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Summary of the July 1949 Monthly Narrative Report for
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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Weekly or bi-weekly [illegible] Superintendent's Report for
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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NEW CONSTRUCTION: Strong de. working at Dayton. Nicely de. only seeking project completion. More other projects listed.

PROSPECTIVE: Gardners, USPHS, improved food-handling establishment; resorts types. No favorable applications for existing pool concept.

Accommodations inadequate. Increase in revenue.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND RELATED USE: Regular Catholic, Lutheran, Jay Cathol and Protestant services here.

INTERPRETIVE SERVICES: All activities well attended. Special talks by permanent naturalists and park by rangers.

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES: Museum attendance exceedingly high. Preparation of texts for alone. Museum facilities improved.

RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION: Study of visitation at Yellow Park Beaver Exhibit.

Water counts and transector census conserved by photogrammed. Reduced killed by dogs. Struggle between energy and sea gull over fish. Trip to Molly Island to observe and land bird.

High lake found on Island. Tangle Lake Beaver survey. Water microbiologist exam. Hopkins research on Redwood trail. Areas checked for radioactivity.

MATERIAL HISTORY ACQUISITION: Annual media book. Mr. Henry of Ken in Yellow stone on sale. Large sale of books. Mrs. Wagner, Librarian, left. NPS microfilm of Mr. Sharpe and Idem Hall's Tuscal editor. Editor also sent Dexter [illegible]. Series [illegible] dummy completed.

INCREASE OR DECREASE IN TRAVEL: 250,372 enter in July compared to 222,[illegible] in July 1968, 16,24 gain. Season to date 840,027 compared to 791,[illegible] last year, 17.[illegible] gain.

VISITORS: Two Outdoors Writers groups by Pacific Northwest Travel Assn. Included Howard Hobbs, Mrs. Janet Shattuck, Nancy Ford, Lucia Lovik, Carl Crosslin, Lavelle F. Morris, Jesse May Fergusson, Harry Smith, Mont Dobel, Leonard K. Larmee, Ike Lincoln, Charles Lagomar and Alice Mandolf.

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[illegible] AND PUBLIC [illegible]: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. I [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] injuries reported in [illegible] [illegible] accidents [illegible] of [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] poor [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible].

[illegible] DEVELOPMENT: Of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] investigated.

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[illegible]: Milton G. [illegible] and [illegible] (Con.) [illegible] resigned. [illegible] [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]. Accounting Clerk [illegible] by transfer from [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Clerk-[illegible] [illegible] resigned.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Yellowstone National Park
Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

Office of the Superintendent

August 9, 1949

MEMORANDUM for the Director

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of July 1949.

Weather Conditions. The weather was characterized by unusual dryness. The total precipitation at Mammoth was 0.50" as compared to the July mean of 1.29" and the 0.96" average for the previous five years. The lack of moisture was reflected in the rapid rise of the fire danger rating after the 15th of the month. The maximum temperature of 89 degrees was recorded on the 30th and 31st and compares closely with the previous five-year average of 87.4 degrees. The minimum temperature of 33 degrees was recorded on the 21st and was below the previous five-year average of 39 degrees. This unusually low minimum was caused by conditions which produced snowfall over most of the central and southern portions of the park.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers made two trips to Bozeman during month on July 14 and 16 in connection with his study on the legislative history of the park. The rest of the month was spent in the park.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston left on July 17 for Fort Peck, Montana, to attend a meeting of the Montana Advisory Council on Outdoor Recreation. He returned on the 20th.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson left for Glacier Park on July 21 to assist with matters affecting that area and expected to return August 3.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination for Substitute Postal Clerk on July 1 in which there were nine competitors. Mr. Proper conducted the examination. He also held an examination for Storekeeper on July 15 in which there were ten competitors, a Telephone Operator examination on July 18 in which there were nine competitors and he and Mr. Joffe held an examination for Stenographer-Typist on July 30 in which there were three competitors.

The closing date for the receipt of applications for the Park Ranger examination was July 21. Advice was received that the examination was to be held on August 15 and fifty-two competitors were scheduled to take the examination in the park.

The park suffered its first big burglary on the night of July 4 or early morning of July 5 when the West Yellowstone checking station was entered by unknown persons, the safe broken into and some $9,540, thirteen books of park permits and three revolvers stolen. The burglars had not been apprehended by the end of the month but the case was being handled by the F.B.I.

The first serious accident for many years involving Yellowstone Park Company buses occurred at Gibbon Meadows on July 12. One person, Mrs. Gertrude Rettenmeyer, 52, of Meridan, Connecticut, was killed and thirteen persons were hospitalized.

On the evening of July 14 Robert Kasik, age 5, of Berwyn, Illinois, fell in a hot pool in the rear of the West Thumb Cafeteria and died the following day from burns received.

Inspections. C. T. Wright, Sanitary Engineer, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, in south July 1, out 4. Superintendent McLaughlin and Chief Ranger Paul Judge, Grand Teton National Park, in and out south July 12. Harvey G. McAndrews, Sanitary Engineer, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, in north July 13, out 26. Regional Director Lawrence C. Merriam, Region Two, in west July 18, out west 25. Carl F. Odgers, U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, in July 18. C. D. Monteith, Chief, Electrical Division, National Park Service, Washington D. C., in July 21, out 30. Lowell Adams, Fish and Wildlife Service, Missoula, Montana, in July 30. Maynard Barrows, Forester, Region Two, in July 31. Carl Swartzlow, Regional Naturalist, Region Two, in July 31. Marlow Glenn, Fiscal Accountant and Auditor, who arrived in the park June 14, departed July 6. Elmore Whitehurst, Assistant Director, Administrative Office, U. S. Courts, Washington, D. C., in July 10, out 12. F. A. Mason, Associate Chief, Branch of Buildings and Utilities, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D. C., in July 17. Lloyd R. Ramolli, Refuge Manager, and Winston E. Banko, Assistant Refuge Manager, Red Rock Refuge, Fish and Wildlife Service, in July 26. J. W. Mueller, Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Denver, in July 19, out 24.

In-Service Training. The regular Yellowstone News Letter was published weekly and sent to employees and concessioners.

The Naturalist Division activities were audited and reviewed by the permanent naturalists and constructive criticism given to seasonal personnel. This served as training for them.

The Chief Park Naturalist presented an in-service training movie to firefighting crews at the Lake Ranger Station on the morning of July 15.

Publicity. Stories regarding the death of David A. Edwards who died on July 4 and on park travel were phoned the Associated Press and United Press and telegraphed the International News. A story regarding the West Yellowstone robbery was sent out on July 5. The comparative travel

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figures for June were sent to the park mailing list on July 5. A story on the Gibbon Meadows bus-truck accident was released to the various news agencies on July 12, and the story of the death by scalding of Robert Kasik, 5, of Berwyn, Illinois, was released July 15.

The first supply of 1949 broadsides was received July 9. By the end of the month a total of seventy-four cartons of broadsides was received in four shipments on July 9, 15, 19 and 30. The cartons were of different sizes and contents varied so it had not been possible to make an accurate check of the number received by the end of the month.

The new 1949 Haynes Guide was received by Haynes, Inc. on July 11.

Complaints. Four letters of complaint were received during the month of July, as follows: condition of cabins; unauthorized change in hours for cabin retention; boating regulations; and condition of cabins, quality and price of hotel meals, and alleged fraudulent sale of ring.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Engineer J. W. Mueller of the Bureau of Public Roads, Denver, was in the park during the week of July 19 to 24 going over road data for preparation of the road inventory report. Both primary and secondary road reports were completed as fast as data was available.

Field surveys were continued on the sewer, water and power systems for the Old Faithful campground, most of the field work being completed.

Some investigation was done on the proposed water system for the new development at West Thumb.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson spent the greater part of his office time on layout plans of the commercial area of the West Thumb Lake Shore area and some work on the Yellowstone Trail System Plan and minor work for Grand Teton.

Maintenance. The month was quite dry and hot and most of the road crews were busy at patching. Roads in general are in fairly good condition compared with two years ago. Special crews are working on reprocessing, guard rail and bridge repair. Approximately two miles on the East Entrance road has been processed as well as 3/4 mile on the Red Lodge road, 2 miles on the South Forest road and 1½ miles on the Gallatin road. A special crew has been working on repair of footpaths the entire month.

The Red Lodge road was closed by drifting snow the night of July 20. The snow was from three to four inches deep but high winds caused drifts of from three to four feet in depth. The road was soon plowed out and opened to traffic early the next morning.

figures for June were sent to the park rangers last on July 1. [illegible] the timber inventory contract was released on the various [illegible] agencies on July 12, and the transfer of the [illegible] to the Dept. of Defense, Illinois, was released July 13.

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The new [illegible] figure cards are received by [illegible], on July 31.

Completed. Four letters of congratulation were received during the month of July, as follows: condition of [illegible] improved; [illegible] being [illegible] reforestation; [illegible] regulations; and condition of [illegible] quality and price of [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible].

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The Ice Lodge road was closed by [illegible] over the night of July 20. The snow was from three to four inches deep but high winds caused drifts of from three to four feet in depth. The road was soon plowed out and opened to traffic early the next morning.

A bituminous dust coat was given the roads in the Fishing Bridge Campground area and a light bituminous mat placed in the Fishing Bridge cabin area.

Six of the park's bituminous storage tanks have been placed and will be put in operation shortly.

During the month maintenance camps were in operation at Mammoth, Madison, Thumb, South Forest, Lake, East Entrance, Canyon, Tower Falls, Gallatin, Northeast Entrance, Beartooth and Rock Creek, together with three special crews, employing 127 men. Several men from different crews have spent short periods on firefighting. Traffic has been exceedingly heavy, making maintenance operations difficult and slow. Besides "Men Working" signs and warning it is quite often necessary to use flagmen to protect the men working.

New Construction. Strong Company, contractors on the Canyon Project 1F-3, G-4, got in full swing about the first of the month, concentrating most of their efforts on the through cut near the west end of the job near Chittenden Bridge. Most of this material had to be wasted. Some clearing and brush burning was done on spur to government utility area. Most of the parts for the crusher had been moved in. Work seems to be progressing a little slow.

Peter Kiewit Sons' Company, contractor on the chip sealing job, Mammoth to Firehole Cascades, completed their work on July 30. The work appeared to be first-class, the only objection being that some sections bled quite seriously and the pavement is very dark. Final inspection is to be made August 2.

Some table and seat logs have been treated with Pentachlorophenol, Account 470, Campground Extension, Fishing Bridge and Old Faithful, and very good penetration was made. Additional material for the comfort stations has been ordered under Account 471, Utilities, Tables, Fireplaces and Comfort Stations, Old Faithful. Surveys, plans and drawings were completed and submitted for approval under Account 500, Campground Roads, Old Faithful. The widening of the South Entrance to checking station, Account 513, Minor Road Construction, is complete except for chip sealing and striping, the work all being done by Park Service forces.

Concessioners. Mr. Harvey G. McAndrews, Sanitary Engineer, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, Colorado, was in the park from July 13 to 26 making inspections of the various food-handling establishments in the park. Reports covering these inspections were made in draft form by Mr. McAndrews prior to his departure. These reports are being typed as time permits and copies will be sent to all of the concessioners concerned early in August.

No favorable applications were received in response to the press release sent out on June 15 to the park's mailing list advising of the expiration of the Old Faithful swimming pool contract and inviting applications for construction and operation of a new pool.

A stewardess dust cover was given the goals in the [illegible] [illegible] Improvement Area and a light [illegible] was [illegible] in the [illegible] cabin area.

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New construction. Strong Company, contractors on the Tower Project 1P-5, Company 17 Hill being about the [illegible] of the month, [illegible] finishing most of their efforts on the through one over the [illegible] and [illegible] job near Cliffwood Bridge. Most of this material had to be [illegible], clearing and brush burning was done on spur to Pennsylvania utility [illegible]. Most of the parts for the crushers had been moved in. [illegible] progressing a little slow.

Peter Kiewit Sons' Company, contractor on the [illegible] Tower Project 1P-7, completed three more [illegible] in July 1[illegible]. The work appeared to be first-class, the only objection being that some [illegible] blast quite seriously and the pressure is very [illegible]. Final inspection is to be made August 1.

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Inspectionors. Mr. James H. Mohlman, Sanitary Engineer, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, Colorado, was in the park from July 1[illegible] to [illegible] making inspections of the various food-handling establishments in the park. Reports covering these inspections were made in detail from by Mr. Mohlman prior to his departure. These reports are being typed as fine permits and copies will be sent to all of the concessionaires concerned early in August.

No favorable applications were received in response to the press release sent out on June 1[illegible] to the park's mailing list advising of the application of the Old Fairfield swimming pool contract and invoking regulations for construction and operation of a new pool.

With an average of 12,464 persons entering the park each day during the month of July and with a maximum of 7,800 accommodations being available in the hotels, lodges and tourist cabins, it was not possible to accommodate all of the persons seeking accommodations in the park and many visitors had to sleep in their cars or leave the park to seek accommodattons outside. The lodges and tourist cabins at each location are the first accommodations to be filled but on some nights the higher priced hotel rooms were not all used. All concessioners reported an increase in revenues over the previous July.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular Catholic, Latter Day Saints and Protestant services were conducted at Old Faithful, Lake, Canyon and Mammoth at the regular hours scheduled for these services. All were well attended by park visitors.

Interpretive Services. The regular program of walks, talks and caravans, as well as the museum activities, were in effect throughout the entire month. These activities were all well attended.

Permanent park naturalists Condon, Alcorn and Watson have presented talks at the various loop stations throughout the month and a total of 12 talks have been given by these three men as part of the interpretive program. In addition to this District Park Ranger Frank Kowski at Old Faithful gave a very interesting talk in the amphitheater there.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. All field exhibits were available for public use during the month and all museums were kept open daily for the prescribed time as set up in the schedule of activities. Museum attendance at all museums has been exceedingly high and the museums have been crowded to capacity. As a matter of fact on occasions they are virtually bulging with the number of visitors inside of them. The Mammoth museum and the Madison museum have been so filled at times that people had to wait their turn to get in to examine the exhibits and hear the museum talks.

Considerable time was given over by the Chief Park Naturalist to the preparation of text for the informational and place names signs which are needed to replace damaged and obsolete signs and also to properly label unsigned features.

The Mammoth amphitheater was fixed up considerably on July 13 when the projector house was moved to a new location and rewired, some new logs put in the amphitheater to replace rotted ones, a new campfire pit constructed and the campfire wood box placed behind the screen out of sight.

Research and Observation. A study was made by Park Naturalist Alcorn on the use of the Beaver Exhibit at Willow Park on July 14. Tabulated statistics on the use of this exhibit revealed that 44% of the automobiles from the north stopped and studied the exhibit while only 12% of those from

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Permanent park naturalists conducted, alone and nature have presented talks at the various loop stations throughout the month and a total of 15 talks have been given by those who are part of the interpretive program. In addition to this Dishmint Park Ranger Frank Russell at Old Faithful gave a very interesting talk in the amphitheater there.

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Considerable time was given over by the Chief Park Naturalist in the preparation of work for the interpretational and place name signs which are needed to replace damaged and obsolete signs and also to properly label unlabeled features.

The Mammoth amphitheater was lined up considerably on July 17 when the projector house was moved to a new location and remodeled, some new lamps put in the amphitheater to replace rotted ones, a new carpeting put down and the campfire wood has placed behind the museum and of sights.

Research and Observation. A study was made by Park Naturalist Alcorn on the use of the Beaver Exhibit at Yellow Park on July 1[illegible]. Tabulated statistics on the use of this exhibit revealed that 1[illegible]% of the automobiles from the north stopped and studied the exhibit while only 10% of those from

the south made use of it. The observations made at this exhibit reveal that a large number of the park visitors stop and study the material presented here.

On July 26 Park Naturalist Alcorn and Park Naturalist Watson spent some time observing water ouzels caring for their young at a nest site on the Gardiner River. These birds were photographed both in still and motion pictures and a number of interesting notes made on the life habits of the birds. Details on these observations will be prepared in Nature Notes form by these naturalists.

Trumpeter swan observations were made and pictures obtained by Park Naturalist Watson at Grebe Lake on July 23. The swan family on Grebe Lake consists of 2 adults and 5 cygnets, 3 of which are grey and 2 white. One of the unusual things seen by Mr. Watson was the killing of a muskrat by one of the adult swan. The dead muskrat was brought to the headquarters museum and examined for injuries. It was found to have been severely bruised on the back of the neck and the blows received here from the bill of the swan were undoubtedly responsible for its death. On this same occasion Park Naturalist Watson made another very interesting observation of the relationship between osprey and California sea gull. Mr. Watson saw the osprey catch a large fish from Grebe Lake and start to fly off with it when the California sea gull flew in beneath the osprey, grasped the fish in its bill and attempted to steal it. There was a general tug of war ensued between the two birds and considerable commotion, with the pair of them losing altitude in the struggle. Finally the sea gull gave up and the osprey flew off with its prey, but not without having had some exciting moments.

On July 9 a trip was made to the Molly Islands for the purpose of examining the bird rookeries there and to band pelicans, cormorants, gulls and terns so that their migrations might be traced in the future. A special crew of park ranger naturalists was organized and taken down to the islands. The naturalists taken were: George D. Marler, Clarence C. Alleman, Wayne Replogle, John R. Heaton, W. Verde Watson, Mildred Grieson, Kenneth Diem and Chief Park Naturalist Condon. Photographer Franz Lipp and a couple of other guests accompanied the party. Two hundred white pelicans were banded and band numbers 48-877001 through 48-877200 were used. Nine double-crested cormorants were banded and band numbers 498-36501 through 498-36509 were used. Three Caspian terns were banded and band numbers 495-17402 through 495-17404 were used. Ninety-seven California gulls were banded with band numbers 495-17405 through 495-17500 and band number 495-17401. A total of 309 birds were banded.

This year there was a heavy concentration of pelicans on the rocky island, more than has ever been observed there in recent years and fewer cormorants nested on both islands than has been observed in recent

the south made use of it. The observation made at this sanctuary indicated a large number of the park visitors stop and study the material presented here.

On July 26 Park Naturalist Alcorn and park naturalist Watson spent some time observing water ouzels nesting for their young at a nest site on the Gardiner River. These birds were photographed both in still and motion pictures and a number of interesting notes made on the life habits of the birds. Details on these observations will be prepared in future issues from by these naturalists.

Trapgoter swan observations were made and pictures obtained by Park Naturalist Watson at Grebe Lake on July 27. The swan family on Grebe Lake consists of 2 adults and 3 cygnets, 3 of which are grey and 2 white. One of the unusual things seen by Mr. Watson was the killing of a muskrat by one of the adult swans. The dead muskrat was brought to the headquarters museum and examined for injuries. It was found to have been forcefully pulled on the back of the neck and the blood received here from the gill of the swan were unquestionably responsible for its death. On this same occasion Park Naturalist Watson made another very interesting observation of the relationship between osprey and California sea gull. Mr. Watson saw the osprey catch a large fish from Grebe Lake and start to fly off with it when the California sea gull flew in because the osprey, preoccupied by fish in its bill and attempted to steal it. There was a general tug-of-war around between the two birds and considerable commotion, with the gulls at times losing altitude in the struggle. Finally the sea gull gave up and the osprey flew off with its prey, but not without having had some exciting moments.

On July 9 a visit was made to the Molly Islands for the purpose of examining the bird rookeries there and to band pelicans, cormorants, gulls and terns so that their migrations might be traced in the future. A special crew of park ranger naturalists was organized and taken down to the islands. The naturalists taken were: George T. Martin, Clarence O. Lindsay, Royal Dolphin, John T. Lawson, M. Yorke Olmsen, Wildred Gilmore, Kenneth Allen and Chief Park Naturalist Cowles. Commodore Frank Kipp and a couple of other guests accompanied the party. The banding white pelicans were banded and band numbers 13-37700 through 13-37700 were used. The double-crested cormorants were banded and band numbers 100-16700 through 100-16700 were used. Three Gaspian terns were banded and band numbers 1-17100 through 1-17100 were used. Ninety-seven California gulls were banded with band numbers 95-17100 through 95-17100 and band number 1-17100. A total of 400 birds were banded.

This year there was a heavy concentration of pelicans on the rocky island, more than has ever been observed there in recent years and fewer cormorants nested on both islands than has been observed in recent

years. There were 17 cormorant nests observed on the rocky island and an estimated 37 young birds. It is estimated that there were about 180 young pelicans on the rocky island and about 75 on the sandy island. There appeared to be about 30 terns in the tern colony and in the neighborhood of only 15 young birds. There were hundreds of California sea gulls and quite a number of ring bill gulls. Pelicans and 3 nests of cormorants were observed nesting on the sandy island. One young tern regurgitated a tiger salamander and Caspian terns were observed bringing in small fish to feed their young. The interior of the pouches of the young pelicans were infested with a louse-like parasite. A number of the plastic tags which had been placed in fish by the Fish and Wildlife Service at their fish traps on the north and south sides of the lake were found on the islands. Chief Park Naturalist Condon also found part of an Indian obsidian knife. It is planned to again visit these islands in early September and make a check on the possible mortality of the birds tagged and also on the number of fish tags which can be found there.

In the West Thumb thermal area the Twin Geysers which are known as "Maggie and Jiggs" have been erupting again with considerable frequency and violence. It is estimated that at times eruptions have reached the maximum height of 80 feet and considerable debris has been thrown from the geyser vents. Much of this consists of stratified sedimentary rocks with the appearance of having been deposited in lakes. At times the volume of water thrown from these geysers has flooded the West Thumb walk areas and their display has proved to be of pronounced interest to the visitors in that vicinity.

The number of porcupines which are seen in the evenings along the road this season seem to be less than in previous years, for last year on many occasions more than 20 animals were seen at night when returning to park headquarters, and on July 13 of this year the maximum number seen so far this season was counted and that consisted of 11 animals between Canyon and Mammoth.

Park Ranger Naturalist Wayne Replogle continued his study and research on the old Bannock Indian trail throughout the month. He again traveled the country from west of the park up to and over the Gallatin Mountains during the period July 16, 17 and 18. Mr. Replogle has gathered enough information to begin preparation of written materials and expects to submit something concrete within the next month.

On July 31 Chief Park Naturalist Condon in company with Superintendent Edmund B. Rogers, Dr. Johnston of Montana State College and Mr. Jack E. Haynes took Geiger counters and visited the Calcite Springs area with the thought that there might be an indication of radioactivitiy there. It was found that this area did not give a positive reaction. Mr. Condon and Dr. Johnston continued on to the thermal area at the base of the falls in the Grant Canyon at the end of Uncle Tom's Trail. They tested that area, tested the Solfatara area on the Solfatara Plateau, the Obsidian Cliff and the Mammoth Hot Springs terraces. At none of these areas did they find any pronounced indication of radioactivity, although Obsidian Cliff did record the highest rate of discharge for any of the areas visited and ratings of 110 to 120 were obtained at the Cliff.

years. There were 17 cormorant nests observed on the rocky islets and an estimated 37 young birds. It is estimated that there were about 100 young pelicans on the rocky islets and about 5 on the sandy islets. These appeared to be about 30 days in the nest rolony and in the nest. There were only 15 young birds. There were numbers of California sea quail and quite a number of ring bill gulls. Pelicans and 3 nests of cormorants were observed nesting on the sandy islets. The young were approximately a week old and Dasyan terns were observed building in small nest to find their young. The interior of the concave of the cormorant pelicans were infested with a louse-like parasite. A number of the pelicans nests had been placed in trees by the Fish and Wildlife Service at Uvalde Tuque on the mainland and south side of the lake were found on the islands. Other bird materials found also found part of an Indian obsidian knife. It is planned to again visit these islands in early September and make a closer or more complete mortality of the birds tagged and also on the number of fish nests which can be found there.

In the Sand Creek Natural area the Park Ranger which are known as "Maggie and Diggs" have been struggling again with considerable frequency and violence. It is estimated that at times employees have reached the maximum height of 20 feet and considerable sand has been drawn from the upper weeks. Much of this consists of structural condiments which with the appearance of having been deposited in lakes. Within the volume of water thrown from these geysers has flooded the Park road and trails and their display has proved to be of pronounced interest to the visitors in the vicinity.

The number of porcupines which are seen in the springs along the road this season seem to be less than in previous years, for last year as many occasions more than 20 animals were seen at night when required to park headquarters, and on July 1, of this year the maximum number seen so far this season was counted and that consisted of 11 animals between Canyon and Jamesville.

Park Ranger Schwartz began periodic patrols with Ranger and Ranger on the old Sycook Indian trail throughout the month. He again traveled the country from end of the year up to and over the Cuyamaca Mountains during the period July 16, 17 and 18. Mr. Schwartz has gathered enough information to begin preparation of written materials and expects to submit something concrete within the next month.

On July 11 Chief Park Naturalist Condon in company with Superintendent Edward R. Jones, Dr. Johnston of Kentucky State College and Mr. Jack A. Haynes took other country and visited the Cuyamaca Peak area with the thought that there might be an indication of radioactivity there. It was found that this area did not give a positive reaction. Mr. Condon and Dr. Johnston continued on to the Sheral area at the base of the Palis in the Shank Canyon at the end of Uvalde Tonia trail. They tested that area, Tecate the Solitaire area on the Solitaire Plateau, the Cuyamaca Cliff and the Mesquite Hot Springs terrace. At none of these areas did there any pronounced indication of radioactivity, although Geiglar units did record the highest rate of discharge for any of the areas visited and readings of 110 to 120 were obtained at the cliff.

Natural History Association. Park Ranger Naturalist Samuel M. Beal's book, The Story of Man in Yellowstone, was received by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association for resale on July 24. This book was placed on sale at the information desks at a retain price of $5. Chittenden's Yellowstone National Park, Cubby in Wonderland, Piney Bear, Jackson's Picture Maker of the Old West, Yellowstone: It's Underworld by C. Max Bauer and Chi Ranger have all sold so well at information desks that additional stocks of these publications had to be ordered.

Mrs. Frank Wagner, a librarian who has been hired by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association, resigned her job on July 30. Mrs. Wagner, who works as a librarian at Salt Lake City schools during the winter months decided that she needed to have a rest. Plans have been made for the hiring of a new librarian to carry on the work into September.

The Yellowstone Library and Museum Association purchased for use in the park a new Omega DII enlarger with attachments. This enlarger will handle negatives of 4 x 5 size and smaller. It was received during the month and installed in the darkroom. The association also purchased a 16mm Bell and Howell film motion editor for use at the park headquarters for editing 16mm movie film. This piece of equipment was received and is now being used when occasion demands.

The Association sent to Custer Battlefield National Monument a 16mm Bell and Howell editor and splicer for use at that area.

The dummy for the Yellowstone Nature Notes was completed and it is anticipated that it will be in the mail early in the month of August.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 386,378 people entered the park as compared to 332,614 during July in 1948, which is a gain of 16.2%. The total travel for the season on July 31 was 640,027 as compared to 554,998 in 1948, which is a gain of 15.3%. The North Entrance showed the greatest gain of 27.3%, followed by Northeast Entrance with 23.0% and South Entrance with 19.8%. A new record for a single day's entry was set on July 3 when 20,046 persons entered the park. The previous record was set on July 4, 1947, with 17,186 visitors. For the 3-days holiday, July 2, 3 and 4, a total of 49,472 persons visited the park as against the previous 3-day record of July 3, 4 and 5, 1948, when 43,544 persons entered.

Visitors. A group of Outdoor Editors representing several newspapers was brought into the park via the northeast entrance July 12 by the Pacific Northwest Travel Association and left via the west gate on the 14th. The party included Howard Noble, South Bend, Indiana, Tribune; Mrs. Janet Shattuck, Automobile Club of Minneapolis; Nancy Ford, Chicago Journal of Commerce; Lucia Lewis, Travel Show Expert and Free Lance Publicity Writer; Miss Opal Crockett, Indianapolis Times; Leavitt F. Morris, Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Massachusetts. A second party sponsored by Pacific Northwest

Travel Association entered on July 22 and left the 23rd. The party included Josie May Thompson, Des Moines Register; Harry Smith, Cleveland Plain Dealer; Naomi Dobel, Cedar Rapids Gazette; Leonard R. Barnes, Detroit Motor News; Abe Lincoln, Chicago Herald-American; Charles Wagoner, Detroit Times; and Alice Musholt, Chicago Tribune.

Perry Brown, National Commander, American Legion, in south July 13, out east 13. Warren H. Atherton, former National Commander, in south July 17, out north 18. Earl Trager, former Assistant Chief Naturalist, National Park Service, in July 17. Dr. Charles H. Watkins, Mayo Clinic, and seasonal ranger during seasons of 1919, 1920 and 1921, in July 22. Don Borg, Newspaper Publisher, Bergen County, New Jersey, in July 29. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, wife of Secretary of Commerce, in July 5. Philip Casson, Personal Secretary of British Ambassador Sir Oliver Frank, in south July 8. David H. Wainhouse, Associate Chief, Division of United Nations Political Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C., in south July 20.

Ranger Service. Seasonal Ranger Leverett Hubbard reported for duty on July 1 and was assigned to the East Entrance. Assistant Chief Ranger Breynton Finch made a trip to Big Hole Battlefield National Monument on July 7 for inspection purposes and to bring back two laborers to Yellowstone Park. He returned on July 8. Park Ranger Paul Wykert and Seasonal Ranger James Thompson returned to the park on the 9th after completing their assignment in Grand Teton National Park on pine beetle control work. Chief Ranger Curtis Skinner and Assistant Chief Ranger Breynton Finch accompanied Regional Director Lawrence C. Merriam and Superintendent Edmund B. Rogers on an inspection trip by horseback through the Thorofare country of the Lake District on the 19th, 20th and 21st.

With the return of rangers Wykert and Thompson from Grand Teton National Park on the 9th, all hands were on duty during the remainder of the month. The ever-increasing load upon the protection division necessitated the continuance of voluntary overtime contributions by all members of the division. All highway patrol cars were in operation and all members of the division have cooperated in an effort to maintain adequate enforcement measures commensurate with the increasing travel load. Field work has consisted of trail and telephone maintenance, forest fire control, fish planting, accident investigation and field inspection trips.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BEARS. Numerous black bears continued to frequent the park roads where they caused serious traffic congestion but afforded much enjoyment for park visitors. Repeated property damages by bears in the Canyon district required removal of the offending animals and the continued visits of grizzly bears, during the night hours, to the Fishing Bridge campground demanded similar action. One two-year-old female grizzly which began approaching visitors' automobiles on the road four miles east of Old Faithful was destroyed as her actions were definitely vicious and a hazard to visitors' safety was evident. Bear incidents for the month of July are as follows: reports of property damage by bears, 12;

Naval Association entered on duty [illegible] and left the Park. The party included Doris May Thompson, Dr. Milton Sapiro; Harry Smith, Cleveland Public Teacher, Naval School, Great Lakes Training Station; Leonard F. Jones, [illegible] Mrs. Lincoln, Chicago Herald-American; Charles [illegible] and Alice Monroe, Chicago Tribune.

Navy Cruise. National Commander, American Legion, in south July 15, out south 16. Arrive [illegible], Superior National Commander, in south July 17, out north 18. Lake Tender, Lower Lakeport Chief Warrant [illegible] National Park Service, in July 19. Dr. Charles F. Hawkins, Park Ranger, and seasonal ranger during seasons of 1940, 1941 and 1942, in July 20. Tom Lord, Emergency Publicity, Porter County, Sev Corney, in July 21. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney, wife of Secretary of Commerce, in July 22. Philip Sasson, Personal secretary of British Ambassador Sir Oliver Frank, in south July 23. David E. Walkhouse, Associate Chief, Division of United Nations Political Affairs, Department of State, Washington, D. C., in south July 24.

Ranger Service. Seasonal Ranger Lorenzo Hodges reported for duty on July 1. He was assigned to the Park Service. Assistant Ranger Brayton Lynch made a trip to Gary, Indiana, Political Convention on July 7 for interpretive purposes and to bring back two laborers to Yellow Dune Park. He returned on July 8. Park Ranger Earl Myers and Seasonal Ranger James Thompson returned to the park on the 9th after completing their assignment in Grand Teton National Park on nine months' work. Chief Ranger Curtis Skinner and Assistant Chief Ranger Brayton Lynch attended Regional Director Conference in Morrisville, Indiana, and Superintendent Kennedy on an inspection trip by horseback through the Thousand Dunes country of the Lake Michigan on the 13th, 14th and 15th.

With the return of Rangers Myers and Thompson from Grand Teton National Park on the 9th, all Rangers were on duty during the remainder of the month. The ever-increasing load upon the protection division resulted because the continuance of relatively overall conditions by all members of the division. All Ranger patrol here were in operation and all members of the division have cooperated in an effort to maintain adequate law enforcement conscientiously with the increasing travel load. Field work has consisted of trail and bridle-path maintenance, forest fire control, fire cleaning, accident investigation and field inspection trips.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. Bears. Numerous black bears continued to frequent the park roads where they caused serious traffic congestion but afforded much enjoyment for park visitors. Reported property damage by bears in the Dunes district required numerous [illegible] of the offending animals and the continued visits of grizzly bears, during the night hours, to the Tibbits Bridge campground demanded similar action. The two-year-old female grizzly which began approaching visitors' automobiles on the road four miles east of Old Michigan was destroyed as her actions were definitely vicious and a hazard to visitors' safety was evident. More incidents for the month of July are as follows: reports of property damage by bears, 13;

personal injuries caused by bears, 15; bears destroyed as control measures, 12 (includes 6 grizzly bears); bears trapped and removed to more isolated parts of the park, 18.

FISH. Receding and clearing park streams afforded good to excellent fishing during July. The section of the Yellowstone River between Fishing Bridge and the Upper Falls at Canyon opened on July 1 and yielded limit catches to most fishermen. Vigorous enforcement of the regulation closing the Yellowstone Cascades proved to be a highly desirable and effective conservation measure. While enforcement of fishing regulations has shown marked improvement in most respects this season, more frequent patrols of park waters and complete checks of anglers' catches are needed to protect fish resources from greedy persons who will respect only regulations which are rigidly enforced.

Fish planted in park waters during the month are tabulated below:

Waters Stocked	Species	Size	Number	Source
Gallatin River	Rainbow Trout	#2½	20,000	Ennis
Mammoth Beaver Ponds	" "	#1½	5,000	Emigrant
Gardiner River #1	" "	#1½	10,000	Emigrant
Gardiner River #2	" "	#1½	20,000	Emigrant
Slough Creek	Blackspotted Trout	#2½	20,034	Emigrant
Lamar River	" "	#2½	20,034	Emigrant
Gardiner River #1	Loch Leven Trout	#3	9,472	Emigrant
Blacktail Deer Creek	Eastern Brook Trout	#2	10,000	Emigrant
Obsidian Creek	" " "	#2	5,000	Emigrant
Hoodoo Lake	" " "	#2	3,000	Emigrant

Forest Fire Protection. Eighteen Class A fires and one Class B fire were reported during July. Fire danger for the park was average or low during the first half of the month but between the 15th and 31st the park average was high or very high, reaching a peak of 59 on July 30. The large fire organization units were completely filled by July 6 and lists of these units were distributed. Initial fire training of all seasonal personnel including road crews and blister rust crews was completed by the middle of the month.

The pre-suppression crew completed maintenance work on the Mt. Sheridan telephone line on July 7 and was moved to the Mt. Holmes area to do the necessary maintenance work on the line to the Mt. Holmes lookout. Work on Mt. Holmes was finished by July 21 and the rest of the month was spent testing and repacking fire hose. The fire truck was taken to West Yellowstone on July 6.

Blister Rust Control. The blister rust control operation in the Mt. Washburn area progressed very well during the month. Initial work in this area was well ahead of schedule and it is hoped considerable re-work in the 1946 area can be accomplished this season. A total of 470 acres were initially

personal injuries caused by bears, 15; bears destroyed as control measures, 12 (includes 6 grizzly bears); bears trapped and removed to more isolated parts of the park, 18.

FISH. Spawning and clearing work showed affected good to excellent fishing during July. The section of the Yellowstone River between Fishing Bridge and the Upper Falls at Canyon opened on July 1 and yielded limit catches to most fishermen. Improved enforcement of the regulations dealing the Yellowstone Cutthroats proved to be a highly beneficial and effective conservation measure. While enforcement of fishing regulations has shown marked improvement in most respects this season, more frequent patrols of park waters and complete checks of anglers' catches are needed to produce fish resources from greedy persons who will respect only regulations which are rigidly enforced.

Fish planted in park waters during the month are tabulated below:

Waters Stocked	Species	Size	Number	Source
Gallatin River	Rainbow Trout	[illegible]	20,000	Hatchery
Mammoth Beaver Ponds	" "	[illegible]	5,000	Hatchery
Gardiner River #1	" "	[illegible]	10,000	Hatchery
Gardiner River #2	" "	[illegible]	20,000	Hatchery
Slough Creek	Rainbow Trout	[illegible]	20,000	Hatchery
Lamar River	" "	[illegible]	20,000	Hatchery
Gardiner River #1	Loch Leven Trout	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hatchery
Blacktail Deer Creek	Eastern Brook Trout	[illegible]	10,000	Hatchery
Cascadian Creek	" "	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hatchery
Moose Lake	" "	[illegible]	1,000	Hatchery

Forest Fire Protection. Eighteen (18) fires and one (1) Class F fire were reported during July. Fire danger for the park was average or low during the first half of the month but between the 15th and 31st the park average was high or very high, reaching a peak of 53 on July 16. The large fire organization units were completely filled by July 6 and three of these units were distributed. Initial fire training of all seasonal personnel including road crews and blister rust crews was completed by the middle of the month.

The pre-suppression crew completed maintenance work on the Mt. Sheridan telephone line on July 7 and was moved to the Mt. Holmes area to do the necessary maintenance work on the line to the Mt. Holmes lookout. On Mt. Holmes was finished by July 21 and the rest of the month was spent testing and repairing this line. The fire truck was taken to Mount Yellowstone on July 6.

Blister Rust Control. The blister rust control operation in the Mt. Washburn area progressed very well during the month. Initial work in this area was well ahead of schedule and it is hoped considerable re-work in the 1946 area can be accomplished this season. A total of 70 acres were initially

worked during July and 144,200 Ribes eradicated requiring 824 man-days work. 1,429 gallons of chemical were used on the project during the month. A field inspection of the blister rust control project was made July 12. Other scouting trips were made by Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman with Mr. C. M. Chapman of the Purple Mountain and Electric Peak areas on July 25, 26 and 27.

The blister rust crew consumed a total of 23 man-days on wood-cutting in the Canyon area. The wood is for general use by all government agencies in the Canyon area.

Wood Cutting. Inspection of the Canyon-Norris wood cutting area was made on July 4. The contractor is doing a very good job with a minimum of damage to the standing trees and ground cover. Frequent inspections have been made of the Lewis River cutting area and operations are satisfactory.

Trails. A trail foreman and crew of three men began work in the Old Faithful area on July 11. They first repaired the bridge over the Firehole River in Biscuit Basin and another bridge on the Mallard Lake Trail and then set up a camp near Lone Star. At the end of the month they had repaired the bridge and put in drainage across the first swamp and worked the entire trail to the spring near Shoshone Meadows. 209 man-days were spent during the month on trails in the Bechler River, Old Faithful, Lamar, Snake River and West Yellowstone areas.

Building Fire Protection. The annual building fire hazard inspections were completed in all buildings in the park and the written reports prepared.

On July 9 the kerosene refrigerator at the old ranger station, Building No. 253, at the Northeast Entrance caught fire from some unknown cause. About 15 square feet of the wooden porch floor and an equal area of log siding were scorched.

Accidents and Public Safety. Reports of 79 motor vehicle accidents were received during the month including 39 Class A, 39 Class B and one Class C. The Class C accident, which involved busses operated by the Yellowstone Park Company, a Peter Kiewit and Sons semi-trailer distributor and a private automobile and resulted in the fatal injury of one person, was the first of this class in three seasons. Seventeen of the Class B accidents resulted in personal injuries but most of these were not of a serious nature. Government-owned vehicles were involved in three minor accidents which did not result in the injury of any persons.

Personal injury reports, submitted on Form 10-403, received during the month totaled 139. Thirteen of these reports covered injuries to employees of the National Park Service. On July 12, Mrs. Frederick Rettemeyer, age 52, Meridan, Connecticut, was caught under an overturned Yellowstone Park Company bus and died immediately as a result of a skull fracture. On July 14, Robert Kasik, age 5, Berwyn, Illinois, slipped and fell into a small hot pool near the West Thumb cafeteria. He died a few hours later, at the Mammoth Hospital, of third degree burns.

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Field inspection of the bilster rust control project was made July 1. Other scouting trips were made by Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman [illegible], C. C. Chapman of the Purple Mountain and Blaverie rust areas on July 27, 28 and 29.

The bilster rust crew consumed a total of 29 man-days on scouting in the Canyon area. The wood is for general use by all government agencies in the Canyon area.

Road Cutting. Inspection of the Canyon-Jarbidge road cutting area was made on July 21. The contractor is doing a very good job with a minimum of damage to the standing timber and ground cover. Important improvements have been made of the Jarbidge River cutting area and operations are satisfactory.

Trails. A trail foreman and crew of three men began work in the Old Rattlesnake area on July 11. They first repaired the bridge over the Jarbidge River in Bacon Wash and another bridge on the Rattlesnake Lake trail and then set up a camp near Lone Star. At the end of the month they had repaired the bridge and put in drainage across the trail twice and worked the upper trail to the spring near Robinson Meadows. They completed some spots in the worst on trails in the Boulder River, Old Rattlesnake, Lower Jarbidge River and West Yellowstone areas.

Building Fire Protection. The annual building fire hazard inspections were completed in all buildings in the park and the work sheets prepared.

On July 9 the Jarbidge warehouse burned to the ground. [illegible] building No. 229, at the Northeast Entrance caught fire from some unknown cause. About 15 square feet of the wooden porch floor and an small area of log siding were scorched.

Accidents and Public Safety. Reports of 79 motor vehicle accidents were received during the month involving 29 Class A, 29 Class B and one Class C. The Class C accident, which involved horses operated by the Yellowstone Park Company, a rotor Elkhart and Sons sand-trailer distributor and a private automobile and resulted in the fatal injury of one person, was the first of this class in three seasons. Seventeen of the Class B accidents resulted in personal injuries but most of these were not of a serious nature. Numerous small vehicles were involved in these minor accidents which did not result in the injury of any persons.

Personal injury reports, submitted on Form 10-[illegible], received during the month totaled 159. Thirteen of these reports covered injuries to employees of the National Park Service. On July 12, Mrs. Frederick Hotchkiss, age 70, Meriden, Connecticut, was caught under an overturned Yellowstone Company bus and died immediately as a result of a small fracture. On July 4, Robert Eagle, age 9, Berwyn, Illinois, slipped and fell into a small hot pool near the West Thumb geyserite. He died a few hours later, at the Lamar Hospital, of third degree burns.

Law Enforcement. Sixty-seven law enforcement cases were presented before the U. S. Commissioner during the month with a total of $1593.00 in fines assessed against violators. There were twenty-five cases of speeding, seven drunken driving cases, five reckless driving cases, two speeding and reckless driving cases, three cases of operating a vehicle off a designated roadway, eighteen fishing violations, one theft case, one case of defacement of natural features, one case of private advertising and an excessive number of fish, and one case of drunk and disorderly conduct with drunken driving. Two auto theft cases and one grand larceny case were bound over to the U. S. District Court in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Other cases investigated during the month included fifteen cases of theft, two cases of burglary and one case of vandalism.

Births. Sandra Lynn Olson, premature baby girl, born to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Olson of Moscow, Idaho, while they were visiting in the park on July 3.

A son, named William Everett, born to Mr. and Mrs. Everett F. Krier, Glendive, Montana at the Mammoth Hospital July 17. Mr. Krier is employed as a National Park Service seasonal truck driver.

A daughter, Jannine Anne, born to Dr. and Mrs. Norman Carlson at the Mammoth Hospital July 20. Dr. Carlson is the resident physician of the park.

Deaths. David A. Edwards, 36, Lubbock, Texas, died of a heart attack while helping drag a boat through the channel from Lewis to Shoshone Lakes on July 4.

Mrs. Gertrude Rettermeyer, 52, Meridan, Connecticut, died due to injuries received in an automobile-bus-truck accident which occurred at Gibbon Meadows July 12.

Robert Kasik, 5, Berwyn, Illinois, died July 15 as a result of burns received from falling in hot pool in rear of West Thumb cafeteria on the evening of July 14.

Personnel. Milton J. Shipman entered on duty as Storekeeper (General) CAF-3 July 5. He resigned at the close of business July 29 due to illness.

Thomas J. Somerville, Jr., entered on duty as Fiscal Accounting Clerk, CAF-4 by transfer from the Post Office Department, Gardiner, Montana, effective July 7.

Ethel L. McDanal, Clerk Stenographer, CAF-4 resigned July 29 due to illness.

Edmund B. Rogers
Superintendent

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Births. Sandra Lynn Olson, [illegible] baby girl, born [illegible] and [illegible]. Leonard Olson of Tacoma, [illegible] while they were visiting [illegible] on July [illegible].

[illegible] William [illegible], born [illegible], [illegible]. [illegible] Ryder, Olympia, [illegible] at the Memorial Hospital [illegible]. Mr. [illegible] employed on a [illegible] farm [illegible] a seasonal [illegible] worker.

A daughter, Jonelle [illegible], born [illegible] at the [illegible] Center in the Memorial Hospital [illegible]. [illegible] is the [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible].

Deaths. Merle L. Hawkins, [illegible], [illegible] Tacoma, died of a heart attack at Ocean Beach, Wash., [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] Lake on July [illegible].

Mrs. [illegible] Johnson, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible] died [illegible] injuries received in an automobile-two-horse accident which occurred at Gibson Station July [illegible].

[illegible] Smith, [illegible], Tacoma, died July [illegible] of a [illegible] of burns received from falling in hot pool in rear of [illegible] [illegible] on the evening of July [illegible].

Personnel. Milton L. Gibson entered on duty as [illegible] (General) [illegible]. He resigned at the close of business July [illegible] to [illegible].

Thomas L. [illegible], Jr., entered on duty as [illegible] Clerk, [illegible] by transfer from the Post Office Department, [illegible], effective July [illegible].

[illegible] L. Tolmond, Park [illegible], [illegible] to [illegible].

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Superintendent

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