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- WEATHER: Precipitation low. 3" snow at Mammoth. Above normal temperatures, maximum 61°, 3° minimum.
- SPECIAL
ACTIVITIES:Rogers, Joffe, Judge Brown to Botary. Rogers
& Joffe to Dude Ranchers, Spokane. Rogers on
Denver assignment. Joffe, Brown, Judge Brown to
Rotary, Otto Brown gave talk. Nelson, Hart,
Anderson, Hotchkiss back from Omaha training.
Robinson, Brown, Edwards back with oversnow
equipment. Hamilton & Robinson to Columbus &
Billings, inspect surplus. Robinson to Pt.
Hueneme re surplus. Mattson & Kittams to Teton.
McMullin, Quist, Kocher to Ogden for surplus.
Wiggins & Wohlbrandt receive meritorious service
awards. Road closings. C. S. exam.1-2
- INSPECTIONS: Keith Neilson left. Forest Service men in re Gallatin elk. Ketcham left from summer assignment as engineer. F.M. Service men in re pyrotechnics in driving elk.
- PUBLICITY: Press release on awards to Wiggins & Wohlbrandt. 7,900 broadsides on hand.
- MAINTENANCE: East, South roads closed 6th, J. Yell. 24th but kept open for buffalo kill. Work listed. Rock slide. New truck.
- CONSTRUCTION: Progress & closing down 4 contract jobs at Canyon. Other projects listed. 3-4

COMPLAINTS: One complaint on cottages.

- <u>CONCESSIONERS</u>: John Nichols left. General store closed Sundays & shorter hours. Haynes in re correcting Norris map. Y.P.Co. construction stopped. Hamilton work on Coffee Shop; plans for propane installation. Haynes plan make quarters of Mammoth campground shop. 4-5
- RELIGIOUS SERVICES Sunday School, Church, Youth Fellowship. & CHAPEL USE: Wedding of Betty Lee Proznick & Thomas Hallin. 5

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RANGE CONDITIONS:	Kittams' observations; little snow. Study plots rebuilt. Range reports and correspondence.	10
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ACCIDENTS:	l reportable accident due ice; 1 other.	Page 10
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	Changes proposed in traffic control regulations. 7 men arrested for elk poaching.	10
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<u>DEATHS</u> :	Father of Arnold Quist, brother of Mrs. Thomas M Thompson, and mother of Mrs. William Wiggins passed away.	•
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Jecember 9, 1953

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Acting Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for November 1953

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

Weather Conditions. Again precipitation was below normal with only .47" recorded. .32" of this was the result of a snow storm on the 22nd-23rd. Snow depth on the 23rd was 3" at the Mammoth station. The maximum temperature of 61° was recorded here on the 14th and the minimum of 3° was recorded on the 19th and 20th. Average temperatures were above normal.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers, Administrative Assistant Joffe and U. S. Commissioner Brown attended the Livingston Rotary meeting on November 9. Messrs. Rogers and Joffe departed November 16 for Spokane to attend the Dude Ranchers Convention November 17-19, Mr. Rogers returning on the 21st and Mr. Joffe the 25th following two days annual leave in Livingston. Mr. Rogers left November 24 via West Entrance for Denver to engage on work in connection with his project covering legislative history of areas administered by the National Park Service and other assignments.

Mr. Joffe, Judge Brown and Chief Ranger Brown attended the November 30 meeting of the Livingston Rotary and provided the program, Chief Ranger Brown presenting a talk on the Protection Division.

District Park Rangers Hart, Nelson and Frank Anderson and Payroll Supervisor Hotchkiss returned November 1 from Omaha where they attended the 12th National Park Service Administration Training Course October 19-30.

Mechanical Supervisor Robinson, Chief Ranger Brown and Assistant Chief Ranger Edwards returned November 4 from Pueblo, Colorado, with oversnow equipment. Assistant Superintendent Hamilton and Mr. Robinson made a trip November 12 to Columbus and Billings to inspect surplus equipment and Mr. Robinson left November 13 for Port Hueneme, California, to inspect surplus power plants for possible transfer to Yellowstone, returning the 19th.

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Resident Landscape Architect Mattson made a trip to Grand Teton November 4 and 5.

Biologist Kittams was in Grand Teton from November 16 to 18 to discuss summer range for Jackson Hole elk with Teton officials and observe Teton elk migration study.

George McMullin, Electrical Supervisor, Arnold uist, Plumber, and Howard Kocher, Automotive Mechanic, left for Ogden, Utah, November 9 to take delivery of surplus property, returning the 11th.

On November 5 William Wiggins, Sanitation Officer, and Philip H. Wohlbrandt, Park Engineer, were presented Certificates of Honor Award, Citations of Meritorious Service, and silver medals and lapel buttons for outstanding service in the National Park Service. Mr. Wiggins has served some 40 years with the Covernment and Mr. Wohlbrandt about 19 years. Presentation was made by Superintendent Rogers before a group of park officials.

The East and South Entrances were closed by snow November 6 and were officially closed to travel November 9. The Norris-Canyon Road was barricaded November 23 and the West Entrance Road closed to public travel November 24; thus, all roads were barricaded with the exception of the road from Gardiner and Mammoth to Cooke which is kept open throughout the year.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination for Stenographer-Typist on November 20. Personnel Assistant Proper conducted the examination and there was one competitor.

Inspections. Keith P. Neilson, Finance Officer, NPS, Washington, who arrived October 26 to go over accounting matters affecting the park, left via West Yellowstone Movember 3 with Mrs. Neilson.

James Urquhart, Forest Supervisor, and Elmer Luer, Assistant Forest Supervisor, Absaroka National Forest, Bozeman, were in the park November 5 to discuss Gallatin elk situation.

Richard W. Ketcham, Engineer, who arrived July 1 on assignment from the Region Two Office, left November 10 on return to Omaha.

Kenneth Roahen, U. S. Game Management Agent, Fish and Wildlife Service, Billings; J. C. Lastetter, Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Berkeley; and J. E. Chattin, Regional Game Biologist, Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, arrived November 20 to discuss the use of pyrotechnics in driving elk.

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Publicity. A press release was issued to local papers November 6 on the meritorious service awards to Sanitation Officer William Wiggins and Park Engineer Philip H. Wohlbrandt and pictures of the presentation were sent to the Livingston Enterprise and Park County News.

A total of 7,900 Yellowstone broadsides for 1953 remained on hand at the close of November.

Road Maintenance. November was mild except for two storms near the last of the month. The east and south side of the park was closed to traffic on November 6. The road to Old Faithful and West Yellowstone was closed to public traffic on November 24; however, the road is being kept open for Government vehicles because of the buffalo kill between Madison and Old Faithful.

Ditch cleaning was completed on Section 1H, Tower Fall to Mammoth. The guard rail crew cut and treated some logs for next spring's work. The maintenance crews have been cut to 4 men and most of their time is required re-setting snow stakes and snowplowing. The parking area at Hamilton's Lower Store at Old Faithful is complete except for the bituminous mat.

On November 19 quite a large rock slide developed in the Gardner River Canyon between Manmoth and Gardiner. The slide left barely room for one-way traffic. The rock, about 300 cubic yards, was removed by the use of a tractor dozer.

A new 2,000-gallon tank truck (International) was received during the month.

Construction. The Canyon Campground Loads project, under contract to Studer Construction Company of Billings, is about 40% complete and has been closed down for the season.

The Canyon Campground Water and Sewer project, Cop Construction Company, Billings, contractor, has been completed and final inspection made.

Loop Highway Project 1F3, G4, at Canyon, bituminous surfacing of parking areas and connecting roads, under contract to Strong Company of Springville, Utah, is closed down for the season and is 80% complete with probable date of completion July 1954.

On Norris-Canyon Cutoff Road, Route 12, Grading and Surfacing 4.075 miles at east end, under contract to Peter Kiewit Sons' Company of Sheridan, Wyoming, clearing was continued until November 23 when the project was closed down for the winter and is about 70% complete, with the project about 4% complete and probable time of completion October 1954.

Other active projects were Lalks in Thermal Areas, Account 323.02, 95% complete; Observation Platform, Inspiration Point, Account 323.03, awaiting plans: Roads and Walks, Fishing Bridge Cabin Area (por.), Account 323.04, 90% complete; Additional Traffic Lanes, West Entrance, 0.2 miles, Account 323.05, 5% complete with clearing about 50% complete and stumps still to be removed; Campground Roads and Walks, Old Faithful, Account 323.12, 99% complete; Roads and Walks, Lake Hotel Cabin Area (por.). Account 323.14, 95% complete; Miscellaneous Road Improvements, Account 323.18, no work started; Reconstruction of Campground Roads and Removal of Stumps, Fishing Bridge, Account 323.17, 70% complete with a few trees remaining to be cut and some stumps to clean up; Pump House for Sewage System, Lake, Account 331.04, 90% complete; Comfort Stations (2), Old Faithful Campground, Account 331.14, 20% complete with both buildings framed; Sewer System for Campground, Old Faithful, Account 332.06, 95% complete; Water Line Extension, Hotel Cottage Area, Lake, Account 332.07, 90% complete; Sewer Line Extension, Hotel Cottage Area, Lake, Account 332.08, 90% complete; Main Sewer System, Lake, Account 332.16, 35% complete; Utilities, Tables, Fireplaces and Comfort Stations, Old Faithful Campground, Account 333.02, 96% complete; Cleaning Top Soil from Spray Field, Old Faithful, Account 232, nearly complete. By the end of the month all but the first of these projects had been closed down for the winter.

<u>Complaints</u>. One letter of complaint was received during the month with regard to the location, furnishings and uncleanliness of the cottages in connection with the Lake Hotel.

Concessioners. John Q. Nichols, Vice-President of Yellowstone Park Company, and Mrs. Nichols left November 1 for their winter home at La Jolla, California.

Effective November 1 the Hamilton General Store at Mammoth closed on Sundays and their daily schedule was changed to 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

J. E. Haynes, President, Haynes Inc., was in the park November 3 from his winter headquarters at Bozeman to make inspection of the Norris Geyser Basin with Superintendent Rogers and Park Naturalists Condon and Watson to correct maps covering the area.

The Yellowstone Park Company closed down construction operations at Old Faithful and moved out the crews November 13.

Hamilton Stores, Inc. continued work on remodeling the Mammoth Coffee Shop until November 25. This company has submitted plans for liquid propane gas heating of their Mammoth store and these plans are now in the Regional Office.

Haynes Inc. submitted a preliminary plan for the remodeling of the campground shop at Manmoth for employees' quarters and it has been returned to them with comments.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular Sunday School services of the community were held each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the Yellowstone National Park Chapel. Church services were held at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of the 1st and the 29th with the Reverend Lewis Ortmayer conducting the services on the 29th.

The Gardiner-Mammoth Youth Fellowship Organization held its meetings in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, the 1st, 8th and 29th.

A beautiful wedding was held at the Chapel at 3:00 p.m. on the 29th when Miss Betty Lee Proznick, who has been Clerk-Stenographer in the Chief Park Naturalist Office for the past five years, war married to Mr. Thomas J. Hallin, Yellowstone Park Company engineer.

Interpretive Services. Chief Park Naturalist Condon made a trip to Billings, Montana, where he presented a program to the Audubon Society group there at 8:00 p.m. on the evening of the 17th. Condon discussed the birds of Yellowstone placing special emphasis on the conservation program which has resulted in the preservation of the trumpeter swan. There were about 80 people in attendance at the program and proved to be very receptive.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. The shutters were placed on the Old Faithful Museum on November 4 and it was closed for the 1953 season. There were a few cars assembled at the Geyser Basin parking lot at Old Faithful but there were very few people moving about the Geyser Basin. There were very few people visiting the Mammoth Museum during November and at the close of the month the museum was closed for the 1953 season.

Park Naturalist Elmore devoted virtually all of his time on duty for the month of November to working on the assembling of material for use in the preparation of exhibits for the Old Faithful Museum. Plans for some of the exhibits will be sent to the laboratory shortly after the first of December.

About mid-month the shutters were placed on the Obsidian Cliff, Artist's Point and Firehole Canyon exhibits.

Research and Observation. On November 3, Superintendent Rogers, Park Naturalists Condon and Watson, and Jack E. Haynes of Haynes Inc. made a trip to the Norris Geyser Basin for the purpose of establishing the exact identification of features to which certain place names apply. The major part of the day was spent in

the basin and the definite location of certain features and groups of features were agreed upon by the group. It was determined that it would be desirable to eliminate from further use the place names Grindstone Springs, Vermilion Spring, and Apple Green Geyser. These names will be abandoned because the features to which these were applied no longer exist in a form by which they can be identified in keeping with these names.

On the return trip from Norris, in the evening, there were three elk seen near the center of Lemonade Lake at Roaring Mountain. It was rather an odd sight to see the animals in such a location but they seemed to be enjoying wading about in the water. There were two cows and one calf and pictures were made of them for record purposes.

On November 4 Messrs. Watson and Condon made a trip to the Grand Canyon area and to the Upper Geyser Basin. Of unusual interest at the Canyon was the low volume of water in Yellowstone River. Exactly what the stream gauge record will show is unknown but the river was the lowest either of these Naturalists had seen it. Almost all of the water at the lower falls was coming through the notch on the south side of the break with only a very thin stream of water coming down the main front.

On the 13th, Park Naturalists Elmore and Watson made a trip to the Upper Geyser Basin and at that time had the friendly coyote come up to them in the Black Sand Basin. On their return trip from the Black Sand Basin to Castle, they saw three additional coyotes and so there are apparently a considerable number of them in that area. When coming home at evening they counted 75 bison near the mouth of Sentinel Creek.

Natural History Association. Mrs. Alice Quist, clerk of the Association, was not on duty during the month of November and book sales were handled by Park Naturalist Vatson. The sales for November were \$17.46.

The November-December issue of Yellowstone Park Nature Notes was prepared by members of the Naturalist staff and placed in the mail November 12.

In-Service Training. A general staff meeting of division and section heads was held in the conference room November 5.

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

Increase or Decrease in Travel. A total of 909 vehicles carrying 3,213 people entered the park during the month as compared with 1,274 vehicles and 4,129 persons during November 1952, or a decrease of 22.18%. All of the park entrances were open to travel during the early part of November except the Northeast Entrance which was closed the previous month. The South and East Entrances were closed to public travel on the 9th while the West Entrance remained open until November 24 at which time it was closed. Although the roads were closed to the public, it was still possible to drive from Mammoth to Old Faithful and West Yellowstone and from Norris to Lake at the month's end.

Special Visitors. James Simon and Warren E. Garst, photographers for Walt Disney Productions, arrived November 10 to get animal pictures.

Ranger Service. Ranger stations were prepared for winter as were the remainder of the patrol cabins. Horses and equipment were moved to winter locations. Old Faithful is being manned on a temporary basis primarily because of the buffalo reduction work going on in that district. Special patrols to check on travelers and temporary barricading of roads was necessary due to light snow falls. Finally, however, all roads except from Gardiner through Mammoth to Cooke were closed to travel on the 24th. Hunting patrols were maintained with the general closing of the season on the 15th. The special reopening of the season in the Gallatin area resulted in unlawful hunting and several cases tried before the U. S. Commissioner.

Entrance station men and others with responsibilities for entrance station operation met with the Superintendent and Resident Landscape Architect on the 12th to discuss entrance station operation and the new checking station planned for West Entrance.

Rangers at Mammoth assisted representatives of the Communications and Electronics Division of Motorola Radio Company in their studies of F.M. radio communications begun on the 21st. These representatives were: S. J. Durant, Engineer, H. I. Pierce, Zone Manager, and A. E. Zion, Communications Engineer. It is understood that the results of the studies were encouraging.

Chief Ranger Brown made a number of field inspections including surveys of the buffalo herds in the Old Faithful area with Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman, inspection of the actual reduction operation begun on the 30th, inspection with Martin Miller of the snow course at Canyon, closing of station at Lake and Canyon on the 23rd on which date snow plows operated to West Entrance, Old Faithful and Canyon, general inspection trip with Assistant Chief Ranger Garry to West Entrance and Old Faithful on the 24th on which date those roads were finally closed to general travel and a check of conditions to the northeast entrance on the 13th.

District Ranger Hart continues working on the special assignment of quarters rentals. Work on special signs under the supervision of Assistant Chief Ranger McComas was begun with assistance from rangers now assigned to headquarters. The inspection for building fire hazards at Mammoth was begun with assistance from rangers assigned to headquarters from field stations. A special inspection was made of the heating plant in the Roy Armstrong residence on the 1st. Other activities included the handling of routine correspondence and reports, preparation of a comparison travel chart, submission of a special report on the fee system and entrance station operation and a proposal for certain changes in the traffic control sections of the General Rules and Regulations.

Wildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. BUFFALO REDUCTION. Flans were made for a reduction of the Firehole bison herd and reduction was started November 30 with twelve taken the first day. A crew of six rangers was organized to do the work which consists of shooting the animals and skidding them to the roadside where they are butchered by Indians from various tribes in the Aberdeen area. The first tribe to send a crew to the park to get animals is the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe from Fort Yates, North Dakota, which tribe has an allotment of 42 bison.

ELK REDUCTION. The regular elk hunting season in the Gardiner area closed as of November 15. A very light kill was made, the exact number of which has not been determined. The season will no doubt remain closed for some time before reopening due to the fact that few if any animals have left the park and gone into the open hunting territory. The Gallatin elk hunting season which closed November 15 was reopened November 29 and will remain open until a total of 300 additional elk have been taken from this herd, at which time the season can be closed upon two days notice. Elk trapping operations in the park have not been started as yet due to the very light snow conditions at Mammoth, Tower Fall and Lamar. It is expected that trapping of elk will not begin until about January 1 unless conditions change considerably.

Forest Fire Protection. The 1953 Fire Atlas work was completed in November and copies sent to the Regional and Washington Offices.

Building Fire Protection. The annual 1954 building fire hazard inspection got underway the latter part of the month for the Government buildings in Mammoth. Two rangers have been checking for fire hazards, condition of the extinguishers, refilling the CCl_4 GM v ones and replacing condemned ones. Forms F-5 (Individual Building Fire Hazard Inspection Report) and F-6 (Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Record) are being kept on each building. It is planned to have this work in the Mammoth area completed sometime next month.

Trails. Equipment ordered and received for trail maintenance consisted of a new 24" chain saw, a dozen axes and a dozen ladies shovels. A new mitre box and saw was also purchased for the trail sign shop. Supplies were purchased for the trail sign program and the manufacture of metal trail markers was started the latter part of the month. Equipment Officer Fillmore was assisted in making a trail equipment inventory during the month.

A rough draft of the 1954 trail estimates was prepared and submitted to the Park Engineer for consideration. Notice of a \$2,000 cut in the 1955 allotment has been received which will mean a cut back in the special items proposed for next season. Routine maintenance will remain approximately the same as this year. Final estimates will be prepared at a later date.

Elister Rust Control. A work and storage room is being partitioned off in the Mammoth horse barn to take care of Blister Rust Control supplies and equipment. This room is being made mouseproof with special cabinets for storage of aleeping bags, tents, pumpers and other equipment. A new roof has been placed on the B.R.C. storage building at Canyon. An inspection trip was made by Assistant Chief Ranger Edwards to the B.R.C. buildings at Canyon on November 24 and both buildings were found in good condition and well braced. Ten new sleeping bags purchased with last year's funds were received and the 39 sleeping bags on hand were cleaned, reassembled and stored. This brings the total to 49 sleeping bags, all in excellent condition. Two electric adding machines were obtained from surplus property for B.R.C. use, one to be used in the Assistant Chief Ranger's Office and the other for use at the base camp at Canyon. A 3/4-ton Ford pickup truck was also obtained from surplus and will be equipped with seats and cover for transportation of crews.

Corral and Ranch Operation. By the end of the month all horses and mules, except two horses which are being used in the Mammoth District, have been returned to the Lamar Unit for wintering.

Packer Foreman Condie has started reconditioning equipment so as to have it ready for next summer's use. Saddles will be oiled and repaired and most halters and bridles returned from the field will require complete rebuilding.

Horse trailers have been cleaned and stored in the Mammoth barn. Several will require extensive repairs before use next summer.

Four pack mules were purchased and taken to the Lamar Unit for wintering. They will replace four pack animals no longer usable.

Fall plowing operations at Lamar Unit were carried on throughout most of the month. Approximately 50 acres of meadow has been plowed, disked and partially leveled. Some additional disking

and leveling will be required next spring before the area is reseeded to permanent meadow grass.

Young horses were given additional training and gentling. Eleven young will be ready for their first field assignments next spring.

Range Conditions. Biologist Kittams observed the northern winter range was free of snow during the first half of November. A thin cover of snow, not exceeding a depth of about three inches on the intermediate range, accumulated during the last half of the month. On much of the open-type range there was virtually no snow at month's end. The completion of two fences around study plots brought the total rebuilt this fall to ten. Reports on the southern elk range and northern winter range were prepared for typing and a letter regarding the Gallatin range was prepared in response to a request from the range professor at Montana State College.

Wood Utilization. Wood from the clearing operations at the site for the new entrance at West Yellowstone has been stock-piled for future use.

Accidents and Public Safety. Only one reportable automobile accident occurred. This involved a 1953 Hudson owned and driven by William Gregorchuck of North Hollywood, California, who had difficulty with snow and ice conditions on the road to Norris on the 6th, skidded and overturned. A passenger, Mrs. Jean McTaggart, was slightly injured and damage to the vehicle amounted to about \$400.

Another car, a 1953 Chevrolet owned and driven by Joe Reynolds of Lovington, New Mexico, failed to make the curve onto the bridge 7-3/4 miles toward Norris from Madison Junction also the 6th, but only minor damages resulted.

Law Enforcement. Several changes and additions in the General Rules and Regulations dealing with traffic control were submitted for consideration.

Harold D. Thompson of Bozeman and William F. Tryan, John D. Higgins and Paul Schagunn of Flaxville, Montana, were apprehended on the 29th having killed two cow elk within the park. The case was heard by U. S. Commissioner the following day and Thompson and Tryan were each fined \$200 and their rifles and the elk were confiscated. Higgins and Schagunn were each fined \$100.

Three other men from Bozeman, Raymond O. Hagen, Walter B. Ditsworth, and Robert W. Daley, were apprehended on the 30th, having killed two bull and one cow elk also in the Gallatin area. Hagen had killed all three elk on the 29th and had returned for them on the 30th when apprehended. The men were placed in jail to be tried the following day, when Hagen was fined \$300 and his rifle and the elk confiscated and Ditsworth and Daley were each fined \$50.

Births. A daughter, Jeanette Rose, was born to Supervisory Park Ranger and Mrs. Louis L. Gunzel on November 13 at the Park Hospital in Livingston.

Marriages. Betty Lee Proznick and Thomas J. Hallin were married in the Yellowstone Park Chapel November 29 with Rev. Louis L. Ortmayer of the Methodist Church in Livingston officiating. Miss Proznick has been employed here for a number of years as Clerk-Stenographer in the Naturalist Division and Mr. Hallin is Assistant Manager for the Construction Department of the Yellowstone Park Company.

Deaths. Arnold Quist, Plumber, received word November 23 that his father/Magapassed away in Minnesota. Mr. Quist attended the funeral held at Dawson, Minnesota.

Ed Mattson of Rapid City, South Dakota, brother of Mrs. Thomas M. Thompson, died there November 25. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson attended the funeral at Rapid City on the 28th.

Mrs. Joseph Stermitz, 81, mother of Mrs. William Wiggins, died early the morning of November 28 at Manigan, between the park and Livingston. The funeral was in Livingston and burial at Mountain View Cemetery.

Personnel. Francis H. Elmore, Park Naturalist, GS-7, returned to duty November 12 from two weeks Navy training followed by a period of annual leave.

Betty Lee Proznick, Clerk-Stenographer, GS-4 in the Naturalist Division, resigned effective noon November 23 due to her plans to be married November 29 to Thomas J. Mallin.

John S. Voss and Robert P. Guilford, seasonal Storekeepers (General), GS-3, were terminated November 5 and 6, respectively.

Maudie L. Wohlbrandt and Alice B. Murphy, seasonal Clerk-Stenographers, GS-3, were terminated November 24 and 25, respectively.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees was held November 2 in the Canteen.

On November 9 the regular monthly meeting of the American Federation of Government Employees was held in the Canteen.

The Yellowstone Park Skiers held a meeting and election of officers November 22 with the following elected for the 1953-54 season: Melvin Thuring, President; Harold Edwards, Vice-President;

Betty Lee Proznick, Secretary-Treasurer; and Dan Nelson and Gordon Cummings, Directors.

Marren F. Hamilton Acting Superintendent

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