

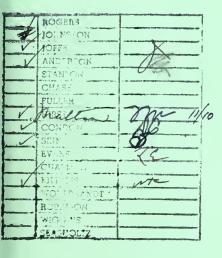


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SEPTEMBER 1948



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Summary of the September 1948 Monthly Narrative Report for YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

WEATHER:

Prolonged dry period broken by rain on 17th. Light skiffs of snow higher elevations. Mammoth maximum 81°, minimum 22°. Temperatures slightly above normal.

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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Trips made out of park by Superintendent: to Red Lodge with Johnston, Mattson and Wohlbrandt re. Beartooth Highway maintenance; to Cody re. possible transfer of Shoshone Caverns N. M. to that city; to Boteman Library for Park Service legislation research; to Cody with Joffe to confer with Secretary Krug and attend meeting. Supt. and Mrs. Rogers left 30th via Grand Teton for Superintendents Conference at Grand Canyon. Asst. Supt. Johnston and Park Engineer Wohlbrandt to Utah re. possible surplus equipment acquisition. Directors of Dude Ranchers Assn. held annual meeting at Canyon Hotel; attended by Rogers and Joffe. Most employees on duty Labor Day.

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Manmoth School term started on 7th; for first time to be financed by government; much credit due Concressman D' Ewart for Yellowstone School Bill. 11th last Saturday wage board employees permitted to work 6-day week, due limited funds. Examination conducted for Steno. - Typist. General Accounting Office Investigators here 16th through end month; complimented area on records, cooperation and morale. Fall meeting of Absaroka Conservation Committee; same officers reelected. Resident Landscape Architect Mattson to Glacier for week; brought Engineer W. P. Lindauer back. Millionth Yellowstone visitor for year admitted on 23rd; Dr. Paul Raber and bride greeted by Supt. Rogers and Adm. Asst. Joffe, and accorded free admittance and free accommodations, etc. by concessioners; pictures taken and story given to Presses and newspapers. Deate T. White appointed member of Safety Committee.

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Collection motor vehicle license fee discontinued 30th. Fishing in Madison River closed 30th.

INSPECTIONS:

Edwin P. Kalmbach, Lee J. Diederich, Louise Eierman, Weldon Robinson, T. O. McCurdy, C. P. Detwiler, J. F. Connolly, W. P. Lindauer, John A. Reshoft, Alfred C. Wolf, C. T. Wright, C. F. Capes, Paul Miller, Edward S. Zimmer, V. Roswell Ludgate and Ralph H. Lipscomb.

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PLANS, MAPS AND SURVEYS:	Mattson and Reshoft spent first part of month on West Thumb Master Plan. Topography of West Thumb proposed development area completed and plotted.	Page 3
GENERAL PUBLICITY:	Millionth visitor story furnished AP & UP. Pictures furnished presses and newspapers. Broadsides supply exhausted on 27th. Additional supply 50,000 received on 23rd. Park not furnished 1948 folder.	3
COMPLAINTS:	One complaint received during month, regarding hotel service.	3
MAINT ENANCE:	Only 3 maintanance camps open end of month, erecting snow markers and snow fence, patching and patrolling. Oiling nearly complete for season. Bituminous curbs being repaired and are in good shape. Walks and paths being repaired at O.F., F.B. and W.T Roads in better shape than last year. Two new Hough front end loaders received.	one of the state o
NEW CONSTRUCTION:	Very good progress on South Approach Road and may be completed this month, weather permitting. Award approved on 2nd to Strong Const. Co. for Project 1-F3, C4 at Canyon and work progressing. Chip sealing grand loop project 1A, 1B and portion 1C under contract with Peter Kiewit Sons and progressing. Shingling of school building completed, coal bin nearly complete, installation furnace in Chapel nearly complete, staining of roof and walks F. B. museum completed, and fireplaces under construction at F. B. Old F. and Thumb campgrounds.	
CONCESSIONERS:	Closing of various operations. Dr. Clemons to Park Hospital in Livingston and Dr. Carlson from Old Faithful to Mammoth as Resident Physician. Mammoth Hospital closed on 10th. Automatic sprinkler system being installed in Mammoth Hotel.	5
INTERPRETIVE SER-	Most of interpretive program terminated after 6th. Museums closed later in month.	5
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS:	Museums closed for winter. Moose skull prepared for O. F. collection. Indian artifacts found and accessioned. Painting done at Fishing Bridge museum and alcohol replenished on specimens there.	5
	Inventory of museum accessioned and catalogued materials.	6

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l c		Water fowl prevalent. Few moose seen to photograph. Indian arrowheads found by Park Naturalist Alcorn.	7
4	NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	September-October Nature Notes nearly complete. Multigraph equipment purchased. Annual meeting of Association held on 29th; election.	7
	INCREASE OR DE- CREASE IN TRAVEL:	19.9% increase for September. Millionth visitor on 23rd. Total 1,013,531 visitors for season, 8.7% increase over 1947.	7
	VISITORS:	Senator Zales N. Ecton, Congressman Wright Patman, Mrs. Helena H. S. Pringle, Kenneth A. Reid, M. J. Haezaert, Mrs. Frank R. Oastler, Marion Burt Sanford, Congressman Wesley A. D'Ewart, Dr. G. W. Calver, T. C. Rapp, Edmund Christopherson, Kenneth C. McCarty, M. M. Goodsill, LeRoy B. Van Gott, F. Sheldon Dart, Paul V. Brown, Ted Ogston, and several instructors from University of Montana.	. 8
4	RANGER SERVICE:	Decline of travel after labor Day. Change in station hours. Only one seasonal ranger on duty by end of month. Most transfers for winter completed. Rangers to Thorofare for hunting season and boundary patrols elsewhere. Curtis K. Skinner promoted to Chief Ranger eff. 5th.	8
		Albert E. Elliott transferred to Mt. Rushmore as Custodian. Seasonal Rangers Luntey and Estey received permanent appointments. Selective Service registration of 567 men handled by rangers. One patrol car left on duty at end of month. Ranger Wykert to Mt. Sheridan lookout. District Ranger Kowski and Park Ranger Melson to Sequoia-Kings Canyon and Yosemite for fire-fighting two weeks. District Ranger John W. Jay assigned as Acting Asst. Chief Ranger in charge of Chief Ranger's Office.	9
	LAW ENPORCEMENT:	Sixteen cases presented to U. S. Commissioner.	9
-	WILDLIFE AND FISH CULTURAL ACTIVI- TIES: BEARS:	Reported bear injuries in month 5, total for season 36. Bear damages reported during month 3, total for season 26.	9

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BUFFALO:	Buffalo frequently seen and photographed.	Fage
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POREST FIRE PRO-	4 fires reported but not found. Recessary establish fire accounts. Services of remaining fire control aids terminated.	10
WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST CONTROL:	Employees terminated second week in menth with exception of clerk who remained another week.	10
FOR DEST INSECTS:	Survey to be conducted by Eureau of Entomology & Plant Quarantine south of and in southern part of park.	
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Fire trucks at field stations stored for winter, except at Old Faithful still available.	10
ACCIDENTS:	17 motor vehicle accidents reported during month.	10
PERSONNEL:	Curtis K. Skinner promoted to Chief Ranger. Raymond T. O'Donnell and Aubrey L. Haines resigned.	10
	Ethel L. McDanal appointed Clerk-Stenographer CAF-4. Albert E. Elliott transferred to Mt. Rushmore N. M. as Custodian.	11
DEATHS:	Mrs. Josephine Wambem, Williston, N. D. died of heart attack. Rev. Conner of Billings, former Pastor of Congregational Church in Livingston, and father of Seasonal Ranger Stuart Conner, died of injuries received in automobile accident near Livingston.	11
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October 6, 1948.

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of September 1948.

Weather Conditions. A prolonged dry period that had existed since August 11 and which had brought about a serious fire hazard was broken by rainfall on September 17. Temperatures during the month were slightly above normal, but below freezing temperatures were observed on five days of the month at headquarters. At Mammoth a maximum temperature of 81° was observed on September 1, and a minimum temperature of 22° was recorded on September 8. Precipitation recorded at Mammoth amounted to 1.16 inches as compared to 2.73 inches in 1947, 1.90 inches in 1946, and 1.92 inches in 1945. Light skiffs of snow were observed at the higher elevations on several occasions, but melted during the ensuing warmer weather. Prevailing winds during the month were from the southwest.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers made several trips out of the park during the month. On September 10 a trip was made to Red Lodge with Messrs. Johnston, Mattson and Wohlbrandt to discuss further maintenance of the Beartooth Highway with officials of the Forest Service. Public Roads Administration and Montana State Highway Department. A trip was made to Cody on September Li to confer with Mayor Stock and other Cody businessmen in connection with the taking of the Shoshons Caverns National Monument by the City of Cody. On September 21 a trip was made to the Bozeman Library to gather further material for the research covering legislation of the national parks, and on the following day, accompanied with Mr. Joffe, the Superintendent again visited Cody to confer with Secretary Krug and to represent the park at a gathering of representatives from the Big Horn Basin. They returned the following day. Superintendent and Mrs. Rogers left the park on the afternoon of September 30 enroute to Grand Canyon National Park where they were to attend the Superintendents Conference scheduled for October 4-7, inclusive. The trip was made via Grand Teton Matiemal Park to pick up Superintendent and Mrs. McLaughlin who were to accompany them to Grand Canyon.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston and Park Engineer Wohlbrandt went to Ogden and Salt Lake City on September 14 to inspect surplus equipment for possible acquisition for the Yellowstone. They returned on the 17th.

The Directors of the Dude Ranchers Association held their regular annual meeting in the Canyon Hotel on September 4. Messrs Rogers and Joffe attended and represented the National Park Service.

In order to take care of the heavy travel expected over the Labor Day holiday and to keep the work current in view of the Saturday and Sunday holiday preceding, all employees with the exception of those who asked to be excused for good reasons were required to work on Monday September 6.

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On September 7 the Mammoth School term started with two teachers, Mrs. Alberta Stebbins and Mrs. Mabel Stuart. For the first time in the park's history the Yellowstone School was operated as a public school financed by the government. In former years employees with children in school were required to pay the salaries of the teachers. Too much credit cannot be given to Congressman Wesley A. D'Ewart of Montana for the part he played in sponsoring and following through to enactment the Yellowstone School Bill.

Saturday, September 11, was the last day on which wage board employees were permitted to work a six-day week. Due to limited funds it was necessary to go on a five-day work-week beginning September 12.

Messrs. Joffe and Anderson of the Yellowstone Park Civil Service Board conducted an examination for Stenographer-Typist on September 15. There were three contestants.

T. O. McCurdy, C. P. Detwiler, and G. F. Connolly, Investigators from the General Accounting Office, arrived in the park on September 16 and will remain until October 6 looking over the park's records. In a conference with Messrs. Rogers, Johnston, Anderson and Joffe on September 30, these investigators praised the Yellowstone for the fine manner in which its records were kept, stating that they found conditions in the park better than in any place they had inspected. They expressed their appreciation for the splendid cooperation accorded them by everyone with whom they came in contact and commented on the fine morale which they found existing in the Yellowstone organization.

The regular fall meeting of the Absaroka Conservation Committee was held in the Canteen on September 19. Congressman Wesley A. D'Ewart of Montana, Chairman of the Committee, presided at the meeting. The same officers were reslected for another year: namely, Congressman D'Ewart, Chairman; Dr. R. A. Hamilton, Vice-Chairman; and George Kern, Secretary-Treasurer.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson spent the week of September 12-19 in Glacier Mational Park. On his return he brought Engineer W. P. Lindauer of the Region Two Office to the Yellowstone with him.

On September 23 the Yellowstone admitted its millionth visitor for the 1948 season. For the first time in the park's seventy-six years of existence as a national park, a million visitors were admitted through the five park gateways. Br. Paul Raber of Normal, Illinois, with his bride of three weeks, was greeted by Superintendent Rogers and Administrative Assistant Joffe at the North Gate as they entered through the Arch dedicated by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903, and Dr. Raber was advised of his selection as the millionth visitor. Br. Raber, a World War Two veteran, was recently graduated from Northwestern University and was seeking a location for his practice somewhere in Montana or Colorado. This was the first visit of the Rabers to the Yellowstone. They were accorded free admittance and free accommodations during their stay in the park. Several pictures were taken of the couple, two of which were released to various newspapers and the Associated Press. Both the Associated Press and the United Press carried the story of the millionth Yellowstone visitor.

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Deate T. White, Road Foreman, was appointed on September 28 as a member of the Yellowstone Safety Committee to secceed Aubrey L. Haines, resigned. The Safety Committee now consists of W. Leon Evans, Chairman; William Proper, Clerk; and Arnold Quist and Deate T. White, Members.

The collection of the motor vehicle license fee was discentinued for the year at the close of September 30.

The Madison River was closed to fishing at sundown on September 30. All other lakes and streams will remain open until sundown October 15.

Inspections. Edwin P. Kalmbach, Wildlife Research Laboratory, Fish and Wildlife Service, Denver, Colorado, in September 3. Leo J. Biederich, Chief, Land Planning Branch, National Park Service, Washington, D. C., in September 5, out 7. Louise Bierman, Chief, Retirement Division, NPS, Washington, D. C., in September 7, out 10. Weldon Robinson, Coyote Control Expert, FAWL Service, Denver, Colorado, in September 8 to continue coyote tagging program. T. O. McCurdy, C. P. Detwiler and J. F. Connolly, Investigators, Office of Investigation, General Accounting Office, Washington, D. C., in September 16, W. P. Lindauer, Highway Engineer, Region Two, in September 19. out 28. John A. Reshoft, Architect, NPS, Washington, D. C., who arrived August 11, departed September 12. Alfred C. Wolf, Member of Staff of Secretary of Interior, in September 7, out 11. C. T. Wright, Sanitary Engineer Director, USPHS, Denver, in September 23, out 23. C. F. Capes, PRA Engineer, Denver, in September 23. Paul Miller, Road Maintenance Engineer, and Edward S. Zimmer, Landscape Architect, NPS, Washington, D. C., and V. Roswell Ludgate, Architect, and Ralph H. Lipscomb, Engineer, Region One, in South 24, out 28.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. Resident Landscape Architect Mattson and Architect Reshoft spent most of the first part of the month on the West Thumb Master Plan. Topography of the new proposed development area at West Thumb was completed and plotted.

Publicity. A story was furnished the Associated Press and United Press by telephone on September 23 regarding the millionth visitor to the park, Dr. Paul Raber of Normal, Illinois. Pictures of Dr. and Mrs. Raber were also furnished the Associated Press and several newspapers.

The entire supply of our 1947 broadsides was exhausted on August 27. This was the date on which shipment was promised of an additional supply of 50,000 copies of the broadside but these were not received until September 23. We were unable to furnish visitors entering the various park gates with park literature for about a month after August 27. The park was not furnished a 1948 broadside.

Complaints. One complaint was received during the month of September, regarding service at hotels.

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Maintenance. At the end of the month only three maintenance camps were open and the one on Red Lodge road closes October 1. Maintenance consists of patrolling operations, patching and erecting snow markers and snow fence. Oiling operations are nearly completed for the season, with about one mile remaining to be sealed.

A special crew spent most of the month repairing bituminous curbs and this item is in better shape than for several years. Sidewalks and paths were repaired at Fishing Bridge, Thumb and Old Faithful areas.

Roads in general are in a little better shape than one year ago and will go into winter in better condition. Most patching has been completed and many of the corduroyed sections have been repaired.

Two new Hough front end loaders were received September 30.

New Construction. Construction on project, South Approach Road, Moran to Yellowstone, Section C, under contract to McLaughlin, Inc., is making very good progress. Grading work is nearly complete, base course material has been placed over entire section and bituminous treatment of base course is about 50 per cent complete. Work on the bridge over Snake River is also well along. All concrete work is completed and steel girder beams are in place. Forms for concrete bridge deck are being placed. If weather conditions do not get too rough this contract should be completed this month.

Work on project 1-F3, G4 on the grand loop at Canyon is also progressing very well. Most of the clay material in the large cut just below the Canyon Hotel has been removed and work is being concentrated on the large fill over Cascade Creek. Borrow material is coming from a pit near the government utility area. Award approved September 2 to Strong Const. Co., Springville, Utah.

Chip sealing project 1A, 1B and portion of 1C on grand loop under contract with Peter Kiewit Sons. Approximately two miles of sealing was completed the latter part of the month in the Firehole River Canyon. Cool days have prevented very much progress in placing the seal; however, the contractor has been operating his crusher and has stocked considerable chips in piles along the road. It is very doubtful if he will be able to place very much of the seal coat this fall because of the cool temperatures. He will probably finish his crusher operations.

Shingling of the school and community building, Job 201-23, was completed during the month and the coal bin nearly completed. Installation of the furnace in the Chapel Building No. 17, Job 201-15, was nearly completed. The staining of the roof and walks was completed at the Fishing Bridge Museum, Job 201-18. Interior decoration in residence building No. 102, Job 201-37, was about 50% complete. No work was done on the prefabricated wooden walks during the month, Account 512, and only a small balance remains. No work was done during the month on the extension of the utility lines at West Thumb, Account 450. Fireplaces were under construction at the Fishing Bridge, Old Faithful and West Thumb campgrounds, Account 470.

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Consessioners. The lake hotel was closed on September 1 and the Mammoth tourist cabins the following day. Old Faithful, Lake and Canyon lodges closed after breakfast on September 7, as well as the West Thumb tourist cabins, cafeteria and boat house. Mammoth pool closed on the same date. The West Thumb store closed on the 8th. Old Faithful Inn, Canyon Hotel and the Mammoth dining room and grill closed after lunch on the 11th. The park buses stopped operations on the same day and the railroads discontinued delivering passengers to the various park gateways. The Mammoth and Canyon repair shops closed on the 12th. Canyon tourist cabins and cafeteria closed after breakfast September 13. Fishing Bridge boat house closed September 15. The Mammoth Hotel and cottages closed on September 26 and the Mammoth Coffee Shop on the same date. The Fishing Bridge tourist cabins, cafeteria and garage closed September 30.

Dr. Thomas L. Clemons, Resident Physician, left the park on September 1 for Livingston where he will be associated with Drs. Lueck and Pearson at the Park Hospital. Dr. Norman Carlson, who has been the Resident Physician at Old Faithful throughout the summer, moved to Mammoth on September 6 and will replace Dr. Clemons here. The Mammoth Hospital was closed on September 10.

Work was started on September 9 on the installation of an automatic sprinkler system in the Mammoth Hotel and the job was near completion by the end of the month.

Interpretive Services. The major part of the interpretive program was terminated after September 6 for on this date many of the seasonal park ranger naturalists found it necessary to stop work as naturalists and return to their respective school positions. All walks, talks and other phases of the program were carried through this date and the museums were not closed until later in the month.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The Madison Junction Museum was closed to the public for the 1948 season on September 10. The Norris Museum was closed on September 12, Pishing Bridge Museum on September 16, the Mammoth and Old Faithful Museums on September 24. There was good attendance at these museums up to the date that they were closed. The shutters were placed on the Madison Junction and Norris Museums on the 13th and they were placed in readiness for the winter. The Fishing Bridge Museum shutters were placed on the building on the 16th and the Mammoth and Old Faithful Museums were still being used intermittently until the close of the month.

A moose skull secured from a bull moose killed on the northeast entrance road on September 12 was cleaned and placed in the Old Faithful courtyard as part of the collection there.

Several Indian artifacts were received during the month and have been accessioned for the park collection. These artifacts were found in Yellowstone by park naturalists and rangers.

The roofs and exterior trim of the Fishing Bridge Museum and cottage were painted during the month. On the 30th a complete inventory of accessioned exhibit material in the Fishing Bridge Museum was made and several cases opened and specimens preserved in alcohol had alcohol stocks replenished. This leaves the exhibits at Fishing Bridge in good order for the coming winter.

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Research and Observation. Field trips out into the park were made by Chief Park Naturalist Condon on the 4th, 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 16th, 17th, 22nd, 25th, 27th, 29th and 30th; by Park Naturalist Watson on the 8th, 9th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 20th and 29th and by Park Naturalist Alcorn on the 9th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 28th, 29th and 30th. These trips were made for the purpose of conducting routine business at the various stations and for making field observations.

During the month some interesting observations of bears were made at the Canyon dumpgrounds on the Grebe Lake road and a number of useable pictures secured of them. At the beginning of the month there were quite a number of grizzly bear visiting the Canyon dump, but at the close of the month on several attempts to see and photograph these animals none was found in this area. An attempt has been made to accumulate enough good illustrative material for the presentation of a complete talk on bears, their habits and hazards associated with them.

On the 22nd Chief Park Naturalist Condon accompanied by Park Biologist Walter Kittams went over a portion of the coyote trap-line operated by Weldon Robinson of the Fish and Wildlife Service in making his coyote study. Traps visited were those that went up over Mt. Washburn and on this particular day there were no animals in the sets although several traps had been sprung, apparently by bear. Later in the day Hayden Valley was visited and then the Fountain Flats and Fairy Creek area for the purpose of observing bison. Forty-eight bison were seen in the Hayden Valley near the Violet Springs area. Other animals obviously were concealed behind rolling hills, but the maximum counted were 48. An observation made on this day which was of unusual interest was the presence of five sage hens near the mouth of Trout Creek in Hayden Valley. The sage hen is not a species of grouse which is commonly seen in Yellowstone and is listed in the check list as being exceedingly rare. On the Fairy Creek meadows a total of 77 bison were seen in one herd, and near the mouth of Nez Perce Creek six old bulls were seen a few minutes later.

In the early morning of the 25th near the Midway Geyser Basin Park Naturalists Watson and Condon saw a bull elk which was apparently a mature animal, having forked antlers, and yet was of unusual interest because of its dwarfed size. This bull had all the physical markings and appearances of a normal elk, but in size was no larger than the average mule deer buck. The animal paused on the road shoulder for a period of time and watched the approaching car and then dashed off into the lodge pole forest. Both observers regretted the inability to make more detailed observations of it.

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With the release of pressure of visitor use it was hoped that moose pictures could be secured for use as illustrative material in the interpretive program, but attempts to locate these animals in their summer haunts have been in vain and only a very few have been seen.

On field trips on the 10th and 30th Park Naturalist Aleorn was fortunate enough to find Indian arrowheads. One of them was at the Midway Geyser Basin area, and an especially fine point was found at Sulphur Mountain in the Hayden Valley on the 30th.

Natural History Association. The September-October issue of Nature Notes has been edited and the copy is ready for multilithing at the close of the month.

The Association's book sales business closed at the Fishing Bridge museum on the 16th, at the Old Faithful museum on the 17th and at the park head-quarters museum at Mammoth on the 20th.

The Association purchased supplies and materials for use with the multilith amounting to \$48.56.

The annual meeting of the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association was held in the Chief Park Naturalist's office on September 29, at 1:00 p.m. The regular business conducted at the annual meeting transpired and directors were elected for the ensuing year. Mr. W. Leon Evans was elected to Chairmanship of the Board. Wayne B. Alcorn, Joseph Joffe and Jack E. Haynes were elected to directorships for terms of three years, and Mr. C. K. Skinner was elected to fill the office on the Board of Directors vacated by the transfer of Francis D. LaNoue from Yellowstone to Rocky Mountain National Park. A detailed report of the Association's business will be submitted at a future date.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. All entrance stations with the exception of the north entrance showed an increase in travel for the month of September as compared with last year. 107,269 persons entered the park during September as against 89,460 for September 1947, an increase of 19.9%. The daily average travel for September was 3576 as against 2982 for September 1947, an increase of 19.9%.

last year's record-breaking travel figure of 932,503 was reached on September 6, and the millionth visitor, Dr. Paul Raber of Normal, Illinois, entered the park on September 23. The total number of visitors who entered the park for the travel year 1948, which ended on September 30, was 1,013,531, an increase of 8.7%, marking this year as the heaviest travel year in the history of the park. A total of 304,919 vehicles were checked in at the five park gateways during 1948 as against 283,320 for 1947, increase of 7.6%.

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Ranger Service. After Labor Day, travel declined very rapidly in comparison to the large number of visitors entering the park each day during the menth of August. Effective September 10 the entrance station hours were from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. However, during the last days of the menth some of the entrance stations were manned for only 8 hours a day. It was impossible to keep them open for longer periods of time due to the fact that all of the seasonal rangers had terminated their services. At the close of the menth only one seasonal ranger remained on duty.

During the month nearly all transfers of permanent ranger personnel, relative to winter assignments, had been completed. In some cases the families concerned had moved to their new quarters, but some of the rangers will remain on duty at their respective stations until the roads become impassable.

Two rangers were stationed at Thorofare, after September 10, as the territory adjacent to the park boundary there was opened to hunting on September 10. Boundary patrols were also maintained in other areas where the hunting season opened.

Curtis K. Skinner, who had been designated as Acting Chief Ranger since August 22, was promoted to the position of Chief Ranger, effective September 5.

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Assistant Chief Ranger Albert E. Elliott was transferred to the Mount Rushmore National Memorial on September 23 to assume the duties of Custodian. Seasonal Rangers Robert S. Luntey and Harold J. Estey were appointed to the positions of Park Rangers, CPC-7, on September 5.

Selective Service registration was accomplished by Protection Division personnel and a total of 567 men were registered from August 30 through September 18 in four of the stations in the park.

At the close of the month only one patrol car was on full time duty in the park. Park Ranger Paul Wykert was assigned to Mt. Sheridan lookout duty from September 13 to September 20, on which date the lookout was closed for the winter.

District Park Ranger Frank Kowski and Park Ranger Dan Nelson departed Yellowstone September 13 for Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks and Yosemite National Park to assist in fire fighting control in that area. They returned to Yellowstone on September 28 to resume their regular duties.

District Ranger John W. Jay was transferred from the Old Faithful District to Mammoth to be Acting Assistant Chief Ranger in charge of the Chief Ranger's Office.

Law Enforcement. Sixteen law enforcement cases were presented in the court of the U.S. Commissioner at Mammoth, and \$295.00 in fines were assessed. Following is a summary of the cases presented: Speeding, 11; Reckless Driving, 4; and Driving while intoxicated, 1.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BEARS. Reported bear injuries for the month of September totaled 5, making the total reported for the season 36. Reported bear damages were 3, making a total of 26 for the season.

BUFFALO. During the month, buffalo were more frequently seen and photographed at close range by park visitors in the Old Faithful and Lamar areas.

ELK. At a meeting on August 22 of the Upper Gallatin Conservation Committee, recommendation was made to the Montana Fish and Game Commission that 500 elk of both sexes and 200 forked antler bulls be removed from the Gallatin Elk Herd during the coming hunting season which opens on October 15.

The Absaroka Conservation Committee Meeting was held at Mammoth on September 19. At this meeting Yellowstone Park recommended an elk reduction of 4,000 animals. This recommendation was supported by the Upper Yellowstone Rod and Gun Club of Gardiner, the Park County Rod and Gun Club of Livingston, the Rod and Gun Club of Billings, and the United States Forest Service. The Gallatin Rod and Gun Club proposed 2,660. No definite recommendation was made to the Montana Fish and Game Commission, it being assumed that they will make a decision on the basis of the facts presented at the committee meeting.

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Forest Fire Protection. Four fires were reported this month but none of them was ever found. One fire each was reported by the lookouts of Mt. Holmes, Pelican Cone, Purple Mountain and the Forest Service lookout on Huckleberry Mountain and at different times. It is believed that the Park Service lookouts mistook dust or steam clouds for fires since there had been no lightning at that time. The Forest Service lookout possibly saw smoke from a fire, since there had been lightning that day but it is doubtful if the fire was as large as reported. A rain of two days duration prevented this fire from being located. It was necessary to establish fire accounts for two of these reported fires and one fire account in connection with the long dry period that caused an emergency necessitating personnel to work overtime.

The services of the fire control aids were terminated on the following dates: Pelican Cone and Mt. Washburn on the 17th, Mt. Holmes on the 21st and Park Ranger Wykert, who acted as lookout on Mt. Sheridan for several days, came down on the 20th.

White Pine Blister Rust Control. The blister rust centrol work on the Mt. Washburn unit was continued on a reduced scale with limited personnel until the second week in the month at which time all personnel with one exception was terminated. The clerk remained on duty another week to clear the accounts and records.

Forest Insects. Tom Terrill of the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, who has been carrying on insect control work in Teton National Forest, advises that he plans to conduct a survey of the area south of Yellowstone Park and also in the southern part of the park this fall.

Building Fire Protection. All fire trucks at field stations in the park have either been properly stored for the winter in the fire caches or brought back into Mammoth. One fire truck at Old Faithful is still available for service if needed but will remain there for the winter.

Accidents. Seventeen motor vehicle accidents were reported during the month, nine of them classified as Class A, and eight of them as Class B. Of the Class B accidents three of them resulted in very minor injuries to the occupants of the cars. One Class A accident involved that of a National Park Service truck and was the result of an antelope jumping in front of the moving vehicle. The only damage to the truck was a dented right front fender.

Personnel. The promotion of Curtis K. Skinner, Assistant Chief Ranger, to the position of Chief Ranger vice Francis D. LaNoue was approved on September 3 and made effective September 5.

Raymond T. O'Donnell, Automotive Mechanic, Ungraded, resigned at the close of September 17 to continue his schooling in Bozeman.

Aubrey L. Haines, Engineer (Civil), P&S-2, resigned at the close of September 17 to attend school at Missoula.

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Ethel L. McDanal was selected from the 13th Civil Service Region register to fill the position of Clerk-Stenographer, CAF-14, vice James L. Collins. Her probational appointment was effective September 20. Miss McDanal was employed during the past two seasons as Clerk-Stenographer in the Yellowstone.

Albert E. Elliott, Assistant Chief Ranger, departed on September 23 for Mount Rushmore National Memorial to assume the Custodianship of that area. His transfer was effective at 8:00 a.m. September 23.

Deaths. Mrs. Josephine Wambem, 61, Williston, North Dakota, died at the Mammoth Hospital of a heart attack on September 6.

Rev. C. H. Commer of Billings, former Pastor of Holbrook Congregational Church in Livingston and father of Stuart Conner, Yellowstone seasonal ranger, died in the Park Hospital in Livingston on September 28 as a result of an automobile accident which occurred about four miles east of Livingston on September 5. Rev. Conner had driven to the park to get his son following his services as seasonal ranger and the accident occurred when they were returning to Billings.

Miscellaneous. Mr. R. J. MacDonald, after more than forty years of faithful and capable service with the Yellowstone Park Company as Assistant Purchasing Agent and Purchasing Agent, retired at his own request on September 1. Mr. Henry Steffens will succeed Mr. MacDonald as Purchasing Agent.

Mr. F. E. Kammermeyer, Manager of the Transportation Division for the Yellowstone Park Company, after thirty years of loyal and efficient management, retired at his own request on September 30. Mr. Kammermeyer will be succeeded by Peter Hoffman.

Fred T. Johnston, Acting Superintendent.

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