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JUNE 1952

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Director.





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Summary of the June 1952 Monthly Narrative Report for YELLOWSTONE HATIONAL PARK

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WEATHER:	Nice weather first half month, rainy last half. Snow still seen.	Page
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Rogers & Nichols to game & fish conference at Glacier. Rogers, Haynes, Nichols to Custer Museum dedication. Kittems to game & fish conf. & re wildlife matters, Glacier. Ela & Rohn assisted with traffic at T. Roosevelt N.M.P. celebration. McMullin to Riverton for surplus refrigerators. Mattson to Teton. Jay, Grimm, Rohn assisted at Custer Museum dedication. Boy Scouts Camporee. Judge Brown, new Commissioner, & Mrs. Brown arrived. C. S. exam. New Maintenance rates. St. Paul Choral Club concert. 48-hour week. Trash bags. 3 conventions in park.	
INSPECTIONS:	Official visitors listed.	3-4
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Naturalist Elmore acquainted with personnel and work. Talks by Condon to bus drivers, seasonal rangers, concessioner employees & others. Projectors etc. loaned rangers. Seasonal ranger training & trip. Weekly News. Staff meeting to meet Commissioner Brown & Naturalist Elmore. Elister rust training & building fire training.	4.005
PUBLICITY:	Several articles on vandalism. Material for Director's Report. Special section on Yellowstone in Salt Lake paper, article by Condon. AP & UP phoned about deaths. New Haynes Guide. 209,000 broadsides on hand.	5
PLANS, MAPS AND SURVEYS:	Construction projects. Ketcham, O'Meal, Springer sent from Regional Office. Field surveys Canyon campground. Inspection by Lindauer & Corlew. Vint, Hall, Edgar in.	5-6
MAINTENANCE:	Red Lodge road opened 8th. Snowstorms, plowing necessary. Pot holes, reprocessing, hot pools in roads controlled, signs, Artist Point exhibit. Preparizer arrived. Labor situation good, about 160 working. New carbage cans installed.	6

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CONSTRUCTION:	Little progress South Approach projects. Bids to be opened on Canyon project. Other active	An de contrated
	projects listed.	Const
COMPLAINTS:	Three complaint letters received.	E
CONCESSIONERS:	W. M. Nichols arrived. Concessioner opening dates. Help Specials arrived 13th.	۵
HELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPEL USE:	Final arrangements for religious program. First Student Minister service by Rev. Ost; alter hangings in memory Arnold Van Heuvelen dedicated. Meeting Church Committee; explanations student minister program & program for N.P.S. Organ concert by Edward White. Schedules & announcements for church services prepared. Conference with Rev. Ost re program for Kellowstone & other areas.	9
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Program in full swing by 20th. Talks to Boy Scouts & others. Self-guiding trails & labels. Public address unit to Old Faithful.	9
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS:	All museums opened by 15th. Signs at beginning self-guiding trails. New Artist Point exhibit. Material received re first automobile in park. Cut flower display popular.	9-10
RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION:	Small wild orchids seen. Holland man climbed Electric Peak. Marler's Old Faithful manuscript ready for publication & Regional approval. Trumpeter swam seen. Large trout from Gibbon River. Grizzly skeleton & hide to U. of Wis.	10
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	Proofs on animal & bird booklets returned to publisher. Supply animal booklet received. Custer Museum dedication programs prepared. Mrs. Quist Clerk, Mrs. Wagner Librarian. "Fur Traders and Trappers" booklets assembled	10-21
INCREASE OR DE- CHEASE IN TRAVEL:	242,336 visitors in June, 12.12% increase; increase of 15.07% for season to date.	eng IAL g S g S g-constitute
VISITORS:	Special visitors listed.	11
RANGER SERVICE:	Gates open 6 AM - 9 PM, highway patrols, law enforcement, trail work, fish planting, distribution horses, trash bags distributed, etc. Team purchased.	11.12
WILDLIFE AND FISH: BEARS:	6 bear injuries, 3 property demages, 1 trouble- some grizzly killed, 11 moved.	12

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PICH :	Much fishing. Streams high. Plantings listed.	
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FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	4 small fires. Rain relieved fire danger. Fire control aids trained and sent out. Gorsuch to Missoula smokejumper school.	13
BLISTER RUST CONTROL:	Crews trained and working. Preparations to move to new site on west fork Carnelian Greek.	13
WOOD UTILIZATION:	Y. P. Co. contractor issued permits for fuel wood & construction poles.	13
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Hazard inspections completed. Underwriters inspected Y. P. Co. buildings; conditions good. Govt. cabin burned. Y. F. Co. garbage truck burned. Visitor auto caught fire. Reports submitted. Training for Mammoth brigade.	13-14
TRAILS :	ll men working; shortage experienced men; foreman position still vacant. Fire control aids receive trail training.	
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	58 cases tried.	14
ACCIDENTS:	29 vehicle accidents, 2 fatelities.	14-15
DEATES :	Joseph Dixon, former NPS biologist & active in saving trumpeter swan, died in California. Ralph Johnson, Y. P. Co. employee, died in auto accident. Merton Dutton, Cody, died in motorcycl accident. Mary Hunter Doane, widow of Lt. Doane of early expedition in Yellowstone and daughter of Dr. Hunter, discoverer of Hunter Hot Springs in Montana, died.	e 15
MATRIAGES:	John Galle and Helen Hutton married.	15
PERSONNEI :	Francis Elmore, Fark Naturalist, transferred from Chaco Canyon. Mrs. Elizabeth Allan, Telephone Operator, notified of retirement date. Dr. Bauer NPS Geologist, formerly of Yellowstone, retired	

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

July 8, 1952

Memorandum

To:

The Director

From:

Superintendent, Yellowstone Mational Park

Subject: Monthly Report for June 1952

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of June 1952:

Weather Conditions. June was characterized by very nice weather for the first two weeks followed by rainy to cloudy weather during the latter two weeks of the month. Eleven days were recorded as cloudy, 5 as partly cloudy, and the remaining 14 days were clear. Precipitation totaled 2.28 inches for the month with 0.92 inches being recorded on the June 24th measurement. Snow could still be seen on the north slopes of the higher mountains. The maximum temperature of 83° was registered on the 5th and 9th and the minimum temperature of 27° was recorded on the 13th.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers went to Glacier National Park on June 14 to attend the meeting of the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners and the Western Division of American Fisheries Association held there June 15-17. Mr. W. M. Nichols of the Yellowstone Park Company accompanied him on the trip. They returned on the 17th, On June 24 he went to Billings and the following day to Custer Battlefield National Monument to be present at the ceremonies dedicating the new museum at that area, returning to the park that evening. He was accompanied on the trip by Mesers. W. M. Nichols and J. E. Haynes.

Park Biologist Kittams left on June 13 to attend the meeting of the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners and the Western Division of the American Fisheries Association held at Glacier June 15-17. Following the meeting he spent several days on wildlife matters affecting that area, returning to Yellowstone on the 23rd.

District Park Runger Ela and Seasonal Park Ranger Rohn went to Theodore Roosevelt National Memorial Park on June 13 to assist in handling traffic in connection with the celebration held there June 15 marking the 50th Anniversary of the North Dakota-Montana Reclamation Association. They returned on the 16th.

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Electrical Supervisor McMullin went to Riverton, Wyoming, on June 26 to obtain several surplus refrigerators and bring them back to the park.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson went to Grand Teton National Park on June 22 and remained there a week working on matters affecting that area. He returned on the 27th.

Assistant Chief Ranger Jay, District Park Ranger Grimm and Seasonal Park Ranger Rohn went to Custer Battlefield National Momment on June 24 to assist with the handling of traffic in connection with the ceremonies marking the dedication of the new museum there on June 25. They returned the evening of the 25th.

Paul McG. Miller, Chief, Minor Roads Branch, Planning and Construction Division, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., was appointed effective June 1 as Chief Engineer of the National Park Service to succeed Frank A. Kittredge who retired at the close of May 31.

The Absaroka District Boy Scouts of America Spring Camporee was held from June 6 to 8 in the vicinity of the Indian Greek Campground some eight miles south of Mammoth Hot Springs. Yellowstone Park Troop No. 151 acted as host and some 75 Scouts and 25 Scouters were in attendance.

U. S. District Judge T. Blake Kennedy, Cheyenne, Wyoming, appointed, affective June 10, Mr. James M. Brown, an attorney from Cheyenne, Wyoming, as U. S. Commissioner for Yellowstone National Park for a period of four years to succeed Judge T. Paul Wilcox who resigned due to illness. Judge Brown arrived in the park on June 10 with Mrs. Brown and immediately assumed his new duties.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination on June 10 for the position of Investigator (Trainee) for which there were two competitors. Mr. Proper conducted the examination.

A new schedule of hourly maintenance wage rates for Yellowstone, Custer Battlefield National Momment and Big Hole Battlefield National Monument (O&M No. 10-52) was approved on June 13 and became effective at the beginning of the pay period starting June 22.

The St. Paul Chorel Club presented a concert at Old Faithful Lodge on the evening of June 14. This group has given similar performances in the park during the past several years and has proven very popular with park visitors and employees.

Seasonal wage board employees started on a 48-hour week beginning June 15.

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In an effort to help keep the park clean and to avoid the throwing of rubbish from automobiles and along highways and parking areas, rangers started distributing "Trash Bags" at the various park matters on June 16. Garbage cans painted green have been conveniently located throughout the park along the highways where motorists stop so they can dispose of the bags and their rubbish. Each bag contains the following wording: "This is your TRASH BAG. Please use it as a container for your waste paper, tin cans, bottles and other debris, and empty it in one of the trash cans provided for your convenience. This is your National Park. Help maintain its beauty. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE".

Three conventions were held in the park during the month. The American Bar Association Regional Meeting jointly sponsored by the State Bar Associations of Montana, Colorado, Idaho, Gregon, Utah and Myoming, met at the Canyon Hotel June 17 through 20. Henry R. Luce, Editor of TIME, LIFE and FORTUNE magazines, was one of the principal speakers. Governor Frank A. Barrett of Wyoming attended the meeting. The Rehabilitation Conference of Rocky Mountain Region IX was held at the Lake Lodge June 18-20. Governor Barrett also addressed this gathering and Chief Park Naturalist Condon made an address of welcome on the morning of June 18 as the representative of the Superintendent and he also showed park pictures to the group the previous evening. The Rocky Mountain Hotel Association held its Annual Convention at the Canyon Hotel June 25-28 with many prominent hotel men of the country attending. In addition to the above three conventions, the Interior Missouri Basin Field Committee met at the Lake Hotel on June 20 and 21 and members of the Missouri Basin Survey Commission also met at the Lake Hotel on June 29.

Inspections. Mr. Md Anderson, Bureau of Public Roads Engineer, Denver, assigned to the South Untrance approach job, in June 2. Messrs. Joe H. Riha, Clifford D. Van Kirk and Harold A. Snegosky of the Region Two Office, who arrived May 31, departed June 3 for Grand Teton Mational Park. Charles Schuster, Landscape Architect, Region Two, in June 4 for assignment during the summer. Gardell D. Christensen, Museum Laboratory, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., in June A. John C. Gynn, Area Leader, Blister Rust Control, Spokane, Washington, in Jume 7 and again June 22 in connection with blister rust operations. W. W. Dreskell Supervisor, Bridger Mational Forest, Kermerer, Wyoming, in June 9 to discuss smokejumping. David Lillis, Museum Laboratory, N. P. S., Washington, D. C., in June 11. Max E. Edgar, Chief of Development Program, Region Two, N. P. S., in June 13, out 19. Willard P. Lindauer, Highway Engineer, N. P. S., Region Two, and Ralph Corlew, Engineer, B. P. R., Denver, in June 19; Lindauer departed June 22, Corlew 23rd. William S. Bahlman, Assistant Personnel Officer, and Clarence P. Montgomery, Assistant to Finance Officer, N. P. S., Washington, in June 20, out 23rd to Grand Teton National Park. James R. Miller, Fire Weather Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Boise, Idaho, in June 25. John S. McLaughlin, Assistant Regional Director, Region Two, in June 26: expected to leave July 1. Thomas C. Vint, Chief, Design and Construction

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In-Service Training. Considerable time was spent with Park Naturalist Elmore to acquaint him with the park, with the permanent Service personnel and the functions of the various divisions and especially with the program of the Naturalist Division. On June 11 Chief Park Naturalist Condon delivered an in-service training talk to the Yellowstone Park Company bus drivers in the Canteen building, which gathering also included a number of other employees, the group consisting of some 150 people. On June 15 a similar type of presentation was made to the employees of the Old Faithful area in the Old Faithful Recreation Hall at which some 350 persons were present, and on June 16 a similar progress was given to the employees at the Canyon Hotel in the Canyon Hotel lounge which group included in addition to some 200 employees, about 150 guests. On June 17 Mr. Condon talked to the Seasonal Park Rangers at their in-service training program in the Canteen and discussed with them the history of the park and the National Park Service and also presented to them a review of the program of activities as conducted by the Naturalist Division. On June 18 Mr. Condon met this group on their pre-season training trip and presented to them a 30-mirute talk at Lake Butte on National Park values. Projectors, motion picture films and screens were loaned the District Rangers for their use in presenting in-service training programs to employees in their respective districts.

Twenty-six new Seasonal Park Rangers participated in an eight-hour training session on June 17. The training was directed toward orienting the men in their new jobs and acquainting them with policies and objectives of the National Park Service. The following day the entire group was taken on a conducted trip around the park se they would have some knowledge of the principal features, roads and facilities. The seasonal men were subjected to specific job training after arrival at their assigned duty stations.

The Yellowstone Weekly News was issued each Thursday with a view to keeping employees, concessioners and others currently informed on park happenings.

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A staff meeting was held in the conference room on June 12 to acquaint the new U. S. Commissioner, James W. Brown, and the new Park Naturalist, Francis Elmore, with park personnel.

The blister rust crew composed of 30 men was given three hours forest fire training on June 25.

Building fire control training was held for the Nammoth brigade on June 3 and 4. Due to the large number of employees involved the brigade was divided into three groups and training given in three one-hour sessions.

Publicity. Several timely articles on the problem of vandalism appeared in popular periodicals during the month. Nature Magazine for June-July contained an article by Frank A. Tinker entitled "Vandalism-Nature's No. 1 Enery". The Nay issue of Natural History Magazine contained an article by Annette Richards entitled "Great American Littorbug". Park Naturalist George D. Marler had an article entitled "Who is Choking Yellowstone's Geysers?" in the June issue of Natural History Magazine. An article on "Trash Bags" being used in areas of the National Park Service appeared in the July issue of Ford Times. The article was written by Mildred Ericson, former seasonal Ranger-Naturalist in Yellowstone.

The report of the Superintendent covering items of special significance for inclusion in the Director's Report for the 1952 fiscal year was mailed on June 13.

The June 22 issue of the Salt Lake Tribune contained a special section on Yallowstone, the feature article in which was one prepared by Chief Park Naturalist Condon on yandalism.

Stories on the deaths of Ralph L. Johnson and Marton L. Dutten were phoned the Associated Press and the United Press on June 25 and 30, respectively.

The first shipment of the revised 1952 issue of the <u>Haynes</u> Guide was received by Haynes Inc. on June 30.

209,000 copies of the 1952 Yellowstone broadside were on hand at the end of the month in addition to a fair supply available at each entrance station.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Engineers Thuring and Rove were on construction projects most of the month. Engineer Richard W. Ketcham, Student Assistant Engineer Bonald G. O'Neal and Engineering Aid Lee R. Springer were sent to the park by the Regional Office to assist with survey and construction work.

A field survey of the Canyon Campground is under way.

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Highway Engineer Lindauer, Region Two, and Bureau of Public Roads Engineer Corlew spent three days making a spring inspection of the roads. Mesers Vint and Hall were in the park the last of the month checking on construction and maintenance problems and also looking over possible power and telephone line locations. Mr. Edgar of the Regional Office spent nearly a week in the park getting acquainted with PCP projects.

Maintenance. Snow plowing was completed on the Red Lodge road on June 5 and the road was opened to traffic on June 8. As soon as traffic was permitted on this road, heavy commercial traffic started. It was necessary to plow snow from Dunrayen Pass and the Red Lodge road on June 22 and 25. Drifts were three to four feet deep on the Red Lodge road.

The heavy rain the latter part of the month caused the usual number of pot holes to develop, but they are rapidly being repaired. About six miles of road were reprocessed or half-soled during the month and three miles were sealed. Several hot pools developed in the road at Norris and Old Faithful, but we were able to control them all by installing pipe vents and placing concrete slabs over the het spots.

The new Woods preparizer arrived and was just being tested when the rainy spell set in. A representative of the Woods Company came in to demonstrate, but had other commitments and was unable to remain until the weather cleared up.

Five new large routed wooden signs were placed in the Canyon area. A new field exhibit was made and placed at Artist Point (the old one having fallen over),

The labor situation has been very good and we have all the men needed. All road crews are filled and five special crews are working. We have three crews picking up trash along the roadsides. Forty-one new garbage cans were installed at convenient places around the loop and they are being used quite heavily by the public. The trash bags are being distributed at the gates and most of these are being used and thrown in the new cans. Road camps are located at Manmoth, Madison, Gallatin, Old Faithful, Thumb, South Forest, Lake, East Entrance, Canyon, Tower Falls, Northeast Entrance, Beartooth and Rock Creek. An average of about 160 men are working on road and trail maintenance. The Gallatin road section is in poor shape caused by the heavy commercial travel. All other sections are fair to good.

New Construction. On the South Approach Road to Yellowstone (Moran-Yellowstone, South Boundary) Section D, Unit 1, Grading and Surfacing 6.945 miles, Jones Company, Thermopolis, Contractor, the job is approximately 95% complete and should be completed the latter part of August. On Section D, Portion A, Unit 2, Grading, Base Course, and Surfacing, 8.38 miles, J. J. Dooling, Denver, Contractor, the job is approximately 90% complete and should be completed the latter part of August. These percentages are guesses and are the same as reported

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 last month. There has not been enough evidence of work on these projects during the month to show that much has been accomplished. The surfacing contractor on both projects had moved in toward the end of the month and more progress should be shown. It was also planned to start oiling by the end of the month but this did not materialize. The condition of these sections of highway is very dusty which has proven very amoying to motorists. This highway is receiving about 17% more travel than last year.

Bids are to be opened on June 17 in Denver for Construction Project 1F3, C4, bituminous surfacing and parking areas, Grand Loop Highway, 2.83 miles main line and 2.214 miles parking areas and connecting roads in the Canyon area.

The following construction projects within the park were active during the month:

Account 323.12, Campground Roads, Old Faithful.—An oil mat was placed on Loop A and some base material hauled for loop C. Placing of rock barriers on Loop C is underway.

Account 323.14, Roads and Walks, Lake Hotel Cottage Area.—Work on east end is progressing rapidly. Approximately 2,000 feet of concrete curb is placed.

Account 331.03, Comfort Stations, Old Faithful Campground.— Two comfort stations were completed and the third is nearly complete.

Account 331.05, Mess Hall, Road Camp, Lake. -- Job nearly complete.

Account 332.11, Sewage Disposal System, Lake -- Cleanup and pouring of concrete manholes underway.

Account 333.02, Utilities, Tables, Fireplaces, Comfort Stations, Campground, Old Faithful. -- Work of placing tables and fireplaces underway on Loop C.

Account 331.12, Comfort Stations (2), Old Faithful, Campground.
--Frame work up on one station; foundation poured on the other.

Account 331.13, Bunk House, New Utility Area, Lake. --Work complete except installing toilets and showers.

Account 331.14, Remove old C.C.C. buildings in New Lake Utility Area.—Four buildings dismentled. We are hoping to sell the building sections.

Account 234, Mammoth Museum Rehabilitation. -- Completed.

Account 323.02, Extension of Reads, Fishing Bridge Trailer Campground. -- Completed.

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Account 332.12, Power and Street Lights for Campground, Old Faithful.—Completed.

Account 323.03, Construction of Trail Terminus, Grand View Point.—Mork nearly complete.

Complaints. Three letters of complaint were received during the month, as follows: 1. condition of park roads, 2. uncleanliness of cabins and lack of latches on restroom doors at cabin camp, and 3. lack of table and seating in cabin at Fishing Bridge and discourtesy of manager there.

Concessioners. Mr. W. M. Nichols arrived in the park for the summer on June 2.

The Newmoth tourist cabins and repair shop and the Old Faithful and Lake Lodge cabins opened June 4, the Namoth Hotel and Grill June 10, Old Faithful and Lake Lodge Dining Rocas June 14, Old Faithful Inn and Canyon Hotel officially opened June 16 although they had been accommodating guests since the 13th, saddle horses became available at Manmoth, Old Faithful and Canyon on June 17, Roosevelt Lodge cabins and dining rocm and the Leke Hotel and cottages opened June 18, the Canyon Lodge cabins and dining rocm officially opened June 20, the railroads started delivering their passengers at the various park gateways on June 22 and the park buses started operations on that date.

The Haynes Canyon Picture Shop opened June 10, at Canyon Hotel and Lodge and Old Faithful and Lake Lodge their shops opened June 14, their Thumb and Old Faithful Inn shops opened June 16, their Roosevelt Lodge shop on June 20 and their Manmoth campground shop on June 30.

The Marmoth Hospital was officially opened on June 13 with Dr. John A. Pearson in charge and Dr. William B. (Jim) Gerlach resident physician.

The Northern Pacific Help Special and the Union Pacific Help Special bringing employees for the various concessioners to the park arrived at Cardiner and West Yellowstone, respectively, on June 13.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. Final and complete arrangements were made for the religious services program for the 1952 season for the entire park, involving the Cody Ministerial Association, the Park County Ministerial Association, Father Francis T. Penny of the Roman Catholic Church, the Princeton Seminary, and the Latter Day Saints Missionary Headquarters at Butte.

The first church service of the student minister program was conducted by Rev. Warren W. Ost on June 8, at which time the alter hangings which were given in memory of Arnold Van Heuvelen who drowned in August 1951, were dedicated.

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On June 11 the Yellowstone Park Church Committee met, at which time Rev. Warren W. Ost and Student Minister Thomas Ewing explained the 1952 program of the Student Ministers. At that time Mr. Ost outlined the collaboratorship program which the United Council of Churches of Christ is arranging with the National Park Service.

On the evening of June 13 Mr. Edward White of Livingston presented an organ concert in the Yellowstone Park Chapel which was sponsored by the Yellowstone Park Sunday School. A circular was issued and distributed outlining the dates for the beginning of services in the park. A special Roman Catholic service was held in the Canyon Hotel June 22.

The annual church services announcements for posting on bulletin boards were printed by Joe Bill of the Yellowstone Park Company Print Shop and placed on bulletin boards throughout the park so visitors might be advised as to where the various religious services of the different denominations might be attended.

On June 20 a conference was held with the Superintendent and Rev. Warren W. Ost for the purpose of reviewing the proposed program of the United Council of Churches of Christ in Yellowstone National Park and other areas administered by the National Park Service.

Interpretive Services. The entire interpretive services program was in full swing by June 20 and a memorandum was issued for distribution outlining all the walks, talks, hikes, and other activities.

On the evening of June 6 and 7 Chief Park Maturalist Condon presented talks to groups in attendance at the Absaroka District Boy Scouts Camporee at Indian Creek with about 100 present for the program each evening. Several other special talks were given during the month.

The self-guiding trails at Manmoth and Norris were completed and labels placed for public use by June 25. In addition, by the month's end the self-guiding trails at Old Faithful and Tower Fall were also in operation.

The public address unit was taken to Old Faithful on the 27th with the purpose of experimenting with it in order to determine whether or not its use would improve the quality of programs at that place.

Miseum Activities and Exhibits. The Memmoth, Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge museums were opened for public use all month. Madison Museum was opened June 12 and the Norris Museum on June 15.

New introductory signs of rather impressive appearance have been installed at the beginning of each of the self-guiding nature trails at Mammoth, Norris, Old Faithful and Tower Fall.

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The Artist Point exhibit was installed on June 28. This exhibit has been placed down in the lower landing near Artist Point and a complete new structure, including asphalt walks, has been installed.

Some interesting historical material was received during the month concerning the first automobile in Yellowstone Park, which was brought into the park in 1902 by Mr. Merry. Photographs of this automobile and the diary entry concerning its use in the park were copied for our historical file.

At both Fishing Bridge and Manmoth the cut flower displays have attracted considerable attention by park visitors.

Research and Observation. Of unusual interest this year was the abundance of the small but beautiful orchid Calypso bulbosa on the old road down Elk Greek toward Tower Junction. These flowers were blooming profusely by June 1.

A Mr. Harting of Utrecht, Holland, made a solo climb of Electric Peak on June 4.

Park Naturalist Marler's manuscript on Old Faithful Geyser was redone by him after it had been carefully reviewed and is now ready for final preparation for the publisher and review and approval by the Regional Office.

Trumpeter swan were observed nesting on one of the small lakes near the junction of Slough Creek and the Lamar River and they had been successful in incubating their eggs and have a family of four cygnets. Seven adult trumpeter swan were observed on one of the lakes near the mouth of Hellroaring Creek.

On Jume 17 Mr. Willard Matzka of Winona, Minnesota, had the interesting experience of catching a large Brown trout from the Gibbon River in the meadows near the Norris Ranger Station. This fish weighed 9 pounds 6 ownces, had a length of 27 inches and a girth of 17 inches.

The skeleton and hide of a grizzly bear killed in the Fishing Bridge Campground on the night of June 27 will be made available to the University of Wisconsin Zoology Department.

Natural History Association. The galley proof of the booklets which are being published by the Association on the birds of Yellowstone and the wild animals of Yellowstone were completed and returned to the publisher during the month. 45,000 copies of the booklet on the wild animals were received on the last day of the month and the bird books are expected early in July.

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The Association prepared 3,000 programs for the Custer Battlefield National Monument for use at their dedicatory services for the Custer Museum on June 25.

The Association employed during the month Mrs. Alice Quist as Clerk. Mrs. Lucille B. Wagner entered on duty for the Association as Librarian on June 12.

The assembling of the "Fur Traders and Trappers' which were multilithed during May was completed and 2,700 saleable copies were placed in the Association's book stockroom.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 242,336 persons entered the park this June as compared with 216,134 for June 1951, or an increase of 12.12%. The total travel for the present travel season through June was 313,712 as compared with 272,629 for one year ago, or an increase of 15.07%. Rail and bus travel shows a slight increase: 2,323 for June 1952, as compared with 2,138 last June, or an increase of 8.6%.

All gates show an increase over season to date as compared to 1951, percentages being: North 17.46%, West 11.02%, Bast 10.57% South 14.88% and Northeast, 64.27%. The decided increase in Northeast Entrance travel is probably partly due to the fact that the Red Lodge-Cooke highway was opened earlier this year.

Visitors. Fred M. Carley, Vice-President, The World Outdoors, Inc., New York City, in June 6 in connection with taking motion pictures in park. Governor Frank A. Barrett of Wyoming in June 17, Henry R. Luce, Editor, Time, Life and Fortune Magazines, in June 17 to address American Bar Association meeting. George W. Grunkemeyer, Vacationland Studios, Sheridan, Wyoming, in in early June to take motion pictures in park. C. S. Picamuthu, Director, Geological Survey of the State of Mysore, India, in June 23, out 24. Dr. Fridtjoy Isachsen, University of Oalo, Norway, in June 30. John M. Breed, Photographer, Life Magazine, in June 15 to obtain park pictures.

Ranger Service. The sale of motor vehicle permits at all entrance stations are made from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m., with the gates being closed to park travel at 11 p.m. It was found advisable to open the stations earlier but there was very little justification for selling permits after 9 p.m. Highway patrol cars were operated after the 16th as follows: one from the Chief Ranger's Office, one from Old Faithful, and one regular patrol car from Leke Station with an auxiliary patrol car being operated from Lake, used largely in checking fishermen, camping and parking violations, etc. Due to a lack of both seasonal and permanent Protection Division personnel it has not been possible to operate additional patrol cars. The majority of the Protection Division personnel was used in general administration and supervision of the districts and stations, including the five entrance stations. The

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paragraph on travel shows an increase of 12.12% for the month of June as compared to the same month a year ago. The Protection Division problems have increased in wout the same proportion with the travel, necessitating the rangers contributing a great deal of time and effort to carry out law enforcement work, accident investigations and related duties. Other activities have included supervision of trail maintenance, fish planting, telephone line repair, in-service training, repairing pasture fences, distributing the horses to the summer stations, and other field assignments. Eight thousand paper trash bags were distributed from the various entrances, as well as from the interior stations, during the latter part of the month on an experimental basis to determine how effective that will be in keeping the park clean of rubbish and debris. It was necessary to secure the services of the contract veterinary on three or four occasions during the month to treat and administer medicines to the park horses. One team of work horses was purchased for use at the Lamar Unit to replace the old team which finally had to be disposed of due to old age.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities, BEARS. Six persons were injured by bears and in all cases the reports indicate that the incidents could have been avoided by exercise of caution on the part of the injured persons. Three incidents involving property damage caused by bears were reported during the month. One black bear, which had been wounded outside the park and badly crippled, was dispatched when it appeared inside the park near the west entrance. A female grizzly, which had raided the Fishing Bridge campground for several nights, was shot after efforts to trap her had failed. Eleven bears, including three grizzlies, were trapped in the developed areas and removed to locations where they probably will not be a source of trouble.

FISH. Fishing pressure on all open park waters was very heavy during June. Yellowstone Lake yaelded the best catches while most streams were too high to produce limit catches. Fish were planted in park waters during the month as follows:

Water Stocked	Species	Size	Number	Source
Obsidian Creek Hoodoo Lake Blacktail Deer	Eastern Brook	#2 #2	5,000 5,000	Emigrant Emigrant
Creek Squaw Lake Gardiner River #1 Gardiner River #1 Grebe Lake Wolf Lake Ice Lake Cascade Lake	Eastern Brook Blackspotted Brown Rainbow Grayling Grayling Grayling Grayling Grayling	#2 #3 #4 fry fry fry	10,000 9,000 6,000 10,000 300,000 100,000 50,000	Emigrant Emigrant Emigrant Grebe Lake Grebe Lake Grebe Lake Grebe Lake

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EIK. On June 30 a conference was held in the Park Engineer's office to review the progress made on the elk management program and to discuss the proposed program for the coming winter. Besides Superintendent Rogers the meeting was attended by Assistant Director Lee, Assistant Regional Director McLaughlin, Chief Naturalist Doerr, Biologist Kittams, Chief Park Naturalist Condon, Chief Park Ranger Brown, and Assistant Chief Ranger Evans.

Forest Fire Protection. Four forest fires were reported and suppressed during the first three weeks of the month. All of these were Class "A" in size and were quickly suppressed, one being caused by lightning and the other three being man caused. A rain occurred on the 20th which temporarily put an end to the rather early fire danger which had resulted from the dry period which had been experienced during the first portion of the month.

Fire control aids reported for duty on June 16 and during that week the men were trained and sent to their duty stations for the summer.

Smokejumper Squad Leader Robert V. Gorsuch went to Missoula on June 10 to attend a smokejumper school, expecting to return about July 7.

Blister Rust Control. Blister rust control crews were at nearly full strength on June 16 and training was conducted during that week and the balance of the month was spent in working on the boundaries of the new area on the west fork of Carnelian Creek. A portion of the crew was engaged in clearing a trail to the site of the pack camp which will be put on the west fork of Carnelian Creek. It is expected that early in July the men can be moved from Canyon to the pack camp.

Wood Utilization. Mr. Oscar Roseborough, wood contractor for the Yellowstone Park Company, was issued permits to obtain 1,000 cords of fuel wood from the Lewis River burn, 1,000 cords of fuel wood from the Fishing Bridge campground and 100 cords from the West Thumb campground. Mr. Roseborough was also issued a permit for 100 poles to be used for construction purposes by the Yellowstone Park Company and these were secured from the Fishing Bridge campground.

Building Fire Protection. Inspection of both Government and concessioner buildings for fire hazards was completed by the end of the month. The fire insurance underwriters inspectors started their annual inspection of the Yellowstone Park Company buildings on June 17 and were finished by June 25. They report that they found conditions to be very good, in fact better than any year since they started operations.

Two fires occurred in the Canyon District during the month. On June 15 Government-owned Gabin No. 25 occupied by road maintenance employee Frank Ward was completely destroyed. Prompt action by Protection Division personnel and volunteer aids prevented the spread of the fire to several adjoining cabins. The cause of the fire is

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unknown but it is suspected that it resulted from the careless use of oil-soaked sawdust to start the stove. The value of the building is estimated at only \$50 but Mr. Ward lost most of his personal belongings.

On June 18 a Yellowstone Park Company garbage truck caught fire and burned at the Trout Creek dump. The insurance company allowed a total loss claim of \$1,500. The fire was caused by cinders from the burning dump igniting the canvas cover of the truck.

On June 23 a 1948 Fackard sedan owned by Mr. M. N. Seeley, park visitor, caught fire near the West Gate. Prompt action by Protection Division personnel extinguished the blaze with a minimum amoung of damage. The cause was either an overheated wheel bearing or a frozen brake.

The required Individual Fire Leports were completed and submitted.

Building fire control training was hold for the Mammoth brigade on June 3 and 4.

Trails. By the end of the month the trail crew consisted of 11 men. Two and three-man crews were assigned to the various districts and the preliminary work of opening up most of the heavily-used trails has been progressing satisfactorily. Only routine maintenance has been attempted so far but special items under the Project Construction Program for 1953 will be started as soon as an allotment advice is received.

It has been impossible to secure experienced trail men this season and due to shortage of personnel in all districts, the lack of adequate supervision has been a handicap to efficient work. The position of trail crew foremen was still vacant at the end of the month and the possibility of securing a man to fill it is rather remote.

A group of 14 fire control aids were given four hours of trail maintenance training on June 19.

Lew Enforcement. Fifty-eight law enforcement cases were tried by the new U. S. Commissioner, James W. Brown. A breakdown of the cases follows: Speeding, 15; Reckless Driving, 1; Rucess Fish, 39; Fishing in Closed Waters, 1; Bear Feeding, 2. A total of 795 in fines was assessed with \$765 having been collected. The remaining 130 was suspended.

Accidents and Public Safety. A total of 29 motor vehicle accidents were reported during the month, 14 being Class A, 10 Class B, 2 Class C and 3 being of a minor nature of which no report was made. Of this number park visitors were responsible for 22, Government employees 3, other employees 4. One fatality occurred on June 24

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when a Yellowstone Park Company employee lost control of his car and it went over the embankment into the Gardiner River between Namoth and Gardiner. The second fatality occurred on June 29 when a motorcycle carrying two people crashed into the front of a car near Madison Junction.

Deaths. Joseph F. Dixon, a former National Park Service Biologist and one of the first to recognize that the trumpeter swan was nearing extinction and aided in saving the species, died at Escendido, California June 23 at the age of 68. Mr. Dixon was a mammalogist at the University of California for a number of years and served with the National Park Service for ten years until he retired in 1947. He made a number of visits to Yellowstone.

The first fatality of the park season occurred some time during the night of June 24 or early morning of June 25 when Ralph L. Johnson, 39, of Los Angeles, California, head butcher at the Manmoth Hotel, ran off the road about half way between Manmoth and Gardiner and landed in the Cardiner River where his body was found in the car by a National Park Service employee en route to work at Manmoth. Death was attributed to drowning. He had borrowed a car for a trip to Gardiner.

A second fatal accident occurred about 3:00 p.m. Sunday June 29 when Merton L. Dutton, 18, Route 1, Cody, Wyoming, was killed when his metorcycle sideswiped a car driven by an Cakland, California, man a quarter mile south of Madison Junction. Kathleen Buckingham of East Cody, Wyoming, riding on the motorcycle with Dutton, was hospitalized with serious injuries. The occupants of the Oakland car were not injured.

Mrs. Mary Hunter Doane, who would have been 93 years old July 7, died in the Deaconness Hospital in Bozemen June 23 of a heart attack. Mrs. Doane was the widow of Lieutenant Gustavus C. Doane, who commanded the military contingent of the Washburn-Langford-Doane Expedition of 1870 which explored the Yellowstone Park area and which led to the creation of the park in 1872. Lieutenant Doane died in 1891. Mrs. Doane's father was Dr. A. J. Hunter, who discovered Hunter Hot Springs near Springdale, Montana, 17 miles east of Livingston. The Hunter family came west from Kentucky in 1864 after Dr. Hunter had served as a surgeon with the Confederate Army in the Civil War.

Marriages. John W. Galle, Property and Supply Clerk, was married in Bozeman June 6 to Helen Hutton of Gardiner.

Personnel. Francis H. Elmore, who entered on duty May 29 as Park Naturalist, GS-7, by transfer from Chaco Canyon National Monument, New Mexico, vice Robert F. Upton, arrived in the park June 1 with Mrs. Elmore.

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Mrs. Elizabeth B. Allan, Telephone Operator, who reaches the compulsory retirement age of 70 on August 4, was notified on June 6 that her retirement would become effective at the close of August 30, 1952, following some 27 years and 11 months of service.

Dr. C. Max Bauer, Geologist, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., who served for a number of years as Chief Park Naturalist of Yellowstone, retired at the close of June 30. A namory book consisting of letters from old friends and pictures of Yellowstone experiences was prepared by the park and sent to Dr. Bauer.

The following seasonal employees were entered on duty during the month: Honora J. Anderson, Telephone Operator, GS-2; Robert G. Langenbach, Property Clerk, GS-4; Beverly M. Tecca, Clerk-Typist, GS-3; Patricia A. Shanstrom, Clerk-Stenographer, GS-3; Thomas D. Ellis, Storekeeper (General), GS-3; David T. Christensen, Storekeeper (General), GS-3; Thomas J. Hamilton, Storekeeper (General), GS-3; Alma G. Hood, Telephone Operator, GS-2; Leontine M. Turco, Telephone Operator, GS-2.

One Seasonal Park Ranger entered on duty June 6, one on June 9, seven on June 10, nine on June 11, six on June 16, eleven on June 17, one on June 18, one on June 19, one on June 23, one on June 27 and one on June 30. By the end of the month there were fifty-two Seasonal Park Rangers on duty throughout the park.

At the beginning of the month one Seasonal Park Naturalist and five Seasonal Park Ranger-Naturalists had been entered on duty. During the month the remainder of the Naturalist Division seasonal staff was employed, consisting of four Park Naturalists and eighteen Park Ranger-Naturalists. Janitors were also employed for the museums at Fishing Bridge, Old Faithful and Memmoth.

A Camp Superintendent and a Checker (Supervisory Control Aid, Plant Disease) were engaged for work on the blister rust crew as well as the necessary number of laborers to complete the group.

Four Fire Control Aids (Lookout), IGS-3, six Fire Control Aids (General), IGS-4, seven Fire Control Aids, IGS-3, and one Student Assistant Engineer, IGS-3 were also employed during the month in addition to a large number of wage board employees for road maintenance and construction crews.

Edmund D. Rogers Superintendent

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