

National Park System Increased by 549,172 Acres In Four Years

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Washington — The National Park System has been expanded by the acquisition of 549,172 acres since the Eisenhower administration came into office, according to a review made by the Library of Congress.

But the largest single acquisition made during this period—405,500 acres—is all completely under water adjacent to Isle Royale National Park in Michigan. The remaining acreage was added in small chunks to increase slightly the size of numerous parks.

Some weeks ago this reporter used the figure 400,000 acres to indicate how much the park system had been expanded under the Eisenhower administration. When the Eugene Register-Guard used this figure editorially in making an argument in behalf of the senatorial candidacy of Douglas McKay, former secretary of the Interior, the office of Senator Wayne Morse raised the question of the accuracy of the figure.

Morse's office said that a review of McKay's public speeches during the time he served as Interior secretary failed to disclose any claims that the park system had been expanded to the extent of 400,000 acres. His claims were closer to 100,000 acres.

According to the Library of Congress, which was asked to make a nonpartisan appraisal,

the park system was expanded by 126,000 acres during the period McKay was secretary. Since then the big 405,500 acre underwater acquisition in Lake Superior off the Michigan coast was made, plus several minor ones which take the total up to 549,172 acres.

Underwater Area
The Park Service explained that the underwater area surrounds the various islands which comprise Isle Royale park. The islands feature wooded wilderness, a pre-Columbia copper mine and a moose herd. The water area was donated by the state of Michigan to the federal government "mostly so we would have the right to police the waters," a park service official explained. The water area extends out about 4½ miles, he said, and permits the government to prevent private boats—some of which may have boisterous party-goers aboard—from molesting the animals or otherwise violating the quiet of the park area.

The park service pointed out that acquisitions of park land are made under specific authorization bills passed by Congress. It explained that about 450,000 acres of the newly acquired park lands had been authorized by Congress prior to the time the Eisenhower administration came into office, and that 65,500 acres was added under authorizing legislation passed during the past four years.

One major acquisition which was proposed during this recent period was 271,000 acres adjacent to Everglades park in Florida. Congress failed to pass the authorization bill which would have permitted this addition.

Fisherman Rescued by 80 Men in 14 Hours In Bald Rock Canyon

Oroville, Calif. — (U.P.) — A severely injured fisherman was carried up the sheer, 3,000-foot walls of Bald Rock Canyon Sunday in a torchlit rescue mission that took 80 men 14 hours to complete.

Leonard Gene Lowry was strapped in a stretcher and pulled up a vertical rock face by a network of ropes. In another spot, ropes were again used to pull the stretcher across gaps where the trail was too narrow to permit the rescuers to carry the injured man.

The strenuous climb as completed shortly after 9 a.m. (PST) and a waiting ambulance rushed Lowry to Curran Hospital where he underwent immediate surgery. He also was suffering from exposure and shock.

Broken Ribs
Doctors at first feared serious internal and back injuries but after surgery said his most serious injuries were several broken ribs.

The 30-year-old Sacramento sportsman was injured shortly before noon Saturday when he slipped from a rock while casting in the Feather river.

The swift current swept him over the 30-foot Bald Canyon falls and hurled him against the bank of the river.

His companions, Egbert Nash, 30, and Larry Cleveland, 30,

pulled him from the water. Cleveland stayed with the injured man. Nash began a 3½ hour climb up the canyon walls to get help.

A 35-man rescue party made up of forest rangers, sheriff's deputies, volunteers, jail trustees and Dr. Todd Bailey reached the canyon floor shortly before 7 p.m. They found Lowry on a flat rock, moaning in intense pain.

"My side," he said, "my side hurts terribly."

Hearing on Licenses For Dams to Resume

Washington — (U.P.) — A hearing on licenses sought for two utility dams on the Snake river resumes late today before a Federal Power Commission examiner.

A recess was expected after the hearing to give attorneys for opponents of the dams time to complete preparation of their case. The National Hells Canyon Association is opposing the applications, filed by the Pacific Northwest Power Company for dams at Pleasant Valley and Mountain Sheep sites.

The afternoon hearing was called to permit cross examination of the Army Engineers' chief of planning, Gordon H. Fernald. Fernald testified earlier that a proposed dam at Nez Perce site would have greater flood control value than the Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley structures.

But he said Nez Perce dam was not recommended by the Army because it would block fish runs.

Is That So?

With winter coming along, is there really a practical and economical solution for outdoor clothing—that is, clothing for weather which is only moderately cold, then real cold, and finally bitterly cold?

Certainly, there is a modern money-saving answer.

In times past when a man went into the outdoors, he burdened himself with about 25 pounds of clothes; today, because of new knowledge applied to outdoor clothing, and lightweight garments, he does just as well with 11 pounds of clothes.

But don't get me wrong; the outdoorsman must be prepared at all times to meet the elements head on, and they can be cruel. Should he neglect for an instant a wet foot when the temperature drops to 45 below, he would very likely never use that foot again.

As always, the most practical solution to your clothing problem is to observe what the men who work in the area, where you intend to spend part of your



winter, are wearing—not so much the townfolk who have thermostat-controlled blankets and heated conveyances, but the cowboys, prospectors, guides, trappers, and timber cruisers—the true outdoorsmen.

You'll notice, they won't have many clothes—often they manage to get along with little more than one outfit. (As for you, figure on getting most of two; after all, these men are hardened and can go outdoors when it's 20 below and saddle up a cayuse, barehanded and shirt-sleeved. You attempt it, and you'll freeze almost solid.)

Basically, you'll find your problem is how to keep dry. That's right, dry.

Body Perspires Freely
Even though the temperature may be 30 below freezing, your body perspires freely—and the more clothing you are wearing and the more you exercise, the more you will sweat. Your heavy socks and your heavy underwear and your stocking cap will all become damp with sweat. While on the move that doesn't matter; but stop and you'll freeze. Or step out from protected woods and cross a frozen lake and the wind will chill you to the marrow.

This problem calls for a new approach: a minimum of clothes which permit freer circulation of air. A moisture-proof garment, for example, is out. And if it is belted, even worse—the belt around the waist will stop the essential bellows action of loose clothing which sucks in dry air while expelling moist air.

For most purposes, this is the answer: for merely cold weather, a fairly light woolen outfit—light long underwear, lightweight woolen shirt; and a closely woven trouser—that close weave is to render it fairly windproof. And over this, a closely woven parka. It should be loose, long-hanging to the knees; and if made of fine silk, so much the better. (With Eskimos, the loose upper garment is often the only clothing they wear next to their bare skin.)

For real cold weather, heavier woolen underwear, heavier woolen shirt, and heavier woolen trousers—again close-woven. Same parka.

Then, for bitter cold weather—wear the heavy garments over the light and top this off with the light-weight fine silk parka. A lightweight woolen stocking cap is best—over this the hood of the parka.

Well-Oiled Boot Best
As for footgear, a well-oiled boot for most purposes is best.

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Well broken-in beforehand, of course; and with plenty of room for two pairs of socks; the lightweight over the heavyweight when it gets real cold. But, under no circumstances, must the foot be cramped—that way circulation is lessened.

Leather wool-lined mittens are usually too warm for most purposes. Again, the best combination I have found is to have two pair—a pair of medium-heavy woolen mittens, which can be dried easily, and a leather pair to wear over them, preferably buckskin. Then both or either may be worn as conditions warrant.

To recap—when the weather is only moderately cold, wear the lighter gear; when medium cold, the heaviest; and when it gets bitterly cold—40 below and

worse, then the heavy over the light, with your light-weight, long-length parka over all. Not so pretty, perhaps, but that way you get the maximum for the minimum both in weight and price. And that's what any good woodsman is after.

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Court Declines to Act in River Case

Olympia — (U.P.) — The State Supreme court today declined to act in the latest dispute between the state and the city of Tacoma over the city's \$138 million Cowlitz river hydro electric project.

In an order signed by Chief Justice Charles T. Donworth, the court sent the matter to the Thurston county Superior court. Judge Charles T. Wright of the lower court was directed to hear the dispute and enter a judgment on it.

The issue involves a contention by the state game and fish department that the city should be held in contempt for interfering with the bed and waters of the Cowlitz.

The state agencies argued that the city had dumped rock into the river in violation of a court order which permits Tacoma to continue with certain phases of the project until legality of the

dam is decided finally by the Supreme Court. A ruling by Judge Wright that the project is illegal is being reviewed by the Supreme Court.

The city has taken the position that it is permitted to do certain blasting while proceeding with construction of a coffer dam for a powerhouse site.

The state said rock dumped into the river narrowed the Cowlitz and increased stream flow in detriment to fish life.

GIVES BIRTH
Brussels, Belgium — (U.P.) — Princess Lilliane, wife of King Leopold, gave birth to a daughter Sunday, the palace announced today. The child was named Princess Marie-Esmeralda Adelaide Gilian Anne Leopoldine.

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The climate of Portugal varies only about 20 degrees a year. The annual average temperature for the 12 months is 61 degrees.

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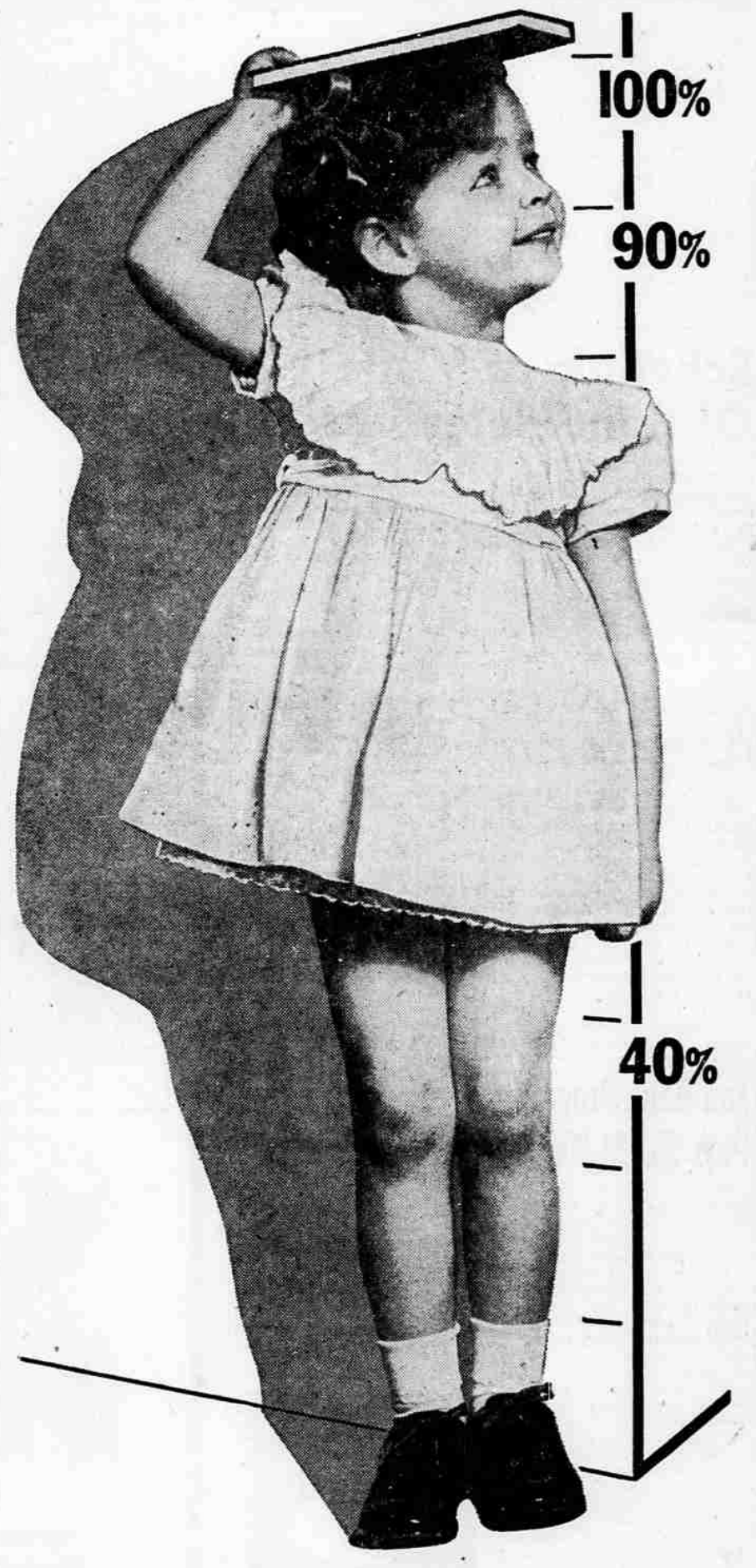
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Doctors Test Girl For Rabies Treatment

Des Moines — (U.P.) — Physicians today planned an examination which may mean life or death for little Larena Robertson.

The doctors may decide that the 2-year-old girl's reaction to a new anti-rabies serum is too severe to continue the treatment. Earlier, the child developed a violent reaction to the conventional Pasteur serum.

"One full shot of Pasteur serum would kill Larena just as certainly as rabies would," said Dr. Gilbert Roth, one of the physicians treating the girl.

The Pasteur treatment was started after Larena was bitten Aug. 28 by her pet Collie puppy. The dog died and was destroyed before it could be tested for rabies.

Physicians tried administering reduced amounts of Pasteur serum in place of full doses, but the child continued to suffer painful reaction after each shot.

Friday, they turned to a "chick embryo" serum so new it has not yet been released for general use but Larena again developed a sharp reaction. Roth said today's tests would decide whether the treatment could be continued.

The critical period in rabies cases comes between four and eight weeks after infection. It has been more than four weeks since Larena was nipped.

"Once you get rabies, there is no known cure for it," Roth warned.

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