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	STANTON	
	GABBERT	
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October 8, 1953

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for September 1953

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of September 1953:

Weather Conditions. Dry conditions continued to prevail throughout most of the month with 0.55 inch of rain being recorded at Mammoth. The rain storms were scattered with some areas not receiving any moisture. The maximum temperature of 86° was recorded on September 12 and a minimum reading of 29° occurred on September 4. Lightning storms during the month caused three fires, one of which burned over 27 acres of forested area and required the assistance of 36 men for fire suppression.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers made a trip September 13 and 14 to Grand Teton with J. E. Haynes of Haynes Inc. to confer with Superintendent Freeland. On the 16th he with Mr. Haynes and Horace M. Albright, formerly Superintendent of Yellowstone and Director of the National Park Service, went to Livingston and Bozeman to visit with many of Mr. Albright's old friends and on the 18th Messrs. Haynes and Rogers took Mr. Albright to the train at Livingston. On September 24 Superintendent Rogers and Assistant Superintendent Hamilton accompanied Congressmen Budge and Fenton and Mr. Culp of the Interior Sub-Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and Sidney Larson of the Budget and Finance Division of the Secretary's Office, about the park and to West Yellowstone and took them to American Falls, Idaho, the following day. Mr. Rogers made a trip to the Bozeman library September 29.

Administrative Assistant Joffe departed September 11 for Reno, Nevada, to attend the Utah-Nevada Hotel Association Convention held there September 13-15. He returned the 19th.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson made trips to Grand Teton on September 2 and 3, 9 and 10, 16 and 17, and 22 to 24.

Mr. Mattson left September 27 and Messrs Hamilton and Wohlbrandt the following day for Zion National Park to attend the Design and Construction Conference being held there September 29 to October 8.

Mechanical Supervisor Robinson made a trip September 8 and 9 to Riverton, Wyoming, to bring back a surplus truck being transferred to this area.

Biologist Kittams went to Great Falls September 16 to meet Victor H. Cahalane, Chief, Biological Branch, Washington Office, but as he did not arrive, returned on the 18th. On the 21st he went to Glacier where he met Mr. Cahalane and reviewed biological problems of that park, returning to Mammoth the 25th with Mr. Cahalane.

Assistant Chief Ranger McComas made a trip to Big Hole Battlefield National Monument September 8 and 9 to make inspection and close down the area for the winter.

On September 14 information was received of the Chief Clerks Meeting to be held in Omaha October 19-24, to be attended by Administrative Officer Ernest Anderson and Personnel Assistant William Proper.

District Park Rangers Frank H. Anderson, Ruben O. Hart and Dan S. Nelson and Payroll Supervisor Warren D. Hotchkiss received notice September 29 that they are to participate in the 12th National Park Service Administration Training Course to be held in the Region Two Office October 19-30.

A Quarters Review Board was appointed September 1 by the Superintendent, in accordance with instructions pertaining to the review and analysis of the new quarters rentals, and consists of Warren F. Hamilton, Chairman; Ernest R. I. Anderson, Philip H. Wohlbrandt, Howard S. Kocher and Ruben O. Hart, Members; and Alice A. Kohout, Clerk.

The Local Civil Service Board conducted an examination for Stenographer-Typist on September 4. Personnel Assistant Proper conducted the examination and there was one competitor.

September 5 was the final Saturday of the season for the six-day week for seasonal ungraded employees.

The summer mail schedule was discontinued at the close of September 10 and effective the 11th there was no Sunday mail and outgoing mail was to leave Mammoth at 10 a.m. instead of 6 p.m.

The collection of the motor vehicle license fee at the various park gates was discontinued at the close of September 12.

Effective September 13 the meal rates at the Government mess houses were changed from $2.50 to $2.70 per day and from $1.10 to $1.15 on a single-meal basis.

The Yellowstone-Teton Development Association met at the Mammoth Hotel Recreation Hall September 14 to approve purpose and bylaws and elect permanent officers and directors. Dr. Paul McCleve of Bozeman was elected President.

Notice was received September 23 that effective October 1 all Government mail will be required to carry proper postage, in accordance with Public Law 286, approved August 15, amending the Penalty Mail Act and removing the free franking privilege for Government agencies.

Operation and Maintenance Wage Schedule No. 9-53-A and Construction Schedule No. 4-53-A (supplementing O&M Schedule No. 9-53 and Construction Schedule No. 4-53 approved August 7 and effective August 16) for ungraded employees of the National Park Service in Yellowstone National Park, were approved September 30, to become effective October 11.

Inspections. James P. Googe, Regional Director, 10th Civil Service Region, Denver, in South September 4, out 7. George F. Baggley, Superintendent of Lake Mead National Recreation Area, who arrived August 31 with Mrs. Baggley, out September 1. Herman E. Swanson, Regional Leader, Blister Rust Control, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Spokane, Washington, in September 8. Harthon L. Bill, Assistant Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, in September 10, out 11 to Teton. John W. Emmert, Superintendent, Glacier National Park, in September 8. Barnes MacDonald, Highway Engineer, Region Two, in September 14, out 23, and D. C. Macfarlane, Highway Construction and Maintenance Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Denver, in September 15, out 22, both participating in annual road inspection. James B. Light, Assistant Chief Ranger, Great Smoky Mountains National Park, in September 16, out 17. Edward E. Ogston, Chief Ranger and Acting Superintendent, Death Valley National Monument, in East September 16. A. C. Hessler, Post Office Board Advisor, 10th Civil Service Region, Denver, in North September 22. Charles L. Peterson, Chief Clerk, Rocky Mountain National Park, in enroute to Glacier September 24. Earl M. Semingsen, Superintendent, Wind Cave National Park, in September 24. Charles E. Fuller and Edward G. Beagle, Jr., Auditors, NPS, Washington, D. C., in September 24, out 25. Victor H. Cahalane, Chief, Biological Branch, Washington Office, in September 25, out 27. Richard T. Montgomery, Park Engineer, Glacier, in night of September 27 enroute to Design and Construction Conference at Zion. Gunnar O. Fagerlund, Park Naturalist of Olympic National Park, in September 29. Hugh Ebert, Supervisory Park Ranger, Rocky Mountain National Park, in September 30. Harvey B. Reynolds, Supervisory Park Ranger, Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park, in September 29, expected leave October 2.

Publicity. A press release on various closing dates for Yellowstone was issued on September 24 to the park's mailing list.

An article entitled "Old Faithful's Best Friend", featuring Seasonal Park Naturalist George Marler, appeared in the September issue of AMERICAN Magazine. The article contained a colored photograph of Mr. Marler and one of Old Faithful geyser in winter. The story and photographs are by Ross Madden, now residing in Bozeman, Montana, who has made several winter trips to the park.

A total of 8,000 Yellowstone broadsides for 1953 remained on hand at the close of September.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Engineer Barnes MacDonald, from the Regional Office, and Engineer Macfarlane, from the Bureau of Public Roads Denver Office, were in the park for a week, making the annual road inspection and collecting data for 1955 fiscal year road estimates.

A new layout study was prepared for the road work on west entrance road widening. It was originally proposed to move the facilities closer to the park boundary than shown on the Master Plan, but after a conference it was decided to leave it as shown. Adjustments are needed, of course, for the newly proposed type of entrance station similar to those shown for other entrances for this park.

A study of entrance station details was gone into quite thoroughly by the Resident Landscape Architect, members of the Protection Division and others and these details will be worked up and submitted to the Regional Office after some further review in this park.

Considerable study has been given to the Inspiration Point trail terminus project which is proposed to be started next spring.

On September 22 Park Engineer Wohlbrandt attended the Asphalt Institute meeting at West Yellowstone.

Assistant Park Engineer Thuring spent the entire month supervising construction projects at Lake and Assistant Park Engineer Cummings spent his time at Canyon on the Campground road job.

Weekly trips were made by Resident Landscape Architect Mattson to Grand Teton and to the Yellowstone construction projects.

Maintenance. September continued dry and it was necessary for about half the maintenance crews to fight fire which somewhat crippled operations. Boys leaving to return to school have also created a labor shortage and it is really impossible to recruit help at this time of year. Snow fence and snow stakes are being placed and roads put in condition for winter. The concrete bridge about one-half mile east of Norris on the Norris-Canyon Cutoff was repaired. This structure was found in very poor shape. Four miles of road were half-soled and reprocessed and three miles sealed. About 2,000 feet

of treated timber guard rail were placed on Route 4 along Lewis River Canyon on the South Entrance Road. The sidewalk crew is busy rebuilding a log crib on the north rim trail at Canyon. The erosion at that point is only six feet from the road shoulder. The ditch cleaning crew completed work on Route 1G, Canyon to Tower Fall. Several parking areas were regraded and shaped with waste material from the road ditches. By the end of the month several road maintenance camps had been closed due to labor shortage. At present camps are located at Mammoth, Gallatin, Old Faithful, South Gate, Lake, Canyon, Northeast Entrance, Beartooth and Rock Creek. The three on the Northeast Entrance road will be closed early in October.

Construction. Bids were opened September 9 in the Denver Office of the Bureau of Public Roads for Project 12-A, Grading and Surfacing, Norris-Canyon Cutoff (4.075 miles at east end), with Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Sheridan, Wyoming, low bidder with a bid of $266,636. The contract was signed and approved September 25 by the Washington Office of the National Park Service. The contractor has moved in and started clearing on the project.

The water and sewer project for the Canyon campground under contract to the Cop Construction Company, of Billings, is rapidly coming to a close and if weather is favorable should be finished in three weeks. It is 90% complete and only miscellaneous items, such as cleanup, testing of campground water line and backfilling, remain to be completed.

Project 1F3, G4 at Canyon, bituminous surfacing of parking areas and connecting roads, under contract to Strong Company of Springville, Utah, will not be completed this year as had been hoped. Nearly all grading is complete as well as most of the bituminous oil mat. The placing of the top soil and chip sealing operations are planned for spring of 1954. The job is about 75% complete.

On the Canyon Campground Roads, under contract to the Studer Construction Company of Billings, clearing is nearly all complete and approximately 50% of grading has been completed. They plan to continue until bad weather sets in. The job is about 20% complete.

Other construction projects active during the month were: Walks in Thermal Areas, Account 323.02, 95% complete; Roads and Walks, Fishing Bridge Cabin Area, 90% complete; Campground Roads and Walks, Old Faithful, Account 323.12, 99% complete; Roads and Walks, Lake Hotel Cabin Area, Account 323.14, 95% complete; Pump House for Sewage System, Lake, Account 331.04, 90% complete; Comfort Stations (2), Old Faithful Campground, Account 331.14, 3% complete and concrete foundations poured; Sewer System for Campground, Old Faithful, Account 332.06, 95% complete; Water Line Extension, Hotel Cottage Area, Lake, Account 332.07, 90% complete; Sewer Line Extension, Hotel Cottage Area, Lake, Account 332.08, 90% complete; Main Sewer System, Lake, Account 332.16,

20% complete; Utilities, Tables, Fireplaces and Comfort Stations, Old Faithful Campground, Account 333.02, 96% complete.

Complaints. Six letters of complaint were handled during the month, as follows: (1) restrictions on parking at Old Faithful and manner in which violation was handled, (2) condition, uncleanliness and cost of cabins, (3) amount of standing charge for wrecker used for accident, (4) condition, price, uncleanliness and alleged rat infestation of accommodations and apparent fire hazard of hotels, inability to obtain other than Conoco gasoline, dying of trees and inability to find out reason, and monopolies resulting in high prices charged at Hamilton Stores and price and quality of accommodations in park, (5) unsanitary condition of cabins, and (6) unsatisfactory meal at Old Faithful Inn.

Concessioners. The Mammoth tourist cabins, Lake Hotel and Canyon Lodge closed after breakfast September 1. The cafeterias at Canyon, Fishing Bridge and West Thumb curtailed their hours effective September 1 to 7-9 a.m., 12-2 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., having formerly been 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. continuous. The last day to start the Cody-Red Lodge and Victor-Red Lodge standard bus tours was September 7 and the last day to start other bus tours the 8th, bus service being discontinued the 10th. Saddle horse service at Old Faithful was discontinued September 7 and at Mammoth and Canyon September 10. Old Faithful and Lake Lodge dining rooms closed after breakfast and West Thumb tourist cabins, cafeteria and boat house and Haynes Thumb picture shop closed September 8. The Mammoth Coffee Shop hours were curtailed to 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. September 8. On September 9 Canyon cafeteria closed after breakfast, also the Canyon tourist cabins and repair shop. Mammoth Hotel dining room closed after dinner, Mammoth repair shop and Lake Lodge cabins, Mammoth Hospital and Haynes Canyon shop closed September 10. Canyon Hotel closed after lunch September 12, Old Faithful Inn after lunch September 13, and Mammoth Grill after lunch September 14. The teletype machine was moved to the Government Fiscal Office September 14 and the Mammoth Hotel Telegraph Office closed. Old Faithful Lodge cabins closed September 15, also Fishing Bridge boathouse and Haynes Fishing Bridge Shop. Haynes Tower Fall Store closed September 20. Mammoth Hotel Cottages and Hamilton Mammoth Coffee Shop and Canyon Store closed September 21. Hamilton Basin Store at Old Faithful closed September 25 and Fishing Bridge cafeteria, tourist cabins and repair shop, Haynes Mammoth and Old Faithful shops and Hamilton Fishing Bridge Store closed September 30.

Huntley Child, Jr., Vice President-Secretary, Yellowstone Park Company, left September 1 for Rochester and St. Paul, Minnesota, to undergo medical treatment, returning the 19th.

C. A. Hamilton, President, Hamilton Stores, Inc., and Mrs. Hamilton left September 28 for their winter home at Santa Monica, California.

The Yellowstone Park Company continued work on the public laundry and bathing facilities at Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge, which are expected to be completed for use next season, also on the boat dock at Lake and cottages in connection with the Lake Hotel. At Old Faithful a steam line is being laid from the cafeteria power plant to the cabin office and a steam tunnel to the cafeteria; also, a steam line is proposed for the new lodge cabins being built at the Old Faithful Lodge, which facilities should be ready next spring. The new cabin rooms at Old Faithful Lodge are being closed in and should be ready for occupancy next season. A new roof has been placed on the east wing of Old Faithful Inn.

Both of the dormitory wing additions to Hamilton's West Thumb Store have been closed in and lining of the interiors and laying floors is in progress. The front of the store building has been sheathed with vertical rough siding. Work has not been started on the new store wing except for the footings. The working drawings for the store wing are in the park but have not been submitted to date. Propane plans for the West Thumb Store have been submitted but not cleared to date. Authority has been requested to extend the Mammoth Coffee Shop floor space into the present ground-floor living quarters and granted. Drawings were required if the porch were to be added to the latter portion. This had been concurred in by Washington officials. A proposal to heat the Mammoth General Store by propane gas is coming up. It is intended to use the present gas tanks of the Yellowstone Park Company and meter the gas to Hamilton's since there is no safe place to install a tank near the store without it being out in front somewhere.

A proposal by Haynes Inc. to add a bedroom wing to their shop at Roosevelt Lodge has been authorized locally. They also wish to convert the Mammoth campground shop to employees' quarters and this will be authorized.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. All religious services conducted by the various denominations terminated during the month of September. The Roman Catholic services were completed on the 30th day of August. The Latter Day Saints conducted their last services the evening of the 6th and the Ministerial Associations from Livingston and Cody conducted their last services on the 6th. The student ministry program sponsored by the National Council of Churches conducted their last services in the Yellowstone National Park Chapel on the 13th with the Rev. Warren W. Ost presiding.

The Yellowstone National Park Sunday School began its winter program of services on Sunday the 27th and will conduct services each Sunday morning at 10:30 for the balance of the winter. Mr. Thomas F. Garry is superintendent of this year's Sunday School organization.

The local committee for the Christian Ministry in the National Parks held their fall meeting the evening of September 10 with Student Minister Jack Crossley presiding. Members of the committee voted to sponsor a full-time minister for the winter of 1954-55 and the Rev. Warren Ost. Director of the Christian Ministry in the National Parks was asked to locate a suitable candidate for the resident minister job.

Interpretive Services. The program of interpretive activities continued at Old Faithful, Norris, Madison, Fishing Bridge and Mammoth through Labor Day. Activities were closed at Canyon on the 4th and West Thumb's activities closed the 31st of August. All walks and talks were discontinued at all stations on the 9th. The museums at Madison and Norris remained open through the 10th, the Fishing Bridge, Mammoth and Old Faithful museums were manned by seasonal personnel through the 15th. The Mammoth and Old Faithful museums have remained open through the month of September, but have been unattended except by permanent personnel when possible.

Park Naturalist Elmore gave special talks to tour groups at the Canyon Hotel on the evening of the 8th and 9th. There were 204 persons present on the 8th and 174 on the 9th. Park Naturalist Watson gave talks to tour groups at the Canyon Hotel the evenings of the 10th and 11th and reports there were 130 persons in attendance at each talk.

Chief Park Naturalist Condon gave two talks outside the park during September, one to the Annual Dinner of the Baptist Church in Livingston on the 24th at which there were 97 persons in attendance and one to the Bozeman Federated Womens Clubs Annual Luncheon meeting on the 28th. There were 65 persons in attendance at this presentation.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The Obsidian Cliff wayside exhibit was broken into on September 1 by vandals. This person or persons shattered the plate glass and stole from the exhibit 16 specimens which were used for display purposes. These consisted of arrowheads, stone hammers, spear points, knives and other Indian tools. There was no evidence available to help identify who might have been responsible for this vandalistic act and the exhibit was closed and shuttered up on the 2nd.

Mr. John W. Davis of Larned, Kansas, gave to Yellowstone Park a photostatic copy of a newspaper article concerning his father's experiences with the De Lacy party in the Yellowstone area in 1863. This gift was made on September 1.

The Madison Museum closed September 10, Norris Museum September 10, Fishing Bridge Museum September 15, and Old Faithful and Mammoth Museums remained open but were unattended after the 18th.

Research and Observation. Francis Boyd, who has been doing research on the welded tuffs of Yellowstone Park, completed his field work on September 1 and left the park. Mr. Jack Smedley of the Geological Survey, who is collecting paleontological specimens from the Madison formation in the Gallatins, completed his work on the 3rd and left.

Some experimental work was done on September 4 with dye in Cupid Spring to see if the waters which were flowing into a large hole at this point reappeared at some point lower on the terrace. After several hours of observing there was no evidence that this water again put in its appearance in other springs on the terraces or at Hot River down near the Gardner River.

The Black Growler steam vent at Norris became much more active the fore part of the month of September and instead of issuing from two vents, returned to only one vent. Considerable noise and increased steam pressure were present and a temperature reading taken of it on September 9 indicated that its temperature was 208°F.

An inspection of the Inspiration Point area was made by Chief Park Naturalist Condon on the 18th with an objective of observing any physcial evidence there that it would be undesirable to construct an observation platform on the extreme limits of the point. There is considerable fracturing of the rhyolite lava at Inspiration Point. One fissure carried clear to the surface and there is pronounced undercut erosion taking place at the extreme end of the point. There, however, seems to be a reasonable foundation of solid rock and it may be a number of years before any slumping takes place from the point into the canyon area. Further study should be made of this before the constructing of the new observation platform is undertaken.

Natural History Association. The Yellowstone Library and Museum Association completed its annual year's business at the end of the day on September 30 and the annual meeting of the board of directors of this association will be held Friday October 9 in the Chief Park Naturalist's office. Mrs. Alice Quist was employed by the association as clerk during the month. The association published the September-October issue of YELLOWSTONE NATURE NOTES. These were completed on the 29th and 375 copies sent out in the mail. The association closed its sales activities at the Madison Museum on the 10th, at the Fishing Bridge Museum on the 15th and at the Old Faithful Museum on the 18th. Books were sold at the headquarters museum through the 30th.

In-Service Training. The Yellowstone Weekly News was issued each Thursday during the month to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed of park happenings.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 136,854 persons entered the park this month as compared with 132,164 for September of 1952 or an increase of 3.5%. The total travel for the year by September 30 was 1,291,689 as compared with 1,314,173 visitors for 1952 or a decrease of 1.7%. Only the South Entrance continued to show an increase over 1952.

The collection of motor vehicle license fees was discontinued after September 12, 1953, whereas the sale of permits stopped after September 30 in 1952 and 1951.

Light snows fell on the Red Lodge-Cooke road on two occasions, however, travel continued over this road for the entire month. All other roads within the park were open through September.

Special Visitors. DeForest Grant, of the Boone and Crockett Club, New York City, arrived August 31, out September 3 to Teton. Congressman E. Ross Adair of Indiana in East September 2, out 4. J. H. Jonte, Chemistry Department, University of Arkansas, Little Rock, in September 2. Mrs. Anna K. Pryor, former President, Pryor Stores, Inc., who operated those stores for forty years until selling to Hamilton Stores, Inc. last winter, arrived September 4 for a visit. Max M. Goodsill, General Passenger Agent, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, in September 3 and in charge of four groups of Railroad Ticket Agents, totaling about 400, who visited the park September 8-11 on an educational tour. Robert S. MacFarlane, President, Northern Pacific Railway, St. Paul, in September 7 and 8. Congressman Wint Smith of Kansas in September 9 and 10. The Western States Regional Republican Women's Conference met at Old Faithful Inn September 11and 12, with about 500 present, which group included National G.O.P. Chairman Leonard W. Hall; Congressman Richard Simpson of Pennsylvania, Chairman, National Republican Congressional Committee (Speaker); Miss Bertha Atkins, Assistant to National Chairman Hall, in Charge Wyoming and Montana joint hosts; Mrs. Carroll D. Kearns, President, National Federation of Republican Women, Farrell, Pennsylvania, and wife of Congressman Kearns; Senator Frank A. Barrett of Wyoming; Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, Treasurer of the United States; Governor J. Hugo Aronson of Montana, Governor C. J. Rogers of Wyoming; Bernard Lamb, Division of Field Organization of Republican Congressional Committee; Norris Nelson of G.O.P. National Committee Public Relations Section; Mrs. Gladys E. H. Knowles, Missoula, and Kathryn Moloney, Basin, Wyoming, National Committeewomen and Conference hostesses; Congressman Wesley A. D'Ewart of Montana, and Congressman William H. Harrison of Wyoming. Congressman Gardner R. Withrow of Wisconsin in East September 10, out 11th to Glacier. Congressman Alfred D. Sieminski of New Jersey in September 11. Horace M. Albright, President, U. S. Potash Company, New York City, who was Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park 1919-29 and Director of the National Park Service 1929-33, in South September 15, out North 18th. Charles Duncan Monteith, former Chief, Electrical Division, NPS, and now retired, in park September 17. Richard Riedel, Liaison Officer at Senate, Washington, D. C., in September 21, out south 24th. Congressman Ivor Fenton of Pennsylvania

and Congressman Hamer H. Budge of Idaho, both Members of Interior Sub-Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and C. W. Culp, Clerk of that Committee, and Sidney D. Larson, Director, Budget and Finance Division, Secretary of the Interior's Office, in South September 24, out West 25th. Crown Prince Akihito of Japan and party in and out South September 28.

Ranger Service. All the park entrances were manned and permits sold through September 12, the gate hours being 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. insofar as personnel were available during that period. After the 12th the gates were manned 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. whenever personnel were available. Highway patrols were carried out intermittently throughout the month. Hunting patrols were started along the northern and southern boundaries of the park after hunting season opened in those areas outside the park. Three buffalo permits were issued to hunters in the area north of the park and all obtained their buffalo. Elk hunting was poor in the areas near the park. Numerous inspection trips were made by the Chief Park Ranger and the Assistant Chief Rangers in charge of districts. The winter assignments were made for the Protection Division and the majority of the rangers have moved their families to their respective winter stations; however, they remained assigned to their summer stations through the end of the month. Snowshoe rations were partially packed and stored in the outpost cabins the latter part of the month. Minor repairs were made on patrol cabins and a winter wood supply was cut and stored. Unusually dry weather all month made it necessary to keep two primary lookouts manned almost the entire month. Fire suppression on seven fires required the time of a number of rangers and delayed doing important field work. The grounds crew at park headquarters started the erection of the protective fences around the shrubbery and small trees. This project entails putting up a few miles of fence and requires considerable time and expense. Other activities included law enforcement, trail crew work, supervision and investigation of vehicle accidents.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BEARS. Bear damages reported for the month totaled 7, bear injuries 7, and dead bears 4, three of which were killed for control purposes and one crippled by a car and killed as a mercy measure. The totals for the season were damages 63, injuries 41, and dead bears 18.

BUFFALO REDUCTION. Correspondence indicates that 224 buffalo carcasses are to be furnished nine Indian tribes during this winter's reduction; however, purchase orders have not been received from any of them as yet.

ELK REDUCTION. Inquiries for freight shipments of elk carcasses have been received from ten Indian institutions but denied due to the impossibility of making shipment without spoilage and because of insufficient personnel.

FISH PLANTING. A plant of 25,000 rainbow fry was made in the Gardner River during the month, making a total of 964,100 fish planted in Yellowstone waters during the 1953 season.

RANGE. Study plot observations made by Biologist Kittams indicate the forage crop on high range is only fair, similar to that of 1952, probably due to the lack of moisture (precipitation at Mammoth from June to August being only 33 percent of normal). Grass on the winter range is very dry, similar to that last fall.

Forest Fire Protection. Seven fires were reported during September, three lightning and four man-caused. Six of these fires were Class A and one, Raven Creek #2, was Class C. By the end of the month there had been a total of 80 reportable fires for the season. Lightning had caused 58 of the 80 and 22 were man-caused.

Trails. Trail work came to a close on September 18 and all trail men were terminated. Only about 80% of the work planned was completed this season due to the many fires which occurred throughout the park during the summer on which trail personnel were used in suppression. With good fall weather it would have been possible to continue work later but most of the trail men were compelled to terminate in order to return to school. It is hoped that an early spring will make it possible to complete several projects that were left only partially finished. The quality of the trail work accomplished this season was entirely satisfactory even though the quantity was less than expected. Most of the men were experienced and as a whole the crews were much better than in the past two seasons.

A new cable crossing was completed at Snake River September 23. This crossing will materially aid in patrol, fire control and trail work next summer as it will make the crossing of the river possible at least three weeks earlier than it has been before.

Blister Rust Control. The Blister Rust Crew of 15 men returned from the Chipmunk Creek fire on September 1. After returning from the fire four days were spent on actual eradication work before the crew was disbanded for the season. The tent camp on Carnelian Creek was torn down and the heavier items which would not be damaged by leaving at the site were stored in a leanto. Such items as stoves, shower bath, cooking utensils, barrels, etc. were left at the campsite. Tents, bedding, spraying equipment and like items were packed out for storage at Mammoth. Packing and storage of the camp was completed on September 22.

On September 9 an extensive inspection of the Carnelian Creek control area was made by Herman E. Swanson, John Gynn, Clarence Chapman of the Spokane Office of Blister Rust Control and Assistant Chief Ranger Edwards.

After the crew was disbanded on September 5 Checker John N. Reeves and Laborer Leadman Lester Dobbs spent the rest of the month cleaning up and caring for Blister Rust Control equipment.

Wood Utilization. Wood cutting operations for the purpose of providing approximately 200 cords of stove wood for Park Service quarters was started on September 21. The late fire season had so tied up manpower of the park that a full crew was not available for this job. Twenty-four cords of fire wood were cut and delivered by the end of the month. Barring unforeseen difficulties wood cutting operations should be completed about October 15. About 150 cords of wood will be cut from the logs that were cleared by the contractor in the Canyon Development Area. About 40 cords will be sawed at the spray field at Old Faithful and 10 to 15 cords cut near West Yellowstone Ranger Station.

Ranch Operations. Haying operations by Contractor Kenneth Meigs, Livingston, Montana, was completed September 14 with 246 tons of hay cut, baled and stacked for winter feeding. The hay is of good quality with a very light crop for the approximately 400 acres of hay land.

Plowing of the meadow at the Lamar Unit was started with approximately 40 acres expected to be plowed, disked, and leveled this fall and seeded back to meadow grass next spring.

Accidents and Public Safety. A total of 22 automobile accidents were investigated during the month, 14 Class A and 8 Class B. There were no critical injuries resulting from any of these accidents. The most seriously injured was Dr. Alfred M. Lueck who suffered a fractured left collar bone, 2 broken ribs and lacerations about the right ear. He was a paggenger in a car driven by his wife. A falling rock was reportedly the cause of this accident, falling from the rock cliff at Golden Gate and crashing into the side of the car.

Seven bear injury cases were reported this month. In all seven cases, the bears either reached into open car windows to inflict claw or puncture wounds or bit the hand that fed them. Bear feeding and food in the cars was directly responsible for the above bear injuries.

Law Enforcement. A total of 12 law enforcement cases were held before U. S. Commissioner James W. Brown during the month, bringing the total to 109 cases for the season. The breakdown for the month of September is as follows: Speeding, 8 cases, total fines $155; Illegal Trucking, 1 case, $50 fine; Excessive Number of Fish, 1 case, $50 fine; Bear Feeding, 1 case, $5 fine; and Drunken Driving, 1 case, $100 fine.

Car looting and miscellaneous thefts were investigated insofar as time and limited personnel permitted. Three cases of

theft, one attempted theft, one case of larceny and two cases of vandalism were reported during the month.

A car which was stolen in Rexburg, Idaho, was recovered in the park on September 14. It was taken to West Yellowstone and turned over to the Sheriff at Rexburg.

Parole violator Joseph T. Plock, who was apprehended in the park under the authority of a New York State warrant, was turned over to Warrant Officer George E. Holm from the New York State Parole Board on September 2. Mr. Plock was working for the Yellowstone Park Company at Mammoth and was apprehended and lodged in the Yellowstone jail on August 18.

Marriages. David W. Hutchings, Seasonal Park Ranger, from Bloomfield, New Jersey, and Esther Leuar, of New York City, were married in the Yellowstone Park Chapel on September 8.

Births. A baby boy was born, prematurely, to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore King of Cottonwood, Arizona, at the Mammoth Hospital on September 4 but died shortly afterward.

A daughter, Kathryn Anne, was born to Park Ranger and Mrs. Donald G. Kern at the Park Hospital in Livingston September 10.

A son, Eric William, was born September 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Sharp at Cody, Wyoming. Mr. Sharp is a Park Ranger stationed at the East Entrance.

A daughter was born to Park Ranger and Mrs. Thomas H. Schoder at the Park Hospital in Livingston on September 21. She was named Ruth Ellen.

Deaths. A son, Jonathan, born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore King of Cottonwood, Arizona, died September 3 at the Mammoth Hospital shortly after birth. It was born prematurely. Burial was at Mountain View Cemetery in Livingston September 4.

"Barney" Bernard, long-time employee in the park and for a number of years winterkeeper for the Yellowstone Park Company, died as the result of a stroke on September 20 at Boise, Idaho, where he has been living.

Mary Mackowsky, Secretary to John Q. Nichols of the Yellowstone Park Company and who has been working in the park several seasons, passed away September 24 at La Jolla, California, where she had gone two weeks previously due to illness.

Earl L. Huss, 49, gasoline station operator, of South Bend, Indiana, died of a heart attack while fishing in the vicinity of Fishing Bridge on September 24. His body was taken to Cloyd's Mortuary in Livingston and forwarded to South Bend for burial.

Flags on all Government buildings were flown at half-mast for 30 days beginning September 9 in honor of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Frederick M. Vinson, who died September 8.

Personnel. Robert H. Sharp received an Indefinite Appointment (In Lieu of Reinstatement) to the position of Park Ranger, GS-5, effective September 4.

The reclassification of Storekeeper (General), GS-7 to Property and Supply Assistant, GS-8 was approved September 2 and Promotion (Indefinite) of William A. Wright effective September 17.

Warren F. Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent, received Promotion (Indefinite) September 23, 1953, due to the reallocation of that position from GS-12 to GS-13 effective that date.

Alice B. Murphy received temporary 30-day appointment September 14 as Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4 in the Chief Ranger's Office.

The following changes in seasonal personnel were made during the month: Orville S. Drennan, temporary appointment, Storekeeper (General), GS-3, September 1, and terminated September 30; Jean B. Rapp, Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3, terminated September 2; Alma G. Hood, Telephone Operator, GS-2, terminated September 3; Elmer F. Armstrong, Jr., Project Clerk, GS-4, terminated noon September 3; Rosemary Proper, Messenger, CPC-1, terminated September 8; David A. Kane, Student Assistant Engineer, IGS-4, terminated September 8; Lillian Alleman, Statistical Clerk, GS-3, terminated September 9; Benjamin D. Hall and Charles Y. Hoyt, Camp Superintendents, BRC, terminated September 10; Barbara E. Stark, Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3, resigned September 11; Donald F. Thiel, Student Assistant Landscape Architect, IGS-4, terminated September 11; Donald R. Heinicke and Francis L. Polutnik, Fire Control Aids (Smokejumper), terminated September 12 and 29, respectively; Sally R. Hasty, Clerk-Typist, GS-3, terminated September 25; and Kathryn Schuch, Clerk-Typist, GS-3, resigned Septemper 25. By the end of September all seasonal Park Naturalists, Park Ranger-Naturalists, Park Rangers, and Fire Control Aids (General) and (Lookout) had been terminated.

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