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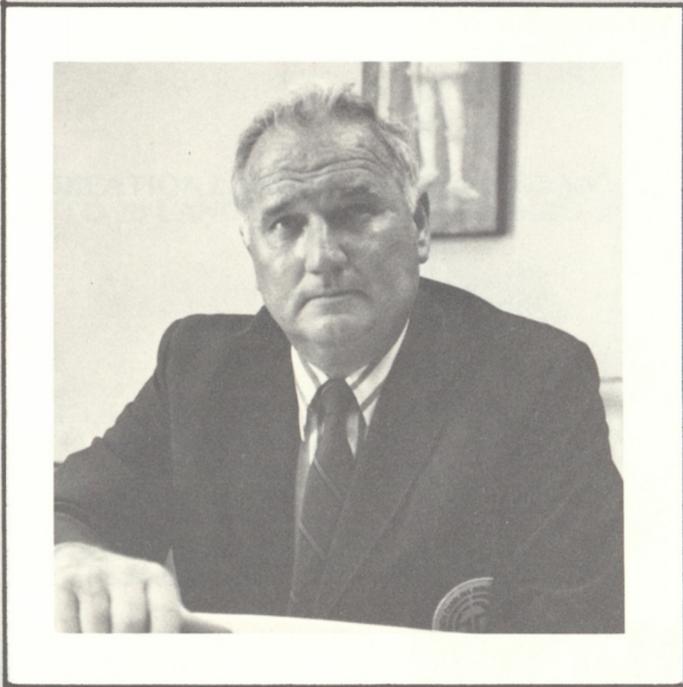
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ABOUT THE COVER: Springtime, and a young man's fancy turns to ... fishing, of course! These youngsters were enjoying a cool spring afternoon at Santee State Park when they were spotted by the State Park Division's roving photographer.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



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STATE DOCUMENTS

During my recent visits to various parks I noticed all the "catch up" maintenance projects completed or in progress. Many thanks to our PRT Commission and Directorate for securing additional maintenance dollars.

In my thirty-eight years of park work, maintenance funds have always been hard to come by. People somehow never look upon maintenance as a phase of our park operations. In my opinion, a good maintenance program is just as important as any other programs in our parks. Whether you realize it or not, good maintenance does contribute to our revenue-producing facilities. It just makes good sense that the better we maintain our facilities, the more revenue we will produce.

As I have stated before, we appreciate the work that you in the field and our maintenance crews are doing. These crews spend four nights a week away from their families, and all of them are willing to tackle any type of work project.

Thanks also to our staff at the Kings Mountain nursery for their continuing efforts to supply the parks system with plants and shrubbery. We are seeing big improvements in our landscaping programs throughout the entire state park system. To you in the field also goes our thanks for being so cooperative to the state parks system. Many times we fail to show our appreciation to you in the field and to our support facility out at the Service and Supply Center. The same can be said about our District Superintendents who play such a vital role in our operations.

I believe that we have the finest young men and women in the parks system that I can ever recall, and I certainly hope that they will remain with us to pursue a career in park work. I feel very fortunate to have worked for so many years in a profession that I have been happy with. None of us will ever get rich at this work, but I know of no other profession that allows one to contribute so much.

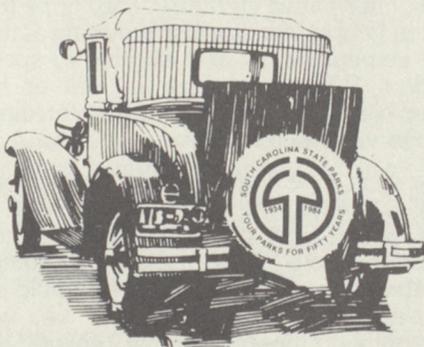
As Captain Harrison said in his article in the Winter issue, "If you ain't moving forward, you're backing up!" Everyone has problems; the person who doesn't have problems isn't living!

In closing, we wish all of you a very successful summer.

Ray M. Sisk

Director

Division of State Parks



(Note: We received word recently that Milton R. "Sheriff" Leroy passed away. He had been superintendent at Greenwood State Park for 25 years. Our sympathy is extended to his family. Ed.)

CONSUMER TRAVEL SHOWS



Winter Work Program For Welcome Centers

State park field personnel have a phrase for the necessary maintenance work that has to be done each year, usually in the dead of winter, to prepare for the next year's operation. The painting and re-roofing of buildings and the many other projects that occupy the winter months comprise what is known among parks personnel as the "winter work program."

Well, PRT's Welcome Centers also have a "winter work program," but with a different name ... consumer travel shows. When traffic slows down, Welcome Center personnel often grab their suitcases and head for the airports to market South Carolina at travel shows throughout the East Coast, as well as Canada.

"These consumer travel shows are an integral part of our marketing efforts," said Robert G. Liming, PRT's tourism director. "They provide a place where potential travelers can receive personal attention and one-on-one contact from an expert on travel in South Carolina. Tourism division personnel reached out to nearly two million potential visitors and distributed more than 175,000 pieces of literature at these shows last year, providing a very cost-effective way of reaching these people who were planning vacations."

During 1984, personnel from centers throughout the state staffed eleven consumer travel shows, including major shows in Toronto, Ontario; Cleveland, Ohio; Pittsburgh, Pa.; and Harrisburg, Pa. Attendance at these shows ranged from 17,000 to 500,000, depending on the location. State park personnel participated in shows in

Atlanta, Ga.; Raleigh, NC; and London, Ontario. At shows not manned by parks personnel, the welcome center staff found South Carolina's parks to be an important factor in marketing the state and appealing to vacationers.

Regardless of who stops by the state's booth, staff personnel are able to tailor their approach and assistance to the individual. Using an attractive booth and colorful, informative literature, they hope to arouse the interest of people who are just browsing at the show, looking for someplace new and exciting to spend their next vacation. With mountains as well as beautiful beaches, and plenty of historic sites, the state has a lot to offer potential vacationers.

For those who have already made up their minds to visit South Carolina, the staff can provide specific information about the best routes to take, what accommodations would fit both their expectations and their pocketbooks, and what attractions would suit their interests. With these people, the staff also works to promote stop-over possibilities or events such as festivals that might entice visitors to stay an extra day or two.

Tourism is big business for South Carolina. Everyday brings more proof that PRT's advertising and marketing program is the continuing spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation between Tourism and State Parks personnel.

RECREATION LAND TRUST FUND

RECREATION LAND TRUST FUND GRANTS GO TO 15 LAND ACQUISITION PROJECTS IN 1984-85

Fund grants totaling \$1,324,825 were approved in 1984 to help purchase lands for 15 parks, natural areas, playgrounds, ocean access areas and historic-cultural sites throughout South Carolina, according to the annual Recreation Land Trust Fund report issued to the General Assembly by the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT).

Major land acquisitions that received Trust Fund assistance in 1984 included a scenic tract in the Mountain Bridge Wilderness and Recreation Area, a boat access area at Murrells Inlet, a waterfront and natural area addition to Santee State Park and an oceanfront park at Folly Beach.

The PRT-managed Recreation Land Trust Fund provides matching grants to help acquire lands for state parks and state recreation and nature preserves. The Trust Fund Act was also amended in 1980 to enable the PRT Commission to provide matching grants for assisting local government agencies in the purchase of land for park and recreation purposes.

Since its creation in 1974, the Trust Fund has provided financial assistance to acquire 21 state park and recreation areas managed by PRT and the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department. A total of 23 matching grants for local and regional park and recreation land purchases have been awarded to county and municipal governments and special district public recreation agencies.

The Trust Fund serves as a catalyst in attracting matching funds from public and private sources and contributions of land from owners. In eleven years, the State's total investment of \$4 million in the Trust Fund has attracted \$6.7 million in federal matching funds, \$1.2 million in local and private funds and \$6.6 million in land donations from private landowners.

Altogether, more than 17,000 acres of lands with fair market values exceeding \$18 million at times of purchase have been acquired with assistance from the Trust Fund.

Funds sources for the 1984 Trust Fund grants included a \$553,000 supplemental appropriation by the General Assembly in 1984 and bond funds authorized by the General Assembly in previous years.

\$553,000 RECOMMENDED FOR TRUST FUND IN 1985-86

A continuing annual source of revenue for the Recreation Land Trust Fund is included in PRT's 1985-86 budget request to the General Assembly. The money supply in the Trust Fund is now depleted. A House Ways and Means Subcommittee is recommending a 1985-86 appropriation of \$553,000 to the Fund. Plans call for this appropriation to be a continuing source of funding for the Recreation Land Trust Fund.

An annual source of state funding for the Trust Fund was one of the top priorities among more than 200 recreation recommendations that came from ten regional public meetings held by PRT across the state.

Regular funding for the Trust Fund is also a major goal of the State's Outdoor Recreation Plan. An annual money supply for the Fund has been advocated by the South Carolina Recreation and Park Society, the Governor's Council on Natural Resources and the Environment and other recreation and conservation organizations.

Letters of intent to purchase park and recreation lands in 1985 have been received from three state agencies and 15 municipal, county and regional public agencies across the state. Most of these acquisitions would be dependent on grants from the Recreation Land Trust Fund or other matching assistance.

Trust fund grants approved for 1984-85 land acquisitions include:

\$221,524 for the Ashmore natural area tract in the Mountain Bridge Wilderness and Recreation Area in Greenville County

\$159,630 for a 131-acre creekside and natural area tract involving limestone caves and sinkholes at Santee State Park in Orangeburg County

\$13,000 for a protection buffer for the historic area of Old Fort Dorchester State Park in Dorchester County

\$10,000 for a natural area addition to Hampton Plantation State Park in Charleston County

OPERATIONS REPORT

ACHIEVING YOUR "PERSONAL BEST"

In the last "Park Lites", I indicated that the most important aspect of motivation is the individual's attitude. The need to do our personal best is the greatest source of motivation. Your supervisor or employer cannot make you improve. It has to come from a personal desire to improve.

There are many people in the Park Division that give tremendous effort and have a desire to do their personal best. It is a matter of pride, as we discussed at the Superintendent's Meeting.

There are two basic ways that people will display their pride and will to improve. The first is to increase their competence. This is hard to measure but it means that in everything they do they attempt to be a better Ranger, Superintendent or even Chief of Operations. It consists of looking at the overall job we do and being able to honestly evaluate our public relations skills, our personnel management skills and other aspects of our jobs that cannot be measured by numbers.

The second way is to be achievement oriented. That is, you look at the parts of our job that can be measured, such as the camping revenue, number of swimmers, or completed work projects. You set goals and work to improve over last week or last year.

Because of our type of jobs, we need to measure ourselves both ways.

We often get caught up in our day-to-day work and we do not take the time to seek ways to improve. The only time we think about improvement is when our supervisor gets on our back about our job performance.

How do we improve? First you have to have desire and pride in your job and in yourself. Then you must be **conscious** of the fact that you want to improve. Improvement comes slowly when you do the same job every day and the standards are always the same. When you reach a level where your supervisor is satisfied with you, you have to come to a point where improvement is most difficult to achieve.

When this occurs, you have reached a time of major decision. You can settle in and start a slow decay or you can seriously consider improving yourself. Remember that if you are not moving forward, you are moving backwards.

If you have read this far, you are probably one that has pride and you want to improve.

To improve you have to evaluate yourself. It helps to discuss your job with other people who care about the job you do. Determine what areas need improvement. Do you need to improve your carpentry, electrical, or your administrative skills? You do not improve by having someone else do the things in which you are weak. You improve by doing.

Let's consider for a moment that you are one of the employees that does a good job, regardless of your position. You have a good knowledge of your job, and adequate skills to handle it with no trouble. How do you improve? You have thought about yourself and know you have pride and possess self motivation. Your level of knowledge is adequate for your current position. The Division has many employees that are competent in their present position. The answer is to increase your knowledge of your job and you can improve your performance and achieve greater goals. Knowledge is infinite, and you simply cannot learn everything. The more you learn, the more opportunities there are to learn more.

Never become satisfied with your current level of knowledge, even when you have no problem in handling your current job. Evaluate yourself, set personal goals, and always strive to improve. You improve by learning and using your new found knowledge.

I enjoy attending the Ranger Academy, Superintendent's Meeting, and other opportunities that I have to meet and talk with other employees of the Division. The reason that I enjoy these opportunities is because I see so many competent, skillful, people with excellent potential.

Remember that just doing something over and over does not mean that you will do it better. Improvement comes through learning. By learning, you can come closer to reaching your "personal best".

Charles Harrison
Chief of Operations

THE TRAINING GOES ON



1985 CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY STATE PARKS CLASS, March 4-22, 1985

First row, from left: Bonnie Lewis, Ranger I, Cheraw; Robert McFadden, Ranger I, Aiken; *Tom Perry, PMA, Myrtle Beach; Rene Herlong, PMA, Kings Mountain; Terry Coleman, Ranger I, Poinsett; James Christie, Asst. Supt., Hunting Island; Perry Isenberg, Ranger II, Croft; Mark Dudley, PMA, Hickory Knob. Second row, from left: Irvin Pitts, Ranger I, Caesars Head; Steve Egan, PMA, Hunting Island; Frank Whiteside, Asst. Curator (Animal Forest), CTL; Jim Flaten, Ranger II, Edisto Beach; James Potter, PMA, Santee; Mark Vissage, Ranger II, Lake Hartwell; Fred Dowis, Ranger II, Hickory Knob; Mike Hunt, Administrative Asst., Central Office. *Congratulation to Tom Perry of Myrtle Beach State Park, who scored highest on the exam!



BASIC MAINTENANCE CLASS - February 1985 - Sesquicentennial State Park. Front row, from left: Jim Work, Chief of Maintenance, Robert Martin, Andrew Jackson, Terry Coleman, Poinsett; Ben Cashion, Edisto Beach; Bob LeBel, Cheraw; Kurt Becht, Asst. Chief of Maintenance. Second row, from left: James Potter, Santee; Rene Herlong, Kings Mountain; Perry Isenberg, Croft; Fred Dowis, Hickory Knob. Back row, from left: Wayne Hawkins, Paris Mountain; Michael Gooding, Baker Creek; Steve Egan, Hunting Island; Mark Dudley, Hickory Knob.

SAFETY CORNER



First Aid/CPR class held in February at Santee State Park.

AN ACCIDENT FREE SUMMER IN 1985 IS OUR GOAL!

During this time of year we have our greatest number of visitors, therefore the potential for accidents is also at its height. The beauty and splendor of our lovely parks are expressed in the way that we have safely maintained them.

I encourage each of you to become even more safety-conscious during the summer months than at other times of the year. While we want our visitors to enjoy themselves and have a good time, we also want them to have a safe visit to our state parks.

We know that some visitors' accidents are the result of carelessness, and nothing that we do can prevent them. However, we can play a major role in reducing and even eliminating the number of on-park accidents by making our parks as safe as possible.

Always be on the lookout for potential hazards and other problems that could cause accidents. Encourage your employees to develop the same attitude, and it will pay off for you with fewer accidents!

Last year (1984) there were 66 accidents to visitors reported, in addition to 72 accidents to park employees! With hard work and more attention to safety and the elimination of hazards, we can significantly reduce the number in 1985!

In the area of accident prevention, pre-planning will help eliminate many accidents. Simply stated, we must STOP ... think, and then act.

We are not only in the park visitation business, but we are also in the accident prevention business. Some of the areas and facilities we need to pay close attention to include our trails, boardwalks, playground equipment, camping areas, picnic tables, cabins, rental equipment, dead trees ... and the list goes on!

Every area of our parks that might be visited should be checked for possible safety hazards. And ... one visit is not enough! We must constantly be checking for hazards, as conditions change from day to day.

We have a Swimming Area Workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 18. This one-day seminar will be held at Sesqui State Park, starting at 10 A.M. Other training programs and courses will be held as needed to keep our personnel up-to-date with the latest methods of operation. How can we help you? Give us a call!

We are projecting a one-third decrease in accidents this year, but let's not stop there! We should not be satisfied until accidents have been eliminated! Let's work toward that goal!

Think before you act, and let's have an accident-free summer.

Edmond J. Brown, Jr.
Safety Coordinator

1985 SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE



**Hickory Knob State Resort Park
January 14-17, 1985**



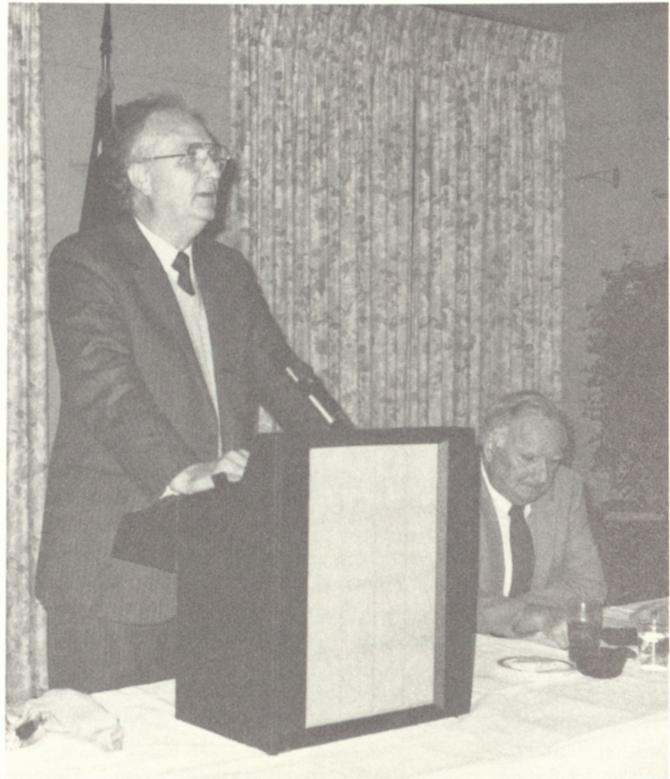
James Taylor (left) superintendent at Andrew Jackson, receives the Robert Papefus Memorial Program Achievement Award from Chief Historian Mike Foley. Previous recipients of the award include superintendents Pete Davis, Gerard Perry, Lew Cato and George Gordon.

1985 SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE

Hickory Knob State Resort Park January 14-17, 1985

NAME	TITLE-LOCATION	NO. OF YRS.
Lloyd A. King	Maintenance Crew Supervisor	40
Horace W. Craig	District III Superintendent	15
Neil E. Colvard	Assistant Superintendent, CTL	15
Earl J. Colvard	Assistant Superintendent, CTL	15
Anson L. Dann	Animal Care Supervisor, CTL	15
Mike W. Hendrix	Superintendent, Table Rock	15
Leroy G. Atkinson	Superintendent, Baker Creek	10
James T. Creech	Superintendent, Barnwell	10
Caswell Hamilton	Ranger II, CTL	10
May A. Jessen	Secretary I, CTL	10
Larry McPherson	Ranger II, Dreher Island	10
Roger D. Ardis	Ranger II, Hickory Knob	10
Raymond Getsinger	Ranger II, Hickory Knob	10
Gerald S. Harris	Lodge Manager, Hickory Knob	10
Jessie J. Cline	Ranger I, Hickory Knob	10
Robert V. Wilson	Ranger II, Hickory Knob	10
Joel M. Copeland	Superintendent, Huntington Beach	10
Michael E. Mathis	Superintendent, Lee	10
Eugene G. Davis	Superintendent, Paris Mountain	10
Michael E. Davidson	Superintendent, Santee	10
William S. Fogle	Clerk, Santee	10
Curley W. Horton	Cook, Santee	10
Daisy G. Kolb	Canteen Operator, Santee	10
Robert M. Badger	Public Info Specialist, CTL	5
Steve M. McIntosh	Ranger II, Goodale	5
Harold L. Pate	Ranger II, Lake Wateree	5
Donald R. Onepo	Ranger I, Landsford Canal	5
Eddie Frasier, Jr.	Ranger II, Paris Mountain	5
Mary F. Gladden	Custodial Worker, Santee	5
Valerie W. Ashford	Administrative Specialist, Service & Supply	5
Louis Rush	Laborer, Service & Supply	5
John W. Culbreath	Assistant Superintendent, Table Rock	5

Dr. Herbert Brantley, Head of Clemson University's RPA Department, addresses the superintendents at their banquet. Seated at right is State Parks Director Ray M. Sisk.



State Parks Director Ray M. Sisk presents service awards at the banquet of the Superintendents' Conference held at Hickory Knob State Resort Park. Seated at left is Assistant State Parks Director Kenneth O. Kolb.



RETIREES — WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



CLARENCE DOSTER

It's been ten years since Clarence Doster retired as superintendent at Chester State Park, but a recent telephone conversation with him quickly spanned the years.

Clarence is one of five bailiffs that work in the Chester County Court House, looking after the judge and jury. He still enjoys a bit of fishing at small ponds in and around Chester, and visits with Chester Superintendent Wayne Timms from time to time.

Clarence has had five leg operations in the past three years, and as a result he drives only in and around Chester. "I have to be careful," Clarence said, "since my leg tends to lock up at times." Once famous for his barbecue cooking, Clarence does very little these days. There aren't many folks in that part of the state that haven't enjoyed Clarence's mouth-watering barbecue through the years!

Clarence just turned 76 the 30th of April. His wife, Eugenia, has good and bad days (like all of us! Ed.) but is also retired and enjoys cooking, going to town and otherwise taking life easy. Myra, their daughter, lives next door, making it real easy to enjoy their four granddaughters! Myra's husband, Bill, works for the State Highway Department.

"Wayne Timms has kept me up to date on how things are going with the parks," Clarence said. He mentioned that Mr. Sisk had stopped by a couple of times to see him, and that he had enjoyed those visits. He invites any of his friends to call, write or come by and spend some time chatting about the "good old days!" Clarence lives at Route #2, Meadowbrook Road, Chester, S.C. 29706; telephone 377-4868.



T.M. SHULER

Thomas M. Shuler, known throughout the park system as "T.M.," is a Master Craftsman and member of the State Parks Division's Maintenance Crew. A native of Elloree, he attended public schools, then embarked on a lifetime of learning in a variety of places. Summed up, he's been a lot of places, done a lot of things, and his knowledge acquired through the "school of hard knocks" has been put to good use while he's been a member of the Maintenance Crew.

T.M. spent a couple of years with the Civilian Conservation Corps, with tours of duty at Barnwell, Jacksonborough, Elloree and Lancaster in South Carolina and Yosemite National Park in California. He remembers Yosemite as being "one of the most beautiful places I've ever been." (Remembering my one visit to Yosemite in the nearly 70's, I agree with T.M.! Ed)

From 1942 to 1945 T.M. worked at the Charleston Port of Embarkation as a lift operator, where he loaded and unloaded cargo ships. He had a brief stint in the Army during 1945, and was undergoing training in Mississippi when World War II ended. Married men were released from active duty, so T.M. head back to Elloree.

T.M. has a daughter, Karen, who lives next door in Elloree and keeps books for her husband, who runs an auto repair shop.

Through the years T.M. has done a lot of home building and repair work. He had two short tours at the Savannah River Plant near Aiken, helped to build 600 housing units at the Charleston Air Force Base, worked on the Orangeburg Mall project and as a carpenter/welder at the Wateree power plant.

In the early fifties T.M. worked as overseer on a cattle farm near Eutawville. This brought about a move to North Carolina in the late fifties, where he installed a chipper and debarker and supervised their operation.

Each time a job change took T.M. away, sooner or later it was "back to Elloree!" An offer to help with the construction of the rondettes at Santee State Park in the late sixties brought T.M. to the state park system, and in 1971 he joined the roving maintenance crew, where he has remained to the present.

Park projects since that time have taken T.M. to most of the state parks in South Carolina. Each job is different, and involves a variety of skills ranging from building construction and repair to plumbing and electrical work. "I enjoy carpentry work best of all," T.M. said, "particularly finish carpentry such as cabinet work."

T.M. says that he's always managed to accomplish each task, one way or another. The maintenance crew works four ten-hour days a week, and he enjoys being out away from home. The rebuilding of the Sherer Homeplace at Kings Mountain State Park promises to be the longest project that T.M. has worked on since being with PRT. Originally located near Sharon, the two-story exposed log structure will eventually serve as a reception center and residence for the park horticulturist.

T.M.'s hobbies include fishing and hunting. His favorite "fishing holes" are Hunting Island State Park near Beaufort and Lake Marion. T.M. enjoys visiting Maggie Valley and Opryland, and has a fondness for country music. "I don't play an instrument," he remarked, "but I can listen with the best of them!"

T.M. has a deer hunt club near Santee State Park, where the 30 members took 60-70 deer in 1984. "I usually bag between five to fifteen a season, but only got one last year," T.M. said. He promised to do better this year!

Retirement is just around the corner for T.M., who plans to "hang it up" in June of this year. He plans to do odd jobs in and around Elloree, and to visit friends of Virginia. "I've been away from home most of my life," he said, "and through the years I've gotten used to it."

One thing that P.R.T. will have difficult getting used to is getting along without T.M. Shuler!

Here's what Chief of Maintenance Jim Work has to say about T.M.: "T.M. is a recognized authority on building **anything**. When I need to know 'how to' or 'will it work,' T.M. has always helped me out with good information and his personal guarantee that it **will** work. When he makes that verbal guarantee to me, he stands 100% behind his work, no matter what it is. He has never let me down! He will truly be missed by the park system if he insists upon retiring. Let's hope that we can talk him into staying until he is sixty-five in two more years. How about it, T.M.?"

DISTRICT NEWS



At this writing, Spring has sprung in District I. The warm temperatures in recent weeks have brought campers out to all the District Parks. The beach parks have done well early this spring with Canadian Days being celebrated in March and an early Easter holiday season. As you will see in the individual park updates, a lot of winter work has been done on all the parks during the off season. However, after sitting down and going over the planned expenditures for next year with each superintendent, we find there's still much that needs to be done. A new programs event was held for the first time at Hampton Plantation. The event, called "Spring at Hampton," featured visual and performing arts, crafts, and tours of the mansion. Bob Mitchell is to be commended for his work with the local community and the State Park Programs section in planning and carrying out the event, which was most successful. Thanks to Janson Cox, Mary Crockett, and Sharon Hallex for their help during the event. An outdoor Press Outing was held at Hunting Island on March 26th and 27th. Some twenty outdoor writers and reporters stayed in park cabins and received much information on both coastal state parks and wildlife and marine resources along coastal South Carolina. The outing was a joint effort of the S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department and PRT. Thanks to Ed Brown for coming down and instructing a two-day First Aid Class in February. The classes were held at Charles Towne Landing with those driving long distances spending a night in the cabins at Givhans.



DISTRICT I personnel at Superintendents' Conference. Front row, from left: Jerry Spivey, Myrtle Beach; Mac Copeland, Huntington Beach; Glenn Farr, Givhans Ferry; Al Dann, CTL. Second row, from left: Bobby Turner, Myrtle Beach; Bob Mitchell, Hampton Plantation; James Christie, Hunting Island; Mary Crockett, Colleton. Back row, from left: Charles Cumbee, Old Dorchester; Jerry Price, Rivers Bridge; Larry Duncan, District I Superintendent; Janson Cox, CTL; Ray Stevens, Edisto Beach; Marshall West, Hunting Island.

CHARLES TOWNE LANDING - We join the Landing staff to mourn in the loss of Mrs. Ferdinanda Waring in January of this year. Mrs. Waring and her late husband, Doctor Joe were owners of the property prior to it becoming a state park. Mrs. Waring lived in the mansion located on the park until her death. She was responsible for much of the beauty found on the park, as she had both a great love and great knowledge of plants and wildlife. Mrs. Waring was responsible for the design and development of the park's gardens. She was a true Southern lady in every respect and will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Thanks to Janson Cox and staff for hosting the First Aid Classes in February. Special thanks to Janson for providing doughnuts for those attending.

COLLETON - The biggest project completed at Colleton this winter was the re-roofing of the Superintendent's residence. There were four layers of old shingles that had to be removed prior to laying the new ones. Mary Crockett and Mike Russ welcomed help from several other district parks to assist with the project. They've also re-roofed the pump house and installed a flue system for the shop's wood stove. Work is now underway to improve the interior of the park shop.

EDISTO BEACH - Ray Stevens and crew have completed the addition of a room on the park office by enclosing a back porch with cinder block. The office was re-roofed, painted, and we are in the process of getting quarry tile for the floors in the building. Cabin #2 and the interior of several restrooms have been painted, and the bathhouse will also receive a final coat of paint.

GIVHANS FERRY - Glenn Farr and Ricky Murray have installed linoleum in both recreation building restrooms. Twelve florescent fixtures have been installed and account for the much improved lighting in the building. Thanks to Glenn and Ricky for having the cabins and recreation building ready for those attending the First Aid Classes in February. Special thanks to Glenn for the catfish stew.



Renovations in progress on the restroom at Old Dorchester State Park.

HAMPTON PLANTATION - Bob and Will have made several repairs to the bathroom in Will's trailer. They have also made repairs and painted the mansion steps and porches. Much time and effort went into making preparations for "Spring at Hampton." These efforts resulted in a delightful day for many.

HUNTING ISLAND - Marshall West and crew have completed several rather large roofing projects this winter including the Recreation building, trading post, and cabin #7. The old storage building in the shop area received a new tin roof which should last until we all retire. Trades Craftsman Richard Bruce and Ranger Steve Capps were especially proud of the much-needed overhang added to the front of the building. One of the older restrooms in the campground received new shingles and skylights. The park crew has re-grouted tile and made numerous repairs in the restrooms this winter. Thanks to Marshall West for providing fish and cooking for those attending the first aid class.

HUNTINGTON BEACH - The park crew has re-roofed and installed skylights on all three of the 1970 vintage comfort stations. They are steadily at work refurbishing the windows and doors in Atalaya. "Low Country Lifestyles" was held on the park April 19-21. As before, the workshop featured instruction on arts, crafts, and cooking low country style. Thanks to Mac Copeland for providing fish and helping with the meal at Givhans for the first aid class.

MYRTLE BEACH - Bobby Turner and the park crew have re-roofed a total of nine buildings this winter including several shelters, the apartment building (Old trading post), and fishing pier concession building. Several residences were also painted in the last few months. They also installed 6" x 6" quarry tile in the ice cream parlor. Tom Perry, PMA, is to be commended for landscaping the front of the parlor. With help from other members of the crew, Tom used plants from Kings Mountain nursery. Thanks to Mrs. Sisk for his approval of new stoves, refrigerators, and curtains for the park cabins.

OLD DORCHESTER - Charles Cumbee and Ken Michaels have installed linoleum in the superintendent's residence and have re-roofed the building. A project is now underway to enlarge and renovate the picnic area restroom. The project is a joint effort with the park crew working with Wayne Schumpert and Jimbo (James Ingram). Capacity of the restroom will be doubled and the appearance improved greatly.

RIVERS BRIDGE - The most recent project completed was the pouring of a concrete slab under the three-bay shed adjacent to the park shop. The slab will provide a much neater storage and work area. Re-roofing at the bathhouse is completed and the crew is now making last minute preparations for opening the swimming pool for the summer. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome new Ranger David Sturgis and family to the park.

Larry W. Duncan
District I Superintendent

CHARLES TOWNE LANDING

The record setting cold of the past winter is now history as we currently enjoy daily temperatures ranging from the mid 70's to mid 80's. Unfortunately, we are still awaiting much-needed rain. Nowhere is the absence of precipitation more obvious than in the park's lagoons. The water level is so low that we have been unable to operate the pirogue rentals so far this season. The azaleas and dogwoods are nearly at peak bloom and the local visitors are enjoying the beautiful scenery as much as the out-of-state visitors.

In the way of an update ... December saw a very successful Children's Days program completed with many words of praise coming from the parents as well as the children participating. January brought the Boy Scouts out again for their fourth annual SHOWANDO. February has now become South Carolina Map and Puzzle month at the park. The Charles Towne Landing Foundation, in conjunction with the District IX PTA and the park, host the tri-county (Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester) area competition. The contest, which is designed to teach youngsters in kindergarten through 6th grade where the state's 46 counties are located, had nearly 600 participants this year. Those taking part in the event were timed to see how fast they could put the playing pieces, shaped liked the 46 counties, in their correct places on the map. Catherine Chau clocked the fastest time in this year's competition, completing the puzzle in just under 58 seconds. In recognition of the park's contributions to this educational endeavor, Manager Janson Cox was awarded a lifetime membership in the PTA on behalf of Charles Towne Landing.

After a short reprieve, the Landing is once again actively recruiting volunteers to assist in all areas as we enter the busy group visit days of the spring season and summertime.

Visitor Services employees have just completed a retraining and re-orientation program concerning the various group visit/educational programs offered by CTL. What could have been cut and dried facts was made into an enjoyable public speaking lesson with an emphasis on our history. All of us are now more aware of what we say and how we say it.

The month of May will once again feature the Greek Spring Festival, with anticipated crowds of several thousand. The Geodesic Dome will be the site for the state finals competition of Double Dutch rope jumping. Sponsored by Charleston area McDonald's restaurants and the Department of Youth Services, the competition could not have been held in a more appropriate location. Rope-skipping is a traditional activity introduced to the newly founded Charles Towne as the Dutch emigrated from New York. By 1674 a good number of Dutch were fleeing the English control of New York because of high taxes and hard winters. The Dutch were considered to be rich and industrious, and were willing to settle in town.

There was something almost engaging about the ease with which these settlers adjusted to the change. Already uncomfortable with British rule in New York, they continued to use and develop new rope-skipping rhymes to poke fun at the local English. Their language blended with the English in a predominantly Dutch pidgin which left many words in today's American speech. By mixing languages as they skipped rope, they were able to release displeasure on any subject without the English being offended.

As the summer months rapidly approach, we are reminded of several unpleasant subjects such as heat, mosquitoes and rabies. While virtually nothing can be done about the first two, something unique is about to be undertaken in the Charleston area to combat rabies. The Charles Towne Landing Foundation, in cooperation with the Charleston County Health Department, is initiating an educational program directed at animal care. A recent survey of the West Ashley Area (where CTL is located) showed some alarming statistics. Only 25% of the dogs and cats in the area have been vaccinated against rabies. The Foundation has purchased a life-like racoon costume which will be featured and the need for adequate and complete animal care. The approach of the program will be positive, with the message aimed at the need for good pet care rather than the negative side of the fears of rabies. The mascot has been named NaturAL.

Work is continuing on updating several exhibits in the Interpretive Center. The new service counter in the snack bar is now in place. Progress on the renovation of the tram trailers is moving ahead. All in all, we should be in good shape and definitely busy during the spring and summer. Have a good season.

Robert M. Badger
Public Information Specialist



The recently-remodeled comfort station at Huntington Beach State Park, complete with new shingles and skylights.

HAMPTON PLANTATION STATE PARK

Spring has finally arrived in the low country and is evident in the azaleas, camellias and other plant species here at Hampton. The dogwoods that line the avenue are especially pretty this year. Business was slow this past winter and could be attributed to the record cold weather that we all endured. However, visitation has really picked up the past several weeks and I think that this year will be a record-breaking year at Hampton.

On Sunday, March 24th we hosted our first "Spring at Hampton" festival. Co-sponsored by the "Friends of Hampton," nearly two thousand people turned out to enjoy the day-long activities. The festival featured the visual and performing arts as thirty artists and craftsmen displayed and sold their wares. The 2nd S.C. Regiment, a Revolutionary war group, set up an encampment and concessions were provided by the Crab Pot Restaurant of McClellanville, which served low country seafood dishes. A candlelight reception was held that evening in the ballroom for sponsors of the "Friends of Hampton."

I would like to thank Larry Duncan, Janson Cox, Sharon Hallex and Mary Crockett from Colleton for their help with the festival. Thanks also to Ray Sigmon, Mike Foley and Dan Turpin for their assistance and advice and to Vida Miller, Chairman of the "Friends of Hampton" for the many hours of planning and preparation that made the event successful. Best wishes for a safe and successful summer season.

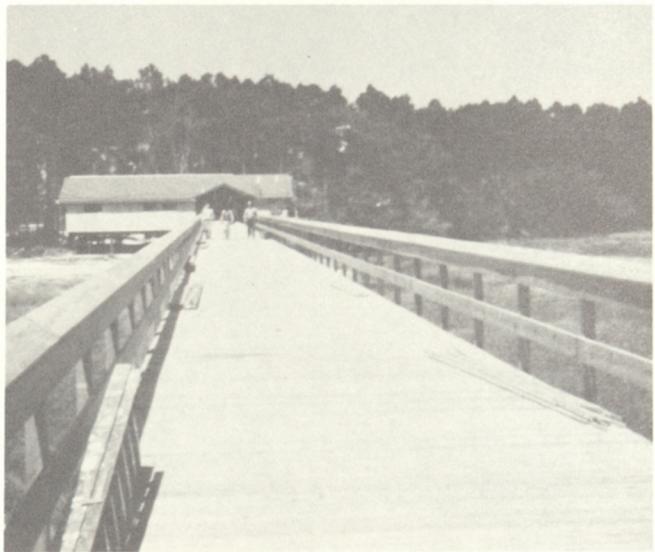
Robert A. Mitchell
Park Superintendent



A portion of the crowd at the "Spring at Hampton Plantation" event held March 24 at the park near McClellanville.

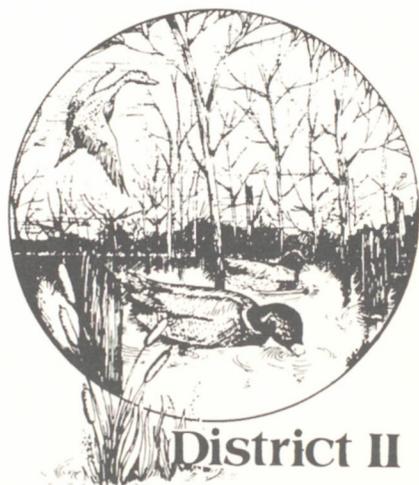


A campsite reserved for the handicapped at Myrtle Beach State Park. All four beach state parks similar sites for the exclusive use of the handicapped.



The tackle shop and fishing pier at Hunting Island, which will be ready for use in early summer.

DISTRICT NEWS



The Spring Campout of the national campers and Hikers Association was held on March 28th-31st at **Santee** State Park. Some 140 camping families enjoyed three days of beautiful weather and good fun. The Hay Rides, Horseshoes, flea market, entertainment, games, fishing, boating, and nature walks were enjoyed by all. Many thanks go to the **Santee** crew for their excellent preparation for this event. The hard work this winter paid off this weekend. Thanks also to Joe Watson for the nature walks; Jimmy Creech and Terry Coleman for helping out; and the operations section for support.

The maintenance plan of last year has enabled the parks to complete more projects than any of the previous winter seasons. The projects are too numerous to mention so I'll just mention the larger ones. **Aiken** has a new look in the campground now that the restroom has an A-type roof that replaced the flat roof. **Poinsett** has roofed many buildings along with many other projects.



DISTRICT II personnel at Superintendents' Conference. Front row, from left: Stephen Berry, Lynchs River; James Creech, Barnwell; Stanley Loper, Little Pee Dee; Mike Davidson, Santee; Mike Mathis, Lee; Ed Nesbitt, Poinsett; Dennis Hart, Woods Bay. Back row, from left: Al Priestler, Goodale; Homer Stanton, Santee; Larry Adair, Cheraw; Frank Couch, Santee; Gene Cobb, Redcliffe; Mike Hoofman, Aiken.

The **Redcliffe** crew is in the process of repairing the plaster ceiling in the mansion, saving PRT a large sum of money. **Lynches River** continues to maintain the pool complex and roofed the double rondette residence. **Lee** State Park has new roofs and a new water line system in the campground. **Woods Bay** has fresh paint, new plants, and plans are underway to possibly extend the boardwalk. **Cheraw** got some good news recently with the freeing up of \$42,000 of bond money for the group camps. **Little Pee Dee** has a repaired concession roof, and new wood duck boxes. The **Santee** staff has now roofed all but three cabins, and has reworked all the restrooms in the 100-site camping area. The **Barnwell** crew has reworked the restroom showers and completed sidewalk additions at the community building. **N.R. Goodale** has had excellent golfing use this spring and has extended irrigation to the tee boxes.

Overall the district has had a properous winter work season. I would like to thank all District II employees for their hard work and dedication they have shown in the past months.

Van Stickles
District II Superintendent

LAKE WATEREE STATE PARK OPEN TO PUBLIC

Lake Wateree State Park, the newest addition to the state parks system, opened Saturday, April 13, with a variety of facilities available.

“From the number of inquiries that we have received,” said Ray M. Sisk, director of state parks, “we anticipate that Lake Wateree will become one of the Midlands’ most popular state parks.”

Lake Wateree is the 41st state park in South Carolina to offer year round facilities with personnel in residence. Acquired in 1982, the 238-acre park borders on Lake Wateree, which has been a popular place for fishermen, boaters and other water sport enthusiasts. Located some 40 miles north of Columbia, the park is 10 miles east of I-77 via Exit 25.

Facilities now available include a 72-site family camping area with water and electrical hookups, a store serving fishermen and campers, in-boat refueling, a picnic area and a double-wide boat ramp with adjacent parking area.

The camping fee is \$7.50 per site per night. Use of the boat ramp is \$1 per boat, with an annual permit available for \$20. The park is open from daylight to dark seven days a week.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Superintendent Phil Gaines or Ranger Harold Pate at Route 4, Box 282-E-5, Winnsboro, S.C. 29180, or by telephoning 482-3401 or 482-3123.



A ramp to provide access for the handicapped at Cabin #4, Poinsett State Park.

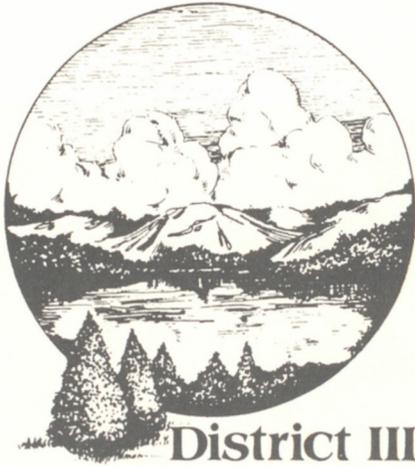


New roof structure on an old comfort station in the camping area at Aiken State Park.



“Home-made” playground equipment at Little Pee Dee State Park.

DISTRICT NEWS



Many things have come to pass in District III since the last issue of *PARK LITES*. We are all becoming aware of the fact that our state parks are now a year-round operation and no longer a seasonal one.

Park personnel are having to wear more hats now than ever before. I started with the parks system in March, 1969 with the majority of my time being devoted to park maintenance. Since then our three-month season has increased to a 10-12 month one. Because of the year-round demand for cabins and other rental facilities, we are finding it more difficult to make repairs. There are ever-increasing pressures to provide more and better service, and this has to be done without additional personnel. We are meeting this challenge and it makes me proud to be a part of the South Carolina state park system.

As I visit the parks in District III, I can see improvements being made as each park "gears up" to meet the demand that everyone knows is coming. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the District III personnel for all their hard work and long hours. I know that all too often personnel do not receive enough credit for their efforts. When everyone works hard and together, we can get the job done, and this makes my job a little easier.

The end result is our fine park system that everyone has come to enjoy.

Horace W. Craig
District III Superintendent



DISTRICT III personnel at Superintendents' Conference. Front row, from left: Mike Hendrix, Table Rock; Todd Rexrode, Caesars Head; John Culbreth, Table Rock; Bob Cothran, Oconee; Andy Davis, Lake Hartwell. Back row, from left: Ray Hayes, Croft; Pete Davis, Paris Mountain; Don Ferguson, Keowee-Toxaway; Brooks Jordan, Sadlers Creek; Gerard Perry, Pleasant Ridge; Chris Hightower, Rose Hill; Horace Craig, District III Superintendent; Chevis Wald, Maintenance Crew.

CAESARS HEAD STATE PARK

When you talk about Caesars Head, weather usually comes to mind. As of this date, early February, the low for this winter has been 25° below zero with a wind chill factor of about 70° below. This type weather can really hurt business although we did have a family to picnic outside on one of our tables at 5° above. This proves that people must really enjoy our State Parks and tells me how important it is to keep comfort stations clean and grounds well maintained year-round.

The Ranger/Naturalist Irving Pitts has been busy planning spring and summer programs. Irving is to attend the CJA this year and has had to do some wheeling and dealing to plan activities around those three weeks. He also had the pleasure of accompanying Rudy Mancke to Raven Cliff Falls. Mr. Mancke has really helped to advertise the Mountain Bridge Area by an episode on ETV's "Nature Scene" about Raven Cliff Falls. Steve Long has been busy helping with roofing of the picnic shelter and running the store in my absence.

Congratulations are in order for all those connected with the Superintendent's Meeting. This was my first meeting and it was good to see familiar faces as well as to meet new ones. Special thanks must go to District II Superintendent Van Stickle for the program he presented in spite of family illness. Congratulations also go to Ted Williams and his staff for the fine job they did in preparation for and during the conference.

Chevis Wald recently installed lights to help make our merchandise displays stand out and he also built a rack for our baskets to hang from giving us more room for other merchandise. Half of the shelter roof has been re-shingled and I would like to thank Superintendent Mike Hendrix for sending Mike Gambrell from Table Rock and Superintendent Pete Davis for sending Dave Blackman and Wayne Hawkins from Paris Mountain. Their help was greatly appreciated.

Thanks also goes to my A-II personnel Kaye and Rita Smith. They have been a valuable asset as you can imagine how hard it is to get help on top of this mountain.

Well, I guess everyone is gearing up for summer crowds. Each year the "off season" gets shorter and shorter! I now understand when District Superintendent Craig keeps reminding us that "June first is tomorrow." Good Luck and may you all have an enjoyable summer.

Todd Rexrode
Superintendent

KEOWEE-TOXAWAY STATE PARK

We project 1985 to be a very good year for South Carolina state parks and especially for Keowee-Toxaway. We already have an increase in park visitors for this year, when compared with the same time period of last year.

Our facility user fees have been increasing steadily during the past years: cabin, campground, picnic shelters, and Meeting House. We expect this increase to continue because park visitors are returning and bringing other family members and friends. This increased attendance will continue if park personnel really work at establishing and maintaining a good rapport with our visitors.

We think the Meeting House rental will show a big increase for this year, due to the addition of a "corner kitchen", and landscaping around the building to enhance the natural beauty of the area.

Last year the Meeting House was used for a wedding ceremony and this year another wedding and reception is planned for June. Its size and furnishings make it ideal for birthday celebrations and church/family reunions. The most popular occasion is still "The E.T. Social" (EAT & TALK).

Frances Looper
Receptionist

LAKE HARTWELL STATE PARK

One thing I have discovered since being here at Lake Hartwell is that it is definitely different from Hunting Island! Some good-some bad. On the negative side is the threat of hurricanes. Then there is the lack of people on the park. With the weather getting better we are beginning to see more fishermen, which is nice because I get to talk with them about what is biting and what they're hitting.

On the plus side is the feeling of being a pioneer and watching an area grow from the ground up. It's also nice having the time to do some things that once we are open would be difficult to do: split rail fences, build log steps, paint the tractor and equipment, and plant shrubs, to name a few. One thing we have enjoyed on rainy days is making bluebird boxes. We have erected about twenty-five boxes so far. With the help of Mark Dutton we plan to put out woodpecker and wood duck boxes in the future.

On the construction side we have seen more done in the past two weeks than in the past four months, thanks to the good weather we've had. The camp sites are being shaped and graveled in preparation for paving. Bid opening for the store and comfort stations was held April 25, so we are hoping to see construction on these begin shortly.

Speaking of spring, Mark is planning to do some extensive turkey hunting during his week off in April. If his luck runs up to par, I'm expecting to be invited to a wild turkey dinner. My sons and I are planning to give our boat and the fish a real workout during their spring break.

DISTRICT NEWS (Continued)

Come visit with us if you get up this way. With turkey season opening up and the fish starting to bite, there's plenty to do. If you don't like hunting or fishing, the scenery is beautiful and you can sit back and enjoy the good feeling of spring.

Andy Davis
Superintendent



Renovation work recently completed on one of the comfort stations at Table Rock, including a new roof, skylights and split rail fencing.

SADLERS CREEK STATE PARK

Entries are being accepted for the Lake Hartwell Bass Classic, to be held May 18-19 at Sadlers Creek State park.

The deadline for entries is May 13, but registration will close after the first 200 entries. The top prize money is \$2,000. The park, which is on the shores of Lake Hartwell, is 12 miles southwest of Anderson.

"We've already received many entries, so I expect registration to close before the May 13 deadline," said Brooks Jordan, superintendent at Sadlers Creek. "The top prize is very attractive, and there's a total of \$8,000 in money and prizes."

The contest will be a draw tournament, with fishermen paired up at a drawing to be held at 7 p.m. Friday, May 17, at the pavilion at Sadlers Creek. Cash awards based on weight will be given to the top 15, with 15th place receiving \$100. Sponsors of the event are Natural Light and Sadlers Creek State Park.

Brooks Jordan
Superintendent

TABLE ROCK STATE PARK

Since the last edition of Park Lites there have been some changes at Table Rock. A welcome addition to the park is the filling up of the new lake. Not only is it welcomed by the park staff but also by the public who have waited a long time for the lake.

We have had two runs of bad luck, however. The first problem was the resignation of the trades craftsman. Following closely to this incident was the injury to Ranger Jimmy Simms, who dislocated his ankle while playing basketball. Jimmy was off of his feet for about four weeks, but while he was not able to walk, he was able to do a lot of sign lettering. Because of these two occurrences, the rest of the staff has had to work doubly hard to keep the work from piling up. Other than these two incidents, everyone else is doing fine.

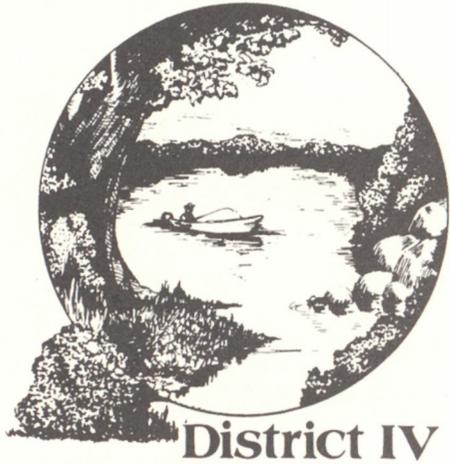
The lodge has reopened and started serving dinner Tuesday through Saturday evenings, and a luncheon buffet on Sunday. The lodge is doing just as good a business as always.

The staff here at Table Rock has started gearing up for the summer months. We have applied a new coat of paint to the majority of our buildings, and have made a few minor additions to some. We are all looking forward to another busy summer and we hope that our fellow workers throughout the system are doing well.

John W. Culbreth
Assistant Superintendent



A dramatic change in appearance of one of the ranger residences at Pleasant Ridge State Park.



It seems like we were ending the summer of 1984 just last month, and preparing work projects for the winter months. Well, winter has gone and it sure was short. Although it did not seem to last long, the extreme cold temperatures experienced for about one week caused considerable damage to water pipes. As we begin opening facilities for the coming months, many water supply lines are having to be repaired before the public can use them. As these visitors come to ur parks, they will notice many of the maintenance projects completed this year. Following are some examples of projects completed in District Four.



DISTRICT IV personnel at Superintendents' Conference. Seated, clockwise: Ted Williams, Hickory Knob; Bob Parrish, Dreher Island; Charles Rainey, Kings Mountain; Gerald Harris, Hickory Knob; Lew Cato, Kings Mountain; Melanie Brodie, Kings Mountain; Frances Herlong, Kings Mountain; George Gordon, Sesqui. Standing, from left: Steve Edison, Hamilton Branch; Charlie Parkman, District IV Superintendent, Phil Gaines, Lake Wateree; James Taylor, Andrew Jackson; Joe Hambright, Lake Greenwood; Marshall Brucke, Landsford Canal; Roy Atkinson, Baker Creek; Wayne Timms, Chester.

DISTRICT NEWS (Continued)

ANDREW JACKSON - Comfort stations and restrooms were repainted and wooden doors replaced with metal doors. Some of the split rail fence which runs throughout the park was replaced.

BAKER CREEK - New roofs on several buildings have been completed, new decking on pavilion walkways, and new carpet on the miniature golf course has been installed.

CHESTER - Landscaping of several areas through the park have enhanced a visit to this park. New boards have been installed on boat dock.

DREHER ISLAND - Painting of comfort stations and clearing for amphitheatre were completed by park crew.

GREENWOOD - New partition walls have been put in some of the comfort stations and wooden doors replaced with metal doors. The trading post has been re-organized with some remodeling.

HAMILTON BRANCH - Electrical problems continue to occur and many of them are in the primary line. SCE&G spent several days locating problems and repairing them for us. The staff has repainted restroom interiors, landscaped some buildings, the park entrance and office.

HICKORY KNOB - Work is underway to convert the barn into a large conference facility. The fish fry shelter has been converted into a laundry facility where the park can operate its own linen service. A substantial savings in money should be realized with this change. Work on the golf course with landscaping, retaining walls, and other aesthetic features is being completed.

KINGS MOUNTAIN - The most recent addition to the park is another log cabin donated by a family who lives close to York. The building is being renovated and will become the park office. Rewiring of the campground will be welcomed by many campers.

LANDSFORD CANAL - Work continues on the upstairs of the log cabin which will also become the park office. Several bridges have been replaced on the nature trails. The superintendent's residence is also receiving a fresh coat of paint.

SESQUI - Restrooms and comfort stations have received a new coat of stain and metal doors installed. The group camp is also being repainted. Much work was done in the residences this year which included carpet installation, refinished floors, re-worked ceilings, and paint.

LAKE WATEREE - As of this date we are still waiting on opening day. Problems encountered with the contractor have this project behind schedule. The staff has underbrushed the campground, picnic area, and landscaped residential yards. (The park was opened to the public on Saturday, April 13. Ed.)

Without the help of the maintenance crew and the construction crew, much work done in District IV could not have been accomplished. Many thanks to these dedicated experienced men for their hard work.

C.F. Parkman
District IV Superintendent



Greenwood staff building block partition walls in a comfort station.



Swimming area beach at Kings Mountain being scraped.



Work being done around the Camp Cherokee Mess Hall at Kings Mountain.



The "Richard Sherer Homeplace" on its original site near Sharon, S.C. recently donated to the state by Mrs. Ruth D. Latham of York and the descendents of Richard and Jane Sherer.



The Sherer Home after its move to Kings Mountain State Park, where it will eventually serve as an office and residence for the park horticulturist. It was originally constructed as a two-story exposed log structure in the 1770's.



A laundry room being added to a residence at the Living Farm at Kings Mountain.



Construction Crew re-wiring the campground at Kings Mountain.



Roofing the shop at Baker Creek.



Linoleum being installed in the ranger residence at Sesqui.



HERITAGE TRUST REGISTRATIONS ON STATE PARKS

Two sites recently selected by staff for registration in the Heritage Trust program have been approved by the PRT Commission. One involves the limestone caves at the head of Chapel Branch in Santee State Park. The other involves the sand dunes and marsh on the northern portion of Huntington Beach State Park.

The Santee Lime Sinkholes consists of four major sinkholes, sinkholes with obvious connections to an underground stream, and at least eight minor sinkholes without apparent connections to an underground stream. These Santee Lime Sinkholes comprise the outstanding sinkhole system in South Carolina.

Other state park sites already registered in the Heritage Trust program include:

A Hudsonia site at Cheraw State Park. Hudsonia is a small shrub, and this site is the only one known south of Pennsylvania.

The Carolina Bay at Woods Bay State Park. The upper elevation of Table Rock State Park. A major portion of Wildcat Wayside, including some rare plant species.

Another state park site awaiting Heritage Trust approval is the Givhans Limestone Bluffs at Givhans Ferry State Park.

All meaningful education does not take place within the four walls of a classroom! This school group from Richland District II is preparing for a guided tour of the natural wonders to be found at Woods Bay State Park.



Nearly five hundred persons enjoyed Spring Wildflower Walks conducted by the State Park Division's Program Section. Here's a group studying some native wild flowers at the Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge. Kneeling in the foreground is David Robinson, Refuge Forester.

Joe Frank Watson
Chief Naturalist

NEW FACES AROUND THE COLUMBIA OFFICE

BARRI LEWIS - Executive Support Specialist. Barri is a native of West Columbia, and graduated from Brookland-Cayce High School. After studying accounting and secretarial science at Midlands TEC, Barri went to work for Bankers Trust as a secretary and word processing specialist. Her next move was to PRT's Tourism Division for six months, then to the State Parks Division in January. Her hobbies include bowling, caring for houseplants, swimming, doing cross stitch embroidery and baking sourdough bread. However, her main "hobbies" are her two children, Adam, 8 and Shannon, 4.

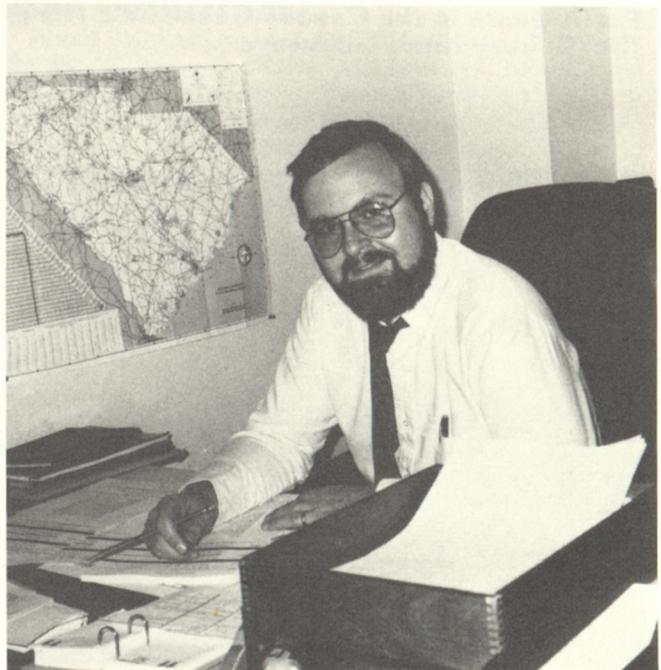
LISA NEWMAN - Word Processing Specialist. Lisa and her husband Richard are both transplanted Yankees from New York state. They came South to "get a good education" at USC, each of them earning a sheepskin in the process. Richard works for the accounting firm of Clarkson, Harden & Gantt, and is in the process of tackling the CPA exam. Lisa and Richard enjoy partying, playing tennis and hiking, in that order!

PATTI KNOFF - A-2 (Temporary) employee, helping with the volume of paperwork in the Columbia office. She has talked to most of the superintendents and other personnel about power bills, phone bills and cabin refunds, among other things! A native of Rochester, New York, she has that "funny accent" that goes with being born north of the Mason-Dixon line! After graduating from high school in Rochester, she came South to see how the "other half" lived, and picked up a B.A. in Political Science from U.S.C. in the process. She will complete her requirements for a Master's degree in Public Administration this July, then she plans to get a "real job!" Her hobbies include sewing (she makes most of her clothes), photography, dancing and her two cats, Clark and Scooter!



Three new faces around the Columbia office. Seated, Lisa Newman. Standing, from left, Barri Lewis and Patti Knoff.

John Rogers, Jr.



JOHN ROGERS, JR. - Historic Researcher. John grew up right here in Columbia, where he graduated from Dreher High School. He earned a B.S. degree in History from Erskine College, and is working on his Master's thesis in Applied History at Carolina. His wife, Donna, hails from nearby Lexington, then graduated from Erskine, where she and John met. John and Donna have been living in Charlotte, where he has been curator of an early nineteenth-century plantation and she has been working in computer operations. They are now in the process of getting settled in Columbia, and Donna is looking for employment. John's hobbies include reading, photography and listening to blues and jazz. He plays guitar (but only for an audience of one ... himself!)

PROGRAMS SECTION REPORT

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Ray Sigmon recently resigned to accept the directorship of Historic Camden. Ray has contributed significantly to the South Carolina state park system during the last twelve years. His untiring efforts are evident in a number of exhibits, visitors' guides, and many other projects.

John Rogers, a native Columbian, returned to his hometown from Charlotte to take Ray's place. John was recently employed as Curator at the Latta Place, a plantation constructed around 1800.

We wish Ray well and extend a sincere welcome to John.

PAPENFUS AWARD

Congratulations are in order for James Taylor, recipient of the 1984 Robert J. Papenfus Programs Achievement Award. Since coming to Andrew Jackson nearly two years ago, James has shown tremendous initiative in providing visitor services for the park community as well as the casual park visitor to his park. (See editorial on inside back cover. Ed.)

SPRING EVENTS

A number of new events were offered this spring.

The Hickory Knob Getaway was developed to replace the Outdoor Skills Workshop, an event that we had conducted for six years. The Getaway was more "custom designed" for Hickory Knob, with emphasis upon activities that are usually enjoyed at that park. For the first time we included workshops in golf and tennis to complement sessions on fishing, archery and several others.

Participants in the Canada Geese field trip at the Hickory Knob Getaway.



Over the past years we have built a strong following for the mid-winter workshops at Hickory Knob. The success we have enjoyed is largely due to the help we have received from within the state parks family. This year Mike Davidson, Mac Copeland, and Melanie Brodie journeyed to the Knob to share their expertise. Kay Onley, Ted Williams, and Tommy Rankin from the on-park staff also served as instructors.



A new hobby was learned by these persons attending the Pine Needle Basketry session at the Hickory Knob Getaway.

During the recently-completed Ranger Academy, Mark Dutton presented a natural history program. Mark took even greater advantage of the time and effort he put in the programs, and presented it (with some adjustments) to the general public at Sesqui's Group Camp.

Mark and Joe Watson are in the midst of the Tenth Annual Wildflower Program. As usual, the walks have generated tremendous interest, including a television appearance on WIS-TV's "P.M. Magazine" program. Twenty walks at seventeen individual locations provide nearly five hundred persons with closer looks at our state's spectacular wildflowers.

Sesquicentennial was also the site of the Third Annual Spring Green Horticultural Workshop. Many thanks to the help that Joanne Lewis provided Vandell Davis in this program, as well as her help with the Hickory Knob Getaway.

A sweetgrass basket workshop at Hickory Knob generated about three times the number of participants that could be accommodated. The response to this workshop was sufficient to warrant a follow-up workshop at Hickory Knob as well as one at Sesquicentennial.



Sampling delicacies during the Seafood Cookery session at Low Country Lifestyles.

Introduction to Beachcombing at Low Country Lifestyles.



It may seem so, but not everything this spring has taken place at either Sesqui or Hickory Knob. On March 24, Spring at Hampton Plantation was conducted. Through the efforts of Robert Mitchell and Vida Miller, several thousand people were able to experience a beautiful day filled with chamber music, Negro spirituals, craft demonstrations, tours of the mansion, readings of the late Archibald Rutledge's poetry, re-enactment exercises, and some delicious seafood provided by a local restaurant.

Larry Duncan, Mary Crockett, Janson Cox, and Sharon Hallex were on hand to help contend with the large crowd visiting the Plantation that day.



Someone once said that the secret of youth is enjoying a hobby in one's spare time. Here's a young couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Moredock of Fort Mill enjoying one of the Spring Wildflower Walks.

PARK PROMOTION

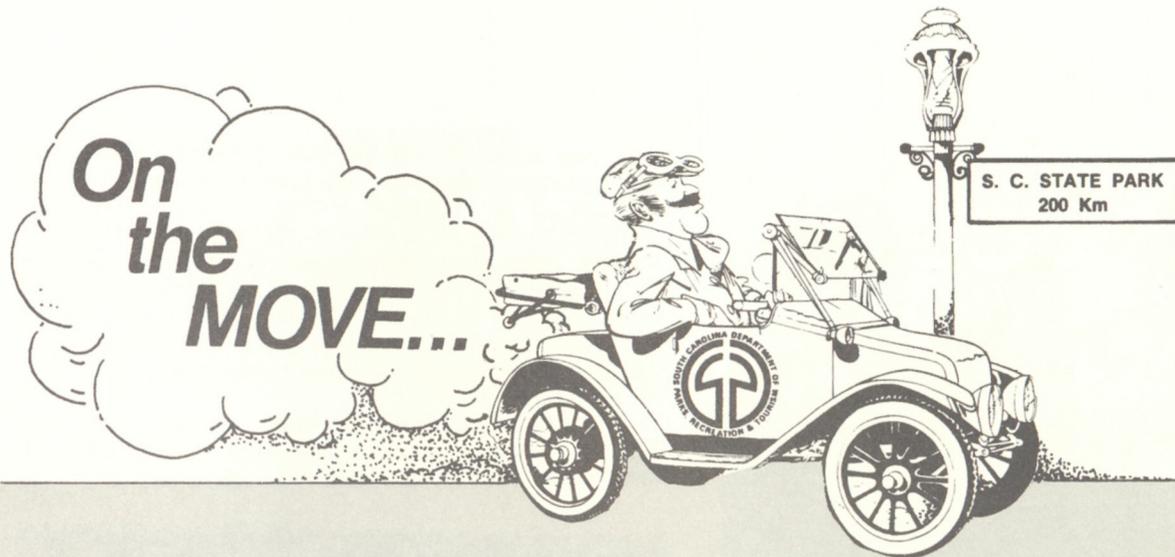
About 2½ years ago we started participating in travel shows, sportsmen's shows, and boat and recreational vehicle shows, to promote the new facilities at Hickory Knob. Since then a tremendous amount of interest has been generated for the park, especially the golf course. In addition, we have had the opportunity to call attention to the entire state park system.

Many superintendents, rangers, and district superintendents have helped work the state park booth to "get the word out" about our 80,000 acres of park lands. Your participation and help has been appreciated.

The South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Department and PRT co-sponsored a press outing recently at Hunting Island State Park. It is the latest in a number of projects that these two agencies have jointly conducted. We frequently call upon our friends from Wildlife to teach classes at our workshops. The 1985 Low Country Lifestyles will be conducted with the help of at least five staff members from the Wildlife and Marine Resources Division in Charleston.

Dan Turpin
Programs Coordinator

PERSONNEL CHANGES



NEW EMPLOYEES

Abelardo Amancio - Groundskeeper I, Hickory Knob
Stephanie G. Brittain - Information Clerk I, CTL
Frederick A. Brown - Auto Mechanic, Hickory Knob
Cynthia W. Cantu - Information Clerk I, CTL
Virgil D. Duncan - Ranger I, Oconee
William L. Forrest - Canteen Operator II, Hickory Knob
Betty S. Heird - Craftswoman II, CTL
Louie F. Holcombe - Trades Craftsman, Table Rock
Marvin L. Johnson - Vehicle Operator II, Service & Supply
Barri E. Lewis - Executive Support Specialist, Central Office
Rosa Belle Oliver - Canteen Operator I, Santee
John R. Rogers - Historic Researcher, Central Office
David A. Sturgis - Ranger I, Rivers Bridge
Lawrence L. Walters - Heavy Equipment Operator, Maintenance

PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS

Steve M. Egan - From Ranger I, Hunting Island to PMA, Hunting Island
Perry E. Isenberg - From Ranger I, Rivers Bridge to Ranger II, Croft

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Susan K. Fowler - From Administrative Specialist A, Service & Supply Center to Administrative Assistant I, Service & Supply Center

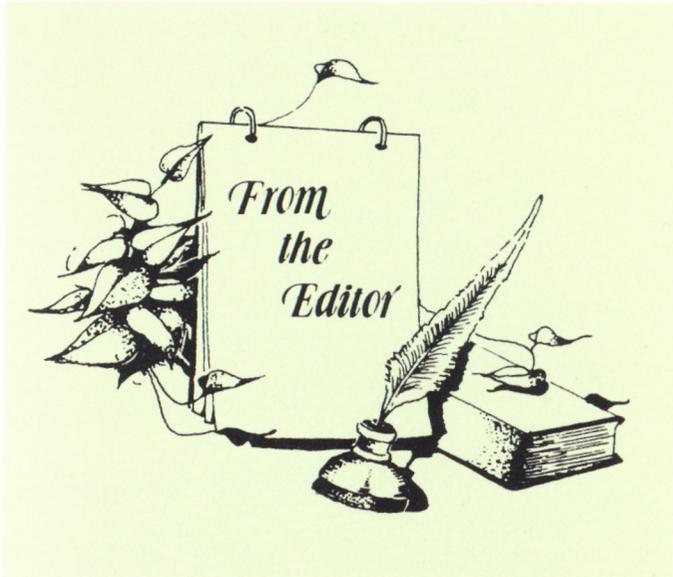
RESIGNATIONS

Fred J. Brewer - Ranger I, Oconee
Gwendolyn A. Bynoe - Executive Support Specialist, Central Office
James W. Campbell - Auto Mechanic, Hickory Knob
Eddie L. Dennis - Groundskeeper I, Hickory Knob
Michael A. Gambrell - Trades Craftsman, Table Rock
Daniel Gates - Canteen Operator I, Santee
Wayne C. Hawkins - Ranger I, Paris Mountain
James Ingram - Trades Worker, Field Maintenance
Timothy Ravenell - Heavy Equipment Operator, Maintenance
June S. Schirmor - Information Clerk I, CTL
James C. Schofield - Ranger I, Kings Mountain
Daniel Ray Sigmon - Historic Researcher, Central Office
Russell J. Smith - Vehicle Operator II, Service & Supply Center
Phil Tyner - Ranger II, Croft
Chevis Wald - Master Craftsman, Field Maintenance
Betty S. Young - Canteen Operator II, Hickory Knob

RETIREMENT

Neil E. Colvard - Asst. Park Superintendent, CTL

HOW DOES YOUR PARK RATE?



A PLUS AND MINUS SITUATION

We recently received a letter from Mrs. J.W. Bittle of Chesterfield concerning a visit to Andrew Jackson State Park. Several thoughts came to mind while reading the letter that I'd like to share with you. Let's review Mrs. Bittle's letter first...

"This letter of March 25 is somewhat delayed; however, I want to share this experience with you.

"On December 8, 1984, some friends, my son and I visited Andrew Jackson State Park near Lancaster, S.C. We were very pleased to find the park in a festive Christmas mood, the Andrew Jackson era being re-created in decorations within the buildings and on the park grounds.

"There were people at each interest center to extend us a warm welcome. They also gave excellent information on the artifacts and shared human interest stories about Andrew Jackson. We understood that the various local civic and garden clubs and a Retired Teachers' Association had given invaluable assistance toward making this project a success. The park grounds were lighted by "sandbagged" candles which was a project of the Cub Scouts.

"We enjoyed a fine performance by the Handbell Choir of the First Methodist Church in Lancaster. The glowing flames in the outdoor fireplace, the musical selections, and the young people involved enhanced the Christmas atmosphere.

"A very fine image of the state parks and what they can mean to a community was projected by the park superintendent, Mr. Taylor, his staff and all the people who assisted in this very effective historical presentation."

Notice that Mrs. Bittle's impression of the park was the total of many separate positive impressions of individual facilities or activities. While many park visitors have a single purpose in visiting a state park, they may become involved in many aspects of the park while there. Each experience becomes a "plus" or "minus" resulting in a total impression of the park.

Contributing much to the success of this holiday event was the participation of numerous community groups and organizations. Credit for bringing these together should go to Superintendent James Taylor, who had an idea and approached the community for assistance. People like to become involved in such a project, and it makes the work a lot easier when a large group pitches in and helps!

Mrs. Bittle obviously has warm feelings about the entire state park system because of her pleasant visit to Andrew Jackson State Park. The personnel at every state park should bear this thought in mind, and help one another to sell South Carolina state park system by leaving lasting positive impressions as the result of visits to our state parks. So ... let's concentrate on scoring on the "plus" side of the score card when park visitors tally up their impressions of our parks and their programs, personnel and facilities!

In closing, I appreciate the many acts of kindness expressed recently to me and my family during the illness and passing of my father. I have many precious memories of this kind and gentle man, one in particular concerning a scrap of paper that I found on his desk. Scrawled out in his one particular style of printing was this simple sentence that he had often mentioned to me ... "I ain't never lived this day before!" That's pretty good advice for each of us to keep in mind. Living one day at a time, our use of the minutes and hours at our disposal should be of prime importance. Put another way ... I have seen yesterday ... I am not afraid of tomorrow ... I love today!

My wish for each of you is that you are making your days count for things worthwhile.

Dana L. Sawyer
Editor

Note: Andrew Jackson State Park Superintendent James Taylor was 1984 recipient of the Robert Papefus Programs Achievement Award, and to him we extend our hearty congratulations. Ed.

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FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE - Maintenance Crew member Lloyd A. King was recently honored in a ceremony at the Governor's office for completing forty years of state service. Lloyd, second from left, received a state service award and congratulations from Governor Riley as Chief of Maintenance Jim Work (left) and PRT Executive Director Fred Brinkman (right) observed.