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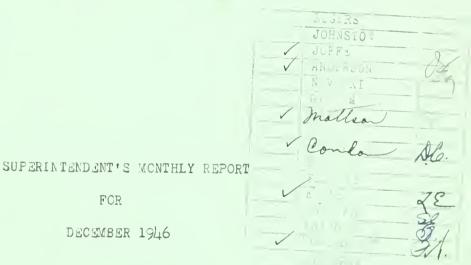
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Seasonal Ranger-Naturalist McMillan recommended for appointment as Research Collaborator in Yellowstone	•	• D	a	3
Uncommon red fox, found under Commissioner Alcox's front porch, may be museum mount	•	• P	959	3
Three poachers apprehended in Gallatin section by Fark Langers	*	• ~23	150	4
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MIMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Vellestone Jational ark wring the month of December 1946:

Lether Conditions. Frequent storm periods, about normal comperatures, precipitation and snowfall were recorded during December. At annoth 3 days were clear, 5 partly cloudy and 18 cloudy. Fotal precipitation at this station was 1.11 inches as compared to .55 inch in 1943, .34 inch in 1944, and 1.15 inches in 1945. The maximum temperature was 44° on the 3rd and a minimum temperature of -12° was recorded on the 17th. A maximum snew depth of the cleas a recorded at Haumoth on the 20th, but this had been reduced to , inches by the end of the wonth.

Special Activities. Superintendent solers was away from the reall during the month on assignment to the Branch of Concessions in the Director's Office. On Dec. 1 he left Chicago for Eashington, D. C., to attend the estern conference of National Fark Concessioners held Dec. 3-4. In Dec. 5 he left ashington for New York, leaving on the 5th for return to Chicago. He left Chicago for Denver on Dec. 13, where he was on annual leave through the end of the month.

David #. Flarson was promoted from Cuffalo tarder, CC-5, to the same, DC-7, effective December 15, 1946.

Asst. Supt. Johnston, Chief Langer Barrows, and isst. to Just. Joffe attended the Dec. 10 meeting of the Garainer Consercial Liub where several alters affecting the Park were discussed.

On Dec. 12, James Brquhart, Forest supervisor, callatin . Gional Forest, and Foresters Dwinelle, Hedmon, and Fahnestock, also of the Gallatin stippel orest, were in for discussion of location of the sontana ower Line through Yarkes Jim Canyon. Montana Fower Company has purchased the light plant in ardiner and will furnish power for that community. The second second

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sources the first of the second se and the first second s On Dec. 14-15, Chief manger Barrows, Chief Maturalist condon, and asst. Chief Ranger Skinner attended the annual Montane Mildlife Federation meeting in Helena, Montana, where recommendations for legislative action and other satters of particular concern to Tellowstone and Clacier Mational Farks were brought up for discussion and action.

On Bec. 19, Asst. Supt. Johnston, Chief sanger Barrows, Asst. Unlef Canger Skinner, Chief Naturalist Condon, and Asst. to Supt. Joffe attended a meeting of the Fark County Red and Gun Club, Livingston, Montana. Er. Condon showed a motion picture on wildlife and gave a talk before the audience of 62 persons.

Resident Landscape Architect Lattson was in the degion Two Office from Dec. 2-15 discussing revision of the Fellowstone Master Flan.

The President declared a half holiday in the afternoon of December 2... Yellowstone employees were excused at noon, and the few who had to work received holiday pay.

On December 31, 1946, President Truman issued proclamation ko. 2714 proclaiming the cessation of hostilities of world far If.

Inspections. Fred G. Bussey, Chief Clerk, Slacier National Perk, left Yellowstone for return to Glacier December 3.

General Publicity. In Dec. 5, a press release was called to newspapers in neighboring states covering the arrest of three poachers who killed an elk in Gallatin section near the highway on Dec. 1.

The holiday issue of Nature Notes was mailed to a list of quip newes on December 11-12.

Road and Trail Maintenance. Snow plowing on the Gardiner to Cooke road sas almost a continuous operation, most of the work being needed between the Lemar ranger station and Cooke. Snow depths in that area is between 30 and 56 incres All plowing to date on this section has been with the push type plows. Loads in the Mammoth area were sanded several times because of key conditions.

A small crew of 4 to 6 men under foreman Feter Worwick rebuilt the shall log bridge over Glen Creek on the Bunsen Feak loop read. Then not orking on the bridge they were peeling logs for guard rail. This same crew is also working on the Owal Hot Springs job under Fejor Repair and Achabilitation program.

The road from Mammoth to est Yellowstone was plowed out the first part of the month in order to haul in some bridge plank purchased from a saw mill at Mest Fellowstone.

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New Construction. Construction work on projects 401.2, 401.3 and 401.4, all temporary houses, at Mammoth, continued throughout the month, somewhat hampered by cold weather. Foundations are complete for all three buildings, the outside walls up on all three, and the roof in place on two with the exception of shingles.

Concessioners. Mr. J. J. Baynes, Fresident, Haynes, Inc., was in the rk on December 6.

Interpretive pervices. The only program presented during the wonth was the presentation of a motion picture (1200 ft. colored) on wildlife and a discussion of Yellowstone wildlife by Fark Maturalist Condon to the Livingston Fod and Gun Club on Dec. 19. There were 62 persons in attendance.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Fork continued on cleaning of the nuseum cases at Magnoth Auseum and cleaning and renovation of wayside exhibits brought in from out in the Fark.

A careful review was made of signs needed to properly label features and to present to the public proper information on certain outstanding phenomena. After making this review a detailed list of signs needed and the textual matter to go on them was prepared. These signs are now being placed on order by the Park Ingineer.

Five copies of the "distory of Yellowstone Mational Fark" by James ... Hamilton were returned from the Dieter Bookbinding Company at the end of the month and will be sent to the proper recipients of these copies soon. Harge shipment of periodicals, by volumes, were sont to the Dieter Bookbinding Company for binding and return to the Yellowstone Library.

Research and Observation. Plans are progressing for research work on moose to be done by former park ranger naturalist John is illan. Juring the month papers were submitted for his appointment as a research collaborator with the National Park Service. It is anticipated that this appointment will be approved and we can render considerable ald to 4r. as illan is his research work.

Cne red fox, found dead by Listrict Langer dudolf Jrimm under J. S. Commissioner Silcex's front porch, was brought to the museum and skinned by ark Naturalist Brodrick. The fox apparently died of starvation since it was in a very poor condition and its digestive tract was entirely devoid of food. It is possible that we may have this skin prepared as a mount. A state of the second se

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varia davistica da d Presión da davistica Provisidas da vegetare da davistica da davistica da davistica da davistica da davistica da davistica da davisti Increase or Decrease in Travel. During the wonth of December bravel was possible only over the road between the north and northeast entrances, which is kept open all winter. A total of 303 visitors entered the park in 138 vehicles as compared to 479 visitors in 156 vehicles for the same wonth last year.

Ranger Service. Fatrol activities were continued throughout December on the same basis as during the month of November. The open elk season in Untana areas adjacent to the north boundary continue to require regular patrols. Trapping season in areas adjoining the remote Thorofare area closed on becember 20 and the two rangers assigned to patrol this area on skis completed their assignment and reported to park headquarters. Night patrols in the Gallatin area and on the read through Game Manch area were continued throughout the month. Rangers completed repairs on the Game Manch elk trap and constructed a new feed rack for horses at Tower Falls Hanger Station.

Police Protection. One case, mich involved the killing of an elk inside the park near Black Butte Creek in the Gallatin area was presented before the U.S. Commissioner. The three defendants pleaded guilty and were sentenced to serve 100 hours in jail and pay a fine of \$150 each. No more poaching in the Gallatin area has occurred since these men were approhended.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. SOFMALO. In accordance with plans being worked out in cooperation with the Fish and Mildlife Service, it is planned to capture as many buffalo as possible in the Lamar Valley area sometime in February for vaccination of calves and testing of others in connection with eathological studies pertaining to bracellosis infection.

ELX. Northern Area. forcugh Dec. 28 a total of 215 elk had been reported taken by hunters and checked through the anigan Checking Station. This does not include the early season kill in the Hellroaring to Cooke area which has not yet been reported.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Absaroka Conservation Committee, a large area north of the park, extending some five or six miles from Pole Creek near Jardine to Eassett Creek near Corwin, was temporarily closed to big game hunting by the State Fish and Game Commission on November 16 for the purpose of encouraging elk migration from the park. By the end of December there were some 800 elk in this area and representatives of the National Park Dervice and U.S. Forest Service, serving on a special four-man committee to determine when sufficient migration had occurred to warrant opening of the area to hunting, urged that the area be opened. The two other members of this committee, representing the Absaroka Conservation Committee and the State Fish and Geme Commission, were holding out at close of the month for no opening of the season. Just what will result from this deadlock is problematical, but it is hoped that some early decision in the matter can be reached.

First considerable drift of elk out of the park occurred during the night of December 29 with our first extended period of sub-zero temperatures. amall migrations were continuing to close of the period.

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FRONCHORN. A group of five or six men connected with wildlife restoration work for the State of Montana are expected to arrive in the part during the early part of January to assist in setting up a portable trap in the area between Gardiner and Rease Creek. When this trap has been set up and conditions aprear favorable, an attempt will be made to trap as many of the surplus pronghorn or antelope as possible this winter for transplanting in various areas of Montana.

Porest Fire Protection. In Dec. 3, Asst. Chief danger Chapman, Asst. Supt. Johnston, Foreman-Mechanic Miller, District Fanger Shert, and Truck Driver inkle went to Ogden, Utah to obtain and bring back to fellowstone three fire trucks and some other surplus equipment. An attempt was also made while on this trip to determine the availability of necessary accessories for the fire pumps with which the trucks are equipped. It was impossible to obtain any of these items at the depot.

On Dec. 11, we received 5,000 feet of 12" C.J.E.L. hose to equip the new fire trucks. This hose was secured through regular channels from the Par essets Administration.

In the office work was accomplished on manual revisions, the stop-up clan, and fire control aide training plans. Property cards for all forest fire fighting property were assembled, filed and indexed.

Trails. The annual trail report covering trail work accomplished and expenditures made during the past calendar year on this work was written and submitted to the Park angineer.

Accidents. One motor vehicle accident was reported during the month. This accident, which was not of a serious nature, occurred on the highway between Mammoth and the North Antrance.

Miscellaneous. On December 3, a used piano was obtained for ammoth Chapel, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lajuennesse, Sanager of the Murray Hotel, Livingston, Montana. Gallas a real of and the standard iestrad from the site of the stand restrate 13 that of this of the stand Stat of the standard of the standard outil be about on browing the standard iest upon this are to wait the standard is the state is at the standard addation is the real of the standard

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The regular monthly meeting of Local 465, Sational Generation of educal Employees, was held December 9, in the Santeen.

The Narmoth school children presented a fine Christmas program at the Canteen on December 20. After the program Santa arrived with treats for all the boys and girls, including fruit, candy, popeorn and muts in cellophane bags. Fryor Stores contributed fruit and popeorn for 75 children while Local 465, N.F.F.S., furnished candy and nuts, also new Christmas tree decorations. Incidentally, Santa Claus also surprised Harry Trischman with a fine fishing rod, a retirement present from his fellow employees. The Unristmas committee this year consisted of Mrs. Vi Boylance, Chairman, Mrs. Lois shorey, rs. ilma Haines, Mr. Holand Rethercott, and Mr. Milliam roper. On Christmas ve the young folk of the community sang carols from door to door.

A son, James Arnold, was born to ainterancemen and Mrs. Arnold wist at Fark Hospital, Livingston, Montana, on December 25. Ars. wist was formerly our Accounting Clerk.

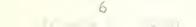
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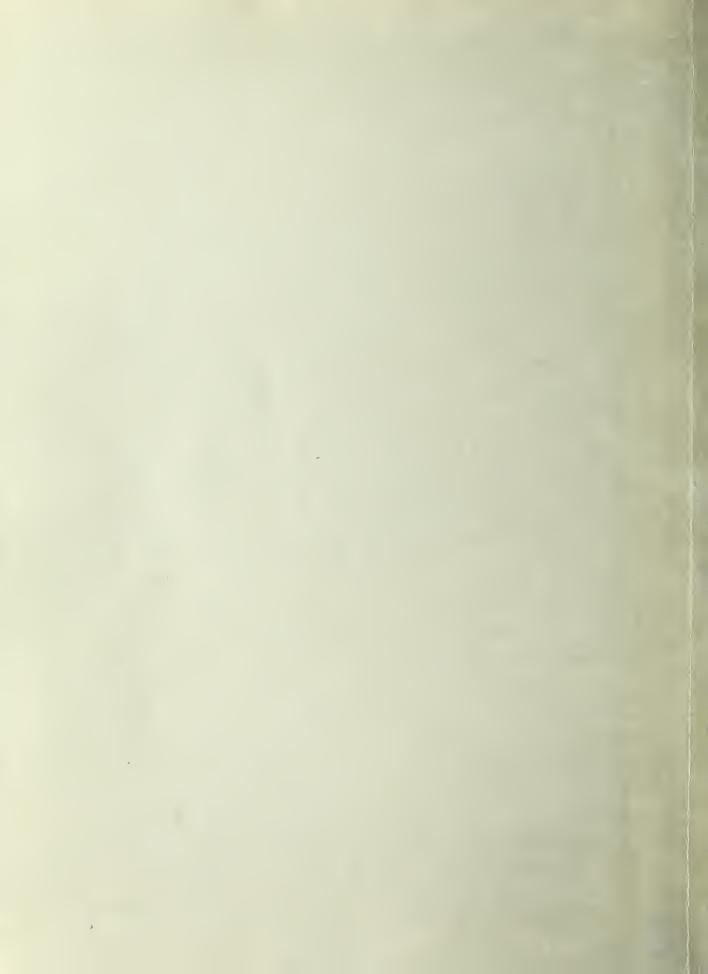
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