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Summary of the June 1955 Monthly Narrative Report
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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WEATHER:	Unsettled, cool & precip. above normal. Park maximum 88°, minimum 22°. Snow closed roads. Lightning.	1
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Rogers to Bozeman & to Moran dedication Jackson Lake Lodge & meeting Game Commissioners. Hamilton talked to Billings Rotary. Brown to Custer for radio. Kittams to Tensleep UCFS range survey instruction & military leave, Denver. Stevens & McClain to Cody "Ask Me" School. McComas to Big Hole with Seasonal. Robinson & Jump to Cheyenne & Colo. for surplus. Mattson to Teton. Barrows to Missoula re spruce budworm, met Baggley, returned by Big Hole. Condon talked to Farm Bureau. Meeting with F&S & Montana Game re fish planting. Red Lodge & Bunson roads open. Yell. & Squaw Lakes opened to fishing. West Thumb & Canyon postal stations opened. Professional men workload. Gates & CBO 24-hour schedule. Classified pay raise. St. Paul Choral Club. Chest X-Rays.	1-3
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FARMS: Latest conditions considered in connection with
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FIRST AID: 18 fire medical aids for training. [illegible]
CONTESTS: 3 lighting fires. Another fire, [illegible] and [illegible] fire
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Report 1nl

July 11, 1955

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for June 1955

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of June 1955:

Weather Conditions. The weather was unsettled and cool during the first part of the month and almost a foot of new snow fell at higher elevations. Dunraven Pass was closed on the 1st and 3rd but plows were able to clear the road without great difficulty. At the end of the month again temperatures dropped to below freezing at night and there were several days of high winds. The Cooke-Red Lodge road was closed on the 30th for a short time. At Mammoth a low temperature of 31° was recorded on the 4th, 9th and 31st. The maximum of 88° was recorded on the 23rd. Precipitation of 2.33 inches was slightly above normal. The 88° at Mammoth constituted the park maximum temperature and 22° at Lake the 19th and South the 29th was the park minimum. Lamar reported considerable lightning during storms, and two lightning-caused fires occurred in the Lake District on Stonetop Mountain. Weather was conducive to travel, however, and travel figures showed a slight increase over last year.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers made trips from the park as follows: to Bozeman for research at the library on his legislative history project June 9; to Moran, Wyoming, to attend the dedication of the new Jackson Lake Lodge June 11 and 12; to Moran June 16 to attend the opening meeting of the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners held at Jackson Lake Lodge June 16, 17 and 18, returning to Old Faithful the 16th and to Mammoth the following day; and to Bozeman June 29 to the library and to take Chief of Information Herbert Evison to the airport for his return to Washington.

Assistant Superintendent Hamilton departed June 12 for Billings to talk to the Rotary Club the following day on "Behind the Scenes in Yellowstone".

Chief Ranger Brown made a trip June 2 and 3 to Custer Battlefield National Monument to pick up a surplus radio at that area.

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Biologist Kittams left June 5 for Tensleep, Wyoming, and vicinity to receive instruction in range survey methods of the U. S. Forest Service, returning the 8th. The following day he departed on annual and military leave, receiving training at the Naval Air Station, Denver. He returned the 20th.

On June 7 District Ranger Stevens and Park Ranger McClain of the Lake District participated in an "Ask Me" School at Cody, Wyoming, being conducted by the Cody Chamber of Commerce for people of Cody to get first-hand information about Yellowstone, Cody and surrounding country, returning the next day.

Assistant Chief Ranger McComas departed June 14 for Big Hole Battlefield National Monument to assist Seasonal Park Ranger Charles E. Martin in opening the Monument for the summer. He returned the 17th.

Mechanical Supervisor Robinson and Truck Driver George Jump made a trip June 20 to 26 to Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado, for surplus property.

On June 21 Landscape Architect Mattson made a trip to Grand Teton National Park.

Forester Barrows left June 22 for Missoula, Montana, for a meeting the following day with Forest Service officials on spruce budworm control program. He met Regional Chief of Operations Baggley at Missoula taking him on an inspection trip of Big Hole Battlefield National Monument on their return to the park June 24.

Park Naturalist Condon talked on June 3 to the Absaroka Unity Farm Bureau at the Beaver Creek School near Livingston.

A meeting was held June 15 in the conference room to discuss fish planting in the Firehole and Madison Rivers and participated in by representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Fish and Game Department and the National Park Service.

The Red Lodge-Cooke road opened to travel June 7 and the one-way road around Bunsen Peak on June 22.

On June 12 the seasonal ungraded employees in the park began operating on a six-day work-week, to continue until about September 3.

Yellowstone Lake and Squaw Lake opened to fishing June 15. The main fishing season opened May 30 and the remaining waters will open as follows: Yellowstone River between Lake and Canyon and tributaries, Riddle, Grebe and Wolf Lakes and the stream between Grebe and Wolf Lakes July 1, and tributaries to Yellowstone Lake July 15.

Lockwood's Listener left June 1 for Washington, Oregon, and Alaska to receive instruction in radio communications at Seattle. Upon its return, returning the 18th, the listening sky is manned by normal and military lines, receiving training [illegible] in February the 20th.

On June 7 District Ranger [illegible] Jack Jackson [illegible] the Lake District participated in an [illegible] of Cody, Wyoming, being conducted by the Cody Chamber of Commerce for people of Cody to get first-hand information about Yellowstone, Cody and surrounding country, returning the same day.

Resident Chief Ranger Hoover [illegible] June 11 for the Big Horn Battlefield National Monument to assist [illegible] large crowds in Montana in opening the Monument for the season. He returned the 14th.

Municipal Supervisor Robinson and Park Ranger George [illegible] made a trip June 20 to 23 to Cheyenne, Wheatland, Fort Laramie and Colorado Springs, Colorado, for surplus property.

On June 21 Landscape Architect Jackson made a trip to Grand Teton National Park.

Forester Barrows left June 24 for Alaska, leaving, for a meeting the following day with Forest Service officials on Service business concerning property. He met Regional Chief of Operations [illegible] at Ketchikan taking him on an inspection trip of Old Sitka Historical National Monument on their return to the park June 28.

Park Naturalist Jackson left on June 2 to the Alaska [illegible] Park Bureau at the Denver Museum Nature Living [illegible].

A meeting was held June 15 in the conference room to discuss fish planting in the Firehole and Madison Rivers and participated in by representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Fish and Game Department and the National Park Service.

The Red Lodge-Cooke road opened to traffic June 7 and the Cooke-Red road around Beaver Park on June 14.

On June 16 the seasonal concessions in the park began operating on a six-day work-week, to continue until about September 1.

Yellowstone Lake and Canyon Lake opened to fishing June 15. The main fishing season opened May 30 and the remaining waters will open as follows: Yellowstone River between Lake and Canyon and Firehole River, Gibbon and Madison Lakes and the stream between Gibbon and Madison Lakes, July 1, and tributaries to Yellowstone Lake July 15.

The West Thumb Postal Station opened June 3 and that at Canyon on the 7th.

All professional employees, consisting of the Engineers (Civil), Park Naturalists, Park Landscape Architect, Biologist and Forester (General), were required to keep a detailed daily record of work done for the two-week period June 7-17 for submission to the Region Two Office. Similar records were maintained for the periods January 17-28 and March 28-April 8 and the remaining period to keep such information will be August 8-19.

Beginning June 20 all five park entrance stations were manned on a 24-hour basis and similar service was provided in the Chief Ranger's Office.

On June 28 President Eisenhower signed Public Law 94, 84th Congress, Federal Employees Salary Increase Act of 1955, providing for a 7½% increase for classified employees retroactive to March 13, 1955. This is the first increase received by classified employees since November 13, 1951.

The St. Paul Choral Club gave its annual concert at Old Faithful Lodge the evening of June 16. This group has given similar programs for several years which have been enjoyed by a large number of visitors and employees.

A Chest X-Ray Survey was conducted in a mobile unit at Mammoth on June 15 for everyone over 12 years of age, with 282 employees and visitors participating.

Inspections. William B. Upton, District Engineer, Topographic Branch, U. S. Geological Survey, Denver, who arrived May 31 to be in charge of topographic mapping in the park, departed June 7 and will return in July. David Fellin, Entomologist, U. S. Forest Service, Missoula, in June 1 regarding spruce budworm control, out June 11. Joel L. Langhofer, Project Engineer, U. S. Geolorical Survey, Denver, in June 3 with crew for topographic mapping work in park. Norman F. Rutherford, Project Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, to be in charge of BPR work in park this summer, in June 3 with crew, to be stationed at Canyon. David Turello, Landscape Architect, GS-9, Western Office, Division of Design and Construction, San Francisco, in June 4 for summer construction season. Richard T. Montgomery, Engineer, WODC, in June 4 on return from Glacier to remain for summer. John C. Gynn, Area Leader, and Clarence Chapman, District Leader, Blister Rust Control, Forest Service, Missoula, in June 4 to assist in blister rust crew training, etc., out 17. Lynn H. Hutchens, Assistant Regional Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Lewis R. Garlick, Regional Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon, in June 15 for meeting on planting of fish in the Madison and Firehole Rivers. Philip C. Johnson, In Charge, Forest Insect Laboratory, Forest

Service, Missoula, arrived June 17 on spruce budworm, to remain in park and Gardiner area until spraying operations completed about middle of July. Guy W. Numbers, Director of Personnel, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., in West June 8, with Mrs. Numbers; out South 10th. A. C. Thompson, General Services Administration, in June 10, out June 13. Ralph M. Stratton, Engineer, WODC, arrived June 21 for assignment in Yellowstone. Thomas C. Vint, Chief, Division of Design and Construction, National Park Service, in June 12 from Teton, left for Glacier 18th with Baggley. George F. Baggley, Regional Chief of Operations, in South June 17, out to Glacier 18th with Vint, met Barrows at Missoula and returned June 24 via Big Hole, left 28th for Omaha. Donald E. Lee, Chief of Concessions Management, in East with Mrs. Lee June 19, out South 23rd. John C. Gatlin, Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in June 21. S. Herbert Evison, Chief of Information, NPS, in June 27 with Boy Scouts Conservation Award Winners party, left 29th for Bozeman to fly to Washington, D. C. Robert T. Small, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Boise, Idaho, in June 28, regarding fire weather stations, etc., out 29th.

Publicity. On June 29 information was furnished the Associated Press, United Press and other papers on the Old Faithful tourist cabin office fire and other items.

Numerous articles on the park are appearing regularly in newspapers and magazines.

A total of 370,850 Yellowstone broadsides remained on hand at the end of the month.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Thomas C. Vint, Chief, Division of Planning and Construction, was in the park June 12-18 and went over construction projects with Park Engineer Wohlbrandt, Landscape Architect Mattson and other Yellowstone officials.

David Turello, Landscape Architect, WODC, in June 4 on assignment and has staked out campsite facilities at Fishing Bridge and Canyon Campgrounds. He supervised the planting of trees at the West Entrance and at Fishing Bridge, with the Student Assistants helping with the latter.

Parking areas were staked out at West Thumb for Hamilton Stores, Inc. and at the Barracks at the Canyon Government Area.

Maintenance. The Red Lodge road was opened to traffic on June 7. June was cold and wet and the excessive moisture has caused much breakup of the road surface. The wet premix will not hold in the wet holes and as a consequence there are more pot holes than for

Terrace, Kalowna, arrived June 17 on a visit before, to study in park and Recreation area with regards construction completed during little of duty. Mr. [illegible], Director of Personnel, Department of Interior, Washington, D. C., in town June 6, also the Superintendent South Dakota, [illegible], C. Thompson, Regional Director Conservation, in June 10, out June 13. Ralph E. Hamilton, Engineer, with Natural Park for assignment in Yellowstone. Thomas C. Vail, Chief, Division of Design and Construction, National Park Service, in June 14 from Reno, left for Glacier Park with supply. Oscar F. Langley, Regional Chief of Operations, in South June 17, out to Glacier Park with Vail, and Harmon of Kansas and returned June 20 via air, left 20th for Reno. Donald S. Lee, Chief of Conservation Management, in best with Lee, use June 19, out South 22nd. Alan C. Martin, Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in June 21. A. Herbert Nelson, Chief of Information, NPS, in June 27 with Boy Scouts Conservation Award winners party, left 29th for Reno to fly to Washington, D. C. Robert E. Hall, Archeologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Boise, Idaho, in June 30, reporting fire weather stations, etc., out 29th.

Publicity. On June 27 information was furnished the Associated Press, United Press and other papers on the old Faithful tourist auto office fire and other items.

Numerous articles on the park are appearing regularly in newspapers and magazines.

A total of 275,120 Yellowstone booklets received on hand at the end of the month.

Plans, Dams and Surveys. Thomas C. Vail, Chief, Division of Planning and Construction, was in the park June 18-19 and work on construction projects with park superintendent, landscape architect, engineer and other Yellowstone officials.

Irvin Hamilton, Landscape Architect, NPS, in June 6 to Canyon and has studied our complete facilities at Fishing Bridge and Canyon Campgrounds. He approved the planting of trees in the vicinity of Fishing Bridge with the Student Assistants helping with the latter.

Parking areas were staked out at Yost Beach for Yellowstone Stores, Inc. and at the Overlook at the Canyon Government area.

Maintenance. The Bud Lodge road was opened to traffic on June 7. Snow was cold and wet and the excessive moisture has caused much breakup of the road surface. The wet pavement will not hold in the wet holes and as a consequence there are many pot holes that

several years. There are also a large number of new settlements. The continued wet weather has slowed up oiling operations and the heavy traffic is beginning to slow all maintenance operations. About 90% of the dead trees in the Thumb campground were removed and stacked up for campground fuel. Fuel wood has been hauled to the Mammoth, Madison, Thumb, Fishing Bridge and Tower Fall campgrounds. Good progress was made at the Fishing Bridge Campground. Black top has been placed on one loop and on about half the second loop. Fireplaces have been installed on two loops and rock barriers completed on three loops. The exhibits are in place at the West Entrance Information Station and signs installed. The unit is ready to operate. Lighting fixtures have not been placed. On June 13 a rather large snow slide closed the East Entrance road for about six hours. The slide was near Lake Eleanor. A crew completed placing the laminated wood deck on the Lewis River Bridge.

Construction. The Cop Construction Company, Billings, Montana, which has the contract for construction of nine comfort stations and one pumphouse in the new Canyon campground area, moved in and started work June 13.

Work was resumed June 14 on Project 12-A, Grading and Surfacing of 4.075 miles of east end of Norris-Canyon Cutoff Road, Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Sheridan, Wyoming, contractor, and project is 85% complete and should be completed about August 15.

Project 2-C, Jackson Lake Road, Grand Teton, and Yellowstone, Route 9, South Approach Road, Bituminous Surfacing of 18.598 miles, Carl E. Nelson Construction Co., Inc., Logan, Utah, contractor, moved in end of June and project is 95% complete and should be done about August 1.

Bids received by the State of Montana on that portion of the Gallatin Road, U. S. Highway 191, inside the northwest corner of the park, which will be turned over to the State of Montana for maintenance as reconstructed, were rejected and will be readvertised later.

The status of other construction projects in the park is as follows: Observation Platform, Inspiration Point, Account 323.03, 5% complete; Miscellaneous Road Improvements, Account 323.18, 95% done; Fishing Bridge Campground Road, Account 323.19, 22% complete, some bituminous surfacing done; Walks in Thermal Areas, Account 323.20, 85% complete, 200 feet in Norris Geyser Basin; Pump House for Sewage System, Lake, Account 331.4, 97% complete, installing chlorinating equipment; West Entrance Checking Station and Utilities Connections, Account 331.15, 99% complete, installing exhibits; Main Sewer System, Lake, Account 332.16, 95% complete, fencing arranged for sand filter; Utilities Connection, House Trailers, Account 332.18, 85% complete and funds nearly exhausted; Utilities, Tables, Fireplaces and Comfort

several years. There are also a large number of new developments. The continued wet weather has slowed up sliding operations and the heavy traffic is beginning to slow all maintenance operations. About 70% of the road work in the Jones campground area involved and [illegible] to for campground fuel. Fuel wood has been hauled to the Meredith, Madison, Ohara, Fishing Bridge and Tower Fall campgrounds. Good progress was made at the Fishing Bridge campground. Plant has been placed on one loop and on about half the second loop. Firepaces have been installed on the loops and tent trailers completed on three loops. The outhouses are in place at the Tent Entrance Information station and signs installed. The unit is ready to operate. Lighting fixtures have not been placed. On June 17 a rather large snow slide closed the East Entrance road for about six hours. The slide was near Lake Eleanor. A crew completed placing the installed wood deck on the Lewis River Bridge.

Inspection. The Cox Construction Company, Billings, Montana, which has the contract for construction of new comfort stations and one pumphouse in the new Canyon campground area, moved in and started work June 13.

Work was received June 14 on Project 1-A, Grading and surfacing of 4.075 miles of east end of Norris-Canyon Cutoff Road, Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Omaha, Nebraska, contractor, and project is 35% complete and should be completed about August 15.

Project 2-C, Madison Lake Road, Grand Loop, and Lakeshore Route 9, South Approach Road, Distributors Surfacing of 17.794 miles, Carl L. Wilson Construction Co., Inc., Logan, Utah, contractor, over in end of June and project is 75% complete and should be done about August 1.

Bids received by the State of Montana on that portion of the Gallatin Road, U. S. Highway 191, lying the northeast corner of the park, which will be turned over to the State of Montana for maintenance as reconstructed, were rejected and will be readvertised later.

The status of other construction projects in the park is as follows: Observation Platform, Inspiration Point, Account 322.02, 0% complete; Miscellaneous Road Improvements, Account 322.14, 75% done; Fishing Bridge Campground Road, Account 322.17, 25% complete, some intermittent surfacing done; Paths in Thermal Area, Account 322.20, 85% complete, 300 feet in North Tower Beach; Pump House for Yellowstone Lake, Account 322.4, 97% complete, installing electrical equipment; Test Entrance Checking Station and Utilities Connections, Account 322.15, 97% complete, installing electric Main Power System; Account 322.16, 95% complete, fencing arranged for and filled; Utilities Connection, House Trailers, Account 322.18, 85% complete and funds nearly exhausted; Utilities, Dolins, Fireplaces and Comfort

Stations, Old Faithful Campground, Account 333.2, 98% done and some plumbing to be completed; Campground Facilities, Tables, Fireplaces, etc., Fishing Bridge, Account 333.3, 8% complete with 60 fireplaces installed; Campground Facilities, Tables, Fireplaces, etc., Canyon, Account 333.4, 5% complete.

Complaints. Two complaints were handled, one on need for improved cabin facilities in the park and the other on alleged uncleanliness, lack of hot water, inadequacy of electrical wiring, and kerosene-soaked sawdust for starting fires causing son's asthma at Mammoth Cottages and food and coffee at Mammoth Coffee Shop.

Concessioners. W. M. Nichols, President, Yellowstone Park Company, and Mrs. Nichols moved to the park from Helena June 14. The Old Faithful Lodge cabins opened June 4; the Canyon cafeteria and tourist cabins and repair garage, West Thumb cafeteria and tourist cabins, Mammoth tourist cabins and garage June 9; Old Faithful Lodge dining room, Lake Lodge cabins, Mammoth Hotel and cottages and Mammoth Grill June 11; Canyon Lodge cabins and dining room, Lake Lodge dining room, Old Faithful Inn and Lake and Canyon Hotels, and saddle horse operations, June 16; train service started to various park gateways and park buses began tours June 20 to continue to September 6. Thus, all facilities of the Company were in operation by the end of the month except Roosevelt Lodge which will open July 1.

Howard B. Brown, Manager, Hotel Division, Yellowstone Park Company, arrived June 1 from his winter headquarters at La Jolla, California. He retired effective at the close of June 30 after more than 30 years with the Company, departing June 25 for La Jolla where he and Mrs. Brown were to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 1. He will be succeeded as Manager by his Assistant Manager Richard H. Buck.

The Old Faithful tourist cabin office building, which also housed the public laundry and shower facilities and girls dormitory for the tourist cabins and cafeteria, was completely destroyed by fire June 29, the fire occurring about 3:00 a.m. Loss of the two-story log and frame structure, laundromats and other furnishings was estimated to exceed $100,000. Fortunately the girls housed there escaped without injury of consequence and the National Park Service personnel and equipment and other volunteers under the direction of District Ranger Thomas F. Ela were successful in preventing the fire spreading to the other buildings in the area.

Amendment No. 3 of the Yellowstone Park Company Schedule of Rates, covering automatic laundry at Fishing Bridge was approved June 28.

The public bath and laundry addition to the Fishing Bridge tourist cabin office was completed and began operation during the month. The liquid propane gas installation of caretakers' quarters

[illegible] of Fairbanks Independent Telephone Company [illegible] [illegible] to be installed Independent Telephone, Inc., Fairbanks, [illegible] Fairbanks Bridge, Account 2113.3, [illegible] with its Employee Recreation Department facilities, [illegible] Telephone, Inc., Fairbanks, [illegible] 24 complete.

Inventories. The completed [illegible] were installed, one in each for improved cable facilities in the plant and the other on allowed uncollectibles, lack of [illegible] shortage of electrical [illegible] and [illegible]-related equipment for [illegible] Fire Department [illegible] at Nenana Cottages and [illegible] and [illegible] Office [illegible].

Organization. A. E. Nicole, President, Fairbanks Telephone Company, and Mrs. Nicole moved to the [illegible] Nenana June 1[illegible]. The Fairbanks Lodge [illegible] opened June 4; the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] cabins and repair [illegible], and [illegible] and [illegible] cabins, [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] June 7; the [illegible] dining room, [illegible] Lodge cabins, [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] Grill June 11; Oregon Lodge cabins and dining room, [illegible] Lodge [illegible] room, Old [illegible] Inn and Lake and Oregon [illegible], and [illegible] [illegible] operations, June 14; [illegible] service station to [illegible] [illegible] and park house began [illegible] June 17 to [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] all facilities of the Company were in operation by the end of June and except Harvesting Lodge which will open July 1.

Edward E. Brown, Manager, Pacific Division, Fairbanks Telephone Company, arrived June 1 from his [illegible] headquarters at [illegible], California. He retired effective at the close of June 30 after more than 30 years with the Company. Harvesting June 10 for [illegible] [illegible] to end June. Brown was to celebrate their [illegible] anniversary July 1. He will be succeeded as Manager by the [illegible] Manager, Richard H. Wren.

The old Fairbanks Bridge [illegible] office building, which also housed the public laundry and shower facilities and girls dormitory for the Harvest cabins and restaurant, was completely destroyed in the June 20, 1[illegible] Fire occurring about 1:00 A.M. Loss to the Company and Crane Adventure, Laundromats and other concessionaires was estimated to exceed $[illegible]. Fortunately the girls living [illegible] suffered injury or inconvenience and the National Park Service [illegible] equipment and other valuables were the direction of [illegible] Fire. The [illegible] successful in preventing the fire spreading to other buildings in the area.

Accordance No. 1 of the Fairbanks Park Concession [illegible] dated, covering [illegible] laundry at Fairbanks Lodge was [illegible] June 20.

The public bath and laundry facilities in the Fairbanks Lodge tourist cabin office are completed and being operated during the month. The liquid [illegible] gas installations of [illegible]

at Old Faithful Lodge and Riverside were completed and work continued on the renovation of the Old Faithful Lodge main building floors and washrooms, the floors being finished and completion of the washrooms and showers delayed by the truck driver strike.

The Northern Pacific and Union Pacific "Savage Specials" bringing employees to the park arrived June 13 at Gardiner and West Yellowstone, respectively.

Ralph W. Pierson was appointed June 13 as a seasonal Park Ranger (General), GS-4, and assigned to liaison work between the Superintendent, concessioners and the public in accordance with a recommendation of the Washington Office. He travels throughout the park and maintains contact with concessioners and visitors with a view to reducing and remedying complaints and improving service.

Dr. Alfred M. Lueck of the Park Hospital in Livingston arrived June 6 to open the Mammoth Hospital June 10 and will remain for several weeks. Dr. Frank Brosius, who has been resident physician since April 16, transferred to Old Faithful June 18 for the summer and Dr. Thomas Clemons from the Park Hospital moved to the park for several weeks to assist at the Mammoth Hospital.

The addition to the Haynes Inc. Old Faithful Shop was 90% complete and liquid propane gas installation at their Tower Fall mess hall 98% complete at the end of the month. The Haynes shops opened at Tower Fall June 3, Canyon June 7, and Roosevelt Lodge June 30.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. On June 10 the Yellowstone Park Company printed the Yellowstone Park Church Services schedule. These were distributed to the field for inclusion on all bulletin boards.

The Rev. Warren W. Ost, Director of the Student Ministry in the National Parks, arrived in Yellowstone on June 12 and spent a little over a week here before leaving on June 21.

On June 24 the Church Services Bulletin Board was installed at the Chapel. This was erected in memory of Margaret L. Arnold and Everette L. Arnold.

A circular was prepared listing the religious services program in detail. This circular was distributed to all rangers, ranger naturalists, information desks, and all centers where people congregate or seek information.

Church services were initiated for the 1955 season by the student ministers on June 5. Services were held by the student ministers at Old Faithful and Mammoth on June 12, and at all stations as scheduled beginning June 19. Roman Catholic services started June 19 throughout the park, Latter Day Saints services at all stations on June 19, Park

At Old Faithful Lodge and Siverton were completed and work continued on the renovation of the Old Faithful Lodge main building floors and windows, the floors being finished and repaired of the windows and showers delayed by the great driver strike.

The Northern Pacific and Union Pacific Stages resumed bringing employees to the park arrival June 19 at Gardiner and West Yellowstone, respectively.

Ralph H. Pierson was appointed June 15 as a seasonal park ranger (General), GS-4, and assigned to Lister work between the superintendent, concessioners and the public in accordance with a recommendation of the Washington Office. He travels throughout the park and maintains contact with concessioners and visitors with a view to reducing and resolving complaints and improving services.

Dr. Alfred M. Lucas of the Park Hospital in Livingston arrived June 6 to open the Mammoth Hospital June 10 and will remain for several weeks. Dr. Frank Crosby, who has been resident physician since April 16, transferred to Old Faithful June 12 for the summer and Dr. Thomas Clemons from the Park Hospital moved to the park for several weeks to remain at the Mammoth Hospital.

The addition to the Lamar Inn, Old Faithful Shop and Cafe complete and liquid propane gas installation at Grant Village (all were full) 90% complete at the end of the month. The Lamar Inn opened at Tower Fall June 3, Grant June 7, and Canyon's Lodge June 30.

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County Ministerial Association at Old Faithful on June 19, and Cody Ministerial Association at Lake on June 19.

Interpretive Services. The following special interpretive services were provided by the members of the Interpretive Division: Program to Farm Bureau Group at Beaver Creek School near Livingston, June 3, by Condon, 63 persons present; Railroad Ticket Agents, Old Faithful Inn, June 22, by Herkenham, 71 ticket agents and 230 guests present; Railroad Ticket Agents, Old Faithful Inn, June 23, Beal, 35 ticket agents and 360 guests present; concession employees training talk - Interpretation of Yellowstone, Canyon, June 30, Replogle, 565 persons present; Gearjammers - Interpretation of Yellowstone, Mammoth, June 8, Condon, 84 persons present; concession employees training talk - Interpretation of Yellowstone, Mammoth, June 20, Condon, 182 persons present; concession employees training talk - Interpretation of Yellowstone, Old Faithful, June 24, Condon, 280 persons present.

All day service was given to a Boy Scout group on June 27 by Chief Park Naturalist Condon with about 22 people contacted. This same group was conducted by Park Naturalist Beal on June 28.

On June 28 Chief Park Naturalist Condon spent the entire day with the Montana Conservation Caravan. There were 36 people in this party.

All of the self-guiding nature trails were in operation by June 22.

The full interpretive program was put into effect on June 19. Interpretive services were available at Mammoth, Norris, Madison, Old Faithful, West Thumb, and Fishing Bridge on or before June 6.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The Old Faithful, Fishing Bridge, Madison, and Mammoth Museums were open all month. Norris Museum opened June 10.

A letter addressed to Mrs. Mary Shober and given to us by Mr. William Nichols was accessioned along with a photostatic copy of a Union Pacific travel folio, which was made for us by Mr. Haynes.

The exhibits for the West Yellowstone Information Station arrived in the park on June 24. They were being installed in the Information Station by the end of the month.

Research and Observation. On the evening of June 11 at about 8:25, Mr. Condon watched a grizzly bear kill a calf elk in Elk Park. The bear chased the calf some distance and finally killed it in

the Gibbon River and took it out on the bank to eat it. There were eight cow elk and one other small calf which stood on the opposite bank of the stream watching the bear eat the young calf.

On June 14 Sapphire Pool erupted violently at about 8:20 p.m. The eruption was witnessed by four employees of Hamilton Stores who reported it to the Old Faithful Ranger Station. Seasonal Ranger Lujan went to the Biscuit Basin to investigate and found that the report was true. Park Naturalists George Marler and Samuel Beal, along with other personnel from Old Faithful, went to the area and made observations.

Dr. Erling Dorf of Princeton University and his party of geologists arrived in the park on June 26. They established headquarters at Roosevelt Lodge and expect to operate out of there. They are working on a study of the fossil forests.

On a trip from Mammoth to the South Entrance on the morning of June 27, Mr. Condon saw 26 black bear.

District Ranger Gilbert found a nest of a sandhill crane one-fourth mile up Campanula Creek on the 7th. Supervisory Park Ranger Budge also reports observations of sandhill crane at Bechler. The nest is located on a marshy island in an abandoned beaver dam. Two young birds were found in the nest. Thirteen Bighorn sheep were seen by Seasonal Park Ranger Weight along the Yellowstone River between Gardiner and Crevice on the 16th. He also observed a red fox near Osprey Falls and an apparently crippled swan floundering in the sage brush east of Stevens Creek. As many as nine badgers have been seen in the Lamar Valley in one day. District Ranger Way reports having seen twin moose calves at Warm River, and two herds of buffalo totaling 148 head of which 42 were new calves.

Kenneth Armitage, ex-Seasonal Ranger-Naturalist, is engaged in a study of the social and migratory habits of the marmot and is working out of the Jackson Hole Biological Research Station at Moran, Wyoming, also studying a colony of marmots just across the river from the campgrounds inside the south entrance to Yellowstone.

Natural History Association. On June 7 and 8 Park Naturalists Herkenham and Condon conferred with Louis W. Clark concerning the publications of the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association. Mr. Clark is making a study of the publications prepared by the Associations in the various parks.

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Dr. Philip Hurf of Princeton University and his party of geologists arrived in the park on June 16. They established headquarters at Roosevelt Lodge and expect to operate out of there. They are working on a study of the Yellowstone forests.

On a trip from Mammoth to the North Entrance on the morning of June 27, Mr. Gordon saw 20 black bear.

Mistrick Ranger Gilbert found a nest of a sandhill crane two-fourth mile up Cascade Creek on the 7th. Superintendent Hall Lodge also reports observations of sandhill cranes at Madison. The nest is located on a marshy island in a moated beaver dam. Two young birds were found in the nest. Thirteen Pigeons were seen by Seasonal Park Ranger Knight along the Yellowstone River Pelican Gardiner and Grevlos on the 16th. He also observed a red fox near Canyon Falls and an apparently crippled mule deer floundering in the water brush east of Stevens Creek. He saw no elk. Rangers have been seen in the Lamar Valley in one day. Assistant Ranger Ray reports having seen twin moose calves at Bear River, and ten herds of buffalo totaling 148 head of which 42 were new calves.

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In-Service Training. The annual Road Foremen's School sponsored by the Engineering Division with assistance from representatives of the various other divisions was held on June 9 in the Canteen.

In the Protection Division considerable on-the-job training continued following the Ranger Conference of last month. Orientation and instruction was given permanent Rangers Budge, Peterson, Valder and Contor and seasonal rangers were given in-service training as they returned to duty for the summer season. A four-day training school was held for all new seasonal rangers June 14-17. This consisted of two days of comprehensive classroom work followed by a two-day trip around the park to main points of interest. The school was held in conjunction with similar training given seasonal park naturalists. Much was packed into the two days of classroom work, including night sessions, and although considerable information and instruction was given during a short time it is believed the program was very successful. Additional instruction and interpretation was given during the two-day tour of the park. Such a tour is necessary and very valuable because of the size of the park and the fact that many men do not otherwise get an opportunity to visit and receive such information regarding other points of interest once they are assigned to their stations. Printed informational material distributed during the four days of training included the two new booklets, National Park Service Employee Handbook and Information Please.

The Chief Park Naturalist took the seasonal rangers and seasonal naturalists on a guided trip of the lower Hot Spring Terraces on the evening of June 15 as well as assisting with the four-day training school and tour of these employees. All seasonal park ranger naturalists were issued training publications by number and these will be returned to the Chief Park Naturalist's office at the termination of their tour of duty. The publications issued are: Employees Handbook, Information Please, Campfire Programs, Conducted Trips. In addition to these, each man was issued a field notebook for use in assembling pertinent notes on the interpretive program and natural history.

On June 8 Mr. Condon presented an in-service training talk to the bus drivers of the Yellowstone Park Company. He also showed the movie "Geyserland." Other in-service training given to the Yellowstone National Park concession employees was as follows: Mammoth Recreation Hall, June 20, by Chief Park Naturalist Condon and District Ranger Grimm, 182 persons present; Old Faithful Lodge Recreation Hall, June 24, Mr. Condon and District Ranger Ela, 280 persons present; Canyon Lodge Recreation Hall, June 30, Seasonal Park Naturalist Replogle and District Ranger Coleman, 565 present including visitors; Lake Lodge Recreation Hall, Fishing Bridge Cafeteria, and West Thumb Cafeteria, in-service training program presented by Seasonal Park Naturalist Biddulph and District Ranger Stevens.

Engineering Training. The Junior Park Ranger's course, sponsored by the Engineering Division with assistance from representatives of the various other divisions was held on June 7 in the Museum.

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Training was provided Blister Rust Control crews (35 men) during the week of June 13-17. The training was given by Messrs. John Gynn and Clarence Chapman of the U. S. Forest Service and Assistant Chief Ranger Edwards and Forester Barrows.

A thorough course of training was given the Fire Control Aids June 21-24 by Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman and District Ranger Nelson. Chief Ranger Brown assisted by explaining the organization of the National Park Service and Yellowstone National Park and Assistant Chief Ranger Garry covered the subject of duties and responsibilities in law enforcement.

Fire Control Aid McKown attended the Fire Lookout School at the Priest River Experiment Station, Idaho, during the week of the 26th in connection with fire weather observations to be taken at Mt. Washburn.

Supervisory Park Ranger Budge and Fire Control Aids Nelson and Bunney attended a U. S. Forest Service fire school in Ashton, Idaho, on June 27.

Smokejumper Squad Leader W. Tom Milligan attended the Forest Service smokejumper school in Missoula from June 11 to the end of the month, participating as an instructor of smokejumpers including several to be assigned to Yellowstone.

Yellowstone's Weekly News was issued each Thursday to keep employees, concessioners and others informed of park happenings.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Travel for June consisted of 240,041 visitors in 72,253 vehicles compared with 231,398 in 69,719 vehicles in June 1954 or a 3.7% increase. Total travel for the calendar year to date was 287,115 visitors compared to 283,389 in 1954 or a 1.3% increase. This year the entrance stations were manned 24 hours per day beginning June 20 whereas last year this was not possible until July 25.

Special Visitors. Mark J. Boesch, writer, Hamilton, Montana, former U. S. Forest Service employee and author of book "Fire Fighter", in June 1 to gather material for young readers' book for publication by Alfred A. Knopf Company. Mike Frome, National Headquarters, American Automobile Association, Washington, D. C., in West June 8 and out 10th to Teton. James H. Drum, Colonel, U. S. Army, retired, Washington, D. C., in June 13 with family, out 15th to Teton. Ronald R. Kelso, Denver Post, Cheyenne, Wyoming, in and out South June 14, expects to write impartial story on park for Denver Post. Warren W. Ost, Director, A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, National Council of Churches of Christ, New York City, in June 12 from Teton regarding summer ministry program in park, out 21st. M. M. Goodsill,

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General Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, Minnesota, in June 10. A conservation tour of Montana Fish and Game Department, including 11 boys and girls, in West June 15, out Northeast June 16. The Montana Bankers Association held a meeting at Canyon Hotel June 16, 17 and 18. Hamilton Bissell, Director of Scholarship Boys, Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, New Hampshire, in June 20 with family, out 23. Governor J. Hugo Aronson of Montana in and out West June 24 and in West and out Northeast the 25th. Erling I. Dorf, Department of Geology, Princeton University, New Jersey, in June 25 to continue research on fossils begun last summer. Montana Conservation Council, Inc., Missoula, Montana, caravan trip of about 50 in and out West June 28. Richard W. Westwood, President, American Nature Association, Washington, D. C., in June 25. Twelve Boy Scout Conservation Award Winners on a tour of the West, in June 27 and expect to leave via South Gate July 1. Party also included David Speiser, Press, White Plains, New York; Robert L. Brooks, Press, Boy's Life Magazine, BSA, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Fred Theroux, Press, Washington Star, Washington, D. C.; Ted Pettit, BSA, New Brunswick, New Jersey; Chelmer L. Cooper, U. S. Geological Survey, Washington, D. C.; S. Herbert Evison, NPS, Washington, D. C.; Jack Culbreath, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C.; Ottis Peterson, Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D. C., Bob Brandstead, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C.; Rex Gary Schmidt, Fish and Wildlife Service, College Park, Maryland; Grant A. Morse, Forest Service, St. Anthony, Idaho; Vance A. Tribbett, Bureau of Land Management, Washington, D. C.

Ranger Service. In-service training of new permanent and seasonal Park Rangers began with school for seasonal rangers followed by on-the-job training on the various assignments and blister rust crews and fire control aids were also given training. By the end of the month protection functions were in full operation. Many law violations were handled and flagrant cases were brought before the U. S. Commissioner. Assistance was given people in difficulty such as in accidents, illness, lost persons, bear damages and injuries and other activities included highway and area patrols, building fire inspections, trail maintenance, manning of fire lookouts, care of equipment and livestock, special investigations and assistance in fish planting operations. District Ranger Stevens and Park Ranger McClain attended the "Ask Me" School at Cody sponsored by the Cody Chamber of Commerce as representatives of Yellowstone National Park. The Chief Ranger's activities included a trip to Custer Battlefield National Monument on the 2nd to pick up special equipment, in-service training activities, inspection of field operations, a trip around the park on the 23rd with Park Ranger (General) Pierson assigned to liaison work with concessioners, special investigations and conferences such as the conference with representatives of the Portland and Albuquerque Regional Offices of the Fish and Wildlife Service and Montana Fish and Game Department regarding cooperative agreement with the State of Montana and Fish Planting Program for Yellowstone Park. He conferred with Messrs. Hamilton, Mattson, Wohlbrandt, Edwards and Gilbert on the 28th regarding the operation of the West Entrance and Information Stations. He also accompanied the Boy Scout conservation tour on its trip to Peale Island on the 29th. Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman and

District Ranger Coleman inspected the work being done at Inspiration Point on the 17th from the point of view of public safety. The Chief Ranger's Office was busy investigating and processing the many law violation cases which were taken before the U. S. Commissioner, caring for prisoners and upkeep of the jail, assisting with persons brought to the hospital, handling lost and found items, keeping records up-to-date, preparing correspondence and reports, obtaining material and supplies for field stations and assisting them with special problems, preparing manual revisions and other mimeographed materials such as personnel assignments and the Commissioner's "Your Day in Court", signing up seasonal employees, taking fingerprints, giving information and assisting park visitors, preparing equipment rental and time sheets, preparing statistical records and reports, and handling identification notices. Assistant Chief Ranger Garry, in charge of office, assisted in in-service training activities and accompanied the seasonal rangers and naturalists with Chief Ranger Brown on the orientation trip around the park on the 16th and 17th.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. FISH PLANTING. Fish were planted within the park as follows during June;

Location	Species	Size	No. Planted
Gardner River	Rainbow	Large Yearlings	18,089
Madison River	Rainbow	1.5 per lb. to 2.14	8,523
Goose Lake	Rainbow	1.92 & 2.16 per lb.	2,077
Feather Lake	Rainbow	2.58 per lb.	1,006
Madison River	Rainbow	1.3 to 1.36 per lb.	2,455
Trout Lake	Rainbow	6-8 inch	5,000

A meeting was held in the conference room June 15 of Fish and Wildlife Service, Montana Fish and Game Department and Park Service personnel to discuss the Local Memorandum of Agreement dealing with fish planting in the park.

BEARS. More than usual difficulty was experienced with bear damages and injuries. District Ranger Coleman, for instance, reports a big population of bears in the Canyon area, 13 of which were trapped for removal. District Ranger Grimm of Mammoth also reports considerable trouble. Five visitors were bitten or clawed and two bears were destroyed. It was necessary to kill one other bear at Old Faithful.

On June 21 Seasonal Ranger Ted Weight and two trail crew men observed a grizzly bear and young cub chasing an elk calf on Panther Creek. The grizzly gave up pursuit of the elk and chased the men into the tops of nearby trees.

In order to relieve a dangerous and undesirable situation at the Gardiner dump Chief Ranger Brown and District Ranger Grimm contacted Hugh Crossen, Chairman of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, and he agreed to obtain cooperation in discouraging people from visiting the dumpgrounds to observe bears.

District Ranger Coleman inspected the area along Lake as logging point on the 17th from the point of view of public safety. The Ranger's office was busy investigating and prosecuting the many violation cases which were taken before the U. S. Commissioner, caring for prisoners and upkeep of the jail, assisting with persons brought to the hospital, handling lost and found items, keeping records up-to-date, preparing correspondence and reports, obtaining material and supplies for field stations and assisting them with special problems, preparing manual revisions and other miscellaneous matters such as personnel assignments and the Coordinator's "Low Ia Guard", signing up seasonal employees, taking fingerprints, giving information and assisting park visitors, preparing equipment rental and time sheets, preparing statistical records and reports, and handling identification notices. Assistant Chief Ranger Berry, in charge of safety, assisted in in-service training activities and accompanied the national forester and naturalists with Chief Ranger Frost on the orientation trip around the park on the 16th and 17th.

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Location	Species	Size	No. Planted
Gardner River	Rainbow	Fry	[illegible]
Madison River	Rainbow	1.5 per lb. to 5.4#	[illegible]
Shoshone Lake	Rainbow	1.75 to 2.4# per lb.	[illegible]
Fountain Lake	Rainbow	2.4# per lb.	1,000
Madison River	Rainbow	1.5 to 1.4# per lb.	[illegible]
Trout Lake	Rainbow	6-8 inch	[illegible]

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Ranger H. Jonsson Ranger Ind weight and two trail crew men observed a grizzly bear and young cub climbing an elk calf on Fountain Creek. The grizzly gave up pursuit of the elk and chased the men into the tops of nearby trees.

In order to relieve a dangerous and undesirable situation at the Gardiner dump District Ranger Brown and District Ranger Grimm contacted High Grounds, Chairman of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, and he agreed to obtain cooperation in discouraging people from visiting the dump grounds to observe bears.

A total of 18 persons were reported injured by bears, and 12 incidents of property damage. The most serious of these occurred to Mrs. Edna Hagerty, Sunland, California, early in the morning of the 16th when a bear became excited and crashed into the tent in which she was sleeping. Mrs. Hagerty was brought to the hospital and a four-inch wound on her shoulder and neck was given medical treatment.

ELK. Tagging of elk calves near Lamar Unit by personnel of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department was terminated in early June.

ANIMAL CENSUS. A summary of animal counts in key areas was prepared as Circular No. 5 for distribution to staff members for use in advising visitors where animals might be seen. New forms for counts in several ranger districts were prepared since changes were needed after the first year of trial use.

Range. According to observations of Biologist Kittams the pattern of above-normal rainfall of late May continued through June when 2.33 inches of rain fell at Mammoth where the normal is 1.89 inches. Temperatures were generally low and probably retarded forage growth on the high range. Moisture this spring came too late to benefit appreciably forage plants below Gardiner. Near Mammoth, grasses produced abundant seed heads which facilitated identification for range studies. Vegetation on 14 square-yard plots was charted this year to provide reference for study of photographs made semiannually.

On June 6 and 7 Biologist Kittams worked with Forest Service people on the Tensleep District, Bighorn National Forest, in Wyoming, to learn their system of using the three-step method of range inventory. One new transect has since been set up with this method near Stevens Creek.

Forest Fire Protection. Eighteen Fire Control Aids entered on duty during the month, were given training and have been assigned to their stations. Pelican Cone Lookout was manned on the 23rd and Mt. Sheridan on the 25th. Considerable time was spent in training fire crews and covering fire control in in-service training of seasonal employees.

Two lightning fires were reported in the Lake District in the Stonetop Mountain area. One of those, a Class A fire, was found and suppressed, but the second one apparently burned out and was not found.

While Fire Weather Dispatcher Robert Small was at Yellowstone it was determined that the fire danger station at Lake should be moved to a drier site and this change has been made.

Several of the Yellowstone dumps were inspected and arrangements were made to have the accumulation of scrap wood burned at West Thumb.

Building Fire Protection. During the early morning hours of June 29 the Yellowstone Park Company building at Old Faithful used as the tourist cabin office, public laundry and showers, and dormitory for 60 to 65 girls was completely destroyed by fire. Fortunately, all the girls escaped from the building but four suffered minor burns. The combined efforts of the Yellowstone Park Company brigades and the National Park Service ranger personnel kept the fire from spreading to adjacent buildings and forest. District Ranger Ela and his staff should be highly commended for the prompt and efficient suppression action taken. Original estimate of the loss of the two-story log and frame structure, laundromats and other furnishings was $100,000. Safety Engineer P. G. Hupperton has since inspected the damage for the U. S. Fidelity and Guarantee Insurance Company. As there are a number of lessons which can be learned from this fire a review has been scheduled to bring out points for training and improvement of protection of life and property in the future.

Buildings were inspected for fire hazards and a number of fire extinguishers were repaired or replaced. District Ranger Nelson traveled to Billings on the 30th to have extinguishers tested and repaired.

Forest Insects. During the early part of the month Forester Barrows worked with Forest Service personnel in determining the outer limits of the spruce budworm infestation which is defoliating Douglas fir forests between Emigrant Creek in the Gallatin National Forest and Slough Creek in the park. Later the interior boundaries were mapped from the air and the control areas were sketched on aerial mosaics. After the mapping was completed it was determined that 130,000 acres required control which exceeded the original estimate of 58,000 acres by more than 25% and required renegotiation of the plane contract. Approximately 57,000 acres of the control unit are in the park. Eleven to twelve planes will be used on the aerial spraying starting July 5. The plane contractor is Central Aircraft of Yakima, Washington, and Stearman biplanes, a B-18 twin-engined ship and a 180 Cessna will be used.

A checker crew of six men started work on June 20 and watched the development of the budworm larvae. By July 1 the larvae were ready for spraying on the lower elevations outside the park and the control work was speeded up as much as possible.

Work on the airstrip three miles below Gardiner was started June 3 and completed June 30. Park Service equipment used on this project included a D-4 Caterpillar tractor, sheeps foot roller, ripper, water tanker and motor grader. Five dump trucks and an oil distributor were used for one day. The airstrip was surfaced with fine gravel and an oil mat was laid on the insecticide loading area.

A special weather observer is stationed at our Crevice patrol cabin and readings will also be taken at the airstrip and Tower Fall. Arrangements were made for daily afternoon weather forecasts from the Boise, Idaho, Weather Bureau Office. A CAA representative will be on the project at least part of the time to assist with safety measures.

A direct allotment of $1,500 has been requested for miscellaneous spruce budworm expenses during the 1956 F. Y.

On June 23 Mr. Barrows attended a meeting in Missoula called by the Forest Service to discuss and outline all phases of the spruce budworm program.

Arrangements have been made for the Fish and Wildlife Service to study effect of DDT spraying upon fish. The State Entomologist for Montana, Dr. James Pepper, will work with Yellowstone personnel to determine changes in populations of insects other than the spruce budworm.

Blister Rust Control. Robert Franklin was placed in charge of Blister Rust Control on June 1. Most of the crew entered on duty the 13th. They received training from Messrs. Gynn and Chapman of the Forest Service and Messrs. Edwards and Barrows of Yellowstone. Messrs. Gynn and Chapman were in the park from the 4th to 17th to assist in Blister Rust Control work. New blister rust control areas at Clear Creek, Fishing Bridge and Canyon proposed for surveys were scouted.

Trails. A total of seven trail maintenance man had been entered on duty by the end of the month. They have been assigned to the Lamar, Tower Fall, Mammoth and Lake Districts where they are working on trail clearing. The bridge crossing Soda Butte Creek on Trail 7H was completed on schedule. Trail clearing in the Tower Fall District should be finished by July 2. Unexpected emergency repairs were required on the Hellroaring Creek Bridge. It will be necessary to make major repairs in the near future by special project. The old Panther Creek trail was reopened partly to assist the Geological Survey crews working in the area. Trail work near Lake Station and in the Pelican Creek area should be finished and the crew able to move to Trail Creek during the first week of July.

Corral and Ranch Operations. By the end of the month 61 horses and mules were at field stations for summer use. As Park Blacksmith Oates was incapacitated for horseshoeing, horses were shod by personnel from Lamar Unit and a professional horseshoer from Bozeman.

The meadows at Lamar Unit were irrigated and a good crop of hay is expected.

A special training session is planned at the Montana power plant and conditions will allow on behalf of the security and Power Pool. Instruments were made by Idaho Alternate Machine Company from the Boise, Idaho, Station Lumen Office. A six square sensitive cell be on the project at least part of the time to assist with safety measures.

A direct allotment of $1,500 has been requested for pilot-lamp one square inches experience during the 1956 F. Y.

On June 13 Mr. Barnes attended a meeting in Missoula called by the Forest Service to discuss and outline all phases of the square inches program.

Investigations have been made for the Fish and Wildlife Service to study effect of DDT spraying upon fish. The State Entomologist of Montana, Mr. Stone Rogers, will work with Technicians provided to determine changes in population of insects other than the spruce budworm.

Bitter Root Cooperat. Forest Facility was placed in service of Bitter Root Control on June 1. Work of the crew started on July the 12th. They received training from supervisor, Roy and Chapman of the Forest Service and Barnes. Crews and Lookouts of Yellowstone, Idaho. Cram and Chapman work in the work from the 4th to 17th to assist in Bitter Root Control work. The Bitter Root control crew at Sliver Creek, Fishing Bridge and Canyon prepared for survey work worked.

Health. A total of seven trail maintenance and fall work started on July, by the end of the month. Work has been completed in the Lamar, Upper Fall, Tenmile and Lake Districts where they are working on trail clearing. The bridge crossing Bear Lake Creek on Trail 27 was completed on schedule. Trail clearing in the Upper Fall Districts should be finished by July 5. Unexpected emergency repairs were required on the Yellowstone Creek Bridge. It will be necessary to make major repairs in the near future by special project. The old Fountain Creek trail was required priority to assist the Geological Survey crews working in the area. Trail work made into Hatchet and in the Pelican Creek area should be finished and the crew able to work to Trail Creek during the first week of July.

Corral and Barn Construction. By the end of the month of horses and mules were at Trail stations for summer use. In Lower Blackwell Cotes was transported for horse-tending, horses were used by personnel from Lower Left and a professional horseman from Bozeman.

The meadows at Lower Left were irrigated and a good crop of hay is expected.

Accidents and Public Safety. Twenty-nine motor vehicle accidents were recorded of which four resulted in personal injuries. Ten of the accidents caused only minor damage. The most serious accident was on the 26th and involved Donald McBath, an employee at the Canyon Service Station, who suffered minor head injuries and lacerations. The accident occurred near the Lake Fish Hatchery when the driver fell asleep and went off the roadway, shearing off several trees and landing upright in the Lake. The vehicle was considered a total loss. Mr. McBath was alone in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Law Enforcement. A total of 36 cases involving forty-nine persons were heard before the United States Commissioner on 41 accounts, as follows: excessive speed 9, fishing in closed waters 10, excessive number of fish 5, fishing with illegal lures 4, driving under the influence of liquor 3, drunk and disorderly conduct 2, and one each of the following: hit and run, petty theft, operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, failure to stop at a stop sign, feeding bear, driving off designated roadway, operating a motor vehicle without a permit, building a campfire without a campfire permit. Penalties assessed totaled $680 in addition to 10 cases where a suspended sentence or fine was all or part of the penalty. In addition, several cases were pending at the end of the month, including cases from interior stations involving malicious mischief, thefts, etc.

Deaths. Mrs. Archie J. Thomas, 30, wife of one of the long-time wranglers of the Yellowstone Park Company, was found dead in her cabin at Old Faithful June 5, death being attributed to diabetis. Her body was removed by Franzen Mortuary of Livingston and burial was at Sunset Hills Cemetery at Bozeman.

Edward G. Lebeis, 73, long-time employee of the Yellowstone Park Company, died at the Mammoth Hospital June 21 following a short illness. Body was released to Franzen Mortuary and sent to Bloomer, Wisconsin, for burial.

Mrs. Frank M. Avery, 55, park visitor from Manhattan Beach, California, died at the Canyon Hotel June 22, due to cancer, for which she had recently undergone an operation in California. Her body was removed by Franzen Mortuary for burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery at Los Angeles.

Personnel. George R. Swainston, Foreman, Mixed Gang, age 69, who has been on furlough since September 29, 1954, has applied for retirement effective at the close of June 30, 1955, due to illness, following some 15 years service in Yellowstone.

James B. Valder received a promotion and change of headquarters from Project Clerk, GS-4, Grand Teton National Park, to Park Ranger, GS-5, Yellowstone, effective June 12.

Accidents and Fatalities Related. Twenty-three motor vehicle accidents were recorded of which four resulted in personal injuries. Ten of the accidents caused only minor damage. The more serious accident was on the 11th and involved Donald Smith, an employee at the Canyon Service Station, who sustained minor head injuries and lacerations. The accident occurred near the Lake Fish Hatchery when the driver fell asleep and went off the roadway, shearing off several trees and landing upright in the lake. The vehicle was considered a total loss. Mr. Smith was alone in the vehicle at the time of the accident.

Law Enforcement. A total of 36 cases involving forty-nine persons were heard before the United States Commissioner on 21 occasions, as follows: excessive speed 9, failing to observe notice 10, excessive number of fish 5, fishing with illegal lures 4, driving under the influence of liquor 2, drunk and disorderly conduct 2, and one each of the following: hot rod run, petty theft, operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license, failure to stop at a stop sign, loaning beer, driving off designated roadway, operating a motor vehicle without a permit, building a campfire without a campfire permit. Fourteen cases resulted in $50 in addition to 10 cases where a suspended sentence or fine was all or part of the penalty. In addition, several cases were pending at the end of the month, including cases from traffic violations involving reckless, careless, etc.

Death. Mrs. Lydia G. Fenton, 70, wife of one of the long-time employees of the Yellowstone Park Company, was found dead in her cabin at Old Faithful June 5, death being attributed to diabetes. Her body was removed by Frances Mortuary of Livingston and buried in Mount Hills Cemetery at Tacoma.

Donald C. Labels, 73, long-time employee of the Yellowstone Park Company, died at the Lamont Hospital June 21 following a short illness. Body was released to Frances Mortuary and sent to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, for burial.

Mr. Frank H. Lowry, 55, park visitor from Inglewood, California, died at the Canyon Hotel June 22, due to cancer, for which he had recently undergone an operation in California. Her body was removed by Frances Mortuary for burial at Forest Lawn Cemetery at Los Angeles.

Personnel. George L. Anderson, Interior, Wood Camp, age 59, who has been on furlough since September 30, 1934, was recalled for reinstatement effective at the close of June 30, 1935, due to illness, following some 15 years service in Yellowstone.

James L. Vilder received a promotion and change of headquarters from Project Clerk, 3-4, Grand Teton National Park, to Ranger, CA-5, Yellowstone, effective June 12.

Ernest R. I. Anderson was promoted June 17 from Administrative Officer, GS-11 to Administrative Officer, GS-12 due to reallocation of his position.

The indefinite appointment of Mrs. Helen B. Tracy, Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4 in the Protection Division, was converted to career-conditional on June 30, she having been certified by the Tenth Civil Service Region.

Charles E. Moore was promoted June 30 from Time, Leave and Payroll Clerk, GS-4, to Time, Leave and Payroll Supervisor, GS-5, with career status, by selection from the register of the Tenth Civil Service Region.

W. Tom Milligan, Fire Control Aid (Smokejumper Squad Leader), GS-6, resigned at the close of June 11 to accept a career-conditional appointment with the Forest Service and it has been arranged that he will transfer back to the National Park Service after three months as this is the only method whereby he could obtain status with this Service as a Smokejumper Squad Leader.

Seasonal appointments during the month included that of Cheryl K. Berens as Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3, June 1; Bob Langenbach, Project Clerk, GS-4, June 8; James L. Merin and Kenneth McGuire, Storekeepers (General), GS-3, June 7 and 13, respectively. Four Park Naturalists, GS-5 were returned to duty from furlough during the month and 28 Park Rangers (Naturalist) and 48 Park Rangers (General), GS-4 were returned to duty from furlough or given excepted appointments. Elmer Lamprecht, Storekeeper (General), GS-3, resigned at the close of June 3.

Miscellaneous. The American Federation of Government Employees held its last monthly meeting until next fall in the Canteen on June 10 followed by refreshments.

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