

Pair Joins Lava Beds Park Staff

Two staff positions at the Lava Beds National Monument have been filled by Arthur J. Hayes, formerly on duty at the Canyon District of Yellowstone National Park, and Garrett A. Smathers, recently of the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, according to a report from the national park headquarters.

Hayes entered duty as chief ranger on Dec. 8 and Smathers filled the post of chief park naturalist three days later.

Hayes has been with the National Park Service since 1948, having been stationed previously at Grand Teton National Park and at Yellowstone. Accompanying Hayes to the Lava Beds were his wife, Rosalia, and daughters, Connie, 8, and Kathleen, 5. The Hayes' are natives of Wyoming.

Other than his experience at the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, Smathers served at the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia. His park service career started in 1957.

Natives of North Carolina, he and his wife, Patricia, have a 16-month-old son, Eric.

Higher Fee Approved For Nurses

Hildegard Watkins, president of District No. 8, Oregon Nurses Association, has been advised of approval of an increased per hour fee for private duty nurses.

James B. Hall, president of the Oregon Nurses Association, has announced that the association has approved a fee of \$2.66 per hour for an 8-hour shift for private duty nurses, effective Jan. 1, 1964.

"Most of us know how much it means to be able to depend on a competent private duty nurse when there is serious illness in the family," said Hall, "but the number of private duty nurses in Oregon is steadily declining. Unless their income is made more attractive, they will continue to move into other fields of nursing that offer better financial inducements."

Hall stated that there were 563 private duty nurses in Oregon in 1960, but the number had decreased to 404 in 1963. He commented further that the short supply of registered nurses in many hospitals places additional emphasis on the skills of private duty nurses.

The adjustment in fees, the first since Dec. 1, 1961, was based on the increased cost of living as well as the increase in rates for other self-employed individuals who have similar preparation and responsibility. In common with other self-employed persons, private duty nurses bear the full cost of social security coverage, vacations and sick leave. In addition, the private duty nurse has no guarantee of regular employment.

SP Action Protested

SALEM (UPI)—Oregon's public utility commissioner today was urged to enter objections before the Interstate Commerce Commission to Southern Pacific Company's proposed elimination of Shasta daylight train service during the winter months.

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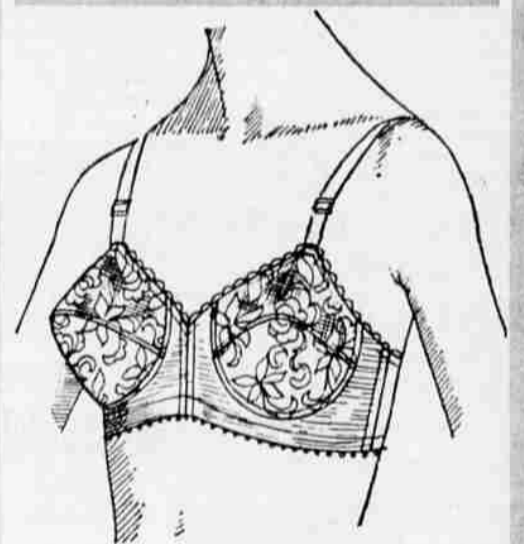
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