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Summary of the February 1952 Monthly Narrative Report for YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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WEATHER:	Moderate. Comparative snow depths.	Page 1
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Rogers in Denver, trips to California & Omaha. Johnston returned from Denver roads meeting; to Omaha. Joffe Acting Supt. in Johnston's absence. Proper returned from Omaha. Supt. Conference, Rogers, Johnston, Luce attended.	1-2
INSPECTIONS:	Wm. Tucker, U.S.G.S., to Lake by SnoCat.	2
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Staff Meeting. Weekly Newsletter.	2
PUBLICITY:	Article about C. A. Hamilton in Kemmarer paper. Article & pictures in LIFE on elk reduction, in Casper paper on Yellowstone & Teton, in Great Falls paper on elk reduction. Yellowstone winter pictures in English magazine. Copies received of illustrated Wyoming booklet, comic-book style. Advised that 250,000 1952 broadsides to be received. 84,000 broadsides on hand. Annual Report mimeographed.	2-3
PLANS, MAPS AND SURVEYS:	Plans for Canyon campground & water system and Lake sewer sand filter. Wohlbrandt in Omaha 2 weeks on 1953 roads & trails estimates. Mattson in Omaha all month on Master Plan, etc.	3
MAINTENANCE:	Much snowplowing, largely to elk traps. Snow above normal. Equipment cleaned. Asphalt patching distributor, stake truck, tilting trailer received.	20) 20)
SIGNS:	162 concrete blocks for signs made.	3
CONSTRUCTION:	Only active projects listed.	3-4
CONCESSIONERS:	Meeting Western Conf. N. P. Concessioners at San Francisco; Director Wirth attended; J. E. & Lida Haynes and Huntley Child went down for meeting. Wirth, Allen, Lee, Dickson, Rogers met with Hamilton re new contract. Hayneses visited at park. Y.P.Co. A & B folders reviewed	L. 4
COMPLAINTS:	One complaint received re unsanitary condition o	f

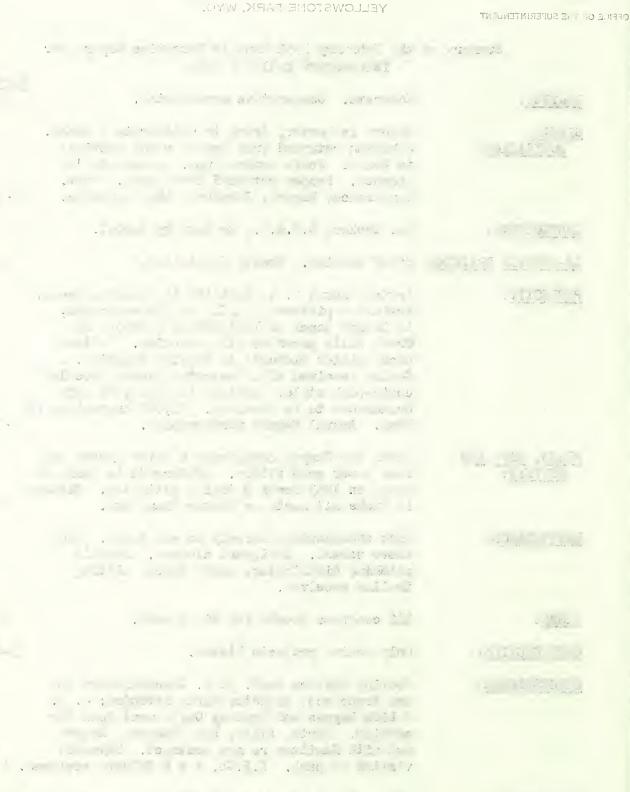
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RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPEL USE:	Sunday School. Church services. Rev. Clement Lutheran Communion & Confirmation Service; moving to Winona, Minnesota.	age 4
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Watson presented talk and pictures to Cub Scouts at Gardiner.	4
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS:	New cabinets, workshop & negative file cabinets in museum basement.	5
RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION:	Marler observations at Old Faithful. Giant Geyser active. Text prepared on status birds & smaller mammals for wildlife report. Watson on research on Norris Geyser Basin and preparing manuscript.	5
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	George Marler & Alice Quist employed. Chapman made drawing for Nature Notes cover. Arrangements for reproducing "Chemical Features of Yellowstone" Binoculars acquired. Cooperation with new assn.at T. Roosevelt N.M.P. by purchasing publications.	
INCREASE OR DE- CREASE IN TRAVEL:	355 cars & 1164 passengers, 16 snowplanes & 32 passengers.	6
RANGER SERVICE:	Elk & buffalo reduction, ski patrols, Reynolds trip to Lake with USGS SnoCat, training aids, manual revisions, etc.	6
WILDLIFE: BISON:	Few more bison killed.	6
ELK:	419 live elk furnished Montana & other areas, listed. Expect quite heavy winter losses.	7
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	Chapman attended smokejumper meeting at Missoula and visited University re seasonal employees. Renewal plane & hangar contracts. Fire control aid selections. Cooperative fire agreements.	8
BLISTER RUST CONTROL:	Plans for pack camp. Recruitment personnel.	8
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	"Instant" extinguishers received. Inspection Stevens Creek Station. Small residence fire.	8
TRAILS:	Breakdown of horse trails. 1953 estimates.	8
ACCIDENTS:	No vehicle accidents. Gruener got glass in eye.	9
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	Word received U. S. Commissioner Wilcox unable to return to duty.	9
BIRTHS:	Sons born to Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Biastoch and Mr. & Mrs. Robert Condie.	9

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DEATHS:	Mrs. Alene Stevens, wife of DeLyle Stevens, passed away. Deaths of Carlton Spalding, uncle of Dan Nelson; Harold Ickes, former Secretary of Interior; Henry H. Shinn, grandfather of Besse Carr; Wm. O'Loughlin, former Yellowstone employee; mother of John Galle.	Page
PERSONNEL:	Appointments of Alice Murphy, seasonal Clerk-Steno.; Genevieve McCabe, Payroll Clerk, GS-4; Gertrude Kocher, Telephone Operator, WAE. Park Ranger Merritt Johnston transferred to Administrative Aid, GS-6, Millerton Lake, California. William Masters, Project Clerk, resigned.	10
MISCELLANEOUS:	Monthly meetings of FEU and AFGE.	10

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

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Memorandum

To:

The Director

From:

Superintendent, Yellowstone Mational Park

Subject: Monthly Report for February 1952

Following is the report of activities for Yelloustone National Park during the month of February 1952:

Weather Conditions. The temperatures this month were moderate, neither reaching the five year average minimum of -22°, nor rising to the five year average maximum of 47°. The minimum this month was -12° on the 24th and the maximum was 44° on the 11th. The weather records show 9 days were cloudy, 8 partly cloudy, and 12 clear, all of which indicates that the month was quite pleasant.

Precipitation totaled 0.88 inches recorded as falling on 13 days of the month. The average for the past 9 years is 0.99 inches.

Comparative snow depths from various locations in the park at the close of the month are listed below:

Cascade	1952	1951 9511	1950 102"	1949 1121	1948 85"	3947 65"	1946 80"	1945
Gallatin	38	23	22	18	21	25	26	14
Lamar	24	5	9	20	13	10	16	10
Mammoth	10	24	4	14	11.	9	23	5
Northeast Entrance	35	29	34	48	36	37	46	21
Snake River	60	58	48	63	59	46	52	35
Tower Fall	30	20	18	32	26	20	22	14
West Yellowstone	54	45	46	54	38	40	37	22

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers was in Denver during the month engaged in work in connection with his project covering the legislative history of areas administered by the National Park Service. On February 10 he flew to Los Angeles from where he visited in San Diego and Santa Monica with Mr. W. M. Nichols and Mr. C. A. Hamilton and discussed matters pertaining to their Yellowstone operations. The trip was made in company with Benjamin F. Dickson. They returned to Denver on the 14th. On February 23 he went to Omaha to attend the Region Two Superintendents Conference which opened on the 25th and continued through the 29th. He left Omaha on the 39th to 18

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Assistant Superintendent Johnston returned to the park on February 2 from a trip to Denver where he attended a meeting on January 30 and 31 with Regional and Bureau of Public Roads officials regarding the 1952 road maintenance program. On February 22 he departed for Omaha to attend the Region Two Superintendents Conference held during the week of February 25-29, departing from Omaha on the evening of the 29th and expecting to return to the park on March 2. During Mr. Johnston's absence, Administrative Assistant Joffe was Acting Superintendent.

Personnel Assistant Proper returned to the park from Omaha on February 16 where he had been since January 6 attending the Personnel Instruction Course and assisting on work in connection with the new promotion policy.

A Conference of Region Two Superintendents was held in the Region Two Office in Omaha during the week of February 25-29. Superintendent Rogers, Assistant Superintendent Johnston and Superintendent Luce of Custer Battlefield National Monument attended.

Inspections. William Tucker, U. S. Geological Survey, Boise, Idaho, in February 22 by Tucker SnoCat for visit to Lake to read water gauges; out 23rd.

In-Service Training. A Staff Meeting was held in the Superintendent's Office on February 12 prior to Mr. Johnston's departure for Omaha.

The Weekly Newsletter was issued each Thursday during the month to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed on park happenings.

Publicity. The February 1 issue of the Kemmerer (Wyoming) Gazette contained a very interesting article on the life and activities of Mr. C. A. Hamilton written by his long-time friend C. Watt Brandon, owner of the paper. The February 4 issue of LIFE Magazine contained an article in connection with the park's elk reduction program and six pictures taken by Carl Iwasaki, LIFE photographer, during his visit to the park from January 4-9. The November 10, 1951, issue of the English magazine "Illustrated" contained several Yellowstone winter pictures taken by Ralph Crane, LIFE photographer. The magazine section of the Sunday February 10 issue of the Great Falls (Montana) Tribune contained an excellent article on the northern elk herd reduction program, particularly the "elklift". The article was profusely illustrated with pictures furnished by the National Park Service and some taken by Kenneth F. Roahen, U. S. Game Management Agent, Fish and Wildlife Service, Billings, Montana, who prepared the article and was responsible for its publication. The February 10 issue of the Wyoming Edition of the Casper Tribune-Herald contained articles and pictures on Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks from information furnished by these parks. On February 28

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the park received copies of the publication "Wonderful Wyoming - Wonderland of the West!", which is an unusual publication issued by the Wyoming Commerce and Industry Commission, Cheyenne, Wyoming, which is an appeal to the youngsters to encourage travel to Wyoming, Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. It is prepared in comic book style which is so popular with the young folks.

On February 5 advice was received that Yellowstone was to receive 250,000 copies of its 1952 broadside but that these will not be available for three to four months. A total of 84,000 broadsides for 1951 were on hand at the end of the month.

The mimeographing of the Annual Report for Yellowstone for the 1951 fiscal year was completed on February 15 and this report will be ready for release the first week in March.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. The engineering personnel spent most of the month in preparation of plans for the Canyon campground, Canyon water system and Lake sewer sand filter. Park Engineer Wohlbrandt spent the first two weeks in the Regional Office helping in the preparation of the 1953 fiscal year roads and trails estimates for Yellowstone. Resident Landscape Architect Mattson spent the entire month of February in the Regional Office on work mostly connected with the park's Master Plan.

Maintenance. Snow plowing was the major operation. This was almost a daily operation caused by high winds and drifting snow. Keeping the elk traps plowed out required nearly half of the plowing operations. Sanding of hills and congested areas was also very heavy. Snow measurement as of the first of the month showed considerable abovenormal depths.

Some equipment was cleaned and will be painted when weather permits.

One 400-gallon asphalt patching distributor was received during the month. We also picked up a 3-ton Reo stake truck from surplus at Denver, and at the same time brought back our new tilting trailer also from Denver.

Signs. A total of 162 concrete blocks have been made for mounting trail signs in thermal areas.

New Construction. All road construction projects were closed down for the winter.

All other projects except the following were inactive due to winter closing down of work:

Account 233.01, Campground Rehabilitation Throughout Park.-- A total of 90 campground fire places and 85 campground tables have been prefabricated.

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 Account 332.10, Fire Meter, Mammoth.—Job is 90% complete, waiting for warmer weather to hook up pipe line.

Account 234, Mammoth Museum Rehabilitation.—This job is about 40% complete. Some cupboards are built and in place and some partitions moved.

Concessioners. A meeting of the Western Conference of National Park Concessioners was held in San Francisco on February 1, at which Director Wirth was in attendance. Mr. J. E. Haynes and his daughter Lida made the trip from Bozeman to San Francisco to attend the conference. Huntley Child, Vice-President of the Yellowstone Park Company, also attended the meeting and returned to Yellowstone on February 5.

Director Wirth, Assistant Director Allen, Chief of Concessions Management Lee, Regional Chief of Concessions Management Dickson, and Superintendent Rogers met with Mr. C. A. Hamilton at his home in Santa Monica on February 12 and 13 to carry on negotiations for a new contract for Hamilton Stores, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Haynes and their daughter Lida visited the park on the afternoon of February 26 from their home in Bozeman.

The "A" and "B" folders issued by the Yellowstone Park Company were reviewed in the park during the month and have been sent to the printer for publication.

Complaints. One letter of complaint was received during the month regarding the unsanitary condition of housekeeping cabins at Fishing Bridge last August.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular Sunday School services were held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

The Reverend A. W. Seebart conducted the non-denominational Protestant service on February 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Yellowstone National Park Chapel.

On Monday February 4 the Reverend Webster Clement conducted a special Lutherm Communion and Confirmation Service. Three Mammoth children were confirmed. They were Phyllis Reed, William Reed and Caye Jacobson. This was Reverend Clement's last service here, as he moved to Winona, Minnesota, the following week after having served the people of his faith in this area for over twenty-five years.

Interpretive Services. Park Naturalist Watson talked to the group at the Anniversary Dinner for the Cub Scouts in Gardiner. 35 persons enjoyed his presentation of information and colored pictures.

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Research and Observation. George D. Marler continued as a resident observer in the Old Faithful area and has recorded some interesting observations of geyser activity. The Giant Geyser erupted nine times in February, an all time high for any one month if past records of eruptions of this feature are reliable. All of the major geysers and other thermal phenomena are reacting in a normal pattern. Mr. Marler reports that many of the animals in the basins are very poor and that they are beginning to die, two bison being dead in the immediate vicinity of Old Faithful and undoubtedly others throughout the basins.

During the month the text was prepared on the status of the birdlife and small mammals in Yellowstone National Park for inclusion in the annual wildlife report on this park.

Park Naturalist Watson has devoted the major part of his working time this month to research and study on the Norris Geyser Basin. He has prepared a rough draft of the manuscript for a handbook on this area.

Natural History Association. Mr. George Marler and Mrs. Alice Quist served as employees of the Association throughout the month.

William S. Chapman made a new drawing for a Nature Notes cover design and this along with 10 photos of Yellowstone National Park subjects were sent to the Multilith Corporation and zinc masters were made. These will be used for Nature Notes covers on future issues.

Arrangements were made for the reprinting of 4,500 copies of Dr. Irwin Douglass' "Chemical Features of Yellowstone". The printing will be done by the Edwards Brothers of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the publication will have an eye-catching cover.

The Association acquired three pairs of 8 x 35 Bausch and Lomb light weight binoculars during the month. These will be used by seasonal park ranger naturalists in the summer and by the Protection Division on elk trapping operations during the winter.

The Association cooperated with the newly formed association at Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park by purchasing \$460.40 of publications with the understanding that only this amount be returned to the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association in September and that any earnings on publications sold would become monies of the newly formed association.

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Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 355 vehicles carrying 1164 passengers entered the park through the North and Northeast Entrances. In addition, there were 16 snowplane trips made into the interior of the park with a total of 32 passengers. This shows a decrease in travel of 4.67% from 1951 figures of 390 vehicles and 1221 passengers.

Ranger Service. Elk trapping operations were carried out throughout the entire month on a seven-day-week basis and required the services of nearly all Protection personnel in or near headquarters, Lamar, and Tower Fall. All shipments were made to the State of Montana or to private individuals.

In addition to the elk reduction project, further reduction of the buffalo herd continued and ended on the 14th. It was necessary to eliminate the few bison that constantly interfered with the elk trapping at Crystal Creek and Lamar. Carcasses were taken by Indian Agencies that had orders in.

Ski patrolmen started for Lake Ranger Station via Norris and Canyon on the 5th. They shoveled snow from Government buildings at each of the areas and returned via Dunraven Pass on the 20th. Two other ski patrolmen left headquarters on the 7th for winter inspection and patrol of the Thorofare section of the Lake District. They skied as far west on the south boundary as Fox Creek Cabin and then started the return trip to headquarters via Lake, Canyon and Tower Fall, reaching Mammoth on the 22nd. No evidence of trespass was reported by the patrolmen. Other ski patrols were made by personnel at West Yellowstons and Snake River Stations. They included trips to Cascade Cabin, Harebell Cabin and Heart Lake, West Thumb, Bechler River, South Riverside Cabin, Cougar Creek Cagin, Madison Junction and Old Faithful.

Park Ranger Harry Reynolds accompanied a U.S.G.S. party to Lake Ranger Station via Madison Junction, Norris Junction, and Canyon using a Tucker Sno-Cat. The trip was made without difficulty on the 22nd and the party returned to West Yellowstone on the 23rd. The machine, which failed to make a successful trip in January, averaged about 9 miles per hour on this journey. A check of the water level gauges was made by the party.

Training aids were made or started for In-Service Training during the coming season. Manual revisions for the 1952 season were also started and will be completed during the next month. Other activities consisted of the mending and overhaul of horse riding and packing equipment and care of the fences that prevent damage to shrubbery and trees in the Mammoth area.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BISON. Seven large bull bison were captured in the Crystal Creek alk trap on February 6

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and, as others had been seen in the vicinity of the Lamar trap, it was decided to resume slaughter operations to prevent serious interference with elk trapping operations. Five were slaughtered at the Lamar trap and 14 at the Crystal Creek trap, bringing the total reduction of the Lamar herd to 242 animals this winter. Several additional bulls appeared at the two traps later in the month and one bull was captured on four occasions at the Blacktail Deer Creek trap. Eighty cows, calves and young bulls were held and fed in the Lamar Unit corrals during the month and 22 other cows and calves frequented the Lamar River Valley above the unit.

ELK REDUCTION. Elk trapping operations were carried on at five traps seven days a week during February. The first week of the month yielded few animals due to abnormally mild weather but conditions improved later and sufficient animals were captured to fill most of the remaining approved applications for live elk. All requests will be filled by early March.

A total of 419 live elk was furnished receivers during February, as follows:

Montana Fish and Game Department	233
Vermillion River area near Thompson Falls 49	
McCarty Mountain near Melrose 28	
Missouri River Breaks near Malta 51	
Rocky Hills west of Armstead 30	
Mill Creek near Anaconda 30	
Wolf Mountains east of Hardin 30	
Cougar Creek - Lolo National Forest 15	
G. H. Vaughn, Dallas, Texas, for ranch near Chama, N.M. State of New Mexico, Department of Fish and Game	108
Humberto Garza Dominguez, Monterray, N. L., Mexico	30
R. A. Bateman, Wonderland Zoo, Billings, Montana	2
Ramon Llano for Miguel Aleman, President of the Republic of Mexico	25
Hill City Zoo near Rapid City, South Dakota	20
Total	419

The physical condition of elk captured in the traps indicated a marked decline during the month. This was particularly evident in the calves as several died while being held one or two days awaiting shipment. It is anticipated that natural mortalities will be considerably higher than during the previous two winters and that these losses will bring the reduction total for the year to more than 4,000 elk.

The loose and granular condition of the snow made it possible for the elk to forage over the entire lower and intermediate range and they remained widely scattered in small bands. Plans for a count of the northern Yellowstone herd were dropped as conditions were unfavorable to obtain complete census results.

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Forest Fire Protection. From February 5 to 8, Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman attended a smokejumper meeting at Missoula, Montana. This meeting was an inter-regional conference attended by smokejumping personnel from Regions 1, 4 and 6 of the United States Forest Service. All phases of smokejumping were discussed. The proposed "Aerial Handbook" was reviewed and put into shape for adoption.

While at Missoula, Mr. Chapman visited Montana State University and contacted Dean Williams regarding recruitment of seasonal personnel. Mr. Williams was informed as to the approximate number of positions we are to fill and was given information sheets regarding seasonal ranger, fire control aid and blister rust jobs.

Renewal of plane and hangar contracts was instigated in order to assume plane and loft for the coming season's smokejumper program.

Applications for fire control aid jobs were reviewed and selections were made as qualified men were found.

Cooperative fire fighting agreements between Teton, Shoshone and Gallatin National Forests were written and forwarded to the various supervisors' offices for comments and approval.

Blister Rust Control. Plans for organizing the blister rust pack camp were started. Details such as stoves, shower baths, etc., were worked on.

Blister Rust Crew personnel were recruited as qualified applications were received.

Building Fire Protection. Six new "Instant", 2½ gallon, non-freeze type fire extinguishers were ordered and received during the month. Most of these will be installed in the Mammoth area.

Building fire hazard and fire extinguisher inspection was made at the Stevens Creek Station.

A small fire, caused by burning grease, broke out in the William Wiggins residence the afternoon of February 20. The Mammoth fire brigade responded in commendable time but found the fire extinguished on arrival. Resulting damage was slight and consisted of burned window curtains and a smudged section of wall over the kitchen sink.

Trails. A new breakdown of park horse trails by maintenance cost groups was requested by the Regional Office. This list was prepared and submitted promptly as the information was needed in preparing the 1953 estimates.

The 1953 trail estimates were completed and submitted to the Director's office for approval.

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Accidents and Public Safety. No motor vehicle accidents were reported this month.

Park Ranger Carl Gruener was treated for the removal of a glass splinter in his eye on the 25th by Dr. McLeod of Moran, Wyoming. Mr. Gruener was repairing a window when the accident occurred.

Law Enforcement. No law enforcement cases were reported this month.

Word was received during the month from Mrs. Enid Wilcox that her husband U. S. Commissioner T. Paul Wilcox would be unable to return to the park to further resume his duties due to continued illness. They are residing in Seattle, Washington. Judge Wilcox has been U. S. Commissioner in the park since 1935 when he succeeded Judge John W. Meldrum who was the first U. S. Commissioner for the park and served from 1894 to 1935. A successor to Judge Wilcox as U. S. Commissioner for the park will be appointed by U. S. District Judge T. Blake Kennedy of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Births. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Biastoch at the Park Hospital in Livingston on February 5. Mr. Biastoch is a Storekeeper (General) with the National Park Service here.

A son, Robert Albin, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Condie at the Park Hospital in Livingston on February 24. Mr. Condie is employed as Packer Foreman with the National Park Service here.

Deaths. Mrs. Alene Stevens, 42, wife of District Park Ranger Delyle R. Stevens, died in a Bozeman hospital on February 2. Mrs. Stevens was stricken the day previous while sitting in her car and was rushed to the hospital where she died a few hours later. Funeral services were held in Bozeman February 5 and many park people attended. Chief Ranger Skinner, Assistant Chief Rangers Evans, Chapman and Jay, and District Park Rangers Grimm and Frank Anderson acted as pallbearers.

Mr. Carlton Spalding, uncle of District Park Ranger Dan Nelson, died in Billings on February 3.

Honorable Harold L. Ickes, who was Secretary of the Interior from 1933 to 1946, died in a Washington, D. C. hospital on Fegruary 3 at the age of 77 after a long illness. Secretary Ickes was always a fine champion of the National Park Service, which was under his jurisdiction, and did many fine things to benefit the areas administered by the Service.

Mr. Henry H. Shinn, grandfather of Clerk Besse M. Carr, died at his home in Logan, New Mexico, at the age of 92 on February 17. Mrs. Carr and her husband, Fiscal Accounting Clerk Robert J. Carr, left on the evening of February 17 to drive to Logan to attend the funeral.

 William J. "Tuffy" O'Loughlin, one of Yellowstone's old timers, who was employed here from 1895 to 1933 when he retired due to disability, died in the Park Hospital in Livingston on February 26 at the age of 82. Since retirement Mr. O'Loughlin was lived in Livingston. He first went to work for the Government with the U.S. Engineers at St. Louis in 1887. He was buried in the Calvary Cemetery in Livingston February 29.

The mother of Property and Supply Clerk John W. Galle died at her home in Anaconda, Montana, on February 28.

Personnel. Alice Murphy entered on duty as Seasonal Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3 on February 12.

Genevieve McCabe entered on duty February 18 as Payroll Clerk, GS-4 vice Eldon Tyson which position has been vacant since March 2, 1951.

Gertrude S. Kocher entered on duty as Telephone Operator, WAE, vice Alene Stevens on February 20.

Merritt S. Johnston, Park Ranger, GS-5, departed on February 22 for Friant, California, for transfer to the position of Administrative Aid, GS-6, Millerton Lake National Recreational Area.

William K. Masters resigned as Project Clerk, GS-4 at the close of business February 29.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of Local 465 of the Federal Employees Union was held in the Canteen on February 4.

The regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held in the Canteen on February 18.

Fred T. Johnston Acting Superintendent

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