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REPORT FOR JUNE

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INSPECTIONS: Steinberg, U. S. Seather Sureau; eright, Sevier Sanitary Engineer; George Salkar, Corester, 875; Hattes, Eabler and Hagen, Historians; Synn and Riley, SEC; Cles Collins, Concessions Advisory Group; Comma and Marrington, PMA; Willer, Basitarian, U. S. Public Health Service; Barrows, Porester, Region Two, in the Park during the month.

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Pago Pryor's Coffee shop opened; hurses errived for CONCESSION ERS: Fishing Bridge, Old Falthful and Canyon; Manmoth Hospital opened; Hotels and Ladges openad; "Help Special" with concessionsr amployees arrived. Conference with concessioners to be held in July to discuss proposed West Thumb buildings. Plans submitted for elearance of propane installations by YP Company. Pryor oil burning installations approved. 13 TRAVEL: 51.780 automobiles in with 167.67h visitors during June. Total figures through June 50 siran. 5 - 6 Slask boars distributed throughout Park, with WILDLIFS: numerous cubs, causing "bear jams" share bears are in greatest concentrations. One personal injury, no damages reported. Grizzly bears seen. Beer consus being planned for July. Only occasional buffalo seen from Park roads. Sar-tagging of elk in Upper Cardiner, Indian Creek and Fawn Creek drainages and in the Gallatin area. Swan consus planned for August 10-16. 104,200 Look Loven, 5,000 reinbow and . 300,000 grayling eggs planted during June. Heevy fishing throughout the Park since opening of sunson. 7 FERSONNEL: filmore 109 as Messenger; McDanal 300 as Clerk Typist; Brodrick loft for Patrified Porest; McMillan in as collaborator on Moose investigation; Rittags 300 as Biologist. Seasonal park ranger naturalists 300 during month. 23 SPECIAL VISITORS: Meserik, writer for Nation megazine; Dumont, MSC; Count De Grasset, France; and Brewster, Assistant Secretary, National Secgraphic Society, 13 in the Park during June. RISCELLANGOUS: Proper appointed third member Local Civil Service Board. Church services (protestant and catholic) started. James Morrison, one of the 13 original Yellowstone scouts, in.

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Following is the report of sotivities for Tellessions National - ra during the conth of June, 1947.

Seather Conditions. Solow normal temperatures and above normal precipitation was recorded at Manmoth during June. Three days were clear, 3 partly cleudy and 18 cloudy. The total precipitation for the south was 1.79 inches as compared with 2.29 inches in June 19.5, 5.79 inches in 19.5, and 5.20 inches in 19.5. A maximum temperature of 70 degrees was recorded on the 19th and a minimum of 29 degrees on the 12th. Twenty-two days of rainy meather were recorded at Manmoth. Two heavy snow storms occurred in the high mountains. These storms blocked the Scoke- ad Lodge read for several days each period. Buring the storm the Scoke-Bad Lodge read. Fetary snow plows were sent out to open the read.

Special Activities. On June 5 Superintendent Regers went to brand noton National Park and return for conference with Superintendent Wolaughlin.

Assistant operintendent Johnston wont to Casper, Sycalng, on June 2, so attend a meeting of the Reclamation Service Sage Sourd group, and returned on June 5.

In the spring opening of the Red Lodge to docks read, the snow place had cleared through by June 12 and cars started coming over the highway on June 15. although the read was not officially opened until June 18 when heavy freighting began almost ismediately.

On June 12 through 15 s comprehensive pre-season training program was given to the seasonal park rangers and ranger naturalists. Fraining was confined to detailed discussions for the purpose of presenting material and information to the group. June 11 and 15 were given over to a conducted wrip around the main loop highway of the park and comprised a full 12-hour training period each day. There were 3h man who benefited from this training. Twentysix employees were taken on a two-day trip around the main loop highway of the park and as much information as it was pessible to give them was conveyed to them. About 1,860 man-hours of training were received by these combined groupe of man. A request was made to all man taking this in-dervice training that they submit to the in-Service training officer, who is the Ohief Park Naturaliet, a memorandum constructively criticizing the training program.

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Lake City by Western Air Lines.

T. Paul Filcox was reappointed U. S. Coundssioner for four years from June 20, 1947.

Mail schedule was changed so that departure was in the evening instead of morning.

Train service to the Park started on June 20 as well as bus service within the Park, and the entrance gates remained open from 7:00 a.m., to 11:00 p.m.

On the evening of June 20 a severe snow store hit the top of the mountains on the had Lodge to Cooke road, which reaches an elevation of 11,000 feet. stranding a number of cars. Part of the road maintenance crew from the Beartooth Read Camp went out with one of the three-auger sholes, a truck and pickup to give aid to the stranded motorists. In attempting to pass one of the stalled cars, the snow plow ran off the shoulder of the road and highcantered. Efforts to clear the plow were unsuccessful and in attempting to bring out some of the strandod tourists the truck and pickup also became stalled in the deep drifts. The road men, after becoming exhausted in trying to dig the truck and cars out of the drift, crawled into the cabs of the truck and pickup to keep out of the storm and await daylight. Three Mational Park Service employees, Veron E. Maiser, John P. Baker and Michard H. Muckels, who more caught in the enow in the pickup, died due to apphyxiation is an heroic effort to aid the stranded motorists. Baker was buried in Mountain View Comstery, Livingston, while the remains of Huckels and Maiser were sent to Akron, Chio, and Jackson, Syming, respectively, for burial.

Inspections. M. Steinberg, Hydro-Climatological Inspector, U. .. eather Sureau, Kansas City, in on June 5 to inspect and condition cooperating weather bureau stations. Landscape Architect Frank Neubauer left on June 13. On June M4, Weldon Hobinson and Mr. Cummings, Fish and Mildlife Dervice, left the Fark. C. T. Wright, Senior Sanitary Ingineer, District Mo. 6, Benver, Colorado, entered the Fark on June 16. On June 17 a study of the Vallowstone Park Company's Md Faithful domestic water supply was made with dr. Johnston, Mr. Miggins and Yellowstone Park Company representatives.

On June 16 George Walker, Forester, National Park Service, Chicago, in. Merrill J. Mattes, Historian, in on June 17 to prepare a history booklet on Vellowstone National Park. On June 22 Herbert Eahler, Acting Chief Historian of the National Park Service, and Claf Hagen of Region Two, in. On June 24, John C. Cynn and Marvin Hiley, Blister Aust Control Office, Spokane, came into the Park in connection with Blister Eust Control work. Mr. Clas Collins, Chairman, Concessions Advisory Group, in North June 25; out Nouth June 28. On June 26, Edward S. Cowan and Dan C. Harrington, Public Boads Administration Engineers, in South. M. M. Hiller, Sanitarian, U. S. Fublic Peakth Service, Denver, in on June 27 to conduct food handling schools and inspect food handling establishments. Mr. Haynard Barrows, Forester, Region Two, in South June 27.

Complaints. A complaint regarding the refusal of garage service at Old Faithful garage was filed by Lt. Knowles of Indianapolis, Indiana. rs.

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Clifford Christianson of Scappoese, Oregon, complained about the conditions of road from East Entrance to Fishing Bridge, and requested refund of the 33.00 entrance fee. Mr. K. A. R. Anderson complained of the charges made for one-way transportation from Gallatin to est Yellowstone. Mrs. Hickard Enceland of Portland, Oregon, complained regarding the fact that she had to wait in line for 50 minutes to register her automobile. Mr. Thos. B. Bolton, Cleveland, Chio, complained to Secretary Kru concerning accommodations furnished in the Park. Mrs. Wellmore H. Hopkins, West Sommerville, Massachusette, complained of accommodations at Fishing Bridge, particularly of the rates. The matters effecting concessioners were taken up with those concerned.

General Publicity. Seubon M. Monson, Publicity Director, arrived on June 14.

The entire supply of the 1946 Yellowstone "broadside" or circular of general information was exhausted by June 20. Visitors were seriously inconvenienced by the lack of a read map and the useful information contained in the broadside, and registered numerous verbal complaints each day at the checking stations when told that maps were not available.

A breakdown of publication sales was included in the Report of the Naturalist Division for June, 1947.

Road Maintenence. A survey orew under Assistant Angineer Aubrey Haines ran the road alignment for the government utility area at Canyon.

At the end of the month, read crews were located at sammoth, Hadison, Callatin, Thumb, South Forest, Lake, Sast intrance, Canyon, Tower Fells, Northeast intrance, Seartooth and Rock Creek, the last three to handle maintenance on the Red Lodge to Cooks approach read, with a total of 143 men. Three of the camps were equipped with only one truck each. All others have two trucks. This equipment shortage manifests a very serious handles to our maintenance operations.

Approximately 300 yards of new road was constructed on the South Forest approach at a point 16 miles south of the South Entrance to the Park.

Under the Major Repair and Rehabilitation program, work on the repair of the emergrounds continued at Maxmoth, Old Faithful and Fishing Bridge. Tables were repaired, now fire places installed and barriers replaced.

A field review of the Suckleberry Ridge alternates for the South Approach road was made on June 25. The conclusions reached at the review of the survoyed line was practically unanimous for the Sidge route.

On June 5, the Old Faithful-Isa Lake bituminous surfacing, 1-D1, D-3, contract of McLaughlin, Inc., was approved by Assistant Secretary of the Interior. He has been setting up his easy on Spring Creek and moving in his equipment for the job. At the end of the month, no work on the job had been undertaken. On June 20, Mr. Edward Anderson, Engineer, came into the Fark. He is to be in charge of the Old Faithful-Isa Lake bituminous surfacing project. La rest in it is more rest in the rest is a second rest in the rest is a second rest in the rest is a second rest is a s

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Bids opened on June 4 in Cheyenne for construction Project 1-F3-Gi, grading and base surfacing 2.830 milet of main line and 2.173 miles conmeeting roads and Park'Areas at Canyon. No bids were received.

On June 18, the had Lodge-Cooks road officially opened to travel. It was temporarily closed on June 27 and opened again the next day.

Account 615, Repair Fire Damage to Building No. 5, Marmoth - Jork is completed except for the installation of new lineleum. Sections for the prafabricated wooden walks, Account 512, are being fabricated as fast as the lumber in received. About 250 foot of the walk has been installed at the Castle Goyser at Old Faithful and is proving very successful. The Fountain Coyser area is to be worked on mext. Guard rail work has been done in the Canyon area and is now under way at the Tower Falls Parking Area, and work on the Tower Falls overlook platform has been finished.

Concessioners. Pryor's Coffee Thop opened on June 1. Nurse arrived for Fishing Bridge on June 1. On June 4, Haynes Tower Fells store opened. The Massoth hospital dispensary opened on June 5 with Dr. Tom Clemons in charge. On June 7 Camp Recevent and Old Faithful opened for cabins only, and on June 8 the Lake Lodge opened for over-might guests. Haynes' Canyon store opened on June 10. The Old Faithful nurse arrived on June 10.

Mr. C. A. Hamilton, President, Humilton Stores, Inc., arrived in the Park on June 10. A second surse for Old Faithful arrived on June 15, as did the Canyon Lodge nurse.

The Yellowstone Park "Help Special" bringing in employees from the set Coast, arrived at West Yellowstone, and a similar special from St. Paul on the Worthern Pacific arrived at Cardiner on June 16.

On June 20, the hotels and lodges, as well as the Manmoth Hospital, officially opened for the 1947 season. Lake Lodge and Canyon hotel nurses arrived. The Manmoth compground Cafeteria opened on June 22, as did the Manmoth Swimeing Pool. On June 30, the new 1947 Haynes Guide, Diamond Jubiles edition, arrived.

Arrangements are being made for a meeting of the concessioners with the Superintendent for the second week of July to discuss the suggested plans for the proposed buildings at West Thumb and possibly for the Canyon village. Architect Sutter, of the Director's Office, and Architect Davidson, of the Regional Office, will be present for these meetings.

An unusual amount of major maintenance work is being done by the concessioners such as painting of all of the service stations and all of the buildings in the Masmoth area. It is also proposed to repaint or restain some of the buildings in the Old Faithful area.

Plans have been submitted for clearance of propane installations by the Yellewstone Park Company, which have been held in abeyance by the Director until fimal plans are subsitted with complete details.

Mrs. Pryor's oil burning installations for Massoth have been approved subject to certain conditions. Clearance for similar Canyon Store installations has not been received to date. and a second and a s Second and a second a

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 Fr. Hamilton has been advised of the approval of the preliminary plan for the service station at Nost Thumb. The Director's Office has requested deferring plane for the Hamilton Store at Nest Thumb until a concessioner policy is determined by the Secretary.

Interpretive Services. As of June 16 all Yellowstone Park museums were open to the public and the program of walks, talks, hikes, stc., began in all their detail on the following day.

A special phase of Yellowstone Fark interpretation which is being tried out this year is the imauguration of a junior nature program which is being given to children from 6 to 11; years of age each afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 for five days each week. The response to this program has been only fair, with a maximum attendance of 11; children and a minimum of 6 so far. The program consists of special exploring trips for the youngsters and a treatment of nature lore with some work being done on nature craft.

A statistical report on the activities and services rendered during the month of June was attached to the Report of the Maturalist Division for the month.

Ruseum Activities and Exhibits. Labels which are exposed so that they are subject to being touched and at times handled by the public are being covered with thereium film, which provides a protective coating for them and is turn makes it possible to periodically clean the finger marks off withewt detriment to the label itself.

On June 9, Mrs. A. N. Senborn of Ashland, Misconsin, left a collection of nine old photographic prints for the Vellowstone Park museums. These were taken in 1894 by her while on a visit to the Vellowstone.

Research and Observation. During the month the thereal activity on Geyser Hill, mortheast of the Firshole hiver in the Upper Sayser Sasin, has shown a marked change to that observed in previous years.

The Giantees Geyser has been known to erupt at least three times this year in contrast to the previously observed action of an eruption about once a year. The Vault, on Geyser Hill, has been erupting periodically, a phemomenon not previously observed for many years. Sechive Geyser was observed in eight daylight eruptions. Grand Geyser has been erupting on an average interval of about 11 hours. Flysical evidences indicate that sometime during the winter months Fountain Geyser had erupted and disgorged from its tent two logs which had been lodged there. Fountain pools have erupted several times, the Clepsydra Geyser has erupted in its violent phase, and most interesting of all has been the fact that the Fountain Geyser had erupted twice during daylight hours when it could be observed by visitors to the Park. Careful observations are being made of thermal changes which have resulted, and special reports will be prepared by the Faturalist Division.

Increase or Decrease in Travel. Fifty one thousand seven hundred eighty cars entered Yellowstone National Park during the month of June, 1947, as compared with 48,693 cars for the same month in 1946, showing an increase of ారు ఉందినరుగా ఉనిఫరాలు సార్థించి సార్థించి సార్థి గారా ఫోలా కార్థించి చెందిన నార్థించి చెంది సార్థి సార్థి సార్థి గార్ కాడియో రైయిలో ఫోఫా ఫోఫా స్టాఫ్ఫరింగు కి. ఎందేవరు పరిఫ్ పాలాల్ ఫోఫా లెలు అనుకెండి గ్రాథ

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6.3 per cent. In comparison with 1941, when 29.423 cars entered in June, the percentage of increase is 77.0 per cent. One hundred sixty seven thoueand six hundred seventy-four visitors entered the park during the month of June, 1947, as compared to 158.338 during the month of June, 1946, as increase of 5.8 per cent. The total visitors for the travel year to date is 211,524 as compared to 199.390 in 1946, an increase of 5.1 per cent. Compared to June, 1941, when 96,202 visitors entered, an increase of 74.0 per cent is shown. The total season travel ending June 50, 1947, totals 211,524, visitors compared with 143,816 through June, 1941, shows an increase of 4.7 per cent.

Ranger Service. The Protection Division was faced with the problem of operating the entrance stations largely with permanent ranger personnel until June 17 when most of the seasonal park rangers reported for duty. This condition prevented the permanent rangers from carrying on important field work to a large extent. The services of several seasonal park rangers are necessary earlier in the season to provide adequate protection of the park features and selling entrance licenses for motor vehicles.

On June 30 there were 52 seasonal park ranger positions filled. One seasonal park ranger who entered on duty on June 16 was hospitalized on June 21 with virus pneumonia and was still in the hospital on June 30. Another seasonal ranger who entered on duty on June 17 entered the hospital for treatment of a liver ailment on June 26 and was still in the hospital at the end of the month.

A large amount of trail work and tolephone line maintenance was performed. Severe wind storms throughout the Park hampered and delayed this work. Campgrounds were checked regularly, fishing waters patrolled, and building fire hazard inspections completed. Four ranger patrol cars were operated full time to control violations, assist the large number of visitors, and assist in investigating reported accidents.

Mildlife and Fish Cultural Activities. ANT SLOPA. Distributed generally over the northern area of the Park, whese animals were seen in greatest numbers in vicinity of the North Antrance. Small groups or individuals afferded special attraction to visitors in the Mammoth, Blacktell Deer Creek and Lamar River areas. Young were born during the month and numerous twin births were noted.

BEARS. Black bears were distributed generally sround the main park reads, greatest concentrations occurring between Tower Falls and Dunreven Pass, between Old Faithful and West Thumb and between West Thumb and Lake. Cubs are more sumerous this year than in 1955. Little difficulty has been experienced with bears in compgrounds or other areas of human concentration. "Ever jame" have been frequent and in some instances as many as 300 automobiles have been involved in a single traffic stall. In these cases considerable attention has been given to direction of traffic, and other methods of minimizing the circulation problem have been used. Only one personal injury from a been has been reported this season. No damages from bears were reported. Grizzly bears were seen in averal areas. Two adults and three cubs were seen الأمري من الماري من الماري الماري الماري الماري والماري الماري الماري

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 repeatedly in the Swan Lake region, one adult was observed chasing an elk calf in the Lake area and others were seen at different places in the Park. A bear census is being planned for the latter part of July and early August.

BUPPALO. In early June buffale could be seen by visitors in numerous readside areas, but at the present time only occasional animals are baing seen from the Park reads.

CONOTES. Seventy-four coycte pups, both outside and inside the Fark, were ear-tagged. Migration study indicated that some pups bagged within the Park have migrated considerable distances to lower outside areas, while adults tagged both outside and inside the Fark have tended to remain in the same local area.

ELK. Elk are being commonly seen throughout the Park and visitors who are particularly interested in this species have had little difficulty in locating small bands or individual animals. One magnificant bull regularly frequents the lawns at Manmoth where hundreds of visitors study and photograph him. Other elk which are for the most part unconcerned with seasonal influx of travelers have frequented the Lake and Old Faithful areas. During the period May 26 to June 15 a total of 40 elk calves were ear-tagged in the Upper Gardiner River, Indian Greek and Fewn Greek drainages in order to secure further data on migrations-particularly between the east and west sides of the Gallatin Mange. These tagged calves included 18 males and 22 females. The project was accomplished through cooperation of the Montane Middlife Hestoration Division. A similar calf elk tagging project was carried on in the Gallatin area.

HOOSE. These animals are very common in all areas of public visitation and have caused traffic jams near Tower Falls and in other sections. Calves were born during the month and several sets of twins were observed.

TRUMPATER SWAF. Although only rendom observations have yet been made, swane have been seen in several of their usual mesting sites, and one pair was observed on Swan Lake on June 30 with three expnets. Two mesting pairs were reported in the Sechler River district. A swan census is being planned for the week of August 10-16.

FISH. Fish planting during the month included 104,200 Look Leven fingerling, 5,000 rainbow fingerling and 300,000 grayling eggs. All streams and lakes in vicinity of roads have been heavily fished since the opening date on May 30.

Forest Pire Protection. On June 2 the work of packing the material for the Purple Mountain lookout station from Madison Junction to the peak was commensed. Construction of the Purple Mountain lookout was begun on June 27. The fire control aid training school was held June 17 through 19, and mest of the men were sent to their summer stations on June 20. The Mount Schourz Lookout was the only point manned during the menth of June.

Building Fire Protection. Considerable progress was made toward completion of building inspections during the month, but the inspections of the concessioner establishments was somewhat delayed by the fact that the larger มาการสะบาทั้งสะบาทั้งสะบาทั้ง สาวารสะบาที่สาวารสะบาทาดสะบาทั้งสำนัก สาวารสะบาทั้งสะบาทาดสะบ

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plants were not placed in operation until June 20. A very marked improvement in the pre-season preparations of the Yellowstone Park Company operations has been effected by the employment of a Fire Marshal by the Company.

Fersonnel. On June 2, Dale Fillmore entered on duty as beasenger, and Ethel L. McDanal entered on duty as Clerk Typist, CAF-3. On June 7 Harold Eredrick left for Petrified Forest for transfer to that area. On June 14, John F. McMillan, as collaborator for the Service, arrived in the Park to begin work on moose investigation. On June 16, Welter S. Mittams arrived and entered on duty as Biologist. Twenty-four seasonal park ranger naturalist positions were filled during the month of June.

Accidents. A Yellowstone Fark Company bus, Sc. 127, turned over and landed on its wheels 3.7 miles from Tower Falls on the Canyon-Tower Falls road. Three of the 15 passengers in the bus were hespitalized, but only one man, who received a serious scalp wound, was in the hespital more than two days.

Special Visitors. A. G. Meserik, writer for Nation magazine, arrived in the Park on June 24 and left via the West wate on June 26. Paul Dumont, National Breadcasting Corporation, Inc., in West Wate on June 18 and out South Gate on June 20. Count Stienne De Grasset, France, in the Park on June 20 and left via the South Gate June 24. Vernon H. prewster, Assistant Secretary, National Geographic Society, in on June 28.

Miscellansous. William G. Proper appointed third member of Local J. J. Civil Service Board, vice Silma S. Haines.

The regularly scheduled protestant church services throughout the Park started on June 15, while the esthelic services began on June 29. During the month, the religious program for the summer scaecon was completed and printed programs of religious activities were prepared and circularized throughout the Park for placement on information bulletin boards and at public gathering places.

The Manmoth Community Sunday School has been and will continue to actively participate in the protestant services this year.

On June 6, Mr. James Morrison, one of the original scouts in Yellowstone National Park, who knew "Buffalo Jones", Harry Yount, and other prominent characters in Perk history, was a guest in the Park. Mr. Morrison, Bi, contributed much interesting material as he related his stories about the Park. He also spont some time with Mr. Jack Haynes of Haynes, Inc.

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