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CONCESSIONERS:	Three new doctors, one to be resident physician. Record house count for season 18th, 8,092.	6
RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPEL USE:	Regular services. Student ministers. Bible school. Student Minister Ost returned after illness. Services at Fishing Bridge by Cody ministers. Boys choir take camping trip.	6 - 7
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Blind group. Condon talked to Bozeman conservation class. Montana Conservation Council caravan.	7
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS:	Museums and wayside exhibits popular. Improvements to museums.	8
RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION:	Trip to Molly Island for bird banding & observation. Fir trees dying due insects in norther section. Grizzlies at Trout Creek dump. McHug observations of bison: many calves. Geyser eruptions. Vandalism of Daisy Geyser. McCallu Sequoia Naturalist, in on interpretive program research. Dog scalded in pool.	h
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	Many books sold. Librarian and Clerk services continued.	10
INCREASE OR DECREASE IN TRAVEL:	394,126 persons this July, 386,306 last July. 5.94% increase season to date. 12.67% loss rail travel. Increase all gates but N. E.	10
VISITORS:	Julius Alms, Lt. Cdr. Ralph Pickles, Hon. Sidney McMath, Travel Editors group, Wm. Vanderbilt, Neil MacNeil, Charles Taft, Don Carlyle, Mohamed Kamil Abdul Rahim, Dr. Sujono Surjotjondro, E. M. Tate, Hon. John Bonner, in.	10
RANGER SERVICE:	Patrolman training. 5 patrol cars operated. District Ranger conf. Trail maintenance, fish planting, law enforcement, etc. Fire suppressi Lost & found persons.	on.
WILDLIFE AND FISH: BEARS:	Warning sheet somewhat effective; still much bear feeding; 3 arrested. 18 bears moved; 18 damages; 12 injuries; 4 destroyed.	11
FISH:	Trout eggs collected. Some F&M. Service traps & Grebe Lake Station discontinued. Creel census. Fish plantings.	12
BISON:	McHugh reported 440 bison with 80 calves upper Alum Creek.	12

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PROTECTION:	Smokejumper equipment from Missoula. Smoke- jumpers and squad leader report. Six fires. Fire spotted & jumped in Targhee Forest. Fire- fighting training for road & blister rust crews.	12 -1:
BLISTER RUST CONTROL:	Progress at Mt. Washburn area. Blister rust property inventory.	13
TRAILS:	Trail work, including 2 new sections. Difficult get employees.	13
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Inspections completed and Govt. building reports submitted. Fire brigade & drills. Training. Headquarters brigade reorganized.	
ACCIDENTS AND PUBLIC SAFETY:	51 auto accidents. Accident classification changed. Hot pool burn. Bicyclist injured in fall on bridge.	14
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	59 cases listed.	14
BIRTHS:	Son born to Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Somerville but died shortly following birth.	15
DEATHS:	Deaths of Roy N. Armstrong, rancher near park, and George D. Collett and Cornelius A. Culp, park visitors.	15
PERSONNEL:	Lubert de Freeze reported as Park Ranger, GS-5. Dan Nelson promoted to District Park Ranger. Howard Kocher and Lester Abbie promoted to Mechanic (Heavy Duty). Transfer of Stanley McComas to Asst. Chief Ranger here.	15

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August 6, 1951

Memorandum

To:

The Director

From:

Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for July 1951

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of July 1951:

Weather Conditions. Above normal precipitation prevailed with 1.47" of rainfall recorded at the Marmoth weather station, as compared with a five-year average of 0.96". The minimum temperature of 32° recorded on the 12th was 7° lower than the past five-year average. The maximum of 88° on the 14th is a normal maximum for July. Snow falling on the 10th and 11th temporarily closed the Cooke-Red Lodge road for nearly two days and required the plows to clear the Dunrayen and Craig Pass roads. A total of 20th of snow reportedly fell on sections of the Cooke-Red Lodge road.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers spent the entire month in the park with the exception of one trip made on July 19 to the South Forest and Moran in company with Mr. J. E. Haynes. While at Moran he called on Struthers Burt, dude rancher and author,

Due to reduced appropriations it was necessary to go back on a 40-hour week for all employees including wage board beginning July 1, and only a skeleton crew was operated on the July 4 holiday. Only one ranger-naturalist was available at each museum and there were no talks or hikes conducted on that day. Also, only those rangers considered absolutely essential were on duty for the day.

Beginning July 2 all park gates were manned from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Prior to that date the gates were manned only from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Judge T. Paul Wilcox was reappointed U. S. Commissioner for a period of four years beginning July 21, 1951, by the U. S. District Court of Wyoming.

Effective July 5 the gasoline prices at all points in the park were increased le making the price for Regular gasoline 31th per gallon and Ethyl gasoline 33te per gallon.

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Advice was received on July 6 that new wage rate schedules for the park, Operation and Maintenance Schedule No. 8-51 and Construction Schedule No. 3-51, were approved June 28. The new wage schedule went into effect July 8. New firefighter wage rate schedule corresponding to rates approved by the U. S. Forest Service was approved July 13.

Due to the transfer of two members of the Yellowstone Park Safety Committee, Robert S. Hursh and Frank F. Kowski, a new Safety Committee for the park was appointed by the Superintendent on July 11. The new committee consists of Robert R. Robinson, Chairman; William G. Proper, Clerk; Thomas F. Ma and Melvin A. Thuring, Members; J. Stanley Fillmore and Robert F. Upton, Alternates.

The demolition of the Old Faithful Swimming Pool was completed during the month and the job was accepted on July 16. An excellent job was done on razing the building and restoring the grounds to their natural condition.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination for Clerk GS-5 and 6 on July 20 for which there were four competitors. William G. Proper conducted the examination. The Board also held an examination for the Bureau of Personnel, State of Wisconsin, for John R. Heaton for the position of Conservation Biologist on July 31. Mr. Proper also conducted this examination.

The National Park Service Boat No. 2 "Lollypop" which had been condemned and recommended for destruction by the Board of Survey was sunk in the deep waters of Yellowstone Lake on July 30. A new boat to replace the "Loppypop" has been purchased and is expected to arrive about August 6.

Inspections. Donald E. Lee, Chief of Concessions Management, George B. Hartzog, Jr., Assistant Chief of Concessions Management, NPS. Washington, D. C., Newton Edwards, Administrative Assistant, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Benjamin F. Dickson, Regional Chief of Concessions Management, Region Two, in July 1: out 7. Willard E. Dilley, Park Naturalist, Everglades National Park, in July 5 for assignment during the summer. W. J. Jarrett, Inspector, Federal Bureau of Prisons, Denver, Colorado, in July 3 to inspect Mammoth Jail. William J. McCallum, Collaborator, National Park Service, from Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, in July 3. Charles Schuster, Landscape Architect, Region Two, in July 4 for assignment during the summer. Conrad L. Wirth, Associate Director, NPS, who arrived June 29, departed July 5. Robert G. Hall, Assistant Regional Director, Charles E. Krueger, Regional Landscape Architect, Region Two, and John B. Cabot, Regional Architect, Region Two, in July 5; out 11. John S. McLaughlin, Assistant Regional Director, Region Two, who arrived Jume 30, departed July 12. Thomas C. Vint, Chief, Planning and Construction Division, NPS, in July 5; out 14. C. L. Peterson, Olympic National Park, being transferred to Rocky Mountain National Park as Chief Clerk, in July 6. Arif

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Pelit, Turkish Highway Engineer assigned to Yellowstone June 5 in connection with road maintenance and construction work, out July 6 for further duty on South Approach Road with Bureau of Public Roads. Maynard Barrows, Forester, Region Two, in July 8, out 11: returned July 19, out 25. Frank Winingder, NPS Auditor, in July 12 to inspect accounts of Pryor Stores Inc. and Park Medical Service. Hervey G. McAndrews, Sanitary Engineer, U. S. Public Health Service, Denver, in July 13 to inspect food-handling establishments in park; out 24. James C. Evenden, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and W. L. Baker, same bureau, Washington, D. C., in and out July 16. Ted Ogston, Chief Ranger, Death Valley National Monument, in July 17. Lawrence F. Cook, Assistant Chief Forester, NPS, in July 19; out 25. Mrs. Margaret T. Burns, Purchasing Clerk, Region Two, in July 20. Harold Sorrell, MPS Auditor, in July 23 to audit accounts of Pryor Stores, Inc. and Park Medical Service. Superintendent and Mrs. E. S. Luce, Custer Battlefield National Monument, in July 25; out 26. B. W. Matteson, Division Engineer, Clyde E. Learned, Design Engineer, Bureau of Public Roads, Denver, John D. Slye, District Engineer, BPR, Cheyenne, Wyoming, and J. R. Bromley, Wyoming State Highway Angineer, Cheyenne, in July 25; out 27. Edwin C. Kenner, Chief, Architectural Construction and Maintenance, NPS, Washington, D. C., in July 28: expected to leave August 5. F. R. Roberson, Architect, Region Two, in July 28; expected to leave August 5. Arthur B. Alley, Finance Examiner, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Interior, in July 31. John C. Gynn, Blister Rust Control, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine Spokane, Lashington, in July 16; out 20.

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

Messrs. Barrows, Skinner, Evans, Jay, Ela and Estey attended a two-hour in-service training session on fire dispatching procedure on July 10.

Chief Park Naturalist Condon talked to the temporary park rangers on their pre-season training trip on July 1 at Lake Butte. On the evening of July 1 Mr. Condon talked to the Canyon Lodge employees and the guests on Yellowstone Park and significant factors pertaining to it. There were 300 persons in attendance at this talk.

On July 24 Chief Park Naturalist Condon projected training movies for the district ranger conference which was held on that date and at the same time at this meeting a discussion was conducted with respect to the various aspects of cooperative endeavor between the Naturalist Division and the Protection Division.

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Publicity. Several stories were phoned the Associated Press in Helena during the month, one on the finding of the body of Marceleno de Santiago on July 1, another on the opening of the Red Lodge-Cooke Highway on July 12 which had been closed by snow, another on the arrest of fishermen on July 16, and another on the arrest of a person for feeding bears on July 26.

The June comparative travel figures were mailed to the park mailing list on July 5.

A photographic interpretation of Yellowstone National Park by Franz Lipp started July 19, to run for one month at the Chicago Art Institute, Chicago, Illinois. Arthur Nash, former seasonal ranger-naturalist, was obtained for lecture work in connection with the Exhibit. The Exhibit is being very well attended and is attracting a lot of interest for the park.

The supply of 1950 Yellowstone broadsides being used for distribution was practically exhausted by the end of the month and an additional supply of 13,000 ordered sent by the Government Printing Office was expected to arrive early in August. The new 1951 broadsides are badly needed and it is hoped they will arrive by the time the 1950 broadsides are exhausted.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. The time of Landscape Architect Charles Schuster, assigned to assist Resident Landscape Architect Mattson during the summer, was devoted almost entirely to master plans and other currently necessary planning. Weekly trips were made by the Resident Landscape Architect to the South Approach construction projects and Grand Teton National Park. Wood cutting and vista cutting operations were discussed briefly with Messrs. Cook and Barrows while they were in the park. Maintenance and construction projects were reviewed with Messrs. Vint, Hall, Krueger and Cabot during their stay in the park. Rehabilitation projects and other problems were discussed with Messrs. Kenner and Roberson during their stay here. Assistant Engineers Thuring and Rowe spent the entire month supervising construction projects at Lake and Old Faithful.

Maintenance. Cold, wet weather continued through most of July; however, when it cleared we had some unusually hot, sultry weather.

Four miles of the Red Lodge-Cooke road were chip sealed and one mile reprocessed.

Four miles of the Fast Entrance were also chip sealed and one-half mile of the Thumb to Lake section reprocessed. Numerous other small sections throughout the park were also reprocessed; including also a chip seal for 2.5 miles of the Madison to Old Faithful section.

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Four thousand feet of guard rail were cut, peeled and treated.

On July 10 twenty inches of snow fell near the summit of the Red Lodge road and it required two days for snow plows to get the road open again.

On July 25 a small cloudburst hit the Gardiner to Marmoth road section causing earth and rock slides that closed the road for a short while. Mumerous culverts and concrete boxes were completely filled with rock and silt.

The wet weather cut our reprocessing program in half. The labor problem was also quite serious during the month due partly to cold weather, but mostly because of the five-day work week.

All major maintenance camps were operated during the month and the average number of employees was approximately 135 men.

New Construction. Fair progress is being made on both Units 1 and 2 of the Moran-to-Yellowstone approach road, despite an unusually wet month. On Unit 1, grading is about 85% complete, concrete work 100%, culvert pipe 95%, underdrains 45%, and the job as a whole is about 78% complete with 62% of time used.

On Unit No. 2, grading is 80% complete, concrete work 100%, culvert pipe 80%, underdrains 100%, and the overall of the job is 60% complete with 47% of time used.

Construction projects active during the month consisted of:

Account 231.02, Repair Heating Plant, Building No. 13, under contract.—Work 100% complete.

Account 323.08 and 323.10, Walks, Barriers, Cratings and Signs in Thermal Areas.—Work 90% complete. Some prefabricated sidewalks still to be placed.

Account 333.01, Campground Extension, Fishing Bridge and Old Faithful, 98% completed.

Account 323.03, Grand View Point.—New point completed, old point removed. Parking area still to be constructed.

Account 323.12, Campground Roads, Old Faithful. -- Three loops cleared; two loops graded; barriers on one loop completed, started on second loop.

Account 323.14, Roads and Walks, Lake Hotel Cottage Area.—Approximately 3,000 feet concrete curb in place. All storm drains in place on east half. Most grading completed on east half and about one-half completed on west half.

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Account 323.15, Campground Extension, West Thumb .-- Job 25% completed.

Account 331.03, Comfort Stations, Old Faithful Compground. --- Concrete foundations in place; some material prefabricated.

Account 331.05, Mess Hall, Road Camp, Lake. -- Most plumbing and carpenter work finished. Job approximately 80% completed.

Account 332.11, Sewage Disposal System for Lake. -- Work started on placing force line.

Account 333.02, Utiliities, Tables, Fireplaces, Comfort Stations, Campground, Old Faithful.—Four comfort stations completed; water, sewer and power completed on two loops; half completed on third loop.

Complaints. Twelve letters of complaint were received during the month, as follows: 1. Unsatisfactory condition of cabins, 2. Unsanitary condition at undeveloped campground, 3. Condition of south approach road, 4. Allegedly unsatisfactory food causing illness, and charges for nurse's services resulting therefrom, 5. Reservations not held at lodge, 6. Long delay in receiving confirmations to reservations, 7. Policy on deposits as indicated on reservation form, 8. Discourtesy and indifference of filling station attendants, 9. Disturbance by employees in cabin area and discourtesy of cabin office attendants, 10. Unsanitary condition of cabins, disturbance by employees in cabin area, and discourtesy of cabin office attendants, 11. Unsatisfactory condition of cabins and high cost therefor, and 12. Discourtesy of cashier at Old Faithful Inn.

Concessioners. Dr. Lowell Smith of Detroit, Michigan, arrived in the park July 9 to enter on the park's medical staff. Dr. William B. Looney, Grundy, Virginia, former seasonal ranger 1946 and 1947, arrived July 15 to join the park's medical staff. He is stationed at Canyon Hotel. Dr. James Gerlach, former externe at the Mammoth Hospital in 1948 joined the park's medical staff on July 21 and is stationed at Old Faithful. Dr. Gerlach will be the resident physician at Mammoth during the winter.

The park experienced its largest house count for the season on July 18 when 8,092 guests were registered in all of the hotels, lodges and tourist cabins throughout the area.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular religious services program as outlined at the beginning of the season was carried on throughout the month. The student ministers have been carrying out an active program around the loop of the park organizing choral groups and at the present time have active choruses at Canyon, Lake, Old Faithful, Marmoth and a small group at Roosevelt Lodge.

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During the period July 9 through the 13th a summer bible school was conducted in the Yellowstone Park Chapel by Miss Louise Frame, Miss Barbara Frame and Miss Pattsie Pepper. This bible school was attended by a large number of the local children. The student ministers assisted wherever possible in conducting this program.

Mr. Warren Ost, who headed up the student ministry program in Yellowstone Park during the 1950 season and who it was anticipated would participate in this program during the 1951 season, returned to the park on the 31st of July after recovering from a very serious illness. Mr. Ost will be a member of the student minister staff for the balance of the season.

A conference was held by Mr. Condon, who is chairman of the Yellowstone Park Church Committee, with Rev. Buswell of Cody, Lyoming, concerning the conducting of Protestant services on the east side of the park by the Cody Ministerial Association. Arrangements were made for Protestant services at Fishing Bridge for the balance of the season.

The boys choir of Mammoth was taken on a camping trip by the student ministers on the 24th and an enjoyable time was had by nine of our local boys.

Interpretive Services. Again this year it was the privilege of the National Park Service to serve as hosts to a tour of blind people from the Montana State College, and on July 16 Park Naturalist Dilley and Chief Park Naturalist Condon served as guides in conducting two bus loads of these people on a tour around the main loop read of Yellowstone Park. There were a total of 64 blind persons in the party and at the close of the day's tour it was deemed that a very successful trip had been experienced by these people. They entered the park via the West entrance and left out the Northern entrance late in the evening.

On the 17th of July Chief Park Naturalist Condon traveled to Bozeman, Montana, where he talked to a special class in conservation that was given by Dr. Swanson and at that time he met with Mr. Robert W. Brink and completed plans for the visit to the park of the Montana Conservation Council on the 26th and 27th of July.

The Montana Conservation Council caravan trip was taken around the main loop of Yellowstone Park on July 26 and 27 by Chief Park Naturalist Condon. The group consisted of 40 people who are vitally interested in the conservation of the resources of Montana. This proved to be a very interesting group and it is thought they left Yellowstone Park with a far better conception of the significance of this national park in the conservation program of our nation.

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Museum Activities and Exhibits. The museum and wayside exhibits have been available to the park visitor throughout the entire month and each of these has received popular use. The park headquarters museum at times has been so crowded that it was difficult to move about in the structure, and at the Old Faithful museum after each eruption of Old Faithful Geyser that structure becomes so crowded that it is difficult for people to see the exhibits and get the values from them they should.

During the month paint and other supplies were given to the janitors at the Fishing Bridge, Marmoth and Old Faithful museums, and in spare moments they have been touching up spots that need to be repaired in order to place them in a satisfactory appearing condition.

Research and Observation. On July 9 the Chief Park Naturalist organized a party which traveled to the Molly Islands for the purpose of banding birds and making observations of the nesting activities at this rookery. The Fish and Wildlife Service cooperated with the Naturalist Division and provided the boat and a boatman; and, Dr. Cope accompanied the group. Members of the party who assisted in the work were: Park Naturalist W. E. Dilley, Tom McHugh, Arnold Van Heuvelen, Park Ranger Naturalist Joseph Murphy, Park Naturalists Robert Upton and Herbert T. Lystrup, Park Ranger Naturalist Ted Parkinson, Bert Brown, Wilson Condon and Chief Park Maturalist Condon. Three hundred California gulls were banded and 200 white pelicans. There was a very large concentration of birds on the rocky island and only a limited number on the sandy island. There was a much smaller number of Caspian terms observed this year. The sandy island was not visited by the group because a pending storm threatened to influence the nesting of the birds and jeopardize the young, so no detailed census was carried out and the group left the island as soon as possible after carrying through with the banding activities. The colonies seemed to be as large or larger this year with the exception of the apparent decrease in Caspian terns. There were a large number of double-crested cormorants, white pelicans, California gulls and ring-billed gulls on the islands.

A large area of Douglasfir is turning brown on the northern side of the park just inside the northern boundary. The death of these trees is attributed to the spruce bud worm infestation. Large areas of trees have turned brown as far as Stevens Creek and apparently this infestation started out of the park on Beatty Gulch. Before the summer is over it looks as though extensive areas of Douglasfir on the north side of the park, and especially on the slopes of Sepulcher Mountain, will be affected by this infestation of insect pests.

The grizzly bears have been rather commonly seem by those who have visited the Trout Creek dumpground, especially late in the evening. Park Naturalist Lowell Biddulph of Fishing Bridge has reported having seen as many as 29 of these animals in the vicinity of the dumpground at night. Chief Park Naturalist Condon observed eight of these animals

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at the dump on July 4. On this same date a golden eagle was observed on Trout Creek in the same vicinity as the grizzly beers.

It is of unusual interest to learn from Tom HcHugh who has been carrying on detailed observations of the bison herd in Hayden Valley that near the end of the month he was able to count at one time 440 head of bison in one large concentrated herd near the upper end of the valley. Mr. McHugh reports that of this 440 head, 80 of them were this year's calves.

On July 18 a spectacular eruption of the Catfish, Bijou, Mastiff and Giant geysers took place at 8:00 a.m. At this time the Mastiff Geyser played to a height of approximately 150 feet for a period of 10 minutes and ran considerable competitition to Giant Geyser until such a time as the Giant finally took over command and carried on its prolonged eruption for the benefit of a large number of park visitors.

On July 24 vandals made heavy inroads on the Daisy Geyser and a large quantity of soap was placed in it. It apparently erupted violently and so much soap was placed in the vent that soap was distributed throughout the entire Daisy-Splendid group system. On the 25th following the vigorous cruption of the Daisy apparently caused during the night by soap the Splendid Geyser crupted and this eruption in turn disturbed the equilibrium in the Daisy Geyser group and on the 25th Chief Park Naturalist Condon, Park Naturalists Marler and Lystrup spent a good part of the day working with the various springs and vents in the Daisy Geyser group attempting to bring the Daisy eruptive cycle back into a normal period of activity. This was accomplished about 7:30 p.m. on the 25th and since that date the Dalsy Geyser has been acting in a more or less normal manner. The Splendid Geyser was known to erupt three times during the month of July. On the 10th day of the month it erupted at 10:15 a.m. and three secondary eruptions occurred later in the day - one at 1:00 p.m., one at 2:25 p.m. and one at 3:0) p.m. At the time of the 3:00 p.m. eruption the Brilliant Pool in the Daisy Group also played. This was one of the first times this particular phenomena had been observed. The Splendid erupted as indicated above on the 25th and again carried through with a normal eruption on the 31st of July. This normal eruption came about with a progressive increase in its heat which was in evidence each time the Daisy crupted and finally it erupted at 7:27 p.m. A secondary eruption occurred, as near as we could determine, at 9:30 p.m. on this same date. In connection with the vandalistic acts which occurred in the Daisy Geyser on the night of the 24th, two large boulders were found in the Dalay Geyser vent and a burlap bag which appearently contained a large quantity of soap. On the morning of the 25th a large part of the soap was recovered from the general vicinity of the Daisy Geyser, and in addition an examination of the roadside area indicated that in addition to the two boulders which were found accessible in the vent of the Daisy Geyser two other boulders were missing and in all probability are down

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deep in the Daisy vent. In addition to this, three large boulders had been moved into the Bonits Pool and can be observed in the bottom of it. It is anticipated that this fall in the geyser basin cleanup program, if one is conducted, that these boulders can be removed.

Mr. Wm. J. McCullum, a park ranger-naturalist from Sequoia National Park who is conducting a research study on the interpretive programs within the National Park Service, was in Yellowstone Park from July 3 through July 9. He was given all assistance possible in bringing about a satisfactory collection of data for his research problem.

On July 30 a dog, in the upper geyser basin, was released from the car without a leash on. It ran across a portion of the upper geyser basin and jumped into one of the Round Springs. Park Ranger Naturalist Breitenbach and his wife observed the dog carry out this act and indicated that it lived only a matter of seconds. Instead of jumping back out of the pool it jumped on toward the center with its second lunge. This animal was pulled out of the spring and taken to the Rabbit Creek dump.

Natural History Association. Books were delivered to the information desks at the various museums by Park Naturalist Natson three times during the month and on three occasions they were delivered by Chief Park Naturalist Condon. The book sales for the month of July have increased over last year and additional stocks of some items had to be ordered by the Association.

Miss Joan Swartzlow continued as the librarian employed by the Association and Mrs. Alice Quist continued her services as Association clerk.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 394,126 persons entered the park this July as compared with 386,306 for the same period last year, or an increase of 2.02%. The total travel for the present travel season through July was 667,132 persons as compared with 629,727 for one year ago, or an increase of 5.94%. Rail and bus travel this July was 6,362 persons as compared with 7,285 for July 1950, or a loss of 12,67%.

All gates except Northeast Gate show an increase over season to date as compared to 1950, percentages being: North Gate, 1951 season, 1.92% as compared to 6.4% in 1950; West Gate, 7.35% in 1951 and -4.9% in 1950; East Gate, 4.77% in 1951 and .5% in 1950; South Gate shows the largest increase with 13.88% for 1951 as compared to -.3% for 1950.

Visitors. Julius J. Alms, General Passenger Agent, Burlington Railroad, Omaha, Nebraska, in July 2. Lieutenant Commander Ralph N. Pickles, Armed Services Police Detachment, Washington, D. C., in North July 2; out July 3. Honorable Sidney McMath, Governor of Arkansas, in July 5; out 10. Travel Editors party including Harry W. Smith, Cleveland

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Plain Dealer; James W. Bell, Evensville (Indiana) Courier and Press; Miss Polly Noyes, San Francisco Chronicle; and Tom Mansell, representing a Canadian newspaper; in July 13; out 14; returned 17; out 18. Trip sponsored by Pacific Morthwest Travel Association. William H. Vanderbilt, former Governor of Rhode Island, in July 17; out 19. Neil MacNeil, retired editor, New York Times, in July 13. Charles 1. Taft, Attorney, Cincinnati, Ohio, and brother of Senator Robert Taft, in July 15. Don Carlyle, Jackson Hole Wildlife Park and New York Boological Society, in July 19; out 20. Mohamed Kamil Abdul Rahim, Egyptian Ambassador, in July 25; out 26. Dr. Sujono Surjotjondro, Board Member and Foreign Affairs Editor for Indonesian Newspaper, in July 29; out 30. F. M. Tate, Dean, Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana, and 1927 seasonal ranger, in July 26. Honorable John M. Bonner, Governor of Montana, in July 28: out 30.

Ranger Service. On the 5th a highway patrolmen's conference was held to instruct and train all patrolmen in the duties connected with the assignment. Five patrol cars were operated during the majority of the month.

A district ranger's conference was held on the 24th to review the summer's activities and to discuss the program for the remainder of the summer in order to promote greater efficiency of the Protection Division.

The majority of the Protection Division personnel were occupied during the month providing information to the park visitors, supervising the trail maintenance pro ram, fish planting operations, the fire control aid operations, law enforcement problems and general related duties. Due to increase in travel and a decrease in personnel the rangers were fully occupied in carrying out protection activities during the month.

Fight Class "A" fires were reported during the month which were readily controlled. Each time the fire danger reached dangerous heights, rains would reduce it.

Several man hours were spent searching for lost persons during the month, including an elderly man and small boy who were lost on Pelican Creek for several hours before being found. Also, a tenyear-old boy was lost for eight hours near the Indian Creek camparound before being located.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BEARS. Observations of visitor behavior indicated that the small warning sheet "DANGEROUS" is somewhat effective in reducing the more flagrant type of bear feeding and in causing people to avoid close approach to bears. However, many visitors continue to disregard the regulation and ordinary

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safety precautions. Bears are numerous along the park roads and visitors continue to feed them. Three persons were prosecuted for feeding practices which indicated complete disregard of park regulations. A total of 18 bears, including two grizzlies, were trapped in developed areas and released in more remote parts of the park.

Eighteen incidents involving property damage caused by bears were reported during July, bringing the total for the season to 31. Twelve persons suffered personal injury as the result of encounters with bears. Total persons injured during the 1951 season was 16. It was necessary to destroy four black bears during July, bringing the total to 12 for the season.

FISH. The Grebe Lake fish cultural station, operated by the Fish and Wildlife Service, was closed on July 4 and all personnel returned to the station at Yellowstone Lake. A total of 17,614,510 blackspotted trout eggs was collected from tributaries of Yellowstone Lake during June and July. The traps at Clear Creek and Cub Creek were removed on July 21 and the traps at Pelican, Grouse and Chipmunk Creeks were not operated after the close of the month.

The results of the creel census program indicate a gradual decrease in the catch per unit of effort during July, but anglers continued to enjoy fair to good results in Yellowstone Lake and the Yellowstone River. Most park streams remained abnormally high during July due to late melting of snow at higher elevations and to heavy precipitation during the month.

Fish were planted in park waters during July as follows:

Species	Waters Planted	Size	Number
Loch leven	Firehole River	#4	20,000
Grayling	Grebe Lake	Adv. Fry	300,000
Grayling	Wolf Lake	Adv. Fry	100,000
Grayling	Ice Lake	Adv. Fry	100,000
Grayling	Cascade Lake	Adv. Fry	50,000

BISON. Tom McHugh, of the Jackson Hole Wildlife Fark, reported counting 440 bison in the upper Alum Creek area of Hayden Valley. Eighty of the animals counted were calves.

Forest Fire Protection. On July 10, Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman and Property Clerk Nuss drove to Missoula, Montana. On July 11, they picked up smokejumper equipment for the Vest Yellowstone jumper unit and returned to Yellowstone. Squadleader Smokejumper Robert V. Gorsuch returned with them. Two of the four smokejumpers reported to West Yellowstone on the same day, making the trip in their personal car. The remaining two jumpers came to Yellowstone via common carrier, reporting for duty on July 16 as they were out on a fire on July 11.

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Six reportable forest fires, five Class A and one Class B, were suppressed during July. Their causes were one lightning, two smoker, two camper and one miscellaneous. The miscellaneous fire was caused by a burning gasoline truck which spread to adjacent vemetation.

While enroute to make a detection flight in Grand Toton National Park, Squadleader Corsuch spotted a lightning fire in the Targhee National Forest. Supervisor Morse of that forest was notified and ordered it jumped. Two men were jumped and suppressed this Class A fire.

Three hundred forty man-hours were spent on July 13, 16, 19 and 20 by employees on blister rust crews and road crews on fire training.

Blister Rust Control. During the month 10,700 kibos plants were destroyed in the Mt. Washburn area. Four hundred and ten acres were re-worked with the expenditure of 290 man-days.

An inventory of blister rust central property was completed during the month.

Trails. Trail maintenance, which consisted of clearing the trails of down timber, repairing bridges and corduray, removing slides and placing markers, continued throughout the month. The trail men have gradually worked back to the remote sections of the park with all but a few trails being cleared by the end of the month.

One five-man crew has been working as a unit largely on special projects on the Upper Lamar River trail and the Felican - Cold Creek trail.

Two large slide areas were graded out which required several man-days work, two old rotten bridges were removed and stream crossings made by grading down the banks, swampy sections drained, installed corduroys, repaired bridges and placed numerous trail markers on trees. Two new sections of trail, each about one-half to three-quarters of a mile in length were made, one between Lower Miller Creek and Cold Creek and the other between Cold Creek and Pelican Creek. The change in trail location was comparatively easy and required the minimum of clearing and grading and would not be considered new construction.

Considerable trouble is still being experienced in hiring qualified woodsmen who are willing to work in the remote sections of the park and live in tent camps. This is especially true of qualified foremen. However, in spite of the labor problem, considerable work is being accomplished.

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Building Fire Protection. The annual building fire inspections were completed during the month and reports on the inspection of all Government buildings were submitted. The reports on the concessioner buildings will be prepared and submitted in the near future. Inspections of the concessioner establishments checking on the safety of the park visitors was made and these reports will be submitted shortly.

All buildings in which guests are quartered are considered in very good condition. Fire brigades have been organized and several drills held in all the larger establishments. The reports on the drills held have been very satisfactory. The majority of the hazards noted and reported during the inspection by the Insurance Fire Underwriters and the rangers have been corrected.

All new seasonal park rangers received one hour In-Service training on building fire protection and, in addition, all Protection Division personnel, where fire trucks are located, received regular training in the operation of the fire truck and auxiliary equipment.

The building fire brigade at park headquarters has been reorganized due to a change in personnel and drills will be held and employees trained in their respective assignments.

Accidents and Public Safety. A total of 51 accidents were reported during the month. Included were 31 Class A accidents and 20 Class B accidents. In addition, one accident in which a government car was involved was reported. Effective July 6, the classification of accidents was changed to limit Class A accidents to damages of over \$100.00. Class B accidents now cover all accidents which result in injuries and Class C still covers accidents resulting in fatalities. The change should have the effect of reducing slightly the number of reportable accidents. At least 3 of these included in the Class A category would have been non-reportable had they occurred after July 6. Employees working in the park were involved in 13 of the accidents.

Second degree burns were suffered by a tourist in a thermal area 14 miles south of Marmoth.

A female member of a group of bicycling tourists was injured when her machine skidded in loose gravel and caused her head to strike a highway bridge girder.

Law Enforcement. Revenues totaling 688.00 were collected from fines assessed by the U. S. Commissioner in 59 cases which were investigated by ranger personnel. Five fishermen had their equipment confiscated and one disorderly conduct case received a sentence of 10 days in the Mammoth jail. Law enforcement cases presented before the U. S. Commissioner are as follows: Speeding 12, Speeding with trailer 2, Operating a motor vehicle without proper authority 1, Driving off designated highways 7, Disregarding traffic signs 1, Feeding Bears 3, Excessive fish in possession 11, Using illegal lures 5, Fishing in

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Births. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Somerville, Jr., at the Mammoth Hospital on July 9 but the child died a few hours after birth. Mr. Somerville is a Fiscal Accounting Clerk in the fiscal office.

Deaths. Roy N. Armstrong, 72, of Corwin Springs, Montana, prominent Park County stockman and former member of the Board of County Commissioners, died unexpectedly on July 7 in the Yellowstone ambulance while being rushed to the Mammoth Hospital for treatment. Many park elk have been helped to survive on feed which they received from some of Mr. Armstrong's hay which he raised to feed his cattle. He was always a fine friend of Yellowstone and extremely cooperative.

George D. Collett, 436 Douglas Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 53, died of a heart attack at 3:30 a.m. on July 17 at the Old Faithful tourist cabins.

Cornelius A. Culp, Carmel Valley Route, Monterey, California, 79, died of a heart attack at 9:20 a.m. July 17 at Fishing Bridge campground.

Personnel. Lubert de Freeze arrived in the park July 2 and entered on duty as a Park Ranger, GS-5 on July 5, selection having been made from the park ranger register.

Dan S. Nelson, Supervisory Park Ranger, GS-6, was promoted to Supervisory Park Ranger (District Park Ranger), GS-7, on July 8.

Howard S. Kocher was promoted from the position of Automotive Mechanic (Garage Mechanic), Ungraded, to Mechanic (Heavy Duty), ungraded, on July 8. Lester C. Abbie was also promoted from Automotive Mechanic (Garage Mechanic), Ungraded, to Mechanic (Heavy Duty), Ungraded, on the same date.

The indefinite promotion and transfer of Stanley McComas from Supervisory Park Ranger (District Park Ranger), GS-7, Yosemite National Park, to Supervisory Park Ranger (Assistant Chief Park Ranger), GS-9, Yellowstone, was approved July 11. He entered on duty in Yellowstone July 27.

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