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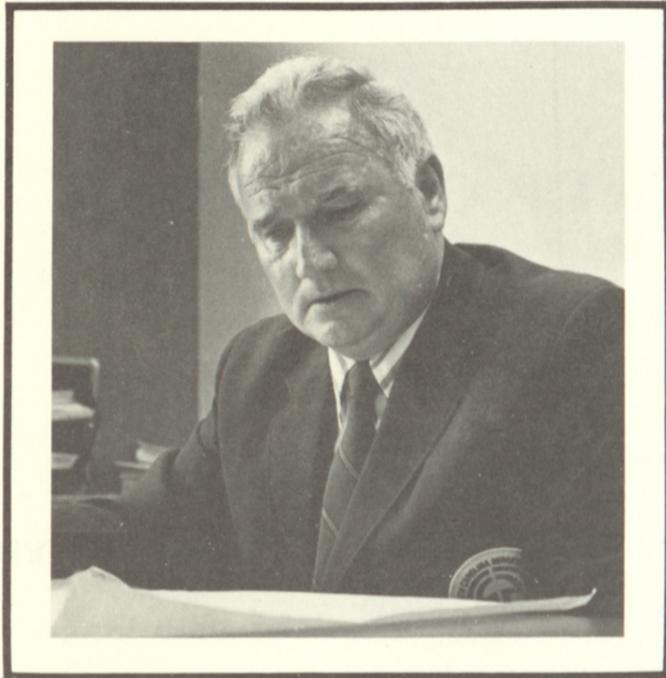
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ABOUT THE COVER: The William Sherer house, which was donated to the state park system in the spring of 1985, was originally located near Sharon in York County. It was moved to Kings Mountain State Park and placed beside the main entrance road near the superintendent's residence. Renovated by the State Park Maintenance Crew, it is serving as the park office and informative/orientation center.



Thanks again to those of you who have been involved in a curtailment of park operations. The manner in which you handled this problem is really outstanding. As I have stated before, we have not received any complaints on our personnel. At the present time, the House and Senate have looked favorably on our request for additional positions to enable us to comply with the wage and hour law. However, due to a state wide budget year, adjustments may have to be made in our requests for funding for the new positions. Charles Harrison has done an outstanding job in keeping the Legislature supplied with information pertaining to our budget. It remains for the full House and Senate to take action on our request.

It is that time of the year when we thank the staff at Kings Mountain for supplying our park system with the annual flowers. We would also like to thank staff members of other parks in potting the flowers for shipment.

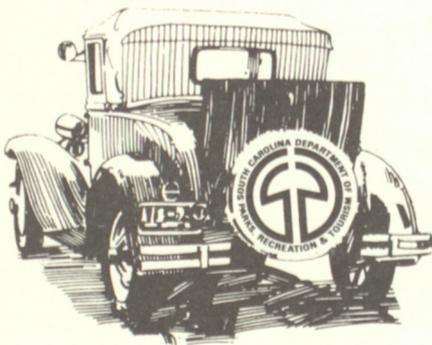
As of this writing, the Senate Finance Committee has recommended a \$225,000 reduction in our budget request of \$1,533,045. The budget now goes to a Senate and House Conference Committee to resolve the differences between their versions of the budget.

It does appear that the Parks Division will receive an increase in appropriated funds and an increase in personnel positions.

Options are being considered to match the level of park operations with the available funds. Final decisions cannot be made until the budget process has been completed.

At press time I learned that Fielding D. Russell, Jr. Ranger I at Edisto Beach, passed away May 5th after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife, Beth, and five children. We extend to them our deepest sympathy during these difficult days.

We just learned that Ms. Marla Vreeland Jordan, daughter of former State Parks Director E.R. Vreeland, passed away May 4. She was a hospital management specialist with Hill International Hospital Management Consultants. We extend our sympathy to Mr. Vreeland. Cards can be mailed to him at 711 Skyland Drive, Columbia, SC 29210.



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C.F. Parkman	District IV Superintendent	15
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S.K. Hallex	Information Clerk, CTL	5
W.R. Coates	Carpenter, CTL	5
K.D. Michael	Ranger, Old Dorchester	5
M.T. Hoofman	Superintendent, Aiken	5
R. McFadden	Ranger, Aiken	5
B.G. Lewis	Ranger, Cheraw	5
D. Watson	Ranger, Santee	15
R. Bryant	Ranger, Santee	10
F.F. Couch	Superintendent, Greenwood	10
R.E. Hayes	Superintendent, Croft	15
C.P. Love	Ranger, Table Rock	10
J.T. Rexrode	Superintendent, Caesars Head	5
J.C. Meadors	Ranger, Rose Hill	5
M.T. Clark	Master Craftsman, Hickory Knob	10
D.E. Stribling	Administrative Specialist, Hickory Knob	5
D.B. Zellars	Custodial Worker, Hickory Knob	5
M.M. Brodie	Nursery Supervisor, Kings Mountain	5
J.A. Hopper	Ranger, Kings Mountain	5
G.R. Corley	Ranger, Sesquicentennial	10
R. Freeman	Ranger, Sesquicentennial	5
T.M. Felder, Jr.	Ranger, Lake Russell	5

RETIREES - WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



JAMES WASHINGTON - RANGER, POINSETT

It's been nearly five years since James Washington hung up his Ranger's cap after spending thirty-nine years at Poinsett State Park! For those of us that remember James' smiling face and huge three-hundred pound frame, Poinsett will never be the same without him!

However, James is still around, enjoying life and it was a pleasure to talk with him recently about his activities and leisure pursuits since he retired. Like most parents, James and his wife Queenie spent many busy but rewarding years raising a family. Their home is only six miles from the park, so James drops by on a regular basis to "check up" on Superintendent Ed Nesbitt and his crew! However, James reports that "his" park looks just fine!

Four of the Washington's five children are married, and three live there "on the place." The other two live in Detroit and Panama. Eight grandchildren keep James and Queenie busy and proud (and broke from buying toys and clothes!) Both James and Queenie are enjoying good health, with Dave's time occupied with fishing and working around the house. He farms only 10-12 of his 130 acres, and rents the rest out.

Queenie goes to Detroit once or twice a year to visit one of her children, but Dave stays closer to home! Both Dave and Queenie attend church regularly, and it's obvious that their relaxed pace of life is agreeing with them.

If ever I've met a person that is at peace with himself and the world in which he lives, it's James Washington! His cheerful smile is a dead giveaway! Keep it up, Dave!

OPERATIONS REPORT

YEAR OF THE RANGER

Superintendents have had to make many adjustments in their management approach because of the conversion to a forty-hour work week. This conversion has changed many of the ways that we have operated parks and one of the most dramatic changes is that park superintendents are not working from 40 to 50 percent of the time that the park is open.

This means that some other staff member must be in charge, responsible and able to manage in the superintendent's absence. The dramatic change will cause the 1986 season to begin the "Year of the Ranger". The park rangers, assistant superintendents, PMA and other uniformed employees must become a part of the park operation and management team.

Too often, because of necessity, the ranger staff has been totally involved with the daily routine clean-up and grounds maintenance. They have not been able to become involved to any degree in the management and operational aspects of the park. This has to change.

The park superintendent can no longer perform the administrative and operational duties and directly supervise the increased staff. The rangers must run the park from 50 to 60% of the time. The total number of park employees (A-I, A-II's and supplemental) is expected to double when parks reopen for seven day a week operations. The rangers must be placed in supervisory roles. Superintendents must encourage this change. Rangers will need help to learn how to manage these new responsibilities.

Many superintendents have already realized that they have to take this approach. For many years, superintendents have given Assistant Superintendents and Ranger III's specific responsibilities such as cabin operations and swimming areas. Now Ranger I and II's are also being assigned specific responsibilities. These duties include the campground clean up and general grounds maintenance. They will have to arrange schedules and supervise the part-time employees. I believe this is a good approach.

This system of assigning specific duties as well as having general responsibilities will work on both large and small parks. The superintendent must look at his overall park operations and divide it into parts.

The park superintendents, on parks that have received additional staff to remain open, have learned that they cannot supervise all the employees directly and handle all the park operations and administration. The remaining superintendents will learn this very soon. Even the superintendents on small parks will find that they cannot directly control every activity.

Superintendents must develop the rangers and accept them as a part of the management team. Rangers should be involved in the planning process. They should understand how the park functions and why we have prescribed procedures. Rangers should be told when the park is running smoothly and receive due credit. The new supplemental employees and park technicians will be the basic labor force. They are expected to handle the vast majority of the routine clean-up and grounds maintenance. Operations and administrative duties such as "Duty" will be handled primarily by rangers. The park with only 2 man full-time staffs will have to use designated supplemental personnel for "Duty" at certain times.

One of the positive results that was expected from the forty hour work week was better quality of work from the park staff. This has been the case. Also expected was increased time for contact with park visitors to improve our image. Without the summer fatigue factor from excessive working hours, we should be able to improve our relationship with the visitors.

This new view of the park ranger's responsibility will take time to become the norm. The job descriptions have always reflected the responsibilities necessary to operate in this manner. The lack of time and personnel have been the factors that have limited the rangers from really becoming a part of the park management team.

This situation is changing. Park superintendents will have to rely on their rangers. Rangers will have to accept this changing view of their jobs. I believe most park employees have been anticipating these changes and are ready to move ahead.

If handled properly, these changes will benefit the superintendents, the park rangers and the park visitors. The superintendent will be able to concentrate on his responsibilities. The ranger will have an opportunity to increase his knowledge of park operations and become a more important part of the management team. The final result should be a better managed and maintained park system for the enjoyment of the park visitors.

Charles W. Harrison
Chief of Operations

MANAGING SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

The influx of additional employees to compensate for the conversion to a forty hour work week and the normal personnel increase during this summer will make the management of "part-time" employees a major activity at every park. In the accompanying article, I discussed the major increase in the responsibilities of the park rangers and that rangers must begin accepting their roles as supervisors.

Even with the rangers serving as supervisors of these additional employees, there will be situations that can best be handled by hiring a "lead" seasonal. This has been the usual way of managing swimming operations. We usually have a head lifeguard or waterfront director.

Other operations such as concession stands and stores lend themselves to having a "lead" employee. Grounds clean-up crews of four or more employees are also good candidates for a lead employee. If you instill in them that they are the "responsible" person, then you can expect a better job performance. If they accept the responsibility, then it should be reflected in their pay rate.

There are limits as to what you can expect. You cannot expect this employee to be responsible for the total store inventory to the degree of the full time employees. But the cleanliness of the store, the stock level and arrangements of merchandise certainly are acceptable responsibilities.

A common mistake in managing part-time employees is underestimating the time it takes them to learn the job. You cannot expect them to do anything without first providing training. You must explain the acceptable standards. This is true whether the job is operating a cash register or cleaning a restroom.

When the employee first arrives for work, you have to make an initial judgement as to their talents. Do not stop the evaluation process. The employee's performance will be better if you can match their abilities to the right job.

These employees realize that the job is temporary. They will be leaving in a few weeks. When they do leave, they will leave behind any job related problems. When the employee realizes a problem exists, he has two choices. He can tell you about it or cover it up. If he covers it up, the problem will be much worse when you finally find it after the season is over. How will he decide to cover the problem up or tell you about it? One point he will consider is your reaction when you are told about the problem. If he expects you to scold, harass or fire him, do you believe you will get any information about the problem? On the other hand, if he expects you to take rational, positive action to correct the problem, he may tell you about it.

The way you correct their errors and the manner in which you treat these employees will directly effect their job performance. Although they are hired to allow full time employees to handle other functions, they still require staff time in the form of training, supervision and just listening to their problems.

If you have worked in a park for at least one summer, you are aware that the quality of the seasonal employees can make a summer seem short or seem to last forever. You, as the supervisor, can effect the quality of their work by the way you supervise them.

Charles Harrison
Chief of Operations



OPERATIONS REPORT (Con't.)

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Park Rangers
FROM: Charles W. Harrison
SUBJECT: Relationship with Park Superintendents

Many of you have some concerns about the rapid changes in park operations over the past year. While there are new demands in the future, for those of you who will rise to the occasion, there are new opportunities. Your job **can** be better with the recent changes if you will make the effort to adjust. It is not going to be easy for you or your Superintendents. Take a few minutes to review my thoughts on common problems and situations that you may face. I am sure some of you have experienced some of these situations.

1. **The Superintendent does not talk to me.** He used to spend more time with the park staff, but his job is changing too. His responsibilities are greater and different than ever before. You were hired so **he** could have time to do **his** job. Do not expect him to do yours. Let him know when you need direction. When he spends time with you, he will expect a return on his investment of time by a job well done. You should try to use his time wisely by letting him know what needs to be done and see if he approves. Show him you can think. Remember that the more important you are to the Superintendent, the more planning time he will share with you. You were hired to work with little direct supervision. You must learn to direct yourself and other less experienced employees. If you want to advance, show initiative and leadership. You must be ready to make a difficult transition, from receiving a work list to making a list and carrying it to completion.

2. **I am not getting the training that I need.** Superintendents should give general instructions to experienced staff and work to train new employees. He is not going to invest time on you until he sees that you can "cut it". You must show interest and be willing to learn from others while the other park employees can help if you will ask for assistance. You must also be able to learn on your own. There is a great deal of printed information such as the Field Manual on every park. When the park operation schedules are finally set and the forty hour work week problems are solved, the Park Division's training program will be reinstated.

3. **The Superintendent does not like me.** In the vast majority of cases, the Superintendent "likes" everyone that does a good job and has a good attitude. If, after you have looked at yourself and really know that you are doing a good job, then maybe the Superintendent feels threatened by you. Do not gloat over your skills, do not belittle the talents of your supervisors or fellow workers. Offer your skills honestly for the good of the park and your rewards will come quicker than if you attempt to shine by making others look bad in comparison.

4. **The Superintendent never makes a decision or waits to the last minute.** This can influence your opinion of the Superintendent greatly. Why does he have this problem? Maybe the decision is not his to make by Division policy. Remember that he has superiors to satisfy. It could be that his view of the problem is wider than your view and he must weigh the options. You have to learn to view things from his perspective. The responsibility for the decision may be his and he needs to pursue a variety of possible answers before deciding. Then again, he may just be a procrastinator. You can help by providing options or ideas and, most importantly, by giving your support and effort to make his decision work.

5. **The Superintendent never tells me anything to do.** I expect this situation is very rare, but it can occur. If you are a good ranger, you may consider yourself lucky to have a busy Superintendent. Perhaps the Superintendent has confidence in your ability and has been pleased with your performance. Few supervisors will insist on doing work themselves if they know you can do it and meet their standards. Tell him when you have handled a problem that was unknown to him. Try to come up with solutions for his problems before he can. Get the Superintendent to depend on you because he knows you can handle the situation. You will gain experience by supervising yourself and others. Take advantage of the opportunity.

6. **My Superintendent tries to do everything himself. He doesn't delegate authority.** Perhaps he lacks confidence in your ability to get the job done. Perhaps he fears he will appear dispensable if he is not involved with everything. Show him you can act independently and perform work up to his standards. If the Superintendent sometimes likes to get involved with hands-on-work, perhaps you may have the skills to take on some of his administrative work. Make the offer and give him a break from the office. It will be good experience for you and a change of pace for your boss.

7. **The Superintendent never listens to my ideas or suggestions.** First, you must prove yourself. You must have worked long enough to begin to understand how a park operates. Do not rush into giving suggestions. Learn, observe, think, then suggest. Many Superintendents have been in their job many years. His first thought will be, why change what has worked in the past? Remember that you may not know the whole picture and the Superintendent is ultimately responsible for his park. Maybe your park is behind on the winter work program and the Superintendent is not receptive to another project until the other projects are complete. The key to having ideas accepted is having credibility. You have to prove that another approach will be advantageous such as getting a job done more quickly and still meet the Superintendent's standards. Having a good idea is half the battle; being able to carry it out and make it work completes the victory. Can you do this?

8. **The Superintendent never tells me how I am doing?** This is a common problem. You may get an informal mid-year review and a yearly evaluation, but this is not enough for most offices. Try telling him what you have done. Tell him how you solved a maintenance problem or handled a complaint. There is no use bragging, just state the facts. If he is not happy with what you did, he has a perfect opportunity to explain why. This way you can get a review every few days.

9. **My Superintendent is so moody that I never know what to expect from one day to the next.** All of us are moody to some degree. Use moods to your advantage. When he is high, he probably is receptive to your ideas. When he is low, he probably wants to be left alone. If he gives you an assignment on a low day, do it as close to his standards as possible. If you receive no assignment, you have an opportunity to make a good decision and work without direct supervision. Isn't this the way you want to work? When the Superintendents mood is hot, you must be cool.

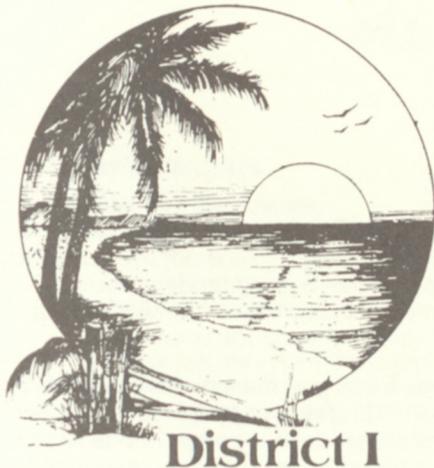
10. **I just messed up "Big-Time".** This will happen. Do not go up to the Superintendent with a silly grin on your face and tell him he has a problem. I have seen this happen more than once. You must tell him what happened as soon as possible. Do not give excuses, but explain how or why it happened. Do not delay or cover up. The sooner you can get a plan of action to patch up the damage, the better for all. If you are doing anything, you will make some mistakes. Mistakes usually occur because of a lack of knowledge or experience. When you mess up, you must take the consequences. How you take the consequences may have a greater impact on your future than the actual mistake. Those who learn and mature from their mistakes are the kind of employees who can provide future leadership.

11. **My Superintendent seems really dumb.** Take a closer look. Everyone has strengths as well as weaknesses. Park Superintendents do not get to be Superintendents without a degree of skill or knowledge. If you cannot recognize these qualities you may have shortcomings. Rangers should try to gain some perspectives about the Superintendent's job. It is sometimes easy to see a person's weaknesses but harder to see and respect his strengths. Learn from his strengths and his weak points. If you can contribute where your Superintendent has shortcomings, do so. Display honest assistance rather than an attempt to show off.

Superintendents have done traditional Ranger work. In fact, everyone in the direct organization structure from Superintendent I positions to the Park Director has done "Ranger" work. Today, these traditional duties are changing. This change in duties will necessitate a change in the relationship between Rangers and Superintendents.

The change to forty hours gives you a great opportunity to develop new skills and increase the importance of the Ranger position. The months ahead are critical for you, future Rangers and the parks system. How well we accept changes and adjust will set the tone of the job for every park Ranger for the years to come.

DISTRICT NEWS



I would like to commend all the Superintendents and their staffs in District I for making the winter of 1985-86 a most successful season despite numerous changes in operation and personnel. For the first time ever, Superintendents have been faced with scheduling all their employees on a forty hour work week. Never before have schedules been more important, or more elaborate.

On many of the larger parks, supplemental employees were sought out, interviewed, hired, and trained to take up the slack caused by the forty hour limit. On smaller parks, the park gates had to be closed two and three days a week because additional help was not available. Superintendents, Rangers, and their families, though empathetic, were required to turn away many potential park users upset because of the closings.

Despite the many changes in operations, hours, and personnel, this winter has been one of the most productive on record in the area of maintenance and winter work projects. I take my hat off to the park crews (both A-1's and supplemental) for giving us the best project completion rate in recent years. I also want to thank all our staff in the Columbia Office for helping those of us in the field meet the many challenges.

Charles Towne Landing - Thanks to Janson Cox, Bill Coates, Sharon Hallex, and volunteers Roberta Rhodes, Erik Cox, and Yonie Cox for making the hours of operation signs for all the parks in the state. Tom Perry and his grounds crew have done much needed pruning and general cleaning up of the gardens and different planting beds on the park. Al Dann has worked closely with the Animal Forest crew staff in the construction of a new alligator habitat dam and bridge. The ADVENTURE should soon return from the McClellanville Boat Yard where needed repairs are in progress.

Colleton - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Russ on the birth of a daughter since my last writing. Mary Crockett and Mike have completed numerous projects including the roofing of Shelter #1, painting of the Superintendent's residence, and erecting new steps on the river bank with crossties.

Edisto Beach - The crew at Edisto Beach can truly call themselves experienced roofers after this winter's work. The Superintendent's residence, the park shop, and three park restrooms have been reroofed by the crew. Skylights were added to the restrooms. Several park buildings have been painted and cabins have been underpinned. Congratulations to Ray and Donna Stevens on the birth of their son Adam Douglas on April 4th.

Givhans Ferry - I would like to welcome our new Ranger I Moody Walters and his wife, Bonnie, and son, Todd, to our park family at Givhans. Superintendent Glenn Farr and Moody have been very busy roofing two restrooms, one picnic shelter, and the park shop. They completed the steps on the bluff by the cabins. Kurt Becht is working with Glenn on the renovation of the Recreation Building.

Hampton Plantation - Bob Mitchell and Will are proud of the new coat of white paint on the mansion. While the paint job was contracted, Bob and Will have been primarily involved with grounds work. Over 30 donated live oak trees have been planted by the crew. "Spring at Hampton" was a success despite a smaller turnout than last year. The weather was beautiful, Bob got coverage from the Channel V television station, and several dignitaries including legislators and Judge Irvin Rutledge attended the event.

Hunting Island - The park crew has roofed three campground restrooms, two cabins, and the additional storage area added to the park trading post. Skylights have been added to all the campground restrooms that were roofed. In addition to painting, renovations to cabins #2 and #3 bathrooms and other projects, the park crew has spent much time underbrushing and cleaning up around the south-end picnic and parking areas. Several pedestrian bridges have been built using salvage materials to give visitors better access to the south beach.

CHARLES TOWNE LANDING

As this article is being written, the spring season is finally upon us. The gardens are in full bloom, the weather is beautiful, and the parking lot looks like the site of a school bus drivers' convention.

To recap briefly, our first Woodlands Workshop held in February was a great success, receiving high marks from all participants. The third annual Founder's Festival in late March proved to be a real crowd pleaser with a weekend attendance of over 6,000, including nearly 2,000 who came out Saturday for the annual March of Dimes Walk America.

The Annual Elks Charities Run, sponsored by Charleston Elks Lodge 242, took place in mid-April and drew a mass of dedicated lowcountry runners. Following in rapid succession were the Charleston Symphony Orchestra's Starlight Pops Concert, the classic Ford club's "All Ford Weekend," and of course the Greek Spring Festival. Other popular events returning with the season are the S.C. State Double Dutch rope jumping finals and Dining at Charles Towne.

Dining at Charles Towne, introduced last year, quickly became one of our most popular programs. It allows participants the opportunity to prepare typical colonial feast using the outdoor oven, open hearth, and outdoor rotisserie, all in the Settlers Life Area.

Rate increases for admission, bicycle rentals, tram tours, and facility use went into effect March 1. Visitors especially local residents, have been extremely supportive. Attendance has been good and the added revenue is most welcome.

A major effort in the 1670 Experimental Garden is beginning to show results. The original mint bed is being re-established. The geometric pattern is half of the original garden plan as laid out at the Lords Proprietors' Plantation in 1671. The stone walkways are being bordered with thyme plants. Each geometric plot is being planted with different varieties of mint.

The ADVENTURE is having extensive work done on its hull at the McClellanville Boat Yard and should return in better condition than it's been in for several years. Often we don't realize how much our visitors follow daily happenings in the park, but if the number of inquiries we have received for progress reports on the vessel is any indication, they really do think of Charles Towne Landing as their park!

Finally, the real sign that the busy season is upon us is the number of new A-2 employees beginning and the friendly frustration of trying to match faces with names.

In a year that has seen major change in our park system as a whole, it is reassuring to know that we can still count on the efforts of our employees and rely on the fundamental kindness of our visitors who have every right to expect the best that we can give them.

Here's to a truly successful season.

Huntington Beach - Numerous projects including the roofing and painting of the concession building have been completed by the park crew. Screens were installed on the south campground restrooms. The tractor shed has been renovated, tile and shower replaced in the boys' barracks restrooms, and chain link fencing replaced at the alligator observation area. Work continues on repairing and painting windows and doors in the castle, 'Atalaya.' Welcome to new Ranger I Larry Chapman, who was formerly a supplemental employee at Myrtle Beach.

Myrtle Beach - Congratulations to Steve and Darlene Egan on the April 1st birth of their son Steven Michael Egan, Jr. The exteriors of all five rental cabins have been painted by the park crew. Numerous other projects, including a new ramp and polybutylene plumbing on the fishing pier, have been completed by the park crew. Several park buildings have been roofed. Congratulations to P.M.A. Ricky and Rhonda Robertson, who were married in February.

Old Dorchester - Several small projects have been completed by the park crews, including rewiring and installing storm windows on the Superintendent's residence. Plants from Kings Mountain have been planted around the park restroom and other buildings.

Rivers Bridge - In addition to other projects, the crew has replaced the bathroom linoleum, made repairs to rotted sills, and replaced four french doors on the community building. They have also painted the interior and exterior of the swimming pool buildings. Welcome to our new Ranger Bernie Chavis and wife Peggy.

Larry W. Duncan
District I Superintendent

GIVHANS FERRY

We had a very busy Winter at Givhans Ferry and it surely is good to see Spring return. The summer season is just around the corner and we are hoping for a good one.

I would like to welcome Ranger Moody Walters, his wife Bonnie and son Todd to the park family. Moody started in November and he has done a real good job. Todd and Bonnie have helped a lot also.

The Edisto River is at the right level to provide some good fishing this year.

We wish you all a good and safe summer.

Harry G. Farr
Superintendent

Robert M. Badger
Public Information Specialist

SPRING AT HAMPTON



Rep. Alex Harvin (with shovel), Irvine Rutledge (right, rear) the only surviving son of the late Archibald Rutledge, and members of the Archibald Rutledge Club

of Myrtle Beach, plant a live oak tree at Hampton Plantation. The club donated thirty-three live oak trees to the state park.

SPRING AT HAMPTON

The second annual "Spring at Hampton" was held Sunday, April 6. Hampton Plantation looked as beautiful as ever for the event, with the dogwoods, camellias and azaleas in full bloom and the house gleaming with a fresh coat of paint.

Several hundred people enjoyed a day of sunshine, seafood from McClellanville's Crab Pot Restaurant and local craft exhibits. The crowd was entertained by the Brass Ensemble of the Baptist College of Charleston, and the Howard AME Church Choir presented traditional spirituals. Nature walks through the old rice fields and guided tours of the house were also offered.

This year's festival was highlighted by the presentation of a resolution of thanks from the Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission to the Archibald Rutledge Club of Myrtle Beach. The resolution, presented by Commission member Senator William Doar of Georgetown,

recognized the donation by the club of thirty-three live oak trees to the park. In addition, Representative Alex Harvin and Irvine Rutledge, Archibald Rutledge's only surviving son, presented the club with the South Carolina Tourism Award for their efforts in beautifying Hampton Plantation.

Many thanks are due to Superintendent Robert Mitchell, Ranger Will Alston, and District Superintendent Larry Duncan for their efforts in preparing for Spring at Hampton. Thanks also to those of you from Charles Towne Landing and Huntington Beach who pitched in and helped make the program a success.

John Rogers
Historical Researcher

GIVHANS FERRY'S LIMESTONE BLUFFS



Givhans Ferry Superintendent Glenn Farr checks out the new stairs and boardwalk over the park's limestone bluffs.

GIVHANS FERRY'S LIMESTONE BLUFFS HERITAGE TRUST DESIGNATION AND PRESERVATION MEASURES

As many of you know, the Limestone Bluffs of Givhans Ferry State Park have been registered as a Heritage Trust Site. The reasons for their significance are that the bluffs are among the largest of the very few limestone bluffs existing in the coastal plain, and the bluffs offer refuge for the threatened fern species, little ebony spleenwort, and five rare species.

Not only have we secured protection by way of cooperative agreement as relates to future development of the bluffs, but we have also provided for the present day protection of the bluffs.

With the cooperation of Jim Work, Larry Duncan, and Glenn Farr's staff, a set of stairs was designed and have been completed that provides a means for cabin users to gain access to the Edisto River without having to disturb the bluffs. A boardwalk has also been added to the stairs that extends across the river flood plain to the river's edge.

These two measures will help preserve this portion of the bluffs that previously received heavy usage, and will insure their integrity for years to come.

Such far sighted planning continues to guarantee that the significant natural features on our State Parks are being preserved for future generations to cherish.

Mark Dutton
State Parks Naturalist

DISTRICT NEWS (Con't.)



New paint job at Hampton Plantation.



Skylights and a new roof on the campground comfort station at Hunting Island.

Work being done on the roof of Cabin #4 at Hunting Island.

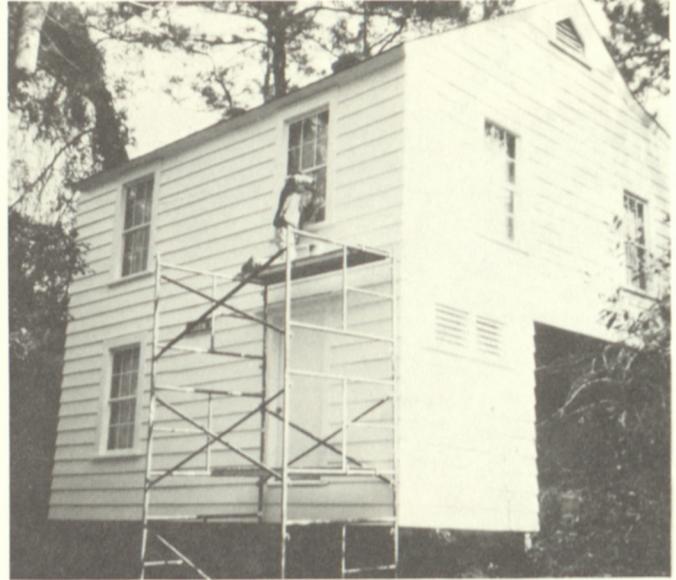


New lattice work under Cabin #3 at Hunting Island.



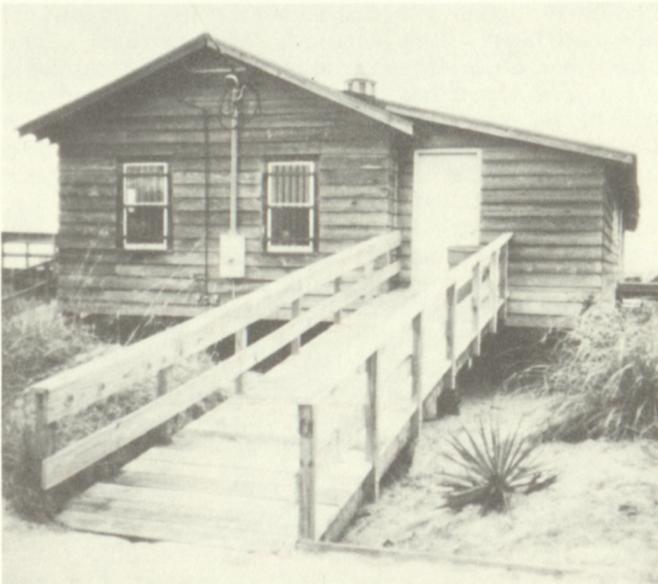


The "Adventure," away from its usual resting place at Charles Towne Landing for some repair work on the hull at the McClellanville Boat Yard.



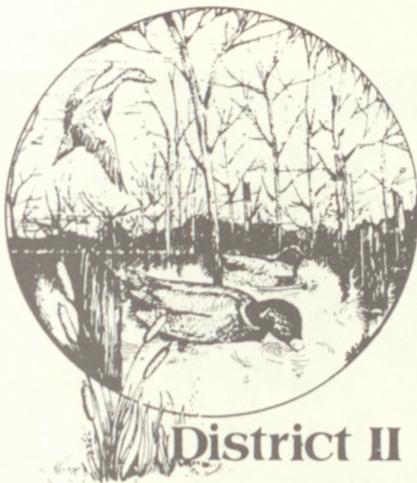
A supplemental employee painting a cabin at Myrtle Beach.

New ramp and landscaping at Myrtle Beach's fishing pier.



A cabin at Edisto Beach, freshly painted and underpinned.

DISTRICT NEWS (Con't.)



Welcome to:

Brian Hart to **Santee**. Brian grew up in state parks and now has joined us as a ranger. Brian and his wife are expecting **twins** by fall. Good luck!

Richard Bishop to **Redcliffe**. Richard was a supplemental at Paris Mountain. The Bishops have three children and are excited about living in Redcliffe.

Mike Miller to **Cheraw**. Mike was also a supplemental at Oconee. Their children are adapting to life in the sand hills.

Dick Paisley to **Barnwell**. Dick is another mountain transplant and is currently working as a Supplemental Ranger.

James Graham to **Poinsett**. Jim previously worked at Cheraw Fish Hatchery and has been a lifeguard at Cheraw.

Charles Murray to **Poinsett**. Congratulations on your Ranger II promotion and birth of a daughter.

Rick Smith to **Santee**. Congratulations on your promotion to Assistant Superintendent. Rick and his wife have a daughter named Jessica.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Work on the **Barnwell** Swimming Lake is in progress. The swimming area is being cleaned out and new sand will be placed on the beach. A settling basin is being constructed in the upper end that will improve the water quality.

A new well is being put in to serve the **Aiken** Campground. Bids have been received to rebuild the cabin lake spillway.

The burned restroom at **Little Pee Dee** is well underway with the park crews playing a large part in planning and construction. Repairs to the lake's spillway are in the near future.

Group camps improvements have been going on all winter at **Cheraw**. The camps are greatly improved.

The house renovations at **Redcliffe** are nearing completion. The park crew has done excellent work.

The construction crew is rewiring the big campground at **Santee**.

The pool at **Lynches River** will have a leak repaired before the swimming season.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The American Power Boat Association is sanctioning a Hydroplane Race at **Cheraw** in May. The event is co-sponsored by local civic clubs. This event is expected to attract thousands of boating enthusiasts.

A barbecue, Colonial Arts and Crafts, and a "living history" exhibit by the 2nd Regiment from Mount Pleasant will be held at **Redcliffe** during the Beech Island Tricentennial Celebration April 26. The event is being sponsored by the Beech Island Historical Society.

The Lake City Tobacco Festival will again use the **Lynches River** pool facilities to begin the Tripthacon event in July.

A family nature outing will be held at **Cheraw** in June.

Mike Hoofman recently spoke in Springfield to a garden club where he utilized the PRT Slide Program.

As we enter into the 1986 season I challenge all to keep our standards high, be proud of yourself and the work you do each day.

Van Stickles

District II Superintendent

REDCLIFFE REOPENED TO THE PUBLIC

After two years of repair work, Redcliffe reopened to the public on Saturday, the 26th of April. This date coincided with the celebration of the Beech Island Tricentennial, a full day of parades and festivities culminating in a barbecue picnic at the park.

While the grounds have remained open the house has been closed since the summer of 1984. This closing was made necessary because large sections of the first floor plaster ceiling threatened to collapse. While the plaster had been applied with skill during the 1930's, the metal lath had been poorly secured. Large sections of the ceiling had collapsed while John Shaw Billings was living there. The repair has taken almost two years and was one of the most difficult tasks ever carried out on an historic site. Over one thousand bolts were placed to attach the metal lath to the joists; each hole was individually patched and sanded. After painting, the repairs are invisible. Superintendent Gene Cobb, several rangers, and members of the maintenance crew have put in thousands of man hours on this project. The final phase of the renovation will be refinishing the floors, cleaning the house, and putting the furniture back in place.

Exterior renovations were carried out under contract this spring and include painting and gutter repair.

We all look forward to this new beginning at the house.

Mike Foley
Chief Historian



Bill McMeekin, Chief Engineer with the Engineering and Planning Division checks out the spillway at Aiken State Park's cabin lake. This spillway, which was constructed some forty years ago, will be rebuilt by late summer.



Exhibit boxes recently installed on the boardwalk at Woods Bay.

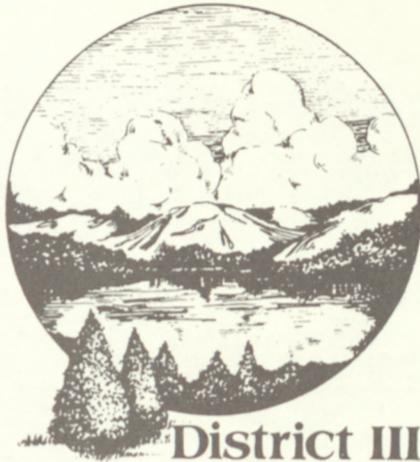
The mansion at Redcliffe, in the process of being painted earlier this spring.



Rebuilding of the comfort station in the camping area at Little Pee Dee. This building was damaged by fire in January.



DISTRICT NEWS (Con't.)



Since the last issue of Park Lites our winter has changed from cold, windy days to beautiful, mild days.

I have been most pleased with the number of projects completed this winter. Supplemental employees have played an important part in the success of our project completions this year, as well as the overall operation of the parks.

The Parks Division now operates the Table Rock Lodge Restaurant. Operating a restaurant is something new for Table Rock and District III. Chevis Wald is managing the restaurant and reports that business is booming, which he attributes to the good food being served.

Lake Hartwell State Park opened the park and campground on April 3, 1986. The store also doubles as a Tackle Shop, selling live bait and fishing tackle. All the park roads are paved as well as the campsite pads. (Live bait is something else new to the District).

In closing, I would like to thank everyone in District III for their support of the Supplemental Staff Program and helping me keep accurate records on all payrolls. By the next issue of Park Lites maybe the Parks Division will have funds to reopen all our parks on a seven day basis.

I want to personally thank Leonard Jones for his tireless efforts in obtaining clothing with proper storage compartments.

May each and everyone of you have a safe and pleasant summer.

Horace Craig
District III Superintendent



The Table Rock Lodge as it looked in the 1940's. Notice the absence of trees.

TABLE ROCK RESTAURANT NOW A PARK OPERATION

On February 14, 1986, the Table Rock State Park Restaurant opened under the operation of the Division of State Parks. This facility had always been leased so it was a new experience for us.

Chevis Wald is the new manager for the restaurant. We were also fortunate to be able to hire many of the employees who had previously worked at the restaurant. Their knowledge of the equipment and operation has been most valuable.

There have been many changes at the restaurant since January. Many of the changes have been cosmetic, so as to improve service and make for an easier operation. This has been accomplished without altering the appearance so we can keep the historical value of this CCC building.

New equipment added includes: microwave, ice machine, pressure chicken cooker, dishwasher, as well as upgrading of the existing equipment. These additions have been welcomed as most were previously needed.

We never anticipated the rush of business that we have experienced. Lines of people waiting to be served have become an every weekend occurrence. Parking has already become a big problem, and will have to be addressed shortly.

In the near future we are planning on our most extensive renovation, which will be very evident to the restaurant visitor. We are going to be closing in the upstairs porch, adding picture windows, and making it part of the upstairs dining room. When this project is complete we will start using the upstairs as our primary dining area, and use the downstairs for parties and overflow. This addition will give the diner a fantastic view of Lake Pinnacle and Table Rock Mountain.

Please come eat with us. We know you will find good food, great service and beautiful scenery.

Joe L. Hambricht
Table Rock State Park

OCONEE STATE PARK

In the spring of 1986, we think back and realize that we have witnessed more changes recently in the park system than since the switch from the S.C. Commission of Forestry to the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism.

At a meeting at Table Rock, Charles Harrison presented the plan to District III on the forty hour work week and it was obvious what a tremendous task this was to work out.

Oconee and Table Rock were fortunate to be able to stay open full time and to also receive three supplementary employees so that the forty hour week would work.

At Oconee we hired Mike Miller, Jim Bynum Jr. and Ronnie McCall. These were all local men and they have been a great help in the maintenance area. Mike Miller has become a ranger I at Cheraw, and we now have Joe Hardy, another local man that is doing a good job.

District Superintendent Craig had the employees and their families for a service awards presentation at Camp Buckhorn, Paris Mountain. There was a good turn out and Horace said he hopes to have another one in December.

Something we never thought of is the number of people coming to the mountain area of Oconee to see the comet. Almost every day we receive some calls about viewing areas and we have had a good many people come to camp and stay in the cabins just for this purpose.

A major project that was completed this year was the paving of the roads and campsites in the top loop. This will be very good, especially in keeping down the dust.

Bob Cothran
Superintendent Oconee State Park



Irvin Pitts, Ranger/Naturalist at Caesars Head State Park, puts the new contour map of the Mountain Bridge Wilderness and Recreation Area to use. The Interpretive and Information Center was not officially open when these photographs were taken, but visitors were drawn to it when they saw a ranger there.



Irvin Pitts shows off the displays of rare plants and record-size trees housed in the new Caesars Head State Park Interpretive and Information Center. Other exhibits include contour and topographic maps of the area, a bird and bird nest display, and an exhibit of the American Chestnut which tells of the demise of this once majestic tree.

FOOTHILLS TRAIL EXTENDED TO CAESARS HEAD



Caesars Head Ranger/Naturalist Irvin Pitts blazing a portion of the Foothills Trail on Mountain Bridge property.

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A twenty-mile extension of the Foothills Trail between Sassafras Mountain and Caesars Head State Park is now complete and ready for use. The original Foothills Trail, completed several years ago, is sixty miles in length with trailheads at Oconee and Table Rock State Parks. The trail traverses property belonging to Duke Power Company, the U.S. Forest Service and private owners, in addition to the three state parks.

The newer section crosses a number of privately-owned tracts, with arrangements for the use of these properties handled by the Foothills Trail Conference. The trailhead at Caesars Head is located at the bottom of Jones Gap, with other trails currently under development in the Mountain Bridge area.

The park crew at Caesars Head did most of the blazing, signing and minor clearing for the trail section on Mountain Bridge property, which primarily uses old logging roads.

The Foothills Trail is a major attraction of the South Carolina Upcountry as it passes through the heart of this state's beautiful mountains. Some areas with spectacular views include Lake Jocassee, Whitewater Falls, Raven Cliff Falls and Sassafras Mountain, the highest point in the state.

THE CHEROKEES OF KEOWEE

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On March 9, our own Irvin Pitts and Valerie Spratlin, an Interpretive Naturalist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, presented a natural history program at Keowee-Toxaway State Park. The topic for this informative program was the Cherokee Indians that once inhabited the Keowee area.

The program included information on the history and culture of these native Americans as well as information on how the Cherokee used certain species of plants for medicine and food. The group was treated to lectures, slide shows, a combination nature walk and tour of the Cherokee Interpretive Kiosks, and a tour of the museum located on the park.

Irvin and Valerie shared their artifacts with the group to give participants a first hand look at the handiwork and tools of the Cherokee. Valerie wowed the crowd by demonstrating a blow gun that was used by the Cherokee to hunt small game.

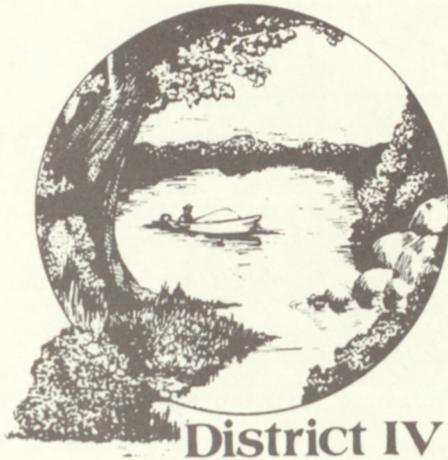
The program was filled to capacity and was so successful that Irvin has scheduled programs for several interested groups as a result. He plans to have another Cherokee of Keowee program in the fall. This program, Irvin reports, will be expanded in scope to encourage people to share their treasure of artifacts with the other participants. There will also be an opportunity for participants to swap their treasures, much like the Cherokee did their trading years ago.

There is a great interest in the Cherokee heritage of South Carolina's mountainous region and this program, along with the ones to follow, will serve to educate the public concerning the Cherokee culture that once flourished in the area surrounding Keowee-Toxaway State Park.

Mark Dutton
State Parks Naturalist



DISTRICT NEWS (Con't.)



In September of last year, many concerns were expressed over the state park system's eventual change to a forty hour work week schedule. A number of these concerns were to have a negative impact. The most negative impact was the necessity to close many parks two days per week and have operational hours for the days open. This effected attendance and revenue for the park system. There was concern over the amount of work to be done on each park and the lack of manpower to complete the tasks, since funds were unavailable to hire additional full time staff. Through cutbacks in operations and maintenance, money became available to hire temporary employees where they were needed the most.

With spring arriving, longer daylight hours, and increased public use, it became apparent that other changes were needed. Many parks have had to cut back on maintenance projects to staff the park for longer hours to accommodate the visitors. Some parks have closed an additional day to remain open longer the remaining four days. Hopefully, by July, funds will become available to staff most parks so they will be open seven days per week again.

While many concerns were negative, it was felt that there was a positive side to this dramatic, (maybe traumatic?) change. Some of these I have observed throughout my district, and feel they show what good employees we do have. I guess a good indicator is the turnover rate in the lower classified positions.

In the past, we saw a number of vacant positions during the spring months. This year, there have only been a few vacancies. Apparently, we have employees who are better satisfied in their jobs.

I have seen employees accepting more responsibility. With the week being forty hours, one cannot wait to be told everything to do or what order to do it. Many employees have become more dependable in their jobs, as a result of this.

Because of employees who are rested and refreshed, productivity has increased. Mentally and physically, employees are performing their duties better. Cooperation of employees to meet job objectives has improved.

Instead of sixty to seventy hours per week, working forty hours gives employees time to be with their families. They also are able to pursue their hobbies or recreational activities more.

The change to the forty hour work week has not been easy, but it is the best thing to happen for employees in fifty years. There will still be adjustments made and we will have to meet them, but with the continued support of each employee, these minor changes will be easy.

Remember, we are all part of a team. Let's continue to perform well and make the 1986 season the safest and best on record!

C.F. Parkman
District IV Superintendent

LAKE RUSSELL - McCALLA STATE PARK

The arrival of warm weather and reports of good catches of crappie and bass caused quite a stir on this new lake. Visitors arrived from everywhere, overflowing parking lots at boat ramp sites around the lake. While maintenance of these areas is done by the respective counties in which they lie, it is our department's responsibility to make periodic inspections as to their condition. Doing these inspections and coordinating operations information to the Corps of Engineers, has kept Ranger III, Mel Felder, and Jack Pelfrey, Ranger I, quite busy the past couple of months.

Other staff members of PRT who have visited the area often ask what the park staff does here. In addition to the duties already mentioned, Mel and Jack undertook a special project last fall. On the property was an old house, which, under its exterior of asbestos siding and wood sheathing, was an original log cabin. The structure had additions to it which were becoming somewhat delapidated. They have removed all of the asbestos siding, rebuilt the additions, put on a new tin roof, leveled and straightened the log portion as much as possible, put in ceiling joists, and are now getting ready to install lap siding on portions where the log construction will not be seen. When the building is fully dried in, they will begin finishing the interior. When completed, the facility will be used in the park's operation. They are to be complimented for their work, which has been done through their efforts and skills. When they complete this project they will be ready for the "maintenance crew" because of knowledge and skills gained through this project.

C.F. Parkman
District IV Superintendent

LAKE GREENWOOD

“What? Joe Hambright is no longer here! Well, I’m sure he will do a great job up at Table Rock State Park.” These are the remarks heard everyday here at Lake Greenwood.

After over 11 years of dedicated service at Lake Greenwood State Park, Joe Hambright is now the Superintendent of Table Rock. The number of favorable comments concerning Joe’s leaving has been phenomenal.

If the spring crowds are any indication, we will have a fine season here at the park. Visitors have virtually come out of the woodwork, and after a long cold winter, who can blame them.

Many thanks to the rangers here at Lake Greenwood, who have made my transition here a smooth one.

Frank F. Couch
Superintendent Lake Greenwood

STRICTLY FOR THE BIRDS - Chief Naturalist Joe Frank Watson says that it’s difficult to soar with eagles when you have to work with...geese! Joe was one of several staff members attending a Southeastern Program Leaders’ Seminar at Georgia’s Unicoi State Park, and took a few moments to feed these geese. (He still has the scars on his hand to prove it! Ed.)

LAKE HARTWELL STATE PARK NOW OPEN

Recreational facilities are now available for public use at Lake Hartwell State Park near Anderson.

Built on a 750-acre wooded site in Oconee County, this newest state park has 14 miles of lake frontage on Lake Hartwell. Facilities include campsites, restrooms, a laundry room, trading post and boat ramps.

The campground has 84 campsites, including 24 select sites on or near the lake and 15 walk-in tent sites. All sites, including tent sites, have water and electricity. Three comfort stations, accessible for use by the handicapped, have restroom and shower facilities.

A combination trading post/tackle shop offers souvenirs, small grocery items, and camping and fishing supplies. The laundry room is equipped with three washers and dryers.

Lake Hartwell State Park is adjacent to the South Carolina welcome center near Fair Play, at the interchange of I-85 and S.C. 11, the Cherokee Foothills Scenic Highway. The park is open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday - Thursday, and from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday - Sunday. The new park’s personnel include Andy Davis, superintendent, and Mark Vissage, ranger.



1986 SPRING WILDFLOWER WALKS

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The Annual Wildflower Walks were again well received by the public as all available spaces were filled. More than 350 people participated in the program that included 18 walks at 16 different locations throughout South Carolina.

Three new natural areas were added this year, two of which were state park sites. These were Station Falls at Oconee Station, Redcliffe Plantation State Park, and the Savannah River Bluffs. The Savannah River Bluffs property, managed by the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, is the most recent addition to the Heritage Trust holdings. PRT assisted with the acquisition of this property through the Recreational Land Trust Fund program.

An unexpected but very welcome visitor to one of our walks resulted from a call from National Geographic magazine. One of its photographers wanted to photograph a wildflower walk for possible inclusion with a future story about "Wildflowers of the United States." Hopefully his visit to Redcliffe Plantation will be included with that story.

We added several new walk leaders this year, as Dr. Jill Newberry from the University of South Carolina at Spartanburg, Bob McCartney of Woodlanders of Aiken and Oleta Beard, amateur naturalist joined our team of wildflower experts. We also welcomed back Dr. George Sawyer of Coker College and Dr. John Fairey of Clemson University, who had been noticeably absent from walks for several years.

These walks are very popular, and regrettably we have to turn people away each year. Their popularity seems to stem from the quality of leaders we are able to recruit, and the quality of habitats that we have in South Carolina for people to study and enjoy. I encourage each of you to attend as many walks as possible, for the beauty of South Carolina is endless!

Mark Dutton
State Park Naturalist

Bob McCartney (foreground), co-owner of Woodlanders of Aiken, a native and rare plant nursery, points out the floral diversity at Savannah River Bluffs, a Heritage Trust site that borders the Savannah River.



Dr. John Logue (extreme right), Professor of Biology at U.S.C.-Sumter, interprets the plant life found at Poinsett State Park during a Spring Wildflower Walk.



Dr. Jill Newberry (left), Professor of Biology at U.S.C.-Spartanburg, describes the natural beauty that abounds in the Jones Gap area of Caesars Head State Park.



PROGRAMS SECTION REPORT

RECENT PROGRAMS

Hickory Knob was the site of a Woodworkers' Workshop for the third year this past January. Response has been so good to these workshops that Vandell Davis arranged another one that was conducted at Sesquicentennial on April 5.

The Eleventh Annual Wildflower Walks were booked solid this year, again.

Mike Foley and John Rogers worked with Bob Mitchell in arranging another successful Spring At Hampton Plantation. This program featured music, craft demonstrations, seafood and tours of the mansion.

The Murrells Inlet Seafood Festival outgrew Huntington Beach State Park and was moved to downtown Murrells Inlet this year. PRT was still actively involved with the festival. Barbara Lang is to be commended for coordinating the crafts portion of the event.

This year's Senior Retreat had the largest registration of any to date. Kay Onley has developed a rapport with the seniors that keep them returning to Hickory Knob year after year.

One of the more interesting activities was the Cherokee Indian program conducted at Keowee-Toxaway in March. The interest in the heritage of the Cherokees was obvious by the overwhelming response. Irvin Pitts coordinated this program, enlisting the help of Valerie Spratlin from the Georgia State Park System. Irvin is scheduling another Cherokee program for the fall to accommodate some of those turned away.

Charles Towne Landing has been the site of several outstanding programs in recent months. Among these are the Founder's Festival and Dining at Charles Towne Landing. Janson Cox is fortunate to be able to draw on the talents of Carlee McLendon and Dorinda Humon for these and other projects.

1986 PHOTO CONTEST

The Parks Division will be sponsoring a photo contest again in 1986. And, again it will be in conjunction with the Stunning, Sunning contest sponsored by the Southeastern Tourism Society.

Since our employees are not eligible for the contest, a separate contest for State Park field personnel will be coordinated by John Rogers and Dana Sawyer.

Arrangements have been made for the winner to enjoy a week's vacation in one of Georgia's State Parks. South Carolina will, of course, reciprocate in support of a similar contest that Georgia is conducting.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Joe Watson and Barbara Lang are nearing the end of their recruiting for seasonal recreators and naturalists. Response has been good to the recruiting material prepared by Vandell Davis and Mike Hunt.

Shay Shealy will be this year's Summer Programs Supervisor. Shay is a native of Batesburg, a graduating senior at Erskine, and a two year veteran of programs at Myrtle Beach State Park.

CAESARS HEAD

Lloyd King, with the help of the Caesars Head crew, has been busy renovating the shelter area at that park for the purpose of creating a nature center. Joe Watson, Mark Dutton and Irvin Pitts are busy preparing and installing interpretive exhibits at this facility.

Caesars Head has been an especially busy park from a programs perspective. In addition to the Cherokee Indian program at Keowee-Toxaway State Park, Irvin also presented Indian Heritage programs to the Cherokee Trail Nature Club and the American Indian Association.

Two Wildflower Walks and two Mountain Bridge Bird Walks were overbooked to accommodate as many of the interested persons as possible. The Spring Backpacking event was also filled.

Irvin has been very active with activities for school age children, including a hike to Raven Cliff, a presentation to a Boy Scout encampment at Paris Mountain, and a program for 150 students on-site at Marietta High School. Slide shows promoting Caesars Head were presented to a number of organizations.

In addition to these "routine" duties, Irvin found the time to assist Kay Onley with a Backyard Wildlife program at Kickory Knob, and to represent Caesars Head at the Greenville Boat Show.

The completion of the new nature center will afford Irvin even greater opportunities for structured nature hikes in and around the general area of the overlook.

PAPENFUS AWARD

Congratulations to Robert Mitchell for receiving this year's Robert Papenfus Achievement Award. Robert has been instrumental in developing several major programs at Hampton Plantation, as well as playing a major role in the ongoing restoration of the mansion. He has also been active in helping with activities at other parks in District I.

STATE PARK SCHOLARSHIP

Two high school students have been recommended to receive financial assistance through the State Park Scholarship fund for 1986-87. Vandell Davis sent out over 400 letters to various schools in an effort to create interest among our state's high school students.

TRAVEL SHOWS

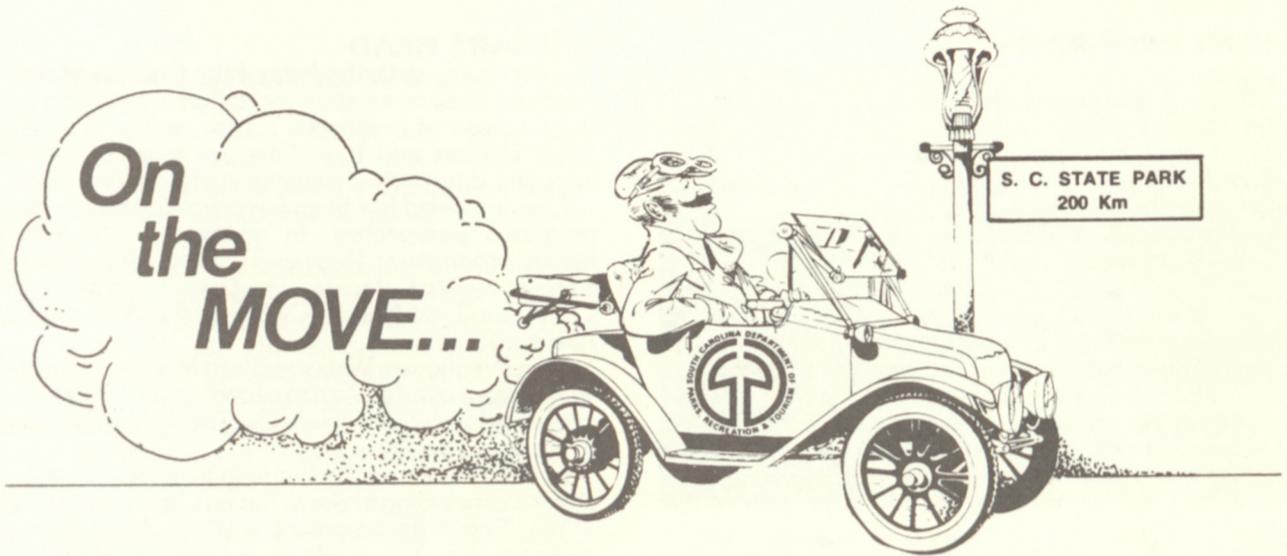
South Carolina State Parks participated in boat shows at Greenville and Columbia this year, in addition to the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition in Charleston. Ted Williams, Van Stickles, and Vandell Davis worked the Atlanta Camping Show, while Freddie Parkman and Mike Davidson participated (with the Tourism Division) in the Toronto Sportman's Exposition.

THANK YOU

A special note of thanks is due Janson Cox and his corps of volunteers for the excellent job in fabricating and silkscreening the entrance signs to your parks. This was a thankless job taking hundreds of man hours, and was done on very short notice.

Dan Turpin
Programs Coordinator

PERSONNEL CHANGES



NEW EMPLOYEES

Richard Bishop - Ranger I, Redcliffe
Sarah F. Brown - Custodial Worker II, Hickory Knob
Larry E. Chapman - Ranger I, Huntington Beach
Bernie W. Chavis - Ranger I, Rivers Bridge
Hugh W. Cooper, Jr. - Ranger I, Baker Creek
Michael P. Doran - Studio Tech. II, CTL
Cordes B. Finger - Ranger I, CTL
James A. Graham - Ranger I, Poinsett
Brian K. Hart - Ranger I, Santee
Brenda L. Holley - Animal Caretaker Assistant
 CTL
Michael J. Miller - Ranger I, Cheraw
James E. Payton - Auto Mechanic, Hickory Knob
Moody P. Walters, Jr. - Ranger I, Myrtle Beach
Milton Wells - Groundskeeper I, Hickory Knob
Glenn S. Withrow - Ranger I, Kings Mountain

PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS

Reginald Bryant - From Ranger I, Santee, to Ranger II, Santee
Frank F. Couch - From Assistant. Superintendent Santee, to Supt. III, Greenwood
Tony C. Huggins - From Ranger II, Santee, to Ranger III, Santee
Bonnie G. Lewis - From Ranger I, Cheraw, to Ranger II, Cheraw
Ellen McLaughlin - From Custodial Supervisor I, Hickory Knob, to Administrative Specialist A, Hickory Knob
Donna K. Owens - From Animal Caretaker Assistant, CTL, to Animal Caretaker, CTL
Richard Smith - From Ranger III, Croft, to Assistant Superintendent, Santee
Sonny B. White - From Ranger I, Hamilton Branch, to Ranger II, Hunting Island
Harold K. Windham - From Ranger II, Cheraw, to Ranger III, Croft

RESIGNATIONS

Thomas L. Bradley - Ranger III, Santee
Frederick A. Brown - Auto Mechanic, Hickory Knob
Cynthia Cantu - Information Clerk I, CTL
Stephen Capps - Ranger II, Hunting Island
Frank W. Dobson - Ranger I, Redcliffe
Linda Freeman - Custodial Worker II, Hickory Knob
Georgia E. Gideon - Animal Caretaker, CTL
Elijah S. Gillens - Ranger II, Santee
Bobby J. Haynes - Ranger I, Myrtle Beach
Betty S. Heird - Craftworker II, CTL
Jeanette Mims - Custodial Worker II, Hickory Knob
Charles R. Murray - Ranger I, Huntington Beach
Mildred D. Norman - Custodial Worker II, Hickory Knob
Larry Scarborough - Ranger I, Baker Creek
Diane Stribling - Administrative Specialist A, Hickory Knob
David A. Sturgis - Ranger I, Rivers Bridge (National Guard)

** Our apologies to Keith Brown, Canteen Operator I, Hickory Knob whose name was mentioned as a resignation in the last Park Lites. This was an error.



Frank Couch (left) Richard Smith (right)



EDITORIAL...“LOOKING AHEAD”

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Thomas Carlyle had finished his tremendous manuscript on the French Revolution. He gave it to his neighbor, John Stuart Mill, to read. Several days later, Mill came to Carlyle's home pale and nervous. His maid had used the manuscript to start a fire!

Carlyle was in a frenzy for days. Two years of labor lost! He could never muster the energy to write again. A task that large was overwhelming the first time. The thought of having to write the whole thing over was almost paralyzing!

One day, as Carlyle was walking the streets, he saw a stonemason building a long, high wall. He stood watching for a long time before he was suddenly impressed with the fact that the wall was being built one brick at a time! He took inspiration from that experience and decided, "I'll just write one page today, and then one page tomorrow. One page at a time...that's all I'll think about.!"

He started small and slow. The task was tedious, but he stayed with it and went on to finish the work. The end result was better than the first time!

The moral of this story could be...“don't let bad memories or unfortunate incidents move in and dominate you. You can't get far looking in the rear view mirror...you must look ahead!”

Our tasks in serving the public may be many and tedious, but we must tackle the job one day at a time, similar to the stonemason adding one brick at a time! Yesterday is ancient history, and tomorrow will be “today” when it arrives! All we have is today; let's make the most of it!

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