

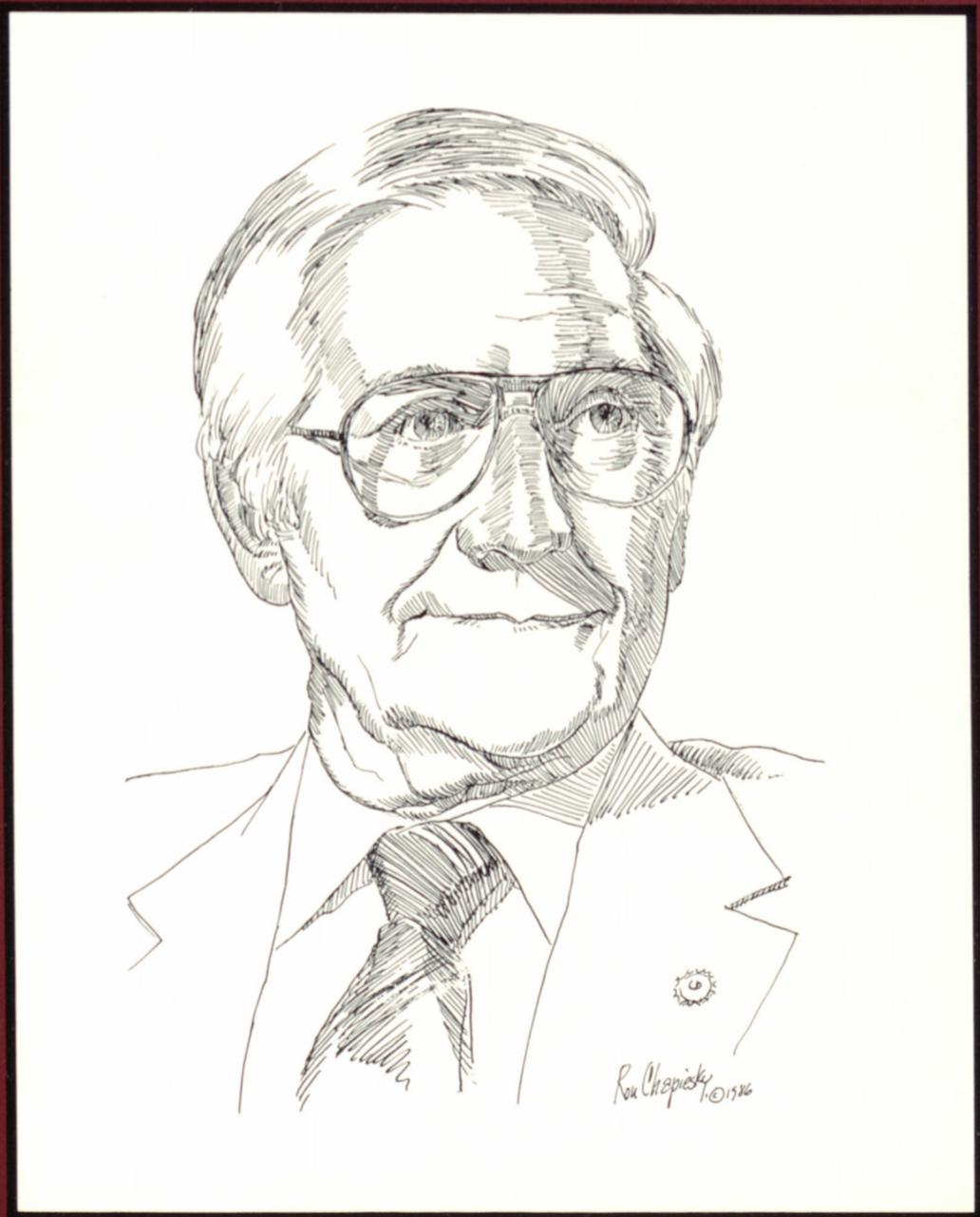
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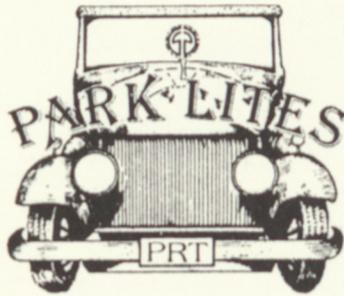
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WILLIAM J. SIGMON, SR.
Chairman, PRT Commission

HAVE A MEMORABLE (AND SAFE) AUTUMN!



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ABOUT THE COVER: William J. Sigmon, Sr. of Myrtle Beach, the new chairman of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission.

Portrait by Ron Chapiesky

FROM THE DIRECTOR



With the summer season coming to a close, we in the Central Office would like to express our thanks for the outstanding work you in the field have performed. It has been a constant battle with grass mowing due to the large amount of rain we are having, which of course has affected both our attendance and revenue. Hopefully, we will have a dry Fall.

Those who were involved in promotions and transfers have settled in at their respective parks without a lot of difficulty. The many moves required six weeks and were done in a smooth manner. We remind you again of upcoming opportunities within the system. Construction contracts have been let on Lake Warren and Calhoun Falls State Parks on Lake Russell. Devils Fork State Park will be under construction in October. New personnel will be needed to operate this area.

I would like to say a few words about our small parks. At times, I know you must feel that your park is lost in the glamour of our larger parks. However, the small units are a valuable asset to our system. It has been very pleasing to see that you maintain your areas in such good condition. In my recent travels, I have found all in excellent condition. Use your small park operation as a stepping stone to advance to a larger park.

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Ray M. Sisk
Director, Division of State Parks

Incoming PRT Commission Chairman William J. Sigmon, Sr., (center) chats with outgoing Commission members Charles Bundy (left) and W. Brantley Harvey, Jr. (right). Mr. Bundy, from Lancaster, was the Chairman while Mr. Harvey, from Beaufort, was the Vice Chairman. Mr. Bundy served for eleven years on the Commission while Mr. Harvey served for six years.

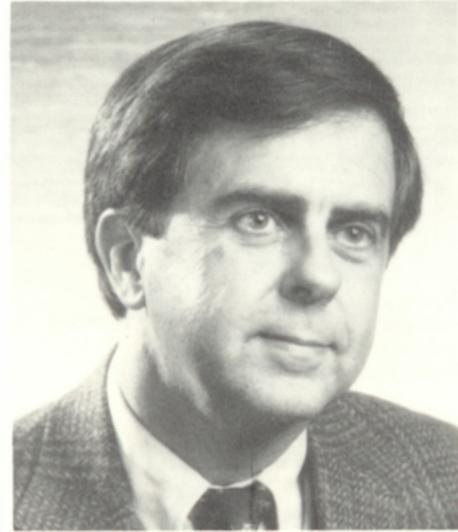


NEWS ABOUT OUR COMMISSIONERS

PRT HAS NEW COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS



WILLIAM J. SIGMON, SR.
Chairman
Myrtle Beach



HUBERT D. OSTEEEN, JR.
Vice Chairman
Sumter

William J. Sigmon, Sr. of Myrtle Beach has become the new chairman of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission, and two new members have been appointed.

Sigmon, president of Myrtle Beach Farms Company, replaces Charles Bundy of Lancaster, who retired in June after having served for six years as chairman and five years as a member of the PRT Commission.

Sigmon has served in numerous church and civic organizations and boards, including serving on the board of directors for the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce, of which he was president for a year, and acting as a charter member of the city's planning and zoning board.

Sigmon is a former member of the South Carolina Coastal Council and serves on the board of directors of the Grand Strand General Hospital. He's been a member of PRT's commission since 1984.

A native of Lincolnton, NC, Sigmon has lived in Myrtle Beach for 30 years. He and his wife, the former Jane Myatt Aycock of Lincolnton, NC, have three sons.

Commissioner Hubert D. Osteen, Jr. of Sumter, representing the 5th Congressional District, has been named vice chairman.

New members to the commission are Mrs. Bonnie Hartnett of Charleston, who fills the expired seat for the 1st Congressional District; and Elvin Drew "Al" Tirrell of Myrtle Beach, who will serve the one year remaining in Sigmon's term.

Mrs. Hartnett replaces W. Brantley Harvey, Jr. of Beaufort. The vice president of Hartnett Realty Co. and former elementary school teacher has volunteered for youth-oriented services in Charleston. She was a board member for the Tri-County March of Dimes, chaired the Mother's March for that organization and served on the board of the Children's Hospital at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Mrs. Hartnett is married to former U.S. Rep. Tommy Hartnett and they have two children.

Tirrell, who will represent the 6th Congressional District, is a recreation business executive and chairman of the Horry County Republican Party. The new commissioner is president of Junglegolf, a miniature golf course in Myrtle Beach, president of Around the World in 18 Holes Minigolf, a franchising contract firm in South Carolina, and secretary-treasurer of Junglegolf of Ft. Myers Beach, FL. He also has been an executive for at least three other recreation businesses in South Carolina.

Other Commissioners are 2nd district representatives Joseph Edens of Columbia, 3rd District representative Forrest H. Holley of Aiken and 4th District representative LaBarbara P. Sampson of Greenville.

Ex-Officio members include Sen. J. M. "Bud" Long, Chairman of the Joint Legislative Committee on Tourism and Trade; Rep. Jennings G. McAbee, Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Tourism and Trade; Buster Smith, President of the S.C. Recreation and Park Society; and P. Bradley Morrah, Chairman, U.S. Constitution Bicentennial Commission of South Carolina.



BONNIE HARTNETT
1st Congressional District
Charleston



JOSEPH EDENS
2nd Congressional District
Columbia



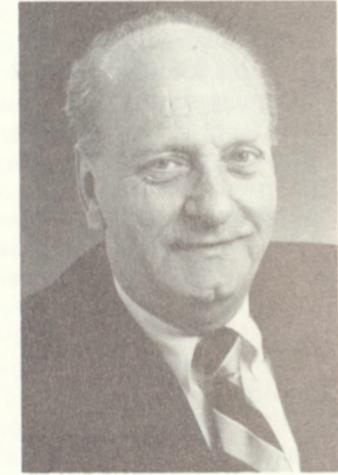
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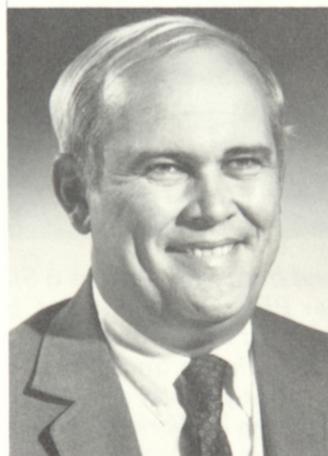
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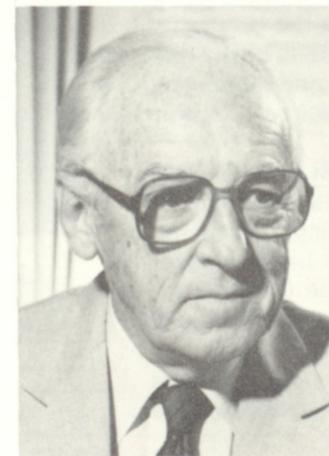
ELVIN DREW "Al" TIRRELL
6th Congressional District
Myrtle Beach



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Chairman, Joint Committee
on Tourism and Trade
Conway



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on Tourism and Trade
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Chairman, U.S. Constitution
Bicentennial Commission
Greenville



BUSTER SMITH
President
S.C. Recreation and Park Society
Orangeburg

FROM THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

This last fiscal year was a tight year as we tried to improve the overall financial condition of the Park Division. We had budget problems the two previous years, and we had to be very cautious to ensure we entered 1989/90 in good shape. To accomplish this, we held off spending about \$200,000 in the equipment account, cut back maintenance projects in March, and held requisitions for items that could be delayed.

These precautions paid off and even with the rain in June, we finished the year in good financial condition. If the rainfall had been at an average level, instead of well above average, I feel sure that attendance and revenues would have been higher. I hope that a full Lake Thurmond will rejuvenate the attendance at Hamilton Branch and Baker Creek this year. The lack of rain had a disastrous effect at Table Rock in 1988/89 and revenues were off \$58,000. Table Rock had a good summer and revenues should be back up to normal this year.

As of this year, it appears that 1989/90 will be a good year. We are planning to buy equipment that was delayed last year and approvals are being given to a record number of maintenance projects. You need to really get to work on these projects and not get caught next summer with a poor percentage of completion.

The State Legislature approved much of the division's budget request for 1989/90. We received \$250,000 more funding to use on operational expenses and in the maintenance program. We received start-up funds and positions for several new parks, including Lake Warren, Calhoun Falls, Oconee Station and Jasper. We will have to see how the construction progresses before we know the opening dates. The park system continues to grow, and the increasing number of parks provide opportunities for promotions.

In addition to these increases, the legislature recognized the need to expand and improve the programs, publicity and resource management efforts of the division. They approved an increase in staff and funding for these two sections. I expect to see direct results from these increases during this year.

We have drafted our budget request to the legislature for 1990/91 and a full year's operational funding for the new parks that received start-up funding this year has been requested. Also, we asked for start-up funding for the new Devils Fork State Park and the Cheraw golf course. We have other needs, but these are at the top of our list.

Trying to manage the growth of the park system is tough, but a lot more fun than the cut back years like 1979 and the early 1980's.

Every once in a while, I answer the phone and it will be a superintendent trying to reach Mr. Parkman. Usually, they will say that they do not get to talk with me very often and I must have nothing to do. Well, I am as busy as ever but I am doing a different job these days. Freddie has taken over as Chief of Operations and he is doing an excellent job. (Next time you talk with him, ask him if he has enough to do to keep busy). I will always remember him saying after being in the job a couple of months, "I never knew it was like this," Yes, Freddie, it sure is.

When I see the rookie Dist. Supt. Cato, I ask him "how is it going?" He just shakes his head sideways. There have been many promotions the last nine months. New and greater responsibilities have been assumed by many people. For the most part, they are meeting the new challenges, just like Lew is doing. Our system of promotion and training works. We have many more employees that are willing and able to move up. With the park system continuing to grow, you may get your opportunity.

Charles Harrison
Assistant State Park Director



Lloyd King (second from left) receives a State Park Award from former PRT Commission Chairman Charles Bundy at a recent PRT Commission meeting. Lloyd recently retired from the South Carolina state park system after forty-five years of service. Observing the presentation are James B. Work, Chief of Maintenance and Charles Harrison, Assistant State Parks Director.

SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE PARK ATTENDANCE 1988-89

FY 88/89 PARK	CHILD SWIMMERS	ADULT SWIMMERS	CABIN USERS	CAMPERS	FISHERMEN	PICNICKERS	OUT OF STATE	TOTAL PARK VISITORS
Myrtle Beach	8,745	11,968	8,651	142,644	31,889	772,958	451,076	1,359,732
Hunting Island	0	0	53,654	115,043	77,086	145,817	180,467	625,085
Santee	4,117	3,678	36,694	77,716	138,150	133,741	179,871	539,300
Kings Mountain	2,736	2,090	0	38,939	1,835	162,882	152,302	457,075
Caesars Head	0	0	0	100	0	290,634	220,338	440,676
Huntington Beach	0	0	0	82,335	27,932	143,082	107,972	430,628
Hickory Knob	0	0	35,632	6,342	11,461	210	145,764	429,180
Croft	6,489	8,172	0	9,160	10,183	40,739	19,346	371,306
CTL	0	0	0	0	0	0	22,916	264,854
Lake Greenwood	0	0	0	45,876	63,069	130,704	52,357	261,674
Lake Wateree	0	0	0	26,047	21,170	16,541	84,654	253,961
Dreher Island	274	301	0	36,047	35,985	57,304	67,526	251,579
Sesquicentennial	3,870	2,835	0	23,449	3,975	189,611	11,448	247,392
Table Rock	1,836	2,093	19,902	19,211	3,360	50,547	36,077	244,744
Edisto Beach	0	0	9,649	65,755	0	121,300	72,884	242,913
Oconee	15,418	17,914	24,693	39,314	14,300	83,676	23,535	231,168
Baker Creek	800	646	0	8,531	29,392	128,527	32,348	226,451
Old Dorchester	0	0	0	0	2,141	135,857	46,021	138,040
Cheraw	3,477	2,733	2,724	14,171	2,927	33,659	6,101	136,492
Paris Mountain	3,237	3,401	0	18,835	5,167	53,733	21,267	133,369
Lake Hartwell	0	0	0	13,295	9,210	5,729	51,224	131,241
Chester	0	0	0	5,909	6,735	34,307	11,751	105,806
N. R. Goodale	2,952	2,094	0	0	2,128	24,312	3,288	94,468
Givhans Ferry	0	0	4,082	7,609	0	67,488	13,183	79,828
Sadlers Creek	3,068	3,257	0	7,859	8,330	18,542	14,597	73,341
Andrew Jackson	0	0	0	6,129	3,385	35,578	9,956	72,184
Lynches River	4,646	4,005	0	563	917	11,409	889	63,424
Hamilton Branch	0	0	0	17,921	18,607	12,608	6,252	62,950
Barnwell	397	328	2,252	2,642	3,434	12,324	7,329	50,745
Rivers Bridge	2,193	3,000	0	1,718	874	21,718	1,614	47,120
Poinsett	1,950	1,080	3,206	5,436	1,810	27,168	3,608	46,687
Little Pee Dee	2,297	1,560	0	6,914	4,102	21,862	14,268	42,700
Lee	1,244	851	0	4,454	1,708	26,774	17,885	35,776
Aiken	1,831	1,290	0	3,528	3,625	24,786	6,811	33,964
Landsford Canal	0	0	0	0	2,531	9,794	1,476	30,940
Keowee-Toxaway	0	0	1,771	3,782	36	5,678	3,410	30,932
Colleton	0	0	0	6,393	1,392	13,982	8,214	26,580
Jones Gap	0	0	0	534	796	6,281	4,592	23,239
Woods Bay	0	0	0	64	533	2,444	5,832	17,474
Redcliffe Plantation	0	0	0	0	75	10,411	1,860	14,737
Hampton Plantation	0	0	0	0	0	3,299	5,455	10,910
Rose Hill Plantation	0	0	0	0	0	6,202	1,019	10,858
Lower Calhoun Falls	220	209	0	0	0	0	0	532
TOTAL	71,797	73,505	202,910	864,265	550,250	3,094,218	2,128,783	8,392,055

FROM THE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

How do South Carolina State Parks rank nationally? A recent report compiled for the National Association of State Park Directors provided much information about each state's park system. The rankings listed in this article are from statistics compared to 48 state park systems. Arizona and Idaho have national, recreation and historic areas. They are not listed as state park systems.

It is important to keep in mind the size of the state of South Carolina. With 31,055 square miles of area, our state ranks 40th nationally. Alaska, ranked number one, covers 589,757 square miles. With a population of 3.4 million people, South Carolina's ranking is 24th. As you read the following information you can be proud of your contribution to the state park system.

Category	South Carolina's Ranking	Number	State With Top Ranking	Number
Number of State Parks	11th	49	Oregon	233
Total Acreage in State Parks	22nd	78,726	Alaska	2,764,649
Total Number of Cabins/Cottages (Note: S.C. ranks #10 in cabins available for year-round use)	15th	129	New York	793
Total Number of Modern Campsites (Note: S.C. ranks 9th in campsites available for year-round use.)	16th	2,781	Michigan	12,837
Total Attendance	24th	8,000,218	California	72,486,248
Total Day Visitors	25th	6,967,174	Ohio	69,569,295
Total Overnight Visitors	17th	1,033,044	California	6,426,008
Operating Budget	22nd	\$ 14,766,447	California	\$ 139,400,000
Total Revenue	14th	\$ 9,258,551	California	\$ 39,880,371
Appropriated Funds	24th	\$ 5,507,896	California	\$ 77,888,000
Average Cost Per Visitor	12th	\$1.84	Louisiana	\$5.51
Self-Sustaining	8th	62%	Colorado	112%

Note: Appropriate funding cost each resident of South Carolina an average of \$1.61.

ABOUT YOUR BENEFITS

Have you given any thought to the "golden years of retirement"? Do you feel that social security and your retirement benefits will provide you with the comforts you desire? The chances are, they will not. Deferred compensation provides you an opportunity to put funds into your own retirement account, while giving you a tax break today. If you would like more information on deferred compensation, contact C. F. Parkman, 734-0165.

Charlie F. Parkman
Chief of Operations

Ivry Moon, Jr. the Park Division's new Assistant Business Manager, is a native of Columbia. A graduate of C.A. Johnson High School, Moon received an A.A. degree in Accounting from Palmer College, Columbia, South Carolina; a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama; and an M.S. degree in Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, Dayton, Ohio. Moon's overseas duty included service in Thailand (1967) and Germany (1981-84.) His most recent assignment was as an ROTC Instructor at USC. Recently retired from the Air Force with the rank of Major, Ivry and his wife Millie have two daughters. His hobbies include racquetball, running and fishing.



Ivry Moon, Jr.

SIX HUNDRED STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

STATE PARK SUMMER EMPLOYEES HONORED BY PRT

Six hundred students working this summer at South Carolina State Parks were recognized for their efforts earlier this summer by the S.C. Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT) Commission.

Robert E. (Robbie) Carter received a special award as the Star State Park Summer Employee. A rising junior at the University of South Carolina, Carter is working for the second summer at Colleton State Park.

Recognition for the state park seasonal employees is a follow-up to the statewide 1989 Summer Youth Employment Campaign. The program is sponsored by Gov. Carroll A. Campbell, Jr., the Employment Security Commission and other cooperating state agencies and organizations to encourage businesses and public agencies to employ students for their extra job needs in June, July and August.

"Many thousands of students are employed by South Carolina's tourism industry during the peak summer season," said PRT Executive Director Fred Brinkman. "These jobs are of vital importance to these young people. They are an essential part of the work force at hundreds of tourism-related businesses as well as in the state and local parks and other public agencies."

Ray Sisk, director of the Division of State Parks, said that students comprise almost two-thirds of the summer

employees at 45 state parks throughout the state. These young people provide lifeguard and maintenance services and work in retail sales and fee collection operations.

Carter's selection as Star State Park Summer Employee was based on outstanding performance in his work at Colleton State Park. He was instrumental in the success of the Edisto Riverfest which was launched as a new annual festival at the park last year. Superintendent Mary Crockett described Robbie as "an outstanding young man who exemplifies all the qualities desired in seasonal employees."

Carter is a son of James and Carolyn Carter of Walterboro, where he was quarterback for the Walterboro High School Bulldogs. He is a business administration major at the University of South Carolina.

Sponsors of the State Summer Youth Employment Program include: Gov. Campbell's Office of Employment and Training, Employment Security Commission, State Development Board, Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education, PRT, Department of Education, Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, Department of Social Services, Commission on Higher Education and South Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

District I Superintendent Larry Duncan (left) presents a State Park Award to Robert E. "Robbie" Carter of Walterboro. Robbie received this special award as the "Star State Park Summer Employee" during a monthly meeting of the PRT Commission.



DISTRICT NEWS



DISTRICT I

This has been a good summer for grass, trees, flowers, anything that likes water. Since we all like and need water, it's been a good summer for us as well. Despite the fact that the rain was sometimes inconvenient and often hurt visitation, it was refreshing after two summers of severe drought. Thanks to all the employees in District I for their dedication and hard work. Thanks especially to the grass cutters!

CHARLES TOWNE LANDING

Hats off to the employees at the Landing for their work during the heavy school group visitations in April and May. Thursdays and Fridays are always the busiest days with close to 3,000 students per day. One Friday in April, I counted over 50 school buses in the Landing's parking lot. Needless to say there are some tired teachers and CTL employees come quitting time on Friday.

COLLETON

The Edisto River Festival in June was most successful with many people getting their first canoe trip on the river. Hats off to the Edisto River Canoe & Kayak Committee, the Colleton County Recreation Department and all others who planned and carried out the event. A boardwalk will soon be built to span the cypress swamp and give day users additional access to the river. A hearty welcome to new Park Superintendent James Graham.

EDISTO BEACH

Revenues at Edisto were up this fiscal year due largely to the popularity of the camper reservation system. The maintenance crew is presently at work rewiring the main campground. New rust resistant site electrical boxes are being mounted on treated 4x6 posts. We are looking forward to the rebuilding of the crab dock at the park cabins which should be completed this Fall.

GIVHANS FERRY

The shrubs, trees and flowers planted over the last several years are really making a difference in the park's appearance this summer. Excellent rain fall has been most helpful. The park crew and maintenance crew have begun work rewiring and paneling the downstairs of the recreation building. A nature interpretive center is planned for the future.

HAMPTON

Bob Mitchell and Joe Anderson continue to get compliments on their excellent tours and hospitality offered park visitors. They have also rebuilt the pump house near the mansion, which will improve the looks of the entire area. The pump house now has siding and shingles to match the mansion.

HUNTING ISLAND

Camping and cabin usage have been very good on the island this summer. Cloudy weather and rain have hampered day use during some normally busy weekends. Thanks to Bill Lucas and others for their help in getting the platform rebuilt on the end of the marsh boardwalk. Welcome to new Interpreter II Terry Seidel and his wife as they join Hunting Island's party family. Terry's interest and enthusiasm for the beaches, maritime forests and salt marshes should make him a real asset to the park staff. Thanks to Willie Mae Holmes and those that have worked with her in keeping the park cabins clean and well maintained. I always get a positive response when asking guests about their stay.

HUNTINGTON BEACH

Mac Copeland and crew can be proud of a good 5% increase in revenue, making them the 6th highest revenue park in the state for FY 88-89. A new parking lot is soon to be completed on the east (ocean) side of the causeway. This addition is sorely needed as the nature observation deck gains popularity.

MYRTLE BEACH

The new south end day use area is open and is an area of which we all can be proud. The restrooms, picnic shelters and parking areas were located in natural open areas to prevent disturbing the trees, scrubs and other natural vegetation. The result is newly constructed facilities that look like they've always been there. The four boardwalks give users beach access while protecting and preserving the sea oats and other vegetation thriving in the area. Thanks to the maintenance crew and park crew for their work installing the new walk-in cooler in the park Trading Post. The new park entrance will soon be ready for use.

OLD DORCHESTER

The brick Bell Tower remains of the St. George Parish are being repaired and repointed by contractors. The Bell Tower was built in 1751 as evidenced by the date stamped in some of the exposed brick. Welcome to new park ranger George Knowland, who has recently served as assistant ranger at Lake Hartwell.

RIVERS BRIDGE

We were fortunate to have a good crew of lifeguards at the park again this year. The rainy weather, however, has put a damper on pool use throughout the season. Jerry and I would encourage all of you to send us some campers. Rivers Bridge has a nice campground, which gets too little use.

Larry W. Duncan
District I Superintendent

CHARLES TOWNE LANDING

Greetings from the eye of the storm—the calm part between the initial onslaught and the final rampage. As we write this time, the first week of Summer Fun Day Camp has concluded and the second begins next week. It truly has become one of the most successful programs undertaken at CTL. Credit is due Dorinda Harmon, Programs Coordinator and a dedicated cross-section of employees and volunteers. This year's program will repeat itself in a second session featuring full days of activities on animals, pirates and hoboes, to name a few. Both sessions are sold out.

Still to come as summer slides into fall are the annual Buddy Bream Fishing Tournament on Labor Day, several Dining At Charles Towne programs, Fire Prevention Weekend, Colonial Life Days and the ever popular Third Saturdays. All of these programs we should point out are made possible through the support of our dedicated volunteers—which provides me with the opportunity to offer a bit of praise on behalf of their dedication.

Saturday, June 24, 1989 was the date for our annual Volunteer Recognition Picnic. This year's event was very well attended by volunteers and their families as well as CTL staff. In the past year, volunteers have donated over 10,000 hours of time in service to the park. Over one hundred twenty-eight persons from 10 to 70 years of age have helped with grounds interpretive services, maintenance, graphics, audio-visual services and special events. Two volunteers received special awards for more than 1,000 hours of service. Peter Rowe serves as an interpreter in the Timothee Print Shop. In addition, he brings his expertise in printing and graphics to many behind-the-scenes jobs at the park.

Charlotte Feran serves as an interpreter in the Settlers' Life Area, works with special events as a junior day camp counselor. Other volunteers receiving awards for 500 hours of service include Brad Alpers, Yonie Cox, Sarah Doran, Wanda Emons, John Jankauskas, Dan Perrin, Robin Perrin, Danita Smith, and Shawn Brock.

Several other volunteers received recognition for 100 or more hours of service including Jean Alpers, Brandon Badger, Kerry Badger, Kathy Chastain, William Connellee, Steve Clark, Erik Cox, Richie Evitt, Jean Hopkins, Michele Kniefel, Troy Larkins, Stephen Massingale, Harriet Orzula, Paul Pennington, Mark Pickrel, Johnnie Pinckney, Ola Mae Raybourne, Louie Ryan, Michael Shore, Raymond Tassin, Frank Whiteside III, Mary Seabrook, and Issac Washington. To each and everyone of these special folks our very sincere thanks.

DISTRICT NEWS (Cont'd.)

The Animal Forest has been the site of several new happenings recently. New to the forest are a two-week old bison calf, two white tail deer fawns and the first bobcat kittens ever born in the forest, according to Curator Frank Whiteside. Frank also reports the completion of the new security caging in the bobcat habitat. Also in the many thanks category—Frank sends his thanks along to one-man construction crew David Gillespie of Service and Supply, who recently helped with his heavy equipment expertise in the forest. According to Frank, David's efforts went toward correcting siltation in the elk habitat. Using the backhoe and a dump truck, David dug out the erosion beneath the viewing area, which will prevent the bull elk from reaching the bridge when he has a full rack.

Rainfall has been much greater this year than last and it really is helping to keep Will Alford and his grounds crew busy. Recently they completed the grass mowing Friday afternoon only to turn around and start again on Monday morning. As always, though, the grounds are a constant source of compliments from our visitors.

It doesn't seem possible that the summer of '89 is rapidly drawing to a close. The college bound A-2 staff members are preparing to return to the world of education. As for the rest of us we'll stay where we are and learn what we can in spite of ourselves. Dan Bell has a cross-stitch displayed on his desk and it says it best. "It's what you learn after you know it all that counts."

Robert M. Badger
Business Assoc. II

EDISTO BEACH

This has been a strange and hectic summer. Employees going and coming, lawn mowers breaking down while grass is growing fast. A camper burning to the ground in the overflow. The park chaplain breaking his arm while throwing a rock. Underground electrical wiring blowing out as fast as J.R. and the crew can lay new replacement wire. WAIT A MINUTE! That doesn't sound so strange—that sounds like a typical summer at Edisto Beach! These are the types of things that make this job so much fun, because you never know what will happen next! I believe that no matter what park you're on or what position you hold, you make this job as much fun or as challenging as you want it to be. I believe the more knowledgeable you are about your job, the more fun it is.

The more fun it is, the more likely you are apt to make it more challenging for yourself and your co-workers. This is how team spirit is born and that's what makes the system work—every team member knowing his job, doing his job and challenging his co-workers to do their job. See which team can be the best! Can maintenance be a better team than Rangers? Can your park be better than this park? Can your district be better than our district?

This attitude and motivation challenge supervisors to do their job. These things challenge the training instructor to do a better job giving you the knowledge you need to get this whole circle going. In summary, that challenges the system to be a better system. So what are you going to do? Sit there and be bored with your job or get up and start having some fun with your job? I'll challenge you to do it better!

Here is a list of people I would like to congratulate for getting promoted. Nathan Green has worked as a park laborer for three seasons at Edisto Beach and has been promoted to a Park Technician. Robert Barefoot has been promoted from a Ranger I at Edisto to Ranger II at Goodale. Robert's position was filled by William Callahan, who was promoted from Assistant Ranger at Edisto. Bob Strickland was promoted from Ranger I at Edisto to Ranger II at Hickory Knob. His position was filled by Jeff Hofmann, Assistant Ranger at Myrtle Beach.

I wish the best for those men leaving and challenge these men coming in to do their best.

Ray T. Stevens
Superintendent

HAMPTON PLANTATION

With the coming of the fall season, we anticipate milder weather and few mosquitoes. This past summer was a very busy one for us as we had an increase in visitation due to promotions with the Georgetown County Chamber of Commerce. As we look ahead to winter when most parks slow down with visitors, we begin to get busy with various programs both on and off the park.

This September will be the one-year anniversary for Joe Anderson here at Hampton. I can't think of anyone who has contributed as much as Joe, not only to programs but also to the park operation. By this time next year we will have completed several programs geared to school groups that can be taken on the road. We will also have a year-round program format in place so that something will always be happening here at the park.

This year we had a record number of work projects approved, many dealing with Natural Resource Management. Two in particular that I will enjoy working with are the Live Oak tree project and the placing of exhibits in the Mansion House. The exhibits will be a plus for the Mansion and will increase the level of interpretation for the visitor. We will be doing a lot of work on the grounds, so Hampton should have a new look by next spring.

In closing I would like to thank our park crew for the excellent jobs that they have done this past season. Your efforts show in the comments and letters received here in the office. Here's hoping the rest of your year is productive, safe and rewarding.

Robert A. Mitchell
Park Superintendent

HUNTING ISLAND

Life has changed on Hunting Island since Mr. August F. Wickman lived here. What an incredibly beautiful and lonely place this island must have been for a lighthouse keeper in 1911. No bridges, no roads, no stores—just the sea, the lighthouse, the keeper and his family. Today, living in the shadow of the lighthouse, I wonder if Mr. Wickman could ever have imagined that thousands of people would climb “his” lighthouse to look upon what is still today an incredibly beautiful, but not so lonely, island.

Congratulations to Assistant Superintendent James Christie and his wife Vanessa, who are expecting in December, as well as Business Manager Leigh Shipper and her husband David, who are expecting in January.

Welcome to J. T. Spires, our new Assistant Ranger who comes to us from nearby Walterboro.

For my family and I, life along the coast continues to be both a fascinating experience and a unique opportunity. In my first three months at Hunting Island I have eaten more shrimp than all the previous years of my life! Come see us at the beach!

Terence E. Seidel
Park Naturalist

MYRTLE BEACH

Now that the Summer season is slowing down, we can stop and reflect on all that's happened during these past, hectic, summer months, (Actually we can finally sit back and take a breather...WHEW!!). It seems as though new faces were always coming and going, and still there were jobs left to fill. Our summer seasonal staff was a very productive one, and their assistance to the permanent staff kept our park running smoothly.

The finishing touches were put on our construction projects during the summer. Bollards (posts of uniform size and design) have been placed throughout the entire park, along the roadways, to prevent cars from driving and parking on our green, open spaces. This much-needed improvement replaces the crossties and posts we were using and provides more of a feeling of continuity throughout the park.

The new picnic and beach use area on the South end of the park opened July 1. The new boardwalks over the dunes in this area allows visitors beach access while protecting the ecology of this environment. The new development has been very well received by park visitors. Even those previously opposed to the development have stopped by to compliment us on this area.

Work is being completed on the new park entrance, scheduled to open in September. As these construction projects are finally coming to an end, we would like to extend a special “Thank you” to Bruce Grammer. Without Bruce's dedication and persistence on our projects, we would probably still be paving the parking lot. Thanks, Bruce!

Our park programs have really been bustling, especially after losing our seasonal recreator right at the beginning of the summer. The Atamasco Nature Center is chock full of exhibits and critters and has been getting steady visitation. Park visitors have been educated and entertained with nature walks, campfire programs, slide programs, and evening beach walks. The sea turtles have not been as active this year as they were last year. Right now we are anxiously awaiting the hatching of a nest at the South end of the park.

To wrap things up, we've had a safe, successful, summer at Myrtle Beach State Park. Thanks to all the seasonals and permanent staff who made it possible.

Robert J. Turner
Superintendent

LAKE WARREN

A ground-breaking ceremony marking the start of work on Lake Warren State Park in Hampton County was held on Friday, Aug. 4 at an existing public access area on the upper end of the lake. The park site is about four miles east of the town of Hampton.

"The actual site of the new state park is nearby, but does not yet have a road into it, so we had a symbolic ceremony at the public access area," said Fred Brinkman, executive director of the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT).

S.C. Sen. Peden McLeod, S.C. Rep. Doug McTeer, PRT Commissioner Bonnie Hartnett and former Commissioner W. Brantley Harvey, Jr. participated in the ceremony.

The new park will be developed on 422 acres of land adjacent to the lake. Facilities to be built include roads, utilities, a trail system, picnic shelters, rest rooms, a community building, maintenance facility and two residences for park personnel.

The South Carolina Department of Wildlife and Marine Resources, which developed Lake Warren and owns the lake and other adjacent land, will continue to manage the lake and related resources.

A TV cameraman shoots at the Lake Warren ground-breaking ceremony.



Brinkman said the wildlife department has provided excellent cooperation to PRT with regard to work on the new state park.

Brinkman also said the park had been strongly supported by Sen. McLeod, Rep. McTeer, county and municipal officials, civic and business organizations, the news media and the citizens of Hampton County.

He said C. J. Lowther, Jr. of Ridgeland has been selected as general contractor for the project.

"We are delighted to be getting under way with construction of facilities for this new park," Brinkman said.

PRT Executive Director Fred P. Brinkman addressed the crowd at the Lake Warren ground-breaking ceremony on August 4. Others on the platform included (from left), James Henry Woods, member, Hampton County Council; Bonnie Hartnett, PRT Commissioner; Dan Dobbins, Department Coordinator, S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department; Rep. Douglas E. McTeer, Jr.; Sen. Peden B. McLeod; and Brantley Harvey, former PRT Commissioner.



Chief of Maintenance James B. Work and District I Superintendent Larry Duncan inspect the new platform of the crabbing dock located on a boardwalk at Hunting Island.

Renovated pump house at Hampton Plantation.



Park visitors enjoy a nature walk on the Hunting Island boardwalk while renovation work is in progress.

Joe Anderson, Naturalist at Hampton Plantation, bush-hogs the mansion field. Joe's position allows him to divide his time between park interpretation and ranger duties.

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Some campers, like these folks at Hunting Island, are content to wait in line to register for a campsite...



The new entrance road under construction at Myrtle Beach.



...while others are happy with a few square feet of sand on the beach!



The new entrance gate under construction at Myrtle Beach.

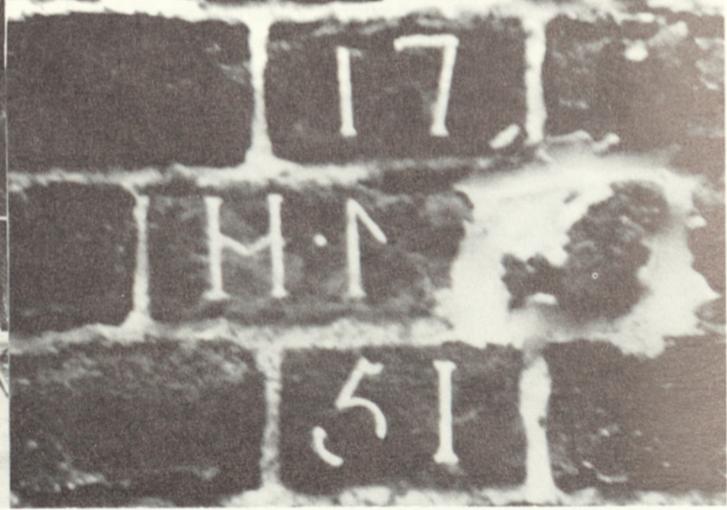
A red-tail hawk perches on a light pole near the Myrtle Beach swimming pool.



Volunteers at Charles Towne Landing line up for some "vittles" at the annual picnic held June 24th in their honor.



The swimming pool at Rivers Bridge is a popular spot during the summer months. Here's a bunch of youngsters enjoying a swim on a recent Sunday.



The date "1751" as inscribed on the bell tower of St. George's parish church at Old Dorchester.

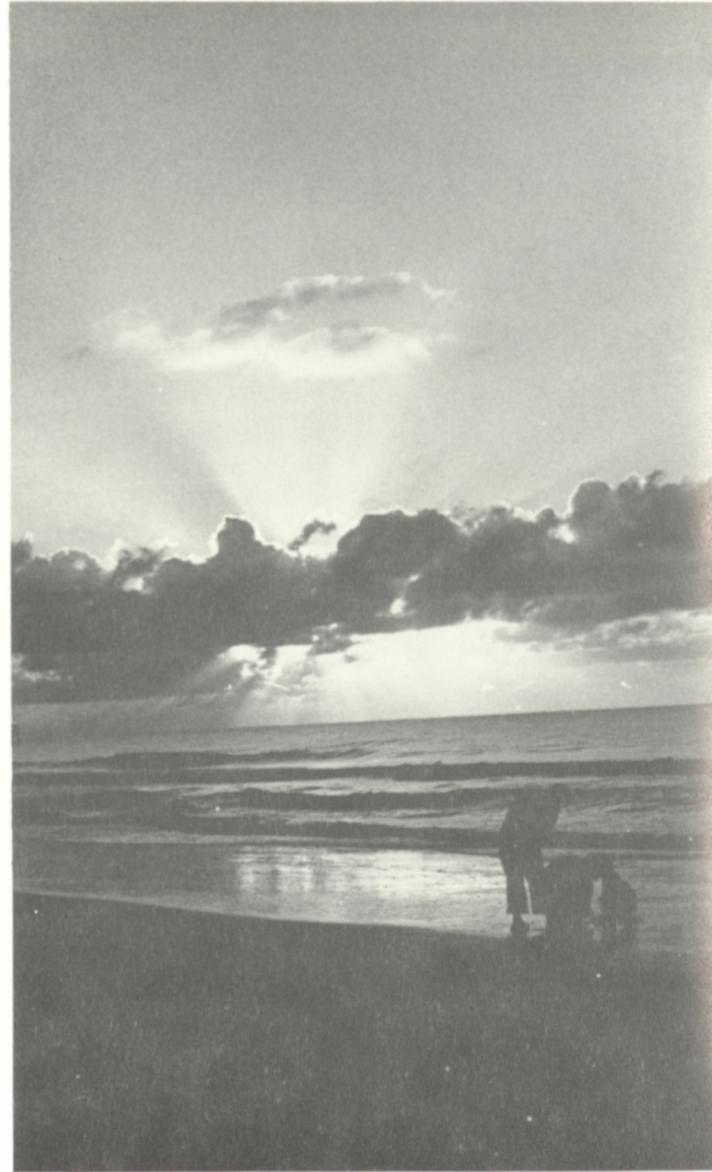
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Scaffolding on the bell tower of St. George's parish church at Old Dorchester allows contractors to repair and stabilize the remains.

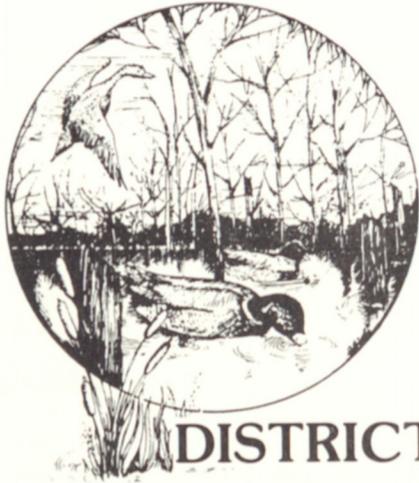


Old Santee Canal employee Carl Outlaw with a scarlet king snake found at the park.



The Carolina coastline at dusk provides some spectacular views, such as this one at Edisto Beach.

Photo by Dianne Bell



DISTRICT II

Living in a big farming area has made it difficult to complain about the heavy rainfall this summer. The water from above has reduced many a dry, cracked cotton field but hasn't helped the tourism activity in the parks. Park visitors can put up with occasional showers but daily downpours send them back home to more comfortable conditions.

The weather, however, cooperated just fine as the State Parks Division celebrated the opening of the newest state park, Old Santee Canal. July 28 was opening day for this park, located within the city limits of Moncks Corner. First-time visitors have enjoyed the boardwalks with sightings of alligators, osprey, and Blue Herons commonplace. Canoe trips are also popular in the upper end of the park as visitors re-create the canal experience. Mark Hilton, curator, had an exciting first week when he was the first to see a Manatee (sea cow) in the Tailrace Canal. This is a rare happening this far inland. The site work for the interpretive building is finished and construction, which is scheduled to be completed in one year, is going fine.

One of the highlights of each summer season is the Big Daddy Fishing Tournament at Santee. This year 60 teams of parents and children fished, had a hotdog supper, and received fine merchandise donated by local merchants. Much hard work goes into this event by both the park staff and local volunteers. The many programs that have been established by the interpreters have really been a lift for the parks. Local citizens have particularly benefited from these events as some have "re-discovered" our state parks.

Around the District I feel the enthusiasm mounting to get started on the new projects. I challenge all district personnel to complete their projects with the highest standards of excellence.

Many exciting things will be taking place around the district. The Tackle Shop parking area at Santee has been redesigned and will soon be paved. I would like to thank David Sims and Bill McMeekin for their help. The golf course at Cheraw is progressing and actual ground work will soon begin. Plans are also being developed to renovate and enlarge the office at Santee.

The hard work you put in during the summer has been greatly appreciated.

Have a fun autumn!

Van A. Stickles
District II Superintendent

BARNWELL

Hire lifeguards, open the lake for swimming, send lifeguards to school, then close the lake to swimming. That's how fast this past summer has flown by! The wet weather has slowed swimming this year but that's all that slowed down! Since our campground has been rewired, we have had five or six weekends that our campground has been filled and this has made a big difference in our camping revenue. Along with the extra campers, our cabins and community building have been booked every weekend since back in the spring.

Last year Craig Baumer, Carrol Zissette's stepson, won the national title in computer assisted drafting for VICA (Vocational Industrial Club of America). This year Craig will be representing the United States at the world competition in London, to be held the last week of August. We all wish Craig the best and know that he will represent the U.S. in a fashion that will make us all very proud.

Homer Stanton
Superintendent

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CHERAW

The smells of fresh-cut grass and summer barbecues, the pleasant sound of families spending time together, and the trickle of sweat down your face relieved by a quick dip in the lake...all these are signs of summer at Cheraw State Park.

It is hard to see what progress is being made when everyday brings a repeat of the day before, but somehow more has been done than emptying trash runs and mowing grass. The boardwalk on the nature trail has been replaced and work has been done on the boat landing road. Golf course plans have been shown at public meetings in Columbia and Cheraw and now the surveyors are set to begin.

On a more personal note, Supt. Larry Adair became a grandpa on June 24 to a bouncing baby boy, Park Tech. Earl Boatwright was married on July 8, and Supplemental Terry Brandi was promoted to Groundskeeper Maintenance Supervisor. Congratulations to them and welcome to John Garris, our new Supplemental.

Programs have run hot and cold this summer. The shining star, with over 20 participants weekly, has been the Wednesday Kids' Korner program. Coming up September 16 will be the third Sandhills Hoedown. The day will be filled with games, dancing, singing, and nature activities. An old-fashioned pig-pickin' will be followed by a public square dance. Come on out for a day of family fun.

Sondra Johnson
Naturalist

N. R. GOODALE

"Looks like it's gonna be another hot one" and "Reckon we'll have another thunderstorm this afternoon?" seem to be popular phrases at Goodale this summer. The hot, wet weather has kept the park crew busy cutting grass night and day. The park facilities have been well used this summer with some record crowds at the Recreation Building and picnic shelters. We've also had some big crowds for swimming. August 26 will be a big day on the park with Union Camp's Eastover plant having "Family Day" at Goodale. They expect about a thousand employees and their families in attendance. We're really excited because they chose Goodale for this big event.

The wood duck program is another success this year with over 150 hatchings reported. Thanks go to Mr. John Carmichael for his dedication and hard work with this important wildlife preservation program.

I want to thank my lifeguards for a job well done this summer. They have not only kept a close eye on the water but they have also been busy teaching swimming lessons and advanced lifesaving classes. This has made for some long work days for the lifeguards, but the compliments from the parents and the smiles from the kids they teach have helped to make it worthwhile. They hope to organize a swim team for the park next summer and compete against teams from the YMCA and others in the county. Can you imagine that? The "N.R. Goodale State Park Swim Team"—maybe we'll nickname them "The Gators!" Thanks also go to supplemental James Hino. James is 63 years old but he can run circles around most 18 year olds. Thanks for your hard work and your great attitude, James. It is appreciated.

Congratulations to Ranger Steve McIntosh on his recent promotion to Ranger III at Santee State Park. We wish Steve, Jill and Jeff the very best of luck and much happiness at their new home.

We have two new faces at Goodale belonging to our new Ranger II Robert Barefoot and his wife, Pamela. Robert and Pamela came to us from Edisto Beach State Park. Robert is a hard worker and jumped right into the busiest time of the year at Goodale. Robert and Pamela were married just two days before moving here. I want to extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together. We're glad you're here!

Speaking of wives, Susan and I are planning an October trip to our favorite place (coincidentally where Robert and Pamela came from), Edisto Beach, for a week of seafood, shelling and relaxing. We plan to try some flounder gigging. It will be our first "stab" at this—so keep your fingers crossed!

I can hear the grass growing and the greens mower calling me to "get on board." If you are ever in our neck of the woods, stop by for a swim, to wet a hook or chase a few golf balls. We'd love to see you!

Keith Windham
Superintendent II

OLD SANTEE CANAL

It is early morning and eerie fingers of mist rise from the Tailrace Canal and Biggin Creek like the ghosts of a bygone plantation era. The thunderstorm from the day before has left the air cool and moist and each wet leaf glistens with watery jewelry in the light of the morning sun. A yellow-bellied turtle labors to straddle an old log and catch the first rays of the new day. A lone anhinga swims with its neck exposed above the black, murky water but suddenly disappears when it spies the strange human figure eavesdropping on its morning foray. Friendly, dragonflies zip back and forth, intercepting mosquitos that mistakenly thought they might get a morning meal

from the warm-blooded mammal with the binoculars strapped around his neck. A tiger swallowtail silently comes to a landing on a leaf to show off its vivid colors and unique patterns. And there I stand, amid so much natural beauty that I can scarcely take it all in.

By the time you read this, Old Santee Canal State Park will have opened its gates for business on Friday, July 28, 1989. Scenes like those described above are commonplace events at this beautiful park that is so full of history and natural wonder. As a new employee of the State Parks system, I would like to thank Ed Nesbit and Mary Seabrook for helping me to feel like a member of the family. We are all looking forward to an exciting future here as we gear up for the days to come.

H. Mark Hilton
Curator

POINSETT

Many things have been happening at Poinsett this summer, some good and some bad. The bad is that our swimming area was closed for over two weeks in July while we searched for replacements for the three lifeguards that left us. We finally reopened on July 21, to the delight of our visitors.

Now for the good. Mary Crockett began here as the new superintendent on May 18. She is bringing in many new ideas to help increase our visitation. I began my new job as interpreter on May 19, and I have been having many successful programs, with many more planned. One popular program, our Saturday Night Snake Programs, continues to draw good crowds. We have been having many groups use the park, from scouts to a Teen Mission Group which held classes for local children in July. We have been making many changes in the Nature Center, the big one being the creation of a wall display which will hopefully have a different theme and exhibit each month.

A special thanks goes out to Rangers Larry Chapman and Steve Dowdey, Groundskeeper Supervisor John Bugg, and Supplemental Butch Spann for all the hard work and the help that they have given Mary and me as we moved into the park. I thank them for their patience in helping me to get started, and for helping Mary and me to feel at home. The crew at Poinsett wishes everyone a safe and busy summer season, and if you are in our part of the world, stop by for a visit.

Dale Schoolfield
Park Interpreter

SANTEE

We are sitting here in the middle of July on a bright and sunny day; the continuous rain storms have spared us today. These frequent storms have kept our maintenance and ranger crews busy picking up the aftermath of fallen branches and entire trees, and cutting the grass which is growing like crazy every minute of the day.

Besides the rains, this summer has also brought to us: a new Ranger III; a welcome to Steve McIntosh and his family; cable television for all the cabins; a successful Nature Explorer day camp program; the collection of several bags of aluminum cans for recycling at the Rec Center collection site; and Mr. Stanley Federer's retirement after 12 years of service in the Park Tackle Shop. His expertise in tackle and bait will be missed.

As the summer is flying by quickly, we are anticipating the first fall breezes from across the lake. Fall will be a time for mammal surveys, trail maintenance and brochures, a full ranger staff, various work projects, and the return of the many egrets to the quiet swimming lake.

Maria Peter
Park Naturalist

WOODS BAY

Hello from the big swamp. Boy, has it been hot this year! We had a couple of weeks where the temperature stayed above 100° during the day. Our record on the park was 110°. Between the hot weather, rain and bugs our visitation has been down over last year.

Now for the good news, our programs have been doing great. We have had numerous programs both on and off the park. Stan has had an on-going program at Camp Bob Cooper 4-H Camp near Manning all summer on Thursdays. He says it's been an experience. Our Nature Explorers have been doing great also, with programs on Saturdays and Monday. Since there have been so many bugs this summer, that's what the children have been collecting. At the end of the summer the Nature Explorers will have a pool party at one of our neighbors pools.

My oldest son Brian, my youngest O'Neal and I went to Florida in June for my Dad's 75th birthday. We had a mini family reunion with my brothers and sister and their kids and grandkids. My Dad was very surprised as we didn't tell him we would be there.

Stan went to the mountains with his Mom and Dad on vacation and they tent camped. Needless to say he was glad to get back.

Now we have to start work projects in between programs and grass cutting, but we'll make it.

Come see us if you're in the neighborhood. May God bless and keep you.

Dennis Hart
Superintendent

OLD SANTEE CANAL STATE PARK OPENS

More than a century after the last cotton-laden barge traveled along the Santee Canal and the barren channel reverted to woods and swampland, the waterway is coming back to life.

The canal's remains are the heart of South Carolina's newest state park...Old Santee Canal State Park, a scenic preserve three miles south of Lake Moultrie near Moncks Corner.

The 250-acre park officially opened Friday, July 28, for visitors to picnic, fish and stroll along the two and one-half miles of boardwalk and hiking trails. The park also provides a look at a pioneering achievement of its day, the creation of North America's first major canal. A one-mile section of the canal has been cleared and preserved for the park, and the water is kept clear by a control system that pumps in fresh water continuously.

"This exciting new state park is an outstanding example of cooperation between two state agencies: the South Carolina Public Service Authority (Santee Cooper) and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism (PRT)," said Fred P. Brinkman, PRT executive director. Brinkman added that Old Santee Canal State Park was planned and developed by Santee Cooper and will be operated by PRT.

Visitors can also see the limestone bluff, where the Confederacy built a gunpowder manufacturing plant, and Stony Landing Plantation, where the Cherokee Indians ended their historic Cherokee Trail before taking the Cooper River to Charleston.

The Old Santee Canal, which stretched from the Santee River to Biggin Creek at the head of the Cooper River, was begun in 1793 to provide a water route to Charleston from the state's interior. The 22-mile channel eliminated the perilous sea journey between the Santee River and the port of Charleston. The canal was recognized as an innovative engineering venture and, at its completion in 1800, featured eight single locks, two double locks, a turning basin, fuel anchorage basins and two dry basins for boat repairs.

Historic figures such as Gov. William Moultrie, Gen. Francis Marion, John Huger, Henry Laurens, Jr. and Theodore Gaillard served on the canal's board of directors.

The park will be open seven days a week year-round from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. During the summer months the hours are extended to 8:30 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. A parking fee of \$2 per vehicle will be charged for visitors.

The Stony Landing house at Old Santee Canal, which will be used for offices, a temporary museum and a reception area.



One of the boardwalks at Old Santee Canal.

Tiger Swallowtail (*Papilio glaucus glaucus*), found at Old Santee Canal.



Green heron (*Butorides striatus*), also found at Old Santee Canal.

Another boardwalk at Old Santee Canal.

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Construction work at the museum site at Old Santee Canal. The museum is scheduled to open in the summer of 1990.

A wildlife observation station at Old Santee Canal.



Craig Baumer, stepson of Barnwell Trades Worker Carroll Zissette, will be representing the United States in a world drafting competition to be held in London.

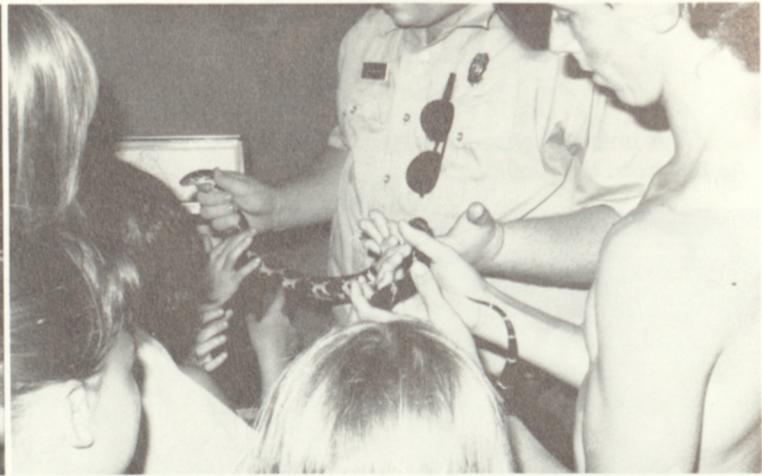
A youngster has a close-up look at a bird during the Bird-In-Hand program held earlier this summer at Woods Bay.



"It's A Small World" workshop, held June 3 at Woods Bay, taught participants the art of bonsai (growing potted plants dwarfed by special methods of culture.) In the background is Stan Hutto, Interpreter at Woods Bay.

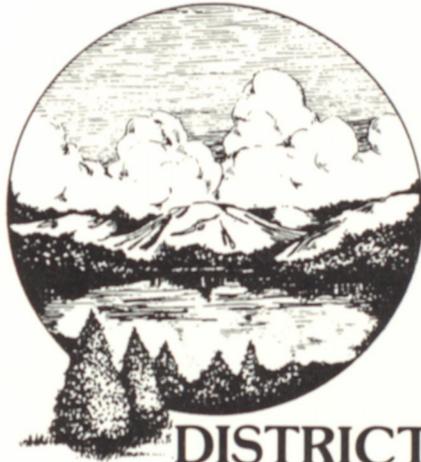
A "Teens in Mission" group held programs for youngsters at Poinsett from July 8-14.

Park visitors examine a king snake with Interpreter Dale Schoolfield at Poinsett's nature center.



Playground equipment at state parks really gets a workout during the summer months, such as this picnic area at Poinsett.

DISTRICT NEWS (Cont'd.)



This summer has been busy even though it has been the wettest one in years. Since all projects were put on hold in the spring and the 89/90 projects not yet started, very few have been completed this quarter.

The fiscal year end retail inventory went over quite smoothly with only one small incident. During the inventory, the Caesars Head Naturalist, Irvin Pitts, was ambushed by a skunk causing Irvin to make a hasty retreat. The skunk is now attracted to Irvin and has made other attempts to get his attention.

Brooks Jordan recently fell from a ladder while putting siding on his residence, resulting in a broken left leg. He will be on sick leave for quite some time. Incidentally, he only fell approximately three (3) feet which proves you do not need to fall from a great height to be injured seriously.

I would like to welcome all the Superintendents and Rangers that just recently transferred into District III. Each and every one of these fine employees was chosen for a particular reason and I am certain they will continue to grow within our park system.

Mr. Lloyd King, of the maintenance section, retired this past July 1 after more years of service than this mountain boy can count. I, for one, will certainly miss Lloyd since he was always around somewhere when you needed his expertise.

If you are in the area, please stop by for a visit.

Horace W. Craig
District III Superintendent

This unique landscaping treatment by District III Superintendent Horace Craig and his wife Sally won a Special Award from the Walhalla Garden Club. The Craigs have won numerous landscaping awards in recent years.



THE FALL HAWK MIGRATION

Every year, hundreds of people converge on Hawk Mountain, Pennsylvania to witness one of nature's most spectacular events, the Fall hawk migration. The Appalachian Mountains serve as a corridor for thousands of migrant raptors, winging their way southward. Along this major flyway, these and other birds take advantage of the rising air thermals to lessen their energy output and to aid them in their long journey.

Caesars Head State Park and Table Rock State Park are located in the geographical region known as the Blue Ridge Escarpment. Here, at the southeastern terminus of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the terrain drops off sharply into the Piedmont. Along this escarpment, the conditions are ideal for migrating hawks. From mid- to late September, the broad-winged hawks pass overhead in great numbers. Weather fronts seem to dictate the greatest passage of these birds and on good days, thousands may be seen. The broad-winged hawk is also the common nesting hawk of the mountains. Of the two other Buteo hawks that may be seen here, the red-shouldered hawk is the rarest. This raptor is most common in the coastal plain, where they frequently inhabit wooded swamps and river bottoms. The common red-tailed hawk is our latest migrant hawk. Their main passage occurs in November through early December, but a few can be seen in September and October.

The little sharp-shinned hawk is another common migrant from mid-September through October. They do not occur in the large groups as the broad-winged hawk do, but on ideal days, individuals and small groups can be seen every ten to fifteen minutes. Occasionally, you may see the little "sharpie" or "blue darter" in action. Its main prey is small birds. Last year, we watched one of these determined hawks chase a mourning dove into the treetops below us. The outcome of this life and death scenario was never learned. The sharp-shinned hawk has a fierce disposition and will frequently attack birds twice its size, including other hawks. The "sharpie's" larger cousin, the cooper's hawk, is the true "chicken hawk." The cooper's hawk is another regular fall migrant over our mountains, but they occur in lesser numbers.

The coast serves as the major flyway for our free falcon species. Following the shoreline, these superb avian predators feed on numbers of sandpipers and other shorebirds also migrating. Although less common, falcons are also present in the mountains during Fall migration. Last year, we observed 9 American kestrels, 3 merlins and 2 peregrine falcons. The peregrine falcon is certainly our most spectacular Bird of Prey. The last known nesting in South Carolina occurred at Caesars Head in the 1930's. Due to efforts of Wildlife Biologists and the Falcon Release Program, these magnificent birds may once again return to their old haunts.

The osprey is an example of a true success story pertaining to Wildlife Conservation efforts. Recently, this species has been deleted from its special concern status in South Carolina. The osprey can regularly be seen migrating over our mountains in the Fall. The northern harrier is another irregular visitor during the Fall and a patient observer may be rewarded with a sighting of a bald eagle.



Broad-Winged Hawk, Copyright, 1988, Raptor Education Foundation.

On September 23, I will be conducting a Hawk Watch Program at the Caesars Head overlook. As observers, we will record the numbers and species sighted. We will discuss topics including migration patterns, life histories and man's impact on these Birds of Prey. Hopefully, a good frontal system will coincide with that date. Looking back through my records, last year on September 23 between 1:00 and 2:00 p.m., I observed 232 broad-winged hawks, 2 red-tailed hawks, 7 sharp-shinned hawks and 1 merlin. Perhaps in the future, Caesars Head will be visited annually for the thrill of viewing hawks.

Irvin Pitts, Jr.
Park Naturalist

CAESARS HEAD

The year 1989 has certainly been one of change at Caesars Head. Todd Rexrode was promoted to Supt. III at Lake Greenwood and Jeff Cucinella was promoted to Ranger III at Dreher Island. Congratulations and the best of luck to the both of you. Our new Superintendent is John Culbreath and Steve Ashley is our new Ranger II. Congratulations and welcome to the mountain.

Another notable change has been in the weather. In the month of June, we received 15.98" of rain and as of this writing in July, we have had 14 straight days with rainfall. Just down the road, people were fishing in the cornfields. A big change from last year! Even though we have seen very little sunshine this year, it has not effected the park visitation. The opening of Jones Gap State Park and of our primitive campsites seem to have generated a stronger interest in the Mountain Bridge. We are also in the process of opening up new hiking trails on the park.

Rita Smith has been extremely busy managing the store and Kaye Smith, Brenda Stamey and Stefanie Skerrett have been a big help by waiting on customers and cleaning the store. Scott Pruitt, our Park Technician, has been busy with work projects and the upkeep of the grounds. Congratulations to Scott and his new bride Candy on their marriage. We at the park wish them the very best! I have been busy conducting programs, walking trails and trying to avoid skunks. If you are ever in the area, please stop by and say hello! We would be glad to see you.

Irvin Pitts, Jr.
Park Naturalist



CROFT

Welcome to Jeff Diller, our new Ranger I. Jeff comes from Santee State Park and is a native of Sumter, SC.

We are all excited because Converse College Professor Robert Powell is conducting a research program of the natural resources here at Croft Park. Mr. Powell has had very positive media attention and his report will be forthcoming. I have been able to assist him in this endeavor and I still get excited knowing what a "gem" Croft really is.

The summer has been good with no serious injuries as of this writing. Fishing is off a little but our faithful fishermen continue to enjoy the beautiful Lake Tom Moore Craig.

Monthly horseshows bring many park users who then return to enjoy other park facilities.

There has been the most personnel turnover this season of any I recall. Thank you, Gregg Hanna, Ranger III, for all the extra time you've given to help me keep our operations going. Croft is just beautiful in the fall and you are welcome to come see us.

Ray E. Hayes
Superintendent

JONES GAP

My first summer season at Jones Gap is almost over and it sure has been a wet one. It is hard to believe that only last year they were complaining about having a drought in this area and this year we are being washed away.

The rains have constantly kept us performing maintenance on our trails. Our camping seems to be increasing each weekend as we get further into the summer and we expect it to increase this fall.

The park has seen many changes in the last few months. One is the new foot bridge that was added to cross the river, which connects our trail to our picnic area. Also added to our picnic area are twenty new cement picnic tables with ten grills, which will be a real asset to park visitors.

The park crew has been kept busy landscaping and getting the new picnic area ready for the public's enjoyment. Many thanks goes out to Park Ranger Brian Norris and Park Tech Rollan Green for the extra effort they put forth in getting the park ready for park visitors. Linda and I would also like to thank Brian, Debbie, Rollan and Geraldine for making our transition easier as we adjust to the wilderness.

I would like to extend an invitation to all those coming up to this area to stop by and visit with us at "The Gap" (we like company).

Larry McPherson
Superintendent

LAKE HARTWELL

The warm summer weather has arrived at Lake Hartwell State Park and along with it are the unseasonal rain showers. These showers have brought the lake level up to normal conditions, which is pretty incredible because the lake level was down 14½ feet last January.

This has been a summer for the avid fisherman, sportsman and waterskier. Our campground has been full of fishermen participating in fishing contests on the lake, or those who would like to spend a leisurely evening casting a line or two for the fun of it. All of our waterfront sites are in high demand and have been occupied since Memorial Day weekend.

Mother Nature has been active here, and her glory is displayed wherever you go. Our visitors are amazed with the abundance of deer, foxes, rabbits, ducks, red-tailed hawks, and Canada geese that have made this park their home. We have been graced by the presence of a pair of nesting pileated woodpeckers. They have nested at the end of our nature trail, making it convenient for any bird watchers in the area.

Fred Brooks has been working on our interpretive displays located inside our Trading Post. Fred is a Park Technician by profession, but his hobby is taxidermy work. He is a very talented artisan, and it certainly shows in his displays. He has been trying to display all of these animals, reptiles and birds in such a way that our visitors can visualize the natural beauty and splendor of these creatures while they are in their natural habitat. All of us at Lake Hartwell are extremely appreciative of the fine work done by this man who has definitely gone the extra mile to provide a much needed service for our visitors.

We are already planning our autumn events. If you are in the area this fall please stop by. The coffee is always hot, and we would love to see you.

Poll Knowland
Assistant Ranger

I would like to thank Poll for writing this article and to wish him well. Although he has been here only a short while, he'll be leaving us shortly to take the Ranger I position at Old Dorchester. We feel that District I is getting a good man.

On a personal note we at Lake Hartwell wish Brooks Jordan a speedy recovery.

Gerry Perry
Superintendent



Bobcat—taxidermy work by Fred Brooks.



Barred owl swooping down on a woodcock. Taxidermy work by Fred Brooks.



Red fox—Taxidermy work by Fred Brooks.

DISTRICT NEWS (Cont'd.)

KEOWEE-TOXAWAY

This has been a wet summer here at Keowee. The rain has helped a great deal in raising the water level of Lake Keowee, which is now about normal. The wet weather has helped all the shrubs, flowering plants, and trees to put out their best here on the park.

The camping and visitor attendance has not been hurt by the rainy weather. The campers and other visitors enjoy the museum, the nature/hiking trails, and the picnic area here on the park. Another thing people like about the park is its location, which is close to Lakes Keowee and Jocassee.

The cabin is staying busy this summer. Folks renting the cabin are enjoying the lake a lot more since the level of Keowee has risen and water is up to the boat dock. The Meeting House rentals are a little slow this month. Ceiling fans have just been installed in the Meeting House. This will help to cool it in hot weather and to keep it warm in cold weather.

We have a new person on our park staff, Mike Edens, who is filling the assistant ranger position.

If you are ever in our area, please stop by for a visit with us at Keowee-Toxaway.

Bill Bowen
Ranger II

PARIS MOUNTAIN

Summer seems to have wound down as quickly as it got started, but not without making an impact on Paris Mountain.

Various quilting techniques were demonstrated by members of the Greenville Foothills Piecemakers Quilting Guild. At left is Park Interpreter Renae Faris.



Until this year, the S.C. Commission for the Deaf and Blind has handled the concessions here at the park. A normal summer day would see a tired, yet proud and accomplished park crew heading home after a long day's work. That same day this year would leave Pete Davis panting with exhaustion after eight hours of shuffling Chick-O-Sticks, Pepsi, and Johnny Apple Treats. But, then again, he does love to turn that ever-so-sacred "buck."

Overall, this summer was a little slower than in the past because of the rainy weather. Flash floods as opposed to the droughts of '87 and '88 have made this summer somewhat different. The crowds at the swimming area have been small and sometimes non-existent. On the other hand, the grass growth has been tremendous and sometimes overwhelming. I think the entire park crew is eager to get started on the concurrent projects, if for no other reason than to take a break from the mowing syndrome. I sure do miss those droughts! Many days after spending long hours behind a mower or weedeater, we have talked and dreamed of how nice it would be to get away to a tropical setting like Florida for a week of golf and relaxation. But realizing that we couldn't leave our park during the "season of need," we faithfully bent over and pulled that starter cord one more time.

Well, enough about that, right? Summer's over! Now it's time for leaf turning, leaf blowing, leaf raking, leaf cussing, and other assorted Indian Summer activities. It's a vicious cycle here at Paris Mountain, cutting grass, blowing leaves, cutting trees, and cutting grass again.

On a serious note, we'd like to wish Brooks Jordan full recovery from his accident this summer. We hope this article finds him back at 100%.

Eugene C. Davis, Jr.
Superintendent

Participants in the "Art of Quilting" program held August 5 at Rose Hill examine several traditional quilts on display.



ROSE HILL PLANTATION

This summer here at Rose Hill has certainly been quite different from the last in terms of rainfall. There has rarely been an entire week without some rain. In turn, this has caused the grass and shrubbery to grow very quickly, and we have been trimming and pruning much more than usual.

Our visitation has also grown since the start of summer, particularly with people from out-of-state. This is partially due to the publicity generated by newspaper features and segments about Rose Hill on PBS, local TV news, and radio broadcasts. We have received a very encouraging response from TV stations and newspapers concerning coverage of our Fall '89 events, particularly the quilt show.

Work is beginning on some major improvements on the Gist home and grounds. The exterior of the mansion will soon be painted, and the new water system is ready to be installed. The new well is over 200 feet deep, and will have a submersible pump. This system will provide better quality water, and at an increased rate than the one presently in use.

Recently, one of the dresses in the Gist family collections was sent to the textile conservator, Ms. Patricia Ewer, at the renowned Biltmore House in Asheville, North Carolina. This dress once was the possession of Mary Rice Gist, the lady of Rose Hill. It is made of a silk-and-cotton type of velvet, with a good deal of beadwork on the vest. Over the years there has been a natural deterioration of the fabric, and unfortunately it has also suffered some damage from sunlight. With the detailed information from Ms. Ewer's report, we may now proceed with appropriate conservation measures.

Renae Farris
Park Interpreter

SADLERS CREEK

The Fourth of July 1989 has come and gone with Labor Day coming up fast. With all the rain we have experienced, park visitation has been off just a little. but on the other hand, if anyone had told me that Lake Hartwell Reservoir would be almost full by August, I would have had a good laugh. It sure is nice to have water back in our lake again. But it is still raining and the lakes are still rising. So much for the drought...let's just hope it doesn't return!

Our park crew has been keeping busy mowing and trimming. By the time they get through at one end it's time to start over again. Thanks to Jim and Horace, all that fall fertilizer is doing the job. Thanks! I am slowly recuperating at home after an encounter with a step ladder. It looks as if I am going to have to leave the climbing to someone else for a while!

I hope everyone else had a safe and successful summer. Stop by to see us if you are up in the area! Let us know you're coming and we will even leave the light on for you.

Brooks M. Jordan
Superintendent

TABLE ROCK

Ring . . . Ring . . . "Table Rock State Park . . . yes we do have water in the lake!" I think we have all answered this question at least a million times here this summer! Last year they asked you to please do a rain dance for us, well, you can *stop dancing Today!* It has been raining every day!

When my husband and I moved up here to Table Rock in June, we received a spectacular greeting! The mountain laurel and rhododendron were in full bloom. The locals say that they can't ever remember the blossoms being this beautiful. Needless to say, Mike and I love it here! I thank God each day for such a beautiful place to live and work and good people to share it with. Joe, Lisa and the rest of the park crew have made us feel right at home. Thanks to everyone for being so supportive.

This summer has been busy despite the rain. All the cabins are full and visitors are enjoying everything from fishing and hiking to dinner at the Table Rock Restaurant. Hager and Charlie have had their hands full keeping the campground running at full capacity. Randy and his maintenance crew have done a great job handling each daily crisis and park projects. Jill and her summer staff have provided a wide variety of programs to entertain and educate. To sum it all up, "Summer as usual!"

After this summer starts to fade and you lean back to catch your breath, come on up and spend some time with us at Table Rock! You won't want to go back home! Have a fun and safe summer.

Sandy McKinsey
Assistant Superintendent

DISTRICT NEWS (Cont'd.)



DISTRICT IV

It has been a very busy summer season in District IV. Not only do the demands of our jobs increase during the summer, but many of us are experiencing our first summer in a new position. Five out of the twelve parks in District IV have a new superintendent! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new employees in District IV.

Although there have been many personnel changes, I have been pleased with the conditions of the parks and the work that has been done to maintain our facilities. When visitors see that the parks are well kept and maintained properly, they are more likely to return.

I don't ever remember seeing so much rain in the summer. Who would believe that the lakes would fill up in June and July after the droughts of '87 and '88? Just as the saying goes, "You can't have your cake and eat it

too," along with the rain came the grass. It seems that the mowers were constantly going at every park I visited.

I want to compliment the various park interpreters at District IV parks. I have been very impressed with the quality of the programs offered to our visitors and I am sure this is another reason so many of our visitors return.

By now everyone should have received their winter work projects. It looks like the fall and winter will be just as busy as the summer if these lists are any indication of the work projects that we will try to complete.

Lew Cato
District IV Superintendent

ANDREW JACKSON

The abundance of rain we received this spring and summer was a blessing compared to previous years, but it has been almost impossible to keep up with the grass cutting. Many times this summer I have reminisced when I was at Redcliffe working with Gene Cobb and heard him mention jokingly, "I wish we had rubber trees and artificial grass."

Scheduled in October in conjunction with the Lancaster County Arts A Popping Festival, Maurice Williams and the Zodiacs will perform in the Amphitheater.

By the time this publication is received hopefully the cool air of autumn will be at our doorsteps and we will be well into our work projects.

Hope everyone had a safe summer.

Richard Bishop
Ranger II

The new amphitheater at Andrew Jackson is often packed to overflowing for park programs.



BAKER CREEK

Due to the rising lake level, park attendance is almost back to normal. The folks who visit the campground are a special group of persons. As we welcome them to the park, they often invite us into their temporary homes for an afterwork chat. Getting to know them is a great experience for us. Sometimes you can get so close to them, you wish they could stay all year.

The wildlife on the park is one of our best assets. This is the time of year when the new-borns are learning to survive in the forest alone. Little fawns are plentiful this year, as are all the animals. Watching the baby foxes chase butterflies around their den is something to see.

The grass seems as if it will never stop growing with all the rainfall we have received lately. But with the help of our summer staff, we have been able to stay on top of everything quite well. All of our scheduled projects are finished and we are waiting for more projects to tackle.

The swimming area has not been open this year because we could not find certified lifeguards to work.

We have just learned that Supt. Roy Atkinson has been promoted to Master Craftsman. We wish Roy and his family the very best of everything. Roy will be missed by all the park staff, and many of the campers will ask about him for quite some time. His nine years experience at Baker Creek will be a great loss to the park, but I feel sure that his talents will be very helpful to Jim Work in the maintenance field. Maybe Roy won't forget us, and stop by from time to time to say hello.

If you find yourself in McCormick County, we would like for you to stop by to say hello, or just to enjoy some of the simple things in life.

Chris Bowers
Ranger I

CHESTER

Greetings from Chester State Park! We are enjoying a busy spring and summer season. With the plentiful rainfall, it is a major task keeping up with the grass mowing.

An 84-member tour group from Indiana visited Chester State Park on April 12 as part of a three-day "Mystery Tour" excursion through the Olde English Tourism District. The group stopped by the park for an old-fashioned barbeque hash supper and entertainment. The "Spring-a-longs," a senior citizen choir sponsored by Leroy Springs Recreation Department, entertained the group with songs, skits, and a jug band. Carlisle Roddy, Chester County Supervisor, put on his chef's hat once again to prepare his famous barbeque hash. (Believe it or not, we had to show some of the "Yankees" how to eat it over rice.) Everyone in the tour group seemed to have a good time and we enjoyed showing them what southern hospitality is all about. We must have "done good" because two weeks later we gave a repeat performance for a tour group of 52 from Pennsylvania.

The Chester Junior High and Senior High School Bands entertained a crowd of area residents at a special outdoor concert in May at Chester State Park to help launch the local celebration of Fine Arts Week in Chester County. We hope that this will become an annual event.

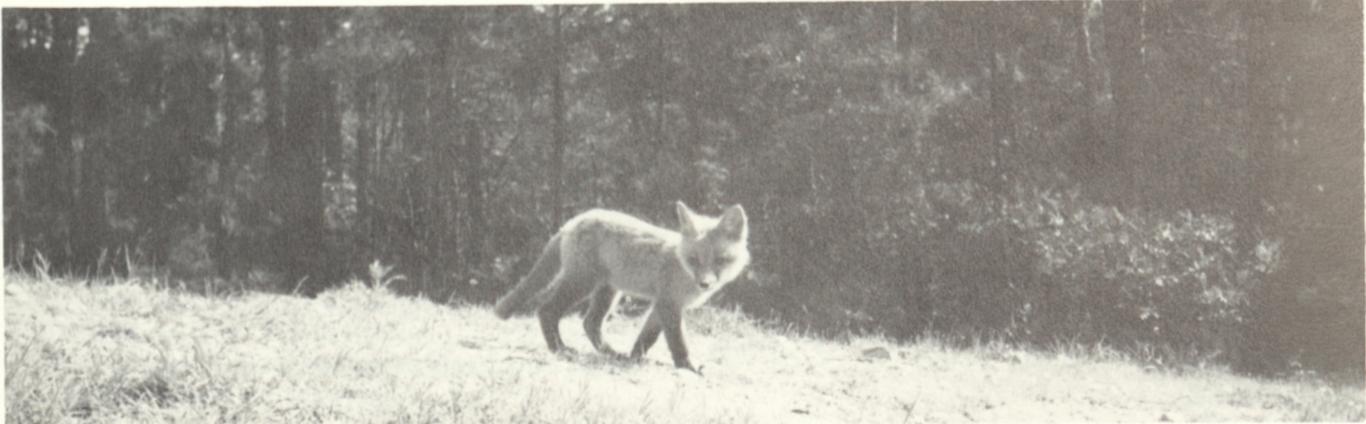
In June, Chester State Park served as the destination point for a team walk that originated "on the hill" in downtown Chester. Twelve teams participated to benefit The Turning Point, an organization established to fight drug abuse in the community. Walkers were served refreshments at the park.

I hope that you all had a safe and profitable summer. We are all looking forward to slowing down a little when the season ends. If you are in the area, stop by to see us.

Wayne Timms
Superintendent

A baby fox at Baker Creek.

Photo by Chris Bowers



DISTRICT NEWS (Cont'd.)

DREHER ISLAND

No drought this year! Rain has been abundant here on Lake Murray, bringing the water level above normal and dampening picnics on the fourth of July. The rain, however, has not kept visitors away. We have had a very busy summer.

SKO Boat Rentals has leased the bathhouse facility and now provides ski boats and pontoons at an hourly rate. Campers and day use visitors alike are taking advantage of this unique facility at this state park.

A special thanks goes to the whole team on such a successful summer. Many new employees have joined us at Dreher Island in the midst of the summer rush and have done an excellent job. Jeff Cucinella joined us from Caesars Head, Michele White was promoted to ranger, and Annette Shealy to store clerk.

A summer internship program has been set up with Newberry College and has been very successful. Mary Mercer, a senior from Illinois, completed her internship here at Dreher Island this summer.

As fall and winter approach, we look forward to work projects, landscaping and cooler temperatures. Again, thanks to the entire team for such a good job this summer.

Phil Gaines
Superintendent

HAMILTON BRANCH

Hello again from Hamilton Branch State Park!

Here we are with another summer about ended, and with that behind us our camping has started to go downhill. Although the lake level is at 328.14 the daily rain storms are keeping them away. Every year we keep saying that we will have a better year, and I hope that this good year will happen soon. All the rain that we have been having has changed the fishing conditions.

Congratulations to all who got promoted, especially Tammie R. Wiggleton, our new park technician. By the time this is published I will have welcomed a new member to the family (another grandchild, #4).

If you are in the area, do stop in.

A. K. Rushton
Ranger II

HICKORY KNOB

What a change! Last year's dry summer brought about additional construction on the boat ramps and a decrease in fishermen to our lake. This summer's unseasonal rains have kept our docks full and our lake busy with water enthusiasts of all types. The backyard at the Tackle Shop has been replaced by a nearly full pool of water. What a view!

Hickory Knob has seen several other changes this year. Sandy McKinsey, Ranger II, has moved to Table Rock. Good luck, Sandy! Her position has been filled by Bob Strickland from Edisto. Welcome aboard, Bob! We'd also like to congratulate Allen Stencil on his recent marriage!

The new nature building has been an added bonus to programs this summer. This has been designed as a workshop area for all nature programs. It also features a bird observation window.

Things are flowing along smoothly at Hickory Knob but a visit from a friendly face is always welcome.

Kim Ehrman
Park Recreator

KINGS MOUNTAIN

This busy summer season at Kings Mountain began under the new leadership of Frank F. Crouch, Jr. On April 13, he left Lake Greenwood State Park to become the superintendent here. We welcome his addition and look forward to working with him in the future.

Scott Withrow, who was formerly our Park Interpreter, has taken a new position in Greenville, South Carolina. His replacement is Arthur Currence from Buckhannon, West Virginia, who began work on August 2.

During the past few months, our maintenance crew has worked hard preparing for the opening of the Nature Museum. The beautiful displays created by Dick Paisley, PMA, were viewed by all on July 4, opening day.

With all of the plentiful rain that we have received, our large garden has produced a bountiful harvest that will provide the good food that is always served at our upcoming Pioneer Days. Without the hard work of Bill Williams and June McMackin, this would not be possible. Pioneer Days just would not be the same without Mrs. June's delicious food.

Many thanks to the staff here at Kings Mountain for making this a successful summer.

Julie Black
Secretary

LAKE GREENWOOD

Hello from Lake Greenwood State Park and we hope everyone has had a prosperous summer. The park had a busy Memorial Day and Fourth of July but everything seems to be easing off because of the rains we've had. The rains make the grass grow and keep us all busy cutting grass between showers. I moved to the park on April 19 and nothing has slowed down since I got here. I had about forgotten about camping, fee stations and shelters, but was reminded of it very quickly. I would like to start my thanking with Frank Couch, for leaving a good organized trail for me to follow. Also thanks go to my rangers, Willie Caldwell, Phil Burton, and Bryan Hester for keeping everything going while I was learning the ropes. Thanks also go to Keith Brown, William Hawkins, and William Abercrombie for doing a great job on the maintenance end with all the problems that develop daily. Special thanks go to Mr. Cato for having the patience with me while I learned how to operate Lake Greenwood State Park. Last but not least, thanks to everyone in the Columbia office that has helped. Everyone has been especially nice and understanding. It is really great to work with all these people.

I am looking forward to this fall, especially October when Greenwood will be as busy as Caesars Head. A note to John Culbreath at Caesars Head: with all the rain, the leaves should be beautiful and hang on the trees a lot longer this year so look out for the leaf hunters! I'll be thinking of ya!!!

Todd Rexrode
Superintendent

PS: I would like to thank the crew at Caesars Head State Park for all the times we shared. It was really great working with each of you. You each share a special place in my memories and I'll never forget you all for making Caesars Head my home for five great years. Even though Caesars Head was a cold place, the warmth of friendship you gave made it all worth it. I will always love each one of you and to steal Bob Hope's phrase, "Thanks for the Memories."

McCALLA

Summer has returned to Lake Russell and the hot, humid conditions have kept a steady stream of visitors coming in from all over the southeast to enjoy this great natural resource. Fishermen and pleasure boaters alike have kept the boat ramps consistently busy throughout the summer months. The beach area is also getting increasingly more popular with the local residents as the temperature and the humidity rise.

Despite some rainy conditions, construction of various areas on Lake Russell is progressing steadily. Utility lines have been laid and wooded areas have been cleared for the Calhoun Falls State Park. Foundations for various buildings have also been set and the campground is beginning to take shape. Construction on Mountain View State Park has also suffered some rain delays. Hopefully we will get an extended period of nice weather so that the progress of this area will continue.

As construction on the larger areas progresses, some smaller scale projects have been completed. The road leading down past John's house to the Harper's Ferry boat ramp has been paved and the islands at the other boat ramps have been landscaped. Supplies for yet another project, the restoration of the Hutchinson Living History Farm, have also begun to arrive. We should begin construction on this area after the beach area is closed for the season and the grass stops growing so fast.

John Lawrence and his wife, Jane, are doing fine and my fiance, Carol, and I are busy planning our wedding. If anyone says that planning a wedding is easy, they either had a lot of help or they are compulsive liars. Rick Busby and his family are also doing well and by the time the winter issue is published, I should be able to introduce you to a new security officer. The filling of this position will give Rick some much needed help keeping the boat ramps safe for all our visitors. I should also be able to introduce you to our new building supervisor, whose expertise will be an asset in the restoration of the Hutchinson farm.

As you can tell, we have quite a few different projects going on here at McCalla-Lake Russell. If you would like to come on over and see the construction of these new areas or spend a day fishing for the big one that has always gotten away before, I'm sure you will consider it a day well spent.

Rob Achenberg
Ranger I

SESQUICENTENNIAL

This summer has been a wet one to say the least; I can't remember many days that we did not have rain.

As summer comes to an end, I would like to thank all my staff for the hard work and dedication they put forth to make this a safe and productive summer. A special "thank you" to all the year-round staff.

We here at Sesqui would like to invite other park personnel to visit with us and see what we have to offer. We would also welcome any comments to improve the operation of Sesqui. We realize that when visiting other places, we see things that we otherwise overlook.

George Gordon
Superintendent

DISTRICT NEWS (Cont'd.)



Site clearing at the Calhoun Falls State Park campground.



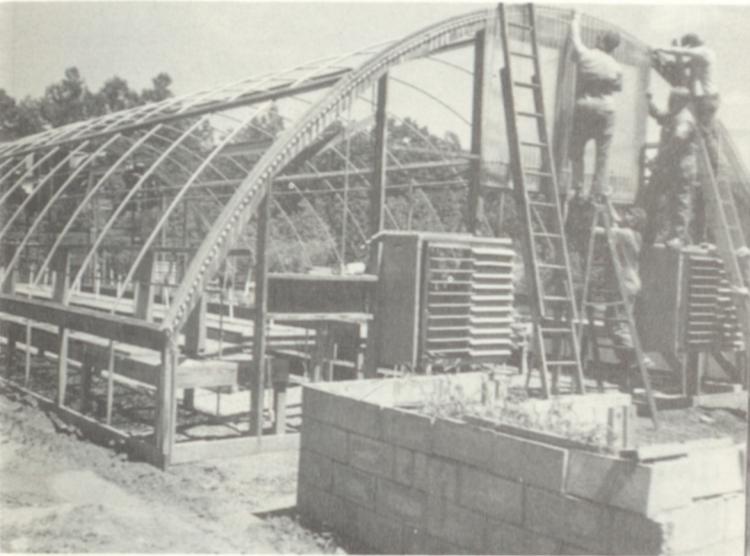
Youngsters participated in a scavenger relay race during a Nature Explorer program at Sesqui. Items representing Field, Forest and Pond were placed in the appropriate containers.



Landscaping work was underway at Hickory Knob recently as flowers were planted around the lodge.



Bugs, butterflies and other neat creatures were caught and examined during a Nature Explorer program at Sesqui.



A greenhouse at Kings Mountain gets a new covering after twelve years.



A new walk at Shelter #1 at Kings Mountain invites park visitors to stop and enjoy a picnic lunch.



"Miss June" McMackin, a Supplemental employee at the Kings Mountain Living History Farm, conducts farm tours.



Bill Williams, Park Technician at Kings Mountain, inspects the crops at the Living History Farm.



Spider lily (*Hymenocallis coronaria*).



Professor Gerald Smith (right) visited the population of spider lilies at Landsford Canal to determine its species and collect field data concerning its flowers and leaves.



A nest of turkey eggs found this spring at Lee State Park.

THE LANDSFORD LILIES

Anyone who has visited Landsford Canal State Park and gazed at the beauty of the Spider lilies that bloom in the rocky shoals of the Catawba River in June has seen one of the most spectacular displays of nature in all of South Carolina. This year was no exception. The spider lilies were spectacular.

I visited the population this year (June) along with Gerald Smith, a professor of biology at High Point College in North Carolina, and Dr. John Nelson, botanist with the Heritage Trust Section of the Wildlife Department.

Professor Smith is regarded as a Spider Lily (*Hymenocallis*) expert and was visiting the site to help determine the species of the lily. It was a productive visit. Professor Smith was able to determine the species of the plant, (*Hymenocallis coronaria*). He also feels this may be the largest population of this species in the country.

Mark Dutton
Resource Management Biologist

TURKEY NEST DISCOVERED AT LEE STATE PARK

A turkey nest was discovered this spring on Lee State Park by Superintendent Mike Mathis. I was able to visit the nest in early June. An agreement to stock wild turkeys was signed in 1987 with the Wildlife Department and this is an indication that this wildlife resource management activity has been successful.

The nest contained twelve eggs. The eggs hatched and Mike has seen eight hatchlings on the park.

Mark Dutton
Resource Management Biologist



New blazes help to mark the improved Oak Pinolly Nature Trail at Santee.

OAK PINOLLY NATURE TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Maria Peters, Rick Smith and other staff members at Santee State Park are to be commended for all the work they have put into lengthening and improving the Oak Pinolly Nature Trail.

The additional footage provides park visitors the opportunity to visit a freshwater forested wetland. This is accomplished by way of a new footbridge.

A new entrance site, complete with parking, new signage and blazing enhance visitor usage. Next time you're in the area, try the new, improved Oak Pinolly Nature Trail. I think that you'll like it!

Mark Dutton
Resource Management Biologist



Maria Peters, Interpreter at Santee, shows off the new trail sign.

A footbridge takes trail users into a forested wetland habitat located on the park.



PROGRAMS AND PARK PROMOTIONS

NEW FACES

New interpreters include Margaret Anderson, who has accepted the Manager's position at the Kings Mountain History Farm. Margaret comes to us after a brief stint as seasonal naturalist at Myrtle Beach State Park. A graduate of Arkansas Tech University, her experience includes programming for special populations and the cultural arts.

Mark Hilton has joined Mary Seabrook at Old Santee Canal. Mark most recently was an interpreter at Cypress Gardens near Moncks Corner, so he is already very familiar with the area. He is a recent graduate of Baptist College in Charleston.

Even though Mary is not a "new face," she is new to Old Santee Canal. She joined Superintendent Ed Nesbit several months ago in preparing OSC for its eventual opening that took place on July 28. Mary is a graduate of Clemson University and has been involved in the interpretive programs at Charles Towne Landing for several years.

PUBLIC SERVICE TIME

Hopefully, the Parks Division will see a significant increase in the use of the public service radio and television announcements that have been distributed to the member stations of the South Carolina Broadcasters Association.

To encourage use of our messages, Leslie Advertising has prepared a manual for the SCBA stations with information on all the parks, suggestions for the stations to develop special promotions featuring our parks, and opportunities for the stations to use our park facilities.

We currently have two television spots and seven radio spots in circulation.

The coastal environment presents countless opportunities for nature study, as with this group on a nature walk on Hunting Island's boardwalk.



PRINTING

Budgetary concerns have caused a slow-down in our printing projects for the past few months. However, two new brochures were completed, each showing new concepts being used in our printing.

Each brochure features two parks that are located in close proximity to each other and have common features. Jones Gap and Caesars Head state parks are featured in the "Mountain Bridge Wilderness and Recreation Area" brochure. "Blackwater Retreats" contains information on Givhans Ferry and Colleton, both of which are among the most popular recreation areas along the Edisto River.

Since we do not have the funds to print full-color photographs in all our brochures, other means are sought to liven up our printed material. In these cases, a second ink was used to provide some contrast and color.

The volume of printing has increased quite a bit during the past few years, so we recently met with General Services to discuss printing procedures, bidding, and other matters that affect the printing needs of the Parks Division. It was comforting to learn that our record of compliance is very good. However, we were cautioned that, as our volume increases, we will be required to have General Services handle more of our printing. This means a turnaround time of at least 60 days. The various parks need to keep this in mind as they assess their printing needs and order brochures and other printed matter.

Youngsters in the Nature Explorer program prepared a wildflower plot at Poinsett.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS

The fall and winter seasons of 1989 will set the stage for another ambitious schedule of interpretive programs, workshops, and special events. They include:

Table Rock visitors will be treated to a weekend of Appalachian folk tales, mountain crafts, and old time music September 29-October 1 at the Appalachian Folk Festival.

Interpretive programs at Old Santee Canal are gaining momentum with such offerings as a Bluebird Workshop on September 30.

CANDO, a nature-oriented outing for handicapped children will be started by Huntington Beach on October 1.

Old Dorchester will set the scene for Rebels and Redcoats: Tales of the American Revolution on October 14.

Fire Ecology: The Effectiveness of Managing Nature Plant Communities will be a highlight at Woods Bay October 14.

An old fashioned Thanksgiving in the Woods will include pioneer crafts, uses of natural herbs, and much more. Hickory Knob will be the setting for this program November 17-19.

A workshop on Native American Life will return to Santee on November 25.

The Holiday season will bring in several "how to" workshops on a variety of craft ideas at Woods Bay, Santee, Sesqui, Old Santee Canal, and Cheraw state parks.

Be sure to consult your State Park Programs and Events brochure for details on these and dozens of other programs.

Dan Turpin
Chief, Programs and Park Promotion

Park Interpreter Judi Dorsey (left) conducts a program for Nature Explorers at Sesqui's nature center.



PERSONNEL CHANGES



NEW EMPLOYEES

Terri Brandi, Cheraw, Building Supervisor
William Callahan, Edisto Beach, Ranger I
Teresa Coff, Charles Towne Landing, Administrative Specialist B
Jeffrey Diller, Croft, Ranger I
Nathan Green, Edisto Beach, Park Technician
Harold Hilton, Old Santee Canal, Curator
William J. Hoffmann, Edisto Beach, Ranger I
Kevin Kite, Myrtle Beach, Park Technician
George Knowland, Old Dorchester, Ranger I
Ivry Moon, Jr., Central Office, Assistant Business Manager
Carolyn Raines, Service and Supply, Data Coordinator
Annette Shealy, Dreher Island, Canteen Operator I
Linda Smith, Oconee, Clerical Specialist B
Ira Thomason, Old Santee Canal, Park Technician

RESIGNATIONS

William Boggs, Myrtle Beach, Park Technician
Walter Driskell, Central Office, Assistant Business Manager
Michael Irelan, Edisto Beach, Park Technician
Robert Lewis, Sesquicentennial, Groundskeeper Supervisor I
Cal Mullinax, Charles Towne Landing, Clerical Specialist B
Jackie Thomason, Hickory Knob, Supervisor Custodial Services I
David Williams, Barnwell, Park Technician
Scott Withrow, Kings Mountain, Park Interpreter II

PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

Stephen Ashely, Dreher Island, Ranger I to Caesars Head, Ranger II
Roy Atkinson, Baker Creek, Park Superintendent II to Central Maintenance, Master Craftsman
Robert Barefoot, Edisto Beach, Ranger I to Hickory Knob, Ranger II
Jeff Cucinella, Caesars Head, Ranger II to Dreher Island, Ranger III
James Graham, Santee, Ranger III to Colleton, Superintendent I
Madelyn Knight, Old Dorchester, Ranger I to Charles Towne Landing, Administrative Specialist A
Steve McIntosh, N. R. Goodale, Ranger II to Santee, Ranger III
Sandra McKinsey, Hickory Knob, Ranger II to Table Rock, Assistant Superintendent
Earl Outlaw, Old Santee Canal, Park Technician to Old Santee Canal, Building Supervisor
Barbara Parrish, Dreher Island, Canteen Operator I to Tourism, Tour Coordinator
James Strickland, Edisto Beach, Ranger I to Hickory Knob, Ranger II
Mary M. White, Dreher Island, Canteen Operator I to Dreher Island Ranger I

RETIREMENT

Stanley Federer, Santee, Canteen Operator I
Lloyd King, Central Maintenance, Master Craftsman



I receive a variety of printed materials from an even greater variety of sources, and through the years it has prompted me to begin a "Filler" file. Bits and pieces and scraps of paper are filed away in a bulging folder in one of my home office's file cabinets for present (and future) reference.

I often run across "bits and pieces" of advice, suggestions and other items that I feel are worth sharing with others. Here are a few that I hope will be of some benefit to you in both your personal and business life.

"Good supervision is the art of getting average people to do superior work."

"Consider how hard it is to change yourself and you'll understand what little chance you have of trying to change others." Jacob M. Braude

"You can buy a man's time; you can buy his physical presence at a given place; you can even buy a measured number of his skilled muscular motions per hour. But you can not buy enthusiasm...you can not buy loyalty...you can not buy the devotion of hearts, minds, or souls. You must earn these." Clarence Francis

"Team spirit is what gives so many companies an edge over their competitors." George L. Clements

"Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of intelligent effort." John Ruskin

"I don't like to lose, and that isn't so much because it is just a football game, but because the defeat means the failure to reach your objective. The trouble in American life today, in business as well as in sports, is that too many people are afraid of competition. The result is that in some circles people have come to sneer at success if it costs hard work and training and sacrifice." Knute Rockne

"Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan 'press on' has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race." Calvin Coolidge

"It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." Ralph Waldo Emerson

My contributions to the above list are...

"Character is what you are in the dark."

"One of the biggest mistakes that we make is that we love things and use people instead of loving people and using things." Dana Sawyer

In closing, I trust that you have had a pleasant, memorable summer and are looking forward to a cool, magnificent autumn. Isn't it exciting to look forward with anticipation to future events...vacation trips...winter work projects...football games...family reunions...quiet times with loved ones...the purchase of a new car, house or other item on the "wanted" list? And the "list" goes on and on...

What would we have to look forward to tomorrow if we had everything we wanted today? That's what really makes life worth living! Be thankful for tomorrow...and the tomorrows to follow after!

I can dimly recall that in the first months of our marriage back in the mid-fifties, Lynn learned to fix (and I learned to enjoy) potatoes fixed at least a dozen ways! Remembering those "good old days" makes us appreciate the mild amount of success that we have enjoyed in more recent years. And...we will still eat potatoes!



Dana L. Sawyer

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Editor

P.S.: Speaking of the "good old days," Mr. Sisk recently produced an expense account report for an employee of the State Commission of Forestry covering the months of March and April, 1948. The total of \$47.40 included 487 miles reimbursed at five cents a mile, hotel charges ranging from \$2.25 to \$2.50 (the latter must have been an executive suite!) and meals ranging from breakfast at \$.55 to supper at \$1.25 (the latter must have been one of those places where they don't put the prices on the menu!) The total cost for 21 meals and three nights lodging was \$23.05, which is less than one night's lodging would cost today!

Before you long for a return to the "good old days," compare the purchasing power of the dollar yesterday and today by asking yourself, "How many hours would I have to work to buy that item?" Then ask yourself, "How many hours did my grandfather have to work back in the forties to buy a similar item?"

You'd be surprised to find that, in most cases, today's dollar buys nearly as much as it did way back in the "good old days!" I, for one, ain't ready to return to the thirties and forties. What about you, my friend?

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