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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
FOR THE YEAR 1907

THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your report for the year 1907, and to express its appreciation for the valuable information it contains.

The report is a most comprehensive and interesting one, and it is a pleasure to find that the work of the Service has been so successful in the past year. The increase in the number of visitors to the parks is a most gratifying result of the efforts of the Service, and it is a reflection on the wisdom of the policy of the Department.

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<u>BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:</u>	Fire hazard inspections suspended due elk reduction. To be continued in February.	9
<u>ACCIDENTS:</u>	One motor vehicle accident, ice & poor visibility.	9
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<u>DEATHS:</u>	Raymond Hall, Gardiner, and mother of Frank Anderson passed away during month.	<u>Page</u> 9
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February 9, 1951

## Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Acting Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for January 1951

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of January 1951.

Weather Conditions. A severe cold front reached the park during the last week of the month with January 29 temperatures recorded as follows: West Yellowstone  $-56.5^{\circ}$ , Lamar Unit  $-51^{\circ}$ , Northeast Entrance  $-50^{\circ}$ , Tower Falls  $-48^{\circ}$ , East Entrance  $-39^{\circ}$ , Snake River  $-36^{\circ}$ , and Mammoth  $-35^{\circ}$ . The front gradually moved south and by the end of the month temperatures over the park had moderated.

Snow depths as of January 31 for representative stations in the park are as follows:

	<u>1951</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1949</u>	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>
Mammoth	7.0	10.0	14.5	10.0	9.0
Tower Falls	22.0	19.0	32.0	27.0	20.0
Lamar	10.0	6.0	27.0	11.0	10.0
Northeast Entrance	23.5	30.0	35.0	33.0	37.0
East Entrance	37.5	31.0	40.0	33.0	30.0
Lake	30.0	40.0	38.5	37.0	35.0
Snake River	42.0	37.0	46.0	39.0	48.0
West Yellowstone	33.0	43.0	40.0	25.0	40.0

Total precipitation for Mammoth was 0.99" as compared with 2.32" in 1950, 1.15" in 1949, 1.33" in 1948, 0.63" in 1947, 1.13" in 1946, 3.46" in 1945, and 3.99" in 1944.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers was on duty at Denver throughout the month, having returned from annual leave January 2. Assistant Superintendent Johnston was Acting Superintendent, with Administrative Assistant Joffe or Chief Ranger Skinner Acting during his absence.

On January 27 Acting Superintendent Johnston, Resident Landscape Architect Mattson and Park Engineer Wohlbrandt left for Denver where, with Superintendent Rogers, they conferred with Bureau of Public Roads officials on Yellowstone road matters on the 30th and 31st. The night of the 31st all four left for Omaha to meet with Regional officials, expecting to



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return to Denver early February 3 and Messrs. Johnston, Wohlbbrandt and Mattson to return to Yellowstone February 4. Mechanical Supervisor Robinson accompanied the group as far as Rocky Mountain National Park where he picked up a truck tractor and continued to Wind Cave to get a trailer, which equipment is being transferred to Yellowstone.

Chief Naturalist Doerr, Washington Office, Regional Biologist Cole, Acting Superintendent Johnston, Chief Ranger Skinner, and Biologist Kittams attended the Montana Wildlife Federation Meeting at Helena January 6 and 7.

Administrative Assistant Joffe and Park Naturalist Condon attended the Livingston Chamber of Commerce meeting in Livingston on January 8.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson departed for Grand Teton National Park January 14 to assist in the preparation of their Project Construction Program, returning January 19.

Administrative Assistant Joffe entered on annual leave January 15, expecting to return to duty about February 26. The Joffes are on a trip to California, Arizona and other points in the Southwest.

Forester Barrows from the Regional Office and Chief Park Ranger Skinner left January 20 for Missoula, Montana, to confer with Forest Service officials regarding a proposed smokejumper unit at West Yellowstone, also contacting several flying services regarding planes for this program. Mr. Skinner returned the 24th and Mr. Barrows continued to Ogden, Utah, to see Forest Service officials there regarding the proposed unit, returning to the park the 28th.

Biologist Kittams left the evening of the 22nd to attend the meeting of the American Society of Range Management at Billings, Montana, January 23-25, where he presented a talk on "Ecology and Utilization of Sagebrush by Wildlife in Yellowstone National Park", and to confer with Federal and State officials on range investigations.

Park Naturalist Condon and Assistant Chief Ranger Evans left January 28 to attend a meeting at the Forest Service Nine-Mile Remount Station below Missoula, Montana, of Federal, State and local agencies on a program of wildlife management education the 29th to 31st, which program was conducted by the Forest Service and the Extension Division of the Montana University for the purpose of providing basic training to persons who may be called upon to participate in community forums and other programs dealing with conservation education.

New Wage Board Rates for both Maintenance and Construction Ungraded Employees became effective January 7 in accordance with Wage Board Schedules O&M #11-50 and Construction #6-50, approved December 27, 1950.



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Jackson, which equipment is being transferred to Yellowstone.

Chief Naturalist Joseph, Johnston Office, Regional Naturalist  
Cole, Acting Superintendent Johnston, Chief Ranger Skinner, and William  
Littles attended the Montana Wildlife Conservation Meeting in Helena  
January 6 and 7.

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Board Schedule OPM 411-50 and Construction 40-50, approved December 27,  
1950.



On January 10 John W. Jay was appointed a member of the Sign Committee to replace Breynton R. Finch, making the following constitute the Committee: Philip H. Wohlbrandt, Chairman, Frank E. Mattson, David deL. Condon and John W. Jay, Members.

The following were designated January 10 as the Yellowstone Park Safety Committee for 1951: Robert R. Robinson, Chairman; William Proper, Clerk; Frank F. Kowski and Robert S. Hursh, Members; and J. Stanley Fillmore and Robert F. Upton, Alternate Members.

The Board of Survey for Yellowstone and coordinated areas was approved by the Regional Director January 18, as follows: Philip H. Wohlbrandt, Chairman; John W. Galle, Clerk; Roger H. Miller and Curtis K. Skinner, Members; and Joseph Joffe and Deate T. White, Alternate Members.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination for Stenographer-Typist on January 23 with two competitors.

Announcement was made by memorandum of January 19 from the Region Two Office that the transfer and promotion of Charles E. Krueger to the position of Regional Landscape Architect in that office had been approved. The memorandum also mentioned the recent transfer of John B. Cabot from Region Three to fill the Regional Architect position in Region Two.

On January 12 the following Efficiency Rating Committee was appointed for 1951 and a memorandum sent to the Region Two Office regarding same: Fred T. Johnston, Chairman; Joseph Joffe and Curtis K. Skinner, Members; and David deL. Condon and Ernest R. I. Anderson, Alternates.

Inspections. John E. Doerr, Chief Naturalist, NPS, Washington, D. C., and James E. Cole, Regional Biologist, NPS, in North January 5, to obtain on-the-ground knowledge of the elk management program and confer on wildlife matters. Mr. Cole departed January 14 for Omaha and Mr. Doerr January 15 for Washington, D. C.

Maynard Barrows, Forester, Region Two, arrived January 17, regarding proposed smokejumper unit at West Yellowstone. He made a trip to Missoula, Montana, and Ogden, Utah, January 20-28 regarding the proposed unit, and departed January 30 for Omaha.

Cornelius B. Philips, Principal Medical Entomologist and Acting Director, Microbiological Institute, Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Hamilton, Montana, and Lyndahl E. Hughes, Laboratory Technician of the same institute, arrived January 24 to take blood samples from elk and collect ticks in connection with research on transmission of disease. They departed the 26th.

In-Service Training. The Yellowstone Park News Letter was published each week to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed on park happenings.

On January 19 John W. Jay was appointed a member of the Regional Committee to replace Brewster R. Wilson, making the following committee the Committee: Philip R. Wolfenbarger, Chairman; Frank R. Johnston, David J. Gordon and John W. Jay, Members.

The following were designated January 19 as the Yellowstone Park Society Committee for 1951: Robert R. Robinson, Chairman; William Proper, Clerk; Frank R. Nowell and Robert A. Hume, Members; and Stanley Ellmore and Robert T. Upton, Alternate Members.

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On January 18 the following Wildlife Surveying Committee was appointed for 1951 and a memorandum sent to the Region Two Office regarding same: Fred T. Johnston, Chairman; Joseph Jaffe and Gerald K. Skinner, Members; and David J. Gordon and Robert T. Upton, Alternates.

Inspections. John E. Foote, Chief Inspector, WPS, Washington, D. C., and James H. Gole, Regional Inspector, WPS, arrived January 19 to obtain on-the-ground knowledge of the elk management program and confer on wildlife matters. Mr. Gole departed January 19 for Omaha and Mr. Foote January 19 for Washington, D. C.

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Publicity. Information was prepared and sent January 26 for use in the Casper (Wyoming) Tribune-Herald Annual Wyoming Edition.

A total of 161,500 Yellowstone broadsides for 1950 remained on hand at the end of the month.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Park Engineer Wohlbrandt devoted most of the month to PCP estimates and programming expenditures for the next fiscal year. Resident Landscape Architect Mattson assisted with the PCP for Yellowstone and Grand Teton. Messrs. Wohlbrandt and Mattson attended meetings with Bureau of Public Roads January 30 and 31 at Denver on Yellowstone road program. Assistant Park Engineer Hersh spent month working on design of secondary treatment facilities for the Lake sewer disposal system and preliminary design for the utilities for the Fishing Bridge campground extension. Engineer Rowe returned to duty from annual leave January 15 and continued working on "as constructed" drawings for the projects in the Old Faithful area. A study for wye signs in Yellowstone was prepared by Mr. Mattson and discussed by the Sign Committee and in the Regional Office.

Maintenance. The road maintenance operations were carried on with the regular maintenance personnel. The operations were light during the first half of the month and became increasingly heavier during the latter part. The roads were kept open from the North Entrance to Cooke, Montana. The snow depth at Cooke is three to four feet. Snow was removed from the roads serving the elk traps at Lamar, Crystal Creek and Blacktail. Road maintenance personnel continued cleaning road equipment.

The transfer of Elmer F. Armstrong, Mixed Gang Foreman, to Mt. Rainier National Park was approved January 29.

Construction. The Blacktail Deer Creek Elk Trap, Account 331.09, was completed January 11 and placed in operation.

Other projects under way during the month were as follows:

Account 231.01, Repair Heating Plant, Building 34, Contract.-- Job completed and heating plant in operation.

Account 231.02, Repair Heating Plant, Building 13, Contract.-- Contractor procuring material and expects to start work early in February.

Account 231.03, Reroof Building No. 20, Storage Shed.--75% complete.

Account 231.04, Reroof Building No. 21, Storage Shed.--Material on hand.

Account 231.05, Reroof Building No. 22, Plumbing Shop.--95% complete.



Monthly. Information was provided and first January 1951 was in the Capital (Yuma) Tribune-Record and other papers.

A total of 12,500 Yellowstone residents for 1951 was estimated at the end of the month.

Highway and Survey. Park Highway Department devoted most of the month to the estimates and organizing expenditures for the next fiscal year. Resident Landscape Architect William Anderson visited the Park for Yellowstone and Grand Teton. Mrs. Williams and Anderson attended meetings with Bureau of Public Roads January 20 and 21 at Denver on Yellowstone road program. Assistant Park Engineer Howard Smith was in on design of secondary treatment facilities for the Lake Arrowhead system and preliminary design for the Little Snake bridge. Engineer Smith was retained to carry out annual leave January 15 and continued working on "as completed" drawings for the projects in the Old Faithful area. A study for the site in Yellowstone was prepared by Mr. Peterson and discussed by the Big Game Committee in the Regional Office.

Highway. The road maintenance committee was carried on with the regular maintenance program. The committee met in the first half of the month and became increasingly busy during the latter part. The roads were kept open from the North Entrance to Cooke. The snow depth at Cooke is down to four feet. Snow was removed from the roads leaving the six roads to Lamar, Crystal Creek and Blacktail. Road maintenance personnel continued cleaning road equipment.

The transfer of Mr. E. Peterson, Park Ranger, to Ft. Belknap National Park was approved January 21.

Construction. The Blacktail Loop Road EIR Trip, Account 131.05, was completed January 11 and placed in operation.

Other projects under way during the month were as follows:

Account 231.01, Repair Heating Plant, Building 24, Contractor. Job completed and heating plant in operation.

Account 131.02, Repair Heating Plant, Building 13, Contractor. Contractor procuring material and expected to start work early in February.

Account 231.03, Repair Building No. 20, Garage Area. 1-152 complete.

Account 231.04, Repair Building No. 21, Garage Area. 1-152 on hand.

Account 231.05, Repair Building No. 22, Dining Room. 1-152 complete.

Concessioners. Huntley Child, Jr. returned January 3 to the Yellowstone Park Company office at Gardiner, Montana, from a California trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haynes, Haynes, Inc., visited at the Superintendent's Office January 10 from their winter headquarters at Bozeman, Montana.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular Sunday School services were held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. throughout the month. Rev. E. A. Syms of Livingston, Montana, conducted a Protestant service on January 14 but did not come to the park on the 28th due to the exceedingly cold wave prevalent at that time.

Interpretive Services. The only interpretive services rendered by the Naturalist Division during the month were the loaning of interpretive visual aids materials to interested groups for their presentation of programs of Yellowstone Park.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Twenty-two Moran paintings were packed and shipped on January 8 to the Chicago Art Institute for the Franz Lipp exhibit there next summer.

A careful inventory of all accessioned paintings and pictures was made. The correspondence files were reviewed for information on these accessioned materials which was not included in the accession records or on the cards and this information was added to them.

A series of measurements were made on the bison head on exhibit in the park headquarters museum for the Boone and Crockett Club since this head is considered to be one of the record bison heads for size. The skull on exhibit at the Fishing Bridge Museum which is considered to be probably the largest bison skull in the world will have to be measured and records sent to this group after the museum becomes available in the spring.

Rock specimens were sent to six different institutions for use by them in their educational programs. In addition to this, eight sets of hand specimens were made up and properly labeled preparatory to meeting future requests when they are received.

Research and Observation. On January 3 a detailed memorandum covering a program of work projects which could be carried on in connection with the museum and interpretive activities of the Naturalist Division was submitted to the Superintendent for consideration as part of the conscientious objectors work camp program if such should be established in Yellowstone Park.

On January 5 and 8 field trips were made out as far as Baronett Peak on Soda Butte Creek by Chief Park Naturalist Condon and Park Naturalist Upton for the purpose of obtaining pictures and observing wildlife. On



Yellowstone Park Company Office at Gardiner, Montana, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on January 2, 1916.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hays, of Gardiner, Montana, visited at the Yellowstone Park Company Office January 10 from their winter home at Gardiner, Montana.

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On January 5 and 6 field trips were made out on the Lamar River to look on Soda Butte Creek by Chief Park Naturalist Gordon and Park Ranger Upton for the purpose of obtaining pictures and observing wildlife.



January 13 a trip was made with Chief Naturalist Doerr and Biologist Cole to the Lamar Valley where elk trapping operations were observed and photographed. On this date 20 head of marked elk were released in the Travertine Quarry area above Gardiner where it was anticipated that they would be hunted by sportsmen. On the 16th, 17th and 18th trips were made to the Stevens Creek area by members of the Naturalist Division for the purpose of obtaining pictures and watching the antelope trapping operations. Although weather conditions were adverse for good photography, pictures were made of the trap, the trapping operations and the capturing of the animals.

A total of six days were spent by the Chief Park Naturalist in reviewing the informational and directional sign program of the park and making up a new list covering all informational and directional signs along roadsides in the park. This list was completed and it is anticipated that it will be used as a work list which can be followed as soon as the sign committee can make trips into the field.

Natural History Association. During the month the January-February issue of Yellowstone Park Nature Notes was edited, multilithed and it was placed in the mail on January 31 with 363 copies being sent out.

The multilith of the association was used during the month for running off several thousand copies of the Yellowstone Weekly News Letter heads. A 16mm sound motion picture projector was used to present community movies.

Books sold during the month were as follows: Yellowstone National Park, \$1.20; Custer Battlefield National Monument, \$17.35.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 3850 visitors in 1216 vehicles entered the park this month compared to 1967 persons in 730 vehicles for the same month last year. This is an increase of 99% and was caused principally by the mild weather during the middle of the month which encouraged visiting hunters to make daily trips into the park to see and photograph the wildlife. No snowplanes entered the park during the month.

Visitors. Edmund Christopherson, writer for Saturday Evening Post, headquarters at Missoula, arrived January 24 for several days to get information and atmosphere in the park and around the Gardiner hunting area for possible story "Too Darn Many Elk".

On January 18 Dr. Don C. Quimby and Dr. Brown, Montana State College, Bozeman, and twelve Wildlife Management students spent the day here observing wildlife management and operations problems.

January 15 a trip was made with Gail Peterson to the Lamar Valley where elk trapping operations were observed and photographed. On this date 20 head of moose were reported in the Lamar Valley. On the 16th, 17th and 18th trips were made to the Quarry area above Gardiner where it was anticipated that they would be hunted by sheepmen. On the 16th, 17th and 18th trips were made to the Stevens Creek area by members of the National Division for the purpose of obtaining pictures and recording the antelope trapping operations. Although weather conditions were adverse the good photography obtained were made of the trap, the trapping operations and the sighting of the animals.

A total of six days were spent by the Gail Peterson team in reviewing the informational and educational film material of the park and making up a new list covering all important and distinctive signs along roadsides in the park. This list was completed and it is anticipated that it will be used as a work list which can be followed as soon as the sign committee can make trips into the field.

Natural History Association. During the month the January-February issue of Yellowstone Park Natural History was edited, published and it was placed in the mail on January 31 with 305 copies being sent out.

The majority of the association was held during the month for running off several thousand copies of the Yellowstone Weekly News letter heads. A film sound motion picture projector was used to present commercial movies.

Books sold during the month were as follows: Yellowstone National Park, \$1.50; Gail Peterson National Monument, \$1.50.

Increases or Decreases in Travel. A total of 3,000 vehicles in 1936 entered the park this month compared to 2,700 vehicles in 1935. This is an increase of 10% and was caused principally by the mild weather during the month of the month which encouraged visiting hunters to make trips into the park to see and photograph the wildlife. No snow had entered the park during the month.

Visitors. Edmund G. Gifford, Jr., and his family, who are Post headquarters at Missoula, arrived January 14 for several days to get information and atmosphere in the park and around the Gardiner area for possible story "Too Many Nicks".

On January 18 Dr. Tom C. Gifford and Dr. Brown, Montana State College, Bozeman, and twelve Wildlife Management students spent the day here observing wildlife management and operations programs.



Ranger Service. The large majority of Protection Division time and effort was spent on direct control and trapping activities of the elk reduction program. During the month a total of 476 head were taken by direct control, 108 head were transplanted on suitable ranges in Montana and 63 head were released in the open hunting area adjacent to the north boundary of the park. The cooperation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the State of Montana Fish and Game Department was excellent.

The cooperative antelope trapping operation conducted by the park staff and the State of Montana Fish and Game Department was initiated on the 9th when the trap was erected. The actual trapping operation was conducted from the 17th through the 20th with a total catch of 123 animals.

The annual waterfowl census was conducted from the 9th to the 13th.

Other Protection Division activities included building fire inspections in the headquarters area, repair of saddle and pack stock equipment, preparation of reports and correspondence and other related office duties.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ELK MANAGEMENT. Direct control of surplus elk in the northern Yellowstone herd commenced on January 2 when two shooting crews began taking elk above Lamar headquarters. After two days, operations were extended to the Yellowstone River Bridge near Tower Falls Junction. On January 8 the work was further extended to within three miles of Mammoth, with one crew based at Lamar and one at Mammoth. A total of 476 elk was taken by January 26 when direct control operations were terminated. Animals killed consisted of 93 bulls (19.54%), 342 cows (71.85%) and 41 calves (8.6%). Indian Agencies received 480 carcasses, which filled all requests, and 2 carcasses were retained by the National Park Service.

Trapping of live elk at the Mammoth, Crystal Creek and Lamar traps was continued seven days each week during January. The new elk trap located near Blacktail Deer Creek was completed on January 11 and placed in operation immediately. Trapping conditions were not good due to a comparatively light snow cover over the winter range which permitted elk to find much natural forage so that they were not attracted in more than small numbers into the traps by the hay used as bait. The Montana Fish and Game Department received 171 live elk and transplanted 108 in various parts of the state for restocking purposes. The number released in the open hunting area north of Gardiner was 63 for the month.

HUNTING SEASON. The Montana Fish and Game Department Checking Station at Corwin Springs reported that hunters had checked 118 elk by the close of December and 1,051 by end of January, the close of the

Winter Service. The large majority of Protection Division traps and effort was spent on direct control and trapping activities of the elk reduction program. During the month a total of 176 head were taken by direct control, 104 head were transported on suitable range to Montana and 63 head were released in the open mountain area adjacent to the north boundary of the park. The cooperation of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the State of Montana Fish and Game Department was excellent.

The cooperative antelope trapping operations conducted by the park staff and the State of Montana Fish and Game Department and initiated on the 25th when the trap was erected. The antelope trapping operations were conducted from the 25th through the 30th with a total catch of 123 antelope.

The annual antelope census was completed from the 25th to the 30th.

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Other Protection Division activities include including this inspection in the headquarters area, repair of traps and pack roads, equipment, preparation of reports and correspondence and other related office duties.

Wildlife and Fish Control Activities. The Wildlife and Fish Control of trapping elk in the northern Yellowstone area is conducted on January 2 when two shooting crews began taking elk above Lamar headquarters. After two days, operations were extended to the Yellowstone River Bridge near Tower Falls Junction. On January 3 the work was further extended to within three miles of Mammoth, with one crew based at Lamar and one at Mammoth. A total of 418 elk was taken by January 25 when direct control operations were terminated. Animals killed consisted of 22 bulls (19.4%), 342 cows (71.8%) and 41 calves (8.6%). Indian Agency received 180 carcasses, which filled all necessary and a carcass was returned to the National Park Service.

Trapping of live elk at the Mammoth, Gardiner and Lamar traps was continued seven days each over during January. The live elk trap located near Mammoth Park Creek was completed on January 13 and placed in operation immediately. Trapping conditions were not good due to a comparatively light snow cover over the winter range which permitted elk to find much natural forage so that they were not attracted in some than small numbers into the traps by the hay used as bait. The Wildlife and Game Department received 171 live elk and transported 106 to various parts of the state for restocking purposes. The number released in the open hunting area north of Mammoth was 62 for the season.

ELK TRAP SHOOT. The Montana Fish and Game Department On a station at Corwin Springs reported that hunters had opened 112 elk the close of December and 1,021 by end of January, the close of the



hunting season. The total hunting kill, which includes those taken during the early season and by local hunters and those which were wounded and lost, will be reported later by the District Warden Supervisor.

PRONGHORNS. A crew of fieldmen of the Restoration Division, Montana Fish and Game Department commenced erecting a trap for capturing surplus pronghorns at Stevens Creek on January 9 and completed the work on January 11. Trapping operations commenced on January 17, when Cliff McBrateny piloted a light airplane to herd about 75 animals into the trap. Fifty additional animals were trapped two days later, but on other dates the animals broke the posts of the wing fence and escaped. Repeated attempts to drive the pronghorns caused them to move to the slopes of Sepulcher Mountain so operations were suspended temporarily.

On January 19 two large trucks loaded 75 animals for Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park and 12 males for Wind Cave National Park. The remainder of those trapped, 36 animals, were released near Polson, Montana, by the Montana Fish and Game Department. One pronghorn was accidentally killed during the loading operations.

BISON. Elk trapping operations at the Crystal Creek trap were seriously hampered by bison which persisted in frequenting the vicinity of the trap and in taking the hay during the night hours. Elk would not enter when bison were present so trapping efforts were useless at times. Bison also interfered to a lesser extent at the Lamar trap, although riders regularly drive the animals from the vicinity of both traps.

WATERFOWL. Park Rangers enumerated park waterfowl during the period of January 10-12 as part of the cooperative effort in making the annual Waterfowl Inventory of the United States. A total of 1,740 birds was reported for the park.

Forest Fire Protection. Forester Maynard Barrows arrived in Yellowstone January 17. On the 20th he and Chief Ranger Skinner went to Missoula to work out the details necessary for establishing a smokejumper unit in Yellowstone National Park. Present plans contemplate a 5-man unit with one contract plane, preferably suitable for both detection and smoke-jumping. The jumper crew would handle aerial detection, prepare and drop air cargo and jump to fires as needed. This plan is largely predicated on the availability of a suitable plane. The Forest Service is investigating the suitability of a Cessna 195, owned by Lynch Flying Service of Belgrade, Montana, for this purpose.

While Mr. Barrows was in the park, plans were made for Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman to go to the Regional Office in February to assist in preparing training aids for use in forest fire fighting training.

Park Ranger Hess worked during his spare time preparing a training aid on "Suppression of Small Fires", for use in training seasonal personnel during the coming season.





Trails. The trail estimates for the 1952 fiscal year were prepared and submitted to the park engineer during the month. In preparing the estimates, careful consideration was given to the recommendations contained in the rangers' annual and maintenance reports and to the recommendations left by Mr. Finch who was in charge of trails prior to his illness and departure from the park. The maintenance projects were divided into two groups, routine and special. The special projects were listed according to a priority rating based upon the condition of a trail and its importance. The amount of money requested exceeded last year's estimates due to the condition of the trails and the probable increase in cost of labor and equipment rental.

Building Fire Protection. No building fire hazard inspections were made during the month since all available personnel were engaged in the elk reduction program. It is planned to complete the building fire inspections of all Government buildings at park headquarters during February.

Accidents and Public Safety. One Class "B" motor vehicle accident occurred during the month. A tourist vehicle collided with a truck on the Gallatin highway. The accident was caused by icy roads and poor visibility.

Law Enforcement. No law enforcement cases were held during the month. U. S. Commissioner T. Paul Wilcox is still away from the park due to illness.

Marriages. Betty J. Wohlbrandt and Albert R. Poloson were married January 19 at Idaho Falls, Idaho. Mrs. Poloson is the daughter of Park Engineer Philip H. Wohlbrandt and Mr. Poloson was employed here this past season as Packer and Truck Driver for the National Park Service. They expect to make their home on a ranch near Camas, Montana.

January 9 Deaths. Raymond Hall, 50, died at the Lott Hospital in Livingston following a stroke suffered December 27. Funeral services were held at the Congregational Church, Livingston, and burial at the Bozeman Cemetery, January 12. He was a member of the W. A. Hall family in Gardiner who have operated the general store there for many years.

The mother of District Park Ranger Frank H. Anderson passed away at Atlanta, Georgia, on January 28. He was with her at the time and attended her funeral in New York on the 31st.

Persomnel. Effective January 7 Roy L. Armstrong was changed from Warehouseman-Truck Driver, CPC-5, to Plumber's Helper, Ungraded.

Notice was received January 15 of the promotion of Edward S. Luce, Superintendent, Custer Battlefield National Monument, from Grade GS-6 to GS-7, effective December 22, 1950.





Bernice R. Upton entered on duty January 15, 1951, as Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4, under Temporary Appointment (not to exceed 2/14/51).

The services of Betty Jane Lauer, seasonal Clerk-Typist, GS-3, were terminated at the close of January 31.

Breynton R. Finch, Assistant Chief Ranger, has found it necessary to leave the park due to his health and move to a lower elevation. He is being carried on sick leave during his recuperation and pending transfer to some more suitable altitude in another area.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of Federal Employees Union, No. 465 was held in the Canteen on January 8. Election of officers was held and the following were elected: Frank F. Kowski, President; Robert J. Carr, Vice-President; Alice A. Kohout, Secretary; Thomas J. Somerville, Jr., Treasurer; William A. Biatoch, Guard; Board of Directors: J. Stanley Fillmore, Joe D. Kurtz, Walter H. Kittams, Robert S. Hursh.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held in the Canteen on January 15 and the following officers were elected, to be installed at the February meeting: Roger H. Miller, President; William A. Olson, Vice President; Andrew A. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer.

On January 22 the Annual Meeting of the Yellowstone Federal Credit Union was held. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Board of Directors: J. Stanley Fillmore, President; Robert S. Hursh, Vice-President; Robert J. Carr, Treasurer; Roger H. Miller and Walter H. Kittams, Members. Supervisory Committee: Alfred A. Bouman, Evelyn K. Miller and Willis J. Stanton. Credit Committee: W. Verde Matson, Frank F. Kowski and John W. Galle. A 2.4% dividend was declared for last year.

Fred T. Johnston  
Acting Superintendent

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