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DWARFING A GIANT . . . Despite its 308-foot drop (almost double that of Niagara) the Lower Falls in Yellowstone National park appear small in comparison with the surroundings in Yellowstone canyon.

'SEE AMERICA FIRST'

National Parks Are Major Lure to Vacation Throngs

WNU Features.

Vacation-hungry Americans are on the move. Tourist trails once again are jammed as the American public, with its vacation lanes unshackled of wartime restrictions, attempts to cram a full quota of fun and frolic, rest and relaxation, adventure and sight-seeing into the short vacation span of a few weeks.

The upsurge in vacation travel is noted in all forms of land, sea and air transportation. Trains and buses are crowded; airlines are booked with reservations; passenger vessels and even tramp steamers are unable to accommodate all those bent on sea-faring jaunts.

With transportation, food and hotel accommodations in Europe still insecure in the war's aftermath, most Americans still are content, as they were last year, to head the old slogan of "See America First."

The nation's principal attraction for vacationists is the national park system, embracing 169 separate areas in all parts of the United States.

Last year the park system attracted a record-shattering 21,600,000 visitors, half a million more than in any previous year.

On the basis of attendance so far, Newton B. Drury, director of the National Park Service, which administers the system, predicts that 1947 will set another new record.

"What's more," says the park chief, "we hope to be able to take better care of our visitors than we did last year, when our park staffs had nowhere near recovered from the reductions of wartime."

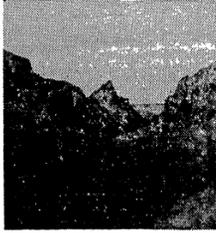
Concessioners who operate the hotels, lodges, stores and transportation system in the parks also were short-handed last year, Drury points out, but he adds that "they probably will be in better shape this year."

AS HAS BEEN the case for many years, one of the most popular travel objectives of the American vacationer will be Yellowstone National park in Wyoming, Montana and Idaho. Yellowstone is the oldest park in the entire system; it is, in fact, the oldest national park in the world, having celebrated the 75th anniversary of its founding on March 1 of this year.

Containing approximately 2,213,000 acres, it is noted for its geysers and hot springs, of which it has more than any other area in the world. Old Faithful, spouting its steaming waters high into the air at intervals of about an hour, day and night, summer and winter, has become a virtual symbol of Yellowstone.

Yet Yellowstone would be a great national park if there weren't a geyser or hot spring. While the two great falls of the Yellowstone and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with its vividly colored walls combine to form its most spectacular scenic feature, the park abounds in natural beauty. Yellowstone lake, with its hundred miles of shoreline and its eastern border of lofty peaks; scores of towering waterfalls; Obsidian cliff, of black glass; high and sweeping upland valleys and vast expanses of little-known wilderness—these merely suggest the variety of the scenery it possesses.

No other national park is as widely known for its wildlife. Yellowstone played an important part in restoration of the American bison, after it had come close to extinction, and there are hundreds of them in the park today. In quiet streams and marshes, the traveler is likely at any time to come across moose, elk, antelope, bighorn sheep, grizzly



STUDY IN CONTRASTS . . . Big Bend National park offers a combination of rugged mountainous terrain and semi-desert vegetation, as indicated by this view through the "window" in Chisos mountains.

IN THESE UNITED STATES

Memorial Service Will Note First Landing in New World

WNU Features.

JAMESTOWN, VA.—Tribute to that intrepid band of colonists who debarked on Jamestown beach May 13, 1607, to mark the first landing of permanent English settlers in the New World will be paid at annual commemorative ceremonies here Sunday, May 11.

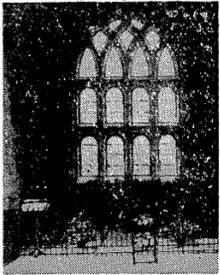
In the hallowed little Jamestown Memorial church religious services will be conducted as the main feature of the observance. Jamestown Day, as May 13 is designated, has been observed under sponsorship of the Association for Preservation of Virginia Antiquities annually for half a century.

The tower of the original Jamestown church, long the only visible relic of Old Jamestown, dates back to 1639, perhaps longer. Of particular interest are the loopholes in the tower through which colonists fired at Indian marauders. Original and unrestored, the tower is constructed of hand-made bricks and mortar, laid in English bond.

Built as Memorial. In 1907, the tri-centennial of the founding of Anglo-Saxon civilization in the Western Hemisphere, the memorial church was erected over the massive three-foot foundations, buttresses and tiled chancel of the church of 1639. The old church was burned during Bacon's rebellion in 1676, rebuilt not long after, but at some unknown period in the 18th century was abandoned and gradually fell into ruins.

There was a still earlier log church with ooblastone foundations, fragments of which may be seen in the graveyard. It was in this church, probably built in 1617, that the first legislative assembly in the New World, was convened July 30, 1619 with Sir George Yeardley, the royal governor, presiding. This historic event took place more than a year before the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth.

Back of the chancel railing among the remains of the 1639 church may be seen the "Knight's Tomb," formerly inlaid with brass, which was



HISTORIC CHURCH . . . This view shows the interior of historic Jamestown Memorial church, dedicated for services commemorating the arrival of the first English colonists. As the sign indicates, markers in the floor are unknown graves.

stolen at an unknown time. It is the only tomb of its kind in America and is supposed to be that of the same George Yeardley, who died at Jamestown in 1627.

Countless dead are buried in the ancient graveyard, which has been restored by the National Society of Colonial Dames of America. Although the actual number of graves and the names of most of their occupants have been lost in the shadows of time, a number of interesting old tombstones still remain.

Grave of President. An ancient tombstone marks the final resting place of Benjamin Harrison I, ancestor of Benjamin Harrison, signer of the Declaration of Independence. Buried nearby is another Benjamin Harrison, ninth president of the United States.

The epitaph on the tombstone of William Sherwood proclaims—
—for all the modern world to see—that he was "a great sinner."

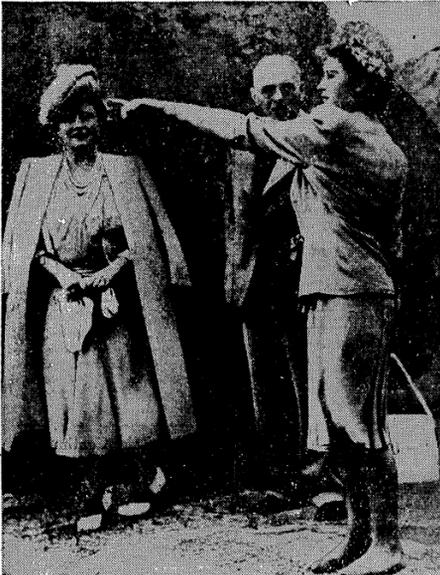
The inscription, legend insists, was made in accordance with a provision of his will.

An intruding sycamore tree, now more than 130 years old, has disturbed the eternal sleep of the Rev. James Blair, founder of the College of William and Mary, and of his wife, Sarah Harrison Blair. They began their long sleep side by side, but the tombstones have been pushed far apart by the misdirected tree, which now has fragments of the stones embedded in its trunk.

Program Announced. Officiating at the commemorative religious service will be the Rt. Rev. William A. Brown, bishop of the Episcopal diocese of southern Virginia.

The historical address will be given by Paul Green, author of the historical drama, "The Lost Colony."

Changing WORLD



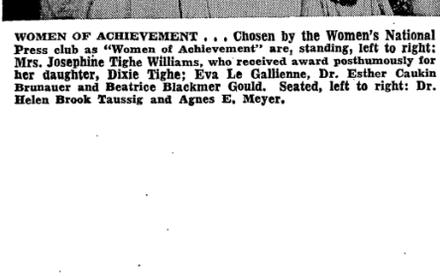
PRINCESS WITHOUT SHOES . . . Perhaps never again in history of the British royal family will a photographer have a chance to snap Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth standing in her stocking feet. The Queen, left, damaged her own shoes. Princess Elizabeth loaned her shoes to her mother, then so that it wouldn't spoil her fun, promptly forgot the incident while enjoying the sights of South Africa with her mother and guest, unidentified.



DENMARK'S KING . . . King Frederik IX, Denmark, who became head of the ancient throne upon the death of his father, King Christian X, 76-year-old monarch, who ruled his country for 35 years.



FORGETS CHILDREN . . . Charles Phillips, 102, of San Francisco, says he has six children but cannot remember how many sons or daughters. He says they are all old enough to chew fat. He is pictured in local hospital recovering from a minor ailment.



WOMEN OF ACHIEVEMENT . . . Chosen by the Women's National Press club as "Women of Achievement" are, standing, left to right: Mrs. Josephine Tighe Williams, who received award posthumously for her daughter, Dixie Tighe; Eva Le Gallienne, Dr. Esther Calkin Brunauer and Beatrice Blackmer Gould. Seated, left to right: Dr. Helen Brook Taussig and Agnes E. Meyer.



MOTHER-OF-THE-YEAR . . . Mrs. Fredericks G. Murray, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who has been chosen by the Golden Rule foundation as the "American Mother-of-the-Year." She has raised five children and devotes considerable time to child welfare work.



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WHO IS AFRAID . . . This box, 10 feet long, was flown to the Chase wild animal farm, Egypt, Mass., from South America. Far from fearing death by constriction, Mrs. Marion Chase wraps the box around her neck as some gaudy oversized ornament.



NEW DODGER MANAGER . . . Burt Shotton, who has been appointed as the manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers to succeed the suspended Leo Durocher. Shotton went to Brooklyn from Pensacola, Fla., and took immediate charge of the "Bums."

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