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SKI DINNER-DANCE SCHEDULE ARRANGED

Five ski dinner dance dates for the Ahwahnee were announced by the Secretary of the Yosemite Winter Club. The opening dance will be held on January 23, with later dances on February 13, March 5 and 19, and April 2. While the orchestra has not yet been selected, there will be "live music." Dorothea Bailey and her folk dancers have several new, colorful dances which will be presented during each of the dances.

VILLAGE STORIES

Christmas in the Village Store was a gala event. Interior decorators, Martha, Roy and Harold put their heads together and decorated some nice trees and made some picturesque scenes. Minnie Everston displayed fruits, candies and other such Christmas goodies. Ralph gave his favorite recipe for cooking a turkey and Pauline and Ellie attempted to sell the right sizes of clothing to people who weren't there. Gen and Jeanne in the wrapping department tried to disguise some gifts and really succeeded with a gift for Mr. Ouimet. It was a fishing rod, but it looked more like a bass fiddle.

Apparently all had been good during the year, for everyone proudly displayed some nice Christmas gifts. At a small party before work on December 24, the members of the Store exchanged gifts and had a rollicking time. Mr. Brown received a lovely white blanket and Jack Ring a set of Pickwick glasses (not spectacles).

Pauline got a sweater from some unknown admirer. Better watch out, Ray! Jack also received a pair of Argyle socks (just a little touch of Scotch) knitted by his sister. Gen received a month's supply of Black Jack chewing gum and Ellie some more silk neck

scarves. All in all, everyone seemed happy.

Al Baab from S-9 entertained his brother from Los Angeles in the week preceding Christmas. He then accompanied his brother home for the holidays.

Martha is back at her old job—wrapping, wrapping, wrapping!

LODGE LODGINGS

On the local calendar we find—Mary Jane Reese retired from active duty to take up HOME housekeeping as a permanent vocation.

A few of the summer employees in evidence over the holidays — Leona Kearhs, Winston Mumby, and Yvonne Bordegaray. And Dotty Wright, from the Grill.

Justine Clapp, Pat Thomas, Phyllis Goodale, and Mark Greer are former employees who came in to help out over the holidays.

Jack Manning of the Grill, is leaving for a few days in Los Angeles.

Al Marquez, Lodge Swimming Pool instructor, received a rather unique birthday present from his father—one thousand dollars to dabble in the stock market. Incidentally, Al has left for Switzerland to take a course in medicine.

HOSPITAL NOTICES

Until further notice, there will be no office hours on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons.

NEW DENTIST. We are happy to announce the appointment of Dr. Jack Wilhelm as our dentist. Dr. Wilhelm, formerly of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, is from the University of California Dental College.

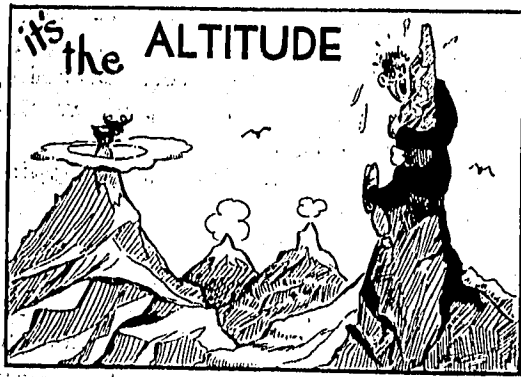
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AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

Now that the Bracebridge Dinner platforms are down, the red and yellow crab-apples and the wild ducks used for the Squire's table are gone, the white Belgian hares long since eaten, life at The Ahwahnee is getting back to normal. Sal Carson's orchestra is a memory, Bertha's holiday decor by now is mostly humus and the purple pants of the San Francisco Bohemian Club carolers are gone for another year!

Christmas brought a most unusual present for Ronnie Heathman but he refuses to wear it in public. Too red for you Ronnie? And on the color of red, Anne Hulme's red underwear came in right handy for Andy Campbell to wear as Santa Claus at our party at The Arrow except that the bumps were in the wrong places. First skinny Santa Claus we ever saw! Loretta Ledson complained that she got blisters trying on Wally Harri-man's present to get the right size. Johnnie Nickles will be long remembered for the lovely slippers given to many of the girls.

Dick Connett was wild when the Belgian Hares for the Bracebridge Dinner arrived white instead of brown ones as requisitioned.

Dusting with cinnamon was suggested at one frantic point. And our last Christmas thought is for the little boy Annie gave Teddy Bears to!

New Years will always be remembered by Duane Boone, Curt Platt, Louise Buckman, Lillian Eddy, Bud Allredge, Jack Clark, Eddie Trossauer, and the rest of the "Black Shoe Set" for their own private dancing party behind the orchestra screen. Many of the guests joined them and said they had more fun than out in front! The "Birdseye Pea Green" coats of Wayne Phillips and Glenn Power made some guests feel just as green!

Speaking of Hats — the new "Morning Look" has all the waitresses in a tizzy now that their fifteen dollar permanents won't show. That old Aunt Jemima look prevails! And the tall silver and gold New Year's hats had nothing on the fezzes (Tarboosh to you) that the Shriners wore recently here at dinner to honor Imperial Potentate Rex Hammers. They had enough rhinestones on them to costume thirteen choruses!

The Station Wagon Set will be complimented soon when B.J. and Vic Lipmeyer get delivery of theirs. Karl Munson and Lee Brazitis have just hocked their family heirlooms to get new cars recently, too, and Bob Mills will soon join with a new Chevrolet Coupe. Hugh Merritt, we feel sure, started all this with that beautiful Manhattan of his. Reverting to the Jurassic, Edith Eddy returned from Los Angeles with a Model "A"—nothing less!

The Longhairs Club meets again soon and plan to play among others the following selections: Piano Concerto by Aram Khachaturian with William Kapell at the piano; Ballet Music from Petrouchka by Stravinsky; Show music from On the Town, and a repeat request of Manhattan Towers. A special Fun Section will include Beatrice Kay and Dorothy Shay.

A Kid's Party to be held soon at the Arrow is being planned by Bob Robinson for the big boy and girl three-cornered pants and jawbreaker set. Sue Munson and Jackie Pierson had better keep an eye on their clotheslines for the next few weeks!

Movie villain Victor Francen, his charming wife and their little girl Leno, were recent visitors at The Ahwahnee. Leno gave her mother away at the dinner table one night by saying to the waitress, "Bring some more

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rolls with nuts in them. Mummy feeds them all to the bluejays!"

Through the Keyhole. Ed Miller wanted us to advertise his grilled sandwiches in the Sweet shop so here's your plug, Ed: Folks, you really must try one of Ed Miller's curried thumbtack sandwiches! Tony "Amanuensis" Palmeri writes about ten letters a day. But to whom, Tony? Our vote for the man with the best neckties in the Valley—Jack Curran. Did you see the photographs of our very photogenic models Verna Wright and Georgia Hauser that were taken at Andy's party? Reminds us of Grant Wood's "Daughters of Revolution," Bob Mills says that Ed Gardner's aniseed cookies are the first ones to go at tea time. How about a sample, Ed! Dick Mustoe's missus says she hasn't a thing to wear anywhere. Or who does say that? Ask Jack Parkerson how many camels he milked at the Shriner's cocktail party. And how about the guest who remarked to Minerva Beardsley: "Pardon me Miss, but your relish is showing!"

We'd like to know what Freddie Hartman asked that cop in Merced the other night. Get the story from Freddie, he tells it best!

—Bob Robinson



BADGER PASSES

Here at Badger Pass we have everything for skiing; skis, poles, and boots for rent, a fireplace, ski lockers, ski repair shop, Constan—everything for skiing—but no snow.

The lack of snow holds a particular grief for Dale Ellis in the ski repair shop, for it is he who has to repair skis that have been damaged on Badger's rocky slopes.

In spite of the snow conditions, however, Ranger Glen Gallison estimated that an average of a thousand people a day have visited

Badger since its opening.

Personnel at Badger awoke Friday morning to see a very rare thing; a snow fall. The snow continued at intervals all day and during the intervals, there was rain and when it was all over, we had less snow than there was before the storm.

Maybe there is still hope that we may realize the stories of old-timers about snow piled above the ski lodge porch and skiing off that sturdy roof, but just maybe.



SCOUT CORNER

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Girl Scouts of America are going to try to send 100,000 clothing kits to young people in other parts of the world and do it before December 1948. This is the largest clothing project ever undertaken, but if each of the 50,000 troops send the two kits requested of them, the goal will easily be reached.

Here in Yosemite, Brownie Troop No. 1 has chosen to fill kits for small children, the contents to be donated. The older girls of Intermediate Troop No. 1 will make up kits requiring hand made articles, thereby earning their sewing badges. Mrs. Tom Knowles and Mrs. Sturge Culver will act as consultants in charge of the service project. They have worked out a course in sewing that will cover the fundamentals of that art and will supervise the making of each article to go into the kits, thus keeping the contents at a high standard.

FOR SALE: Schwinn New World bicycle. Women's. Good condition—\$25. Bathinette, \$12.50. See Jules Ashworth at Yosemite Lodge Post Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Crouse of Modesto announce the birth of a daughter, Karen Ann on December 31. Mrs. Crouse will be remembered as the former Betty Cookson of Yosemite.

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N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

About the time the Christmas Sentinels were being distributed, we received a friendly greeting from former Superintendent and Mrs. Kittredge for the residents of the Park which read as follows:

"As we drive from park to park toward Washington, D.C., we think often of Yosemite's superb Christmas setting and of our many friends in the Park.

"We are remembering too, with much appreciation, the many expressions and acts of cordiality and friendship and that beautiful goodbye party.

"Thinking back over the Christmas and holiday times is a happy recollection and we wish you all another Merry Christmas and New Year season.

Catharine and Frank Kittredge."

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Among the many local residents who vacationed out of the Park recently were the Bob McIntyres who returned to their homeland in the Pacific Northwest for several weeks starting in late November. While in Seattle, Bob looked up our old friends, the Frank Brockmans and attended several interesting forestry meetings with Frank. On one occasion he talked to one of Brock's classes at the University of Washington.

The McIntyres visited the Olympic National Park and found former ranger of Yosemite Otto Brown now well established as chief ranger there. Otto has his hands full looking after an area larger than Yosemite National Park with a very limited ranger force and with meager appropriations.

The Homer Robinsons visited relatives in northern California and in Oregon over the holidays, and spent New Years with Grace's relatives in Eureka.

The Givens made a short trip to Yosemite just before Christmas, staying with the Hills. The Givens now live at 29 Palms, where Frank is Custodian of Joshua Tree National Monument.

Richard Russell, son of Superintendent and Mrs. Carl P. Russell, spent a few days with his parents in Yosemite over the holidays. Richard, who spent his first year of infancy in Yosemite, is a student at the University of Michigan.

Lynn Mernin, daughter of former Yosemite District Ranger Jerry Mernin, wrote from Weaverville, North Carolina that she and her family are now living in that state. She looks forward to hearing from her Yosemite friends.

CHURCH NOTICES

Yosemite National Park Church
Roman Catholic Masses—7:30 and 8:30 a.m.
in the Old Village Chapel.

Protestant Services—
Brief Service 10:15 to 10:45 a.m. in Chapel.
Morning Worship at 11 a.m. Sermon "Prayer
and Personality."

Candlelight Communion Service at 8 p.m. A
service of beauty with an opportunity for
meditation. Everyone welcome.

High School Young People meet at 6 until 7
p.m. Old Village Chapel.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. at the School
House.

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OLD CLOTHING DRIVE

The high school young people's group of the Park church has been conducting a drive for old clothes to send to the Navajo Indians whose needs have attracted nationwide attention. If you have any clothes you wish to donate call 125 W and arrangements will be made to pick up the articles.

The young people are also writing a letter to Senator Knowland emphasizing their interest in the Navajos' plight and asking for his consideration of the problem.

OLD TIMER LEAVES

Bertha Sarver, who is a friend of everyone she met during her eight years in the Valley, left recently. Illness in her family made it necessary for her to return to the family home in Newton, Iowa. Bertha will be remembered forever for her beautiful floral arrangements and for her willingness to aid anyone who wanted anything decorated, from a banquet hall to a Y.T.S. bus. Our best wishes go with Bertha and our hope that she will come back soon.



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MARCH OF DIMES NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

A short time ago, Dr. Chester Moyle called a meeting at the Tioga Hotel to inaugurate this year's March of Dimes fund-raising campaign. This meeting was unlike any the writer has ever attended. In addition to the usual committee chairmen, representatives of many public spirited groups, and heads of organizations, there were three people who appeared on crutches or were helped to their places by others. They were victims of polio who are now staging a comeback as a result of March of Dimes money—money which we are all contributing to insure proper treatment of any victim in our community.

Dr. Moyle mentioned that while many diseases either take us or we get well, infantile paralysis often leaves the patient crippled. Only the wealthy person could afford the long period of treatment and surgery neces-

sary to bring about rehabilitation, hence the necessity to have a sizable fund to take care of EVERY case of polio that arises.

It was pointed out that more than half of the money raised by the March of Dimes goes to the direct benefit of the victims of infantile paralysis. The remainder is largely for research and education, for the study of the disease toward the end that it may possibly or eventually be stamped out. Only 1.8 percent is for the administration of the organization.

If we all knew some person who has suffered from a severe attack of polio, and had seen how the March of Dimes organization had come to their rescue, there is no doubt but that our contributions to the current campaign would be generous.

FIRST WINTER GYMKHANA PROVES HUGE SUCCESS

The first weekly Wednesday night skating gymkhana, sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club and directed by Bob Kingsley, was held before more than two hundred spectators and contestants. Nine events for both junior and senior skaters included potato races, balloon races, speed races, musical chairs and finished with a conglomerate race called a "nightcap race." In it, the contestants were obliged to carry a lighted candle around the rink, stop and drink a Coca Cola, all while wearing a flowing night cap. Between races, some fine exhibition skating was presented by Ralph dePfyffer and Miss Frazier, Mariposa County music supervisor, Sherwood Spurgin and Doris Hewitson, and Ronnie Steiner and Dorothe Bailey, Marshall Hall served as master of ceremonies and awarded prizes.

Winners in the senior division received \$2.00 merchandise orders and in the juniors,

\$1.50. Results are listed below:

Senior		Junior
	Potato Race	
Leslie Ries		Shirley Quist
	Speed Race	
John Marsh		Ralph Clark
	Balloon Race	
Homer Hoyt		Bob Lamkin
	Musical Chairs	
Wally Wellman		Shirley Quist
	Night Cap Race	
	Dorothe Bailey and Dick Jaeger	

With such a splendid beginning, the future Wednesday night events are certain to be great successes. It is all handled in an informal spirit and many contestants made up in courage for their lack in skating ability. Next week's program will be equally interesting and its contents will be posted on the bulletin boards around the Valley.

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AHWAHNEE MELANGE

The latest Longhairs Record Party was a great success attended by over thirty Ahwahneeans. As presented by the Bobs Mills and yours truly, the music was enjoyed by all and especially the hot Glug served at the end! Instead of a fire in the fireplace which interfered with the music during the previous concert, a large candelabra of manzanita wood was used covered with many tiny candles.

Andy Campbell closed the party with an impersonation of Beatrice Kay doing "Hooray, Hooray, I'm Going Away!" and was dressed in a lamp shade with the new long look!

Announced as part of the program for the next concert is the music from "Annie Get Your Gun," "Peter and the Wolf" by Prokofieff, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas, and "Cuban Overture" by George Gershwin. Hot mint chocolate will be on tap.

The latest addition to the uniform scene at The Ahwahnee is the edict that all busboys will henceforth wear black bow ties on duty. Sporting possibly the most glamorous bowed cravat is George Malstrom whose tie was designed by Adrian. On the subject, the waitresses are having a difficult time with the boys since the lads found out that the word "busboy" comes from the Latin "Omnibus" so now it's Omnibusboy to you, Miss!

Freddie Hartman entertained recently at the Lost Arrow, on the occasion of his natal holiday with really distinctive songs and patter.

Andy Campbell's photographs of himself as Santa Claus at the Xmas party will probably win a contract with 20th Century-Fox.

Although some detractors complained that he looked like anything but Santa and rather as a super-attenuated Ziegfeld Queen!

Don't forget the Kid Party and Valentine Party combined to be held at the Lost Arrow on February 12. The Ahwahnee gang cordially invites everyone to be there—costumes or not. More announcements later.

Backstairs gossip has it that Dorothe Webster remarked at the Icecapades the other night that "they ought to save all the ice they scrape up every night to use for Fred Pierson's "Supremes."

Wendell Otter won first prize in Mary Rawlin's Baby Derby by guessing that there were approximately 4 million babies born in the United States last year. What was the prize, Mary?

Frank Bailey has all our teeth chattering with his aquatic exercises in the Merced River the other day. So you are the first one to go swimming in 1948 Frank!

Dorie "Goldie" Williamson of our Gift Shop earns the sobriquet but definitely with her new crowning glory. Color that is, not thatch!

Janis Paige was a return visitor to The Ahwahnee recently and on the subject of hair, wore pink ribbon in her red hair and affectively too. Edith Eddy has pleased all with her new arrangements of bleached Buckeye and Chokecherry branches in the Main Lounge and Knobcone Pines flanking the Dining Room entrance. Bob Mills is the William Haines of "C" Dorm at Tecoya with the interior decorating he has done in his room.

Bob Robinson has posted bond and become a Notary Public for Mariposa County and serves notice he can accommodate any and all for such services. (Plug!)

You should see the redskins around The Ahwahnee what with Bob Minerich and the Lipmeyers having slept too long under their new sun-tan lamps. Fred Smith is adding to his carrot collection daily. You should see some of his specimens!

—Bob Robinson

Somebody insists that the following hint be dropped to Sentinel contributor Robinson: "What with the new look and all, don't you think you're out of date with that peplum on your room service jacket?"

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DANCING CLASSES

Under the direction of Virginia Caldwell, a course of dancing instruction for children began Monday, January 19, at the Masonic Club. Mrs. Caldwell and her husband have been headline performers in Canada and Australia as well as in this country as the adagio team of Ramon and Virginia. Her many years of professional experience qualify Mrs. Caldwell in ballet, acrobatic and tap dancing.

Classes for children eight and under meet at 3:00 p.m. Classes for those nine and over meet at 4:00 p.m.

Classes for high school students and adults are now forming. For information write to Mrs. Virginia Caldwell, General Delivery, Mariposa, or call Mrs. Sterling Cramer, Yosemite 18W.

NEWS FROM AFAR

A recent letter from Lowell Bondshu, now Lt. Col. and stationed at Bad Tolz, Germany, says, in part, "I feel somewhat as we used to in Yosemite waiting for enough snow for skiing. After several heavy snows and excellent skiing in our backyard, a warm rain arrived and washed the snow away. Last winter was the coldest in Germany for fifty years and as of now this appears to be the warmest. In any event, the highest mountain in Germany is not far from here, at Garmish, so we can always go there for winter sports. Helen and I plan to attend the Winter Olympics at St. Moritz next month and are looking forward to seeing the Blatt boys, Miss Grasmoen and others that used to ski at Badger." (We are drooling with envy!)

LODGE LODGINGS

Surprise to us all is the coming marriage of Helen Braddeley and Wes Harris. Our reports are to the fact they will "tie the knot" in Merced.

A week ago Bob Van Bibber, ex Crane Flatter revisited us, declaring he is going to settle in Fresno.

Dick DeLong, our friendly mail carrier, is quite a song and dance man. For a real treat, ask him for a current "jig tune."

If anybody is interested in a new sport—I've got it! "Roller-ski-skating." Just picture that going down the road—poles and all!

—Joe Meredith

BENEFIT MOVIE PLANNED TO GATHER FUNDS FOR ELECTRIC ORGAN

A highly interesting and exciting color film, "Grand Canyon Voyage" will be shown to raise funds toward the purchase of an electronic organ for the Yosemite Church. Through the efforts of Virginia Adams, this film, made by Marjory Farquhar, noted mountaineer, has been secured. It portrays a recent expedition down the Grand Canyon of the Colorado with Norman Nevills, famous river boatman. Mrs. Farquhar will narrate personally during the film.

The program will be presented at 8 p.m. in the Old Village Pavilion on February 2. The Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts will sell tickets throughout the Valley.

YOSEMITE CHURCH NOTICES

Virginia Adams will be the soloist this Sunday, January 25 at the eleven o'clock service at the Old Village Chapel. Mr. Glass will speak on "Can Your Prayers Help Other People?"

Sunday School meets at 9:45 a.m. in the School House. The High School young people's group meets at 6 p.m. at the Chapel. Leaders, Frances Freeman and Elton Murphy.

Roman Catholic Masses at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

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At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Yosemite National Park Church in Fresno last week, Carleton Smith was elected to a three-year term on the board as a local representative of the Valley people. Superintendent Carl Russell and the Rev. Alfred Glass also attended the meeting.

That debonair man about town, Bob, of the Lodge Cafeteria, left suddenly for S. F. to convince his friends there that he's still in the land of the living, despite the current newspaper headlines. That's Bob Christensen we are referring to, folks!

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ODDITY—MarY Proctor, NancY Proctor, PeggY Proctor, Billy Proctor, and if we may digress a little, CharleY Proctor!

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A note from Jessie Cole, Omaha, Nebraska, carried news of many former Yosemite residents. Jim, Jessie, Joyce and Phyllis took part in a progressive dinner which started at their home on New Years Eve. The group went to the Stan and Ruth Josephs' for salad—then to Swartzlows' for the main dish, and to Russell and Cassandra McKowns' for dessert. At McKowns, Lawrence and Catherine Merriam (he was former superintendent of Yosemite) joined the party to play bridge. Suzanne and Jane McKown, Joyce and Phyllis all joined in singing the new year in.

We appreciate again the exceptionally fine service offered by Herb Lomis, manager of the Merced office of the California State Auto Association, in dispensing new auto licenses to all comers at the Administration Building on January 15.

Virginia Adams has had enthusiastic letters from both Ansel and Anne who are in New York by this time. They stopped at Chicago where Ansel was a judge for an international salon. In New York he will have business in connection with furnishing 60 illustrations for a forthcoming book on John Muir. Later they will visit New England and return to Yosemite by the end of February.

Your reporter has been reminded that we sometimes overlook interesting items about former Yosemite residents, yes, and often overlook important events that take place here in the Park. Please forgive, and don't ever think that the oversight was intentional. Often in the last minute rush of meeting the "dead line" such slip-ups are unavoidably made. If something important has been omitted, please don't hesitate telling us, and if possible or if the news is not too stale, perhaps it can be printed in a later issue.

Overlooked previously was mention of Homer and Ruth Crider's interesting trip east and south some weeks ago. They drove back through Kansas and swung south to see Ed and Mamie Eidam, formerly of Cascades, at West Point, Miss., where Ed has a fine position with the TVA. The Criders saw a good cross-section of the United States, including Kentucky, Tennessee, New Orleans, Shreveport, and took in Carlsbad Caverns besides.

Excitement in the McHenry household the past weekend was over the acceptance of

Bruce at Wasatch Academy, a private school in southern Utah. Wasatch is an excellent school attended by many sons and daughters of government employees in isolated areas, such as the families of members of the Indian Service, Reclamation Service and National Park Service. Bruce will know at least one student at Wasatch—Lars Garrison from the Grand Canyon.

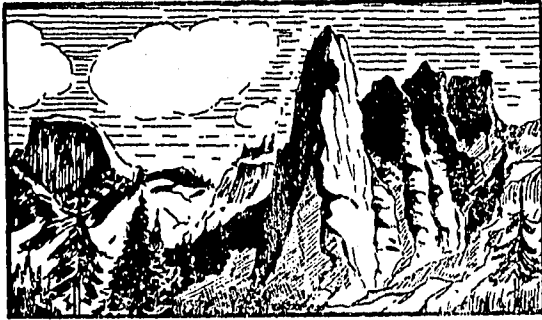
The acceptance was so sudden and unexpected that preparations had to be made at once. Bruce worked into the night marking his name in indelible ink on towels, sheets and pillow cases. Then early Sunday morning the McHenrys, including Keith who will have a week out of school, headed south. They plan to see as much of the country as possible on their way to and from Wasatch, stopping for at least a quick look-see at Death Valley National Monument.

Not mentioned before in the Sentinel is the news of two local boys who are now located in Alaska. Gordon King is now working for the Mount McKinley Hotel Company. He was expecting to drive a team of huskies by this time, but snow is as scarce in Alaska as it is at Badger. There is not enough snow for dog sledding. At Anchorage, John Townsley is working as a civilian guard for the Army and enjoying some good cold weather. He wrote that his section is called the "banana belt" of Alaska, but John could hardly agree with the slogan.

THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME

Disappointed skiers may find some solace in figures recently compiled by Gus Eastman and Homer Hoyt showing that in many previous years, there was little snow at Badger Pass before late January and early February. Take for instance the year of 1943 when there was a depth of 12 inches of snow on January 15 and a good snow pack of 67 in. on March 15 of the same year.

On March 15, 1938, the greatest depth of snow on record at Badger Pass totalled 131 inches, still on that same year on January 15 there was only 28 inches. Other interesting facts unearthed are that the first skiing officially reported at Badger Pass was on December 20, 1934. On December 15, 1935, the ski house was opened for the first time and the snow depth on that day was 16 in.



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A TRIBUTE TO DR. DONALD B. TRESIDDER

Dr. Tresidder, President of our Company, has left us, and we are saddened by his passing. We suffer the loss of no ordinary man, but of one we were proud to claim as our chief. We may well pause to contemplate the qualities in him which inspired that pride.

Determination was one of Dr. Tresidder's strong attributes. It was the force that carried him through medical school, first as he worked to earn his way on the Stanford campus, and later when he wrote his doctor's thesis amid the heavy responsibilities of his position here. That same will to keep striving carried him over the many obstacles which beset him in the years of his administrative career.

Imagination was a gift with which Dr. Tresidder was endowed far beyond the glimpse of most men. He was not content to meet the demands of daily routine, but could see the vision of a plan fulfilled. The results of his foresight are manifest to all of us here who remember bygone years.

Leadership was in Dr. Tresidder so naturally as to appear almost as a birthright. But his was a quality of leadership that was never exercised at the cost of modesty or kindness. Rather was it conceded by those about him who recognized the brilliance of his mind, the clarity of his speech, and the worthiness of his motives.

Integrity was so deeply rooted in Dr. Tresidder's own being that he prized it above all other virtues in the persons he valued. He appeared to be drawn instinctively to those individuals who, whatever their feelings, possessed true uprightness of character, and this probity in him inspired the trust of all who dealt with him.

These are the stalwart virtues which carried Dr. Tresidder to success in whatever he

undertook. They are the qualities that instilled respect in all who knew him. Yet, unadorned, such traits could represent an austere man. Here they were the framework of a warm and vibrant personality, a pervading human interest, a kind and sympathetic understanding. In short, the leader we lost was a complete man, truly outstanding among his fellows.

For those of us who knew Dr. Tresidder intimately as a friend his untimely death brings the deepest sorrow. For the many others who have come to Yosemite in the past few years the sense of loss can but be less personal. But for all of us, whether old or new in service here, the record of his life and work will ever be an inspiration.

RELIEF CLOTHING CLEANED FREE

The Company laundry is offering free rough dry cleaning of all clothing designated for overseas relief. Mr. Connor, laundry manager, suggests that clothing be left at the laundry where it will be cleaned and picked up by Mr. Glass who is forwarding all overseas clothing.

For the relief of the Navajo Indians, the local high school young people's group recently sent six hundred pounds of clothing to the relief headquarters in Ganado, Arizona.

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

A special service will be held at the Old Village Chapel next Wednesday, February 11, 7:30 p.m. to mark the beginning of Lent.

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YOSEMITE SCHOOL VACATION

The Easter vacation at the Yosemite School is as follows--Closes Friday, March 19 and opens Monday, March 29.

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AHWAHNEE MELANGE

Gracing our precinct recently was Mr. W. D. Rouzer, Manager of the El Tovar Hotel on the rim of the Grand Canyon. Mr. Rouzer remarked upon the cleanliness of our kitchens. Sir Ramaswami was a recent guest from India. Sir Ramaswami was a confidante of the late Mohandas K. Ghandi and has upon occasion narrowly escaped assassination himself. He showed this reporter where he had lost one ear and remarked that it was not lost in the manner of Gaugin, the painter, lost his.

Don't forget the combined Valentine's and Kid Party at the Lost Arrow Thursday evening, February 12. Fun for all and an unusual contest involving the new plastic material, "Blo-Blo." Admission price, two bits.

The Ahwahnee Longhairs Music Club met again last Thursday night and was attended by thirty appreciative shorthairs. Our motto is "Entertainment without Education" and it's painless fun! Especially enjoyed was "Peter and the Wolf" with Basil Rathbone as the narrator. First rule for the Longhairs Club is that all present take their shoes off before the music begins. Hmmm!

What's Cooking with the Bakers & Cooks: Amedee DeLaet has confided that he can dress 40 chickens in twenty-three minutes. Johnny "HooLaLa" Duda cuts a fancy figure with his new Flit Gun with which he sprays the steaks with a fine mist when they catch fire. Ed Gardner can really whip up a mean meringue. He says the secret is a little baking powder in the whip and bets he could meringue Half Dome so it would stay until June. Denis DeCaillet tells of the time he lost three steel carving knives in Chicago to an unidentified "friend" and how he found them in Salt Lake City six months later.

Welcome to our new beauty operator, Zoe LaVinge, whose den of horrors on the mezzanine is doing a thriving business.

Ted Gogolewski, Jack Ferrell and Curt Platt are back from Reno to report that their system needs revising.

Ronnie Heathman and Hugh Merritt also back from vacation which included Nogales.

NOTE FROM MOTHER CURRY

The Sentinel Office received a note from Mother Curry in which she sends the following message:

"I wish to express my appreciation for all the Christmas remembrances I had from my friends and assure them that since my 85th birthday I have adopted the plan of not sending Christmas cards, but I wish all my Yosemite friends a Happy New Year, especially since we are entering on our fiftieth anniversary year at Camp Curry, which means that I have loved Yosemite long and loyally all these years."

LOST ARROW

Soda dispenser Dick Jaeger threatens to give a piano recital on the evening of February 29. (We hope not).

Remember, square dance practice every Monday night and folk dancing on Fridays at 8:30.

A party for big kids is planned for Thursday, February 12. Everyone is encouraged to come dressed like a tiny tot. There will be cake, prizes, punch and a lot of fun for all. Tickets are 25 cents.

ORGAN BENEFIT MOVIE POPULAR

The Yosemite Church is \$150 closer to its purchase of an electronic organ as a result of the benefit motion picture held Monday, February 2. Mrs. Francis Farquhar's color film of her voyage with Norman Nevils down the Colorado River, through the Grand Canyon was extremely interesting and was exceeded only by Mrs. Farquhar's charming narration. The Valley people were fortunate to have been able to see the film and to hear Mrs. Farquhar. We are indebted to her for her generosity in coming to the Valley for the occasion and to Virginia Adams, George Oliver and Gordon Buchanan for their assistance.

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ICE GYMKHANAS SUCCESSFUL

The weekly ice gymkhanas have been pronounced eminently successful by the big crowds of spectators and participants. Last week's carnival was highlighted by the costume parade and hockey game. The Ahwahnee pucksters squeezed out a 1-0 victory over the Lodge team. Lew Hallock playing for The Ahwahnee team scored the lone goal.

The funniest costume award was won hands down by "Spark Plug," the skating horse motivated by Homer Hoyt and Ken English. Which of these gentlemen was fore and which was aft is undisclosed. George Oliver, in a Swiss soldier uniform, won the handsome costume for men and Hilda de Pfyffer, in a lovely Swiss costume was awarded the girls' prize for the most beautiful costume. Jess Culver's pancake hat, red stockings and short skirt was judged the funniest ladies' while Lucy Clark in a ballet costume took a prize for the most unusual costume. Bobby Eckhart in woman's suit, a red wig and a black hat, was the funniest child entrant. The hilarious "find your partner" race was won by Dale Devine and Irene Kay while Rita Frazer and John Martin won the windup event, the potato race.

A long awaited snow storm made it necessary to cancel this past Wednesday's carnival.

CAKLES AND CHUCKLES

Clyde Parmenter of Transportation just departed for parts unknown. Just restlessness, I guess. Millie Taylor is again our Transportation Agent.

If anyone missed Ronnie Steiner's movies, they'd better get in touch with the right crowd. Ronnie's movies are undoubtedly some of the finest shown in these parts.

At the recent wedding of Elaine and Art Bauman, the most nervous person connected with the whole affair was the best man. Our amiable desk clerk, Hank Kimbrough, couldn't eat or sleep for fear everything wouldn't go according to plan. He reported the loss of many pounds in weight during the trying ordeal.

If you really want to see a nervous creature, there is Margaret (Maggie) Oliver when she receives those anonymous long distance calls from San Francisco.

That yellow and silver streak that flies into the Valley from Wawona way every

morning is not a jet propelled flying disc—just Jules Ashworth and his jeep.

Roy Deaton tells us of conversing with "Miss America of 1948" while on his recent trip to New Orleans and Memphis. Take notice gals! Maybe Roy is our local Casanova and you don't know it!

Have you tasted the pastry and bread we are having at the Lodge lately? The reason for the pleasant improvement is Ed Benson of Glacier Point fame.

If anybody ever wanted to find Joe Meredith, Front desk, when off duty, just go to Camp 6 and look under the nearest automobile. He's always fixing something.

Marguerite Radigan is crocheting a "Hug Me Tight." Hmmm! What goes on?

To top everything, a guest wanted to know where Half Dome Lodge was.

COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCES

WELCOME VALLEY RESIDENTS

Friday, February 13 at 8:30 p.m. is the date of the next Square Dance at the Camp Curry Dining Room. The spacious room and fine musical setup makes it possible to take care of any size crowd, and all Valley residents who have become discouraged because of past crowded quarters will be delighted with the change.

Knowledge of only a half dozen or so "movements" easily learned in the half hour practice period, 8 to 8:30 before the dance, makes it possible for all you reluctant but wishful ones to spend many delightful evenings—but be there promptly.

BUSY BROWNIE BULLETINS

Brownie Troop No. 1 has been quite active. Their major project lately has been the assembling of clothing kits for children overseas. From clothing donated by the girls, three complete kits have been assembled—2 for girls between the ages of 6 and 7 and one for a girl 7-10. The clothing will be mailed this week.

Among the Brownie outdoor activities was a hike to the Museum garden on January 20 where the group discovered a clump of pussy willows complete with a robin.

On January 24 a skating party was held under the direction of Joan Ashworth and was so successful, we plan another one soon.

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N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

Snow depths this year are far below any on record for Yosemite. At Ostrander Lake at the end of January last year there was a depth of 70.6 inches. This year there was 13.2 inches. At Snow Flat on the Tioga Road there was 68.8 inches of snow last year as compared with 29 inches this year. At Gin Flat this time last year there was almost 3 feet of snow, and this year there was none. But what about Badger? Yes, we have those figures too. Last year there was 28 inches, normal depth is about 60 inches, and this year? In case you didn't go up and see it at the end of January, the "depth" ranged from spots to 1 inch. FLASH! "Duke" Doucette just staggered into the composing room with icicles jutting from his ears and nostrils to announce a big storm raging at Badger. The entire crew is frantically shoveling snow to make way for hundreds of eager skiers expected this weekend. At last reports there was a total depth of 20 inches on the Big Hill. And it's still coming down!

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As further evidence of the exceptionally dry winter in Yosemite, Superintendent Russell reports that he and Mrs. Russell drove out of the park on the last day of January over the old Coulterville Road which they followed from Hazel Green to McCauleys, and to the old mining town which gave its name to this earliest of all Yosemite stage coach roads.

At McCauley's ranch the Russells visited briefly with Mr. J. J. McCauley, son of James McCauley, the pioneer trail builder and hotel man in Yosemite. J. J. McCauley was born in a cottage at the foot of the Four Mile Trail in 1880. He has been a resident of the Yosemite region all of his life and is the source of much interesting Yosemite history.

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Just off the press is "A Guide to the Mother Lode Country" by our good friend and former compatriot C. Frank Brockman, now a professor at the University of Washington School of Forestry. Brock used to make trips through the foothill country west of the park, and made many photographs of the most interesting Mother Lode towns. Then he studied many references all toward sometime publishing a book about the Mother Lode. The present book is published by the Yosemite Natural History Association as a special issue of Yosemite Nature Notes and

regularly sells for 50 cents a copy. It promises to be a popular number inasmuch as much interest is centered in the Gold Rush Days during the centennial celebrations.

OLYMPIC SKI MOVIE SCHEDULED

"Olympic Preview," a seventy-five minute color, sound film will be shown at the Village Pavilion on Friday, February 20 in the interest of the Olympic Ski Team. Filmed by Dick Durrance at Sun Valley, this movie has been presented to various gatherings around California and has received great praise. One of the many thrilling sequences is filmed by Durrance while descending the Warm Springs Run at Sun Valley at 50 miles per hour.

Don't miss this! You'll be doing yourself and the Ski Team a great favor by seeing it. Remember the date—February 20 at 8 p.m. at the Old Village Pavilion. Tickets will be on sale next week at the Lodge desk, the Village Store, The Ahwahnee gift shop, and at the theater the night of the movie.

SKI DINNERS

Regardless of what you've heard, read or believed in the past, the first Ski Dinner will be Friday, February 13. Due to unavoidable delay on the part of the orchestra, the February 6 dance has been cancelled. The Winter Club regrets the confusion that may have surrounded the dance schedule, but it was difficult to plan with the poor snow conditions and likelihood of a successful party so doubtful.

The big attraction for the first dance on February 13 will be the fashion show presented by Lanz of California, one of Californias foremost designers of women's clothes. The ladies will enjoy a preview of the new Lanz spring and summer fashions.

Following dances will be held as originally scheduled on March 5, 19 and April 2. Included in the orchestra is Richie Ferraris whose trio was popular at The Ahwahnee last winter.

FOR SALE—'41 Buick Sedanette, 63,300½ original miles. Very clean. Radio, heater. Don Hornor, Camp 6 or Ahwahnee bakery. One Pair Bally Ski Boots, Ladies, 7—\$20. One Pair Canadian Pro-built Hockey Skates, mens, size 8, \$20. Rusty, Post Off.



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FIRST SKI DINNER AND FASHION SHOW

The opening Ski Dinner held last Friday at The Ahwahnee was eminently successful, according to reports from the locals who attended. Highlights of the evening were Dr. Joel Hildebrand's remarks on the history and tradition of the Far West Kandahar Ski Meet, Al Sigal's very appropriate introduction of the Dr., and the Lanz Fashion show. Some of the local girls modeled the clothes and did a very creditable job. Those modeling were Ruth Forrest, Eileen Berrey, Elaine Faris, Dorie Williamson, Elaine Bauman, Maggie Oliver, Myrna Ewbank and Ellen Hall. Pat Sturn, the model mother, and daughters Ginnie Ann and Mary Lou, wore mother and daughter costumes. The Yosemite Folk Dancers did several interesting and lively numbers, among them "Cotton Eyed Joe," which is number one on Jim Taylor's hit parade.

Jimmy Gordon's Trio played its first notes before the Valleyites and received great applause. The Trio is playing for dancing every night except Sundays at The Ahwahnee. The Trio is composed of Jimmy Gordon, Kenny Kolwinska and Ray Risi. After the dance, Dorie Williamson, while chatting with some friends, was pushed violently by a crude jester and landed very hard, on the floor. Nothing damaged.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

At three o'clock on the afternoon of February 16, there was a loud, and good, rendition of "Happy Birthday" sung in honor of Truman Emerson at the General Office. Everyone partook of ice cream roll and some cookies and wished Emmie many happy returns. Mr. Emerson says, "I'm thirty-nine years old—still."



BADGER PASSES

Here at Badger Pass we have still several inches of snow and from all sources of information more is to come.

The Far West Kandahar races were a great success, all of the contestants being well satisfied with the course conditions and were especially happy about the hospitality rendered them by the Yosemite Winter Club.

Bob Brelsford, of the Ski School, took 6th place, Bob Gallison, 7th, Glenn Gallison, 10th and Bob Lint, former instructor, 19th in the combined. In the Downhill race, Bill Janss who is almost a local, took 2nd and Bob Gallison, 4th. Alan Fischer of Portland University was the winner in the Combined.

All ski tests are now being featured for members of the Yosemite Winter Club, Arnold Fawcus presiding, and, as a word of encouragement, Doucette passed — which means if you can walk you, too, can pass.

The fire at Yosemite's most popular ski lodge, about which there was such vague information, was caused by sparks from the chimney and did very little damage. The only injury was suffered by engineer Bob Ely who dropped a fire extinguisher on his toe and is now under hospital care.

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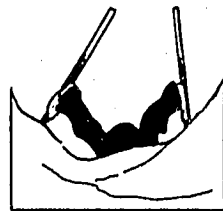
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AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

New faces at The Ahwahnee as introduced by Tony Palmeri, head of our romaine and endive department, include his pretty wife Mary. The Palmeris have found that contemporary jewel, a vacant house at El Portal and have set up housekeeping among the whispering Digger Pines. Mary dug right in and was the first to find the "Jar of Mustard" at the Valentine Party the other night. And speaking of the party, about one hundred and thirty people came and a noisy fun-time was had by all. Especially remembered will be Georganna Meler's costume which had us all guessing and Andy Campbell in yellow satin and brown cattails was a sight! His strip tease should have been filmed. Myrna Ewbank can sure make a mean sarong but doesn't know beans about pinning Bill in 3-cornered pants and proved same in the diaper pinning contest. Ed Gardner's pink peppermint cakes with whipped cream hearts were whisked out of sight! Yours truly wishes to thank all those who furnished the thousand magazines he needed for the Scavenger Hunt. Anyone want any back? There's a mountain of them at The Arrow. Anne Hulme was a pinwheel of color in the special costume and hat she designed and made for the party. Leona Green's Pagoda Hat was another remarkable creation.

We won't tell you how she learned it but Dorie Williamson has a new theme song; "I Faw Down and Go Boom!" Whenever you see the large basket of fresh watercress in the sidehall you know Georgia Houser, Verna Wright and Bert Strome have been down to the ranch and picked a bunch. We all enjoy it. Edith Eddy can reach everywhere but the middle of her back which can be explained by the fact that she came back from a pick-

ing trip the other day with a beautiful bunch of white berries for an arrangement in the Main Lounge. They turned out to be Rhus diversiloba. (Poison Oak to you, Mrs. Eddy). Bob Mills is now the proud possessor of a diploma from the California Institute of Wines having successfully completed a course with them. All dressed in their new green-flowered uniforms our maids Ksenia Kargaloff, Emily Lena Anderson, Catherine Carton and Ada Duncan definitely have that "new look." We'll close with a famous last word as often heard here at The Ahwahnee: "Operator, call the Manager! There's a panther in my room!" Could be Rosie the Ring-Tailed Cat, Lady!



A DARING YOUNG MAN, INDEED

Howard J. "Duke" Doucette, manager at the Badger Pass Ski House, (and a devil on the hickory slats) has developed a new way to ride the Constam, which is NOT recommended in the instruction book. It appears that, while sharing a bar (Constam, that is), with Syd Ledson, Duke became unseated and, instead of dropping off like any ordinary timid skier would, the tenacious Duke managed to become ensnarled, with the "T" slipping up under his parka, or so the story goes. In this manner, he was propelled up the track, banging first his face and then his skis in the snow. It was a harrowing ride, says Duke who was unharmed by the experience.

STORK NEWS

Bonnie Jean Hanna, 6 lb, 1 oz, a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanna on January 13. Mr. Hanna is an employee at the Laundry.

Pamela Ann Baysinger, 8 lbs, 6 oz. A girl was born to Dr. and Mrs. Verlin Baysinger at the local hospital on February 10.

It's a boy for the Bob Lallys (named William Patrick) and born in San Francisco last week. Granddaughters are no novelty to Bill and Mrs. Lally, but this is their first grandson so Mrs. Lally is spending a few days in the city.

OLD VILLAGE STORIES

Jack Ring has returned from his little trip to the city of Los Angeles, where he spent some time at the races and visiting his niece. He reports that he had a winning day once and lost the next day. Jean went to the races with him and was a straight winner. Which goes to show that women are luckier than men.

Gen and Ralph Rainey are now located at Pinecrest, which is just above Sonora. They left here February 7 after being in the store for some time. Gen came here from Los Angeles two years ago and is greatly missed by all the local people. Ralph came in August of this year and managed the meat market.

Word has been received from Elnora Smith in Bakersfield that she misses Yosemite and all her friends. Ellie left here about a month ago to return to school and live with friends. She has not as yet been able to enroll in school.

It's good to see Evelyn Gullic behind the curio counter again. She has been taking a vacation in El Portal.

A hearty welcome is extended to Don Redin, our new butcher. He hails from Los Angeles and says that he is glad to be with us. He worked at The Ahwahnee a short time in the fall. Before he arrived, Ellis Whitley did a fine job behind the counter.

Nothing of importance has happened to the rest of us. We are just hard-working people who try each day to give you friendly service.

Champion bundle-carrier is Roy who loves to trundle packages out to weary shoppers' cars. And Pop Danley still has a way with the kids—young and old.

And Martha, of the drugs, still manages to get her daily quota of fresh air!

EXCUSE IT, PLEASE!

The attached unsigned note fell with a thud on our desk this morning:

"Some people wondered why all the winners at the second Gymkhana were printed in the Sentinel with the exception of the winners of the junior potato race.

Don't the "kids" count?"

We're sorry this happened. That new cub reporter is on his way out right now!

FOR SALE: New men's after ski boots, size 11, never been worn. Call Geo. Oliver, No. 1.

CAKLES AND CHUCKLES

Press time finds us with little to comment on besides skating and skiing—but then what else is there? Square Dancing? Among the attractions for the locals there has been a growing interest in the square dances. At the Lost Arrow the other night, yours truly noticed quite a few of our Lodge Loyals "whacking their feet down and around"—Rex Driver, Shirley Quadros, Phyllis Hawsley, Jack Mitchell, Charlie MacElroy, etc.

Speaking of Charlie MacElroy, his birthday caused a song in his honor and a cake with a candle. Truth has it, that it wasn't even his birthday. Oh well! All in fun!

Dick Coons just acquired a new picture projector. He's inviting everyone down to his place to see his pictures. Watch it girls!

If you want to find Wes Harris these days, look for him under the hood of his newly purchased vehicle. (I don't know exactly, but he probably is pushing the middle valve down, so his music comes over here).

The Lodge Lobby has just received a "new look." Surrounding the walls are new, high back chairs, giving the over-all effect of a 16th century drawing room.

We hear that Barbara Kasmire in our grill, makes delicious hot chocolate. Stop in and try some!

Our manager, Cy Wright, has had a busy month so far—a birthday (he and Jack Benny are both 39), his anniversary, and Valentine's Day. Quite a nice Valentine he gave Mrs. Wright. If you ever visit the Wright's home, I'm sure you will notice the oil portrait of Cy in a predominate place.

Was Hank Kimbrough practicing the Slalom when his tray slipped in the Cafe the other day? His face was sure snow burned.

Joe Meredith relates that he gave a hitch hiker a lift at the Old Village and the first thing he asked Joe (and we quote) "You going to Yosemite?"

CUPID'S DIARY

A last minute flash states that Pat Woodrow of the Accounting Office and Boyd Fredrick of the Receiving Warehouse have announced their engagement. The when and where details have not yet been settled.

Ruth Forrest returned from her vacation flashing a newly acquired engagement ring. The lucky man is Gene Bauwens.

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N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

Yosemite residents who went to Badger Pass last Saturday or Sunday and joined the happy throngs of skiers were forcefully reminded that the skiing season is finally under way. On Sunday there were 819 cars with 3,287 people, not far behind the all-time record travel of 950 cars and 3,967 people visiting Badger Pass on February 22, a year ago.

Of course cars were parked along the Glacier Point road all the way to the summit, and toward Chinquapin along the road for about a mile. It was a great day, and considering the number of skiers on the slopes the six skiing accidents does not seem excessive.

There were five accidents along the highways, however, but fortunately not a single person was hurt. During periods of heavy travel on the road to Badger Pass we should be especially careful and wary about the icy spots. When the melted snow during the day leaves the pavement wet, and this moisture becomes a sheet of ice in the late afternoon, we have a possible serious hazard.

Snow depth at Badger Pass on February 18 was 21 inches, exactly the same depth as on the same date last year. The average for Badger Pass for the middle of February is 76 inches!

Probably due to snow conditions, travel for the month of February to date of this writing is 29% less than last year, and the loss in travel for this travel year (since October 1, 1947) is 12.8%.

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The new telephone operator at the Administration Building is Mrs. Georganna Meler, formerly operator at The Ahwahnee switchboard. She is replacing Mrs. Shirley Hughes who is leaving Yosemite soon.

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Barney Johnson, driver of the Mariposa High School bus, has become alarmed over the carelessness of motorists who sometimes pass his bus when he is taking on, or discharging, passengers. After a near accident recently, he decided to do something about it, and as a result two park visitors from the Bay region were brought before U.S. Commissioner Gene Ottonello and fined \$25 and \$15 respectively.

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An interesting talk illustrated with Kodachrome slides was given at the Women's

Luncheon Meeting at The Ahwahnee last Tuesday by Bona Mac McHenry, wife of the Park naturalist. It was an informal talk on the subject: "What Washington Means to Me," and Bona Mae told many good stories about the Capitol of the Nation and her association with its points of interest.

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Recent visitor to Yosemite was Josef Muench, accompanied by a representative of Hastings House, publisher of the Muench's latest book, a book of photographs of Yosemite due to be off the press by the beginning of this summer's season. Joe Muench has done some outstanding photography of the Yosemite region, both in black and white and in color. We look forward to seeing his new book.

WESTERN UNION OFFICE TO MOVE

The Western Union Office is moving from the Administration Building at Government Center to a room being prepared at the west end of the Post Office, Government Center.

Ken English, well known to many readers of the Sentinel as Joe McFluke, will be sorely missed by his many friends and associates in the Administration Building. He has been operating the Western Union Office in this location for 21 years, and expects to have his new office in the Post Office ready for business in about a week.

LOST ARROW

	Ping Pong Tournament		
Badger Beetles	9	7	2
Lodge Cooties	6	3	3
Fire Flies	3	1	2
Old Village Moths	6	1	6
		Played	Won Lost

COLOSSAL CARNIVAL COMING

March 25-26

Watch for further announcements

WEEKLY WINTER CLUB DANCES

The Yosemite Winter Club will sponsor weekly dances on Wednesday nights at The Ahwahnee starting February 25. These will be informal and all Valley people are encouraged to attend and wear their ski clothes.

The Sweet Shop will be open to supply light refreshments for you and your best gal. There will be contests and games and prizes. Jimmie Gordon's Trio will play your favorite tunes. Come one! Come all!



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Goal Reached For Don Tresidder Memorial

The Don Tresidder Memorial Fund went over the top on February 28 with \$602.78. The response by Valley people was both spontaneous and generous and the goal was reached before the anticipated time.

The money will be used to purchase an oxygen tent for the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Oxygen tents are used in the treatment of persons suffering from acute pneumonia, acute heart trouble and chronic heart ailments who are affected by altitude. There have been developments in oxygen tents during the war that eliminate the former need for the addition of ice to maintain the proper temperatures. An electric refrigeration system now replaces the ice.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SKI MEET HERE

The University of Nevada won the annual Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Ski Union Championships held at Badger Pass over March 5, 6, and 7. Stanford was second and Cal third. Bob Gallison, competing for Cal entered all four events and took 6th place in a field of thirty-four in the gruelling eight mile cross country. Brynhild Grasmoen, recently returned from the Winter Olympics presented the trophies to the winners.

GOOD NEWS FOR TECOYA DORM DWELLERS

Washday blues will soon be gone for occupants of the Tecoya Dormitories. The Hotel Department announces that there will soon be installed two Westinghouse Laundromats for the exclusive use of the dorm people. These machines that wash, rinse and wring automatically, will do everything that Duz doesn't, for a quarter.

ONLY ONE MORE SQUARE DANCE

March 12, at 8:30 is the sole square dance date for this month. Introducing a new feature will be the Folk Dance Session from 7:45 to 8:30 when hambos, polka mazurkas, Road to the Isles, Eso Si dances will be held.

The San Francisco Folk Dance group, who exhibited to a packed house last Saturday and invited locals to join in their dances aroused great interest for a regular session of these delightful dances.

TURN OFF ALL UNNECESSARY LIGHTS AND ELECTRIC HEATERS. SAVE WATER

CREDIT UNION OFFICE TO MOVE SOON

Starting Tuesday, March 10, the Yosemite Credit Union office will be temporarily located in the Park Administration Building in the office formerly occupied by Western Union. Office hours will be 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays through Fridays according to George Bailey, Treasurer.

Two men employed by the City of San Francisco had an interesting snow survey trip into the northern park of the Park during the latter part of February. They skied from Hetch Hetchy to Miguel Meadow where they spent the first night in the NPS fire guard cabin. Next day they crossed over to Lake Vernon where the City has constructed a snow survey cabin, and on the third day the two skied to Wilmer Lake to spend the night in another snow survey cabin.

From Wilmer Lake the men went to Bond Pass and outside of the Park to Summit Meadow, thence to Huckleberry Lake, Cherry Canyon and back to Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy.

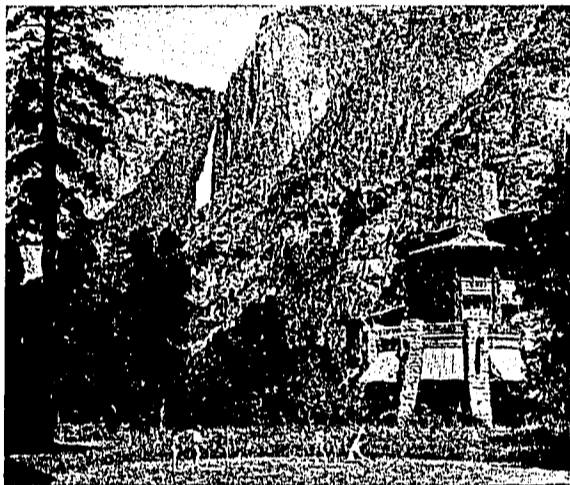
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AHWAHNEE RAMBLINGS

Late winter at The Ahwahnee—the coyotes on the talus slope howl hungrily at night and packs of two or three are sighted along the fence on occasions. Devil's Pool smothered under an avalanche of frozen mud and ice which will provide a nice-sized pool this summer for the bears—it's their favorite watering hole. Egbert, the Iron Eagle at the gate is already making eyes at an early Flicker and predicts a quick spring. The Bluebells and California Poppies on the grounds have already produced a hazy green film visible between snowfalls. Azalea buds are so fat near the Solarium windows that the slightest heat from the first passing Merschaum will pop 'em! One guest remarked that we were inconsiderate to knock the icicles off the eaves on weekends when more people could see them!

A recent visitor at The Ahwahnee was Dr. Ernest O. Lawrence, famed University of California scientist who had his thumb in

the atomic pie. (And pulled out a bomb)!

Our classical music club "The Longhairs" met again this Wednesday evening at Ansel and Virginia Adams' studio. Programed among other things were "Masquerade Suite" by Russia's new bad-boy of music, Khachaturian, and Copland's "El Salon Mex-ico." Doug Whiteside, Little and Big Bobs were the impresarios.

Tidbits: What was Mary Rawlins doing in the linen closet the other day with all those corks? We hear she has drawer-full now! Welcome to new faces Wynona Skinner on the telephone board, Cal Callaway in the Dining room, our new baker Charles Yanks, new maid Birdie Pierce and houseman Jerry Thomas. "Alaska Fever," a mysterious re-current disease comparable to Virus "X" has claimed another victim in Ronnie Heathman who left recently. Taking shots to cure themselves of this dread disease are Georgia Hauser, Verna Wright and Ann Hulme. Let's hope they don't catch it! "Norway Fever," another malady, grips Bob Mills. Rumor hath it that Tony and Mary Palmeri are champ and chatelaine of Superior Drive in Hollywood Heights down at El Portal. Ruby Paskell is spending a few days at The Ahwahnee. Good to see you back Ruby! Andy Campbell is the Luther Burbank of the Valley with his pot of crocus getting more attention than a nurse would give quintuplets. On the subject of nurses, Jack Parkerson won't let anyone get near Ed Miller's plaster leg. He's the doctor.

Which is our stint today! Yours truly has to go empty the pan under the ice box right now before it runneth over!

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AND ELECTRIC HEATERS. SAVE WATER

WEASEL TRIPS TO GLACIER

A party of local skiers plan to leave Saturday, March 20 for Glacier Point via the weasel. During the season several trips have been made and are proving very popular. An added attraction to these ski trips is the ski-joring behind the weasel. Traveling at about 25 miles an hour, a spill will enable you to practice your cross-country ability to catch up with the rest of the party.



SNOW SURVEYS

Snow surveys made the last of February at Peregoy Meadows on the Glacier Point Road showed that the average of 20 inches snow and 5½ inches water content is about one fifth normal for this time of year. At Snow Flat, 8700 feet elevation, on the Tioga Road the story is not so discouraging. There the snow depth was 58 inches with 14 inches water content. The average since snow surveys started in 1930 shows 107 inches snow with 36.8 inches of water for Snow Flat at the end of February.

Park travel for the month of February almost caught up with last year, with 29,125 visitors in 1948, and 30,564 in the same month last year. This February found 26,554 people visiting Badger Pass and 79 injuries on the ski slopes.

ONE MORE SKI DINNER

The last Winter Club Ski Dinner will be held on Friday, March 19. If you have missed the two previous dances, plan to attend this one.

LODGE LODGINGS

How de do, yo all! This is your local gossiper, Gabby Gappersnam, bringing you another of those famous gossip columns, featuring the new vitamin ingredient "Bloop Bleep." Rush down to your nearest corner drug store and buy a bottle. Hmmm! After reading this column, yo' all will probably have to buy a bottle of something.

This last weekend brought Mary Jane Lewis, former Transportation Agent, in from San Francisco for a visit. M. J. is working in a travel agency in the big city. She brings us word of Frank Hewitt, former desk clerk, now with International Business Machines. He is at present taking an engineer's course with IBM in Endicott, N. Y.

Alma Sykes, of the Bake Shop, is visiting Long Beach for a few days. Her daughter recently wired her news of her marriage and Alma wants to see her new son-in-law.

Phillis Gaspar, of the Cafeteria, was recently named Lemon Queen of Yosemite for 1948. Seems the square dance at Camp Curry gave her the most lemons.

Barbara Kasmire, of the Grill, on a recent quick trip to Oakland, reports her newly acquired Hudson is very satisfactory.

Speaking of automobiles, Wes Harris just had a new motor put in his Ford. Says it runs like a top, but I wonder about that. I drove by an hour later. There he was again—hood up, head inside, feet dangling, Just a minor adjustment, I'm sure.

What desk clerk at a recent folk dance practice was seen playing "jacks" with his wife? Well, Joe says he got his foursies before he missed.

There is a recent addition to the card games played in the Lodge Lobby. "Slap Jack" has taken us by storm. The screams and yells of four or five people around a card table shouldn't scare you. The noise just goes with the game. Stuart Yates, porter, and Dick Coons of the cafe are about the fastest players in these parts.

Remember, for better stanisfraters fluttle, buy Bloop Bleep vitamin pills.

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Recent visitors to Yosemite were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bender of Lodi, California. Mrs. Bender was formerly Esther Zieman, telephone operator in Yosemite a few years ago. She was married to Mr. Bender, rancher, on Saturday, March 7.

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Many former Yosemite residents came back to their old stamping (or skiing) grounds over the Washington's Birthday holiday. Win and Doris Churchill were enjoying the Constam and the fine skiing at Badger. Seasonal rangers Jim Russell and George Holstein came up from Fresno with their wives. Richmond Hodges brought his sister, Lillian, and children Amy and David back to Yosemite for some skiing. Harold Perry, seasonal naturalist, brought his family up for the holidays.

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Colonel Rockwell, well known in Yosemite as head of the Wawona CCC Camp for the Army before the war, returned for a visit recently after serving a two year tour of duty in Japan. He was at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, and continued serving in the Pacific area throughout the war.

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Boy Scouts of Yosemite Troop No. 50 can be justly proud of the publicity given the troop recently in "Boys Life," national magazine of the Boy Scouts. The cover was from a photograph made by Ansel Adams of the troop with scoutmaster Mike Manahan at the Wawona Tunnel parking area. There were photos made by Mike Adams to illustrate an interesting article about our local Boy Scouts.

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If you think the snow is skimpy at Badger this year, maybe you've forgotten what it looked like this time a year ago. At the end of February we had 34 inches this year as compared with 16 inches at the same date in 1947. The average, however, is about 74 inches for Badger Pass for this time of year.

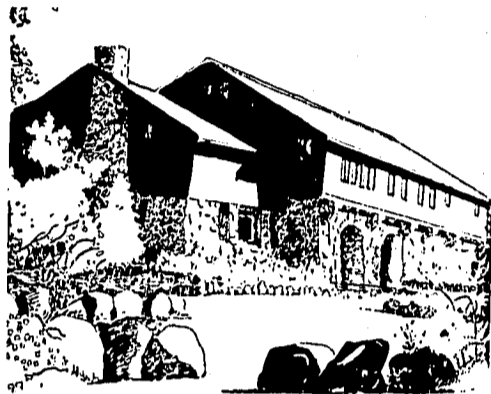
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We hear much favorable comment these days over the fine series of Red Cross First

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Aid classes given by Dr. Avery Sturm, assisted by Frank Ewing. All of the rangers, ski patrolmen, and others benefitted by Avery's excellent instruction. The classes ended with a final examination given on February 20.

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NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Yosemite Natural History Association held its annual meeting at the Museum on the evening of February 26th. The Association is responsible for the publication of a monthly magazine 'Yosemite Nature Notes' with a subscription rate of \$1.00 a year, and for the sale of books and periodicals dealing with the natural history of this area.

Under the chairmanship of Sterling Cramer, the Association endeavors to assist in promoting the interpretive work of the naturalist division in Yosemite, in providing much-needed equipment for illustrated lectures, etc. One of their greatest contributions to the program last year was the furnishing of a modern player and sound amplifying system for the Camp 14 amphitheater.

FOR SALE—One Thor "Gladiron" Mangle, purchased only six months ago, has had very little use. Phone 61W \$80

ONE PAIR 7ft-3in hickory skis with cable bindings; one pair 4ft aluminum poles; one pair size 9 men's boots. John Marsh at The Ahwahnee.

1941 PONTIAC Eight Sedan; Hal Johnson. Ostrander Lake Ski Hut or Yosemite.

WANTED—Men's Ski pants, size waist 31, leg 32. Call Ellen Hall, Print Shop.



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RECENT SNOWS INCREASE WATER SUPPLY

SNOW SURVEY TAKEN

The snow-gauging party headed by Asst. Chief Ranger Homer Robinson returned to the Valley on Saturday after a good but very strenuous trip through the high country. He was accompanied by rangers Lou Hallock and Glenn Gallison.

The first day out they climbed the Tenaya zig zags and on to Snow Flat, a distance of about 10 miles and a climb of 5,000 feet. The next day they made Tuolumne Meadows, 12 miles distant, while the third and fourth days resulted in taking the snow courses at Dana Meadows near Tioga Pass, and Fletcher Lake respectively. The group measured the courses at Tuolumne, Tenaya Lake and at Snow Flat en route back to the Valley.

The first day they were at Tuolumne the mercury dropped to 6 degrees above zero, but warmed up the next day to 10 above!

On January 31, Asst. Chief Ranger Duane Jacobs and Sam King made a trip to Tuolumne Meadows to look things over. While there they set the maximum-minimum thermometer to see how cold it gets up there. Robinson's party found the mercury had dropped to 16 below since that time.

How much snow did they find? Most of the courses averaged 5½ feet with exception of Tuolumne Meadows with only 32 inches and Snow Flat with more than 7 feet. Water content was about two thirds the average taken over a period of years. With the recent storm's precipitation, water content should be around three fourths average.

GIFT FOR SENTINEL STAFF

A great box of salt water taffy came recently addressed to the Sentinel Staff from Lillie Midgett who is now in Long Beach. Thanks, Lillie!

BADGER PASSES

In its closing days, Badger Pass has, ironically enough, been bestowed with 102 inches of snow; with a promise of more to come.

Although the season was slow to start in many areas because of a lack of snow, the series of events held here this winter has made ours not an unsuccessful one.

Arnold Fawcus, who played such a large part in organizing trips to Glacier Point Mountain House and innumerable racing events held among Yosemite Winter Club members, displayed untiring efforts in helping to make the Winter Sports program at Badger Pass a full one. Mr. Fawcus has departed for England to join his family there. With him go our best wishes.

The record of injuries at Badger Pass this year shows 207 to date as compared with a total of 209 sustained during the winter season of 1947. A word of appreciation is extended to rangers Fred Martinschang and Glenn Gallison whose job it has been to administer first aid to those unfortunate enough to be injured at Badger.

Although the Constam and rope tows will be running on weekends, the Badger Pass Ski House will close in a very few days. To all those who enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of fellowship and good sport created by skiers of every caliber we extend our wishes for an even better winter season in 1949.

HOUSE TRAILER FOR SALE

A 23 ft. Coach type, Eastern built, Philippine mahogany interior, oil heat, Butane stove, ice box, extra spacious room added on side. Sleeps 6. Placed in Camp 6, and ready to move. See Joe Meredith at the Lodge Front Desk or Apartment H-90, opp. Hospital.

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LODGE LODGINGS

Among the local gossip, we find Barbara Kasmire has changed places with Phyllis Gaspar. If you want to see action, watch Phyllis make a coke, a sandwich and a malt in a matter seconds. Annette De Weese, of the studio, has left our midst to join a modeling school in the city.

Among the new car owners are added Elton and Floyd Baker with a new Kaiser, and Adolph, our night watchman, with his new flaming red Jeep station wagon.

Phyllis Howsley and our local Hula dancer left for Los Angeles for a few days to attend a wedding (not her own).

Two taking vacations now are Hank Kimbrough and Maisie Hornor. Believe it or not, Hank is going to spend his time skiing! Joe and Jean Meredith start vacationing April 13. Destination—unknown. Guess the outside is rough. Our local "judge," Chas. Morfoot is returning and will resume his duties in the kitchen. Welcome home, Judge!

Marie Zaepffel, of the curio, has returned from Badger after satisfying many winter sports fans with her happy manner. She informed us that she has an upright piano for sale.

Mabel and Hazel Hackenyos, of the cafeteria, have left the Valley for an extended vacation which will include a motor trip to Jasper National Park, Lake Louise, Banff, and Vancouver, B.C.

The latest is the guest who wanted to know if they were serving drinks at the El Capitan Bar!

VILLAGE STORIES

Wedding bells have rung once again at the Village Store and vicinity. This time the lucky groom was Nat Bredeman, manager of

the "Spoon" and the bride was Anne Aulick from Degnan's. Nat and Anne were accompanied by Jack Ring to Reno, where they were married last Tuesday. Best of luck is wished to the happy pair.

If you can't seem to find Jack Ring a very interesting person to talk to, and if he can't keep his mind on one subject, remember it's spring—and being a bachelor (plug) Jack is affected. Besides, Jean Brandon (alias his niece) is a visitor at the Lally residence.

Spring vacationers are Evelyn Gullic and Roy Cavins from the store and Irene Sellenrick from S-9. Martha plans a trip soon and Harold Muller is going by plane to N. Y. Harold has returned from the Wawona store where he spent some time replacing May Gordon, who has been ill. May returned to Wawona this past Monday.

The first of the summer employees to return is Jess Culver, who will work again in the office. New faces are starting to appear around from time to time.

CHURCH NOTICES

"How to Handle Worry." This will be the subject of Mr. Glass for the 11 a.m. service at the Old Village Chapel next Sunday. Dmitri Dileanis, our fine young baritone from the Lodge cafeteria, will be soloist.

The Brief Service will be held as usual at 10:15 a.m., closing at 10:45 a.m.

Bill Brown Jr. and Pat Brown will be the leaders of the High School Youth Group at 6 p.m. at the Chapel.

The Bible Study group will meet weekly at the Chapel on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Roman Catholic masses are held at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. at the Chapel.

SENTINEL DELAYED

Don't blame the mail service if you have not received a Sentinel in the past month. Our printing department has been snowed under (in more ways than one) with the printing of the new employees' booklet and a 75 thousand 4-color run of the general information folder—plus the usual jobs that must go out in preparation for the summer season. A few more gray hairs have been added but to date the staff is still able to murmur a cheery "good morning."

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VFW ELECTIONS

Yosemite Valley Post 9657 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars elected the following members for the coming year: Elmer Stevens, Commander; Marshall Stimson, Senior Vice-Commander; Gerald Crowley, Junior Vice-Commander; Dick Ditton, Quartermaster; Ken Ashley, Chaplain; Dr. Verlin Baysinger, Surgeon; and Briney Wammack, Post Advocate. The officers were formally installed on April 2 by Jean Charron, Post Commander, El Capitan Post 2971.

Although the post has been organized only a few months, much has been accomplished and a full schedule of activities has been planned for the coming year. Commander Stevens wishes to extend an invitation to all local veterans with foreign service to come and see what the VFW has to offer both socially and in the way of service to the individual veteran.

In the immediate future the post has a Barn Dance planned at the Camp Curry Cafeteria on April 24, and the VFW annual Buddy Poppy Sale on May 29. These are the dates to be remembered: April 24, just for fun and May 29, for your opportunity to "Help the Living by Honoring the Dead."

NEW ARRIVALS

The announcements of several recent blessed events has been unduly delayed because of the fact that it has been some time since the last Sentinel was published.

On February 25, the Robert Seaches became the parents of little (8 lbs) Stephanie who, according to the latest from her poppa, is possessed of a mighty pair of lungs.

Elizabeth Parker, daughter of the Harry Parkers arrived on March 23 weighing 6 lbs 10 ozs.

Just as we were about to print this issue, Nurse Mullin phoned that the Les Moe's expected arrived on April 6. He was promptly named Richard Allen, weight 5 lbs, 14 ozs.

LOCAL GIRL INJURED. Catherine Lally suffered serious injury last Sunday when Ronnie Steiner's jeep in which she was a passenger overturned on the highway near Fresno. It is reported that her back was broken in the accident. Her mother, Mrs. Bill Lally, will bring Catherine to the Lewis Memorial Hospital as soon as she is able to be moved.

VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD FORMED

The veterans organizations of Mariposa County have united on a solid front and have formed what is called the "Mariposa County Veterans Advisory Board." The board was formed to bring about better relations among the veterans and between the veterans and the people of the county.

The main purpose of the board is to present more effectively the problems of the ex-service men to the proper authorities and to act in a council and advisory capacity.

All veterans, whether they are members of veterans organizations or not, are asked to take their unsolved problems to the board for possible aid. Those seeking advice may contact any veteran organization or Homer Crider of Yosemite for further details or information.

SQUARE DANCES

The Square Dances have returned to the Camp Curry Cafeteria and the next dance is planned for Friday, April 19. Half of the evening at each program will be devoted to folk dancing.

Many local people are planning to attend the State Folk Dance Convention at Fresno on May 1. This will be a colorful affair for participants, visitors and spectators alike and all Valley residents are welcome.

KINDERGARTEN BENEFIT

The Yosemite Kindergarten, revived and reorganized last fall by several local ladies is sponsoring a benefit movie on Friday, April 16. "Blue Skies" with Bing Crosby will be shown. The Kindergarten is in need of several items of equipment of a permanent nature that will be passed along from one class to another.

MAY FIRST—OH BOY!

Hey, fishermen! Only 21 more days to the opening day (outside the Park) and you can forget about those New York cuts and partake of some freshly caught mountain trout—we hope. For those anglers who prefer to use hardware, Mr. Brown has a large selection of spinners. For the fly fisherman, (if the water isn't like pea soup) a large variety of flies are in moth balls but ready at a moments notice. Licenses also may be obtained.

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N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

The week starting April 26 is being observed throughout the State of California as Public School Week and much interest is centered in the good work of our local grammar school.

Mrs. Wilder is making extensive plans to advertise the week, and a contest will be held to see which room gets the most adult visitors during the week. Demonstration classes will be conducted. The children are making posters to advertise the Week and the best ones will be on display around the Valley.

Observance of Public School Week will culminate in an evening program on Friday, April 30, at the local school. Mr. Arthur Corey, executive secretary of the California Teachers Association, will speak. The music for the program will be provided by the Mariposa High School Glee Club which is being brought to Yosemite by the VFW. Parents, teachers and students from Wawona and El Portal are invited to this program. A special committee headed by Hugh Babcock is planning a special observance in the El Portal School.

Everyone is urged to turn out and give their support to our school by taking part in as many of these activities as possible.

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A letter from Frank and Catharine Kittredge contained a check for \$10 to help us out on our Red Cross campaign. They had split their contribution between Yosemite and Washington, D.C. expressing their continued interest in our community. They have had many interesting experiences in house-hunting, and their many friends have helped greatly in finding a suitable house. Catharine will be in Palo Alto soon for a visit while Mr. Kittredge stays in a small apartment until their house is ready.

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Not mentioned before was the important Boy Scout meeting held on March 8 when Henry (Hank) Kimbrough was introduced as new scoutmaster of Yosemite Troop No. 50, succeeding Mike Manahan who left the Park recently to go into real estate and insurance business for himself.

Committeemen Homer Robinson, Fred Quist and Ralph De Pfyffer were present. Homer gave a talk in which he thanked Mike for his excellent work as scoutmaster. Ken

Ashley provided entertainment with his accordion and the boys joined in with singing. Hank outlined his program emphasizing the practical end of scouting and the importance of character building as a prerequisite to advancement. The troop plans an interesting program of many hikes and outings this year.

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Ranger Sam King, Norma and Lillian will soon be heading toward Tucson as a result of Sam's promotion to the position of custodian of Saguro National Monument. Sam started his National Park Service career in Yosemite as a temporary ranger in 1931, received appointment as park ranger at Hot Springs National Park in 1941, transferred to Grand Canyon the following year, and came back to his old stamping grounds in Yosemite in August 1946. The Kings have a host of friends in Yosemite who wish them well in their new assignment.

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Region Four Naturalist Conference Here

Starting April 14, the NPS Region Four Naturalist Conference will be held in Yosemite with representatives of all national parks and monuments of California, Oregon and Washington present as well as Regional Naturalists from other parts of the country.

Regional Director Tomlinson from San Francisco and Chief Naturalist John E. Doerr from Washington, D.C. will attend the conference, as well as several prominent conservationists including C. M. Goethe, Sacramento, the man who originated the idea of "nature guiding" in the United States.

The meetings will be held in the Yosemite Museum.

BROWNIE BULLETINS

Brownie Troop No. 1 has had some busy times. The entire group recently met, armed with brooms and dust cloths, and polished up the club house. They then ate their nose-bag lunches near the church bowl and had a two-hour game session.

On March 9, the troop celebrated its second birthday anniversary, having as guests, the members of the committee and the two intermediate Scout leaders. Mrs. Ralph Anderson gave a resume of their accomplishments for the past two years.



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SIGNS OF SPRING

There are signs of spring abroad more positive than the wandering minds and far away looks of Valley dwellers. For instance, a pair of devoted blue jays has begun to nest in the little tree in the west patio of the General Office. This, we presume, is the same couple that raised four jaylets on the same branch last year. At least this family has festooned the tree with string, paper, etc. in the same aimless manner.

The painting department has been refurbishing several dwellings here and there. You can always tell that painting is going on in someone's home when family people appear at the Lodge at meal times several days in a row.

All the falls are plainly approaching their peak and the river is becoming full and fast. Some people look at it with an eye toward swimming, others thinking about picnicking alongside it, while the anglers are wondering if there are any fish left in it.

The azaleas are showing a touch of greenery and there's a light green fuzz on the meadows. Tell your friends that the Merced River Canyon right now looks just like the publicity people say it looks—but tell them not to wait too long if they plan to see it at its nicest.

Besides all this, Jack Van Housen is buying his Vigoro. Spring must be here!

RED CROSS GOAL NEAR

The goal of \$700 set for Yosemite National Park in the annual Red Cross drive is just short of attainment. Alice Hewitson, who handles the drive, reports that everyone's response has been generous and spontaneous and is confident that the few dollars needed will come in. Mariposa County's quota of \$2,100 is shared one-third by the Park dwellers. Those who assisted in the collection are hereby given Mrs. Hewitson's sincere thanks.

KINDERGARTEN BENEFIT

The Pre-School Mothers Club wishes to thank the Valley people for the fine turn out for the benefit movie recently held. A cool 65 dollars was netted.

LOST ARROW PARTY

The Lost Arrow's advance man reports that May 6 and 7 there will be a Gigantic Penny Carnival—more for your money—games, fun and laughter, and terrific door prizes! So save your pennies and enjoy an evening of merriment! Sounds like a great time in store.

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LODGE RAMBLINGS

Reporter Joe Meredith and wife Jeanne returned from a much needed vacation, but requested that John Fitzgerald take over his chore for this edition of the Sentinel.

Bob McGovern was seen recently wandering around Camp 16 with a contemplative look on his happy face. Getting homesick, Bob? Two of our prominent porters are getting their larynxes and local geology, geography, etc. in shape prior to becoming spielers on the Valley tour buses. Speaking of history, Marie Zaepffel seems to be an authority on the local scene.

Romaine Hornor (Maizie to you) is back at her cafeteria till after vacationing in Utah. After having learned about the upbringing of chickens, we hear that she is far more respectful toward our feathered friends. Romaine has also been doubling on the L. C. Smith in the General Office.

Marguerite "That's a good buy today" Radigan has headed toward Santa Barbara for a holiday. John Hansen has replaced the Lodge Post Office's Jules Ashworth.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT BUSY

While you and your friends are enjoying springtime, the Personnel Dept. people have been knee deep in processing, screening and selecting crews to operate the summer facilities. Messrs. Ouimet and Hall, on a recent trip to Los Angeles and San Francisco, calculate that they talked to better than 1000 job seekers. (We hope nobody is seeking the job of Sentinel Editor!)

AHWAHNEE DOINGS

Now that spring is creeping up the Valley by about a hundred feet elevation each day, we feel it's definitely time to report the reinstatement of an old Ahwahnee custom. In fact we saw it practiced on the terrace just last Saturday night! The Ahwahnee-Firefall Champagne Ceremony. Ever heard of it? Well, goes like this. First you have to be at The Ahwahnee on a honeymoon. We had a sailor and his brand new wife here last Saturday night. Then you have to have a firefall. We had that. Then you have to order champagne for dinner. The sailor did that. Then at five minutes to nine, just before the Firefall, you take your little bride by the hand, lead her out to the terrace where you have a good view of our famous Firefall. Each of you should have a glass of champagne in your hand. Then just as the Firefall starts, you embrace each other with your free arm, holding the champagne out behind your embracer with the other arm. Then bring the champagne arm around behind your husband's/wife's neck and drink from each others glass. Then you kiss each other but you must keep your left/right eye on the Firefall. Then——— you drop the glasses on the terrace. Makes an expensive tinkle but it's romantic insurance for any newlywed that they will return to the Ahwahnee again someday. It runs down our glassware inventory but it's not too great a price to pay for a definite boost in housecounts in the future.

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"A Night on Broadway" is the theme of the next Longhairs Club concert to be held this Wednesday night at the Ansel Adams' Studio at 9 p.m. We invite you all to hear the music of Broadway's best hits: "Oklahoma," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Carmen Jones" and others. Ethel Merman, Celeste Holm and Joan McCracken will be there in person if their professional schedules permit! Intermission will feature refreshments.

Ansel Adams left Yosemite recently for a trip to Hawaii to make photos in connection with his Guggenheim Fellowship Award. As soon as he returns from Hawaii, he will take off for Alaska to make pictures of National Park and Monument areas up there.



AHWAHNEE BARBER SHOP

For those of you who are busy all week and find it hard to visit the Old Village Barber Shop, you can get a good trimming at the Ahwahnee bobber shop on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nice barber too! This schedule will operate during the summer with the shop closing on Wednesdays.

AROUND THE GENERAL OFFICE

Edith Eddy, late of The Ahwahnee floral grandeur department, is now pounding an Underwood in the Steno Pool.

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Grace Hobson, who has fought a long battle to stay at work, has been advised by her doctor that the lower elevation will be to her health's best interests. So Hobby is leaving soon for San Jose.

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Elsie and Thornton Elliott, she of the Traffic, and he of the Ski Patrol, set off on a 3-week journey that will just happen to include some of the later ski spots.

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The Wrights, Aggie and Cy, recently visited Los Angeles where they called on Mother Curry. They report that she is anxiously awaiting time to return to the Valley.

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Jack Van Housen received an imposing document recently from Uncle Sam. It formally notified him that he was hereby awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action and the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat . . . in 1918. Timeeeee Marches On!

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Vernelda Ellis has left the Commerical Department and will work for the Park Service. There are several new faces in the General Office including Fern Ackerson, Dorothea Garcia and Hazel Warren.



HEY FISHERMEN!

Only coupla more days and you can go a-trouting—as we said before, outside the Park—so you'd better check up on your tackle.

How's that last year line you left on the reel, or the flies you left out for the moths?

The fishing counter is now open so be sure to get your license too—three bucks this year—the high cost of fishing!

PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK FINALE

The California Public School Week will be climaxed on Friday, April 30, at the local school with a program scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Arthur Corey, executive Secretary of the California Teacher's Association will speak and the Mariposa High School Glee Club, brought to the Valley by the VFW, will provide music.

WANT ADS

For Sale—Rug, 9x12 Wilton, blue gray color, good condition, \$30. Call Dana Morgenson, phone 81, house 102.

For Sale—Ladies "First Flight" golf clubs (like new), for the Ahwahnee course. Nos. 5, 8 and 10, with canvas bag and three (3) balls—All for \$17.50. Also ladies' clubs Nos. 9, 5 and 8 for \$1.50 each. Telephone 20.

For Sale—1941 American House Trailer, partly equipped. See Geo. Bailey, Credit Union Office.

For Sale—Grainger Fly Rod, 9½ ft. good shape, "Victory" model. 25 bucks. See Buck Evans.

For Sale—Man's bike, \$25. Steam-o-matic iron \$15. 7-way Floor lamp, \$22.50. Ironing board, \$5. Call Hazel Marsh at 55.

N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

There's nothing these gals can't do when they have to! Take the kindergarten mothers for instance. The other night Thelma McGregor, Flo Sedergren, Helen Glass and Gertie Davies were returning from a kindergarten meeting at Happy Isles when they met a car full of bewildered visitors near Camp Curry. Not one of the visitors could speak a word of English! They wanted something urgently, but with Camp Curry closed and covered with snow, and everyone they met unable to understand their wants, it seemed an almost hopeless situation.

Most of the kindergarten mothers were somewhat nonplussed. Then Gertie heard sounds not unlike Portuguese, a language she knows thoroughly. The result was a joyful meeting of old friends, almost, and Gertie ended up taking them to the Lodge and acting as interpreter when they signed up for their rooms.

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Announcement has been made of the arrival in Palo Alto of a baby girl, 6 pounds, 9 ounces to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Andrews, on April 9. Little Randy Andrews will have a little sister as a playmate, and needless to say, the grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Kittredge are delighted. Both the baby and Catharine Jane are doing nicely.

NATURALIST CONFERENCE SUCCESS

Naturalists from as far west as Hawaii, as far north as Alaska, as far south as Santa Fe and as far east as Washington, D. C., converged on Yosemite last week for a highly successful Park Naturalist Conference. Included among the conferees were Chief Naturalist John Doerr, Washington, D. C., Regional Naturalists Carl Swartzlow, Omaha, Natt Dodge, Santa Fe, and Dorr Yeager, San Francisco. Regional Director O. A. Tomlinson, Regional Historian Aubrey Neadham, and Biologist Lowell Sumner attended also. Helen Gemmer, former secretary to Superintendent Kittredge and "Bab" Godfrey, former museum secretary, both now of the Region Four Office, were busy taking notes at the conference.

Many rangers from other areas in California, Washington and Oregon, as well as many rangers from the Yosemite force attended

the meetings. Dr. Leo Hadsall, biology professor at Fresno State College contributed to one of the sessions. Hilmer Oehlmann, George Goldsworthy and Sterling Cramer took an active part. Dick Leonard and Bestor Robinson of the Sierra Club entered in the discussions.



T-BONES COMING UP

Recent rains (and snows) have greatly altered the drouth situation in Yosemite. Water content in the high country is now nearly three fourths normal, and as great or greater than the light water content of last year. The grassy foothills are green and lush, much to the delight of everyone. Cattle appear to be fat and hearty, and the wildflower displays this season seem unusually spectacular.

NATURE NOTE

Mr. and Mrs. John Q. Robin have just returned for the summer and have started construction of a one-story nest on the window of the shower room in Dormitory F. And Buck Buchanan is all smiles.

Throughout the winter, Buck had wondered if the Robin family would rebuild on last year's site. He had worried about having offended Mrs. Robin last spring by showing her how to build the nest. And he fretted because he thought he had embarrassed John Robin by helping feed the youngsters.

Buck has been pining among the fir so much recently that fellow roomers had put twigs and string on the window to cheer him up.

So today joy reigned on the 3rd floor with all occupants shaving more often than usual just to watch the birds at work. And Buck hardly showed up at the office all day.

Soon Buck hopes to be a Godfather so expect the cigars in the near future.

Chuck's building ambitions are soaring to dizzy heights. As witness his new project—a twenty-five foot high cabin in the skies—equipped with electric light and water.



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SCOUT CORNER

Girl Scouts of Yosemite are always busy! Last Tuesday ended their Sewing Badge project of several months' duration. Under the patient direction of Mrs. Tom Knowles and Mrs. Sturg Culver, the girls mastered the simpler rudiments of sewing and put their knowledge into practice by completing two layettes for overseas relief. Then, just for fun, each girl made a dirndl skirt for herself.

Now the troop is head over heels in another badge project started last year—First Aid. Of course, the girls are too young for advanced First Aid, but Miss Mullen has mapped out a course of instruction that will give each Scout (and the leaders, too!) a comprehensive knowledge of this valuable profession. Miss Mullen hopes to be able to present First Aid badges to the older girls by June 15—the younger members of the troop will receive partial certificates to be completed next year.

That's the serious side of Scouting! On the fun side, we started the spring season off with a cook-out on Friday. Each Scout had her own "can stove" on which she cooked her hamburger or egg. Earl Pierson should trace down some of the empty cans he has given away from the Lodge kitchen. After the girls work them over with tin shears and put chimneys on them, he'd find them turned into handy little camp stoves. Toni Culver's can sported a soldered chimney—handiwork of her father and Ray McKee! The art of can cookery lies in the ability to build a small enough fire to fit under the can and keep it going! Try it some time—it's not easy. It was Ginnie Ann Sturm's first cook-out with the troop. She found out she must have her stove level next time! A good part of her scrambled eggs ran off the frying surface and so never reached her bun.

BATTER UP!

The opening game of the local softball season got under way a couple of Sundays ago when the Minerich Moles tangled with the Pierson Panthers on the school diamond. The bleachers were crowded with noisy fans as the umpire (da bum—he needs glasses) dusted off the plate and the battle was on. Pitcher Minerich, with a Dagwood grin, mixed sizzlers with softies causing the first Panther up to stir up quite a breeze with his fanning. Then "Uncle Joe" Kelstrom was beamed with a beaut and called out (which he was). The third man up, Leroy Rust, busted his belt when he reached for one of Bob's wide ones and time was called—and the ump called him out for not dressing in a respectable manner. And while on the subject of dress, both teams were bedecked in quite an assortment of wearing apparel—red caps, ski pants, cook pants, shorts and one player turned up wearing a kilt—hoot mon! No particular inning was outstanding but in the beginning of the fifth someone decided a change to football might be appreciated by the customers. Arguments followed, with the rule book much in evidence but the gridders lost and the ball game continued. The ump was still in top form when he called Jack Ring's fair ball foul then rubbed it in by calling him out on two strikes. Quite a sensational ball game! Occasionally a batter would connect and drive one into the Victory garden. Coupla times the right fielder returned with one of last year's summer squashes. Manager "Oh, No!" Pierson kept himself under control most of the game, with an occasional expletive directed toward the ump (who was still in top form). Both teams seemed to be tiring and a cold breeze took the edge off the customers' enthusiasm. The game was called (and rightly so) with the score, Moles 9, Panthers 6.

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LODGE LODGINGS

The end of spring, beginning of summer is about to round the corner. Yes, the beautiful wildflowers and similar warm weather oddities are blooming in our midst. Ah! the lovely tent blossoms! Blanketing our valley almost like a winter snowfall.

Among the Lodgeites moving to Camp 6 for their summer quarters is Stuart Yates, the thrifty Scotsman. Stuart is worried having to walk so far to get to work. He says he doesn't really mind but "thee extr-r-a scuff-in' is verra wearin' on the sole leatherrr."

Don Huff, porter, left our midst for L.A. and S.F. for his vacation.

Barbara "Dell" Martin has left us (permanently, she says; we hope not, we says) for Sacramento. Your correspondent, ever with an eye for newsy gossip, was unable to get a satisfactory reply from Dell about a trip to the altar with we all know who. Incidentally, J. M. left us too, but his destination was Los Angeles. Hmmm!

We welcome back to the Lodge desk, Paul Lauridsen, complete with '48 Buick convertible. Paul spent his winter at Furnace Creek Inn, Death Valley.

Lena Schweifler, reservation clerk, should return any day now and relieve Hank "To Curry soon" Kimbrough.

Cy Wright will be opening Camp Curry as manager. He is leaving the Lodge post to Wendell Otter, who is well qualified to lead our team this summer.

John Fitzgerald has left Transportation desk to play the horses this summer. That is — Stable horses!

Paul and Gwen Dinsmore vacationed at Laguna Beach where they were the prey of an unscrupulous real estate agent. Beware!

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

The Yosemite Badgers, an association to further the physical education program of the Yosemite School District and to develop and train athletic teams, is being formed in the Valley, according to Sterling Cramer, secretary of the Badger's board of directors. Under the association's sponsorship, there will be an athletic schedule of football, track and basketball for the entire nine month school term. Funds will be raised to support the program by sale of memberships in the Association.

Board of directors for the Yosemite Badgers consists of Dana Morgenson, President; Al Glass, Vice President; Sterling Cramer, Secretary; Dick Ditton, Treasurer; and Directors Sam Clark, Lew Hallock, Ed Davies, Stanley Castro, Bob Minerich, Paul Snow.

The first activity will be the participation of the track team in the two-county meet in Merced on May 15 at the Merced High School field. Elementary schools from Merced and Mariposa counties will compete.

Representing Yosemite will be Paul de Pfyffer, Burleigh Johnson, Charles Castro, Charles Eckart, Robert Eckart, Robert Lamkin, Keith McHenry and Rolf Clark.

PENNY CARNIVAL BIG SUCCESS

The Lost Arrow's Penny Carnival turned out to be very successful and it was full of fun and laughter for all. Door prizes were awarded each night to lucky ticket holders. Marie Zaepffel was crowned Queen of the Carnival and was given a genuine (5 and 10 store) diamond ring instead of the usual crown. Some unique ideas were shown by the people who ran the concessions, making

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the carnival very attractive and interesting.

The management wishes to thank all who attended and "donated" their pennies and the boys and girls who worked hard to make the carnival possible. Incidentally, the donations will be added to the Social Club fund for purchasing records and other things to make that "don't know what to do" night entertaining. See you at the Lost Arrow!

POPULAR VALLEY COUPLE WED

Apple blossom time, starlit sky, new moon and the picturesque Old Village Chapel combined to produce an ideal setting for the candlelight wedding of Ruth Forrest and Gene Bauwens, Wednesday evening, May 12.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white wool suit, veil-trimmed hat and corsage of pale green orchids. Her only attendant, Lois Nordlinger, was dressed in pink and carried an old-fashioned mixed bouquet. Bob Nuttman served as best man, and ushers were Lexi Zaepffel and Dale Devine. Nancy Loncaric played appropriate organ selections. Reverend Alfred Glass performed the double-ring ceremony before the bride's family and a host of friends which filled the Chapel to overflowing. Immediately following, a reception was held at The Ahwahnee. A large three-tiered cake topped with miniature bride and groom was flanked by silver candelabra and surrounded by sprays of blossoms and ferns. The bride was assisted in serving by the maid-of-honor and Beverly Burns. The newlyweds left immediately on a short wedding trip.

TOUR ESCORTS WANTED

Do you want to be a Valley Tour Escort? If you have free time during the morning from 9:45 to 12:15 p.m. or in the afternoon from 1:45 to 4:15 the Traffic Department will be glad to give you all the details. Call Miss Morris at Number one.

Lexi and Marie Zaepfel, Lawrie Brown and Johnny Martin last Sunday made the first ascent of Half Dome this year, and without benefit of the cable!

The Ellis, Sr. and Jr., and the Sherwood Spurgins went up to the Sonora rodeo last weekend and report a fine trip.

Helen Satterstrom came back to the fold after a sojourn in Kingsburg.

HERE AND THERE

Fred and Mary Sharp were in the Valley for a few days. They are on their way to a new destination in Southern California. Both look well and happy.

Frank and Terry Ewbanks have returned to the Valley from New York. Frank will be at the Camp 16 stand.

Lillie Docker, our all-time summer cashier is back on the job at the Village Store.

Gen and Ralph Rainey were recent visitors to the Valley, as was Caroline Eisele.

Ken English recently herded the kindergarten tots into his office and let them tap out a few letters on his telegram writing machine. Then, to their great delight, he wrote each one's name on a tiny telegram.

George Oliver will wire you for sound if you don't look out. He has presented Jim Hamer with a new RCA sound projector for the Lodge movies. It makes the Yosemite motion pictures even better . . . And at The Ahwahnee, George has installed a sound system outside for the summer programs. During the warm evenings, soft melodies will come floating in on the breeze.

A Mr. Win. Dubrow came in to the Sentinel office recently to buy space in the paper announcing that he is a candidate for State Assembly for this district. We told him that the space wasn't for sale but that we would mention that he was in, professed to being a Republican, was born in California, now resides in Grass Valley and seems like a good man for the job. Which we now have done.

The Spoon's Foxie is recovering from an operation at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Likewise boilerman Charles Gilbert. Best to them both.

FOR SALE—Two bikes, good condition, one ladies, one man's, \$25 and \$15; One solid walnut gateleg dining room table, good condition, \$25; Four solid walnut chairs at \$5 each. Several pair of prewar ladies' dress shoes, new, all popular brands—sizes 5B, 5½B, 6A, 6B. See Kenny Long, House E5, near Yosemite Lodge.

LOST—Movado waterproof wrist watch, metal band. Reward. Tom Knowles, 38R

FOR SALE—Thayer baby buggy, \$20; rectangular wheeled play pen. Call Dorothy Holmes, 26W or write P.O. Box 182.

N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

Sure sign of spring is the arrival of smiling Joe Kelstrom, California State Auto Assn. representative at the Park Administration Building. Joe usually arrives about the same time as the third robin, and from then on through the summer we have the latest dope on the condition of Highway 49, the best routes to take to various places, and where not to go on account of excessive heat. Not only is Joe a first rate authority on roads and maps but he is a good ball player as well.

Seasonal rangers back on the job in Yosemite are "Tex" Ihlenfeldt, "Wally" Steward and "Spud" Walquist. The first seasonal naturalist to arrive is Othello Wallace. Other seasonal naturalists will arrive after the first of June.

Travel for April took a nose dive, and the figures show a loss of 37% over the same month last year. The drop in travel may have been due to the heavy rains totalling 9.7," next to the heaviest April rainfall ever recorded here. The welcome precipitation was climaxed by a heavy snowfall on the night of April 28 which left the Valley covered with several inches of the most beautiful snow of the year, and piled up snow to a depth of almost a foot at Chinquapin.

All indications point to a heavy travel season this summer. Inquiries are coming in by the hundreds, and advance reservations are very heavy. Travel for the first ten day of May was only slightly less than last year for the same period.

Big Oak Flat Road Opens

The Big Oak Flat Road was officially opened on Wednesday, May 12th, almost a month later than the usual opening date for this road. Even yet the snow banks along the road near Crane Flat are mute evidence of an abundance of water stored in the Yosemite high country.

The Tioga Road will not likely be open before late June this year, due to the unusually heavy snow pack for this time of year. On May 1 the snow was 94 inches deep at Snow Flat, and the water content of 43 inches. This is much greater than last year, and above average over a period of years.

The road is now open throughout the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, and park visitors again enjoy the thrill of seeing "the tree you drive through."

By this time most local residents know that

the fishing regulations for Yosemite have been changed this year to reduce the limit to 10 fish instead of 15, and to establish a weekly limit of two daily limits, or 20 fish per week. Of course, the fishing season in Yosemite does not open until May 30.

Better be careful about leaving food in your car these days. Bears are definitely out of hibernation and have taken up burglarizing cars in a thoroughly professional manner. Five cars have been broken into recently, several having had the glass broken in order to gain access. It might not be amiss to warn the visitors at every opportunity, to be sure not to leave food in their cars.

Dogwood is starting to blossom in profusion in the Valley. Later than usual in appearing, there is every indication the display will be spectacular for the next few weeks.

CHURCH NEWS

Clothing for Navajo and Overseas Relief

Several hundred pounds of clothing has been accumulated once more by the Park Church and a shipment or shipments will be sent by the end of May. If you have any good used clothing that may be utilized by people in the midst of hardships, will you leave it at the Glass House on Army Row or call 125W.

Wedding Homecoming Day.

Couples who have been married in the Old Village Chapel will be guests of honor at the 11 o'clock Worship service in the Chapel next Sunday. This will conclude the local observance of Home and Family Month. Virginia Adams will be the soloist. Mr. Glass will speak on "The Greatest Thing in the World." Everyone is welcome.

The Brief service continues to meet at 10:15 to 10:45 in the Chapel.

Roman Catholic Masses are held at 7:30 and 8:30 a.m. in the Chapel.

Gene Ottonello speaks to the High School group at the Chapel at 6 p.m. on the law profession.

George Goldsworthy is sporting a perfectly elegant "planter's style" panama hat AND a necktie that looks like a bouquet of mixed wildflowers. Mo'nin' Cunnel Goldsworthy, suh!



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Camp Curry 50th Anniversary Program

In commemoration of Camp Curry's fiftieth season, a program will be presented on June 1, at 8:00 p.m. at Camp Curry.

Fifty years ago, David and Jennie Curry started their enterprise at the foot of Glacier Point with seven tents and one paid employee. That season found 292 names on the guest register.

The memorable events in the history of Camp Curry will be depicted by a series of tableaux accompanied by narration and orchestra music.

Everyone is invited to attend the program.

TOUR ESCORTS WANTED

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LOST ARROW FAREWELL PARTY

A "come as you wish you were" party has been announced by Jo Carlson, the new counselor. This, we are told, is a party at which all guests are to represent somebody they admire—like a millionaire or Lana Turner. It sounds like great fun and those who don't garb themselves appropriately will be strung up by the thumbs or at least made to hand over a forfeit.

The time is 8:30 and the date May 31. The place is the Lost Arrow.

The Lost Arrow will become an ice cream parlor for visitors, and the employees' fun will take place at the Den at Camp Curry.

HELP WANTED

Three motion picture projectionists are required for Camp Curry. Call No. 1 for further information.

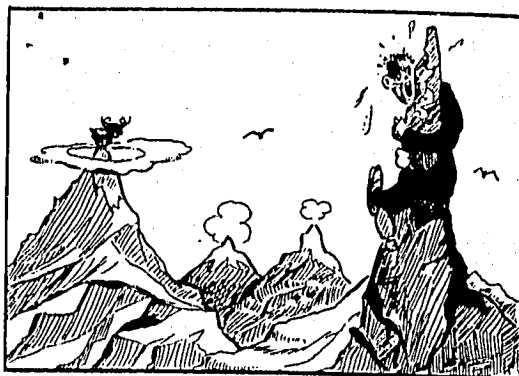
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SEASON'S FIRST RESCUE BY RANGERS

Park Rangers last Sunday brought nineteen year old Horace Sanders, of Turlock, down from where he had fallen in the vicinity of the Yosemite Falls Trail. Sanders was located by Buck Evans and Duane Jacobs. A rescue party consisting of Fred Martischang, Lew Hallock, Tex Ihlenfelt, Homer Robinson, Art Holmes, Odin Johnson and Dr. Verlin Baysinger brought Sanders down the mountain to the awaiting Park Service Ambulance. Sanders remained in the Lewis Memorial Hospital until Wednesday.

This is the first casualty of the season and was caused by the hiker's leaving the trail to take a short cut.

LODGE LODGINGS

Who is going to "huff and puff" and "blow the Lodge down" when the former porters J. Clark, Dale Averill and Milton Vail come marching home?

Our Helen Harris has put her best foot forward to fill a new job as relief cashier and manager between the Lodge and Camp Curry; she's the gal who can do it!

Phyllis Gaspar of the smart hair-dos and dancing feet became officially engaged to Don Devine on May 25. They plan to wed early in September.

Dottie Verhaar and Glen Powers were married on May 18 in a little church in Fresno. Best of luck to them both.

When Barbara Kasmire sold her Hudson to Eddie Benson who is now at The Ahwahnee, she went exploring to see what the big world looked like.

Our favorite crooner, Dmitri, is leaving soon to porter at Wawona. We are certainly going to miss his cafeteria concertos.

HERE AND THERE

If you want to see one of the best color photos yet, look at page 49 of the current issue of Ladies' Home Journal. Things like that cheer the hearts of the Publicity Department.

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Toney Frietas, usually a ski instructor, is now in the Camp Curry Transportation Office with Millie Taylor.

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There was never a more surprised or aghast individual than Henry Berrey when he drove a car through the back of the parking garage next to the General Office. The accident made a noise like an explosion and office workers thought their building was coming down. Berrey said, quote, No Brakes! end quote. We note that there are now 19 tons of cement in the garage which should keep him within bounds.

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New additions to the Managerial Staff are Mr. Robert Fenstermacher who will preside at the Big Trees Lodge and Mr. Carl Beyer, at the Glacier Point Hotel. The former comes from the Furnace Creek Inn in Death Valley and the latter from the Tioga Hotel in Merced.

SICK LIST LONG

Several Valley people are obliged to spend the lovely springtime in the Lewis Memorial Hospital because of one importune malady or another.

Maizie (Romaine) Hornor, Jean Meredith, Lowell Ledson and Mrs. Guy Montgomery, we are glad to note, are all recuperating.



OLD VILLAGE STORIES

Getting ready for the Memorial Holidays and the general summer rush, the Village Store has been the scene of many changes. The oil stoves have been removed and thus creating a difference in the clothing and the laundry departments. Right now, the clothing department boasts a new stock of bathing suits, summer play dresses, shorts and blouses. The Grocery department has seen a complete change. A new butter, milk, etc. ice box has been installed and the smaller one removed. Various grocery items have been changed around, so that the local shopper is having as bad a time as the guest.

Besides new employees in every department of the store, Bob Burgess, checker is back after a winter at Palm Springs. There is a new butcher, Harry Lindh and Al Cheatham, Camp Curry store butcher is with us until the store opens there.

Harold Muller, checker is opening Camp 14 store until the Duckworth's return from Glacier Point. As yet we have seen nothing of them. Wonder if they ran out of supplies, or is the snow too high?

That's all from the Village Store. It seems that people have been working too hard of late with the new merchandise and summer preparations to do anything interesting!

SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM AT CAMP 14

There will be a special Memorial Day program at Camp 14 on Saturday night, May 29, in which the National Park Service and veterans organizations will join. The first half hour will feature appropriate recorded music. This will be followed by participation of the two local posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. There will be an illustrated talk by Park Naturalist Donald Edward McHenry on "Our National Parks."

The regular Camp 14 program will not start until June 14.

BE CONSIDERATE

The recent case of several thoughtless people who caused anxiety in the Valley by building an unauthorized campfire and flashing distress signals from the top of Yosemite Falls brings up several important points.

It isn't a pleasant task for the rangers to take stern measures to enforce park regulations. Most of all, the rangers dislike having to reprimand local residents, their neighbors and friends, who should really know better. It so happened that the incident took place within 24 hours of a gruelling rescue job on the cliff wall near the Yosemite Falls trail.

Imagine the anxiety of the rangers who had completed that job and were trying to decide if another accident had occurred for which their help was needed. Think, too, of the many park visitors who had their enjoyment of Yosemite marred to some extent by needlessly aroused worry.

Let's make a point to consider the other fellow when we go on moonlight hikes and parties this summer. You can have a lot of enjoyment in Yosemite without disturbing others, and by the way, better have a campfire permit if you plan to build a fire anywhere outside of an auto campground.

THROUGH THE KEYHOLE

Once more we ask drivers to be careful when driving around Tecoya dormitories.

There are lots of children playing in that area, and they still have plenty to live for. So—drive carefully and maybe save a life.

Our old friend, Bill Gwinn will be up for a few days to help take care of the Camp Curry Anniversary entertainment. Bill received quite a plug in the Chronicle radio column recently on his handling of KFRC program "What's the Name of the Song."

According to statistics, the last fifty years has seen only nine "fine weather" Memorial Day week ends. Of course, there hasn't been fifty "Memorial Day" week ends, but let's hope that this one will make it an even ten.

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STORK NEWS

Robert Grey, the Fourth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grey of El Portal, arrived at about noon May 25 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Mother, father and son all doing well!

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N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

Superintendent Carl Russell has been chosen by popular vote of the Yosemite Grammar School graduating class to be speaker at graduation which will take place on Friday evening, June 4. Mrs. Wilder and the graduates have worked up an interesting program built around early California history, this being the Centenary of the discovery of gold at Sutters Mill in 1848.

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The big event of the year to a great many piano pupils of Nancy Loncaric is the annual recital held every spring after school closes. This year it will be in the Village Chapel at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 6th, and 22 young pianists ranging in age from Mary Lou Sturm to Ann Adams will take part. The narrator for the classic composers will be Doris Hewitson.

These recitals have become famous among Valley residents as outstanding entertainment. They demonstrate the musical talent of the younger set, and above all, the extraordinary ability of Nancy as a teacher.

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Bruce McHenry has returned from school at Wasatch, Utah, glad to be back home in Yosemite. He returned a day after Donald Edward, Bona May and Keith returned from a week's vacation trip to Big Sur. Unfortunately, their vacation was somewhat marred by several successive cold rainy days, but the sun finally came out and they had a fine week's relaxation.

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Muriel Smith is vacationing in Florida with her brother and family.

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Ansel Adams has just returned from his trip to Hawaii with some excellent photos in black and white and color. He stated the best part of Hawaii is Hawaii National Park where he made many pictures. Ansel has recently been awarded another year's Guggenheim fellowship to continue his work on an illustrated book on the National Parks and National Monuments.

Late in June he will leave for Mt. Rainier, Olympic and Mt. McKinley National Parks. Lucky Mike will go with him on this jaunt. After that they will go to Yellowstone where Ansel is to guide a special party of photographers for ten days. The party is sponsored by U.S. Camera Magazine and a national air-

line. They will make their headquarters at an attractive dude ranch near the northern part of Yellowstone.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Phillips, formerly associated with Burton Holmes Travelogues, are in Yosemite to make a color film for use of the National Park Service. The film is being sponsored by the Atwater Kent Foundation which will provide funds for material and expenses. Ted Phillips is generously contributing his time and talent for the good cause.

An interesting feature of the film will be a graphic picturization of the various steps in the formation of Yosemite Valley.

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Rangers going on duty May 28 are Theodore Hansen, J. A. Critchlow, Tom Van Bibber, Steve Berck. Coming in to help over the Memorial Day weekend are rangers George Holstein, Jim Russell, and Wayne Henderson.

BROWNIE BULLETINS

Brownie Scout Troop No. 1 has been very active lately. The girls have been receiving their basic first aid in accordance with the Brownie program and they are rapidly becoming old hands at tying square knots and making slings and ankle bandages.

Saturday, the 15th, the troop walked to Sentinel Creek beach—we would pick the hottest day of the year so far—and upon arriving there, they built their fire and made "some-mores."

Saturday, the 22nd, with the able assistance of Kay Evans, who was quite surprised at the way the girls strode out, the entire troop hiked to Camp 7 and cooked their dinner, the latter consisting of kabobs and believe us, they were good. And from all reports, none of the girls went home and asked for more dinner. But for awhile it looked a little dubious—the ground was wet and the fire wouldn't burn. But never let it be said that Troop No. 1 can't build a fire, and it finally took off. All in all, the first cook-out was a success.

Tuesday, the 25th, was the last meeting of the year and a weiner roast at the hatchery on Monday the 7th of June will wind up the season for the Brownies until their overnight trip which will take place the latter part of August.



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DON TRESIDDER MEMORIAL AT HOSPITAL

The oxygen tent, bought with funds contributed by the people of Yosemite as a memorial to the late Dr. Don Tresidder, has arrived at the Lewis Memorial Hospital.

Made by the Continental Hospital Service Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, it was assembled with something more than loving care by Drs. Sturm and Baysinger. Of the latest type, it has a self contained refrigeration unit eliminating the need for adding ice. The tent itself is transparent which makes occupancy more comfortable than the opaque type which sometimes causes patients a certain amount of anxiety.

Greatest of Dr. Tresidder's interests were the Valley and its people. This new oxygen tent is a fine memorial to this long standing interest.

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

Yosemite Valley is a very small place. It's approximately a mile wide at the widest and eight miles long. There are only twenty miles of paved roads.

If this is your first summer, you will soon see how many people come here—if you've been here before, you already know. They come here for one purpose—to see Yosemite National Park and the Valley in particular. Which accounts for the fact that lots and lots of motorists drive slowly and do very unusual things such as stopping and turning around in the middle of the road. Deer, which to you and me are a dime a dozen, are rare, interesting novelties and must be photographed by the visitor. So frequently, the visitor will slam on his brakes, hop out of his car and snap away.

This is very annoying to a lot of the local people. They lay on their horns and bellow "Bonehead" at the startled visitor.

But, keep in mind that there's not a one of us working or living here that would be here at all if all of a sudden everybody decided that they didn't want to see Yosemite.

This, we grant, is an unlikely occurrence. As long as people have any perception of natural beauty, they will come to Yosemite.

Therefore, we should treat each one of these people who visit the Valley, even the ones who do alarming things while driving, as our guests. Perhaps they delay you a few seconds, maybe a whole minute. But there's no place you can't get to in the Valley that takes longer than four or five minutes.

So develop your tolerance, speedy! It'll keep you from having nervous ulcers when you're forty.

Then there's the roadway behind the Tecoya dorms. (Note the recent signs denoting speed limit). On it there are frequently small children playing, and on it there are often people who act as if they were going to a 4-alarm fire.

If you drive down the road, remember that whatever you're about to do that you think requires so much speed isn't half as important as keeping an eye out for some moppet who may be playing cops and robbers in the street.

It wasn't many years ago that automobiles were chained to logs when they entered the Valley.

And while on the subject of the Tecoya road, it would be appreciated if the Romeo who leans on his horn when signaling his lady fair, would tone it down to a couple of toots! Thanks.

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"HI—GLACIER"

Despite snow and wintry aspect, Glacier Point Hotel and Studio opened for the season last Friday, May 28.

Ken McDonald is now manager of the Glacier Point Hotel.

Florence Scribner has returned to manage Glacier Studio. Her staff at present consists of Margaret Reordan, Enid Swanson and May Duncan. Mrs. Scribner's decorative urge has been somewhat curtailed, due to new regulations regarding use of native flora, etc.

Literally stepping out of Vogue is our gracious cashier, Mabel Remington.

And Curt Garnett, the porter, is back, and keeping the lobby in its usual immaculate order.

Goobers are selling at a fast rate since the arrival of ground squirrel and chipmunk families, augmented each day by more of their sisters, cousins, and aunts.

To Mrs. Baughman and her crew, much credit is due, for whipping the Hotel into working shape in a few days and soon new beds with "sleep-like-log" mattresses will be installed in all guest rooms.

The Duckworths, winter keepers, are still being useful and a more congenial couple would be difficult to find.

"Yes ma'am" Burke dispenses coffee and tea with his jovial grin and Beckey Pontius returned to the cafeteria this year as Mrs. Frank Payne.

If you hear a huge stomping through the corridors at night, don't think a pachyderm has invaded our premises. It's only Merle Baker making his nocturnal rounds.

And we're glad to welcome long, lean and lanky Murphy, who again carves pork chops from innocent Iowa corn feds.

Delicious rolls and pies, puddings and lots of other goodies emerge from the bakery under the watchful eyes of Bill Adleff.

CAMP CURRY

Camp Curry is in full swing for its 1948 season. The Grill, Cafeteria, Dining Room, Dance Pavilion and Swimming Pool are all prepared for the summer visitors.

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Moving pictures and the Firefall have once more become nightly occasions. Many familiar faces, too numerous to mention, have returned this year and there are more to come. The most familiar and most welcome of all, is Mother Curry who has for the fiftieth consecutive summer, come to the place founded by her and her husband.

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In recognition of her return, a Fiftieth Anniversary Program was presented at Camp Curry on the night of June 1. Eileen Berrey, Ellen Hall, Nancy Taylor and Charlotte Ewing added lots of color in costumes that represented the turn of the century. Those who didn't glimpse Dick Connett, Marshall Hall and Hank Kimbrough in their mens' wear of 1898 truly missed out. The program was directed by Mrs. Oliene Mintzer and Mrs. Cross. A well-handled running narration by an old Camp Curry boy, Bill Gwinn, now of KFRC, carried the audience from the early days of Camp Curry to the present time. The program ended with the audience singing "America" while the Firefall fell from Glacier Point.

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Hank Kimbrough has left the Front Desk to help Mrs. Mintzer manage Wawona Hotel. We'll all miss his smiling face.

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Spare time at Camp Curry finds Cy Wright and Howard Doucette delving in the flower pots beside the dining room. It looks like you have to do a little bit of everything to manage a place like this.

For those who like to play softball, Bob Minerich, Manager of the Curry Grill, is on the lookout for players. The only requirement is that you have your Sunday afternoons free. That's the Camp Curry news to date.

Contributors are kindly asked to check the names of people used in their copy for correct spelling before sending it in to Mr. Berrey. This will save much resetting of type. Thanks.

HORSELAUGHS

With a thundering of hooves and a hearty, HI-HO, Lucky, Lois Nordlinger makes the circle tour of the Valley every evening (if the weather permits). Incidentally, fellow employees, this is the only way to ride after 5 p.m. Buy your own horse and board it at the stables.

The installation of a new watering trough at the stables was observed by some rather curious and awesome people who were very much interested in the welfare of the horses. After a brief conversation among themselves, one ventured the question, and I swear to this, "Is that a tub to give the small horses a bath in?"

Last Tuesday morning, Leonard Savage, barnman at the stables, was quite surprised to find, upon arriving at the barn at 6 a.m., one of the visiting campers' boys neighing like a horse. As all the horses are tied in the stalls at night he wasn't able to locate them. Leonard asked what he was doing and the reply was, "Trying to find where the horses are. Guess I don't sound like a horse though, 'cause one just snorted!"

Here's a salute to one of the finest families in the Park. Trixie, the mother, Raymond, the father, and Mickey, the son, all ponies that have done more than their share to create good will among the guest's children and also who have been the first teachers of the local children who have now grown up to be some of our best riders.

This column was started with the intention of bringing to you a lot of the laughs that we at the stables enjoy associating with the horses and their riders. Will be back next issue and let you in on the kicks. Not from the horses but the people who ride 'em!

—John Fitzgerald

SCOUT CORNER

The Girl Scouts of Lone Troop No. 2 held their annual Court of Awards dinner at the Masonic Hall Tuesday night. They demonstrated their ability to put to use what they had learned in Scouting by making table decorations and setting places for sixty or more people; by arranging exhibits of their badge activities; and by enacting their Court of Awards ceremonies.

Beatrice Rhoan and Ginnie Ann Sturm re-

ceived their Scout pins and Tenderfoot rank; Sally Abbot, Toni Culver, and Wanda Brown, their Second Class rank; and four girls who leave our troop to go to High School in the fall, Anne Adams, Shirley Winslow, Lucie Clark, and Doris Hewitson, were awarded First Class rank.

The highlight of the evening was the awarding of badges. Scout Leader Dete Oliver awarded badges covering activities of camping, outdoor sports, and the individual activities of each girl. Mrs. Sturge Culver presented the Winter Sports badge to Doris Hewitson and Hilda de Pfyffer. Mrs. John Loncaric presented Music Appreciation and Musician badges to six girls who have covered the requirements under her supervision. Mrs. Tom Knowles gave the girls their Sewing badges for the work they accomplished in sewing classes conducted by herself and Mrs. Culver; and received in return an Associate Girl Scout pin from the troop who wanted to show its appreciation for the use of her home during these classes. The last of the evening was devoted to First Aid demonstrations conducted by Miss Emma Mullen who presented that badge.

RADIO BURLESQUE SHOW GREAT

The Old Village Pavilion bulged the night of June 7 for the Radio Burlesques Show. Joe Meredith chairmanned the program with Bill Gunter and Dick Kleinschmidt assisting. The program, consisting of takeoffs on popular radio shows, was as follows: Spot commercials by Dick Kleinschmidt; Comments by the MC, Joe Meredith; "Rose of San Antone," played by Maurine "Mo" Boyd on her accordeen. During the intermission, the beautiful popcorn girls, done up like the cigarette girls at Ciro's (or at least the way cigarette girls at Ciro's were done up in OUR day): They were Jane Foushee, Jackie Chase, Pat Peterson, Mary and Lenora Leatherman, Colleen Bisson, and Marys Rosenthal, Ely and Broderick.

The program resumed with a comedy drama in which Barbara Nichols took the part of Gran' Ma Perkins, Carol Thompson was Nasty Naive Nell, Joe Mitchell, the Villian, Bill Gunter, the Hero, and Jerry Andrews, the Sheriff. Next, Kim Tucker vocalized sev-

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N.P.S. RAMBLINGS

The new telephone operators at the Administration Building are Polly Pierce, formerly of Best's Studio, and Wynona Skinner. Newly arrived rangers are Richard C. Hoeffle, James W. B. Packard, and Jack R. Young. New naturalists are Richard Beidelman, Geo. C. Turner and Wayne W. Bryant. The new stenographer in the Administration Bldg. is Mrs. Dorothy Lee Bratz, formerly of Washington, D.C. whose husband is due to go on the ranger force June 21.

Yosemite has been privileged to accommodate many outstanding photographers recently. While Ted Phillips has been busily making color motion pictures for the National Park Service, he has met a number of his good friends in the profession. For instance, there was Stan Midgeley, winner of the Union Pacific prize for the best motion picture a few years ago. He made a bicycling trip through Zion, Bryce and Grand Canyon National Parks and took motion pictures and stills en route. Later he made a similar trip through Glacier National Park and wrote an article for HOLIDAY about it.

Another distinguished photographer in Yosemite was Gae Faillice, who was McArthur's personal photographer throughout the war in the Pacific. He was on hand to photograph the General landing at Leyte, and signing the peace with Japan.

Gertie Davies, Betty Jean Swaggerty and young Jackie Davies have been generously giving their time and talents as models for Ted Phillips' motion picture. In addition, Betty Jean posed with a brand new Jeep station wagon for a possible advertisement for Stan Midgeley. One bright day at Wawona Jackie "co-starred" with District Ranger Harry Daring for an effective scene in the fields of blue lupines near the ranger station.

Good news to friends of the Lestinas is the word that Henry, Rosalie and Roger will spend their vacation in Yosemite some time in July. Henry formerly worked in the government warehouse and has since been with the War Assets Administration in Arizona.

Elmer Nelson, formerly secretary to the superintendent, is now doing very well with the Bryant Realty Co. with offices on Park Blvd. in Oakland.

"The best grammar school graduation program I have ever seen" was the way one person described the recent graduation ex-

ercises at the local school. The well-planned program, beautiful decoration emphasizing the Centennial, excellent papers by the graduates, beautifully directed music, and a fine talk by D. Russell, combined to make up a fine evening's entertainment.

Dr. Russell emphasized the importance of local history in the studies in our schools, even though world affairs attract important attention. He was pleased to see this recognized by Mrs. Wilder and given a prominent place in the program.

The graduates, Anne Adams, Doris Hewitson, Shirley Winslow, Lucie Gertrud Clark, Paul de Pfyffer, and George Murphy looked handsome on the stage, the girls dressed in pastel colors and the boys standing taller than we realized. Before the program was concluded each girl was given a box of cut flowers through the thoughtfulness of Dr. Sturm. The last event of the evening was the photographing of the class with Mrs. Wilder by Ansel Adams.

RADIO BURLESQUE

eral blues tunes followed by more Joe Meredith (that boy gets around) in interpretations. The mad pianist Ripyourhatzoff, portrayed by Bill Gunter, did a fine off key composition. Bert Strome, guitarist, followed by Joe Meredith (again), songster had the next spots. The famed artist Youall from Southern France did a very enlightening skit as did Bob Rippchen who portrayed an employee being interrupted frequently by a curious tourist. Frank Ewbank played an original composition on the piano as a concluding number. Thanks are extended to the cast, the Maintenance people, Mrs. Crossley, Dick Connett, Dale Devine, Buck Buchanan and Chester Kuntz.

BRILLIANT RECITAL HELD SUNDAY

A large number of pupils of Nancy Loncaric's piano classes gave a recital at the Old Village Chapel last Sunday at 2 o'clock. This year the program featured in addition to regular piano and duet numbers, brief accounts on the lives of the classic composers.

FOR SALE. Ladies' Western style Saddle & Bridle, \$35. Call Mrs. Gus Eastman, 133J.

LOST. Parker 51 fountain pen, gray in color. A keepsake. Call Jack Curran at 88.



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CAMP CURRY

Camp Curry goes into its second month of the season with a record housecount of 1282 guests for the last weekend.

The nights at Camp Curry are now more active with a program running from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Entertainment consists of motion pictures of Yosemite, music by Maurice Anger's band, western music by the Diamond G Trio, and popular songs by the Tennesseans, all under the supervision of Harry Harold Harter, Jr., master of ceremonies.

It has come to our attention that some people are baffled by the Porter's yelling whenever a bus leaves Camp Curry. What they are doing their best to make heard is the "Farewell;" this is for the benefit of departing guests and is a tradition started by David A. Curry who used to bestow that courtesy on departing stages. The custom is carried out at 8:25 and 8:45 a.m. and 1:45 and 2:00 p.m.; also for the benefit of special tours leaving at odd hours of the night. So those expecting a dynamite blast, rock slide, earthquake or air raid every time they hear the distant wail of the porter can now relax knowing it is only another fond Camp Curry tradition being carried out.

With the ties of school released for the summer, Camp Curry finds itself swarming with the employes it so badly needed; and with the presence of those summer employes, dance attendance has taken a sudden rise, the Grill is even more crowded, the beach beside Stoneman Bridge is littered with people striving for their summer tans and the three steps at the front of the office have been converted into benches on which the employes recline to look over the summer crop—and that's the Camp Curry news to date!

MOTHER CURRY GREET'S OLD TIMERS

Thirteen of Mother Curry's oldest Valley friends dined with her at the Camp Curry Dining Room on Tuesday evening, June 22. Coming in for the reunion were Emily Lane, Edith Nelson, Martha Eubank, Adele Urfer, and Astrid Anderson. Still living in the Valley and on hand for the dinner were Margaret Jabes, Irene Bushnell, Chistine Smith, Julie Brun, Edna Berklund, Florence Morris, Mother Curry's nurse, Phoebe Godwin, and Jennie Pinkerton.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT, FAMILY STYLE

Husbands and wives who have ever played tennis (or who plan to take up the game some day) are herewith invited to enter the forthcoming Yosemite mixed-doubles-husband-and-wife tennis tournament. Begun a number of years ago and entered upon with great zest by the local married couples, the tournament will be played on The Ahwahnee courts. Charles and Mary Proctor are the defending champions and the present possessors of the trophy, a handsome sterling silver cup, about four inches high.

Entries will be accepted immediately and the matches will be arranged to start after July 1. Phone your entry to Henry Berrey at Number 1 or mail it to the Sentinel Office. The ladder will be drawn up and competitors notified of their matches. Entry fee will be \$1.00 per couple, all of which will go to the purchase of prizes as the hotel division has generously donated the use of The Ahwahnee courts. Harry Kennedy, Ahwahnee tennis pro, will manage the matches. So dig the old racquet out from under the mandolin and the stereoptican slides and get in this married-couples-only tournament. It's all for fun!

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"HI-GLACIER"

We welcomed another of the former staff this week when Ernestine Wallis of long Beach resumed her post at the Cafeteria.

Added to the efficient studio staff is Mrs. Claire Williams of Florida, Arizona and all points east.

To the strains of "Oh Sole O Mio," Tony-boy plunges into dishwashing and so makes light of a grueling job. Wish he'd brought his guitar. We'd love being serenaded on these glorious moonlit nights!

Rangers Jack Nolan, with his wife Helen, and Marty Britten are again in residence at the camp ground. They have begun a series of illustrated lectures in the Hotel ballroom and are planning various hikes for all who are interested.

When Myrtle and Lew Duckworth left on Sunday for their favorite job—the store at Camp 14—fellow employees presented them with a pictorial lamp. It will be a unique way for Lew to enjoy his own fine 35mm slides.

If you've seen a pert little man dashing hither and yon between the spruce and the fir and the hemlock, it is Mickey Bunter, our desk clerk, dodging the vicious switchbacks that abound in Glacier environs.

Bertha Baer dispenses entrees with such a pleasing smile and gracious manner that, through her amiable persuasion, guests load their trays to capacity.

Hogan's Alley can bear inspection at any time. It is immaculate and many of the rooms are cleverly decorated. Artist John Osgood whiles away many idle moments drawing caricatures of employees.

Voted the nicest man on the Point—Chef Charlie Hostettler, whose twinkling eyes and merry smile make work a joy and life worthwhile. With such a personality, he can feed us bird seed and we'd still come to his call.

All the little "odd jobs" around the hotel are being ably taken care of by Joseph Liskey and Guy Chappell of Maintenance. They are doing a splendid job.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Plans are underway for a Big 49er Dance on The Ahwahnee Grounds for full moon night (Tuesday, July 20). Start now with plans for costumes suitable for sitting on hay and twirling to the music of Maurice Anger's band. Old time entertainers will be on hand to give forth at intermissions . . . there will be a coke bar out under the stars. Plan now to help celebrate California's Gold Centennial at The Ahwahnee in July.

The bellman played host to the Front Office at a beach party one night last week, and the sands are still echoing the strains of "In the Good old Summer Time" and "It's Apple Blossom Time." Carroll Clark officiated at the stove.

Haying operations are underway on The Ahwahnee grounds. The crew, under the direction of Dale Devine, includes Kenneth Pitcher, Mervyn Dorian, Mac Dalglish, Eldridge Whitfield, Joe Meloch, Oscar Molinary, Don Euing and Bill Nutley. How about getting the stables to buy the crop?

The Sweet Shop is now under the direction of Bob Mills and is open daily except Thursday. A good spot to drop in after a game of tennis or golf . . . or for that matter, after the Firefall.

New additions to The Ahwahnee staff include: Harry Kennedy, Madie Anderson, Celia Shumaker, Esther Cameron, James Cissell, Fred Donahue, Pricilla Harders, Sid Hoffman, Marianne Lund, Muriel Lowe, Bill Shugert, all in the Dining Room. Elizabeth Schmidt in the housekeeping department, and Robert Wilson to assist Ernest Edwards on the golf course.

The Ahwahnee baseball team, lead by Chef Fred Pierson, swamped the Curry team—(Minerich Mumbler) by a score of 7 to 1 on a recent Sunday at the Schoolhouse grounds.

Irma Cunha has joined the staff as hostess and her plans include the aforementioned summer dance, possible horseback barbecues and bingo games.

That's all for this week—see you in the next issue.

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STABLE RETURNS

Virginia ((Jackass Ginny) returned to the Valley to take over the burro picnics for another season. Jack Miller is the burro boy this year and has his hands full. The other day, the burro that carries the lunches decided that he would stay at home for the day. After a little pushing, pulling and coaxing, he changed his mind and thought maybe a picnic would help him pass the time away.

The burros were all brought in to the Valley by truck—all but one! Shaggy, one of the older hands, refuses to travel with the rest and remains with the horses, apparently believing he is a full fledged horse. He stays with the horses all winter at the ranch and comes over the trail with them in the spring. MORAL: Don't be discouraged just because you look like a jackass.

If anyone has an icebox to be moved to a different place, just call "Moge" Morris or Helmer Torgenson. They just finished packing a huge one to Merced Lake where it will keep the trout cool caught in that area. After three days of pushing, pulling and heaving around the switchbacks, any passerby could have bought the box at a bargain price.

The Merced-Mariposa Stock Association held the final judging of its annual trail ride at the stables last Sunday. There were some fine horses entered and the judging was difficult. The local horse lovers were in paradise with so many splendid saddle animals to admire.

COMMENT OF THE WEEK: "Mister, can I have another horse? This one bounces."

RECHARGES FROM THE GARAGE

The summer season finds all of us bolt and nutcrackers in full swing with the parts flying. Whether it's a lack of air in tires or loss of power—we fix 'em!

Our crew of mechanics includes Low Winterburn, Bog Babcock, Floyd Mille, Frank Diaz, Hal Halleon and Wayne Pelkey. In our tire section we have Frank Culver, Cecil Pelkey and Fred Peterson.

Among the current events—one of the boys was really trying to climb a mountain with our tow truck. Seems a camper wanted to get into the back country to camp. So—a broken axle. Moral, do your back country camping on foot. Too, Joe Meredith went on a service call to Arch Rock. If you want a Lincoln Zephyr "fired up," ask Joe about it!

RECREATION NOTES

The local Softball League will open on Saturday, June 26 on the school grounds with the Camp Curry Dining Room meeting the Yosemite Lodge team. The three other teams comprising the league include the Curry Grill, defending champions, Curry Kitchen, and The Ahwahnee.

The league is open to privilege card holders and anyone working in units outside the above mentioned may sign up with any of the five teams but after affiliating, cannot switch.

The champion Grill team will be skippered by their new manager, Bob Minerich while the Ahwahnee team will depend on the strong right arm of pitcher, manager and umpire baiter Chef Fred Pierson. Red Woelbing has lined up a formidable team at the Lodge with Jules Ashworth as his mainstay pitcher. The veteran battery combination of Bob Johnson pitching and Bob Patton catching will form the nucleus of the Dining Room club while the Curry Kitchen team looms up as the dark horse with a bevy of potent material.

Games will start at 2:30 every afternoon except Tuesday and admission is free.

Volleyball for Girls

We would like to organize a league for girls volleyball to be played at the school grounds in the afternoon. Anyone interested see Harry Brownson and plans will be completed.

DANTIBO GOLF VICTOR

The Y.T.S. fashion plate, Charlie Dantibo, won the recent blind bogey golf tournament at Wawona. For this accomplishment he was awarded a fine pair of golf shoes. Ed Miller, of The Ahwahnee, was second, and is richer by three golf balls. Charley Proctor had a low net score of 70 and Ken Williams, a low gross of 74.

Everett Edwards, Wawona pro, is planning future tournaments and hopes more of the Valley divot diggers will participate.

FOR SALE—Three pairs ski boots. Size 6½—7½, and 9 for \$17, \$20, and \$30 respectively. Also pair 6'6" skis with poles, \$20. One pr. ladies White Stag ski pants, size 16 for \$2. Call Fred Smith at 107W.

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N.P.S. NOTES

The numerous friends of Dr. Francois E. Matthes, authority on the geologic history of Yosemite, were saddened this week by his passing on Monday, June 21st. It was Dr. Matthes who settled the long controversy over what caused the formation of Yosemite Valley, and his Geological Survey Professional Paper 160 with its profuse illustrations and excellent maps has been accepted by scientists as undisputed proof of the glacial theory.

Matthes has an amazing series of publications and topographic maps to his credit but he was more than a famous geologist. He was known by many as a great outdoorsman, good hiker and camper, and a sincere friend. His deep appreciation of the mountains is evidenced in every paragraph of his fine descriptive writings.

Some years ago Jim Cole, formerly of the Yosemite naturalist staff, had the rare privilege of assisting Dr. Matthes in a reconnaissance of the northern part of Yosemite National Park for evidences of ancient glaciers. Jim described how one evening en route back to camp they became lost. As darkness was about to descend upon them, Dr. Matthes calmly suggested they sit down and light a fire and spend the night. Within a few minutes, the fire was built and Dr. Matthes had pulled a copy of the Readers Digest from his pocket and was seated comfortably reading an article.

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Ruby Thomas, popular NPS stenographer, is leaving Yosemite soon to accept a position with the Army Corps of Engineers at Anchorage, Alaska. She will fly from Great Falls, Montana by Army Transport plane as soon as she receives definite orders.

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A recent visitor to Yosemite was Mr. Herb Evison, Chief of Information of the National Park Service, Washington, D.C. Mr. Evison's principal concern is in seeing that visitors to Yosemite, and those who plan to make the trip to the park, have adequate informational material and maps. Mr. Evison had never before had the privilege of seeing Yosemite when the waterfalls were at their best and moonlight flooded the Valley at night.

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Word has been received that "Dad" Becker is ill at the home of his daughter, Norma

Sprinkel at 1374, 27th Ave in San Francisco. "Dad" celebrated his 75th birthday on June 24th. The Sprinkels have had some illness in their own family during the past year, since Russell, formerly chief clerk for the NPS in Yosemite, suffered a slight stroke last winter but is now able to resume his work with the Civil Service Commission in San Francisco. Their two attractive daughters Norma Jean and Elaine are prominent in school affairs, Elaine having sung a soprano solo "Through the Years" at her high school graduation to an audience of 1200.

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Good news to many friends of Ruthe Crosby and Mike Manahan, is that Ruthe is wearing a diamond and the happy couple is planning a wedding to take place this fall. The two were in Yosemite not so very long ago on a brief trip, and it is surmised that they came back to the place where Mike first met Ruthe in order to become engaged.

Ruthe's charm and genial personality made her a popular member of the younger set when she lived here and worked for Western Union. Mike managed the NPS equipment warehouse, and served as Scoutmaster on the side. He has a promising career ahead of him in the real estate and insurance business in Los Angeles.

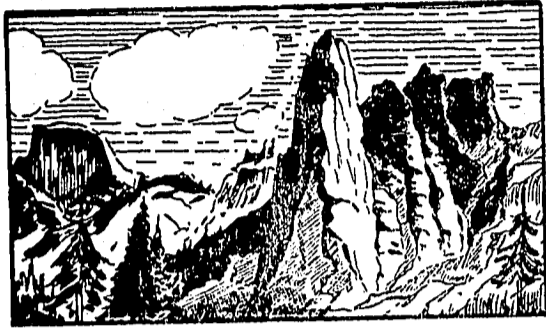
SOCIAL CLUB OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, June 29 from 2 to 5 p.m. and again from 8 to 9:30 p.m. is the time set for Open House in the Barn, employees' club located in the rear of the Camp Curry Garage. During these hours all personnel are invited to drop in and listen to the music furnished by talented employees and to get acquainted with the staff at the recreation club.

The summer schedule of activities is not complete at this time, but it will include folk dancing to be held regularly every Monday night. Other activities which may be enjoyed at the Barn are ping pong, bridge, modern dancing and jitterbugging, etc.

The Barn will be open from 10 to 12 a.m., 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 11 p.m. daily throughout the summer months.

FOR SALE—A 22' Mainliner Trailer. Well equipped and in good shape. Contact Mr. Green at Camp 6.



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MOONLIGHT DANCE at THE AHWAHNEE

One dollar, paper or silver, will admit you and your best gal to the '49er dance at The Ahwahnee tennis courts come next full moon which will be next Tuesday, July 20. Many of the Valley's best brains and ablest hands are hard at work getting ready for a good setting, good music, good refreshments and good entertainment. (Sounds like a good deal). We hear, too, that some of the gals are hard at work fixing up their cotton skirts and fluffy blouses, bows and ribbons — to say nothing of the Valley's swains waxing and twirling their mustachios. This is the first time in a long while that a dance has been given on The Ahwahnee courts, and as long as the moon comes through with its scheduled "full and mellow," it's a cinch for a good evening. (Note—Add twenty cents for tax to that one dollar, paper or silver).

AHWAHNEE NOTES

Newcomers to the tasks of making the big Ahwahnee a smooth operation are William Byers, Paul Clark, Henry Drewes, Alan Gay, Ruth Gross and David Johnson.

If you're strolling around the grounds and hear a tune come floating up from the deep grass or out of an azalea bush, it will probably be from the throats of some of the "540 Boys," those specialists in "Cigareets, Bad liquor and Wild, Wild Women, who have joined Dale Devine's morning groundsman's crew.

One of our desk clerks has the knack of making the most sensational barbecue sauce, which is used in great quantities at the river's edge steak bakes. Trouble is, he's one of those cooks who just pours in all sorts of ingredients until it tastes good to him. He can't give out the recipe because he hasn't any idea how much of what goes into this lush sauce.

V.F.W. DRIVE SUCCESS

Yosemite Valley Post No. 9657, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of the United States, wishes to take this opportunity to thank all in Yosemite who so generously contributed to the recent Northwest flood relief drive.

With the fine cooperation of the Yosemite Post No. 258, American Legion, Yosemite was able to go over the top with flying colors.

All clothing and food donations collected by the two organizations were taken direct to V.F.W. headquarters in San Francisco, on June 14, by Elmer L. Stevens, V.F.W. Commander and Robert McIntyre, American Legion Commander and were delivered direct to the flood area from that point, cash donations were mailed direct through National Headquarters.

Yosemite's total contributions were as follows; Cash \$359.10, Clothing 2000 pounds and about 600 pounds of canned food.

YOSEMITE THESPIANS

Each Tuesday at 9 p.m., the Yosemite Players, Yosemite's newly formed drama club, meet in the Foyer Lounge of The Ahwahnee.

Although permanent officers have not been chosen, the group is now presided over by Joe Meredith, with Lois McMillan acting as secretary. Plans are being formulated for a future show built around an original script written by Bill Forsberg entitled "Ah, Valley." Members of the organization feel that there are many employees who would be interested in the activities of the club and anyone interested in acting, writing, costuming, publicity or any phase of Thespian activity is urged to attend a regular Tuesday meeting. During the season, the group plans to spend some time on the study of outstanding plays and other projects in which the members are interested.

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"HI—GLACIER"

Mickey Butner played Royal Host to a group of thirty young people from the Valley on July 4. The "Wreck Room," appropriately decorated with Christmas colors and pine, lent itself admirably to the occasion. Mrs. Remington, in a new I. Magnin creation, chaperoned the party.

If better and bigger firefalls can be built, Don Sherwood can build them. In mighty tones, heard above the roar of three waterfalls and 1600 campers, at nine thirty each evening he shouts; "Hello, Camp Curry." The reverberations are causing many rock slides.

Our two competent engineers, Jack Roberts and Oscar Karlsen are very agreeable about fixing everything from platters to ladders, from locks to clocks.

Magnifying glass in right hand, and "Wild Flowers of Yosemite" in the other, Hugh Williamson, our desk clerk, tracks to their hidden lairs, the elusive flora, and silently revels in their beauty.

The peripatetic Claire Phillips, after walking miles from postcard racks to stationery, to redwood tables, dons her sturdy boots and sets out on a three mile hike—refreshed. Being a former member of the Adirondack Club certainly has advantages.

If you see a doodle bug skimming up the hill, it will be Adam Fourroux and his little Crossley. Wind it up once and it runs for 360 miles, or so we've heard.

At the invitation of Florence Scribner, a number of employees gathered in the ball room Saturday evening and thoroughly enjoyed two delicious watermelons. Merle Baker, the clown of the Point, was in his usual amusing role.

WANTED—Desperately!!!

One record player—in usable condition—and a heterogeneous collection of records to suit diversified tastes.

We have no band. We have no movie. We have no ice cream. We have no grill. Please have pity on Mountain Top employees. Anyone donating will be liberally awarded. They may have all the peanuts we cannot sell—or better—a crown of manzanita.

Instead of wickedly cutting the eyes from helpless potatoes, Harry Johnson is now arranging pretty pictures on salad plates to tempt the epicurian appetites of "Our Traveling Public."

From now on, all Glacier employees should keep Thursday evening open. Social affairs are brewing. First affair scheduled for July 15—Time 8:30—Place, ballroom—Instigators, Cafeteria crew and everyone is invited.

We all like you, George Parker, but just occasionally could we have fried mush, or French toast or perhaps hotcakes? We are so weary of those placid, smiling-eyed double eggs which leer at us from their aluminum beds every, every morning.

SENTINEL STAFF DINES AT G. P.

Twelve members of the Sentinel Staff and other interested individuals had dinner at the Glacier Point Hotel last Wednesday night. This was the first meeting for more than a year and plans were discussed to make the paper more interesting for its many readers.

EMPLOYEE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

After one and one half rounds of play Bob Minerich's Curry Grill team is at the top of the Employee Softball League with 3 teams tied for second while the Dining Room waiters who are valiantly holding up the rest of the league are not out of the race by any means. Just to prove it, they rose up to smite down the leaders, 5-4, behind the steady 5-hit pitching of Bob Johnson who, this past year, was a member of the California Bears' pitching staff.

These games are played every afternoon except Tuesday on the school grounds.

Team Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pctg.
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Ahwahnee Hotel	3	3	.500
Curry Kitchen	3	3	.500
Yosemite Lodge	3	3	.500
Curry Dining Room	2	4	.333

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

With the termination of a recent 1303 housecount, a milestone has been passed in the 1948 season at Camp Curry.

As fair warning to those who have been illegally parking in the restricted zone where buses pull in and out, the Rangers are cracking down and the next one to receive a citation will go before the Park judge.

Trout fishing is a fine sport but it seems that Colleen Bisson of the Curry Pool is going after bigger game; she is taking a few weeks' tuna fishing trip with her father off the coast of Mexico.

Some new developments have come about in the nightly program at Camp Curry. In addition to Maurice Anger's orchestra and the Tennesseans, the entertainment now includes the "540" Boys, the "Diamond G Trio" and the "Melody Marimbas." We failed in the last edition to mention that in addition to being Master of Ceremonies, Harry Harold Harter, Jr., does a little vocalizing now and then. His singing certainly deserves some mention.

For the benefit of those new employees and especially those of the younger generation who have never ridden a bicycle built for two, Mike Berger, keeper of the Curry Bicycle Stand, offers the experience to employees for the paltry sum of 60c per hour. For that, how can you lose? And, as Mike says, you get all this and courtesy, too!

We have been asked why we don't relate some of the stories told by guests in their sincere intention to orient themselves on the Valley; but we don't think it would be fair to tell of the average guest's unfamiliarity with Yosemite Valley's points of interest. And after all, what's funny about perfectly natural questions such as "Where do they light up the waterfall?" or "Which is Glacier Dome and which is Half Point?"

TENNIS TOURNAMENT CANCELLED

The plans announced in the last Sentinel for a husband and wife tennis tournament have gone astray. They went astray mainly because there weren't any entrants—or not enough to make up a tournament. To the three or four couples who indicated that they wanted to enter, promoter Henry Berrey offers his apologies and regrets.

STABLE RETURNS

Helmar Torgenson, Vernon Morris, and Lee Klassenn, a new hand, have left the Valley stables to take over the management of the Tuolumne Meadows stables. They pack the food, wood, etc., into Glen Aulin and Vogelsang High Sierra Camps and, if you already didn't know it, have saddle animals available for pleasure riding. If you get up that way, be sure to drop in and say hello.

Logan Wells, guide and packer, has just completed the opening circuit of the 6-day High Sierra Saddle Trip at the time of this writing and reports a lot of cool weather. The food is fine and the camp operators are swell. May Lake was omitted on this tour because of snow conditions.

Scene on the Trail—

A small, and apparently very tired burro lying in the middle of the trail with a big pack on his back. One amazed but very determined hiker pulling the lead rope and another hiker trying to lift, push or carry the burro to its feet. One of the packers from the stables happened along at this time and offered a little advice that soon showed results. By removing some of the load from the pack, the burro was encouraged to stand up and soon started down the trail. It is a very interesting characteristic of burros to lie down and refuse to move when they think they are overloaded.

The breakfast rides have started again and are very popular with the guests. The horses are taken to the Curry Hitchrack at 7:30 a.m. where they are introduced to the guests. On the last breakfast ride morning one of the guests came dashing up, still groggy with sleep, and said, "My Gosh, what an hour to get up for breakfast! Next time I'm going on the dinner rides!"

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Yosemite Credit Union will move into a new office at the northeast corner of the Lost Arrow Studio by Saturday, July 17, according to George Bailey, Treasurer. The entrance is to be between the Lost Arrow and Best's Studio. George will be there every day Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. to carry on a sizable business for the benefit of local residents.

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N.P.S. NOTES

A good party was held at the Ranger's Club last week as a get-together of all rangers, naturalists and their wives and an opportunity to get acquainted with each other and with the N.P.S. staff. Among those present were Ranger and Mrs. Stanley McComas and Ranger and Mrs. Norman B. Herkenham, both formerly of Shasta Recreation Area and now on the permanent Yosemite ranger force.

Two sons of Newton B. Drury, Director of the National Park Service, are employed this year in the Wawona Blister Rust Camp. The two boys, Hugh W. and Newton B. Jr., came with their friends Barry Brinford and Walter R. Cannon, of Glencoe, Illinois, to go to work among Yosemite's sugar pines.

Dixon Freeland, son of Superintendent Freeland, Shenandoah National Park, and Richard Russell, son of Superintendent Carl Russell, are both working at a blister rust camp near Westfall Ranger Station on the Sierra National Forest. Phillip Persons, son of Chief Clerk Clarence Persons, Region Four office and Bill Godfrey formerly of Yosemite are working on blister rust at Crane Flat. Merle Anderson, son of Ranger Cliff Anderson, formerly of Yosemite is working at Wawona on blister rust. Meredith Glenn, son of Field Auditor Marlow Glenn, is working at the N.P.S. storehouse in Yosemite Valley.

The Yosemite School of Field Natural History is now in session, the first time since the war. Students from many parts of the country are here for the 7-week intensive training course in nature interpretation.

In addition to intensive training in National Park objectives and practical demonstrations of nature guide work in Yosemite Valley, the group will make a 7-day high country trip from Tuolumne Meadows to Vogel-sang and ascend Mt. Lyell under the guidance of Ranger Naturalist Carl Sharsmith.

The Field School will close its program for this year with a picnic for school and staff on August 13.

AROUND THE GENERAL OFFICE

As far as we know, the first fawn of the season appeared last Monday. It was a tiny fellow (?) and could take only three or four steps at a time and then fell in an angular heap.

Pat Woodrow is no longer Pat Woodrow

but Mrs. Boyd Fredrick. They were married on July 10 in San Carlos and have set up housekeeping in a trailer in Camp 6.

Helen Satterstrom has succumbed to the lure of motion picture photography and has purchased a 8 mm camera. Her first effort was a great success.

Parking at the General Office has become more orderly since a white line was painted in front of the sheds. Speaking of being orderly, the old office really shines since the Whitfield brothers, Keith and Stanley, have gone to work. They have given the exterior and interior a minute going over.

Naomi Daugherty, late of the Desert Inn, Palm Springs, where she secretaried for Manager Earl Coffmann, has joined Carol Thompson and Florence Morris in keeping the tour trade going in the Traffic Department. Elsie Elliott, recently retired, now devotes her time to tending her home on wheels.

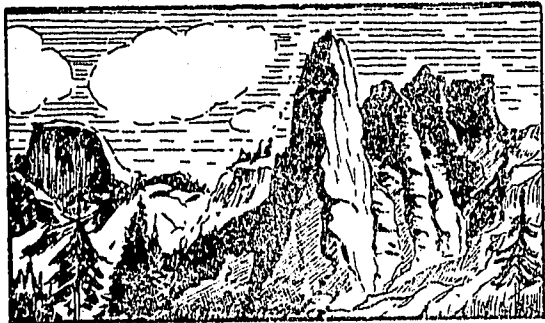
Dana Morgenson found out that a skunk can "skunk" very early in life while admiring the tiny cat at neighbor Brown's house.

One of the best informed Valley tour escorts is Stewart Campbell, of the clean up gang. Stewart gives the Valley tourists a thorough indoctrination on everything encountered.

ASSOCIATION OF STUDENT EMPLOYEES

The Association of Student Employees is again organized and functioning under the leadership of Bob Patten, president, and Justine Clapp, secretary. The council is composed of 12 members representing the various units throughout the valley. They meet once a week with Mr. Ouimet, Mr. Hall and the counselors to discuss plans and suggest ways to make the summer sojourn of the employees a pleasant one. The ball games, the free employee swims, the recreation hall and the laundromats were all an outgrowth of suggestions that originated with the employee council.

At the first meeting, it was proposed and adopted that a suggestion box be placed in each represented unit where employees could hand in ideas which will be evaluated by a committee and voted on by the council, the best on each week to be awarded complimentary dinners for two at The Ahwahnee.



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"HI" GLACIER

Marty Britton made a quick trip to Palo Alto recently to become acquainted with his little daughter, Penelope, known as "Penny" to the Brittons.

Sorry were we to lose Merle Baker, who is now listed on The Ahwahnee staff.

Bertha Baer and her committee deserve reams of praise for their untiring efforts in making the recent Barn Dance such a success. Ingenuity in costuming ran rampant, inhibitions were forgotten, and the rafters rang with "Birdie in the Center and Seven Hands Round. Caw! Caw! Caw!" Punch was served, ice cream (donated by friends) was appreciated, and it was an evening filled with joy and merriment.

"How doth the little busy bee improve each shining hour?" Ask Ralph Hein who treads the night watches so stealthily. His bees, back in Missouri, are even now culling a college education, or rather honey, from the unsuspecting flowers. Ralph also considers himself an authority on Redwoods.

Dennis McElrath, John Osgood, Bob Koravic, Jerry Fraley and Florence Scribner went to Tuolumne Meadows Sunday, enjoyed a delicious luncheon there and also the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, then on to Tioga Pass entrance—delightful, devastating vistas—then back to G.P. in time for dinner.

They are an enterprising group—the employees at Tuolumne Meadows—putting on a two-part show on Sunday evening. First half was a group of vaudeville numbers, the last, a three act play produced and directed by Marjorie Brown and Larry Gilroy.

The Alpha and Omega of the housekeeping department, better known as Alta and Delta, hie to greener pastures on days off. Into best bib and tucker they scramble, to dine where silver gleams and tablecloths are of damask.

The bears become docile, jays cease rau-

cous cawing and even little Mickey Mouse peers from behind a door as Ken McDonald, our genial manager, begins his "Music from the Masters" on the old golden oak piano. He serves a varied musical menu, ranging thru nations, styles and centuries and makes the end of our busy days a soothing symphony.

BLURBS BY BOB BURGESS

If you're an Ogden Nash fan drop in at the Village Store—we have something that will make you chuckle; if you like good candy—drop in anyway. Recently a rather provocative new brand name appeared on the tables, and now there is a whole counter full of candies offering tasty testimony that our friend Nash used more than his share of poetic license when he claimed that "No Mc-Tavish was ever lavish."

According to the latest nose count around the place, there are some better than thirty new faces in the various departments of the store this summer. All of which means that some of the familiar ones are even more conspicuous by their absence. Among the missing are Martha Michaelis, formerly of the drug department, and Jack Danley, the genial greengrocer. Martha became the bride of Roy Cavins, Tuolumne Store manager, on July 15 in Reno and is now assisting Roy in management of the high country emporium. "Pop" Danley terminated his services in the grocery department on the 16th and is now working on Maintenance.

Many of last Sunday's shoppers probably thought the long-expected had finally happened when they saw curls of blue smoke spiralling up and heard the crackle and sputter of flames around Ed Conrad's check stand. However, a broken bottle of bleach, running into the cash register's electrical outlet, was to blame, rather than too many rapid fire transactions.

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CAMP CURRY CAPERS

Camp Curry has settled down to "normalcy" for at this time of year there is neither the adjustments of opening nor the changes that come with closing.

As is the custom, Bob Fram, porter, was presented with a cake and the whole dining room staff sang "Happy Birthday," etc., in his honor. It was all fine except that Bob won't celebrate his birthday until some time next February.

The Beach Party of the year was sponsored by the Grill recently in the form of a Hawaiian Luau. The boys wore bathing suits and the girls donned sarongs. It has been related by a secret source that Mary Leatherman was very indignant that the 100 pound roast pig, served as the main course, weighed more than she did.

Events are occurring daily with standouts in the masses of people visiting Camp Curry but those that stuck in our minds are: The night Ennis Callaway called "Hello, Glacier," the initial words in calling the Firefall, and in the hush that followed, the very faint "Hello, Camp Curry" was heard. But one lady in the crowd couldn't make out the words from Glacier Point and whispered to her companion, "What are they saying up there?" Whereupon, some wit in the crowd nearby yelled out in explanation of the woman's query, "He hasn't got any matches." Then we were recently told of a guest, who, when checking out with the cashier Pat Griffin at the desk, asked her if he should give her the key to his vacated cabin or, "drop it in the mail box like it said on the key."

DAILY CATHOLIC MASSES

Masses are now held daily at the Old Village Chapel at 7:30 a.m., Monday through Saturday, according to Father Eberhardt.

STABLE PICKUPS

Fred Iverson, guide and class instructor, has written two songs which have been published by Hollywood publishers. The titles are, "We Made Love" and "Maybe You Don't Know All You Care to Know." Underground operations are under way to get the Diamond "G" trio to sing them on the program at Camp Curry. The songs have been sung at some of the races and rodeos around the country.

Skeeter Lewallen, former boss of the stables, dropped in to say "hello" and renew old acquaintances recently and was chaperoned by his two daughters. They were greeted at the stables by Sally Knowles Plumb, who was in charge of burro picnics when they were young enough to be steady customers. Sally and Bob Plumb were in the Valley over the Fourth of July and Sally was drafted to work for the rush.

This incident happened some time ago but might prevent another such occurrence by relating it:

The packers were loading their pack animals in preparation for a trip to Merced Lake and had already saddled the horses they were going to ride and tied them to the hitch rail. As usual, there were quite a few on-lookers standing around getting too close to the mules and horses. Repeated warnings failed to do any good, and one of the boys kept coming up behind the animals, petting them. He approached behind one of the saddle horses and frightened it. The horse kicked and struck the boy in the chest, knocking the wind out of him. His father was alarmed and immediately insisted that his son hadn't even been close to the horse. Jess Rust, boss of the stables, came back with the answer, "He must have been close. That horse's legs are only four or five feet long!" Luckily, this person only had the wind knocked out of him and wasn't seriously hurt. Moral of this story—Remember a horse is like the black market—The head is only a front. The "kick-in" is around the back!

FULL MOON FORMAL

August 19, the date of the next full moon. At Glacier Point. Sponsored by the Student Employee Council—Justine Clapp, Bob Patten, Marcia Whitaker, Harry Bronson, Leah

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Spitzmesser, Milton Baker, JoNorien Carlson. Refreshments by Glacier Point Hotel.

The formal dance is on the way to becoming a Yosemite tradition with several very successful formals in past seasons and with plans for another dance as of the above date.

AHWAHNEE NOTES

Bill Beyers, who gives a mean haircut, has taken over operations at The Ahwahnee barber shop. Bill says he's ready to take on all comers between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., daily except Sundays.

Hugh Merritt, the quiet blond who's been "dishing them out" at the Diggings, has a hidden talent that most people don't know about. It seems that Hugh is quite artistic. His specialty is leather work so he's gone to San Francisco to work with a contractor. His job will be to install leather dinettes in a series of new homes that are under construction.

A recent letter from John and Hazel Marsh tells us that he's now working for the Crane Company in San Francisco. John, who held down the Chief Clerk position, will probably drop in to see us this winter since he's a terrific skating enthusiast.

One of the girls in the Gift Shop asked a customer if she could help her. The customer replied that yes, she could, and asked for something or other. Our girl started off to get the desired item, stopped short in her tracks, looked at the customer and said, "Pardon me, but has anyone ever told you that you talk just like Molly of Fibber McGee and Molly?" "I guess so," said the customer. The clerk went on, "Have they ever told you that you look like her, too?" "Could be," said the guest. The clerk thought a while, and finally asked, "ARE you?" "Could be," said the customer, and she was. Fibber was along, too!

New at The Ahwahnee are Ralph Belmain, Forest M. Fulton, Jr., Priscilla Hastings, Dave Laux, Jr., Frieda Newton, Arthur Payne, Dorothy Puckett, Albert Rodman, Victor Soloranzo, Daniel Sullivan, Victor Selman, and Andy Scarbrough.

PUTTING AROUND WAWONA

Life at Wawona is proving far from dull for the employees. Under the sponsorship of Joe Rothman, our chef, we have had moon-

light horseback rides and several beach parties. Jim Dimitri has been responsible for organizing our Sunday evening record concerts that have been enjoyed by guests and employees alike. While we are having our fun, Charlotte Ewing is having her problems trying to keep the guests' children entertained.

Gladys Mee has left us due to the expected arrival of a wee Mee. Lee Damron is pinch-hitting in her place while acting as the bartender also.

We were all glad to see Miss Earls back this year as head of our efficient housekeeping staff.

By the way, if you haven't been out for dinner yet, you should plan a trip soon. All our guests tell us that our food is of the best—and the guest is always right!

Everett Edwards and Ted Hilbourn are in the golf shop again this year, sympathizing with you about "how deep is the rough" as they sell you a box of new balls.

AROUND THE GENERAL OFFICE

Up at Wawona this past week has been Ed Cremen of the Accounting Dept. Rumor has it, of course, that this visit is official business but those in the know claim it's the standard rest cure for worn out accountants.

Also at Wawona, but just for a day of sunshine and a change in eating places, last Sunday were Helen Embroden, Kim Tucker, Carol Thompson and Virginia Spencer. Toward late afternoon some people's sunshine was being taken behind tiny pines five feet in diameter. Tans are surely pink this year.

In the middle of the congestion stirred up by the "540 Boys" at that very fine moonlight dance last Tuesday were many of the office employees. Sorry no names, too dark—late moon you know.

Friday the 16th was cake-cutting day for Fern Ackerson of Paymasters. Fern celebrated her "scrumteenth" with a dinner at The Ahwahnee with plenty of assistance from her sister Evelyn, Betty Corkille, Gloria Glei-forst, and Carol Thompson. The appropriate vocal selection was rendered in 23-part harmony by the famous Ahwahnee Meistersingers, masquerading as waiters, waitresses and busboys tuned in by choirmaster Karl Munson.

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N.P.S. NEWS

Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, a charming near neighbor who has lived many years on her ranch at Big Meadows and has a host of friends in the Park, celebrated her eighty-second birthday Sunday by taking a trip with her son Horace to Glacier Point.

It was exactly sixty-five years ago to the day that Mrs. Meyers, then newly arrived from Ireland, came to Yosemite to go to work as a maid for her uncle James McCauley who operated the Mountain House, the same building now used as a cafeteria at Glacier Point.

Art Holmes is enjoying a visit from his mother while Dorothy is making a trip with Art's sister. Mrs. Holmes is a charming person, well known to many residents of the Valley.

Recent visitors on business in Yosemite were Director of the National Park Service, Newton B. Drury; Supervisor of Concessions O. G. Taylor, one time Park Engineer of Yosemite; Marshall H. Jones, Consultant; Ben Thompson, Special Assistant to the Director, previously a Yosemite employee; and Bob Ludden, Park Planner, all from Washington, D.C. A few days previously, Bill Carnes and Thos. A. Woods of the Division of Development, Directors Office, paid Yosemite a visit. Others from the Region Four office of the NPS included Herb Maier, Associate Regional Director; Al Kuehl, Landscape Architecture; and Lowell Sumner, Region Four Biologist, and Don G. Yeager, Regional Naturalist. The last three participated in the instruction offered to the Yosemite School of Field Natural History.

Office workers in Yosemite Valley have been looking longingly toward the high country above the rim as more and more reports come in from their hiking friends lucky enough to stretch their legs on the trails near timber line.

Last week Marge Kennedy, voiceless for days at the Museum, found her vocal chords in Bloody Canyon while on a strenuous all-day hike with Carl Sharsmith and 43 other outdoor enthusiasts. The group reported extraordinary displays of wildflowers along the trail down to Walker Lake where they were met by a motor caravan organized for that purpose. Under the leadership of Ranger Naturalist Carl Sharsmith, an interesting program of hikes and caravans has been programmed at Tuolumne Meadows this year.

Flo Sedergren, Bertha Thede, Mamie McIntyre, Bona May McHenry, Grace Robinson and Kay Evans, known amongst themselves as the O.L.H.C. (Old Ladies Hiking Club), returned last week from a hiking trip to May Lake and Glen Aulin, taking in Waterwheel Falls, etc. At Glen Aulin they joined Al, Helen and Gail Glass.

They found the food so good at Glen Aulin that someone suggested the happy diners sing a song of appreciation to the excellent cook, Mrs. Killifer. The canvas literally flapped with the resounding vibrations of "She's a jolly good cook, etc." Then a long silence! Instead of seeing Mrs. Killifer's smiling face appear, Mr. Killifer came in to explain that his wife couldn't acknowledge this expression of appreciation, since she was taking a shower at the time. It was about the only time of the day when she could take a shower.

For Sale — NEW Recordio (radio-phonograph-record maker), table model. Contact Eunice Jones at Govt. Center, phone 22M.

SOFTBALL SORTIES

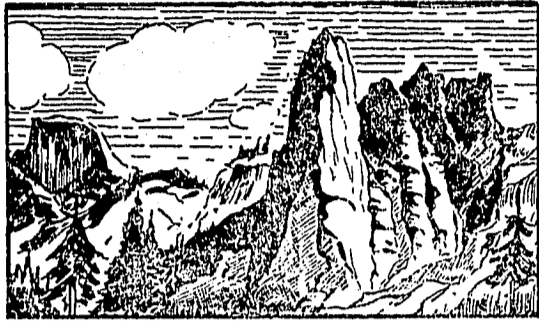
The regular softball schedule comes to an end this Friday, July 30, and the play offs start immediately with the team finishing first playing the third place team. The second and fourth place teams play next. They each play a third game series. Then the winners meet to decide the championship. The race is wide open at present and no team can be counted out.

Team Standings—	Won	Lost	Pctg.
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Ahwahnee	5	5	.500
Curry Main Kitchen	4	6	.400
Curry Dining Room	3	7	.300

EMPLOYEE SHOW

Saturday, August 7, 8:30 p.m. at the Old Village Pavilion. The show "Ah Valley." The show written and directed by Bill Forsberg. Variety acts directed by Alice Leatherman and publicity by Tom Sykes and Bob Hiller.

One of the latest to join the ranks of the "Wee-hour Walkers of Yosemite" is Marshall Stimson who did his first few miles early Monday morning with six pounds, three oz of the Stimson family. All the office gang send their congrats to Doris and Marsh.



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VILLAGE STORE CRACKER BARREL

For a while it looked as though we were going to have a real story for you this issue—all about bulldozers and big doin's in the meadow adjacent to Ye Olde Village Store—but the deal petered out before press time. 'Twould have been welcome news to the harried victims of the local parking problem, too, since there was some talk of the project's possible completion in time to accommodate the Labor Day traffic. However, the 'dozers have disappeared from our meadow leaving a nice big hole in place of what might have been the biggest improvement in the past twenty years. The reason for the work stoppage? Shortages, we were told. It seems that "they" haven't got what it takes to fill up what "they" took out—or sumpin.' Oh well, maybe you will be able to park within walking distance of the store next season!

We've heard of "cots" and "grass" and other quaint colloquialisms in the fruit and vegetable line, but it took Gene (melt-in-your-mouth) Mittelstadt to introduce us to "cants." 'Lopes possibly, but never "cants." Yet that's what the sign says; so if you happen to be in a negative frame of mind and would care to express it at the breakfast table, just walk in and take your pick of the nice ripe "cants" at fifteen cents a pick.

Speaking of signs, have you noticed the festive air the major-domo of the corn stand has given his wares lately? Those dangling pennants, which do double duty in proclaiming prices and directing the store's traffic pattern, are beginning to look like a cross between a fiesta in Taos and a fire sale at the corner drugstore. Whereas this functional festooning may be of some help to the way-faring customer, it seems to present an occupational hazard to the peek-a-boo boys behind the counter as some of the clerks have expressed a fear of developing an "I Spy" complex or of reaching the end of the season with a conditioned bob and weave.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

The Curry front office had a beach party last Tuesday at which Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. Doucette, Ruth Blair, Edna Berkland, William Conrad and most of the front office personnel were in attendance. Speaking of beach parties, we apologize for failing to mention that Ruth Blair and her maid force staged a successful down-by-the-river affair recently.

It has been a big question among the help at Curry—and especially among the porter force—as to why Ennis Calloway so consistently wears that snappy brown hat. The mystery has been solved—some time ago Cal lost his comb and has been so poor since he can't afford to buy another. The foregoing information was obtained from a personal interview.

Dale Ellis of the porters and Bob Reppchen of the Grill have left Camp Curry by way of the John Muir Trail to Sequoia National Park. From there they are going to bask in the sun at Huntington Beach.

Sunday, August 1, Boys' Town played to a delighted co-ed employee crowd. The important occasion centered around the prize boxing ring where the first in a series of bouts was presented. Since this was purely amateur and for exhibition, there were no judges. Robert Reppchen and Paul Snow acted as referees while Norm Derby occupied the timekeeper chair. The enthusiastic and well matched fighters included: Heath Coburn, 135 vs Jay Collins, 133; Paul Gordon, 158 vs Don Taylor, 159; Ernie Esch vs Nick Diez. To round out the afternoon's entertainment, the 540 Boys added to the enjoyment by singing a few special requests.

Those interested in participating in future bouts can sign up with Paul Snow or Nick Diez.

And that's the Curry news to date.

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GENERAL OFFICE

Pal Cupid reared his impish head this past fortnight or so and the results have been marvelous to behold. First, it was Fern Ackerson of Paymasters Office wandering around in a pink cloud when the B.F. showed up on a visit that was not entirely on a sightseeing basis. Then, lo and behold, "Maggie" Taylor of Accounting floated in last Tuesday morning with a diamond ring on the traditional finger—token of esteem and intentions from Doug Thomas. The "oh's" and the "ah's" died down to a mild rumble by noontime and business struggled along. We haven't seen this in print yet, so here goes—Looks like the Taylors have made a clean sweep of it. Sister Nancy also sports a diamond on third finger, left hand—lucky man—Bob Maynard. A novel announcement (by orchestral dedication) of the Camp Curry dance one evening, while Nancy pretended she was soooo mad, let the cat out of the bag. Also in the late summer romance department are Bruce Prentice of Accounting and Jeanette Portal of Paymaster, who, according to my "square-cornered watch bird" are to be married Saturday, August 21 in the Old Village Chapel. Then around Thanksgiving we can look for Stu Cross of the Curry Front Office and Lenore Oehlmann of Personnel to middle-aisle it. Lenore is an ex-Cal girl and Stu is taking his MA in History at Stanford, which should make their discussions during the football season interesting if not historical. Congrats to all concerned!

If you have any business to do with the File Department in the next few weeks, you had better wear dark glasses. Seems as though the local lassies are plugging the "Queen of the Mariposa County Fair" drive, by selling chances on a very fine radio—drop over and see. The fair is an old tradition with

Valley residents and provides plenty of color and activity, with fun for all. The File Department, incidentally, under the apt guidance of Pat Fredrick (recently Woodrow, you know) is doing an excellent job of record maintenance. Contributing plenty of talent to this job are Dorothy Jones, Marilyn Oakley, Dorothy Kirk, Arden Peterson, and Ann Barrett. With this crew, things are really buzzing—and the work too, Ann.

A little bit out of the General Office, but still within the family, is Amos Neal, long know to Valley residents as the spark plug of Wawona (how's that, Mac?) and more recently as manager of the Los Angeles Office. Amos leaves shortly for Saudi Arabia. Good luck on the new job, Amos!

Amos will be replaced in the Los Angeles Office by Jerry Crowley, of Accounting.

"AH VALLEY" A GREAT HIT

The S.R.O sign was hung in front of the Old Village Pavilion for the performance of Bill Forsberg's "Ah Valley" last Saturday night. Satirizing everyday life in Yosemite, "Ah Valley" followed the tourist through a series of typical adventures and misadventures in the Valley.

The first half of the show consisted of a series of black outs followed by variety acts by local people.

Giving their time and talent were: Joe Meredith, Alice Leatherman, Bill Gunther, Mary Broderick, Drew Terramorse, Alice Marchi, Bill Martin, Marion Holmgren, Bill Moody, Kim Tucker, Joe Fournier, Halleson family, 540 Boys, Art Lind, Barbara Nichols, Jo Anna Nix, Kay Vyn, Marguerite Radigan, Ian Zellick, Stew Hoefle, Bob Maynard, Flo Sedergren, Chuck Richards, Don Whipple, Bob Gorman, Katheryn Clark, Kay Thomas.

Joe Meredith acted as MC for the "Camp Curry Show."

Helen Satterstrom, Helen Bradford and Virginia Perry served at the coke bar before the show and during intermission.

Alex Zaepffel operated the lights.

Appreciation is expressed to the several people who cooperated so fully in helping to make an evening's entertainment. A special vote of thanks goes to the Maintenance crew, Bob Hiller who handled the publicity, Leona Green, Ruth Blair, Helen French, Gordon Buchanan and Dick Connett.

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HI—GLACIER!

Virtually thousands have climbed Half Dome; hundreds have scaled its precipitous angle at sunrise; scores have viewed the moon rise from its top, but I'll vouch not many have made the ascent, barefooted. So— to John Osgood, who now graces the Hotel staff, belong the laurels. He's still extracting granite slivers from his feet.

The tall, blond and handsome ranger one sees at the Point, scattering seeds of Park knowledge to a hungry tourist populace is Marvin Ward from San Jose.

Mrs. Baughman, our versatile housekeeper, who can also sell postcards or salads with equanimity, is enjoying a visit from her husband. He is pleasantly at home in a trailer at the camp site.

The recent "mellowdramer," in black face, staged by the busboys and those on K.P. was a riot. A number of local people were depicted in humorous skits and much credit is due guest Larry Fraley, who arranged stage props.

Hot popcorn, sandwiches and punch were dispensed by Chef Charlie. An hour of dancing followed the show and everyone was very happy.

Mrs. Marty Britton and Penny of Palo Alto are occupying a tent-bungalow at Tip-Top camp until Ranger Britton completes his season's work with the National Park Service here.

We are anticipating, with much pleasure, the coming social highlight on August 19—the Moonlight Sonata, or annual formal ball. We'll be happy to cooperate with the committees in charge and will do everything possible to make the affair as huge a success as it has been in former years.

An embryo Paderewski has joined the Cafe ranks and enchanting bits of melody are wafted through the halls. Pete Weiss plays a diverse program. His repertoire is extensive but in the Strauss waltzes he excels.

Special Notice to Draft Registrants

We have been advised by the Selective Service that arrangements have been made for employees of the Park Service and the Company, eligible for the draft, to register in Yosemite. You will be advised later of the date and time an official of the Selective Service will be in the Valley to register you.

GLACIER POINT FORMAL DANCE

Blue Moon will be the theme of the formal dance at Glacier Point Thursday, August 19. According to the co-chairman, Bob Patten and Justine Clapp, plans for the dance are near completion and a capacity crowd of employees is expected. A great deal of interest is being shown in the corsage and boutonniere making contest for girls. Two dinners at The Ahwahnee will be awarded the girl who makes the winning corsage and boutonniere. This traditional formal promises to be a gala affair and it is rightly anticipated as the "high spot" of the season.

FROM HERE AND THERE

An evening of serious music is planned for park dwellers and their friends for Monday evening, August 23. The program will be given by employees and will consist of both vocal and instrumental works.

Featured on the concert will be a mixed choir of twenty voices which will present a well varied program of choral works of outstanding composers.

This summer concert will be presented at 9 p.m. at the School House. There will be no admission charge.

STORK NEWS

The stork has been a very busy bird since the last Sentinel. To the Claude Cottrells was born Daniel Lynn; to the Clark Waters, Glen Michael; to the Glenn Reeses, Karen; to the Nicholas Brocchinis, Linda Marie; to the Clarence McIntoshs, Jo-Nell; to the Willard Meltons, Dorothy; to the "Tex" Ihlenfeldts, a daughter—score two boys, five gals.

BARGAINS FOR SALE

1944 Ford Jeep, house trailer. Trailer sleeps two. Fully equipped, Butane stove. May be seen in Camp 11. Ask ranger in charge for location, or call Ranger Van Bibber at Crane Flat.

1936 Chevrolet Coupe. Good tires and motor. 450 bucks. Call O. L. Wallis, Camp 19.

1941 Plymouth Coupe. Call Art Holmes, 26W. 1940 Cadillac Sedan. Call David Curry at 88. Ladies Golf Clubs, Nos. 9, 5 and 8. \$5 for the set. Call 20.

A completely rebuilt boy's bicycle with new wheels, pedals, etc., for \$20. See Pete Robinson or phone 9W.

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N.P.S. NEWS

Visiting the May Lake High Sierra Camp over the past weekend were Will and Margaret Ellis, Bill and Laverne Ellis, Sherwood and Ethel Spurgin, and Bill and Alma Breckenkamp. The group reported having a wonderful time, even though the night was unusually cold.

Vernon Lowery, formerly a ranger in Yosemite, returned to the Park with his family and set up camp for them in Camp 14. Millie and the two girls will be here for a worthwhile vacation while Vern returned to work in the Bay region. The Lowerys recently returned from Grand Canyon where they were the guests of the Lon Garrisons.

Of more than special interest is the visit this week of Mr. Atwater Kent and his friends Commander and Mrs. E. D. Langworthy. Mr. Kent is one of the most gracious visitors we have ever met. From the moment he arrived in the new Y. T. S. plexiglass limousine to have a late breakfast at The Ahwahnee, he showed keen interest in everything about him. He is especially interested in nature and the out-of-doors, and this undoubtedly had something to do with his generous gift to the National Park Service of a complete sound-track color motion picture on Yosemite which is nearing completion by Ted Phillips, former camera man for Burton Holmes Travelogues.

The morning Mr. Kent arrived he met Director of the National Parks Newton B. Drury who, with Mrs. Drury was here for the weekend, and posed for a short motion picture scene with Mr. Drury and Dr. Russell.

In case you haven't noticed, Yosemite had more visitors during July than any other month in the history of the Park. There were 3,000 more visitors this July than last year's record-breaking month. This year's total for July set a new high mark of 179,519. Travel over the Tioga Road is far ahead of any previous year despite the narrow winding 21 mile section which brings to the faces of the eastern motorists every conceivable expression from wry humor to downright disgust.

The picnic for the Yosemite School of Field Natural History held by the naturalist staff for the members at Camp 19 last Sunday evening was attended by about 75 people. One of the interesting features of the program were accounts given by various members of the school of unusual happen-

ings on the recent high country trip—and believe me they were unusual!

During this week the Field Schoolers are taking the places of naturalists in their regular interpretive programs such as nature walks, campfire programs at Camp 14, and geology talks in the Museum, so giving the staff further opportunity to appraise their abilities. Regional Naturalist Dorr G. Yeager is again with the Class during the final week of work.

AHWAHNEE

Yup, the summer is nearly over, and by way of commemorating the change in seasons, a Farewell-to-Summer Dance will be held at The Ahwahnee tennis courts this Friday night from 9 to 11:30. The theme this time will be of the garden party setting, with colored lights, Japanese lanterns, garden furniture, etc., with a good moon thrown into the picture. Dress regulations will be the same as they are at Camp Curry, and in case you haven't noticed it, there's been a definite chill in the air these days so get your woolies out of mothballs. Admission will be .60 per person, including tax, and seeing as how it's Leap Year, we see no reason why the young ladies shouldn't ask bashful gentlemen who hesitate too long in popping the question—"will you dance with me?"—that is. Those of us who went to The Ahwahnee 49'er Dance last month are really looking forward to another evening of fun.

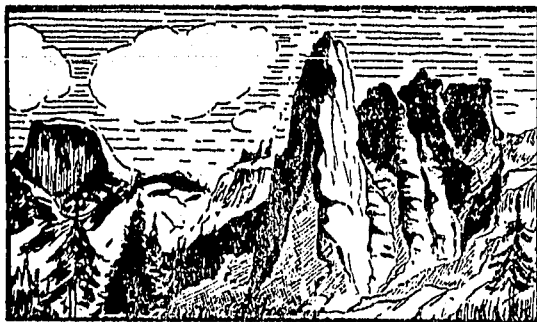
RECREATION NOTES

As this Sentinel issue goes to press the 30 game softball schedule has been completed with Bob Minerich's classy Grill team landing on top in a very close race.

The Shaughnessy playoff has resulted in the Grill beating the Lodge in two straight games while the Curry Kitchen edged The Ahwahnee team in a two out of three series winning the rubber game 6-5. The Grill and Kitchen teams are now in the final two out of three playoff series.

Team Standings—	Won	Lost	Pctg.
Grill	8	4	.667
Lodge	7	5	.583
Ahwahnee	7	5	.583
Kitchen	5	7	.416
Dining Room	3	9	.250

ATTENTION, KIDS! The Yosemite School will reopen on September 7. Hurrah!



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ELTON MURPHY AWARDED THOMSON SCHOLARSHIP

The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship was awarded last week to Elton Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Murphy, according to Sterling Cramer, President of the Scholarship Commission. Elton was graduated from the Mariposa High School this past spring and plans to attend the College of Pacific in Stockton this fall semester. Under the terms of the scholarship, he will receive \$25.00 per month during his freshman year in college.

Originated in 1934 as the Yosemite Scholarship Commission, the program was the idea of Col. C. G. Thomson, Superintendent of the Park at that time. Shortly after Col. Thomson's death in 1937 the commission was renamed in his memory. Since its inception, its purpose has been to provide a scholarship for students whose parents are residents of Yosemite and selection is made on the basis of scholarship, leadership, health, personality and general aptitude.

On the Commission at the present are: S. S. Cramer, President; Homer Robinson, Vice President; F. C. Alexander, Sec.-Treas.; Members; H. Oehlmann, Mrs. Ansel Adams, Mrs. John Loncaric, D. E. McHenry, Emil Ernst and Dana Morgenson.

Funds to support the scholarship are raised from benefits, such as motion pictures. On September 10 the color picture "Anchors Aweigh" will be presented at the Old Village Pavilion. Tickets will be sold in advance by Yosemite Grammar School students.

Lee Foxhoven of the Accounting Dept. and Dick Clark, manager of the Yosemite Lodge Standard Station recently announced their engagement and their plans to be married in Fresno in October. They will leave the Valley and move to Fresno where Dick has a new position with Standard.

YTS WINS AGAIN

Smart heads up baseball comes out on top again—Bill Conrad's Curry porters fail to break drivers one game winning streak!

On August 18, at the Grammar School ball field the YTS drivers (North Yosemite) trampled Bill Conrad's porters (South Yosemite) by the one sided score of 14-13. A game played at 9:30 in the morning and not publicized due to the limited seating capacity at the ball field.

It was a ding dong battle until the last half of the first inning when the drivers put on the power and scored 10 (ten) runs. It was at this stage of the game that Captain and Pitcher Bill Conrad decided to throw with his right hand. The only thing that he put out up to then was his cigar.

However, the Porter Power was not to be denied and going into the final inning found themselves leading by three runs.

With the drivers putting on the old college try in their last turn at bat, and the writer (YTS member) in to umpire, four runs were scored, winning the game.

Captain Conrad issued an official protest on a certain play that came up in the last inning when three drivers scored who, for some reason, had never been to bat. In all fairness and with true sportsmanship at stake, the umpire, who had the last word, made the only honest decision by denying the protest.

In a statement after the game, Captain Conrad said: "I put in every ringer I could find but we just didn't have it in us. The best team won. Hmmmmm!"

Captain Land of the YTS said: "We had the Bums all the way. How could we lose?"

For Sale—1934 Ford coupe, \$350. See Bob Mills, Ahwahnee Sweet Shop. A bargain. Drive it away. We can't.

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LODGE NOTES

The Lodge is a busy place with a capacity house every night. Lena Schweifler, Chief Clerk, is working on a system whereby she can extend tents to hold up to three families, but as yet has reported no solution.

Not only are there too many guests, but at times, a few too many bears. The other evening Bill Mitchell was marooned in his tent by a large black bear which refused to move from his doorstep. The next door neighbor wandered over and said, "Good Evening, Mr. Mitchell" three times before making a bee-line for the brightly lighted rest room where she remained for some time behind a locked door.

There is also a nightly argument between a black bear with twins and a cinnamon bear with one pampered cub. Any loud noise in the late evening is a signal for everyone to pile out and watch the argument over the garbage.

Claire Degan, four-foot Lodge pool mascot, has taught herself to swim this season. Almost every day she gives diving exhibitions in the three-foot deep water. These are enjoyed by all the watchers except those who wonder when, if ever, she comes up for air.

We have reports that a feud is in progress between the horse "Rhumba" and Yvonne Bordegaray, lifeguard. Yvonne prides herself on her riding skill and was much embarrassed to suddenly find herself sitting on "Rhumba's" head — while the Valley Tour car snapped pictures of the strange "seat."

Mrs. Brown, of Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, visited here while on a trip to see Dr. Sturm. She left with a pocket full of pills, and the best wishes of those who worked with her here last spring.

Lodge employees enjoyed themselves at the

Glacier Point Formal. Joanna (Olga, the beautiful spy) Nix, appeared in a Victorian inspired gown made from a few yards of remnants, an enormous bustle and plenty of hope. Merrymakers Don Huff and Bea Edwards gave such a hearty cheer after PUSHING their struggle buggy up to the Point that those in authority investigated them for unduly disturbing the peace. Bea claimed her best summer formal hasn't been the same since, but she still speaks to Don.

Ever since her triumphant appearance in a local dramatic effort, Marguerite Radigan, Lodge Cafe checker has been graciously accepting major compliments. It was her first try at acting, and she showed professional spirit and "oomph." Her jitterbugging after the performance was something only the privileged few saw; it was more of a riot than her stage performance. Incidentally, Marguerite has the biggest and finest collection of earrings in the Valley. Girls take note as you go through the line.

Hilmer Oehlmann, Jr., is limping these days; he dived into water much too shallow for such a tall lad.

Faces are changing rapidly on the Lodge staff. School is the thing these days, and although we hate to see so many going back to the old hard grind, we are pleased to welcome all newcomers.

CAMP CURRY

With Labor Day just around the corner, Camp Curry is ready for the last lap of this year's season.

Frank McKenna is leaving shortly to take a position with U.S. Steel.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Doucette are at Wawona Hotel, probably to finish out the hotel's season there.

Lee Brazitis, ex-Curry porter and dining room captain at The Ahwahnee is now handling cafeteria matters at Camp Curry.

We think a little congratulatory note is in order for the Curry Grill who, after a long and hard but very successful season came out on top of the soft ball league this year. This is the second consecutive year the Grill has taken the title. Although it's still unofficial, Jack Hightower, Curry porter who plays first base for the Grill, is said to have had the highest batting average this year.

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CAMP 16 NEWS

With a daily inspection of the food situation by the bears its major attraction, Camp 16 is coming into the season's home stretch with flying colors. Manager R. B. McGovern says, "This place reminds me of a circus," and none of his subordinates has had the nerve to contradict him.

The front desk this year has been about equally divided between greenhorns and old-timers, but the guests do not seem to have suffered any more than usual. As chief clerk, Howie Arnold has greeted new arrivals with his usual "Do you fish?" while Ellen Hall cuts in with some remark on the cultural value of horseback riding. It is Bert Baker's friendly question, "Mr. & Mrs.?" to a couple of registering male guests which is considered classic, however.

Adding to the efficient confusion, have been cashiers Franklyn "Buzz" Renick and Dan Arzac, the former a Montana boy who drives a yellow convertible, and the latter a straight-A St. Mary's campus politico from Mexico City. As night auditor Tom Coddington lectures to late arrivals on mountaineering or on medicine, which he studies at Stanford. On week ends, John "Windy" Cameron helps write accounts.

Under Frank Eubank, the Camp 16 stand has steadily served ice cream and pop, but no beer, to a thirsty public. Mark Forrester is a UCLA psychology major, and Tom Andrews is a Denver radio-television student. Bill "Haircut" Geisler is a pre-dental student from San Jose State, while Lowell "Sad Sack" Aitken only recently left Cal's summer ROTC camp.

Others who have enlivened the otherwise obscure Housekeeping unit are porters Dan Mitchell, Jerry Andrews, Ron Deane, John Pazin and Walt Emerson; and yardmen Budd Johnson, Speed Garcelon, Butch Taylor, Bob Adams, Bambi Estes, Bob Earsley and model train fan Sandy Sanders. Jim Blaine has industriously washed pots for every nice looking female guest, age 22 or under.

Housekeeper Hilda "Sis" Rust is at the head of a group of exceptionally pretty maids. Jean McKee, Betty Pinnell, Helen Andrew, Peg Youngstrom, Marge Williams, Martha Williamson, Fay Crewes, Leah Spitzmeyer and Therese Marion comprise this year's roster. In the mornings they indus-

triously ready tents for the guests, and in the afternoons they are released to decorate the camp's famous beaches.

One fire has provided Camp 16's only excitement this year. A sight like last week's bear scurrying off with an ice box, a guest and two porters in hot pursuit, is not an uncommon one.

Y.P. and C. Co. ALUMNUS IN GERMANY

Dick Gibson, former manager of the Los Angeles office and who returned to active duty with the Army Air Forces, is now helping fight the "cold war" in Europe. Dick flies a B-29 on the air lift into Berlin and reports that he has hauled everything from sacked potatoes to coal.

PICKUPS AT THE STABLES

Former guide and packer Al Kay and wife were in for a visit recently. Al has a ranch and motel down San Diego way. He kept all the boys goggle-eyed with his fancy rope twirling and now all the ropes around the stables have disappeared. We suspect there's a lot of practicing going on behind the barn.

Due to a recent shortage of pack burros, it was necessary to press one of the small mules, Agate, into pack mule work. The hiker who was going to use him happened to be a cook by profession. He reported that one morning, while cooking breakfast, he happened to notice Agate looking at him with a very hungry look and, wanting to keep the association as pleasant as possible, offered Agate a hot cake. The hot cake was good, and Agate's appetite was good. So much so, the guest found it necessary to stay in the same same camp site for three days before he was able to get any breakfast himself.

With the High Sierra Camps closing for the season, we would like to offer a vote of thanks from the cowboys and hundreds of "dudes" who have been guests of the camps.

To the McAuliffes at May Lake and Dot Higgenbotham and Margery Ellingwood; to the Killefers and Pat Ward and Don Ashe of Glen Aulin; to "Ma" and "Pa" Johnson and their children Annette Deweese, Stuart Robertson and Emily Steele at Vogelsang; to the Browns at Tuolumne and all their hands; to the King and Queen of Merced Lake, Bill and Edna Schmidt, assisted by Shirley Findlay and Al Allen.

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Senior Ranger Naturalist Herbert Anderson recently made a trip to the Audubon Nature Camp near Lake Tahoe for the purpose of giving illustrated lectures on "The Interdependency of Denizens of the Yosemite Forests." Anderson left Yosemite on September 1 to resume his position as a Bakersfield high school teacher.

For the past weeks one of the most popular features of the interpretive program at the Yosemite Museum has been the Indian Demonstration held every day of the week at 3 p.m. Lucy Telles has been contributing her time to show visitors how Indian baskets are woven, and Chief Le-me has reconstructed the sweat house and o-chums, installed a ceremonial drum log, and given chants and dances of the Miwok Indians. His very informal talks about Indian ways have been appreciated by large audiences daily.

Miss Virginia Meeker has started donating her time as a clerk-stenographer to the Yosemite Natural History Association for a period of five weeks while Marge Kennedy is vacationing in the north country.

Among the many who have hiked into the High Sierra this summer were Bruce and Keith McHenry and their friend from Washington, D.C., Napier Shelton. The three set out from Tuolumne Meadows over the John Muir Trail, hiked to Devil Postpile and then southward through the McGee Creek Pass near Round Valley where they were met by car. In addition to regular back-packing supplies, Napier carried sketch pads and artist materials, since he has considerable talent with the brush.

Everything is being put in readiness for the opening of the local grammar school on September 7. New fluorescent lighting fixtures are being installed in all of the class rooms, while the older fixtures are being used in other places. New floodlights will light the stage, and there are reports of new blackboards to be ready.

Miss Marie Geiselhart is the new teacher from San Jose where she graduated from San Jose State Teachers College several years ago. She has taught at Carmel and Salt Lake City and comes to Yosemite highly recommended.

Mrs. Jane Wilder, principal, and Mrs. Lester Shorb will complete the teaching staff of the grammar school.

Have you wondered what the big truck and spray rig was doing along the Yosemite Valley meadows recently? It was a project for spraying 24-D on the Klamath Weed, a serious pest in many parts of the northwest that has invaded California and, unless it is curbed, promises to cause considerable trouble. The weed not only crowds out other more desirable plants, but in addition leaves dead resinous stocks that result in a serious fire hazard.

Already the effects of the spray have been noted, and there is every indication of success wherever it was applied

REGISTRATION for SELECTIVE SERVICE

All persons who were born after August 30, 1922 and before September 19, 1930 must register under the Selective Service Act.

For the convenience of the registrants in Yosemite National Park the following places have been officially designated as registration points:

Administration Building, Government Center—Joseph H. Kelstrom, Registrar.

General Office, Yosemite Park and Curry Co.—H. K. Ouimet, Registrar.

Wawona Blister Rust Camp—Fred A. Biedleman, Registrar.

Crane Flat Ranger Station—John M. Mahoney, Registrar.

Registration places will be open from August 30 to September 18, 1948, inclusive.

The place given by the registrant as his residence will determine the local board which will have jurisdiction over the registrant.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The stork must have been on a three day pass because he didn't have but one bundle for the Valley since the last Sentinel. To the Kenneth Longs, a son, Robert Terry, was born on August 20.

Dick Ditton surprised everyone by returning to work six days after having his appendix snipped out. Must have been the expert job of the Drs. and the careful handling of Judy, Brad and Mrs. Ditton.

Mrs. Russ Powell is recuperating in the hospital after a whirl at surgery.

Emma Mullen is now on vacation in Europe and will visit England, France and Germany. We hope she enters every interesting item in her little diary.



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FIRE FIGHTERS BATTLE FLAMES VALIANTLY

What many oldtimers believe to be the largest and most costly fire in the history of Yosemite National Park was finally brought under control in the Rancheria Mountain area a few days ago.

The fire started at Pate Valley around 11 a.m. Thursday, September 9. It was possibly caused by a smoker, at any rate it was definitely man-caused. Trail crew foreman Finley Crowthers took his crew from Pate Valley, found a half acre fire burning on one side of the Tuolumne River and a one and half acre fire burning on the other. With the help of three campers, and the most valiant efforts, they were able to confine the fire to the north side of the river at Pate Valley.

No reports reached the Valley about any fire until the next day when five fire lookouts reported smoke almost simultaneously. Joe Williams, at Crane Flat lookout, was the first to report it, the others quickly followed. Immediately the five nearest fireguards and rangers were dispatched by boat up the lake followed by crews from the two blister rust camps, Crane Flat and Wawona.

The first fire camp was established on Rancheria Mountain, and a contingent of employees from the Valley was sent in, together with forty pick-up laborers recruited by the Forest Service at Stockton.

Noteworthy was the wonderful response by everyone concerned in assisting the National Park Service during the serious crisis. Every individual and organization was anxious to help in any way they could to control the rapidly developing fire.

Other fire camps were established as the increasing needs arose. At one time there were ten fire camps operating, a situation never before experienced in Yosemite.

Fanned by a strong wind, the fire spread by leaps and bounds in spite of all efforts to stop it. One day the fire leaped across Piute Creek to start a large spot fire some distance to the east.

The Army at Fort Ord sent 220 men of Co. D, 22nd Infantry, 4th Division, under the leadership of Captain Ernest W. Lee. They did remarkable work in combatting the fire. Many of the men were new recruits of only a few months experience, yet they performed their services like veterans of many campaigns.

It is impossible to tell in one short story the many outstanding developments, the superhuman efforts expended under the most adverse conditions in some of the rockiest, most difficult terrain. One would have to have been in the thick of the smoke, have seen canyon after canyon explode with blow-ups as the fire swept relentlessly to the tops of the ridges, to fully appreciate what was done. One oldtimer remarked after hours of exhausting fire fighting: "I have fought many a fire in and around Yosemite, but this one was the MEANEST one I ever saw!"

The area was difficult of access and the problem of supplying the men was great. A constant stream of pack trains and trucks carried them the necessary tools and supplies.

The greatest number of men on the fire at any one time was 437. The area burned consisted of about 15,000 acres of forest and brush-covered slopes extending west from Pate Valley. Expensive and disastrous as the fire proved to be, Yosemite is fortunate in that the fire did not get into the priceless sugar pine forests, nor burn through to the north rim of the Valley.

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"HI—GLACIER"

Past season theme song of the Studio was "Skeleton crew, stocks depleted. We've carried on undefeated." Familiar faces have faded away—gay greetings no longer echo through the corridors. Scattered like aspen leaves are those with whom we worked and played during this busy season.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Johnson have arrived to take charge and their assisting force consists of Becky and Frank Payne, Chef Hostettler, "Rusty" Romero, Pat Collins, Nettie Clark and Tony Calabrese.

Viola Russell and Enid Swanson are now persuading customers to purchase post cards, puppies, periodicals at the Yosemite Lodge Studio in their customary manner.

A gay party for the employees of Glacier was staged around a snapping fire recently. It was the farewell gesture to summer's activities. Jack Roberts, who has been stoking our furnaces, related tall tales of his familiar haunt, the salty sea. Cherry Boles, or facetiously called "Just a bowl of cherries" did a charming Hawaiian number, bare-footed—naturally. Tony and Pat gave us songs in their inimitable style and Scribbie gave her Bubble Dance. Topping all were delicious cakes and coffee and then as a finale, all of us sang "Should Auld Acquaintance . . ."

Ken McDonald, our host the past season, is contemplating an extensive tour through the Scandinavian countries and England. We expect to be informed of his travels by colored post cards saying: "Having wonderful time. Wish you were here."

Florence Scribner, as manager of the Studio, has just completed a very successful season and is now employed at the Yosemite

Lodge Studio. She will leave on September 30 for several weeks of enjoyment at San Francisco, with concerts, plays and the opera on her "to do" list and then return to the Valley for the winter.

Thank you for bearing with your correspondent from Glacier. Like Capistrano's swallows, we shall be with you again in the spring!

"BULL WHIP" LEDSON RIDES AGAIN

Because all the strong young men of the Valley were out on the fire line when it came time to dismantle the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, Maintenance found itself short of much-needed help. So your editor was recruited to help. They were *that* desperate!

Putting all the tents, furniture and general gear away for winter is like fitting together a great jig-saw puzzle. There's a minimum of storage space and it takes considerable engineering to make it all fit.

Syd Ledson, known in the Yosemite Creek area as "Take it easy, Amigo" knows where each individual item belongs. We helped in the chore of stowing all the mattresses in a cubicle which was obviously too small to hold half of them. However, assisted and encouraged by Bob Minerich and John Loncaric, we filled the room and, lo and behold, there was still room to open the door to get out. Next came the gathering and storing of a lot of (several thousand at least) iron beds. "They go in there," said Ledson, cracking his bull whip. "They won't at all," we muttered inaudibly. But they did, with at least a quarter of an inch to spare. Every tent fly and tent that came down was inspected thoroughly, rolled just so, marked and stored so that the last one that went in comes out first—naturally. Every cabinet and case was filled before it was tucked away.

So let the winter winds blow and the snow come, Brother Ledson has everything ready at Tuolumne.

FOR SALE — Man's Schwinn New World bicycle—\$35.00.

Set Ludwig Drums, complete—\$75.00.

Pair Balley Ski Boots, size 9—\$20.00.

Contact Bobby Eckert.

FOR SALE—New Baldwin Spinnet. \$680.00.

Cash or terms. No down payment. See G. Adams—the Spoon.

VILLAGE STORE CRACKER BARREL

(Ed's note). Bob Burgess, who wrote the "Cracker Barrel" column, has left his cash register for other parts. Bob is studying journalism and judging from his contributions to our little paper, will be heard from some day. This is published sort of postdeparture.

There are many obvious signs of summer's end other than the chilly evenings and the cold mornings. Yosemite's Big Splash could scarcely qualify as a Little Squirt these days, the once rushing Merced River now has a big percentage of its bottom on top, and the meadows are beginning to get brown. These indications of the tag end of the season direct one's thoughts along a where-do-we-go-from-here-boys line, and consequently a one man Gallup poll (conducted at a slow walk) was undertaken to see what the fall and winter months have in store for some of the hired hands hereabout.

So here's the dope on 'For Whom the School Bell Tolls.' San Mateo J.C. will claim three of our number: Berkley Baker, Frank Clawson, and Dick Wrenn. Four former Villagers will 'winter' at Cal.; Chuch Driscoll, Betty Luippold, and Roy Grimm are all returning to Berkeley, while Bob Chapman will report to U.C.'s Santa Barbara campus. Across the Bay from the Berkeley bunch will be Bob Hiller, boning up on forestry at San Francisco City College. Wally Armstrong and Creed Jenkins have already left our fold for a bit of recreation prior to returning to U.S.C. Meanwhile, Henry Begin is flipping a coin to decide between Cal and Georgetown. Be it heads or tails, Hank and Aaron Seandel will pick up where they left off at L.A. City College, while Elton Murphy will begin his studies as a Phys Ed. major at College of the Pacific, and Harold Stetzenmeyer returns to Compton J.C. Incidentally, your Cracker Barrel correspondent will be heading for "Show-Me" territory to learn a little something about the news as she should be writ.

Well, it's been an interesting summer, and our own Passing Parade here at the Village Store has varied enough to make any Nesbitt sit up and take notice. We've had just about everything—from Mr. America and his bulging buddies to bewhiskered Nature Boys, plus the biggest traffic-stopper of them all, a pet raccoon on leash. Perhaps, with four

journalism students in the school-bound party, someone will make something of "Col." Ring's suggestion about a book entitled "The Wild Customers I Have Known."

STORK BUSY

The hospital correspondent reports busy times in the new arrival department. Robert Terry Long arrived August 20 for the Kenneth Longs; Curtis Mallory Bauman, September 1 for the Art Baumans; Michael James Cloward, September 14, for the Dee Clowards; Kristin Marie Palmeri, September 15, for the Anthony Palmeris; William Larry Appling, September 21, for the Vern Applings. Glad to note a good predominance of young men in the crowd. And last, but not least, to the Russell Eddys, a girl, Tissa (Yosemite Indian Tissa-ack) on September 25.

TAYLOR-MAYNARD NUPTIALS

Nancy Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Taylor, and Bob Maynard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard of Los Angeles, were married by a candlelight ceremony at the Old Village Chapel at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 18. The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her sister, Margaret Ann as maid of honor with Betty Lou Stuart and Charlotte Ewing bridesmaids. The groom had as his best man Bud Knudsen, with Doug Thomas and his brother Blanchard Maynard as ushers.

The bride wore a gown of white pique with a shoulder length veil and the maid of honor a gown of gold. The bridesmaids wore turquoise.

Organ music for the ceremony was played by Nancy Loncaric and Virginia Adams sang. Although their honeymoon destination was somewhat of a secret, it was hazarded that they were Carmel-bound.

IN THE MAIL

We had a note from ex-curio warehouseman Al Babb who is now with the Textan Leather Co. in Los Angeles. Al reports that during one of the unaccountably warm days there recently, he went home and turned on his television set (the leather business must be good!) and on the screen, if that's what it's called, saw the one and only "Sun and Snow." That bit of nostalgia is what prompted the letter and Al says he will see us when Badger Pass comes into its own again.

N.P.S. NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Tex Ihlenfeldt, their son Bryant and newly-arrived Doris Elaine left Yosemite a few days ago for Atascadero where Tex will be in charge of a Richfield Service Station.

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Wally Wallis will be leaving soon to take over his new position as ranger at Lake Mead Recreational Area.

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Announcements have been received of the marriage of Elizabeth "Bab" Godfrey to Wallace V. Baker, Chief of the Concessions Division of the Region Four office of the National Park Service. The happy couple was married on Sunday, September 12.

THIS AND THAT

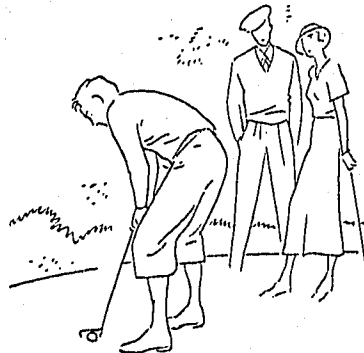
A lady reporter attending the Travel Agents Convention was completely taken by Bob Robinson's floral arrangements. After examining all of his creations, she couldn't rest until she had met him. This accomplished, she collared him for several hours while he patiently explained the ingredients of each piece. She seemed much more impressed with his flowers than with the fancy leis and baby orchids that the Hawaiians supplied.

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A tragic event took place during the forest fire, news of which came to the Sentinel office. Bob Barnett, sometime before the fire began had asked for a few days off, reason undisclosed. Then came the fire and out went Bob with a pack train. It finally turned out that he had planned to be married during the week and had practically left his bride waiting at the altar.

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We had occasion to talk to many members of the A.S.T.A who were here for their gathering. They are by no means babes in the woods when it comes to traveling and staying in hotels, etc. So, to The Ahwahnee staff and all concerned with helping make their meeting successful, we pass along the sense of their remarks—"that they have never seen a more cooperative, eager and pleasant lot of employees."



EMPLOYEE'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Everett Edwards, of the Wawona Country Club, announced yesterday that there will be an employee's golf tournament on Sunday, October 3. It will be blind bogey play over eighteen holes for men and ladies. Entry fee is two bits and green fees 75 cents, making it a round dollar. Winners will receive golfing merchandise as prizes. Cold drinks will be available but bring your own lunch, Edwards says.

YOSEMITE ATHLETES SCORE

Stewart Cramer and Wally Brown, competing in the annual Dipsea Trail marathon race in Marin Co., took third and fifty-third places respectively. Starting in Mill Valley and finishing at Stinson Beach, the 7-mile race is termed one of the ruggedest cross-country races in the country. Stewart's time was sixty-one minutes and four seconds.

PICK UPS

Great expectations—The recent cold mornings should provide an excellent display of autumn coloring—a treat for color picture fans. A heavy crop of acorns denotes an early winter—so it is said.

With an early check being made on the Constam ski lift, skiers may expect a full season of enjoyable skiing.

Jimmy Taylor is practicing a new line of square dances in readiness for the winter months. Participants are urged to take a pre-season course in endurance and have their valves ground.

A note to fishermen—Don't neglect that expensive fishing line or those imported flies. Take care of them after the season closes. A stitch in time, saves time—and cash!

Got anything to sell or swap, or want to buy? Use the Sentinel—no charge.



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MOTHER CURRY PASSES ON IN YOSEMITE



We are deeply saddened by the death of our beloved Mother Curry. It has not come unexpectedly, and she has been failing gradually for many months. But now she has gone from us, and what has been a presence in our midst becomes a memory.

Mother Curry's long and active life has been widely reviewed in this fiftieth year of Camp Curry's operation. It would be superfluous to dwell upon it here. We are profoundly glad that she was able to see that fiftieth season through. Those of us who were present at the June 1 program could note the great enjoyment Mother Curry derived from the tableaux and narrative of early Camp Curry days—days in which she played so memorable a part.

To many thousands of people in California and throughout the land Mother Curry was known as a pioneer in gracious service to the public. Her warm friendliness and kindly interest were apparent to all who met her. In these last few years of her summer residence in Yosemite never a day passed when returning guests did not call at her cottage to pay their respects to the traditional host-

ess of Camp Curry.

These many thousands will feel sorrow at Mother Curry's death. We of Yosemite experience the deeper grief of having lost a loved one. That grief is tempered only by our awareness that the end has not come before the abundant fulfillment of an exemplary life which will ever be an inspiration to us.

TRIBUTE

Mrs. Tresidder has received almost countless notes of sympathy since the passing of her mother. We are pleased to be able to reprint the following letter from Paul Edwards, editor of the San Francisco News.

"I keep thinking of the thousands of persons to whom your mother brought happiness, inspiration and contentment. Her gentle influence made Camp Curry a personality not to be forgotten. Her capacity for understanding and friendship was as wide and deep as the Valley, her generosity as overflowing as the Merced, and as warm as the summer sunshine in the meadow. She will live in the memories of so many whose lives she brightened with her interest and solicitude.

"How splendid, Mary, that she was able to spend her last days in the Valley, and how fitting that Camp Curry remained the simple, unpretentious hospitable place she and your father visualized in the beginning. That, along with its great successes, must have been among her supreme comforts and satisfactions.

"I know how comforting to you will be the memory of her life so richly devoted to the service to others. . . ."

Sincerely,
Paul C. Edwards."

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AROUND THE LODGE WITH MAIZIE

Cupid let fly a potent dart when Del Monaco became engaged to William R. (Stu) Stewart. The wedding date has been set for December 1 in Las Vegas followed by a two week's honeymoon down south which may extend into Mexico. That 21 mile stretch of Tioga curves didn't slow down their romance this summer as they kept the trail hot from Tuolumne where Stu was Station Manager to Camp Curry Cafeteria where Del was checker.

Leaving the Lodge are some old standbys: Howard Doucette winds up his season at the Lodge Cafe this weekend when he and Mary leave on a three week vacation. Santa Cruz and Carmel provide the interest stops. We hope Duke learns a new dance routine while out because we are a little tired of that "Shuffle Off to Buffalo" routine he goes into every time he gets into a pinch. Jack Mitchell takes off for New York, his home state, for a visit and then plans to work in Miami during the winter months. Lou Smith has itchy feet but fate has not settled the question of whether it will be "Don Juan at Guam" or a "Rascal in Alaska." An old-timer chatting in the kitchen corner reminds Lou of when it really paid off to be a good boy.

It seems at a tender age he was elevator boy at the El Capitan Hotel in Merced. He gave a wistful, innocent gaze to the guests on their up and down rides, who patted him on the head and said, 'What a nice little fellow' and dropped nickels and dimes in his palm. Bet the Valley girls would like someone to pay him off to keep him good these days!

Have you noticed the "new look" the Cafe girls drape into their uniforms? Hems let out to eleven inches from the floor plus a bustle effect derived from a diaper pin gathering a size 40 down to a size 32 in the back which

adds a certain glamour manner to the turtan frocks.

Those who visited May Lake during the summer and made the acquaintance of "Hick and Jerry" might like to hear they completed their trip home through Lake Louise and are back home in Illinois.

Marian Holmgren has a reason for that happy smile. She and Bill Worthen of The Ahwahnee are "That way" and plan to be married next summer.

Wild life around the Lodge isn't very wild these days. The bears continue to make nuisances of themselves. You can find the deer posing any time during the day for snapshots to the delight of the guests, and then there is the cub who keeps lingering around the Tecoya anticipating an adoption from one of the more motherly-type girls in E Dorm. A midnight snack was in view when the cub lunged through the kitchen window, trailed over the top of the stove and then settled down in the garbage pail underneath the sink until the rangers dislodged him at 3 in the morning.

The ring-tailed cats come out nightly and prowl on the cafeteria porch windows, becoming well acquainted with the guests who are willing to share their meals. Last year we caught little more than a glimpse of their tiny triangular faces as they peered between the boards. At this rate by next year they will be hitching rides on the bus carts.

FLASH!

Friday, October 22 is the date for the opening Community Square Dance at Camp Curry starting at 8:30 p.m. All your favorite numbers will be played, so even if you are a little rusty, it won't take long to get into the swing. So brush up your jeans, adjust your arch supports, and get off to a good start. Instruction time at 8 p.m.

A full evening of instruction is given every Wednesday at Lost Arrow and any square or folk dance you wish will be taught.

For Sale—DUFF'S COTTAGE Home trailer. Three rooms, electric refrigerator, water heater, butane stove and heater, fully insulated. Call ranger Neil Power at South Entrance.

PICKUPS FROM THE STABLES

Every fall, after the burro picnics are over, the little fellows are taken to Little Yosemite Valley where they are turned loose to graze. A hiker, who happened to be passing through and finding the burros quite friendly, put a rope around one's neck and decided as long as they were going the same way the burro should carry the pack. They arrived at Merced Lake and spent the night there. The next day, upon returning to the Valley, they were noticed by one of the Government packers who reported them to Jess Rust. When finally arriving at the stables, the hiker walked away muttering, "And I thought I was doing them a favor by returning a lost burro!"

Question of the week — what happens to the cowboys during the winter?

Malcolm Fulmer and wife have returned to Raymond where Malcolm and his father, Jim Fulmer, are raising cattle.

Bob Barnett, newly wed, also returned to his ranch in Madera where Bob and brother, George, former stable employee, are in the cattle business.

Paul Easterbrook, Fred Iverson, Ralph Guillemín, Ralph Bissett, Sonny Dimock and Jack Miller have returned to their homes where they are in the process of becoming educated cowboys.

Virginia Thompson, Burro picnic hostess, has returned to Beverly Hills and the last we hear is that she is planning a trip to Hawaii.

Still at the stables are Jess Rust, Lloyd Bays, Logan Wells, Eugene Nix, Leonard Savage, Vernon Morris, Helmar Torgenson and John Fitzgerald.

We have been saving this piece of humor for the last of the season for reasons that are better off unmentioned.

When Gene Nix received his telegram to report for work at the stables, it read, "to report to work as HORSEPOWER at the stables." As we already had about thirty horses furnishing the power and expecting to bring a like amount in shortly, Gene was put to work shoeing the stock.

A few weeks ago, two of the cowboys were taking a bunch of horses up the Four Mile Trail to put them to pasture at McGurk Meadows. Near the top, they ran into a yellow jackets' nest and three of the horses promptly departed from the rest. The boys had to stay with the other horses and turn them in to the meadow. That afternoon, one of the

horses, just bought this year, came trotting into the stables after coming down the trail. The other two, who are oldtimers here and much, much wiser, stayed out until the wee hours of the morning when they came sneaking back home, probably figuring they could get in unnoticed and perhaps remain here longer.

STORIES FROM THE STORE

Winter has made its appearance in the Old Village Store. What with the various leaks in the roof, and a new shipment of rubber boots and goloshes, the store is definitely geared for the coming season. Shortly the ski apparel will be on display, so it would be a good plan to shop early and be ready to be the best-dressed skier at Badger.

The change is a welcome treat after the summer rush. Gone now are the long lines at the grocery counter and drug department. The store has been moved around a bit to simplify shopping. Some people tell us it's almost a pleasure to shop now, that is except at the butcher shop. I think I'll sell my car and buy some meat!

Missing for a couple of weeks is Nat Bredeman. Nat and his wife are vacationing in Me-hi-co. Maybe he will bump in to Gordo down in that sector and get a few recipes from him. Come to think of it some chili con carne would taste pretty good at the Spoon this winter.

There a few new faces around the store now. Andrew Koller is the new butcher, and he really puts out a nice looking counter. Norbet Arens is the gent who takes your money at the grocery department, and Phil Stinchfield puts up the attractive vegetable counter and also doubles as shelf stocker upper. Gladys Stanley helps Evelyn in the curio shop.

With vacations coming up soon, the store has ordered a new supply of luggage. This shipment is expected in very shortly, so don't forget to come down and look. It's good stuff and priced right.

FORMER EMPLOYEE PASSES

Word has come that Flora Farina, who was employed at Glacier Point Hotel for several summers, passed away recently in South America where she was teaching school. Memorial services were held in her native city, Livermore.

N.P.S. NEWS

Carl and Betty Russell are expected back in Yosemite this weekend after their trip to Grand Canyon to attend a National Park Service Conference. They planned to return via Zion and Bryce National Parks, and make one stop at the Huntington Library at San Marino east of Los Angeles.

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Not mentioned before in the Sentinel was the promotion of Harry Robinson, Assistant Park Naturalist, to the position of Museum Planner, Region Two, Omaha. Harry was all ready to take off for Omaha when the big fire broke out at Pate Valley. He rendered valuable service at the radio during the fire.

Bob McIntyre has been advanced to the position formerly occupied by Harry, and is now a full fledged Assistant Park Naturalist.

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Your correspondent recently stopped in at Orinda to find "Bing" Crosby, formerly of the Yosemite Post Office staff busy behind the post office window there. The Crosbys are happily situated in a new home on an oak-covered hillside a short distance north of the town. Across the street from the post office Ruthe is holding down a fine position at the bank, and a few doors down the street Mrs. Crosby is working in a dress shop.

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Who's Afraid of a Big, Black Bear!

People who live in Yosemite are used to having all kinds of visitors arrive at all hours but Chris and Nettie Hauck can tell you it is no fun getting up in the middle of the night to find a bear had arrived for the weekend.

The bear sneaked in the back door, ate a few apples, then started to explore the house. Chris got out of bed, turned on the lights, quickly opened the doors, but the guest did no want to leave. Lights were turned off to encourage him, and Chris ran around the house beating on the side of the building and hammering at the windows. Still the bear stayed put.

Fred Quist, next door neighbor came to help out. With a flashlight, he looked in the window to see the bear sitting on his haunches in the bedroom, looking toward the fireplace in the next room.

Finally, after more pounding of windows by Chris and Fred, the bear ambled out the front door muttering something about the lack of hospitality of Yosemite people.

KINDERGARTEN BENEFIT DANCE

An autumn dance at The Ahwahnee will be sponsored by the Pre-School-Mother's Club, on November 6, according to Eileen Berrey. Those who attended last year's dance will recall it as one of the most successful of the season. Tickets priced at 50 cents will go on sale soon and will be available from grammar school pupils, at the Village Store and from the Pre-School mothers.

THE YOSEMITE BADGERS

The Yosemite Badgers is an athletic association organized to sponsor interscholastic sports for the boys of the Yosemite Grammar School. It is now in the midst of its current membership drive. Preliminary reports indicate 176 members have been enrolled to date. Membership dues are \$1.00 per year and those interested may contact any of the boys on the football squad or Dick Ditton, Treasurer, in the Accounting Office.

In the opening game against Mariposa, the Yosemite Badgers football team met defeat 27 to 13. The game was highlighted by the passing attacks of the Badgers, and the open field running of the Mariposa backs. The next encounter will be against Galen Clark School at Mariposa on October 30.

USED CLOTHING FOR OVERSEAS AID

Direct information from Finland through the Finnish school project of the local Sunday School indicates that the need for clothing and shoes is still drastic. The local church will continue to receive clothing at the minister's home on Army Row. The present drive will close on October 31 — so please bring your contributions as soon as possible.

Mr. Glass has the names of several authenticated families in Europe who need our help. A Christmas gift of a CARE package to one of these families would make the Christmas message of goodwill and peace live again. Perhaps we should send CARE packages instead of Christmas cards this year.

Sermon Series on Protestantism

In an effort to inform Protestants of the basic principles of their faith, and also increase understanding of the Protestant position among non-Protestants, Mr. Glass will begin a series of sermons on "Protestantism" on Sunday, October 24 at the eleven o'clock service. He extends a cordial invitation to all Protestants and non-Protestants.



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BOUQUET DEPARTMENT

Wrangler-columnist John Fitzgerald, was recently released from the Lewis Memorial Hospital after receiving treatment for an injured ankle. He evidently came away inspired, as evidenced by his contribution for this issue. We quote:

One of my pet peeves in today's "modern world" is failure of people to remember to thank others. Recently, in large city newspapers, columns have appeared praising the virtues of individuals and corporations who devote themselves to public welfare, and so it seems that here in Yosemite verbal bouquets should also be thrown.

This week's million dollar bouquet is tossed to the staff of the Lewis Memorial Hospital. The word "hospital," in this instance, seems to be an abbreviation of the word "hospitality" and that is what the Lewis Memorial Hospital exudes.

From the smiling countenance of Betty Brown (no relation to the famous pudding), the pretty receptionist, you can get a picture of the rest of the staff. Their work is hard, monotonous, and often unpleasant, but, through it all, they maintain their wonderful standards. Drs. Sturm and Baysinger, Nurses Phillips and Nola Krug hover over their patients like mothers waiting on their young. Day nurse, Rose Perri, the little lady with a big personality and lots of energy; the afternoon nurse, Helen Fischer, with an ever-present smile and pleasing disposition; the night nurse, Beth Wardell, who brings the moonbeams and stars into the room with her at night and awakens the patients with a bright "Good Morning" at daybreak; the cooks, Mrs. Cambell and Mrs. Scott, with fine foods; and the ambulance driver, "Blackie" Cambell, who not only tries to keep patients abreast on the happenings of the outside world through newspapers and magazines, but chats gaily with them while

cleaning out the rooms. And when that nagging tooth keeps you walking the floor, Jack Wilhelm is always at your service. Incidentally, Jack makes the best "Clackers"—that gleam like pearls, sparkle like dewdrops, and bite like h——!

Bouquets to them all!

AHWAHNEE NEWS

The staff is taking a big breath and thinking over things now that the convention whirl is over. As a matter of fact, they're going around giving themselves big pats on the back because members of all seven conventions (yes—SEVEN, between September 17 and October 23) commented on "what a fine group of people there are on The Ahwahnee staff." Okay, we'll keep quite now—but we just couldn't help saying a little something.

Vacations, vacations—seems like half the hotel staff is gone. Mryna and Bill Eubank are off to see the bright lights of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pierson are planning to take in Los Angeles; Dory Williamson won't be missing Carmel, Sacramento and San Francisco; Mr. and Mrs. Karl Munson have headed north for Oregon and British Columbia; Jack Parkinson said he wasn't going any farther than Santa Rosa; Bert Strome just left without saying anything; Verna Wright left word she was heading East; Rose Crossley said the Deep South was for her.

Marion Hay, Bill Truman, Bob Robinson, Bob Mills, and Maurice Anger and his boys have left us. Maurice will be back, though, come the Christmas season. Mills and Robinson somehow managed to get all their things together and headed for Florida. Marion would say only that it was back to Alameda for her. Truman is settled in a wee place called Costa Mesa, in California's southland, teaching in a radio school.

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SPARKS FROM LODGE LOGS

The Wendell Otters, seeking beauty afar, visited Sequoia and King's Canyon Parks this week, but returned with the conviction that the display at home was even lovelier than in other localities.

"Lil Bit" Russell of the Studio made a quick trip to Merced on her day off—the sole purpose—shoe buying—brought back four pair, none destined for hikes, however. Will she thumb her way from the Dorm to the Lodge all season?

To those working late October 21, a glorious phenomena was presented. The moon, rising directly back of North Dome, was preceded by a perfect rainbow, complete in all seven colors of the spectrum — ROYGBIV. It was spectacular and awesome and something one is privileged to witness but once in a lifetime.

A pleasant innovation has been inaugurated at the Lodge on Saturday evenings. After the Ranger Naturalist talk, rugs are rolled back. With music by disc jockey Earl Pierson, both guests and employees enjoy a little dancing. What if there are slivers in the slippers! It makes for conviviality and fun.

Tragic moment: An obstreperous customer in the Studio insisted on buying a day-old newspaper. "We cannot sell them," quoted Maggie. "I'm buying it," said O.C. and literally threw seven cents at the astonished manager, who almost succumbed with high blood pressure.

LODGE LODGINGS

Marguerite Radigan who is very adept at food checking has taken on a new line of checking—anyone who catches her eye has a witicism tossed at them and the bachelors get a real touch of her Irish wit. On a birthday occasion an innocent guest was presented

with a thoughtful cup cake topped with a glowing red candle and a further flourish was added when Marguerite leaned over and planted a happy birthday kiss. This aroused such interest in the gentleman that boxes of candy and other attentions have been apparent. By next issue we may have some real news.

The cafeteria is happy to have Bob McGovern back at the helm as manager. Bob steered us through a successful season last year and is headed for a repeat this winter.

Crude comments and crazy queeries always furnish a bit of spice to the working day. The crudest one heard lately was during the Thursday night Firefall when a remark came out of the darkness in explanation to what brought about the Firefall effect. "They dump bushels of fireflies over the ledge and they flit down the cliff." It is probably the same pesky things that have been filling the atmosphere lately, only their batteries are not charged during the day.

Curiosity not only kills the cat, but has proven that people are alike the world over. "DRO" in huge red letters by the Cafeteria door was the bottleneck last week when Jim Taylor posted the sign to remind the Square Dancers that there would be Dancing Room Only at the Lost Arrow. Guesses as to what the three letters stood for ran from Klu Klux Klan messages to "Don't Run Out" interpretations for the Cashier. Nevertheless, a large crowd arrived for an evening of fun which was the perfect result.

A group of rangers from various parks have been visiting with us for the past week. In spite of the loyalty to their native parks,

ABANDONMENT OF LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO BE DISCUSSED

Yosemite residents are urged to attend a meeting on November 4 at 8:00 p.m. at the Schoolhouse in which will be discussed the important proposal to eliminate local elementary school districts and establish a single county board similar to the present high school system. Under this system, a five man board would administer all the schools of the county.

This proposal will be voted upon on December 15 and it is of great importance that the people of this community attend the meeting to inform themselves on the disadvantages as well as the advantages of the proposed plan.

THE YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Yosemite seems to have hit a note of enthusiasm and approval among them. They have added zest to our dances, complimented us on our meals and lodging, and seemingly appreciated Yosemite fall beauty, besides learning fire hazards and precautions, their authentic purpose.

We would like to express a thought in memoriam to the ring-tailed cat who made headlines in the last issue. He was cavorting on the windowsill, inspired by his recent publicity; lost his balance, and landed with a thud on the porch floor. A broken back resulted in such agony that Ernie Begin did the humane thing and sent him to ringtail heaven. An identical cat is prancing on the porch these evenings, but a bit more cautious than his unfortunate friend.

MARIPOSA CORNERS BADGERS—27-13

It seems to be a habit. Mariposa Grammar School won another football game from Yosemite Badgers on the Badger home field on Saturday, October 16, by a score of 27-13.

In thirteen games between the two schools since 1940, Yosemite has not won a single encounter, but this unhappy fact did not prevent the recent one from being a mighty interesting tussle that would have been a credit to most high school teams.

Each squad scored in the first quarter, Mariposa drawing first blood after a well-planned march from their own 20-yard line, with Meline plowing from 6 yards out. Yosemite came back immediately after receiving the kick-off to even the score, with a nifty 25-yard pass from Castro which Johnson caught on the dead-run, rambling the remaining 13 yards to a touchdown.

Following the next kick-off, Mariposa once more marched almost the length of the field, Meline again dashing over for the score in the opening minutes of the second quarter.

The third quarter produced still another long Mariposa march for 60 yards from the opening kick-off. Rhoan hit pay-dirt this time, striking from 10 yards out. With the game apparently on ice, Yosemite made a strong rally in the fourth quarter. A Castro to Johnson pass clicked neatly for two long gains, and the second one found Johnson

snuggling the pigskin to him just across the goal line. This ran the score to 21-13 and put new hope into the Badger partisans. Alas, however, that Lady Luck can be so fickle! The pass play that had been so brilliant a minutes before now boomeranged to put the final seal of defeat on the Badgers, when Cabezut intercepted Castro's pass and ran 50 yards to score for Mariposa. The try for the extra point was unsuccessful.

Lane Showalter, starting quarterback for the Badgers, received a chipped bone below the right knee which will keep him out of play for the rest of the season. Jack Meline of Mariposa, also suffered a sprained ankle in the second quarter.

Outstanding for the Badgers was the passing of Charlie Castro, the catching of Burleigh Johnson, and the running of Paul Depfyer at left half, who accounted for 83 yards in 14 tries, or an average of almost 6 yards per attempt. George Murphy, at left tackle, was a defensive stalwart, playing most of the afternoon in the Mariposa backfield.

For Mariposa, Lloyd Cabezut, Orval Rhoan and Jack Meline provided a constant surge of power on running plays, while the jack-rabbit tactics of Gail "Scooter" Rowe, substitute half back, threatened to break up the game every time he got his hands on the ball. Wally Hufford's work at left end was a source of tremendous line strength at all times. In short, the play of all members on both squads was a credit to the coaching they had received, and to the continuing friendly rivalry between these two schools.

The next game will be played on October 30 at 1 p.m. at Mariposa against the Galen Clark Grammar School of Merced.

NEW ARRIVAL

Gladys and Joe Mee are the proud parents of a boy, Edward Joseph, born October 25 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Proudest grandparents of the year, May and Eddie Gordon.

KINDERGARTEN DANCE

Don't forget the Kindergarten benefit hop on Saturday, November 6 at The Ahwahnee. Best dance of the year!

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N.P.S. NOTES

The nine-day session of the Structural Fire School wound up its meetings on Wednesday, October 27. It was a highly successful training school for combatting fires in buildings, and was attended by thirty six men from various national parks and monuments including Glacier, Yellowstone, Olympic, Rainier, Crater Lake, Rocky Mountain, Lassen, Sequoia-Kings Canyon, Wind Cave, Grand Teton, Death Valley in addition to many rangers of Yosemite, and Lawrence Taylor, Y. P. and C. Co.

Ward L. Cockerton and Carl J. Kistle, instructors for the California Department of Education, gave detailed demonstrations of the best methods of operating fire fighting equipment.

In addition to representatives of the many parks and monuments, the school was attended by foresters from the Director's Office in Washington, D.C. and the various regions. These included George Walker, Maynard Barrows, Burnett Sanford, C. E. Johnson, Jack Dodd and Maurie Thede.

With the coming of autumn and vacation season, many local residents are either starting out or coming back from trips to all parts of the country. Tom and Ruth Knowles recently returned from a fine trip to British Columbia, Vancouver, Olympic peninsula (where they had a short visit with Otto Brown while waiting for a boat!) Rainier National Park, Crater Lake and back via the Redwood Highway.

Buck and Kay Evans vacationed in Oregon doing some fishing and considerable camping in the Rogue River country and points up north. Bill and Alma Breckenkamp are visiting relatives in St. Louis. They traveled east via Zion and Bryce Canyon where they enjoyed a visit with the Myrl Walkers, formerly of Yosemite.

John and Naomi Wosky are visiting relatives in Iowa and will see many points of interest en route back and forth. Oscar and Flo Sedergren are vacationing in the Northwest. Art Holmes left for Maryland on vacation this week. There he will meet Dorothy and the youngsters and return to Yosemite in a new automobile. Harry and Kit Parker with their two children returned early this week from a trip to San Diego, motoring south via the Coast and returning on the east side of the Sierra crossing over the Tioga Road.

Our sympathy to District Ranger Sam

Clark, who recently suffered the loss of his mother at Tulare, California.

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YOSEMITE LIONS CLUB ORGANIZED

The International Association of Lions Clubs, the largest as well as the most active service club organization in the world, gained another Club on the night of September 30 when the Lions Club of Yosemite was organized. The first meeting was held under the sponsorship of the Mariposa Lions and was directed by Clarence Manion of Lions International. Harold Ouimet was elected President with John Wosky as First Vice President and Don McHenry, Second Vice President. Other officers included F. C. Alexander, Treasurer and Sturge Culver, Secretary. The Club now holds semi-monthly luncheon meetings at Degnan's.

The Lions of Yosemite have not yet reached their desired strength and a limited number of applicants will be accepted in time for Charter membership. See Wendell Otter or Frank Ewing before November 15 if you are interested in working toward a better community and a better world. If you are interested in this work, you will make a good Lion.

T. EMERSON—BEAR CHASER

Truman Emerson figured in an heroic rescue at the General Office last Monday morning. Emmy saw a terrified lady running up the path to the G.O. back door. The lady was pursued, and hotly, by a young bear apparently intent upon devouring either the lady's groceries or the lady. In the nick of time, Emmy threw open the door admitting the terrified but unscathed lady. He slammed the door in the bear's face and, through the window, drove him away with loud yells and black looks.

BADGER BENEFIT MOVIE

"The Farmer's Daughter," the motion picture that won an academy award for Loretta Young, will be presented at the Old Village Pavilion on November 12. Proceeds will go to the Yosemite Badgers. In addition to the main picture, there will be shown a 16mm color film of the Badger-Mariposa game of October 16. For good measure, there's a Pete Smith short. Regular admission will be in order and the show will be on the regular schedule.



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AHWAHNEE NOTES

The sound of air drills and hammers that you hear these days echoing from The Ahwahnee are coming from the dismantling of the old Navy Auditorium. The contractor estimates that the work will be completed by the end of the month and the meadow will once again revert to nature.

A rather general exodus to the desert has taken place. To the Furnace Creek Inn for the winter have gone Andy Scarbrough, Ray O'Donnell, Jim Lloyd, and Everett Welling. We hope to see them back in the spring. Incidentally, the winter roster at Furnace Creek will read like old home week in Yosemite, what with Miss Earls, Joe Rothman, Bob Fenstermacher, plus the above people.

Two additions to our staff since the last edition are Finn Gurholt, baker, and Jean Bennett, bus boy, who was at Wawona last summer. Dorie Williamson, Fred Pierson, Karl Munson, Wilson Worthen, Rose Crossley, Bob Grey and Wuby Paskell have all returned to the fold after vacationing up and down the coast.

Vic and Betty Lipmeyer are off to the Northwest and Ed Mahaffey is taking a short vacation in and around San Francisco.

Don't forget Thanksgiving Dinner to be served at both luncheon and dinner on November 25. Karl Munson would appreciate advance reservations.

Bob Robinson Wins Award

Bob Robinson, former Ahwahnee decorator and wit, is reported to have won a first prize in the Pasadena Flower Show with one of his masterpieces. He seems to be south of the border now, however, for he sent Lois Nordlinger a packet of Mexican cigars.

LADIES' LUNCHEON DECEMBER 1

The next ladies' no-hostess luncheon is set for December 1. The program will be a demonstration of Christmas gift wrapping by Miss Geiselhart.

NEW LEGION POST ADJUTANT

Hilda Trythall, of the YTS dispatcher's office, became the second woman adjutant of an American Legion Post in California upon her appointment by Bill Ellis, newly elected commander of Yosemite Post 258.

Hilda enlisted in the WAC in June, 1943 and reached the grade of staff sergeant before her discharge in October, 1945. During her enlistment she spent twenty-five months overseas in the headquarters ordnance section at Oran and Caserta.

POET'S CORNER

Buck Rogers, happy young man on the Lodge front desk, contributes this morsel of verse. He promises more . . .

Marie, Marie

Marie, Marie, quite contraree
Wagging her finger behind her,
The buses arrive with employees alive
And are met by this Valley spellbinder.

She rooms each arrival, gives food for survival

Runs the club where fun they can find
And when day's work is done,

Marie's just begun

To drive the day's cares from their mind.

This amazing Marie works with cute Millie T
Who greet guests and allays their alarm.
It is our Millie T who quite faithfully
Puts the visitor at ease with her charm.

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MARIPOSA 26—YOSEMITE 0

The Mariposa Cougars and the Yosemite Badgers closed their 1948 football season last Saturday, November 13, at the Mariposa High School field in a game which saw Mariposa plaster their old rival by the impressive score of 26-0.

Yosemite, with four of its regulars missing from the lineup, was unable to get rolling at any time during the day. An injury to Charlie Castro's hand in the first part of the game made his usually steady passing almost impossible. Result: No offense worthy of the name. Only twice were the Badgers across the 50-yard line, once through the recovery of a Mariposa fumble. By contrast, the Cougars, after being completely stalled in the first quarter, rambled at will for the rest of the afternoon. They scored once in the second quarter, once more in the third and a double in the fourth. The final touchdown came on a 75-yard gallop by Lloyd Cabezut in which he outran the whole Badger team.

Prior to this game, Yosemite and Mariposa played two double-headers with the reserve squads of the two Merced Grammar Schools. On October 30 at Mariposa the Badgers lost a thriller to Galen Clark school by the score of 13-12, after the winning Badger touchdown had been called back on an offside penalty. The same day, Mariposa defeated John Muir School 7-0, outplaying the visitors much more than the score indicates.

At the Merced High School field on November 6, the two games were re-played, with the teams reversed. However, after the poor showing the week before, both Merced squads had been given a strong injection of first-string varsity players. The result was sad for the boys from Mariposa County. The Cougars lost to Galen Clark by 14-6, while Yosemite took the short end of a 27-0 drubbing from John Muir.

With the end of the pigskin parade for the year, plans are under consideration for continuing an athletic schedule among the four teams during the basketball season this winter. A possible fifth squad may be added from La Grand. All concerned have noted with much satisfaction the growth of good feeling and mutual respect that has come out of the games this fall.

YOSEMITE CHURCH NEWS

The High School Youth Group of the Park church will be packing clothing on Saturday for shipment to Finland. Several hundred pounds of clothing are on hand. If you want to send some along, bring it to the garage of the home of Mr. Glass on Army Row.

Singers Practicing

A fine group of singers is working on the Christmas music for the annual service at the Park Church. Milton Baker of the Mariposa High School faculty is the director. The group is singing traditional carols. There is a need for more tenors and a few altos and basses. Come to Best's Studio on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m.

Chapel Reconstruction

The local Park Church is in the midst of a campaign to install an adequate heating system and to renovate the interior of the chapel. The total cost will be about \$2000. Of this amount, \$1000 is being raised among local residents. In the first week, \$485 were received. A balance of \$150 was on hand in gifts from friends of Mother Curry. Thus \$365 remain to be raised. It is hoped to have the work completed for the Christmas service.

Thanksgiving Service

The annual observance of Thanksgiving is basically a religious expression of thanks to God. The local Park church will emphasize this aspect of Thanksgiving at the services of this Sunday. Mr. Glass will speak at 11 a.m. on "Thank God for Our Heritage." Virginia Adams will be the soloist. The Brief Service is held from 10:15 to 10:45. Sunday School is held at the School house at 9:45. The High School Youth Group meets at 6 p.m. at the Chapel. "Go to Church and give Thanks."

The Roman Catholic Mass is at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

There will be no Thanksgiving Day Church service this year.

LOGS FROM THE LODGE FIRES

With moonlight, but no roses, Yosemite Valley seems to rank high in the realms of romancing.

On December 1, at Las Vegas, Adele Monaco of the Cafeteria and Bill Stewart of the Standard Stations Inc., will be wed. A big shower was given for Adele at the home of Betty Lipmeyer last week. The bride-to-be received many lovely gifts which will grace their home at Chinquapin where Adele will manage the snack shop and Bill will attend to the needs of the traveling public.

Jimmie Hamer and wife Betty are on a vagabond trip in their new Studebaker (ad). Caring not, nor knowing not, whither they wander, but not—like the dodo bird—looking backward to see where they have been.

Annie Deweese and Dottie Russell have been vacationing in the Bay Area and the last of the Studio Staff to enjoy a week's rest from dusting donkeys and counting papers is Harriet Lockman, who plans to spend some time refurbishing her nest at Camp 6.

Lena Schweifler, front desk, reports that she had a grand time in San Francisco and now Marguerite Radigan has left for the same destination. She will be the guest of Ann Hanson.

Hank Kimbrough and Edna Heimbach now in winter residence at Furnace Creek.

If you've been dazzled by a blinding flash from grill to lobby, it's not your eyesight going bad. Just Frank Harper in one of his "strike me dead" sweaters. Much like former Mayor Lapham's neckties—they're very invigorating.

Our Jane Muir has conquered another mountain. She collects them like some people do stamps!

More nuptials—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kraul of Oakland were Lodge guests for two weeks recently. Vern was on the Glacier Point staff in 1947 and is now employed in S. F.

G. Cleveland Grove, one of our engineers, has donned his high button shoes in preparation for a long, snowy winter. As near as he encounters blizzards, however, is a two step walk from his car to the boiler room.

KINDERGARTEN DANCE A SUCCESS

The coffers of the Yosemite Kindergarten are fuller by \$120 as a result of tickets sold for the dance at The Ahwahnee on November 6. The fine patronage by the Valley folk will make possible many needed additions to the equipment of the kindergarten.

The pre-school mother's group wishes to express its thanks to the ticket buyers in general, and to Lawrence Taylor, Earl Pier-son, Tom Schlesinger, Joe Meredith, Mr. and Mrs. Wammack, Mr. and Mrs. Glass, and the Yosemite Folk Dancers for their generously donated time and talents. Highlight of the evening was the dancing contest, won by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davies.

LITTLE FOLKS' DANCING CLASSES

Virginia Caldwell will resume her dancing instruction classes for children on November 22 at 3 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Caldwell may be contacted there or in writing at P.O. Box 316, Yosemite.

Big Folks' Dancing Classes

Mrs. Wammack will start dancing classes in fox trot, waltz, rhumba and tango at the Lost Arrow starting at 9 p.m., November 27 and on following Saturdays. Classes are two hours each and the charge for four two-hour lessons is \$5.00.

LUGGI FOEGER RETURNING

For the benefit for those few who don't already know it, Luggi will return to head the Yosemite Ski School for the coming season. With him will be wife Helen and small son Chris. Welcome home, Luggi!

CLASSIFIED DEPT.

For Rent—Upright piano, See Marie Zaeppfel at the Lost Arrow.

Figure skates, boy's, for sale. Call Keith McHenry, 138R.

House trailer for sale. 17 foot, oil heat, butane cook stove, comfortable for two. Can also be rented. See C. Marston or call 139.

For sale. American Flyer electric train, complete with passenger and freight cars. See Larry Morgenson.

Anybody lose any mittens. Describe them to W. A. Carson, of the Maintenance and you can have 'em.

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N.P.S. NOTES

Among the many who are out on vacation are Carlton and Muriel Smith who are visiting Southern California and the Monterey area. Margaret and Will Ellis are enjoying fish dinners at Carmel. They plan to go to Stockton after a week and visit their friends, the Wilsons. Fred and Marge Quist returned from the Bay Area where they were the guests of Jerry and Vern Shilko.

Walt and Katherine Gann are on a trip through the Southwest and into Mexico.

The McIntyres returned from their trip to Washington, bringing with them some large, red apples from the apple country. Bob's father has been critically ill and has undergone a series of major operations. Word from Margaret Merrill is that her father, "Dad" Backer, well known to many friends in Yosemite, is much better, following a serious illness during the past few months.

Back from their honeymoon at Monterey and as far south as Ensenada, Doug and Margaret Thomas are back at their respective positions in Yosemite. Doug is a member of the NPS engineering staff, and Margaret is in the Company accounting department.

A recent bulletin issued by the Grand Canyon Rotary Club mentioned the fact that the editor of the sheet was in San Francisco preparing to undergo an operation. The editor is none other than Lon Garrison, a ranger in Yosemite in the 1930s and now assistant superintendent at Grand Canyon. Good luck, Lon. Your Yosemite friends are rooting for you!

Of interest to back-packers may be the suggestion of Newell Charde, reported in the "Southern Sierran," Sierra Club news sheet, that a "plastic pneumatic seat cushion, only a few ounces in weight, is available. If a depression is made under the hips and the cushion placed therein, one's bed is far more comfortable." Have to try this on our next walking trip through the high country.

Kenneth and Ethel Ashley returned from their vacation in Chicago and Fort Collins, Colorado where they visited relatives. In Chicago, they attended the wedding of Ken's brother.

The big green bear trap has been kept busy lately catching and transporting bears from the Valley to the high country within the Park. Thus far this year 63 bears have been trapped in the Valley and released above the rim.

Harold Perry has been appointed to a position of "uncompensated collaborator" and will live in Yosemite this winter while working on a manuscript for a book on Yosemite Indians. Harold is taking a sabbatical leave from his position as principal of a high school in the Los Angeles system. In addition to working on the manuscript, he will make color photographs for Los Angeles schools.

VILLAGE STORIES

The bureau of missing persons might as well have been at the V.S. the past couple of weeks. Five of the regular hands are gone. Irma Pierce is pinch hitting at the school while Mrs. Wilder recovers from an illness. Evelyn Gullic has a sick husband to take care of down in El Portal. Harold Muller is on a 30-day leave trying to find out what's so charming about S. F. bright lights. Roy Cavins is commuting between the Valley and Wawona while May Gordon gets a little rest. Norbert Arens has been called home to Marysville due to an illness in the family.

This explains the Ring-Brown combination at the cash register. Mr. Brown says it's a fine combination—but the customers aren't convinced.

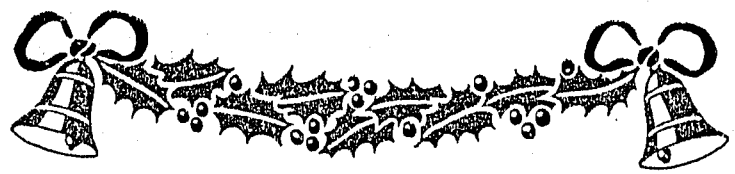
The V.S. welcomes back Leona Fox and the Bredemans. Foxie spent a month in S. F. and L. A. Nat and Ann are back from a trip to Mexico. Nat says the next time he goes there he is going to walk. It's much easier on the car.

With Thanksgiving just around the next pumpkin, the store is stocked with everything needed for the holiday table. You can get everything from soup to nuts. A varied selection of fancy dried fruits, cranberries, canned puddings, fresh shrimps and oysters, will be on hand—we'll even have turkeys. So cash in your life savings and come on down. You can't lose anything but your pocketbook.

DIERKSENS TRAVEL EAST

Isabel and Curley Dierksen will return shortly from a two week trips to Mansfield, Ohio, where Curley will inspect some new, and very special buses with the prospect of buying several for the YTS. Their return to the west will be novel in that the two of them will pilot a twenty-seven passenger job across the country. During their trip, Curley will attend the bus show at St. Louis to look over the manufacturers' wares.

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WISHES YOU A

Merry Christmas!

AND A BRIGHT AND PROSPEROUS

New Year



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SENTINEL ITEMS

On Wednesday, December 1, Charles S. "Whitey" Lash suffered a stroke and is now under treatment at the W. B. Lewis Memorial Hospital.

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Planning to retire from the National Park Service is Vince Ellis, who has served 31½ years as mechanic in Yosemite. He plans to leave the park about the first of the year.

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Bill Pope is retiring from the National Park Service soon on account of disability. Bill has been a mechanic in Yosemite for many years.

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Robert L. Olson, Lava Beds mechanic, is now on the job in Yosemite. He and Mrs. Olson and their 8-month-old daughter Janette are living at El Portal.

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Harry and Kit Parker and their two youngsters are vacationing in Kansas and visiting relatives. Before leaving, both Kit and Harry were busy completing collections for the aid of a young couple they know in Austria. Kit has kept in touch with the girl since meeting her in Europe some years ago. When Kit's friends gave her a baby shower some months ago, Kit requested that all of the gifts go to this friend in Europe who had a small baby and was in dire need of help.

Kit and a girl friend have kept in touch with this couple in Austria, and the two have un-

dertaken to secure \$300 necessary for ocean passage to Argentina where the couple has an offer of employment if only they can get there. Kit and Harry were delighted with the response of their neighbors toward helping raise the \$150 and before they left the park had succeeded in getting almost the entire amount.

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Bob McIntyre recently returned to his home in Washington to attend the funeral of his father.

Millie Anderson's mother passed away at Covina on the evening of November 28 following a long illness. During the past few years Mrs. Watts has suffered a number of strokes. Millie's father plans to visit the Andersons soon.

Bruce McHenry has been active on the Wasatch football squad until recently, when he suffered a broken leg. He is undoubtedly being consoled by his friends, Mike Adams and Paul dePlyffer, also football players from Yosemite and now attending Wasatch Academy in Utah.

YOSEMITE'S SMILES

There are smiles from The Ahwahnee,
There are smiles from Personnel—
There are smiles from
Maintenance and Laundry,
From the Lodge and Camp Curry as well,
From Swinging Bridge
To Happy Isles,
There are greetings, hand clasps, and "Hello there."
But Yosemite's best are its smiles.

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SPARKS FROM THE LODGE LOGS

Colleen Corey of San Francisco, who kept Tuolumne Meadows guests in gay spirit, has been a Lodge guest recently.

The employees of the laundry have planned a jolly Christmas dinner party for December 16. Places will be set for thirty-four, with a tree, trimmings, gifts, and Bob Connor as Santa—so hang up the old sock.

Helen Harrison, eager to leave the snow and cold weather behind, is spending her vacation at her home in Flint, Mich., where the thermometer registers twenty degrees below zero at present writing—brrrr!!

Two weddings to report: Lloyd Cloward of the laundry and Kathleen Farras are now at home in Camp Six. "Rusty" Romero, small of stature but big of heart, and who blithely wields a broom around our lobby, took unto himself a bride last Monday.

Pat and Tony, the troubadours of Glacier Point, breezed in today from points south en route to their new quarters at Badger Pass.

One of life's most embarrassing moments came to a studio clerk this week. A tall young man was thumbing through the book, "Are My Skis On Straight," when the studio clerk remarked, "Look through 'Schuss Cuties and Spill Billies,' that's really worthwhile."

"But I'm prejudiced," said he. "I like the cartoons better in this one."

Then it dawned on the hapless clerk. It was Warren Miller, author and illustrator of the first book, with three others to his credit and another soon to be published.

Night Auditor Doug Whiteside and his mother have taken possession of their new home, Hilltop House at El Portal.

SKATING RINK TO OPEN MONDAY

Jack Frost permitting, the skating rink will open Monday, December 20. It will operate in three daily sessions, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon; 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and from 8:00 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FOR SALE

One maple desk and chair; three kitchen chairs; one floor and one table lamp. See Wendell Otter at the Lodge.

Pair Olympic skis; bathroom scales; photoflood reflectors; metal cot and springs; G.E. refrigerator; Easy Spindrier washer; high chair; baby buggy; clothes rack; beach chairs, two; reflector spot heaters; bedside table; 10 gal. aquar-

ium with plants and fish. Call Karl Munson at The Ahwahnee.

"Mopar" car heater; baby buggy; bathinette; stroller. Call Art Holmes, 26W.

Gabardine suit, like new, size 38; Zeiss Ikon camera, 120, 3.5 lens, 1/500th shutter, with accessories and films, \$95.00; new 7 ft. Canadian propeller skis with plastic base and bindings, poles included, \$20.00; White Stag ski pants, size 28, new, \$12.00; Jantzen two-tone ski jacket, size 38, \$10.00. See R. L. Davis, D-2 Tecoya Dorm. or The Ahwahnee.

American Flyer electric train; three passenger and three freight cars, automatic coupling, transformer included, \$20.00. See Larry Morgenson.

CHRISTMAS WITH MAZIE

As jingle bells become more distinct and Christmas spirit gradually takes hold, we select our candidates for the perfect Santa Claus from the following Cafeteria characteristics: Providing Bob McGovern continues his yen for pastry, he will measure up to the shapely size and fill out that little red suit. He will have to practice on the "shake like jelly" effect on the tummy turnover. Al Akers provides the hearty laugh, George White could supply the button nose, although it is not quite rosy enough. Earl Pierson could give out with the twinkle in the eyes as he takes the little girls on his knee. Gwynne Boucher handles the potato sacks so skilfully, he would have no trouble jessing Santa's pack around. Louis Smith reminds us of the reindeer because of the length of his horns, not always visible but always present. Whiskers could always be grown by Richard Evoneff, Gene Willeford, or Steve Wallock if need be. The lack of haircuts between these three is proof of their potential beards.

Several employees have taken advantage of the frosty weather of late and tried their blades on the frozen river. Patty Thompson has an egg on her head which resulted when she knocked herself out trying to find out which would crack more quickly—her head or the ice.

An unfortunate incident was experienced by dude skating enthusiasts. The ice gave way as a couple crossed over a thin spot while waltzing. Seven feet of ice water is a terrific shock and it became more treacherous as they tried to drag themselves out as the chunks of ice continually broke off from the weight of their soaked bodies. A gradual ease over to the side of the river and more shallow water finally was the solution. Hot coffee, dry clothes, the fireplace, and bourbon brought them back to normal; but river skating lost its appeal. The unusual incident was that their companion was shooting movies of their grace on skates and was so absorbed in what he saw thru the lens he caught it all on the film, but was of little help in the rescue.

Have you tried Olga Nix's Russian Pudding?

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A two-tone paint job has given the Lodge the "New Look" as well as filling in between the cracks on "Old Reliable." The porch rail has begun to sag from overstuffed seats as the males survey from their perch the feminine interests. New foundation boards plus new flooring give us a substantial basis for another fifty years. Rumor has it that the carpenters found a wallet with a large sum of money in it the last time the porch was rejuvenated. We wonder what they found this time besides ration stamps and termites.

Marian Holmgren was honored at a bridal shower last Monday evening, given by Jenny Baronian. A beautifully decorated cake and luscious canapes were highlights of the refreshments. Spice for the evening was added by Bill Worthen, the groom-to-be, who had ready comment and advice for each gift as opened by the bride-to-be. The wedding is set for the early part of January in Las Vegas.

To the SENTINEL Editor:

I noticed the ad that appeared in the December 9 issue of the "Mariposa Gazette" regarding the coming school district election. It stated the situation accurately but, I thought, in too little detail. Because I am intensely interested in the matter, having two daughters in school, I have gathered some facts which I would like to pass along to the SENTINEL.

At our local meetings neither the State nor the County representatives could sustain any reasonable argument that our local school would benefit from the change, in fact, all argument suggested the very probable withdrawal of operating funds from both Yosemite and Mariposa districts.

Direct questioning revealed the possibility of our 7th and 8th grades being transported to a junior high school in Mariposa, and of our having no recourse to forestall this except through a general election by the entire County.

The discussion of the tax income of the County reveals that if the entire County were subject to the minimum tax rate, there would be an increase in income of \$15,000, which obviously cannot make possible all of the things listed by the Superintendent of Schools as being possible under the plan. The plan carries no provisions for increase in the school tax rate.

The Board members are elected at large throughout the County, thus making it possible for some districts to have no representation on the Board. This is currently true of our High School Board, of which three members are elected from one Supervisory district, and other districts are entirely unrepresented.

I definitely object to the type of printed propaganda distributed by the Superintendent of Schools at County expense, which unlike any other matter on the ballot does not discuss both sides of the question. This would certainly make it appear that the Department of Education has an axe to grind.

Great issue is made of the \$1,166,000 of untaxed property in the south end of the county. A check would reveal that this would render

\$9,000 of taxation which was included in the above mentioned \$15,000.

I agree that our county school system is in need of an overhauling, and I am in favor of increased taxation to maintain an adequate school system. This plan solves none of our school problems and should be defeated. A NO vote does not stop the needed re-organization, but merely refers it back to the committee for an adequate survey so that we might know for what we are voting. Think this over and be at the polls on December 15th.

This of course is a personal opinion. However, we are facing an important issue and I think the local voters should inform themselves as thoroughly as possible on both sides of the question.

Signed: AVERY E. STURM, M.D.
Director, Lewis Memorial Hospital.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH PROGRAM

"CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT"

The fourth annual Christmas Music program of the Park Church will be held this year in the Camp Curry Dining Room on Sunday, December 19, at 8 p.m. A choir of forty voices under the direction of Milton Baker of the Mariposa High School faculty has been working for several weeks on music of many countries. The theme of this year's concert will be "Carols From Many Land," and carols from England, Bohemia, France, Germany, and our own country will be sung. Three soloists, Virginia Adams, John Bergard, and H. A. McPherson of Berkeley, will sing parts of the "Messiah." The last portion of the evening will include singing of familiar Christmas carols by the choirs and congregation. The Girl Scout Choir will sing three numbers. The use of candlelight and the candlelight processional by the choirs will be one of the most beautiful parts of the service. Nancy Loncaric will be the accompanist. Arrangements of the decorations will be in the capable hands of Esther Morgenson and Marie Gieselbert. Everyone is cordially invited to find through this service the beauty and meaning of Christmas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Christmas program of the Sunday School will be held in the School House at 9:45 A.M. on Sunday, December 19. The program will include the Nativity Scene and the Coming of the Wise Men, in addition to dramatizations and readings by the various classes. By vote of the children, the White Gift offering will be used to help needy families in Mariposa County. Everyone is invited.

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

The December 19 eleven o'clock service at the Old Village Chapel will have its emphasis on the Christmas experience. Edwin Hughes of Bakersfield will be the guest tenor soloist. Carols will be sung by the congregation. Mr. Glass will speak on "They Kept Christmas."

A brief service will be held in the Old Village Chapel on Christmas Day, at 10:30 A.M. Mr. Glass will speak on the theme "The Glorious Journey to Bethlehem."

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MERRY XMAS FROM THE VFW

The Yosemite Valley Post No. 3657, Veterans of Foreign Wars, expressed its Yuletide spirit in a fine manner by making worthwhile contributions to the California Veterans Hospital Christmas committee, to the local church, and to the VFW national home for widows and orphans of veterans who had overseas service.

DORIE WILLIAMSON WEDS GEORGE GOLDSWORTHY

After a short but exciting courtship, Dorie Williamson and George Goldsworthy were married in the Old Village Chapel at 10:45 a.m. December 9. Reverend Alfred Glass performed the ceremony which was attended by Ray Goldsworthy, the best man; Bill Hubbard, the groom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Friedman, and the bride's sister, Irene Lidstone. A small reception for the bridal party was held at the groom's home following which the newly weds departed on a honeymoon which would include stops on the Monterey peninsula.

CHRISTMAS SQUARE DANCE

The last community square dance until mid-January will be held at the Camp Curry Dining Room on Friday, December 17. Jim Taylor, mouthpiece for the square dances, reports that this will be an extra-special dance and one that shouldn't be missed.

The Sentinel Office received word this morning that Santa Claus is finishing up his work and is about to leave the North Pole for his Christmas trip to the homes of all GOOD boys and girls. He plans to stop at the Camp Curry Dining Room at 7:45 p.m. on Christmas Eve, December 24. For all boys and girls who aren't yet in school and those in the first three grades, Santa Claus JUST MIGHT have a gift. Santa says that he will be so busy that the boys and girls will have to be at the party in order to receive their presents.

JACK GREENER LOSES APPENDIX

Jack Greener will have every reason to remember Thanksgiving 1948. While feasting at The Ahwahnee, he was stricken by a violent tummy ache. Passing it off as merely a tummy ache didn't work, Jack says, and before he knew it Dr. Baysinger had removed his troublesome appendix. Although he suffered some complications, he is now recovering and will be better than ever shortly.

LOST ARROW CHRISTMAS PARTY

For employees who haven't reached the grizzled age of twenty-one, a Christmas Eve party will be held at the Lost Arrow, according to Marie Zaepffel, who also reports that it will be a jolly affair complete with Christmas festivities.

SKI SCHOOL STAFF ANNOUNCED

The Yosemite Ski School will start classes on opening day of Badger Pass, December 17, according to Director Luggi Foeger, and the following men will instruct: Bill Cahow, assistant director Toney Freitas and Bob Brelsford from last year's staff; Ross Moore, Nick Fiore and Jim McConkey from Canada; Norman Palmer from Franconia, New Hampshire, and Chuck Freshwater from Los Angeles.

BADGER PASSERS NAMED

A partial list of the Valley employees who will go to the Badger Pass Ski House, come December 17, was announced by Assistant Winter Sports Director Bob Beach. Duke, whose real name is Howard, Doucette will be the manager, assisted by Bob Minerich; Jerry Andrews will head up the ski rental department; Dave Downing will head the Ski Patrol assisted by Bob Heeter and Bob Wilson; Lawrie Brown will be the Coordinator of Tests and Races; Charles Hostettler, chef; Syd Ledson will be the supervisor of the lifts and will be assisted by Sammy Ballante, Dusty Cloward, Hilmer Torgerson and Alexis Zaepffel. There are others, but at this writing their names were not available.

VILLAGE STORIES

To Phil Stinchfield goes the dubious honor of being the first casualty this season. Phil slipped on the ice back dock of the store and suffered a nasty broken ankle.

Art Binder of the S-12 gang is back after a two weeks' stretch in Merced. Art got back just in time to celebrate his 25th (so he says) birthday.

That self-satisfied look Nat Bredeman is wearing lately is due to the fact that he's suffering from delusions of being a chef. Nat's been cooking up a hot special every noon at the Spoon and so far it looks as if he really might be a chef.

With Christmas coming along, the store is slowly taking on that holiday look. Lots of eye-enticing items are now on display. A large selection of toys for young and old has been selected for your approval. So, if you have time on your hands, come down and spend a pleasant hour or so playing with the toys. Yule love 'em.

HOSPITAL ITEMS

Betty Brown, the Sentinel scout at the hospital, reports several Valley people in various stages of convalescence. Millie Taylor had an operation December 6. Mrs. Wider is recuperating from a rather protracted illness. Whitey Lesh, of Wawona, is also under treatment. Best wishes to them all for a speedy recovery.

Nurse Rose Peri left recently for her home state, New York. A new name among the angels of mercy is Elaine Hahn, who hails from Whittier.