vintage frame house, which was moved in from an abandoned FAA Station at Salt Flat, Tex., and set up along U.S. 62-180 at the turnoff to the Frijoles historic site in 1971.

'RITS' to track park resource information

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Inadequate information is without doubt an extremely serious obstacle to sound planning and decision-making. It is even more serious when the protection of a nationally significant resource depends upon that information. And it is a gross malfeasance when significant information is available but can not be retrieved when necessary.

The demand for available information far exceeds the present capability of the Park Service to provide it. This shortcoming affects every facet of management in the parks, regions and the central office. It leads to delays, redundancies in efforts and costs, increased paperwork, and errors that directly affect the very resources that the Service is mandated to preserve for future generations.

Although the Service has initiated many well-conceived projects relating to a variety of data-gathering needs, the majority of these last only as long as the principal investigator remains on site. And the products from these endeavors often are utilized only as long as the current group of users know where to readily find the necessary information. Details drop into the cracks, get shifted to best suit the situation, or are withheld altogether. Very important and worthwhile information is often lost or forgotten because of its inaccessibility.

This problem of inadequate information flow was identified in the 1981 State of the Parks Prevention/Mitigation Report, that was a followup to the initial State of the Parks—1980 Report to Congress. The Prevention/Mitigation Report outlined a strategy for threat identification, assessment, monitoring, and prevention and mitigation. This systematic approach begins with comprehensive Resource Management

Plans required for every park unit. Each plan must include a series of Project Statements that document all of a park's resource projects. These range in detail and importance from day-to-day housekeeping activities, such as vista-clearing or hazardous tree control, to more serious problems of internal and external impacts on park values. The systematic framework outlined in the Prevention/Mitigation Report encompasses an information management system, built upon the numerous Project Statements, as a means for tracking those activities throughout their existence, and including all resultant reports. This information management system is RITS. RITS will serve **three** major functions:

- 1) It will track all ongoing and proposed NPS resource management activities that have been classified as either resources management, monitoring, or research and documented within area Resources Management Plans;
- 2) It will incorporate a process for inputting new and pertinent information at the regional level and at some park areas as the information becomes available; and
- 3) It will provide storage and instant retrieval of information about management, monitoring and research within each park unit and throughout the Service. Key words will be utilized for information retrieval.

RITS will consist of **three** subsystems:

- 1) Natural and cultural resources management data derived from the park's Resources Management Plans as described above;
- 2) Abstracts of all reports that are derived from monitoring and research projects described in Project Statements, as well as from other closely related reports from a variety of sources; and

3) Resource activities that are approved through special use permits issued by park personnel for studies and other resources management activities. These Resource Activity Permits include research and monitoring undertaken by non-NPS scientists or resource managers, and will replace the Superintendent's Annual Research Report. The Resource Activity Permit subsystem will provide the System with the most up-to-date information available from the parks.

The first step in the evolution of the RITS software is underway. The writing of a functional requirements document is in progress and will provide sufficient information about the details of the system so that actual design can begin by early Fall.

A complete review of area Resources Management Plans is also underway to determine compliance with the guidelines. It is already evident that some clarification of the guidelines is required to assure suitable plan consistency so that they can best be utilized as the basis for RITS.

We anticipate that RITS will be a reality by 1984. We expect it to function on either IBM or HP hardware. The Washington Office plans to develop and maintain the system, but users at the parks and regions will be charged for the time when utilizing the system.

Taken together, records of the various activities will constitute a significant information base. RITS will:

- Document the resources management, monitoring and research activities (as outlined in area Resources Management Plans) through all stages of conception, implementation and project reporting;
- Provide reference on state-of-the-art methods and techniques for accomplishing (1) resources management tasks, (2)

monitoring tasks, and (3) research tasks.

Because area Resources Management Plans will provide the basis for RITS development, it is especially important that the plans, which are the responsibility of park superintendents, be as complete and concise as possible. Consistency is of greatest importance!

RITS will provide Service personnel with up-to-date information instantaneously and tie together the functions of resources management planning, management, monitoring, research, and reporting into a cohesive and integrated program. It will help to move the Service into a more modern mode to cope with the resource threats of our technological society.



The Park Service will use the new RITS system to document and "track" natural and cultural resources like these. (Above, Glacier NP, Montana, (below) Fort Matanzas NM, Florida.

Evison celebrates 90th

Alumni Note

Herb Evison flew west on April 13 with his daughter, Shirley Groomes, to celebrate his 90th birthday 6 days later with Herb's son Boyd at Sequoia National Park, Calif. Having a stopover in Los Angeles of more than 5 hours, the two enjoyed a lunch at Marina del Mar with Herb's friend of more than 61 years, Horace M. Albright, and with Horace's daughter Marian and her husband Roswell Schenck.

This may be considered a somewhat historic meeting since Herb and Horace are, so far as known, the sole survivors of the National Conference on Parks, held in Des Moines, Iowa, in January 1921. At that time, Horace

was superintendent of Yellowstone National Park and Herb was executive secretary of the National (correct) Parks Association of Washington, which he had organized 2 years earlier. That project had been sparked by Stephen T. Mather, Director of the National Park Service. From 1929 to 1933, Herb was executive secretary of the National Conference on State Parks, an outgrowth of the Des Moines meeting.

He reports that he and Horace sat their good ears toward each other at the luncheon but had a tough time hearing each other. After lunch, however, they had 2 hours together in quieter surroundings for a good chinning bee.

Acadia agreement signed

David Rockefeller, Jr., representing The Island Foundation, joined NPS Director Russell Dickenson at an historic tea lawn table at Acadia's Jordan Pond House in June. The two signed a memorandum of agreement allowing the NPS to accept the newly constructed restaurant from The Island Foundation, the organization which organized a million dollar fund-raising campaign. Following the signing ceremony and a ribbon cutting with Director Dickenson, Governor of Maine Joseph Brennan, and Mr. Rockefeller, a traditional tea lawn reception was hosted by the concessioner, Acadia Corporation.



David Rockefeller, Jr. and Director Dickenson.

Adler Yellowstone Overture presented at 'Chick-Chat'

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Tony Award-winning composer Richard Adler grows poetic in describing the natural marvels of Yellowstone National Park, which was the inspiration for his *Yellowstone Overture*. The *Yellowstone Overture* was performed by the Chattanooga Symphony Summer Orchestra, Saturday, May 29, as part of the park's Memorial Day weekend celebration.

The composer of scores for such stellar Broadway musicals as *Pajama Game* and *Damn Yankees*, Adler arrived in Chattanooga Friday afternoon to attend the final rehearsal and Saturday's performance of his work. The occasion was the first time the 1981 Pulitzer Prize-nominated

composition was performed outdoors in a national park setting.

In talking about Yellowstone, he said "I was so taken by the park. Everything I saw was interesting. There are the tremendous geological wonders there and the great variety and number of wildlife. Such contrasts!"

The colorful hot spring pools and majestic geysers, the snowpeaked mountains and seemingly endless evergreen forests became Adler's subject matter when he was commissioned by the new American Philharmonic Orchestra to compose an overture. The 9-minute piece is expressive of his reactions to the varied sights and sounds of Yellowstone.

In a review of the work's November 1980 premier, Barton Wimble of *The New York Daily News* wrote: "Adler, who is best known for his big

Broadway hits, is rapidly making inroads in our concert halls. He writes in the great American tradition of Copland, Harris and Grofe, a colorful, melodic style rooted in solid technique.

Adler has just completed a 38-minute symphonic work, *Wilderness Suite*, a composition based on national parks throughout the country.

While in Chattanooga, Adler had an opportunity to visit all the sites of the

Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park. Adler also took time to visit with the park ranger staff as they began their long afternoon and evening of directing traffic and parking vehicles. Through Adler's contact with rangers at "Chick-Chat" and throughout the country, he has been so impressed with their dedication and respect for the parks, his dream is to be an honorary Park Ranger.

The Memorial Day concert also included a program of songs which were sung by soldiers during the Civil War, such as, "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground," "The Battle Cry of Freedom," "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and others. A chorale group was formed especially for this concert. The 18,000-plus audience joined with the chorists in singing "America" while a 20' x 30' flag waved in the breeze from the top of Wilder Tower.



Richard Adler at "Chick-Chat," Ga.-Tenn.

First Lady visits Prince William

On a hot summer morning in July, first lady Nancy Reagan visited Cabin Camp #4 at Prince William Forest Park, Va., to see how the National Park Service and the District of Columbia's Child and Family Services are helping 130 inner-city youths.

The first lady was greeted by officials from the Family Services, the camping commission, and NPS, and was given a guided tour by camp director Randy Dorsey and 8 year old Cathy Gary.

During her tour under the tall Virginia pines of Prince William, the first lady was applauded by young voices encouraging her to join in the fun.



Park Briefs

INDEPENDENCE NHP, PA.—A new addition to Independence NHP—a tree-lined plaza acquired, developed and donated to the Park Service by a group of private park supporters—is expected to open to the public in October. Ginny Thornburgh, wife of Gov. Dick Thornburgh of Pennsylvania, broke ground to start construction of the plaza in early June. It is on the site where William Penn, founder of Pennsylvania, once lived and where he issued his famous "Charter of Privileges." When completed, the new plaza will provide a landscaped entrance path to the park from the east side.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS NHP, N.Y.—Actor Writer Director Alan Alda officially opened a new national park at Seneca Falls, N.Y. on July 17. Alda spoke at the dedication and assisted Superintendent Judy Hart and other NPS officials in cutting the ribbon at the new visitor center next to the historic Wesleyan Chapel—site of the first women's rights convention called by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, in 1848. The convention called for the right to vote for women for the first time. Alan Alda and his wife Arlene donated \$11,000 to the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Foundation to assist in the purchase of Stanton's home. The Stanton Foundation donated the house to NPS as a part of the dedication ceremony.

GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NP, N. MEX.—The park has received a request from a group of paraplegic men for an outing in Guadalupe Mountains NP, which would involve six paraplegics attempting to make a trip over one of the park's strenuous wilderness trails in wheelchairs. The six are members of an organization known as Paraplegics on Independent Nature Trails, or POINT. One of the purposes of the venture is to demonstrate that disabled persons in top physical shape can surmount the kind of challenges presented by the rugged trails of the park. Noted oilman Jack Grimm of Abilene, Tex., is furnishing financial support to the POINT group for the undertaking.

MOUNT RUSHMORE NM, S. DAK.—The 50 millionth person (since January 1942, when records were first kept) visited the park on July 4. Superintendent Edwin L. Rothfuss reported that to date visitors to Mount Rushmore are running about 10 percent ahead of a year ago. A member of the Moch family of Kintyre, N. Dak., was the 50 millionth visitor. A number of officials were present to give mementos of the occasion to the family. A book of *The Dakotas*, autographed by Governor Janklow, was presented on his behalf, and presentations were made by the President of the Mount Rushmore National Memorial Society of Black Hills, and others.



(Above) the collapsed Catoctin Creek Aqueduct, and the new Bailey Bridge, C&O Canal NHP, Md., D.C., Va.



WATERTON-GLACIER INTERNATIONAL PEACE PARK, CANADA—A ribbon cutting and a free barbecue set the scene, as nearly 650 celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park in Waterton, Canada on June 18. Highlighting the day was the dedication of a \$150,000 interpretive pavillion, on the Waterton Lake waterfront. Canada's Minister of Environment John Roberts and Director Dickenson heralded the occasion with speeches. Providing historical background was Robert Low, a Rotary International spokesman. The Rotary sponsored establishment of the International Peace Park 50 years ago.

Also participating in the festivities were Regional Director Lorraine Mintzmyer, Glacier National Park Superintendent Robert Haraden and their Parks Canada counterparts.

BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY, N.C.—Work on the last grading project of the Blue Ridge Parkway at Grandfather Mountain is finally underway, according to Superintendent Gary Everhardt. This work should complete the grading work for the Parkway, however, six bridges must be constructed before the missing link can be opened for travel.

Construction of the Grandfather Mountain section has been underway since 1968, and is considered by some to be the most spectacular of all the Parkway.



Superintendent Edwin L. Rothfuss officially greets the 50 millionth visitor to Mount Rushmore NM, S. Dak., the family of Don and Jeanne Moch of Kintyre, N. Dak.

C&O CANAL NHP, MD.-D.C.-VA.—A Bailey Bridge, installed over Catoctin Creek at Milepost 51.4, near Lander, Md., during December 1980 through February 1981, is 160 feet long and 12 feet, 6 inches wide. It takes the place of an historic structure built in 1834, to carry canal water across Catoctin Creek. Frequent flooding, freezing, and thawing over a period of many years weakened the structure; and in 1972 the Catoctin Creek Aqueduct collapsed, leaving the towpath impassable at this location. Park maintenance employees installed the prefabricated Bailey Bridge following only the instructions from the Department of the Army's construction manual. The bridge has over 2,100 parts and is capable of carrying 35 tons.

handicapped visitors. The donation, a wheelchair lift, will be installed in the park's Cyclorama Center, where thousands of visitors each year view a panoramic painting of Pickett's Charge and see an original draft of Abraham Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address."

Grand Master Samuel C. Williamson of Pittsburg, leader of the 210,000 Masons and 580 lodges in Pennsylvania, presented a plaque describing the donation to Superintendent John Earnst. The ceremony was followed by a parade through the town by some 4,000 colorfully dressed Masons, together with several marching bands, massed colors and cavorting clowns. The parade and ceremony commemorated the 250th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, the Nation's best known Mason, as well as the 300th anniversary of the founding of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PUUKOHOLA HEIAU NHS, HAWAII—The 10th Anniversary of the establishment of this Unit of the Pacific Area Group will be commemorated on Aug. 21-22 by a cultural festival with numerous arts and crafts of ancient Hawaii, including weaving of coconut and lauhala leaves, the making of musical instruments and learning to play them, flower lei making, tapa pounding, quilting, Hawaiian language and many other activities. Superintendent Jerry Y. Shimoda encourages NPS employees and alumni and the public everywhere to attend this anniversary event, in the hope of helping in the preservation of Hawaiian history and culture.

SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NP, CALIF.—The Sequoia National History Association is operating Crystal Cave in Sequoia NP this summer on a non-profit basis. "The Association is funding and staffing the cave, using entrance fee proceeds to help make the attraction self-supporting," according to Superintendent Boyd Evison.

ZION NP, UTAH—Because of the special background of Victor Jackson, who was born in Vietnam 49 years ago, Zion is acclaimed as an outstanding park in its ability to help foreign visitors. Jackson, a naturalist and language interpreter for the Park Service, has traveled from Tupelo, Miss., to Grand Teton, Wyo., since joining the Service in 1958. He started a translation program in five languages in 1973, and in 1976 began writing and shooting photographs on his own time for a book describing the "mesmerizing sandstone cliffs and lush canyons of Zion," where an estimated 250,000 of the park's 1.4 million visitors last year were from abroad.

Partial WASO reorganization effected

(Editor's Note: The following memorandum was published and distributed to the directorate, the field directorate and WASO division chiefs on July 8, 1982.)

The Department has approved a reorganization of a portion of the Washington Office to provide for more efficient and responsive services within WASO and to the field. Briefly, the highlights of the reorganization are as follows:

- The position of associate director, Administration, is abolished. The administrative activities must reflect a support and staff role as contrasted to a line role. In an effort to achieve this objective, we are establishing two new positions under the direct line authority of Deputy Director Grier—the assistant director, Financial Management and Data Systems, and the assistant director, Personnel and Administrative Services. The assistant director, Financial Management and Data Systems, will supervise the Budget Division, the

Finance Division and the Data Systems Division. There will be no personnel or functional changes in those Divisions. The assistant director, Personnel and Administrative Services, will supervise the Administrative Services Division, Personnel Management Division, and the Training Division. The primary change under this assistant director is the consolidation of the Management Consulting Division and the Contracting and General Services Division into the Administrative Services Division.

- An Office of Information Management is established reporting to Deputy Director Grier. The Office is responsible for coordinating a Servicewide information management policy that reflects the long-range goals of the National Park Service and the requirements of the Associate and Regional Directors to meet the goals; leading the Associate and Regional Directors in the preparation and implementation of a long-range plan for information management systems

that reflects Servicewide needs and priorities; and implementing the Directorate's policy decisions related to the use of information resources in the National Park Service.

- The position of Departmental Consulting Archeologist is established under the direct line authority of Deputy Director Grier. Basically this position will be responsible for coordinating the development of Departmental policy, standards and guidelines for the protection of archeological properties and for overseeing the Department's archeological programs to ensure effective and cost-efficient protection of archeological resources.

- The position of Associate Director, Archeology and Historic Preservation, is being changed to Associate Director, National Register Programs. Additional changes under this Associate Director will be the consolidation of the Interagency Archeological Services Division, the Planning Branch of the Division of State Plans and Grants, the National

Register Division and the Natural Landmarks Division into the Interagency Resource Management Division. Also, the Resource Assistance Division is established. This Division represents the consolidation of the Historic Preservation Fund Grant functions, the Historic Preservation Tax Incentive Program and Related Technical Preservation and Surplus Federal Property functions. The third Division, unchanged, reporting to this Associate Director is the HABS/HAER Division.

The organization is effective immediately. Pending completion of administrative and personnel action requirements, we expect the organization to be fully in place within the next 60 to 90 days. We are enclosing a listing of the principal *officials who are responsible for managing the organizational units included in the reorganization. Your cooperation during this transition period will be appreciated.

Russell E. Dickenson

*Responsible Officials

Deputy Director	Mary Lou Grier
Office of Information Management	Susan Smith (acting)
Departmental Consulting Archeologist	Bennie C. Keel (acting)
Assistant Director, Financial Management and Data Systems	Dan Salisbury (acting)
Assistant Director, Personnel and Administrative Services	Richard Powers (acting)
Administrative Services Division	Russell K. Olsen (acting)
Associate Director, National Register Programs	Jerry Rogers
Interagency Resource Management Division	Lawrence Aten (acting)
Resource Assistance Division	Lee Nelson (acting)
HABS/HAER Division	Robert Kapsch (acting)

Awards

Whitehouse

At the May meeting of the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore Advisory Commission, Superintendent **James R. Whitehouse**, formally announced that he would be retiring at the end of 1982 after more than a 30-year NPS career, the last 12 years of which have been spent as superintendent of Indiana Dunes.

In anticipation of Whitehouse's announcement, Commission Chairman John Schnurlein had requested that Indiana Governor Robert Orr bestow the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award on Whitehouse. The award is an

Right: Superintendent Whitehouse, Commission Chairman John Schnurlein and Indiana Secretary of State Ed Simcox.



honorary one granted to those who have made significant contributions to the State of Indiana and its residents. Governor Orr promptly granted the award to Whitehouse in recognition of his many achievements as the first, and thus far only, superintendent of the Indiana Dunes. Indiana Secretary of State Ed Simcox attended the Commission meeting to present the award on behalf of the Governor.

Robert Frauson, recently retired Glacier National Park (Mont.) District Ranger, was presented with a Meritorious Service Award by Superintendent Bob Haraden in early May.

The award, second highest in the Department of the Interior, was in recognition of Frauson's contributions in the fields of resource management and visitor protection.

The citation, signed by Secretary Watt, noted such things as Bob's special talent for dealing with the public, his concern for the safety of his employees, his experience and skill in outdoor activities, combined with his leadership abilities and background in the search and rescue field. Of particular note was his organization and implementation of the Mount Cleveland search and rescue recovery operation, which was one of the longest and most extensive in Park Service history. Frauson coordinated the assistance of many outside sources. He is recognized as a leading authority in the field of bear management.

Shirley Tujuillo, Division of Finance, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, received a Special Achievement Award for top performance in her job.

Employees of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Calif., who received special awards recently are Larry Norris and Dorothy Scott.

Weather service award

Superintendent **John T. Hutzky** has reported that the staff of the Upper Delaware National Scenic and Recreational Rivers N.Y., has an honorary Special Service Award from the National Weather Service. The award was given for work on last winter's Upper Delaware ice-reporting program.

Virtually all of the park's winter staff participated in the program. The late **Judy Waddell** was instrumental in beginning the program. **Bonnie Sheard** played a key role in dispatching information. Others involved were **Ron Wilson**, **Carla Hauser**, **Dan Watson**, **Cal Hite**, **John Werner**, **Ted Waddell**, **Mike Rueber**, **Paul Szbara** and **Al Henry**.

Debbie Bird received a cash award for outstanding performance while she was in the Ranger Activities Operations Division, Western Region, as a clerk-typist.

Tom Tscholhl received a special achievement award. As a member of Western Region's Special Events Team, Tom took part in 7 days of stake-outs in jungle-like terrain. The rangers were camouflaged, had to remain perfectly quiet for periods of 24-72 hours without relief and in spots within 5 feet of where marijuana growers would be. Over 6 inches of rain fell during a one-week session, and 5 inches fell on them during a 12-hour period. Tom received his Special Achievement Award from the Director G. Bryan Harry, Pacific Area Office and Superintendent David B. Ames, Hawaii Volcanoes National Park.

Superintendent Robert C. Cunningham of Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska, has reported that awards had been recently given to three employees in the park. Lead Park Tech **Jane Anderson** recently received a Special Achievement Award for quality work and supervision of seasonal naturalists at Denali; **Robert Quinn**, a seasonal naturalist received a special Achievement Award for outstanding work as an interpreter; and **Craig Stowers**, West District Ranger, received a Special Achievement Award that recognized his consistent high level of performance.

From the Southwest Region comes news of others who have received awards. They are: **David J. Donohue**, program analyst in the Southwest Regional Office; **Donald E. Harwood**, park tech, Navajo Lands Group; **Ora J. Puckett**, park tech, Navajo Lands Group; **Rosina Silva**, budget analyst, Southwest Regional Office; and

Dennis A. Vasquez, park tech, White Sands National Monument, N. Mex.

Larry Stein of the Rocky Mountain Regional Office has recently been advised that his article, "Computers and Land Conservation," will be featured in an upcoming issue of the *George Wright Forum Magazine*. The article details how a hand-held programmable computer can be used to delineate the tax impact of a donation of land to the prospective donor.

Alumnus awarded

NPS alumnus **Dan Davis** is one of 18 Americans awarded the 1982 Environmental Leadership Medal commemorating the 10th anniversary of the United Nations Conference on Human Environment.

Special Mention

Davis is director of the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum in Tucson. He retired from the Park Service in 1977.

The UN award recognizes distinguished contributions to the cause of the environment during the last decade. Awards were presented by Swedish Ambassador Wilhelm Wachtmeister in a Washington, D.C., ceremony June 2.

Other recipients included Senator Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island; Undersecretary of State James Buckley; Russell Train, president of the World Wildlife Fund; former Wisconsin Senator Gaylor Nelson, a founder of Earth Day; former Governor Tom McCall of Oregon, and Wilbur Garrett, editor of the *National Geographic Magazine*.

David began a 30-year National Park Service career as an archeologist at Casa Grande National Monument in Arizona. He later served at Grand Canyon, Glacier and Great Smokies National Parks among other places.

Immediately prior to retirement, Davis was Associate Regional Director, Operations, in the Midwest Regional Office in Omaha.

Kowski golf

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Washington, D.C., area golfers and friends can participate in the 8th Annual Frank Kowski Memorial Golf Tournament on Monday, August 23, 1982. This year's tournament will be held at Montgomery Village Country Club in Gaithersburg, Md. For further information call Dave Gackenbach, Telephone (202) 343-8953.

Southwest interagency training

Meeting the needs of career development for Park Service employees is always quite a challenge. Now the Southwest Regional Office's Training Office believes they have a new approach that works. Last Spring, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, along with NPS, sponsored a series of courses, "An Introduction to Supervision." Of the 90 participants, 37 were Park Service employees.



John Lopez, BLM personnel officer, addressing a supervision class.

Retirements

Von der Lippe

George Von der Lippe, superintendent of Death Valley National Monument, Calif.-Nev., has retired from the National Park Service to conclude a career, which began 31 years ago at Yosemite National Park as a seasonal ranger.

Von der Lippe and his wife, Virginia, plan to live in San Marcos, Texas. "This will be the first time I've gotten to live in my own home," he commented as he looked back on a career which included 10 parks and a stint in the Washington Office.

Before going to Death Valley in 1978, he was superintendent of Redwood National Park, where he received a special achievement award for outstanding contributions.

He was chief of operations, Fire Island National Seashore, N.Y., 1970-74; chief of operations, Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz., 1967-70; training specialist, Washington office, 1965-67; chief ranger, Cape Cod National Seashore, Mass., 1962-65; assistant chief ranger, Shenandoah National Park, Va., 1960-62; chief ranger, Bandelier National Monument,



George Von der Lippe

N. Mex., 1956-60; park ranger, Aztec Ruins National Monument, N. Mex., 1955-56; and park guide, Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N. Mex., 1953-55.

Von der Lippe was born on July 2, 1927, in Chicago, Illinois, and has four children.

James Rubin, Maintenance chief for the National Capital Region-Central, says he has moved his "last mountain of trash from the Washington Monument Grounds after the recent Fourth of July fireworks show. Rubin and his crews began cleaning up about 11 p.m., as the last of the 400,000 people left the Mall on the 4th. There were tons of paper products, along with chicken bones, soda cans, bottles and baby toys. But most of the debris was paper. Rubin, who says he has been Maintenance chief for longer than he cares to remember, says "I'm retiring after this one, let someone else do the next one."

Fields

Brigadier General William E. Fields has retired as chief of staff of the New Mexico National Guard after 39 years of Guard and active duty, including stints in World War II and the Korean War.

Fields who is employed as chief of Special Programs for the Southwest Region, served in the South Pacific during World War II. He entered military service in the Marines in 1942.

Among his awards are the Meritorious Service Medal, the Purple



Bill Fields

Heart, the Army Commendation Medal and the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with three battle stars.

More recently Fields received the Legion of Merit. He also received the New Mexico Distinguished Service Medal for his role in leading the Guard during the quelling of the 1980 State Penitentiary riot. The National Guard Association recently presented him with the Guard's Distinguished Service Medal.

Fields is a 1950 Graduate of the University of New Mexico.

Wood

Bertha Rose Wood, a long-time resident of Charles Town and Harpers Ferry, W. Va., was the honored guest at a retirement party on June 30. Ms. Wood was a member of the Janatorial Services Branch of Harpers Ferry National Historical Park for 11 years and worked in many of the buildings at various times.

Bertha's many Park Service friends, over 40 in attendance, presented her with a framed tinted watercolor of historic Harpers Ferry, a Fenton candy dish, and a retirement coffee mug. The National Park Service Division of Museum Services presented Bertha with a mounted letter of appreciation for her devotion to duty during the 8 years she served their needs.

Jack Fish, Director, National Capital Region, granted a Special Achievement Award to Bertha Wood in 1977 saying, "This award is in recognition of your superior efforts in the area of building security . . . you are indeed a valuable National Capital Region employee and a credit to the National Park Service."

On the move

APPLING, Robert D., Park Ranger, Knife River Indian Villages NHS, to Supv. Park Ranger, Coulee Dam NRA.
BREWSTER, Heath A., Supv. Park Tech., Valley Forge NHP, to Park Ranger, Delaware Water Gap NRA.
FARMER, Glenda J., Secretary-Steno., SERO, to Same, Chattahoochee River NRA.
FREDERICK, Arthur C., Park Tech., Fort Caroline NM, to Park Ranger, Delaware Water Gap NRA.
HASTY, Gary M., Supv. Park Ranger, Canyon De Chelly NM, to Park Ranger, Natural Bridges NM.
JONES, Kenneth G., Park Tech., Jefferson National Expansion Memorial NHS, to Same, Chattahoochee River NRA.
MALONE, Michael E., Park Tech., Fire Island Natl. Seashore, to Park Ranger, Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS.
PHILLIPS, Kenneth E., Park Tech. (Trainee), Cabrillo NM to Park Tech. (Interpretation), Lehman Caves NM.
RASOULI-SARABI, Carol A., Clerk-Typist, Admin., WASO, to same, Contracting Branch, WASO.
SALAZAR, Roberta A., Tech., Salinas NM, to Same, Pecos NM.
BISHOP, David R., Landscape Architect, DSC, WE Team, to same, DSC, SE Team.
BORJES, Richard A., Architect, RMRO, to same, WRO.
DAHLEN, David B., Park Ranger, Great Smoky Mtns. NP, to Supv. Park Ranger, Everglades NP.
DEMBY, Steven E., Civil Engineer, DSC, WE Team, to same, DSC, MW Team.
EDWARDS, Clarence, Maj., USPP, New York, to same, USPP, Tech. Services, NCR.
GUY, Chester M., Custodial Worker, Vicksburg NMP, to Park Tech., Ocmulgee NM.
HASTINGS, Stephen W., Supv. Park Ranger, Golden Gate NRA, to Marine Maint. Foreman, Golden Gate NRA.
HATHAWAY, Marcus S., Admin. Clerk, Big Bend NP, to Admin. Tech., Timpanogos Cave NM.
HENDERSON, Warren D., Landscape Architect, Park Planning Div., WRO, to same, Maintenance & Engineering Div., WRO.
ISAACSON, Scott W., Park Tech., Sequoia NP, to same, Kings Canyon NP.
KAZMIERCZAK, Gerald B., Envir. Protection Spec., Natural Programs Div., SWRO, to same, Environmental Coordination Div., SWRO.
LARIOS, Juan A., Civil Engineer, DSC, to same, Golden Gate NRA.
LIGHT, Christopher J., Personnel Clerk, Cuyahoga Valley NRA, to Admin. Tech., Grand Portage NM.
LINEBACK, Robert G., Park Tech., Ft. Laramie NHS, to same, Zion NP.
LOOMIS, Tomy E., Clerk Typist, Golden Gate NRA, to Laborer, Golden Gate NRA.
MARTINEZ, Pedro J., Laborer, Div. of Area Serv., San Juan NHS, to Purchasing Agent, Supt. Ofc., San Juan NHS.
OLIVER, Joan C., Dist. Clerk, Div. of Inter. & Vis. Serv., Yellowstone NP, to Electronics Tech., Div. of Pk Main., Yellowstone NP.
RICE, H. Ross, Supv. Park Ranger, Sequoia NP, to Park Ranger, Wrangell-St. Elias Natl. Pk. & Preserve.
RINGSBY, Evelyn C., Mgmt. Asst., Yellowstone NP, to Program and Budget Clerk, RMRO.
RODGERS, Donald L., Maj., Patrol Branch, NCR, to same, Office of Inspectional Services, NCR.

SILVIS, Dale E., Park Tech., Cuyahoga Valley NRA, to Park Ranger, Delaware Water Gap NRA.
STROMME, Phyllis M., Sec., ARO, to Purchasing Agent, ARO.
SWED, James D., Park Tech., Petrified Forest NP, to Park Ranger, Grand Canyon NP.
TRENARY, Barbara L., Conveyances Clerk, Land Acq. Ofc-S, WASO, to Fiscal Clerk, Br of Admin., WASO.
TURNER, James P., Maj., Training Br., NCR, to same, Patrol Br, NCR.
VIRGIN, Russell H., Landscape Architect, Br of Design, DSC, to same, Br of Construction, DSC.
WIGGINS, Velinda L., Clerical Asst., WASO, to Sec., NCR.
WIGGINS, Fred D., Park Tech., NCR, to Park Ranger, Ford's Theatre NHS.

NEW PLACES

Rebecca (Reba) T. Childers has been named as concessions management specialist for Grand Teton National Park. Childers has been a concessions contract specialist at the Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver since 1980. As chairman for the 1982 Rocky Mountain Regional Office Combined Federal Campaign, she was recently presented with a Certificate of Merit in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service. She also served on the Equal Opportunity Committee and was an active member of the Park West Chapter of International Toastmistress. Childers joined NPS in 1977 as a concessions management assistant in Yosemite National Park, and transferred as a concessions management specialist to the North Atlantic Regional Office in Boston in 1979.

Maurine Cundick has accepted the administrative officer position at Capitol Reef National Park, Utah. Cundick began her Park Service career at Zion National Park, Utah, in April 1973 as a clerk-typist in the Maintenance Division and also held the position of fiscal clerk prior to her present assignment.

John T. Conoby recently joined the staff at Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah, as a park ranger. Conoby began his Park Service career at C&O Canal National Historical Park, Md.-D.C.-W. Va., and later filled a temporary detail to Crater Lake National Park, Oreg., while assigned to Mount Rainier National Park, Wash.

Robert G. Lineback recently arrived at Zion National Park, Utah, to fill a park technician position with the Division of Resource Management and Visitor Protection. He comes from Fort Laramie National Historic Site, Wyo. Lineback began his Government career in 1974 as a seasonal ranger at Yellowstone; and has had various seasonal positions at Death Valley National Monument, Yellowstone and

Antiquities Act is Founders Day theme

Choice of the 1906 Antiquities Act and historic preservation as the theme of the annual Founders Day dinner August 26 sponsored by the 1916 Society of the E&AA prompted Former Director Horace M. Albright to emphasize the significant role of Representative John F. Lacey of Iowa as author and sponsor of the legislation which has been used to add approximately 100 units to the National Park System.

In a letter addressed jointly to Former Director Conrad L. Wirth and E&AA Alumni Editor James F. Kieley in June, the Service's second director recalled that early in the century Rep. Lacey, then chairman of the House Public Lands Committee, devised a legislative program to save the remains of early Indian culture and objects of scientific importance in the west. He succeeded with one such objective when his bill to establish Mesa Verde National Park, Colo., was approved by President Theodore Roosevelt on June 29, 1906.

Having failed, however, to gain national park status for the petrified forest of Arizona, and for prehistoric caves and cliff houses in the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico which he envisioned as "Cliff Cities National

Park," Lacey had turned his efforts in another direction, resulting in passage of the Act for Preservation of American Antiquities which Roosevelt signed on June 8, 1906. That act empowered the President to set aside as national monuments by proclamation, lands owned or controlled by the United States which contained historic landmarks, prehistoric structures, or other objects of historic or scientific interest.

The positive effect of the Antiquities Act on the efforts of conservationists over the years to ensure preservation and protection of sites of historic or scientific importance has been

tremendous. Roosevelt used his new authority initially to establish Devils Tower National Monument, Wyo., on September 24, 1906. Then, to Lacey's satisfaction, the Petrified Forest was designated a national monument on December 8, 1906 (becoming a national park on December 9, 1962). But only after his death were the New Mexico ruins grouped as Bandelier National Monument, on February 11, 1916. Since then the act has been used to add some 98 units to the system, a number of which subsequently became national parks.

—Jim Kieley.



Devils Tower NM, Wyo.

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Guidelines set for NPS internal controls

By William H. Honore
Division of Administrative Services,
WASO

The National Park Service issued "Guidelines for Implementing the Internal Control Program" to prevent fraud, waste and abuse in program and administrative activities on March 10, 1982. The guidelines implement OMB Circular A-123, Internal Control Systems, and 340 DM, Chapters 1 and 2, Internal Control Systems.

OMB Circular A-123 defines internal controls as "the plan of organization and all the methods and measures adopted within an agency to safeguard its resources, assure the accuracy and reliability of its information, assure adherence to applicable laws, regulations and policies and promote operational

economy and efficiency." Russell K. Olsen, chief, Administrative Services Division, has been designated as the Internal Control Coordinator for NPS. The director of the Office of Financial Management is responsible for the Departmental program.

Although there are statutory requirements mandating that adequate systems of internal control be established and maintained in Federal Government, there are numerous instances of fraud, waste, and abuse of Government resources and mismanagement of Government programs. We all recognize the Presidential and Secretarial interest in this program. The Park Service has many programs and activities subject to fraud, waste and abuse. In issuing the guidelines, Director Dickenson stated, "I am anxious to implement an effective program of controls in the

National Park Service, to be able to monitor their application and to periodically review our progress." Our goal is to create an atmosphere in which managers and employees will be aware of the possibility of fraud, waste and abuse and will make every effort to reduce it to a minimum.

The Administrative Services Division has reviewed the list of more than 200 components prepared by the Inspector General in 1980, and prepared an updated list of 150 components, including a preliminary assessment in terms of high, medium or low vulnerability to fraud, waste or abuse. A vulnerability assessment plan has also been prepared. This information has been sent to the Director's designated "Responsible Officials," which are Division chiefs in Washington and Deputy Regional Directors throughout the system.

Responsible Officials will, among other things:

- Review the list of components for appropriateness and completeness;
- Evaluate the preliminary assessment of vulnerability;
- Complete a vulnerability analysis work sheet for each component;
- Develop a plan for eliminating fraud, waste and abuse for each component;
- Establish a system for monitoring progress and reviewing effectiveness;
- Report effectiveness of the program and suggestions for strengthening controls; and
- Report significant financial loss or interest control breakdowns.

To make sure that an effective system of controls is put in place, the Offices of Financial Management and Inspector General will audit NPS's

plans and reports. The Administrative Services Division will review the programs on an on-going basis to evaluate, strengthen and update controls. Accomplishment or failure of internal controls will be reflected in the performance appraisals of Responsible Officials.

By Dec. 31, 1982, and every 2 years thereafter, the Park Service will complete the review of this program to prevent financial loss, errors in reporting and illegal or unethical acts.

Employees are encouraged to advise their Division chief or Deputy Regional Director of instances of fraud, waste or abuse or make suggestions for improving controls. For those who prefer, the Office of Inspector General has established a hot line for reporting fraud, waste and abuse. The number is FTS 343-2424, Commercial (800) 424-5081.

Junior Rangers conduct tours at San Juan

By Park Technician Hector Marin
San Juan NPS, Puerto Rico

A Junior Ranger Program, conducted at San Juan National Historic Site, Puerto Rico, last April, was under the leadership of Park Technicians Nelly Vázquez and Edwin Ramírez. Although the basic objective was to familiarize selected junior high school students with the National Park Service, this time the program centered around providing an opportunity for deaf students to conduct guided tours of Fort San Cristóbal for deaf visitors, using sign language.

Chief of Interpretation Gregorio Batista reports that a total of 34 guided tours were conducted by 12 Junior Rangers from six different private and public schools, with a total visitation of 1,231. Of these, six sign-language tours were conducted by four deaf Junior Rangers, for 125 deaf visitors. The response from institutions for the

deaf as well as individual deaf adults and deaf children was exceptional. This contributed in a great degree to the success of the program.

Preparation for the program commenced during the early part of the year. It took much planning and coordination. Media support included newspaper and television publicity and program coverage.

Junior Rangers were given the necessary training one week in advance, which included sample tours offered by Park Technicians Vázquez and Ramírez.

April 4 was the big day! The Junior Rangers reported for duty in the morning, ready for a long day. Clad in their new campaign hats and white T-shirts with the National Park Service arrowhead emblem, the new "Rangers" manned the fort's gates, greeted visitors, provided interpretive and safety information, and competed against each other in conducting tours. Their enthusiasm was unending. This was expressed by Roger K. Rawlings,

principal of the Evangelical School for the Deaf, in the "Letters to the Editor" section of the *San Juan Star*. "I was delighted to see the excellent response of the deaf young people and adults who took the opportunity to visit this historic fort . . . I am sure it was a real learning experience for them as they had an interpreter explain much of the historical background of the fort and it certainly helped them to feel a greater part of the community as they participated in this special program of the National Park Service."

Highlights of the day were the tours conducted by deaf "Rangers" for deaf visitors, the living history demonstration by Park Technician Eduardo Oliver, and the graduation ceremony, during which Superintendent Luis E. García-Curbelo awarded NPS certificates to participating Junior Rangers. The program culminated with a videotaped showing of the whole activity, during which astonished students, parents, and teachers saw themselves in action.



Superintendent Luis E. García-Curbelo (standing left) with park technicians and Junior Rangers.

Deaths

Robert D. Robertson, Sr., administrative officer for Colonial National Historical Park, Va., died recently in the Walter Reed Memorial Hospital, Gloucester, Va. Mr. Robertson served for more than 20 years with the NPS in a variety of administrative positions. He transferred from Mammoth Cave National Park, Ky., to Colonial in 1979, to be in charge of all budget, procurement, personnel, contracting and fiscal matters for the park.

Mr. Robertson is survived by his wife, Gertrude, a daughter, Mrs. Dianne Shibley of Roanoke; two sons, Robert D. Robertson, Jr., of Salem, and Ronald L. Robertson of Norfolk, Va., and five grandchildren.

Harvey Dixon, an employee at the Statue of Liberty National Monument, N.Y.-N.J., was killed in a canoeing accident March 18. Dixon, 35, had come to the Statue in October of 1977 and had been the monument's first



Harvey Dixon

librarian. He organized the photographic, oral history and archival collections of the Statue and the American Museum of Immigration.

Prior to coming to Liberty Island in New York, Dixon worked in a public library in New Orleans and for the school system in the Virgin Islands. Under his direction, the Statue of Liberty earned the respect of film and print media people, the general public and his National Park Service peers.

A film buff, an avid swimmer and a volunteer to endangered species organizations, he also was well known for his wit.

John O. Morrell, a ranger and district ranger in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, N.C.-Tenn., from 1938 until his retirement 30 years later, died from a heart attack at the Sevier County (Tenn.) Medical Center on May 8. He would have been 81 years of age had he lived until June 4. He leaves his wife Grace and two daughters, Mary and Anne.

John Morrell was a graduate of the

University of Tennessee; he was admitted to the Tennessee bar at the end of his sophomore year. For some years before he started with the National Park Service, he was involved, in various capacities, with the project for establishment of the national park. Thanks to his background, and his membership in the bar, he found himself, during his 30 years of service, given a great variety of assignments, all handled to his great credit. Possessed of a quiet wit, and an excellent story-teller, he was the best of company and had a host of friends. It was just last year that he put together and published a collection of amusing tales of the Great Smokies under the title, "Mirth of a National Park," admittedly a takeoff on the Carlos Campbell book, "Birth of a National Park."

Mrs. Morrell has a new address; it is Box 33, Route 15, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863.

Katharine J. Shaw, an outdoor recreation planner in the Mid-Atlantic

regional office who administered grants that helped States and local governments improve their recreation facilities, died in Philadelphia May 6.

During her 16-year career with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service and National Park Service, Mrs. Shaw made arrangements for several important conferences, such as the National Conference on Flood Plain Management.

In 1977, she served as co-team leader for the National Urban Recreation Study for Philadelphia.

A cum laude graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, she received a Certificate of Merit from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1975. As a civic responsibility, Mrs. Shaw participated in Project GIVE, tutoring inner-city school children.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Harbison; husband Robert; two stepchildren; and her father, Dr. Melvin Molstad. She resided at 570 N. 23rd Street, Apt. 10-A, Philadelphia, PA 19130.

National 4-H thanks NCR

Every summer, thousands of 4-H members from all around the country come to spend a week in the Nation's Capital. Recently, Regional Director Jack Fish and Deputy Director Robert Stanton were thanked by the leadership of the National 4-H Center for the contributions that National Capital Region's personnel, programs, and facilities make to their enjoyment and understanding of Washington. Kennedy Center, Arlington House, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, and Fort Hunt are some of the landmarks the 4-H'ers visit.



NCR Director Jack Fish and Deputy Director Robert Stanton (right) enjoy a lunch with 4-H staff members at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Md.



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