

FALL CONFERENCE OF STATE PARK SUPERINTENDENTS

November 18-22, 1974

Hickory Knob State Resort Park

McCormick, South Carolina



**'Keep your face to the sunshine
and you cannot see the shadows.'**



MEMO TO: Central Office State Park Staff
District Superintendents
State Park Superintendents
Charles Towne Landing

FROM: Robert J. Papenfus
Programs Coordinator

DATE: November 4, 1974

SUBJECT: 1974 SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

Attached you will find information pertaining to the 1974 Superintendents' Meeting. Please read it carefully so that you will be familiar with the changes in format and special programs offered this year.


DATE: November 18, 11:00 a.m.,
through November 22, 1974.

PLACE: Hickory Knob State Resort Park.


R. J. P.

RJP:lwd

Attachment



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MEALS AND HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS

A. MEALS:

All meals will be paid for in a billing from Hickory Knob State Resort Park to the Central Office. This means all of your meals will be paid for*. This includes lunch, Monday, November 18, through Friday lunch, November 22.

B. HOUSING:

When you arrive at the park, you are to register between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon on Monday the 18th. All of your housing arrangements will be made in advance and billing will be the same as your meals. If you have previously requested housing for the weekend this has also been taken care of for you. If you desire to come on Sunday, November 17th, please call me so I can make notification to the registration desk at the Lodge.

REGISTRATION FOR WORKSHOPS

This year we will be having two (2) workshop sessions, one (1) by the Program Section and one (1) by the Maintenance Section. You are to register for these between 11:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon, Monday, November 18th. The desk for this will be located adjacent to the motel desk.

PROGRAM SECTION WORKSHOPS

TUESDAY - NOVEMBER 19, 1974

1:30 - 3:15 - Recreation Programming - Lodge
1:30 - 3:15 - Acclimitizing - Birds & Bugs - Pool
1:30 - 3:15 - Audio-Visual Information - Coffee Room

3:30 - 5:00 - Recreation Programming - Lodge
3:30 - 5:00 - Acclimitizing - Birds & Bugs - Pool
3:30 - 5:00 - Audio-Visual Information - Coffee Room

You are to register for one (1) early afternoon session and one (1) late afternoon session. Its your choice as to which two (2) of the three (3) you go to.

*You are on your own through the weekend if you are staying over. You will be reimbursed for your meals, but not for your families.

MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS

THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 21, 1974

8:30 - 10:15 - Electricity

8:30 - 10:15 - Plumbing

10:30 - 12:15 - Electricity

10:30 - 12:15 - Plumbing

You are to register for one (1) early morning session and the alternate late morning session.

I realize all of these programs running at the same time may appear strange, but in the Programs Section Workshops it gives you a choice of two out of three to attend. In the Maintenance Workshops, it keeps the size of the group small enough to be workable.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

Also, on Monday, November 18th, at 11:00 a.m. you will be asked to register for Special Events in which to participate if you so desire. There will be tournaments and special prizes for those who wish to have some recreation of this sort. Below are the scheduled events. These are in the evenings:

Ping-Pong Tournament

Pool Tournament

Foosball Tournament

Wednesday afternoon, November 20th, is a free afternoon. Various things will be available for you to do. Some of these require that we know the numbers of people that will be involved. We want you to sign up for these at the registration desk also. So that you can plan your activities and bring any required personal equipment here is a list of what's available.

1. Golf
2. Fishing
3. Tennis
4. Tour of neighboring parks (South Carolina & Georgia)
5. Sleeping
6. Horseback Riding

P R O G R A M

1974 Superintendents Meeting
November 18 - November 22, 1974
Hickory Knob State Resort Park

MONDAY, November 18

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon	Registration
12:00 - 1:00 PM	<u>Lunch</u> (Buffet)
1:15 PM - 1:30 PM	Opening Remarks
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Superintendents Reports
6:30 PM	<u>Dinner</u> (Buffet)
8:00 PM	<u>Recreation</u> (Optional)

TUESDAY, November 19

7:00 AM - 8:15 AM	<u>Breakfast</u> (Buffet)
8:30 AM - 10:15 AM	<u>Operations & Safety</u>
10:30 AM - 12:15 PM	Merchandising
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<u>Lunch</u> (Buffet)
1:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Program Section Workshops

1. Nature - Lodge
2. Recreation - Lodge
3. Audio-Visual - Coffee Room

6:30 PM	<u>Dinner</u> (Buffet)
8:30 PM	<u>Recreation</u> (Optional)

WEDNESDAY, November 20

7:00 AM - 8:15 AM	<u>Breakfast</u> (Buffet)
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	<u>Paints & Painting</u>
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM	District Meetings
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	<u>Lunch</u> (Buffet)
1:30 PM - 7:00 PM	<u>FREE AFTERNOON</u>
	Optional Activities Offered
7:30 PM	<u>Dinner</u> (Buffet)
8:30 PM	<u>Recreation</u> (Optional)

THURSDAY, November 21

7:00 AM - 8:15 AM
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Breakfast (Buffet)
Maintenance Workshops

1. Electricity - Lodge
2. Plumbing - Dining Room

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM
2:30 PM - 3:30 PM
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM *

Ice Machines
General discussions
Group Problem Solving
Dinner (Sit Down)
Program Section Attitude
Adjustment Hour. (Optional)

* Features Alice Stender, Miss South Carolina State Parks.

FRIDAY, November 22

7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Breakfast (Buffet)
Directorate - Discussions
Directors - Special Guests
Awards Lucheon
Adjourn Business Section

12:30 PM
5:00 PM

SERVICE AWARDS FOR 1974 STATE PARK SUPERINTENDENTS' MEETING

30 YEARS

L. R. "Buddy" Batten - Maintenance Supervisor
Lloyd A. King - Construction Supervisor

20 YEARS

Mrs. D. I. "Bea" Ross - Barnwell
Van Pressley - Lee

15 YEARS

Arthur Brown - Hunting Island

5 YEARS

Donald A. Barkley - Service & Supply Center
Frank Baughman - Hamilton Branch
Wallace Brock - Dreher Island
Henslee Caulder - Little Pee Dee
Horace W. Craig - District Superintendent
Robert L. Gunter - Assistant Director for Administration
Mike Hendrix - Table Rock
George Mitchell - Service & Supply Center
Silas N. Pearman - Commissioner (Ex Officio)
James R. Rabon - Central Office
James Taylor - Poinsett
Samuel White - Service & Supply Center
Omega Young - Service & Supply Center

AIKEN STATE PARK

The winter work program at Aiken last year was small, but everything that was done greatly added to the beauty of the park. All the park buildings and superintendent's residence were given a fresh coat of paint and a new tractor implement shed was built adjoining the shop. Guttering was put up at the concession stand and the superintendent's residence.

While I was at the superintendents' meeting last year we had a small woods fire behind the shop which very easily could have burned it down, so we cut some new fire breaks around the shop. The reservoir at the cabin developed many leaks and had to be replaced. Water undermined the spillway at the swimming lake and had to be drained and more concrete poured. All the nature trails were trimmed and widened to make walking easier. Pruning and removal of dead trees seem to never cease at Aiken, so several weeks last year were spent doing this.

This year's winter work program should keep us pretty busy. We have already torn down the old fishing dock on the river and have started putting the pilings and runners for the new dock in place. Several of the toilets in the picnic areas will be replaced or remodeled and we may build one at Fishlake picnic area with running water from the artesian well. We might be able to build a shelter in the campground so that the numerous camping clubs would have a place to meet and sit down together for a meal. I personally feel that this shelter would do more for the park and campground than anything else. Another possible winter program is the remodeling of the concession stand. We definitely need some more display shelves. The log wall at the concession stand will be replaced if we can find some rocks to work with.

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The superintendent's residence will get new plumbing and a reservoir will be added to the artesian well to help combat the problem of sand running through the plumbing. We have had several problems with the wiring in the campground, and this is also on our program for the winter.

The merry-go-round that we built in the campground was so popular with all ages that it only lasted several months. Maybe this winter we can come up with some new ideas and scrap lumber and build some more playground equipment. This is something that we definitely need in the campground. The volleyball court and basketball courts have been remodeled this year and we have plans to add another basketball court in the large picnic area. Horseshoe pits have been added in several picnic areas which hopefully will save what little grass we have.

This summer was not the biggest that we have had at Aiken, but still was a most productive one. We had the usual number of large picnics from nearby plants and organizations which kept all the picnic areas full. The Aiken County Mental Retardation Association held their camp for the mentally retarded and handicapped again this year at the park. The camp lasted for four two-week sessions and the children enjoyed activities such as swimming, pedal boats and arts and crafts. Swimming classes were held at the park again and this year we had four two-week sessions with approximately five hundred boys and girls participating.

Overall it has been a very good and successful year at Aiken.

Marshall West

ANDREW JACKSON STATE PARK

1974 has been a good year for Andrew Jackson, attendance, activity and revenue have been the largest yet. Two things been outstanding in helping us to achieve our mission. First was the completion and opening of a twenty-five site campground and second was a new picnic area and shelter, all opened in the fall of 1973. Another project which we feel will be a good addition to the park is the construction of a boat dock, to be completed this November.

LISTED BELOW ARE MOST OF THE PROJECTS COMPLETED DURING 1974

1. A new park entrance sign was assembled and erected.
2. The park entrance gate was relocated.
3. A new ranger's residence was constructed by a private contractor.
4. A road was cut and cleared to the residence and gravel was placed on the road.
5. Underbrush and cleared approximately two acres around the new residence and lanscaping was completed.
6. Painted maintenance shop and graveled walkway leading to the shop.
7. Constructed roof over entrance door at superintendent's residence.
8. Painted superintendents' residence.
9. Repaired leaks in roof at superintendent's residence.
10. Following is a list of projects completed in the new picnic area.
 - a. Assembled and placed twenty-five picnic tables in the area.
 - b. Cemented-in ten grills.
 - c. Cemented-in ten garbage can racks.
 - d. Placed several tons of large stones on bank to combat erosion.
 - e. Painted doors of restrooms.
 - f. Scraped and painted grills.

11. Erected cover over and insulated pipe at campground well.
12. Painted well cover and water storage tank.
13. Following is a list of projects completed in the campground.
 - a. Painted doors of comfort station.
 - b. Scraped and painted grills.
 - c. Re-built food chest.
 - d. Winterized comfort station.
 - e. Electric heaters installed in comfort station.
 - f. Winterized water pipes, allowing water to remain on during extreme cold weather.
 - g. Built log steps at rear of seven sites leading to the lake.
 - h. Erected two benches (out of lumber from old unused picnic tables) between campground and lake.
 - i. Topsoiled and seeded bare spots.
14. Erected barriers across three park service roads.
15. Installed window air conditioning unit at park office.
16. Erected new park signs and painted old ones.

Lew Griffin

BAKER CREEK STATE PARK

The energy crisis and inflation have not seemed to dampen the spirit of our ever increasing number of park users. Baker Creek has once again exceeded the attendance records of revenue for the previous year.

We are having more groups rent the Pavilion and utilize the day use area due to the fact that Hickory Knob has none of these.

The septic tank and field drain at the camping area comfort station decided to act up Fourth of July week. This plant cannot withstand heavy usage. A campground check-in station is still badly needed. This would conserve many gallons of gasoline used in chasing down 150 campers.

The summer season did not get by without this moments of excitement and tragedy. A teenage boy was trapped several hours with his arm in the coke machine. Park personnel, a Coke Company mechanic and the Rescue Squad, all worked feverishly to free him.

Several people had boating and skiing accidents resulting in broken toes and arms. A teenage girl who could not swim drowned when she fell off of the boat dock in Picnic Area No. 1. Her companions sought the help of park lifeguards who worked to no avail in trying to revive her. I must commend them again for keeping such a cool head and working so expertly in the face of danger.

I must also give my two rangers a pat on the back for working such long hours this past summer and putting up with some people who are impossible to please.

Fall is the season to paint up and fix up for the coming year, and to continue our never ending battle against the pot holes in the road.

WAYNE TIMMS

BARNWELL STATE PARK

As I sat alone at a picnic table in the cabin area, getting ready to write this report, I looked around before I began. I thought, "Can words describe the beauty all around us?" The trees are covered with leaves of many colors. Children can be heard laughing as they walk the nature trail. Three family reunions are being held at the shelters and recreation building. Quietness and peacefulness is felt everywhere. Although it is a warm Sunday afternoon, there seems to be no noise or confusion, just a general relaxation. No, I cannot describe the beauty of it at all...it has to be felt.

Our summer started with the Campfire Kickers of Charleston coming into the camping area Friday night, May 30th. A covered dish supper and square dance was held in the recreation building.

A Senior Life Saving class was held also during the summer. Although our revenue was down we had a good summer operation. There were no drownings, just a few cuts and bruises. The lake had quite a bit of algae in it and this may be one of the reasons swimming was off some.

The recreation building was the most frequently used facility. Square dances have increased to three each week. There is a workshop on Monday nights, a class for teenagers on Tuesday nights and the Palmetto Squares dance club meets every first and third Friday. The Footstompers (teenagers) will soon begin their regular dances every second and fourth Friday. On other nights we have had plant groups, church groups and every Sunday a family reunion.

On October 12th, a lovely wedding was held on the patio in front of the recreation building.

BARNWELL STATE PARK

On October 15th, the C.S.R.A. Square Dance Federation presented Chuck Leamon and "The Dixie Rebels" from Pompano Beach, Florida. He is on the staff at Fontana Village and calls for three clubs in Fort Lauderdale.

I want to thank Dan Turpin for the games at the concession area. They were really enjoyed by all. The playground equipment was and still is very much in use.

The largest number in any one group was from a manufacturing plant in Blackville. Their activities began around 9 AM with about 1,020 attending. A live band was set up in front of the recreation building. The area was roped off and among the many other activities was a greased pole climb.

Five families from La Belle, Florida came in the first week in July and stayed in the cabins for nearly a month while the men bought watermelons. This was about the fourth summer they have occupied the cabins. Their children never want to leave. The deer hunters started coming in October and will be around through December. They all hunt in the Savannah River area.

Rangers Carroll Zissette and Jimmy Creech have built a new grease pit so they can keep the trucks in good repair.

The Highway Department widened the road in front of the park and had to cut some trees. They hauled the trees to the lumber yard and had them cut into lumber to be used in the park. It was a big help in building the grease pit and other repair jobs.

Last but not least, we want to thank Horace Craig and Leonard Jones for their cooperation and help in getting supplies to us.

Bea Ross

The Landing staff takes particular pride in presenting this Annual Report for the other State Park Superintendents. During this year the Landing labored under extreme handicaps caused by the energy crisis and rising costs of operation. Fortunately, we achieved the highest level of self-sufficiency in our history. This accomplishment is the combination of steady improvement in advertising, facilities, and staff equity. This past year will be the base from which we shall work to further demonstrate the long-range characteristics of the Landing and to set future records.

In all areas of the Landing, it has been our objective to be the leader in the primary roles as an historic site, nature preserve and educational facility. During a year when other such parks around the United States were showing a decline in tourist visitation, the Landing led all previous years by a significant margin.

Recognizing the increasing importance of visitors traveling other than by automobile, we initiated the Bicycle Season Pass and the policy change to permit private bicycles to be used on the Landing. While no significant changes occurred in the bicycle rental area, we have experienced a higher visitor abuse of our units. An attempt to rent the popular P.P.V's. (People Powered Vehicles) proved rewarding until mechanical failures and securing of parts caused the discontinuance of the units.

The Landing staff has always recognized that the educational programs represent potential for dramatic growth and continued expansion of year round operation of facilities.

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Therefore, we have expanded our programs giving full participation to all groups and ages. Confirmed reservations are required for the five programs, which are staffed by Landing personnel and volunteer docents. During the ban on use of school buses last year, the volunteer docents took slide programs to the schools (using their cars and precious gasoline without restitution).

We are pleased to report a continuing growth in the number of weddings held at the Landing. This year 27 couples have been married in the Wedding Garden.

Two basic facilities, the Geodesic Dome and the Plaza, have hosted trade shows, conferences, and banquets, in excess of 20. The success of these programs is greatly attributed to the varied food services offered by the Snack Bar.

During the past year, the addition of quality merchandise selected for its relevance to the Charleston area and the Landing has greatly enhanced the Gift Shop and obviously the revenue. For those desiring a collector's item, we still have limited supply of selective Tricentennial artifacts.

Little advancement has occurred in the historic site aspects. Prior to any development a thorough understanding of previous research is necessary. To accomplish the ease of retrieval, a manual computer system is being incorporated and the arduous task of cross-referencing the data is under way. Existing plans for the immediate development in the crafts area and fortification are being brought to fruition.

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Construction of the Crop Garden Barn-Interpretive Kiosk is nearly completed. This structure is a composite of various architectural elements known to the settlers.

The Animal Forest continues to attract large crowds and remains the most popular visitor area with 97.6% of the people going through. Construction work was completed on the Bird of Prey aviary in June and silk-screened interpretive signing was used for the first time at the Landing. All breeding of species was successful--two bear cubs in January; ten fox cubs in March; untold numbers of raccoons; one male elk in June; one male bison in June; and two puma cubs on October 22. The birth of pumas was the biggest event as there is only a 20% chance of success of reproduction in captivity. The winter months will be devoted to the mating of our two young wolves. If we are successful, the beginning of the wolf pack will be in 6-8 months.

To maintain a balance in each habitat, the number of animals are being thinned during the winter as we get ready for the spring reproduction. In thinning the animals, only Zoological Parks and animals dealers with valid Federal permits are considered.

From the numerous events and happenings of the past year, the single most important activity was the filming of the bicentennial story "The Song of Molasses." The weeks of construction and long days of filming built a definite bond with the staff of the Metro Pittsburgh Broadcasting Company and representatives of the National Geographic Society. This film is one of ten official Bicentennial

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Educational Television programs to be shown in 1975 and 1976.

The results of the Landing's operations could only be achieved by the dedication and loyalty of its employees, the continued confidence and support of P.R.T., and the increasing numbers of visitors, to all of whom we acknowledge grateful appreciation.

Janson Cox

CHERAW STATE PARK

Most of our early work program last winter was spent on our nine family cabins. Each cabin received a new roof. New ceilings were added to the seven that didn't already have them. We replaced a total of six walls. Four cabins had to have new porches. Last, but not least, our cabins came alive with a new rainbow colored paint job. Two cabins are mustard, two are lime, two are yellow, and three are orange.

Later in the winter we shifted our attention across the lake to the group camps. Unit #3 of Camp Forest was reworked. We built new porches, replaced bad boards, and put up new shutters and screens. Then we painted the entire unit.

In the main unit of Camp Forest we reworked and painted the mess hall, and put a new roof on the mess hall and the staff quarters. The bathhouse was completely reworked, including new tile, new showers, better lighting, and a fresh new coat of mustard paint. Everyone who used the camp this summer was very pleased about this much needed improvement.

The summer months brought the swimmers to the lake. Although we had a good season, bad storms on our biggest days kept it from being a better year. Our life guards did a good job only having to make a couple of rescues. We had two senior, and one junior life saving course. We taught several beginner swimming classes.

Since Labor Day we have stayed busy. Our picnic shelter on the hill has received a new roof and repairs. The Holly picnic shelter ceilings has had the bathrooms painted, new screens, and the outside painted. One ranger house has a new bathroom, new paint inside, and new paint outside. The ranger three house has been painted outside. Our big sign on highway #1 had to be taken down, partly replaced, and repainted.

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We had an early frost to slow down the grass. Our Canadian geese also showed up about one month early this year. We have several hundred on the lake now.

Larry Adair

COLLETON STATE PARK

This report of activities covers the period from November 1973 to November 1974.

There has been a decrease in camping and attendance during the past year. Shelters and picnic areas were kept busy on week-ends with family reunions, church picnics and youth groups. The playground equipment was used a great deal, especially the badminton and basketball. The highway department is in the process of erecting new roads signs for the park. The drainage ditch that was dug above the sewerage treatment plant to prevent washing out of the foundation is working out very well.

The winter work program coming up consists of painting the old rest rooms, the kitchen in the Superintendent's residence, the grills in the camping and picnic areas and gratings on the sewage treatment plant.

I would like to give my sincere thanks to the District Superintendent, the Columbia staff, Supply Center and everyone connected with the parks for the help and support they have all given me.

James Stockman

CROFT STATE PARK

The following projects were completed and others approved at Croft State Park this year. Completed in early May was the retiling of comfort stations located in the old camping area, and restrooms accompanying the Twin Oaks picnic shelter. The park crew followed this project by installing four partitions and installing two screen doors at the Twin Oaks restrooms. Two complete this area, all buildings were painted.

In getting all buildings ready for the summer season, we found that the inner walls of the comfort station near the lake had mildewed over the winter season. These walls were then cleaned and repainted. While the weather was still pleasant and the grass not yet a factor, Bob Jones delivered some Inca Gold paint for all the doors on the ladies' side of the comfort stations. We also repainted all doors' on the men's side Royal Blue.

Meanwhile, back on the jump course the horses were doing their thing. We had a total of 30 shows this year, with some of these shows going into the early morning hours. This required much preparation and maintenance to keep the course in good shape. Drain tile was installed through the jump course. Setting up equipment for the shows and then removing same required much time, along with dragging the ring for each show. Washes were filled and areas at the "in" and "out" gate were graded and smoothed.

Repairs were made on the spillway at Lake Tom Moore Craig by the Hood Construction Company. This hopefully has corrected the problem. As of this date we have had no further problems with the spillway.

My special thanks go to Dave Wright, Danny Turpin and Charles Harrison, who rough it once in a while. These gentlemen are almost part of the crew here at Croft. Contracts were let for the swimming pool, two picnic shelters and a barbecue pit, which has kept Dave Wright a busy man.

CROFT STATE PARK

Practically completed is a motorcycle trail with directional signs erected by the four Hell's Angels (Danny, Charles, Bobby and myself)!

In the near future, Croft will be able to invite radio-controlled airplane buffs to land their plans at "Airstrip Nowhere." Accompanying the airstrip will be parking areas and a skeet shooting range. This area has been cut and marked, and is now ready for clearing. With lots of help from the 391st Engineering Battalion, U.S. Army Reserve unit, new road are being constructed to these sites. With all the proposed plans for Croft, much interest has been shown by the public. Weekly report #44 shows 172,000 visitors, a big increase over last year.

"Notice the Proceed" on Project #40-82 was given on July 17, 1974 for another residence at Croft. With help from the Neighborhood Youth Corps at Spartanburg this area was cleared and made ready for the construction to begin. A lovely home was constructed and final inspection was made by Bill Lucas the last of October, 1974. We are now living in the new, attractive quarters. Croft now has a new Ranger, Bobby Quinn, from Union, South Carolina, S.C. Ranger Quinn and his wife Diane are an asset to Croft. With the aid of three A-2 personnel, we were able to keep Croft in good shape this past season.

Progress is indeed being made at Croft, and I am looking forward to next season. I feel that perhaps I have omitted some things we have accomplished at Croft, but with all the activities I have been unable to account for every detail. I do appreciate all who have assisted us in any way whatsoever. I was able to visit some of the other parks in our District, this past summer and always found a very warm welcome

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from the park personnel. We are proceeding a bit ahead of schedule on our winter work program. I have anticipated our fall conference at Hickory Knob State Resort Park, and thank the staff for every gesture of kindness and consideration.

Ray Hayes

CHESTER STATE PARK

I moved to Chester in May and thus my observations of the Park's operation will be limited to the summer season. I had never been on the park before we pulled in with the moving van. It is not wise to make a move without knowing what you are getting into, but in my case it couldn't have worked out better.

The people in Chester have to be the friendliest and most helpful in the state. The first thing I am asked when I meet someone new around the park is if I can cook a barbecue. We seem to be the choice location for all local barbecues.

The use of the park is almost entirely weekend or holiday use, although we do have a few regulars who use the park facilities almost daily. I once read that family reunions were on their way out, but it seems that the people in Chester didn't get to read that article. We have had as many as six reunions on one weekend and have not had a weekend without at least two going on. Almost as regular as the reunions are the political meetings.

I used to wonder why Superintendents were asked to move as often as some are, but after being at Chester I have a better understanding of the reasoning. It seems that the longer a man is over a certain park, the more the park takes on his personality. I believe a park can better serve the public when it retains the personality of a park (with the working and personalities of many men) rather than one. In closing, let me invite each of you to drop in any time you are around Chester.

Ted Williams

DREHER ISLAND STATE PARK

Projects completed to date: The two boat ramps have been open and used extensively.

Roads have been graded and ready for hard surfacing.

Parking lots have been graded and ready for hard surfacing.

The canal between the second and third islands is open for year round us.

The pier and floating dock are not complete but are used a great deal.

ACTIVITIES: Boating, water skiing, picnicking, camping, sailing and camping.

Many people, especially the elderly and retired may be seen along the banks of the lake.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That a residence be placed on the Island as soon as possible for security.
2. That a gate be installed on the first island, to control extra curricular activities during the night hours. (Vandalism, fires and unmentionables).
3. That parties responsible for the law suit naming Dreher Island for polluting Lake Murray, release us from the charges so that we can proceed with the development of the best state park in South Carolina.

Wallace W. Brock

EDISTO BEACH STATE PARK

This year was Edisto's largest year to date. All areas of operation were up including carpet golf, concessions, and camping. There were larger numbers of campers and picnickers using the park this year than in any previous year. With the completion of the new 75-site camp ground in mid-February, our number of campers has steadily increased from medium numbers in the early spring to capacity numbers by mid-May on the week-ends. Our camp ground was full every Friday night by 6:00 P.M. from the middle of May thru August, with large numbers still coming on the week-ends now.

The roof of the old bath house was replaced this past winter. The old wooden shingles which had been on the bath house since it was built in 1937 were removed and replaced by asphalt ones. The park crew removed the old shingles and a private contractor placed the new ones. A new drain field was placed for the showers from the women's side of the bath house.

The cabins also were on the list for remodeling and repair. A new floor covering was placed in cabin 5. The bath room in cabin 2 was completely remodeled as was the kitchen with the installation of a cabinet with a double compartment stainless steel sink. The roof and some rotten rafters of Cabin 3 were replaced.

The shop was another project on the list for remodeling. The old partition between the stalls in the shop was removed, opening up a wider area for work and making possible a wide-scale organizational placement of tools and equipment. The shop was also completely rewired with new lighting fixtures placed to give more light in the work area.

Cliff Brady

This has been a very good year at Givhans Ferry and again we came through the Summer Season without a serious accident or drowning. The gasoline shortage and high gasoline prices have caused all phases of park use to soar over last year.

A mild winter gave campers and picnickers some beautiful weather and they took advantage of it. Charleston area camping clubs filled our campground on a few occasions and two area churches filled it with weekend camp meetings.

Spring brought more pretty weather and the flowers along with the dogwood and redbud trees bloomed early. As a result, the park came alive with color and our visitors were amazed that they had such a beautiful park at their own doorstep. The most important event of our spring season was the Easter Sunrise Service. It was held on the lawn at the recreation building and was a great success.

The summer of 1974 will be remembered by park visitors and the crew at Givhan Ferry State Park as hot and dry until August gushed in and we had rain for 25 of the 31 days in that month. All of this rain brought a few mosquitoes and our camping area suffered. The main event of the summer season was, as usual, the Fourth of July and again this year the top event was the sky diving exhibition performed by the Moncks Corner Sky Diving Club. They landed right on target, and made the day a complete success.

Our two major park improvements were the 1250 feet of chain - link fence along the steep bank of the Edisto River and the complete new sewer system for our vacation cabins. Other projects included painting all cabins, a grill and table for each cabin, insulation and sealing of our working shop, and sanding the floors in the recreation building.

GIVHANS FERRY STATE PARK

Except for a few incidences of vandalism this has been a very successful year. We are now looking forward to fall and winter so we can get started on our Winter Work Program. I hope it will be as enjoyable as last year's.

Harry G. Farr

Judging from the many favorable comments received from visitors over the past year, our efforts in evolving from a county park to a state park are clearly noticeable.

Ceilings and partitions were installed in the restrooms, two pump houses were re-roofed and a picnic shelter was reshingled.

The shed at the golf course was repaired and the surrounding area cleared, filled, and leveled. A chain link fence was then moved from the golf course pond and erected around the shed, creating a storage area for the golf course equipment.

An open drainage ditch leading from the bathhouse was cleared, drain tile laid and covered, much improving the appearance of the bathhouse area.

All three pump houses were painted. Also painted were both the interior and exterior of the restrooms and the bathhouse.

Some brush clearing was done around the dam and spillway area and several old structures around the park were removed, resulting in a much neater overall appearance.

In the spring, the concession stand was renovated, air conditioned and painted. This proved to be a practical and much appreciated improvement.

Winter rye planted on the greens last fall did much for the golf course throughout the winter. Efforts on the course during the spring and summer months, however, were hampered by inadequate water supply and lack of available time.

Use in general was good during the summer months. Swimming attendance declined somewhat from last year, due to the great amount of bad weather we received during the months of July and August.

N.R. GOODALE STATE PARK

At this time, finally able to take a break from our mowing, we have just completed seeding of the golf greens for this fall and winter and have begun painting the picnic shelters.

All in all, I feel we had a successful year, except for the untimely loss suffered in August with the passing of Superintendent Tom Wooten.

Kurt K. Becht

GREENWOOD STATE PARK

Though there were not any major changes at Greenwood State Park this year, there were many small projects undertaken to enhance the beauty of the park.

As the saying goes, paint helps when nothing else will, so the park staff made good use of the winter months by repainting several buildings. Buildings that received a fresh coat of paint on the outside included: the lifeguard quarters, recreation building, storage building behind the Superintendent's residence, restrooms in the picnic areas (3 & 4), the ticket booth at the carpet golf course and the carports at the rangers' residences. Interior painting included: the overhead, shelves and floors of the bathhouse, shelter #4 restrooms and the restrooms in picnic areas #2, #3 and #4.

Since the elements had taken their toll, shelter #3 had to be resingled, along with the garage at Ranger Lee Chappell's residence. New tile was also installed in the kitchen of the Superintendent's residence. The recreation building was completely rescreened, as were several of the restrooms throughout the park. The grease rack was beginning to get wobbly, so, after securing the needed lumber from Table Rock, the grease rack was renovated. Several spots of bug-infested timber have been removed from the park in the past year.

The past summer was apparently very busy at Greenwood, with a steady stream of campers and day users. From reports I have gathered, the summer recreation program was well received by all.

As the summer came to a close the park underwent a transition of superintendents. My family and I are pleased to become a part of Greenwood State Park, and we look forward to many fulfilling days here.

GREENWOOD STATE PARK

The winter work program for this year has already begun, and if the enthusiastic support the park staff has given me so far continues, we should be well prepared for the invasion next spring.

Joe L. Hambright, Jr.

HAMILTON BRANCH STATE PARK

The year 1974 has seen Hamilton Branch grow increasingly, both in facilities as well as attendance. Our camping attendance was up approximately 50% and our overall attendance was up 75% over 1973.

There has been a great deal of new construction at Hamilton Branch in 1974. We recently opened our new one hundred and twenty site camping area, which I personally think has some of the nicest sites that can be found anywhere. Also completed this year were three new shower-wash houses, two comfort stations, a boat ramp, two dumping stations, five picnic shelters, as well as a new seventy-five table picnic area. All of these facilities were constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and were turned over to PRT for their operation.

Some proposed construction by our department at Hamilton Branch includes two residences, a contact station for campers and playgrounds in our camping and picnic areas. We also hope to have completed by next spring an amphitheater for recreational programs, church services, etc.; and a walking trail for campers and picnickers. These facilities for recreational activities are something that I think we desperately need so that we will have something to offer everyone at Hamilton Branch. Two other facilities that I think we need for a better and more efficient park operation are a contact station - country store building and a park shop.

Since all of our facilities at Hamilton Branch are relatively new, we have not been faced, as of yet, with many major maintenance repairs in our park. We have had, however, as with all new parks, considerable amounts of underbrushing and landscaping work around buildings, campsites, picnic areas etc. One major maintenance job which we have completed is the replacing of approximately forty-five spigot risers in our original

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eighty campsite area. This was quite a job as the waterlines at each pad are three and one-half feet deep and had to be dug by hand.

Some other projects either already completed or scheduled to be completed this winter include: repainting and lettering all park signs and campsite numbers, installation of mercury vapor lights at shower houses; relocating of concrete tables, grills and trash cans in picnic area; repainting of one shower house; and pouring concrete walks at our newly constructed buildings.

All in all, we have had an extremely busy year Hamilton Branch, and I feel with our newly constructed areas and our proposed playgrounds, nature trails, bicycles rentals, etc. that our attendance will be up considerably this coming year.

Frank Baughman

I assumed the duties of Superintendent at Hampton Plantation September 10, 1974. Since that time, Will Alston, my groundskeeper and I have accomplished the following:

1. Cleared by cutting brush and dead trees, bushhogging and leveling drainage ditches, both inside and outside the main entrance, thus making it presentable and more identifiable to the public.
2. Scraped and filled in pot holes in all roads in the area.
3. Maintained by mowing and bushhogging all lawns in the area.
4. Cut dead debris in shrubbery and trees, pruned both to former status, removed dead shrubbery and replaced with young healthy pieces of the same kind. This we did completely around the main mansion and kitchen, thus getting growth away from the building giving them a chance to breathe and delay rotting processes to the age old timbers and bricks.
5. De-vined all fruit and nut trees, pruned same and found under all this a nice size variable orchard. Plan now on fertilizing them and hopefully next year see some results.
6. Have begun falling dead trees in the gardens, removing vines from others, particularly the area to the right of the main avenue and from the rear of the mansion to the creek.

All of the above mentioned, I began doing with some reservations but using Will's remembrances of how the ground used to be we delved ahead. I have since purchased Mr. Rutledge's book "Home By The River" and looking at the pictures shown therein, just what we've done

HAMPTON PLANTATION STATE PARK

allowing for some growth is very much now as it was then.

Hampton is a beautiful, historical and beloved plantation. This is evidenced by the amount of people visiting us from almost all over the U.S. Since I've been here we've had quite a lot of visitors, most enthused by the restoration in process. They all remark that they intend to return time and time again. Consequently, based on this, I personally feel that PRT has gained through obtaining this place quite an asset to us and the state, and it will give all of us much enjoyment and pride in being allowed to maintain and show Hampton Plantation.

Norbert J. Klein

HICKORY KNOB STATE RESORT PARK

Hickory Knob was opened to the public in October of 1973. Since opening the park has seen heavy use of its facilities.

We have been host to numerous meetings and groups. Among the most popular were the "BASS MASTERS CLASSIC" and the "BASS MASTERS ALL AMERICAN TOURNAMENT."

The park has seen improvements since the opening date. To start with two lighted park entrance signs were erected at the entrance which gives the entrance a very nice setting. The shoulders of the road have been seeded and the grass is growing very good. A new storage and shop area have been erected by the Park Personnel. Also the maintenance shop has been sealed in and weather proofed.

Construction on our 75 campsites is still in progress. The campsites should be an added asset to the park.

At the tackle shop improvements were made in the way of an apartment being built adjoining the tackle shop.

At our Lodge, two lighted tennis courts were just completed. This should help bring tennis bugs into the park to stay. We now have picnic tables and grills at each cabin which most guests enjoy while staying with us.

A new section of boat docks were installed at the lake in front of the Lodge. Boaters have really enjoyed /tying up there and visiting our facilities.

In our projected construction will be an 18-hole golf course, skeet and archery range and large meeting room. Near completion is the barracks building, located high above the lake to give it a panoramic view. It will be a great asset in the summer months ahead.

HICKORY KNOB STATE RESORT PARK

Our park attendance so far this year has been around 500,000 visitors. Our next year of operation should see an increase of park visitors.

Our swimming pool saw heavy use this summer, but it was a safe summer. Our life guards only had to pull one person out. There were no accidents in the park.

Cycling is a great pastime at the park. We now have twenty bicycles. The nature trail was well walked this summer. Additional trails are being planned for this winter.

Guests staying at Hickory Knob have really enjoyed the large fireplace, pool tables, and other games which are available for them at the Lodge.

We welcome all of you and your families to come and enjoy the facilities we have to offer here at Hickory Knob.

Ted Barbie

This has been a good year at Hunting Island. The unusual warm weather brought visitors to this park every day. A few of the distinguished guests that visited our park were Mr. George Sands, a famous writer for The Saturday Evening Post; Mr. Robert Elmore, Director of Convention and Visitors Bureau of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Mr. Evan Powell with Greenville T.V. and Radio. We have had others from Newspapers, T.V. Stations, Bird Watchers Club, etc.

Most of our projects were completed this year. The concession stand was moved 75 yards back from the beach and painted. The ranger's house at the campground had two rooms added and some minor face-lifting. Our new 100 campsites are almost completed and will be ready by spring. Cabins 2 and 3 were renovated inside with new heating and cooling units installed. New sinks were installed in Cabins 4, 6 and 10. New furniture was bought for some of the cabins. Cabin 12 is being moved this month next to Cabin 1 because of beach erosion. The new parking picnic area was used a bit on weekends. The new personnel barracks was a welcomed home for the A-2 personnel this summer. It was full until mid-August when schools began early.

The lighthouse is getting a new paint job. They are sandblasting it now and getting it ready to paint. The plans call for a museum on the first floor which should be interesting. Of course, our visitors are really disappointed not being able to go to the top until after working hours.

The unusual high tides in February caused considerable erosion of the beach but seems to be holding its own now. The Corps of Engineers

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are here now reworking the dredging for next spring.

It was a very successful season for our recreator and naturalist. They had some of the best programs that I have ever seen. All children were eager to participate in all events. Hunting Island won the cup again this year by defeating Edisto Beach in the Carpet Golf Tournament.

The Southern Baptist Mission began the season with 237 people attending the Easter Sunrise Service. The couple they sponsored began their children's hour and worship service in June. The recreation building was almost full every Sunday. They also held children's hour each day during week. This hour included arts, crafts, Bible stories, etc. The nurse's station was busy most of the time this summer.

Attendance is down from last year, but we are still having good crowds on weekends. I believe this was due to rain for about eight weeks during July and August. This park is being used the year round now with campers, cabin rentals, picnickers, surfers and sightseers everyday. Some members of the Bird Watchers Club from North Carolina were here last week.

The biggest relief we had this year was limiting our campground to 100 units. Our thanks to Mr. Cooler and Mr. Sisk for this. At first we had many unhappy visitors, but they finally understood and agreed it was better than doubling up.

Some personnel changes have taken place this year at Hunting Island. J.W. Moore was transferred to Huntington Beach. Mike Hughes took his place here. Larry Orr was transferred to Table Rock as Assistant Superintendent. James B. Gooch took Larry's place here as P.M.A

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Of course, I am happy that Lon Martin and Arthur Brown are still with us. All these men have been a real asset to this Park. My thanks to the rangers, A-2 personnel and all staff in Columbia office for all their help in making this a good year at Hunting Island. This was mostly due to Mr. Cooler's advice and help with problems that arose during the year.

Thanks to all.

Tillman Erwin

The season at Huntington Beach clicked by so fast it can be compared to a single 24 hour day. Daybreak began for me in early March when I arrived at Huntington. Canadian-American days proved to be a big disappointment, though that was minor compared to what was in store. By mid-morning our water system serving over half the camping area was pumping more sand than water. That still is a problem even though the day or season is over. This is a common problem on the coast even 700 feet down.

Next we found that good summer help was going to be hard to find. This can really hurt an operation, especially to a "green" superintendent. The confusion of opening up settled some right before noontime. Record numbers of campers flooded us all afternoon and in turn they were flooded right back. Heavy rains late in the season hit hard for weeks at a time. This did not dampen the loggers' spirits as they kept right on ripping through the bugged trees at an alarming rate. It is predicated that we will eventually lose every pine in the park. By nightfall after all but a few of the campers had gone back to school or work, we discovered that wildlife had survived the summer's crowds and cuttings.

Huntington is a two season park, one for the people, and one season for mother nature. Both aspects are flourishing right now, but careful planning and control are necessary to maintain the proper balance. Just the right amount of underbrushing, clearing, and building is required against equal amounts of sand spurs, sea oats, aligators, and mosquitoes. We can't make it too easy for our campers or they'll never know they left home. With careful planning and upkeep of this natural area, Huntington will provide a lasting favorable experience for thousands.

HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

It is a good feeling to have pride in your work both as a job and home. To know what you are doing is appreciate makes a summer seem like a single day.

Van Stickles

Keowee-Toxaway has only been manned since early March of this year. A great deal of progress has been made toward preparing the park for opening to the public.

The first couple of weeks in March were spent clearing sites for the shop, mobile home, superintendent's residence, and roadway. The park staff cut all the trees, brush, and limbs. The brush and limbs were burned. A dozer was then brought in to grub and haul off stumps and to level sites.

The ranger's residence located on the lake was moved in from Easley and the renovation on this house began in April. A local contractor built a full basement under the old one-story building. At present the park staff is helping Lloyd King, T.M. Shuler, and L.M. Kennerlin remodel the upper floor of the residence.

Putting in the water and power systems has been one of the major projects and problems. The water system took two months of hard digging because of rock. The water system was finally completed in mid-June. It was not until late June that Duke Power started putting in the underground power lines. Their cable burying equipment did a lot of damage to the existing roadway and they have not been back yet to replace one of the culverts. Power was provided for the mobile home on July 2.

The superintendent's residence was started the first of June and scheduled for completion the first of August. Due to difficulties with the contractor, the house was not ready until September 12.

The shop is now under construction and should be completed by the end of November. It was first scheduled for completion in July, but a new contractor had to be hired to complete the job.

KEOWEE-TOXAWAY STATE PARK

An orientation building, five picnic shelters, four kiosks, a quarter mile trail, an access road, and a parking lot compose the main interpretive area. This section of the park was begun in August and should be completed by mid-January. At present, everything is on schedule and with luck should be completed on time.

On June 7, the park's main historic attraction, Chapman's covered bridge, was destroyed by fire. An investigation by the local Sheriff's department turned up three teenagers who admitted starting the fire. The boys are now awaiting trial.

The work program for this winter will consist of finishing the ranger's residence on the lake, and building a deck onto the superintendent's residence.

Hopefully, all of the above phases that are under construction will be completed so that the park can be opened for visitors by next June.

John Rhodes

The 1974 season has been very successful, although we had our doubts because of the energy crisis and highway 161 under construction. When spring came and the dogwood trees bloomed the campers came. They complained about the energy crisis and the construction, but they came. Since Labor Day our park participation has been pretty good. The covered picnic shelters were in great demand this year for large groups, including family reunions, textile mills outings, church groups and the general public.

I'm sure everyone is aware of our Bicentennial coming up soon. Mike Foley, Chief Naturalist from the Columbia Office is making some preparation here at the park, by clearing the land for the farm. At present we have two log cabins to be erected.

WINTER WORK PROGRAM: From Labor Day until the present we have been going strong with our maintenance program. Camp York mess hall, infirmary building staff office, canteen building and area "C" have been completely renovated, with the exception of new screen doors, window screens and painting. We still have Area "A" and "B" and some of Area "C" with the following maintenance to be completed; front porches to be repaired, screen doors to be built and all screen window frames to be repaired and rescreened. Under our normal maintenance program we are in the process of bringing all the water wells in the park up to the standards as required by the State Board of Health. This included new check valves, new flush valves, new vent valves, water spigots and a 4" X 4" X 4' concrete slab around all five wells.

New Construction: For the past three months there have been no contracts or bids let for new construction. No project proposals have been approved.

KINGS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Lake Crawford Bathhouse: The bathhouse has been scrubbed down and all swimming equipment has been removed from the lake and stored. The plumbing fixtures have been checked and repaired, the lake has been drained and the pedal boats have been stored.

Lee W. Jordan

LANDSFORD CANAL STATE PARK

This past year at Landsford Canal, the first year of Landsford Canal as a South Carolina state park, has been a good, progressive, eventful one.

Much of the progress is unseen, in the form of buried electric and telephone cables, a 320 foot deep, six-inch well and water lines to both residences, the shop, and the stone house. The average park visitor usually does not think of these basic necessities as progress if there are no facilities in evidence.

In the past year here we have seen the entrance road go from a bumpy dirt road to a paved highway with grassed road shoulders. What a blessing!

All these improvements provide a necessary, unseen base on which to build the use area and various use facilities which constitute a state park in the public eye.

The superintendent's residence has been completed and landscaping is well on its way. A gravel drive leads to the house and on behind it to the shop building and maintenance area.

The ranger's residence has its own drive and spacious yard complemented by a good stand of slash pine and cedar trees.

Reconstruction of the Lockkeepers's House, which was moved piecemeal from Great Falls, is going smoothly. The stone work is completed and it now has a roof to protect the 150 year old stone work.

The upper lock, or guard lock, has been uncovered and looks much as it did when it was constructed in 1823.

The guard lock also serves as the starting point for our mile

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long nature trail. The trail begins at the guard lock and runs south on the west bank of the canal for about one half mile then loops around to the Catawba River and follows the river bank back up the river to its starting point at the guard lock. Along its route are a surprising number of huge old hardwood trees. Dogwood, birch, oak, poplar, sweet gum, white and black walnut, hickory and elm are in evidence as well as many others.

We have also just completed surveying and clearing our two mile property line.

In addition to these tangible improvements there is a growing awareness in the surrounding communities that there is a new state park here and that it is here to stay. Families have begun coming here for the first time in years.

Jim Work

LEE STATE PARK

We had a slow summer season here at Lee this year as far as the swimming and day use was concerned. This was due in part to the huge amounts of rain we had. The use of the camping area has been up and the trend has been more toward local use. More people are beginning to find Lee and once they see our area they keep coming back. We are getting people from the areas of Sumter, Florence, Hartsville, and Bennettsville quite regularly.

We had a safe swimming season with no close in the water. For the first time in my 25 years of park work, had a snake bit. In fact, we had two. One was bitten in the camping area and the other near the swimming lake. They were given first aid and then rushed to the hospital where they remained for about a week. Both are now doing fine. I think this should show us the need for keeping our camp sites and trails raked and clean.

Plans are being made to rework the remaining cabin at Lee. We hope to get electricity put in also. A horse show ring will be built in this same area by a group of people from Bishopville. I hope this does not interfere with our primitive camping in this area. We get good use of this area for picnicking on week ends.

Van Pressley

LITTLE PEE DEE STATE PARK

There was no major construction at Little Pee Dee State Park this year. We have started on our winter work program and maybe we can report a few completed projects for next year.

The attendance and revenue is off considerably here at Little Pee Dee for this year. The weather, which always to be at its worst on week ends, probably had the most to do with this loss in attendance. The gasoline shortage also contributed a great deal.

Our campers are a few local people that do not wish to tire themselves out driving to the mountains, a few beach people that want to get away from the beach crowds, and a few tourists that stop by on their way north and south. These campers say it is worth the twenty-six miles off their route after they have seen the park. A lot of these campers come back to camp year after year. As for the South Carolina campers, the up-landers pass us by on their way to the beach and the low-landers pass us by on their way to the mountains.

Little Pee Dee is one of the most beautiful parks in the state, especially so considering the terrain it is located on ...sand dunes and swamps side by side. The dunes grow only scrub oak (black jacks) and a few pines. The swamps grow a profusion of briar vines and trees so thick that you can hardly enter them. In the summer leave the swamps to the snakes and frogs.

The camping area and the day use area are located on and around one side of a beautiful lake. The lake has a very long dirt dam and a concrete spillway. This area attracts a lot of children, fishermen and fisherwomen, and people that just love to walk the dam and admire

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the lake-----and each other. The upper part of the lake is covered by pond lilies; these are quite pretty and fragrant when in bloom.

There is some good bass and bream fishing in the lake and below the spillway, if you can catch them when they're biting.

Marshall Waldt

All in all, it has been a busy year at Lynches River. The majority of the day-to-day tasks consisted of improving areas already open. It seems like an unending task of discing, grading, raking, and hauling trash from the day-use area. Since this area was used as a trash dump, it will continue to be a problem for some time.

Several rewarding projects were accomplished. Additional bridges were put in and the first nature trail opened. Clearing at the residences was completed and grass was planted. The extreme heat and dry spell during the summer was rough on the grass, however we are hopeful it will recover in the spring.

The picnic area was extended and water lines put in to accommodate the large crowds we have been having, particularly on week-ends. We also cleared the slough along the day-use area and approaches to the park. Our visitors have really seemed to enjoy the area more as the cypress trees are now visible while picnicking. The assistance we gave in clearing the cemetery resulted in the owners putting up a chain link fence and planting grass. This has made a vast improvement in the overall appearance.

Probably the most rewarding task was the construction of the playground. Dan Turpin and Charles Harrison went out of their way to insure that it was organized for maximum use. The project was made much easier by the assistance received from the rangers of other parks. If they could have been here one week-end to watch how much fun the children and adults had, it would have meant more than any thanks that I can express.

Setting up and underpinning my camper for use as an information, first-aid and recreation center has really helped in controlling the crowds. By having a central point, keeping up with the playground

LYNCHEs RIVER STATE PARK

equipment, injuries, and inquiries concerning the park was much easier.

Clearing of our first softball field is nearing completion. We are hopeful that we will be able to complete this project prior to the Superintendents' meeting. This is one project that our local visitors are most enthusiastic in seeing completed. Several local churches have expressed a desire to use the field for a church league next spring and summer.

In addition to the work at Lynches River, we have given some assistance to the Superintendent at Woods Bay in leveling the yard and clearing in the future day-use area.

Contract work under progress and/or completed includes underpinning the trailer residence, construction on the community building and the first comfort station. Construction on the highway continues slowly and surely.

We feel that our summer recreation program was a success for the first year and laid the ground work for an even better year next summer. This feeling is as a result of numerous inquiries concerning the possibility of forming softball, volleyball and even horseshoe teams in the local area next year. Individuals from the Comprehensive Manpower Program were used as recreators for issuing out playground equipment, organizing softball and volleyball games, and conducting tours on the nature trail. As our facilities are limited, it was normally dark by the time the last piece of equipment was turned in.

The winter work program will depend on park development again this year. Since the playground and fishing is our drawing card for visitors, our crowds on weekends probably will continue as long as the weather holds out good. Completion of the community building and

LYNCHES RIVER STATE PARK

comfort station should also require plenty of cleaning time.

As usual, it would be impossible to express my thanks to the park staff for the assistance they have given me this year. I would have to go through the entire staff listing as I owe thanks to everyone to some degree. I can only say it was truly appreciated and, without it, nothing could have been accomplished.

Bill Bullard

MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK

We had a slow start at the beginning of this year but by Easter we were having large crowds of campers. The fishing pier had big crowds of fishermen and the cabins were booked fast by people planning last minute spring vacations.

Some of our winter work which was badly needed was the reroofing of the Supts. residence and the Pier Mgrs. residence. The park crew removed the old shingles and new ones were put on by a contractor. All five of our cabins were repainted. This had not been done for several years and was quite a job to tackle. Because of the high backs we had to build scaffolds. This job took the better part of four weeks. Also, we had new floor covering put in all the cabins. It is a pretty yellow and brightens up the rooms.

Remodeling of the fishing pier was partially completed this spring. All of the porches were enclosed and tile placed on the floors. There are glass windows all the way around which give a good view of the ocean and beach. The air conditioning and heating are very much appreciated by the A-2 help who work there and the many park visitors and fishermen. An added attraction on the pier which is enjoyed by everyone is a 125-gallon salt water aquarium. Everyone who walks by it stops and admires the variety of fish. We even have a live starfish which was placed there by one of the Rangers.

The new wing of the personnel barracks was completed and by the first of June it housed 32 A-2 employees. They were well pleased with the building and its modern facilities.

Our recreation and nature programs went well also this year. There was always some activity going on which kept the campers busy. The night programs were especially enjoyed. We had a nature trail cut on the South end of the park. It wasn't used much during the summer

MYRTLE BEACH STATE PARK

but this fall visitors have really enjoyed it.

The camper registration building which was built at the entrance to the campground helped keep down confusion in the Trading Post. It was really a neat little office and was busy at all hours.

We had a new sewage system installed at our cabins. This eliminated the use of septic tanks and a lot of problems. We're hoping for a similar system to be installed in the camping area where the present system is really outdated.

Due to a tropical storm in the late spring we had some minor damage. One of our shelters on the beach was blown down. This was put back up as they are heavily used in the summer.

Our swimming pool was sandblasted and replastered this spring to face the crowds of summer. There are still some repairs that have to be done before next summer's operation. We are hoping to get underway with it real soon.

This season has been an increase over last year in attendance and revenue. Thanks to a hard working crew of A-1 and A-2 personnel we had a smooth operation and a good summer. Without everyone's best effort there would have been a lot of problems.

Robert Turner

OCONEE STATE PARK

Cabins - Since all of the cabins have now been renovated with electric heat, the demand has now become great during the off season as well as the summer. We have also experienced a large increase in cabin use this year during the week. One reason for this is the very moderate rates. This may be an area where we should consider an increase especially due to the rise in electricity bills.

Camping - Camping appeared to be a little off during the first half of June. It then begin to pick up and was full each week-end until Labor Day. We filled the campground up two week-ends in October which is a first for Oconee.

Waterfront - The waterfront went very good this past year in that we had no serious problems there. We had our yearly Senior life saving course in June. From this program we are able to select our lifeguards for next year.

Recreation Programs - The recreation programs were very heavily attended, with the Friday night square dances taking first place. This followed by the Saturday night talent show and then the Sunday morning worship service.

We had often wondered just how many people came to Oconee for the programs, especially the week-end square dancing and clogging, so we planned a square dance for October 26th. I went through the camping receipts and sent cards to key people throughout the state. The campground was full for the week-end and the dance was attended by some 800 people. Of course being the leaf season had a lot to do with it, however never have we filled up this time of year before.

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Problems - Our number one problems is the lack of space for the week-end programs. Even on Sunday morning the recreation building is not large enough to handle the people on many mornings.

The next biggest complaint we have is the dusty campground. Paving of the roads would correct this, however if this would be too costly then another coat of gravel would be of great help.

Putting it all together - I would like to say as I have in most of the Supt. meetings during the past 12 years. I am proud of my job. There is a reward in seeing people having a good time that comes only from park work. If you are a park Supt., then you are somebody. If you get the urge that the grass is greener on the other side, count your many benefits. I would like to thank the Columbia office staff for their help this past year. Also to thank Mr. Bob Jones who has helped us in getting supplies and to keep us on our toes.

Bob Cothran

OLD DORCHESTER STATE PARK

I was transferred to Old Dorchester in June of this year, replacing Louis Hall who has been superintendent here for eleven years.

Prior to my arrival a mobile home, in which my family and I now reside, was moved in and set up. This mobile home has since been underpinned and a 9' x 12' porch has been added. We have also graded and sown grass seed around the home and are now in the process of building a brick walkway from the porch to the driveway. Although this home was placed behind the shop, to take advantage of existing water, electrical and sewage hookups, these additions in conjunction with the home being placed in a wooded area have produced a very attractive residence.

The old residence, now occupied by a ranger, has had new cabinets and floor covering installed in the kitchen and the entire interior has been painted. This summer we have also installed grills and trash can racks in the picnic area.

Although we are a historical park the majority of our visitors continue to be apartment and housing complex dwellers from Charleston who are drawn here by Old Dorchester's atmosphere of tranquility.

Ed K. Nesbit

PARIS MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

For 1974 we have had a good year at Paris Mountain. We are into our winter work program now, the largest project for park personnel being the renovation of four toilets at the bathhouse. The balance of the work is more or less general repairing and painting. We are still hoping to get the building at Camp Buckhorn winterized this year. We have a lot of requests for the camp and especially the lodge during the winter which we have to turn down. I'm sure that if it were winterized that it would be a big asset to the park. We are also still hoping that we will get a carpet golf course before next summer. I think it would be well received. We have just recently got most of the road shoulders cut back for the last time this fall but will have to leave some until freezing weather. Those yellow jackets are really mean, so we'll wait and let mother nature take care of them.

Camping: We had a first in our camping this year; for three days we hung out the "no vacancy" sign. Our area was opened in 1972 and each year since it has steadily grown in use. Our cemetery is the question and curiosity of most of the campers. Who, what, why, when? I was promised a report from the University of South Carolina when they explored this site in 1970 but I have never heard from them. I'm calling on my buddy Janson Cox down in Charleston (he knows all about this) to see if he can't jog some wheels at the University and see what happened to the report.

Day Camping: Camp Spearhead had about 485 retarded children to sign for camp this year, running from June 17 thru August 16; 5 days a week. The operation of the camp required 21 staff members, including a director, assistant director, assistant waterfront director, a craft's specialist,

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3 bus drivers and 10 counselors. Approximately 60 volunteers from area high schools and universities assisted as counselors throughout the summer. This is a well organized and a wonderful opportunity for the mentally handicapped children of Greenville county.

Waterfront: We thought that we were not going to open the waterfront on time since we had no lifeguards. However, after calling and searching everywhere, we finally made it. With all the community pools and county pools in Greenville, their pay scale as compared to ours makes it very difficult for us to find competent help. We offered swimming classes all summer and had quite a bit of participation. We had good crowds all summer with all we could handle on the weekends. Pedal boats were again very popular during the operating season and also on weekends during April, May and September.

Nature Trails: Use has been very good with groups and families and during the autumn months. A new four-mile hiking trail was opened this spring and has been well received. It starts at Sulphur Springs picnic area and goes to the top of the mountain and back.

Novelties: Went as well as could be expected with our location and display space. The disposable bathing trunks were our biggest seller.

Recreation Equipment: Our recreation equipment went over big, as most of the organized groups know of this equipment now and make good use of this on their outings. Very little breakage or loss.

Eddie Miller

PLEASANT RIDGE STATE PARK

Many activities that played an important part in our park's program began in June and lasted almost the entire summer. Y.M.C.A. day campers attended day camp for eight weeks in our park. They enjoyed the use of our facilities---swimming, boating, fishing, hiking, playing baseball, basketball, and other games. Swimming classes were held again this summer and proved to be quite successful.

We had more organized groups this summer than we had had in the past. These groups included family reunions, church outings, school outings, and textile industry picnics. Softball and basketball games, horseshoes, and the swimming area were quite popular among these groups. Ranger Tidwell and I received many invitations from these groups to take part in their activities, including eating. Even with the high cost of food, they always seemed to have plenty to eat.

Our campground was used more than ever this summer. Four times during the summer we were completely filled up. The campers were from coast-to-coast and a few came from abroad. One family came from England and rented a camper for touring the United States. They stayed in our park for two nights. They were quite impressed with the facilities and scenery of the South Carolina State Parks. All the campers complimented us on the cleanliness and peacefulness of our park.

We also had quite a few fishermen. One fisherman would make a good catch. Word would get around about the catch and everyone wanted to try his luck.

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Overall, I think we had a good summer for a park this size. We made quite a few friends this summer. The most complaints that we received were the lack of tennis courts, hiking trails, and a public telephone.

Ranger Gene Tidwell: "I would like to thank Supt. Leroy Smith and District Supt. Bob Jones for their help in getting me set in my bachelor quarters (a bride would be most welcomed here) and for taking on the task of trying to teach me some things you don't learn in a college classroom. Needless to say, this summer has been quite an experience for me. My first experience with a wind and electrical storm at Pleasant Ridge burned out my telephone transformer, blew up my television, and sent me reeling to the floor thus making me a victim of the storm. The lightning also knocked down several trees."

Leroy L. Smith

POINSETT STATE PARK

Before the summer started and after it ended, we have been at work on our project proposals. In my report, I am going to divide the work projects into three sections: Park Crew, Maintenance Crew, and Contracted Work.

PARK CREW

We had several pilings on a picnic shelter that were rotting off around the bottom. After jacking the building up, we made a form and poured cement.

In trying to upgrade our Ranger I's residence, we have added a bedroom. This was done by enclosing half of the back porch. We also renovated the bathhouse by putting in a new bath tub, sink, and commode and we reroofed the residence.

At the Ranger II's residence, we have painted the outside sagebrush gray and the shutters black. In the same area, we have painted both the garage and storage building. The garage was also roofed. Inside the residence, we have enclosed part of the back porch and made a utility room for the washing machine and dryer; therefore making more room in the kitchen.

At the Superintendent's residence, we have plowed up the yard and sprigged some centipede grass. We have also pruned some trees in the front so more sunlight would get to the grass. The interior of the house has been painted for the first time since it was built.

In order to have a warmer place to work this winter, we have enclosed a section of the shop.

MAINTENANCE CREW

The park maintenance crew came in this spring for the purpose of renovating our lifeguard quarters. They roofed the building, panelled three bedrooms and the kitchen. It certainly has improved the quarters.

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CONTRACTED JOBS

In the bathhouse area ceramic tile was put in the men's and women's showers. The women's side also had new partitions put in. Something that was added and the swimmers really enjoyed was the new hot water system. Other additions to the bathhouse area were two water coolers, one for adults and one for children. The contractors added a new exhaust fan in the concession stand. A new heating and cooling system was installed in our Ranger II's residence.

CONCLUSION

We plan to finish renovating the lifeguard's quarters. Because of the very good use of our concession this past summer, we are going to enclose the concession and air condition it. The everyday jobs of keeping the park clean and running should keep us quite busy.

James Taylor

REDCLIFFE

We are slowly making progress here at Redcliffe. We have installed a washer and dryer, and have made nice living quarters downstairs in the old mansion.

The old roads are shaping up more and more and the lake looks good. I have my work cut out for me the next few years. The fields of grass were cut for the last time this season and they look real good.

I want to thank each and every one of y'all in Columbia for giving me the supplies needed to keep going at Redcliffe. I just hope that I am here many more years and am able to see Redcliffe grow.

Gene Cobb

In the past year there has been a lot of changes and new additions at Rivers Bridge.

When I arrived the first thing that was to be done was to repair the Superintendent's residence. With the supervision of Ralph Schumpert a major remodeling of the house was done. It consisted of painting inside and out, replacing all ceilings, installing a new breaker box, new wiring, relocating the hot water heater, remodeling the kitchen, and reshingling the roof. These improvements have greatly added to the appearance of the residence.

Another needed improvement was completed this year when the museum was renovated. This renovation consisted of glass cases enclosed in the walls and the remaining walls covered with a dark paneling. Also, the museum was completely carpeted and a central heating and air conditioning unit was installed.

Another project that was done was the tearing down of the old memorial shed. A new one was built following the lines of the old structure but with a brick floor. This proved to be a big improvement. The shed was completed in time for the May 17th Confederate Memorial Day services which turned out to be a very successful day.

A major project that was done this year was the remodeling of the bathhouse. The concession part was completely remodeled. Peg board was installed along with a glass display case that proved to be very useful. The concession was also reroofed and the complete facility painted.

The next task that we had facing us was to get the pool facility ready for the summer season. The entire pool was reworked with an aqua plaster, but while the pool was drained for cleaning, the plaster cracked on the bottom of the pool. However, this did not keep the pool

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from being opened for the summer. A sliding board was added to the pool facility. This turned out to be one of the most popular attractions on the park. The three shelters that surround both the large and kiddy pools were painted to match the color of the bathhouse.

As the summer edged on, our main job was keeping the grass cut and general park maintenance.

A big asset at the park was the swimming lessons that were taught by two of my life guards. Both had their W.S.I. and they taught three classes of beginner swimming and one of advanced beginner. Also, a senior life saving course was taught. This was definitely a calling card for the park.

I think the summer season was a big success in as far as revenue and park attendance.

The Square dancing which is held every other Saturday night has contributed a lot to the rise in park participation. By having these dances it gave campers something to do at night and also drew some local participation. We will continue to have these through the winter, which should cause a rise in camping.

Most of the park use after the summer season consists of family reunions or parties held in the Recreation Building. I have been very pleased with the use of the building. For about six months the building had been rented every Sunday and is now booked quite a few times before New Years.

Since the summer season, a lot of time has been devoted to the campground. This time has been spent underbrushing portions that were never cleared, thinning out trees and trimming low limbs. The Memorial

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ground has been under-brushed in portions and all the flowers and shrubs have been pruned.

We have also been doing a lot of painting. Just about every building has a new coat of paint on the outside and we are now in the process of painting the inside.

In summary, a lot of improvements have been made at Rivers Bridge in the appearance of the park, but if our park system is to be a good one, we have to improve and maintain our facilities.

Mac Flood

ROSE HILL STATE PARK

Progress has been made at Rose Hill this year. The new Supt's residence has been completed. We are in the process of restoring the old house at the back of the mansion. A nature trail has been approved and we hope to have it finished by 1975. We are still in the need of a picnic shelter and more recreation. Larry Henderson is our new ranger, replacing John Sydlowski.

The usual activities have been occurring at Rose Hill. In August we had a wedding of a former Central Office employee, Miss Janice Cudd. The ceremony was performed on the front lawn with relatives of the bride and groom and close friends attending.

The week of October 20-26 is National Business and Professional Women's Club week, and on Sunday October 20th they held a Tea in the old kitchen at Rose Hill in observance of this.

Then in December we will have our annual Open House at Christmas on the 14th and 15th with The D.A.R. as the hostesses. Refreshments will be served.

Due to the energy crisis, attendance at the park has had a increase of about 5%over last year's records. We have had more of our local people having their family reunions with us this year rather than going out of town.

Fred H. Belk

SADLERS CREEK STATE PARK

Having just moved to Sadlers Creek in September I don't know too much about the summer. Having looked back over the reports it seems we had a fairly good one.

On arrival here work had already begun for the N.C.H.A. with the addition of one hundred extra hook-ups for electricity and water. It took a lot of hard work on everyone's part to get things organized and ready.

Thanks to Mr. Bob Jones and my ranger Herbert Jones, we were able to get everything ready in time. All the people from the Columbia Office that were involved deserve an A+ for all their effort and cooperation.

Many thanks to all the people involved for helping make this meeting of the NCHA one of the best yet.

We still have a great deal to do on our winter work program, but we are moving at a steady pace. Work was just completed on a new well between our two new campgrounds to help out with the campers' use. It seems to be a big help.

In the near future our park use should really increase with the construction of eighty condominiums just outside of the park gate. The overall plans are for two hundred, but they plan to have eighty completed within a year.

My family and I are very happy at Sadlers Creek and hope to have a long happy stay here.

Jim Ivey

SANTEE STATE PARK

When I became superintendent of Santee in March of this year the short winter season was at an end and we were already experiencing a very busy spring. Camping was very popular here during the spring. I believe the gas shortage brought many campers to Santee because of its central location. Highlighting the camping activity was the NCHA spring campout. With help from Mr. Kolb, Horace Craig, rangers from other parks, and the Columbia Staff we were able to handle the huge crowd with ease. A couple of weeks after the NCHA, we had the opportunity to host a group of 100 Airstream campers.

Many large groups reserved the Vacation Village and meeting lodge (Village Round) for conventions and seminars. The groups included several state agencies, insurance groups, and others. Most of the groups make use of our catering service available through the park restaurant.

The summer was a successful one. One of the brightest spots in our operation was an excellent recreation and nature interpretation program. Much credit should be given Jack Todd and David Scott for their work this summer. The swimming area made it through the summer with few problems, and no drownings. One freak accident in the swimming area left a local young man diving in shallow water with a broken neck. The young man has recuperated and is now an operator in our bait and tackle shop.

The biggest addition to our facilities this year was the completion of a new personnel barracks. It was used this summer and will be a big asset when hiring future summer personnel. The apartment behind the grill was remodeled by the park crew this winter to make a very attractive and livable quarters. A recent facelifting of the old lifeguard quarters by the construction crew (T.M. Shuler and L.M. Kemmerlin) will give us

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an additional two-bedroom residence.

Santee should see the addition of two new lakes in the near future. The contract has been awarded for clearing out the large basins for the lakes. These lakes will be an attractive and useful addition to the park.

The park crew was responsible for closing in one end of the recreation building. The building was painted; new screen and hardware cloth were installed. The park restaurant also received new colors; picked out by Bill Lucas, and painted by the park crew.

Several projects have been approved for this winter's work program. These include staining all comfort stations, running lights to two picnic shelters, painting residences, and restraining rondette porches. We must spend some time this winter pruning, and cutting dead and dying trees.

I have learned many things since I first came to Santee. I think the most important thing I have learned is that no one man can run a park of this size. It takes a coordinated effort by the entire park crew. As we face the 1975 season, I hope we, the crew of Santee State Park, can work together to earn the most coveted reward that can be given any park staff; compliments from satisfied park visitors.

Larry Duncan

SESQUICENTENNIAL STATE PARK

Spring came in January this year, so it has really been a long season. In our location, a couple of hours of sunshine will bring a flock of people from the metropolitan & suburban areas of Columbia to eat a Col. Sanders lunch under the pines and grab some fresh air. I think it would take armed men and police dogs to keep people out of the lake before June 1st and after Labor Day.

Outdoor weddings continue to gain in popularity. We have had eight this year and our swim area has been the scene for five baptism services for different churches. I'm thinking about getting a black coat and white collar and going into business.

The summer was relatively smooth and uneventful. Attendance was pretty good in spite of the energy crunch. We used female lifeguards at Sesqui for the first time this year and they worked out fine. One of them finished the season as Waterfront Director. I hope she returns next year.

Projects completed since last November include a chain link fence at the boat dock and a six foot fence around the amphitheater topped with barbed wire. Twelve doors had to be replaced at the theater and six truck loads of trash, glass and busted stage props were removed from the area. We also took over the waste water plant from the University of South Carolina, and with the assistance of Buddy Jennings and Pearce Thomson, got it repaired and into proper operation.

A new boat dock was completed and we hope to get new boats next year. Much time and revenue was lost due to constant need for repair on boats this summer. We plan to increase the water depth under the dock about two feet while the lake is down this winter.

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New, tile floors, were installed in one of the Ranger residences and air conditioners were procured for both Rangers quarters. Rewiring one residence has just been completed (by contract) and we are removing the cement tile roof from the same building. It will be replaced with asphalt shingle. The shop is getting new shingle also.

Two rest stations and a picnic shelter had to be repainted in mid-summer due to vandalism. We have 50 more garbage can racks to install, some landscaping and seeding to do around the bathhouse, and some wood preservation and termite prevention to do at our Log House. Lightening hit and killed trees on all sides of the bathhouse this summer. We have many trees to remove from heavy use areas. Fortunately, our problems are few and not too serious. Vandalism & motorcycles head the list. Without people we wouldn't have jobs, and without problems the jobs would be dull.

In closing, I want to express sincere appreciation to the entire PRT Staff for their ready support in solving our problems, and special thanks to Horace Craig for catching our passes and running with the ball. He does pretty good leg work and has helped us get on the scoreboard frequently.

Joyful Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone, from the crew at Sesquicentennial State Park.

"Gus" Krajcik, Charles Sloan and Jim Meadors and all our families.

Jim Meadors

TABLE ROCK STATE PARK

At Table Rock this summer we sure did have our hands full. Rangers Doug Cothran and Robert Mitchell did an excellent job throughout the summer even though the going did get a little rough at times.

Motorcycles, motorcycles, motorcycles. From July 11-15, everywhere you looked there were motorcycles. Table Rock was the scene of the 2nd annual National BMWMOA rally. There were 850 motorcycles and 1100 people, ranging in age from 2 weeks to 83 years. The BMW owners camped and had their meetings at White Oaks picnic area. All of the people were extremely nice and we have heard nothing but praises and kind words from everyone who came in contact with the BMW owners.

On October 21, 1974, S.C. Highway 11, which goes by the East entrance of Table Rock, was dedicated as the Cherokee Foot-hills Scenic Highway. Guests of the event were Gov. John West, James R. Mann, W.J. Bryon Dorn, and Silas Pearman, State Highway Commissioner, and other distinguished guests. After the ceremony, a delicious buffet lunch was served at the Table Rock Lodge Restaurant. Hopefully the highway will bring a lot of new tourists to the park.

Another welcome addition, when finished, will be our new laundromat. It will be located by the trading post. I know that the campers and cabin users will be happy to see those conveniences. Also, a new sewer system will be installed during the winter months. It will service the cabins and a few other park facilities.

The cabins have really had the use this fall. All cabins have been booked on weekends and are all booked until the last of December.

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They have also been used quite a lot through the week. The campground has slacked down quite a lot. All this cold weather we have had is keeping campers at home. However, there have been a few that want to be around Mother Nature even though Jack Frost nips them on their nose.

We are well under way with our winter work program. The A-2 barracks is now completed and is a welcome addition to the park. All of our cabins will have a new look when the new cabinets are put into the cabins. Also, new doors will be installed on all cabins.

We would like to welcome Larry Orr, who came from Hunting Island, to Table Rock. He will be our new Assistant Superintendent.

A thought to remember: "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows." (author unknown)

Mike Hendrix

WOODS BAY STATE PARK

My family and I arrived at Woods Bay State Park on Sept. 5th replacing J.C. Truluck. Work accomplishments completed prior to my arrival were the clearing of a future picnic area, nature trail, and information center. Also included was dirt being hauled in the yard and leveled to improve the area surrounding the residence.

Contract work included the drilling of a well and the installation of the electrical service for the residence.

Prior to my arrival, a gentleman from Clemson spent three weeks at Woods Bay making studies of the area for the making of a master plan. Surveyors had already completed their work when I arrived, so I did not get to learn the park boundaries better.

Work accomplishments completed after my arrival include the building of a pump house and the leveling of the trailer residence. I have done much more and there is still a lot that could be done to improve the overall appearance of the yard.

Other accomplishments include the construction and painting of a front and back porch for the residence.

Underpinning of the trailer was the only contracted work since my arrival.

There are still a lot of jobs around the park I can do to keep busy, but at this point I do not have projected winter programs pending further development of the park.

My thanks go to everyone in the Columbia office and Leonard Jones and his staff for all their assistance and cooperation. I would like to thank Norman Cooler and Bill Bullard for all they have done and helped me with since my arrival as Superintendent at Woods Bay State Park.

George Hargrove

