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SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

August, 1947

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✓	ANDERSON	
	KURTZ	
	SHOREY	
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	ELLIOTT	
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	CHAPMAN	
	SKINNER	
✓	WOHLBRANDT	
	ROBINSON	

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Summary of the August, 1947, Monthly Narrative Report for

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Sup't to Jackson Hole; Yellowstone Lake to pick up Sec'y Krug; to Billings with Sec'y and to Grand Teton. Johnston to Billings to attend Young Public Lands meeting. Leading newspapers outdoor editors in. Haines presented an award by Sec'y Krug.	1
	Population census taken. "Diamond Jubilee Trail Riders" follow Howard Eaton trail on ten-day horseback trip. Region Two Office moved to new location. Steno-Typist exam held by Local Civil Service Board.	2
INSPECTIONS:	Bixby, FSA, Cheyenne, Cowan, Mattoson and Williams, FSA, Denver in. Bauer, Geologist, Chicago; Sec'y Krug; Prescott, Economist, Washington, all NPS, in. Cowan, IBC; Lindauer and Miller, Chicago; and Associate Director Demaray and wife in. Baggley, Sup't, Boulder Dam; Luce, Sup't, Custer NMS; Flint, Chief of Development, Chicago; McMillan, FSL, Denver; Jenkins, Concessions Advisory Group, in. Yatts, Forest Service, Washington, and Hanson, Tobin, Van Meter and Urquhart in.	2
PLANS, MAPS AND SURVEYS	McLaughlin, Inc., awarded contract for Section C of Moran-Yellowstone Approach road.	2
GENERAL PUBLICITY	Two press releases issued during month. First supply of 1947 broadsides received. Monson terminated as publicity director.	3
COMPLAINTS	Twenty-two written complaints received during month of August.	5

MAINTENANCE: Record-breaking traffic caused serious damage to road surfaces. Heavy patching required on two sections of road. 3

Reprocessing on East Entrance road and Gallatin road. Red Lodge-Cooke road repairs being made. 4

SANITATION: Mammoth Swimming Pool closed due to polio scare. 4

INTERPRETIVE SERVICE: Portable public address system useful for geyser talks at Old Faithful, Riverside and Daisy. 4

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES: Indian beadwork specimen received and turned over to Custer SNM. Indian scraper found on Mt. Washburn. 5

RESEARCH: Moose research continued. Smalley, U of Chicago and Stanley, U of Michigan, conducted research work. Geyser eruptions in Geyser Basins continue to be of great interest and provide unusual thermal shows. 5

TRAVEL: 90,399 vehicles in with 307,936 visitors during August. 6

VISITORS: Senators Hill, Swerenak and Taylor; Congressmen Kirwan, Allen, Fletcher, LaFevre, Crawford, Curtis, Sanborn, Russell and Phillips in during month. 6

Rockefeller and family in. McKelway, Editor, Washington Evening Star; Oesohler, Parliamentarian, NR, Washington; Brig. Gen. Young; Prof. Samis, Yale; Tryde, Denmark correspondent; and Armstrong, Washington correspondent, St. Louis Globe Democrat, in. Governor Maw, Utah, in. Dale Carnegie, Dr. Adolfo Dorfman of Argentina, Dr. Hazzard, Noel Stuart, Military Attache, Union of South Africa in. 6

WILDLIFE: Plans made to live-trap antelope this winter. Bears very numerous, causing traffic jams. 32 visitors reported injured by bears, with 6 property damages reported. Grizzly sent to Highland Park Zoo, Pittsburgh. 7

Minimum elk reduction set at 300. Absaroka Conservation Committee fall meeting date set. Trumpeter swan census conducted. 8

ACCIDENTS: 64 motor vehicle accidents reported. Kleine, Altoona, Penna., Baldwin, Lawton, Okla., Monihan, Moose, Wyoming, Gotwals, Los Angeles, drowned. Avery, Powell, Shaw, Cody, and Metzler, age 12, drowned in Yellowstone Lake. 9

PERSONNEL: Brodrick transferred to Petrified Forest. Johnson transferred to Tar Department, Great Falls, Montana. 9

MISCELLANEOUS: Son born to Temp. Ranger and Mrs. Brimhall; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Kitchen; son to Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Tison; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Galle; son to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey L. Haines. 9

Theodore Kirkland died at Billings. Chapman died of heart attack at Mammoth Hospital. Michael Bueuer of Jersey City, New Jersey, died of heart attack. Arthur T. Burney, Ass't. Chief of Development, Chicago, died in Chicago. 10

Henrietta Ross, Hitch-hiker, died. 10

Dinner at Gardiner in honor of Hugh Grosson, winner of the Grand American Trap Shooting contest held in Vandalia, Ohio. 10

September 2, 1947

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone Atlanta, for during the month of August, 1947.

Weather Conditions. Below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation was recorded at Yellowstone during the month of August. Total precipitation for the month was 2.41 inches as compared with 2.42 inches in August 1946, 0.61 inches in 1945 and 0.68 inches in 1944. The maximum temperature of 82 degrees was recorded on the 7th and a minimum of 31 on the 4th. Ten days were clear, 19 partly cloudy and 3 cloudy. The prevailing wind direction was from the Southwest. Several dry thunderstorms occurred during the last two weeks of the month.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers went to Jackson Hole on August 5 to confer with Superintendent McLaughlin of Grand Teton National Park. On August 7, Mr. Rogers and Assistant to the Superintendent Jaffe went to Hebgen Lake to pick up Secretary Krug and his family and bring them into the Park via the West Gate. Superintendent Rogers and Asst. Photographer Haynes accompanied Secretary Krug to Billings on August 11 and were returned the following morning. On August 21, Superintendent Rogers went to Grand Teton National Park with Associate Director Demary. He returned the following day.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston went to Billings on August 29 to attend a meeting of the Upper Public Lands Committee held on August 30. He returned on August 31.

On August 10 a group of outdoor editors of leading newspapers, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, was brought into the Park for several days' stay. They entered the Northeast Gate and left via the West Gate.

Secretary of the Interior Krug presented an award of merit and a check of $150.00 to Engineer Aubrey L. Haines, on August 11, at the Mammoth Hotel for a suggestion which he had submitted on a coordinate calculator, which is an instrument designed for a simple and time-saving method of obtaining a rough sketch and computation of acreage of an irregular tract of land within the limits of accuracy expected where distances are measured by pacing. A number of Park Service and concessioner officials attended the presentation.

A population census was taken in the Park on August 8, 9, and 10, which revealed 5,[illegible] employees in the Park as against [illegible] in 1[illegible]; 11,1[illegible] guests as against 9,[illegible], and a total of 1[illegible] employees and guests as against [illegible].

A ten-day horseback trip commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Park, sponsored by the Livingston Chamber of Commerce, known as the "Diamond Jubilee Trail Riders" started from Gardiner on August 17 to follow the Cooke City trail. The trip was completed on August 26. Robert Hardy, a former Yellowstone ranger, was the guide for the party.

The Region Two office was moved on August [illegible] from the Grelck Building to 307 Federal Office Building, in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination on August [illegible] for Stenographer-Typist, at which were nine contestants. Messrs. Joffe and [illegible] conducted the examination.

In-Service Training. Protection Division personnel received [illegible] man hours of training during August making a total of 7,[illegible] man hours for season to date. Motion pictures were utilized for follow-up training on Forest Fire Control and Methods of Training. The publication, Yellowstone Weekly News, designed to keep employees more adequately informed has served a very useful purpose and has been enthusiastically received by them.

Inspections. R. M. Bixby of the Public Roads Administration, Denver, in via South Gate August 1; and on August 7, M. [illegible] Cowan, Rod Engineer from Denver entered the Park. B. [illegible] Patterson, District Engineer, [illegible], Denver, and Mr. Williams, in August 13.

Dr. C. Max Bauer, Geologist, National Park Service, Chicago, in South August 7. Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug in West August 9, and departed August 11 via North Gate. Roy A. Prewitt, Economist, National Park Service, Washington, in West August 10. On August 11 Leland A. Cowan, Interstate Commerce Commission, Billings, in. On August 15 Willard [illegible] Kindness, Region Two Engineer and Paul Bell. Miller, Highway Engineer, B.P.R., Chicago, in Northwest. Associate Director A. [illegible] Demaray and Mrs. Demaray in North August 19, left for Glacier National Park August 23.

George Baggley, Superintendent, Boulder Dam Recreational Area, and former Yellowstone Chief Ranger, in South August 19. Captain [illegible] Lane, Custer Battlefield National Monument, in August 20. Sam Flint, Chief of Correlation, Chicago, in North with his son Bob, August 26. [illegible], F.B.I., Denver Office, in August 27. Elmer Jenkins, a member of the Secretary's Concessions Advisory Group, in August 25; out August 27.

Lyle F. Watts, Chief Forester, U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C., with F. [illegible] Hanson, Regional Forester, Missoula, Charles [illegible] Tebbe, Director, Rocky Mountain Range and Experiment Station, Missoula, F. [illegible] Van Meter, Assistant Regional Forester, Missoula, and J. [illegible] Urquhart, Supervisor, Gallatin National Forest, in August 27.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. On August 13, Macauhlin, Inc., Contractors of Great Falls, Montana, were awarded the contract for Section 1 of the Norris-Yellowstone Approach Road, consisting of 3.271 miles of grading and base

course surfacing, including a steel and concrete bridge over the Snake River. They have started bringing in equipment for the job and plan to pour the concrete bridge abutments for the bridge this fall. He also plans to start clearing operations at once.

Construction of project 1-D1, D-3, Bituminous Surfacing, Old Faithful to Isa Lake, under contractor, McLaughlin, Inc., has progressed very good despite considerable wet weather. All but approximately 3,000 feet of the bituminous mat near the Isa Lake end has been placed. Most of the fine grading and slope widening have been completed.

General Publicity. The regular weekly Yellowstone News Letters have been issued throughout the month for distribution among the Park employees, officials of the concessions and the Director and Regional Director's Offices.

A press release on travel was sent out on August 1, and on the 2nd the comparative travel figures for the month of July were mailed.

The first supply of 1947 folders, 2,000 copies, was received on August 5, which lasted for less than a day. A second shipment of 12,800 broadsides was received by freight on August 21 and on August 26 an additional 4,200 was received.

"Yellowstone Nature Notes" issued on August 19.

The services of Reuben M. Monson, publicity director for the 1947 season, were terminated on August 31.

Complaints. A total of 22 written complaints were received in the Superintendent's Office during the month of August. Seventeen complaints were made against the Yellowstone Park concessioners, while five letters complained of road conditions, camping facilities at the public campgrounds, insufficient accommodations, and a discourteous ranger at one of the gateways. The complaints registered against the concessioners had to do with unsanitary conditions at Old Faithful Camp, charges and rates for accommodations and tours, the quality of food and of dispensing practices, campground conditions, boats unsafe for Yellowstone Lake, difficulty in obtaining reservations, filling station incidents, condition of the silver and dishes used in the Park, gasoline rates, reckless driving on the part of a Yellowstone Park Company bus driver, the handling of baggage, and one complaint with regard to conditions which tend to retard improvement. All of the above complaints were answered by letter from the Office of the Superintendent after investigation of operations in the Park.

Maintenance. Record breaking traffic continued throughout the month and, together with several heavy rains, caused serious damage to our road surfaces. Some of the later plant mix surfaces have been breaking up. Heavy patching is required on about five miles of the Tower Falls to Canyon section; also about the same amount on the South Entrance to Lewis Lake section and on about one-half mile of the Lake to East Entrance road near Squaw Lake. All of these roads are plant mix with chip surface and have been laid during the last ten years.

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A press release on travel was [illegible] as of August 1, [illegible] the comparative travel figures for the month of [illegible].

The first supply of 1937 folders, 5,000 copies, was received on August 2, which lasted for less than a day. A second shipment of 15,000 brochures was received by freight on August 21 and on August 28 an additional 5,000 was received.

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[illegible] trees for each river crossing [illegible], [illegible] and shoulder rebuilding, etc.

A hot spot developed in the center of the [illegible] Junction road about four miles west of [illegible]. It was [illegible] break with a heavy concrete slab.

Five and one-fourth miles of the [illegible] road have been [illegible] and sealing operations on this section are nearly complete. This eliminated a very rough section on the most extensive road.

Approximately five miles of the Gallatin section has been [illegible] and is being sealed. This road is in fair shape. The [illegible] road is rough. We are concentrating some of our equipment on this section, but hope to have some of the most serious sections repaired before winter comes.

The bridge to Cooke road has a section of about 10 miles which has broken up quite seriously. We are concentrating our repairs on this section. Fifteen miles of this road, beginning about ten miles west of Cooke and extending east to the Sentinel Camp, is in fairly good condition, but in need of a new seal coat. The 15 miles plant mix job on the west end of the road has stood up exceptionally well, but is also in need of a new seal coat.

Guard rail was replaced at Beryl Spring, Gardiner Junction and Mammoth Paint Pots. Periodic repairs were made to the wooden stairs and platforms in the Canyon area.

The walk at Emerald pool was completed, approximately [illegible] feet. Approximately 600 feet of walk was placed at the Fountain Paint Pots area.

Many of our laborers were from high schools and colleges and at the end of the month road crews were only half manned. It was necessary to close out two camps, the camp at Sentinel Entrance and at Gardiner Junction. Shortage of equipment is still our most serious handicap.

Concessioners. The Mammoth Swimming Pool was closed from August [illegible] to August 15, inclusive, due to a polio scare in the park. Several of the concessioners' employees' children were taken to the hospital in Billings for examination for polio.

Interpretive Services. The Junior Rangers program which has been a part of the program at the headquarters museum was discontinued on August 23. The number of children participating in this program had dropped to such a point that it was not deemed desirable to utilize the time of a seasonal part ranger naturalist on such work. During the 12 day period in August there were 12 days on which there was a sufficient number of children present to justify such an activity.

The portable public address unit which was taken to Old Faithful has served a very useful purpose in the presentation of ranger talks at the eruption of Old Faithful and to groups congregated at the Riverside and Daisy Geysers.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Dr. [illegible], an [illegible] from Jackson, Montana, left with us a very fine specimen of [illegible] bearcroft which was in turn given to the superintendent of [illegible] National Monument for accessioning as an artifact of [illegible].

An Indian scraper was found on the Mr. [illegible] trail and brought into the museum and has been accessioned as part of the [illegible] artifacts.

Research and Observation. Jean [illegible] has continued his research work on the ecology of the bears in the [illegible] area. He has been making a number of very interesting observations, pictures, and has gathered considerable information on grizzly bears [illegible].

Mr. Robert D. Bailey of the University of Chicago was conducting research work in the thermal areas in an attempt to determine some information about brown algae.

Dr. George F. Stanley of the University of Michigan was here doing work on the lake levels and old shore lines on Lake Yellowstone. He anticipated carrying this work on through the month of September.

Two collecting permits were issued during the month, one for botanical specimens, the other for entomological specimens.

The thermal phenomena in the Upper and Lower Geyser Basins has continued to be of great interest because of the constant interjection of changes which are unexpected. The Giantess Geyser has not erupted during the month but the fault which is associated with the Giantess has been erupting with considerable regularity and at the close of the month has virtually caused some the asphalt walk which passed near it. It is thought that the dissipation of energy by the eruptions of the fault has influenced the possibilities of an eruption by the Giantess Geyser.

The Grand Geyser continues to provide the best spectacular of the thermal waters in the geyser basins. Thousands of people have enjoyed seeing it during August. It has continued erupting on an interval of approximately 12 hours and on numerous occasions two eruptions have been observed in one daylight period.

The Beehive Geyser which for years has been relatively inactive at the close of the month of August had erupted five times in a period of 18 hours. Some of these eruptions gave evidence of having been stimulated by man.

The most unusual of all the geyser eruptions in the upper geyser basin have been those eruptions occurring in the Giantess and Big Cub Geysers. In the 1930's when Dr. Penner visited Yellowstone an attempt was made to induce an eruption from the Big Cub Geyser and from the Giantess Geyser and at that time although all of the means by which an eruption might be stimulated were used, it was impossible to get these geysers to play. Within recent times geysers have erupted several times.

In the Lower Geyser Basin Fountain Geyser, the Fountain [illegible], and the Clepsydra Geyser have been erupting with pronounced regularity and although the opportunity has not presented itself to make a detailed observation of this eruptive cycle so that the interval between eruptions can be predicted

with some degree of accuracy, it is known that they were [illegible] many times during August. Their eruptive cycle has been following the [illegible] pattern. This is a spectacular eruption from the Fountain Pool followed [illegible] hours by a violent eruption of Clepsydra Geyser which is now [illegible] by an eruption of the Fountain Geyser. This cycle has repeated itself [illegible] times during the month of August.

Increase and Decrease in Travel.

VISITORS

Period	1947	1946	1947 Increase over 1946	Percentage increase
August Total	307,955	230,[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
August Daily Average	9,933	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Season Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

VEHICLES

Period	1947	1946	1947 Increase over 1946	Percentage increase
August Total	90,399	76,[illegible]	14,110	[illegible]
August Daily Average	2,916	2,461	455	18.
Season Total	254,[illegible]	217,[illegible]	55,[illegible]	[illegible]

Visitors. Senator William L. Hill from Hawaii came into the park August 5. On August 5 Congressman Michael J. Kirwan of Ohio entered the park via the South Gate, while Congressman John J. Allen, Jr. of California entered via the North Gate. Nelson A. Rockefeller and family entered on August [illegible] departed via South Gate August 5.

On August 7, Senator Henry C. Dworshak of Idaho came in the Northeast Gate. S. E. McKelway, Editor, Washington Evening Star, Washington, D. C., came in the East Gate August 6; departed via South Gate August 10. Lewis Deschler, Parliamentarian, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., in August 7.

Brigadier General S. H. Young in South August 10, and Senator Glen H. Taylor of Idaho in same day. Professor Samuel Harp Tuck, Graduate Faculty of Yale, entered the Park August 11. Agustin Tryde, Correspondent from Sweden, came into the Park August 13, and Congressman Charles J. Fletcher of California entered August 15. On August 16 Congressman Jay Lefevre of New York in East. Robert Armstrong, Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Globe Democrat, and Yellowstone seasonal ranger in 1932, came into the park August 16.

Congressman Fred L. Crawford of Michigan entered South Gate August 16. On August 21 Congressman Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska entered the East Gate. Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah in East August 22. Dale Carnegie, noted lecturer and author, in August 27; also Dr. Adolfo Dorfman of Argentina, Chief, Economic Development Section, United Nations.

Dr. A. E. Seaman, Director, Michigan Institute of Fisheries Research, and former official of the Bureau of Fisheries, in August [illegible]. Lt. Col. Hiblock Stuart, Military Attache, Union of South Africa, in South August 21. Congressman John Saubern of Idaho and Charles H. Russell of Nevada, in East August 29; out Northeast Gate. Congressman John Phillips of California in South, out East August 29.

Ranger Service. The protection division continued protecting the natural features of the park, carrying out law enforcement, enforcing park rules and regulations, investigating and preparing reports on all other matters [illegible], searching for lost persons and the bodies of drowned persons in the park and supplying information and assistance to the largest number of people that ever visited the park in August.

Investigation of 50 reported violations, including 14 cases of theft, investigation of 6 motor vehicle accidents, attempting to locate 5 persons wanted in connection with emergencies at home, contacting 4 [illegible], four and even census and preparing reports required the assistance of all the rangers.

Four patrol cars were in operation all night to enforce park regulations and for general protection and inspection purposes.

A total of 1,[illegible] breathalizer tests were received during the latter part of the month, but this number lasted but a few days.

Police Protection. A total of 50 cases were brought before the U. S. Commissioner for trial during August. Of this number, twenty three were for violations of the speed regulations, seven for reckless driving, one for molesting public property, two for disorderly conduct, two for driving off designated roads or parking areas and one for rape.

Fines totaling $[illegible] were collected. Four jail sentences, one for 24 hours and two for sixty days were imposed. One case was bound over to the U. S. District Court in Cheyenne, Wyoming for disposition.

Wildlife and Fish Culture Activities. [illegible] Crews are being [illegible] in cooperation with the Montana Wildlife Federation trapping to live-haul 150 to 200 antelope this winter in the Hebgen Creek area. These antelope antelope will be allotted to the state of Montana for transplanting in various sections of the state.

Bears. Black bears, particularly mature male bears, have attracted great attention to park visitors this season. They have been numerous around most of the park roads and have been responsible for considerable traffic jams.

Thirty-two visitors have been reported as being injured by bears, or .[illegible] percent of total park travel (8,0[illegible]). This instance of injury is slightly higher than in 1[illegible] but is well below the 10-year average of .[illegible] percent. Only one person out of every [illegible] visitors has been reported injured by bears, as compared to the 10-year average of one person out of each 7,[illegible]. Most injuries have been of a minor nature, although some required medical attention and a few brief hospitalization. Most of the injuries occurred in connection with picture-taking activities. In numerous cases "others," not the victim, were reported as feeding the bears.

Total recorded property damage from bears this season is [illegible] [illegible], five attributed to black bears and one to a grizzly.

Five black bears have been killed in accidents or because of injuries sustained and one has been killed for control purposes.

A bear census was completed during the early part of the month. Results of the count are being compiled by the park Biologist.

One male grizzly bear, about four years old, [illegible] on August [illegible] to the Cleveland Zoo, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to fill a long pending request. This grizzly weighed [illegible] pounds.

BUFFALO. Requests for live buffalo which appear to qualify for approval now total 45 animals. Twenty-five of these have been requested by the State of Wyoming for stocking Thermopolis and Jackson Hole areas.

Chute and squeeze facilities at the Lamar Ranch for handling buffalo reductions have become unserviceable and extensive repairs are being made in readiness for the coming winter operations.

ELK. On August 17 a meeting of the upper Gallatin Conservation Committee was held at Gardiner Ranger Station in the Gallatin National Forest. In this meeting a minimum elk reduction goal of 800 head was set with some further reduction as necessary to bring the Gallatin elk herd down to 1500 animals. Execution of this plan is to be the responsibility of the Montana Fish and Game Commission and wildlife men of Montana will be on the ground prior to, during and following the hunting season to make current det[illegible] of herd size.

The annual fall meeting of the Absaroka Conservation Committee, at which matters pertaining to management of the Northern Yellowstone elk herd will be discussed, has been tentatively set for the weekend of October [illegible].

TROUT FISH STAT. A trapper [illegible] census was conducted during the week of August 10-16, the fish and Wildlife Service conducting a count of the areas at the same time. An airplane count of the southern area of the park was made with District Ranger Walter [illegible] Tendall as observer. These results are being compiled and tabulated by the Park Biologist.

Forest Fire Protection. Lightning protection installations were completed on the Purple Mountain lookout structure on August 1. This lookout is equipped with an ultra high frequency radio, and communication through it. Service has been established.

During the month of August, eight fires were reported therein, only three of these fires were found the most having gone out before being located by the suppression crews.

Building Fire Protection. Inspections were made of all concessionaires' buildings between the period of August 1-3. Some of the recommendations which had been brought to the attention of the management of the various concessionaires' establishments at the time the annual building fire inspection was made had been corrected. It was found that fire brigades of employees in the larger establishments were fairly well organized but considerable additional training was needed. There has been a noticeable improvement in the conditions existing in the hotels and lodges and other establishments and buildings which are used for the purpose of accommodating park visitors and park employees.

Insects and Tree Diseases. A widespread infestation of [illegible] appeared to be spruce budworm on Douglas fir and pine was reported in the Falls River [illegible] area. The infestation did not appear to be causing any [illegible] damage but in case of an epidemic build-up over a period of years it is probable that a considerable number of trees in this area will be killed. The [illegible] have been brought to the attention of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine and they expect to have a representative of their office visit the area in the near future to determine the extent and severity of damage caused by the apparent epidemic.

Accidents. A total of 6[illegible] motor vehicle accidents were reported during the month and of this number [illegible] were class "[illegible]" and [illegible] were class "[illegible]". Fifty-four persons suffered personal injuries but no fatalities occurred. [illegible] of these injuries were serious but the patients have been discharged from the hospital. Two government trucks were involved in accidents but very slight damage occurred to the vehicles and no injuries to the occupants.

On August 1, 1947, Herbert J. Kleine from Ottawa, Pennsylvania and M. C. Baldwin, 57, from Lawton, Oklahoma, drowned in Yellowstone Lake during a sudden storm which caused their boat to capsize. The body of Mr. Kleine was recovered on August 10 and Mr. Baldwin on August 1[illegible].

On August 2, Harold Johns from Las Vegas, Nevada, employed at Old Faithful received second degree burns when he slipped in a hot pool at Old Faithful area.

On August 3, Gerry Denham, 15, from Bronx, [illegible] and [illegible] Kotwais, 6[illegible], of Los Angeles, California were drowned in Yellowstone Lake during a sudden storm. Their bodies were recovered on August 11.

On August 22, Mr. Earl C. Avery, 15, Jewell, [illegible], and Jewell Ben, 57, owner of Cody Enterprise, Cody, Wyoming, and Jack Wetzler, age 1[illegible], drowned in Yellowstone Lake when their boat capsized during a sudden storm. Their bodies were recovered on August 27 and 28.

The Associated Press, United Press, and International News Service were wired about the drownings.

Personnel. The transfer of Harold Bradley to Yellowstone National Park became effective at 8:00 a.m., August 15.

Leonard Johnson, Fiscal Accounting Clerk, GS-5, transferred to the Interior Department, Great Falls, Montana, effective August 1[illegible].

Miscellaneous. On August 2 a son was born to Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Preston Grimmell at Idaho Falls, Idaho. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson of Gardiner, Montana, at the Lamont Hospital, on August 13, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Fishbon of Gardiner at the Lamont Hospital on August 14. On August 19 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Fison at the Lamont Hospital. Mr. Fison is the relief night watchman for the National Park Service. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John [illegible] at the Lamont Hospital on August 20. Mr. Wells is employed as a seasonal truck driver while his wife is the daughter of the Yellowstone Electrician. On August [illegible], a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey [illegible] Haines at the Lamont Hospital. Mr. Haines

is an engineer (Civil) in the park, while Mrs. [illegible] is secretary to the Superintendent.

Mr. Theodore Girtland, 71, father of Mrs. [illegible], died in Williams, Montana, on August 3. Frank Joel [illegible], 67, [illegible], died at the Yamato Hospital of a heart attack on August 4. [illegible], 73, of Jersey City, New Jersey, died of a heart attack at the Lagoon Hotel on August 21. Arthur T. Murray, assistant chief of development (Engineering) National Park Service, died in Chicago on August 16. [illegible] was engineer in Yellowstone National Park from 1918 to 1927.

Henrietta Dean, hitch-hiker, picked up by [illegible], died in the Park Hospital at Yamato on the evening of August 7. [illegible] Fremont.

A dinner in honor of Mrs. [illegible] of Gardiner was held at the [illegible] in Gardiner on the evening of August 24. Mrs. [illegible] recently won the national championship in the Grand American Trap Shooting Contest held in Vandalia, Ohio, breaking 97 out of the 100 birds at [illegible]. [illegible] people attended the dinner, including a number from Livingston, Bozeman and [illegible]. Crosson's performance has brought quite a lot of favorable publicity to Yellowstone Park's north entrance town and should help to keep Gardiner in the limelight.

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