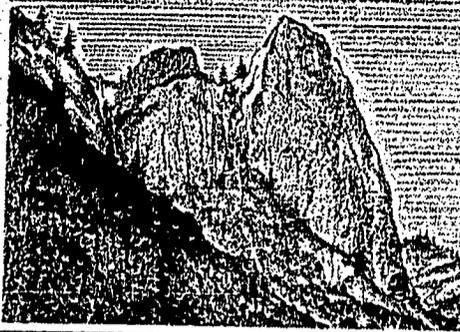


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YOSEMITE — TRAINING GROUND FOR WINTER OLYMPICS EMPLOYEES

A number of past and present Yosemite people are involved in the production of the VIII Winter Olympic Games. Bob Seach, former Yosemite Winter Sports Director and Studio Supervisor, now the Olympic Personnel Director, sent along a few notes on the activities of his cohorts.

Working in Yosemite gives you the kind of experience that, like the man says, "you can't hardly get no more." This is being proven on the scene at the VIII Winter Olympics, where a number of Yosemite-ites are now working full time. Ex-Yosemite Park and Curry Co. hotel man Bob Minerich says setting up the Olympic Village from nothing, to house and feed 1,200 athletes and officials, resembles opening Camp Curry for the summer. Of course, there are some major differences. The beds for the Olympic Village come from the Army, the blankets and sheets from the Navy, kitchen equipment from the Air Force, etc. It is the story that's repeated in Yosemite year after year start from scratch and get it in motion.

Dick Connett says the reservations problems are somewhat bigger than in Yosemite but no more complicated. In Yosemite there are 5,000 beds to be filled; for the Olympics, 35,000. The housing is spread over about the same geographical distance as in Yosemite with the same problems of winter roads and no municipal transportation system. So, the fellow from Stockholm wants housing for and, of course, convenient to Squaw Valley because he will be arriving by air. As you know, there is no spectator housing in Squaw Valley. What do you do? Ask Connett;

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MAINTENANCE DEPT. PROCEDURES

All requests for repairs or improvements to Company-owned houses and apartments should be phoned to the Maintenance Dept. office, FR 2-4686.

To avoid confusion and misunderstanding do not ask maintenance foremen or craftsmen in the field to register requests for you.

Requests will be classified and processed in the following manner:

1. Routine repairs such as leaky faucets, replacement of worn out parts, electrical problems, etc. will be scheduled by the maintenance office and the work completed as expeditiously as possible. Emergency calls will be given high priority.

2. Requests for structural improvements and replacement of equipment must be in writing and approved by the Housing Committee. Forms are at the Maintenance Office for this purpose.

PASS THE BISCUITS, PAPPY!

That's what Harley Scott, custodian at the General Offices, heard many times during the Christmas Holiday. And what a holiday he and his family had! If you thought your Christmas dinner table was crowded, picture Harley's family gathering.

Four sons and a daughter, plus all the grandchildren, brought up the total around the festive board to an even 25. Dinner was prepared and served at the Masonic Hall, and you wouldn't have known the place, decked out as it was with boughs of holly and other gay Christmas decorations. For dinner, there was turkey with all the trimmings, seconds for all and thirdsies for the more hearty.

Arrangements were started away

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SOCIAL SECURITY TAXES INCREASE

Beginning January 1, 1960 the Social Security Tax was again increased. The new tax is 6% on the first \$4800 of every covered employees' wages; half is paid by the employer and half by the employee. The added tax load is required to help meet costs of the Social Security program now in the law. More tax increases will come in 1963, again in 1966 and again in 1969—just to meet the rising costs of the existing program.

Here's how these bigger taxes will effect employee pay and employer costs. An employee earning \$4800 will have added social security tax deductions of \$24 this year, or .46c more weekly taken out of his pay. This means a total of \$144 for the year. By 1969, an employee earning the same amount annually will have \$216 taken out of his yearly pay or \$4.15 weekly as compared with \$2.31 in 1959. Throughout, employers will be taxed the same amount.

The Social Security program has a well recognized basic and vital purpose. This purpose is to provide a "floor of protection" benefit to persons 65 years of age or more who because of age can no longer support themselves by working.

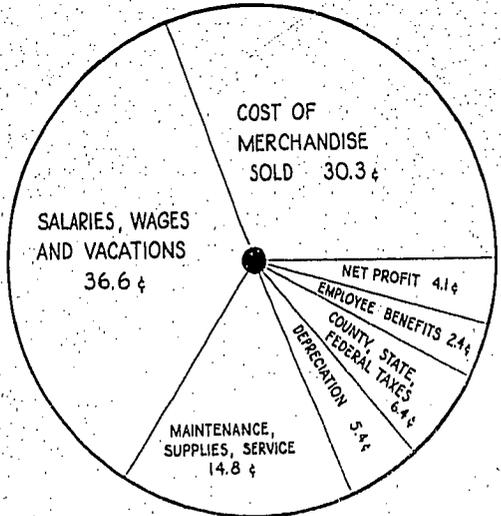
For the fiscal year ended June 30, Social Security benefit payments totaled \$9.2 billion.

It is the responsibility of employee and employer alike to maintain the Social Security program on a sound financial basis. Legislative proposals which do not conform with the fundamental purpose and are motivated by vote getting prospects should be firmly opposed.

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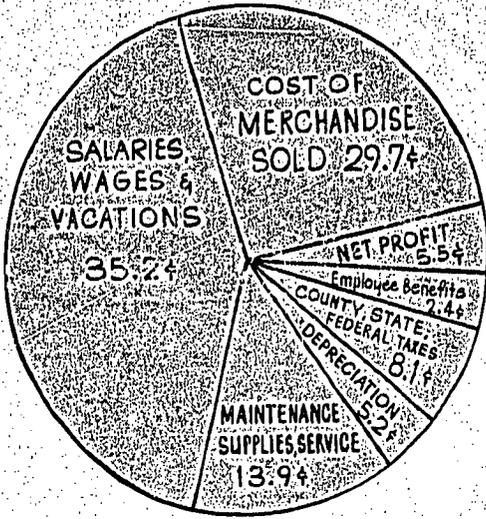


This chart shows the disposition of each dollar taken in by Yosemite Park and Curry Co. during 1959.

OUR PIECE OF PIE IS SMALLER

Each of us as employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. soon will receive his copy of the annual financial operation statement for 1959. A quick look at the President's message and the financial figures themselves will show that this year's results were disappointing. Although our Company took in more money during the year, we were able to retain a smaller portion as a profit. As it is from profit that the money must be found to carry on our program of constantly improving our existing facilities and adding required new buildings and fixtures for our guests' comfort and convenience, a decline in the amount of profit is a serious matter. Some units improved their profit performance, but they were few, although noteworthy, and exceptions to the general pattern.

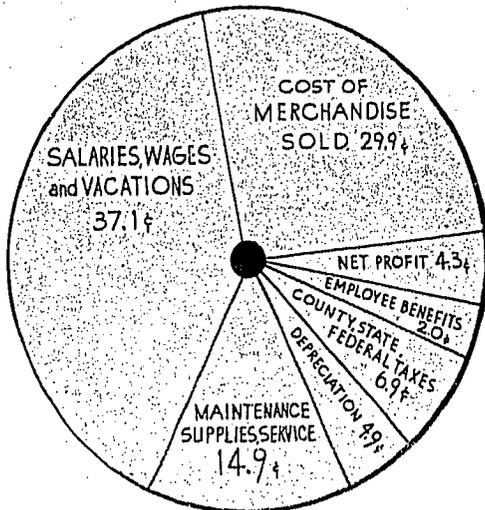
Many things combined to produce this decrease—among them, a change in our pattern of business which saw greater sums received in operations



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with a low margin of profit while lesser amounts were taken in by those with a high margin. Also, there were increased interest costs made necessary by our borrowing to finance improvements, while depreciation charges increased to reflect the higher value of our new structures.

More simply and more importantly, we find that if we look at the operat-



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ing statement, our expenses in every category—cost of sales, labor, and general operating expenses—were all increased. These are the areas under the control of each of us, and we might well consider a personal New Year's resolution to do our part toward reducing these expenses in the coming year. The reason for our existence in Yosemite is the need of the Yosemite Visitor for good accommodations, food, and other services. The maintenance of an adequate profit picture for our Company will go far towards guaranteeing these services for him.

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he is in charge of reservations.

George Goldsworthy says it seems like home except there aren't many old hands around, such as those who come back year after year, to make up that nucleus that gets you off the ground to start the summer season. But George says he will make it. "Things will be a little western at times but we will make it."

Former Badger ski patrolman Bob Rissel really has it soft. All he has to do is transform three elementary schools into dormitories to house 1,000 volunteers by removing all the school furniture and moving in a couple thousand miscellaneous pieces of equipment.

Former Camp Curry chef Pete Rasmussen has the real cinch. All he has to do is walk into a kitchen that has never been used before, filled with equipment from an air base that has been deactivated for ten years, prepare and serve 4,000 meals to people of 34 different nationalities!

Bob Seach honestly has one of the easier set-ups. He has to find 1,600 people who have, or can provide, their own housing in the area. A few hundred of them have to speak three or more foreign languages, but he has for help the complete facilities of the departments of employment in the States of California and Nevada. It must have looked easy because they handed him the additional jobs of Director of the Interpreters' Division reception for all athletes and VIP's in Reno, and General coordinator of the Nevada Civic Olympic Committees.

To have worked in Yosemite, with the frantic opening and closing dates, getting into gear on your own, is an experience you can't buy. It is certainly paying off at the Winter Olympics in Squaw Valley, California.

Serving now in advisory capacities, and probably full time once the Games are underway, are a number of past and present Yosemite people.

Barbara Carr, who's usual post is the front desk at The Ahwahnee, has

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE CONFERENCE AT WILLIAMSBURG

On November 29, 1959 the National Park Service convened its biennial Conference at Williamsburg, Virginia. The theme of this Conference was "Visitor Services", for which the setting of this historic town was eminently appropriate. The superb restoration of Colonial Williamsburg achieved by the Rockefeller family and the linking of this area with Yorktown and Jamestown by the Park Service's beautiful Colonial Parkway, furnish a singular opportunity for interpretation. Nowhere in the United States will an American citizen naturally experience a deeper sense of the significance of the early beginnings of his country's history, and no pains have been spared to add the fullest measure of richness to that experience.

The new Visitor Center at Williamsburg is a magnificent point of orientation for a visit to this "Triple Memorial of History". Spacious, quiet, and replete with informational material, it contains two comfortable wide-screen theaters which show a splendid color film of pre-revolutionary days, with exciting and vivid scenes portraying many significant events and famous characters in the period just before the Revolution. Within hours of their arrival at Williamsburg, the Park service conferees and their invited guests were viewing this film and absorbing the atmosphere of the place in which they would hold their deliberations and pursue their studies.

As was true in the preceding Conference at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks, Director Wirth kindly had invited many concessioners from areas throughout the park system. These concessioner guests were not there as onlookers, but were active participants in the various activities. They attended all the meetings from the opening session on the morning of November 30 to the final gavel by Director Wirth late in the afternoon of December 3. These opening and closing meetings, incidentally, were held on the campus of famed old College of William and Mary.

The Conference ran on a very full schedule, which included many meetings and also guided tours in Colonial Williamsburg, Yorktown and Jamestown, in which the visiting ladies were included. The knowledge and enthusiasm manifested by the Park Service guides and those of Colonial Williamsburg were indeed impressive.

The social calendar was crowded, too, and included among other events, a lavish buffet supper at Williamsburg Inn, a reception by Mr. and Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller, followed by group dinners in the restored old taverns of the towns, and finally a "Publick Times", which requires a few words of explanation to the uninitiated.

"Publick Times" were held semi-annually when courts were in session in colonial days, and were occasions of great festivity. During these periods the population of Williamsburg doubled from some 2000 to 4000. Taverns were jammed and shops stocked with new merchandise from abroad. Horse racing, formal balls and fairs took place, with contests, games of chance and fireworks.

On the last night of the Conference the public square was illuminated with tall open braziers filled with burning charcoal. Bonfires were lighted at intervals sufficiently close to guard against the chill December air. There were sack races, greased poles to climb, bowling on the green, folk dancing, wrestling matches, and finally a spectacular display of fireworks.

In one of the business sessions of the Conference there was a Concessioners' Hour for which Director Wirth had generously invited a group to discuss a subject of their own choosing. It was set up as a panel to explore the balance of his privileges with his obligations to the government. The material was very well handled, and after the meeting many persons in the audience said that they had come away with a clearer understanding of the problems besetting private business in the national parks.

The concessioners received further recognition at the closing session,

when your present reporter was privileged to share the platform and address the Conference with Director Wirth, Assistant Secretary Ernst, and Mr. Winthrop Rockefeller. It gave an opportunity to discuss concession policies and to express gratification for the wise management policies of the National Park Service in the preservation and use of America's wonderlands.

H. Oehlmann

VILLAGE STORIES

The Village Store group wishes everyone a very happy New Year. We have a lot to be thankful for. We have a new year, new start, new hope, and the same old problems.

1960 at the Store has been very peaceful. Everything has been running smoothly, and everyone has been happy. These things are really not worth writing about. Perhaps next time we will have better luck.

So—let's clean up a little good ole 1959 business.

It has been of great concern to dear ole Dad as to how the women of our Country would fare in the face of a national emergency. In view of the fact that the atom bomb is accepted in such an apathetic manner, and our strained relationship with some of our world neighbors seems to be accepted as a joke, the old fellow has been pretty worried. Are we no longer willing or capable of facing up to our responsibilities?

Then it happened. Bang! Our housewives were alerted, and there was left no doubt as to our destiny.

The housewives rose to the occasion like real troopers and looked every cranberry merchant in the eye, which revealed the fact that their products were never as red as their faces.

Bully for you, housewives—a real victory.

Now for another subject of discussion. "I'm plum' disgusted with Santa Claus," says Orval Manning, Jr. official Santa of many years for the Village Store, new and old. "The average Santa Claus today needs more

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worked at Squaw Valley five weeks and has had some very interesting situations to handle. When she returns to Squaw Valley at the end of the month, she will be in charge of the front desk at Olympic Village, the housing center for all the athletes and team officials. There will be approximately nine hundred athletes and officials. The ratio is supposed to be one official for each thirty athletes. Barbara said that thus far, the Russians have been the most gracious and easiest to handle; they all want to live together, cook their own food and travel together.

Japan has announced that they are bringing about thirty more officials than their quota, making housing another problem there. East Germany and West Germany were to enter as one team, but as things turn out they are not on speaking terms with each other so have to be housed separately and they are entering as two teams.

Topsy Jackson and her sister Judy are also among the Yosemite-ites giving a hand — Topsy to be a hostess at Olympic Village, Judy to work in one of the cafeterias.

Mozell "Peanuts" Vaughn and Henrietta "Frenchy" Dillon have been at Squaw Valley for several weeks now, working in the salad making department.

"Frenchy" is also taking on the additional job of interpreter as she speaks French, German and English.

Del Armstrong Cross Country Official

Henry Berrey Press Aide

Lawrie Brown Ski Patrol

Bert Carr (former Yosemite Park and Curry Co. auditor) Member of organizing Committee and Chairman Olympic Village Committee.

Sterling Cramer California Olympic Commission

Alice Cramer Interpreter — Reception Committee

Luggi Foeger In charge of still photography (probably)

George Oliver Chairman, American Convention Travel Institute's Information Service

Harold Ouimet Special consultant on Personnel

Charles Proctor Member, Ski Events Advisory Committee and Games Arbitration Committee

Mary Proctor Recorder

Leroy Rust Gatekeeper

Albert Sigal (Long time Yosemite friend) Secretary of Alpine Races

Avery Sturm Physician Alpine Team

YOSEMITE WOMENS' GROUP

The word is out to save the afternoon of Thursday, January 28 for the next meeting of the Yosemite Womens' Group, to be held in the school house from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Scheduled to demonstrate portable home appliances will be Mrs. Renee Worchesek, Home Economist, from the P. G. & E.

Mrs. Worchesek will not only demonstrate the portable appliance and their multiple uses, but will make different dishes using the appliances to actually show them in action. All of the many and varied delectable delights that Mrs. Worchesek cooks up, will be given away as door prizes.

So hurry along to the meeting and win your dinner.

SALE OF THE MONTH

Good team work by Estelle Cheyne and Mavis Stoye at The Ahwahnee Gift Shop resulted in the sale of a prize-winning necklace, priced at \$400.00. The purchaser was Mrs. J. Schurman of San Francisco, who subsequently wore it to dinner and to the dance that evening at The Ahwahnee, causing a lot of Oh's and Ah's.

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training and experience. Over 90% of these amateurs have never made an entrance through a chimney, and when they say 'Ho, ho, ho,' it sounds like the words they use in 'Ho, ho, ho,' and a bottle of rum! Plum' disgustin'."

In closing, Dad Ring's words of wisdom:

The old year is a thing of the past. Let's use the new one wisely while it lasts.

—by Andy

"PAPPY" SCOTT

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back in October for this family reunion to be held here in Yosemite in real old-fashioned Christmas style. Of course, as you know, Mother Nature came through with an old-fashioned white Christmas, thrilling the children beyond measure.

Harley's family doesn't live too far afield, some of them coming from Fresno, others from Oakhurst, Five Points, and Kerman, but it does take a bit of doing to gather up a family and make the trek up here for a few days.

Plans are now taking shape to make this a monthly family get-together at the different homes, the next one to be in Oakhurst in January.

We venture to guess it won't top the one Grandma and Grandpa put on for them in Yosemite!

SWAP TALK

FOR SALE: UHF Converter—slightly used—\$10.00. Call Personnel Dept. FR 2-4631.

SKIS: 2 pair, both pair 6'2", A&T laminated with steel edges. No bindings. Good condition, no repairs necessary, only lacquer and base wax - \$8.00 a pair.

Boots—Ski: 3 pairs - sizes 6, 8 and 10. Good condition but older type of boot, only \$2.50 a pair.

Overshoes: 2 pairs, boys, sizes 6 and 8 \$1 a pair - rubber, two buckle type, good condition.

Ladies, red rubber with side zipper 1 pair size 7 \$1.00 - Good condition.

Please call FR 2-4295 or FR2-4721 if interested.

PLEASE DON'T RING THE RINK

Information on the operation of the ice rink is being handled by phone operators at the Lodge and The Ahwahnee.

Daily reports as to skating conditions, sessions to be held, can be obtained by calling FR 2-4451 or FR 2-4421. Sessions normally are: Morning —only on Saturday, Sunday or a Holiday. Afternoon session 2:00 to 4:00. Evening session 8:00 to 10:30.

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If you would like to see something of what, in a few short years, may be "lost Americana," drop down to the stables and visit the Barnetts (Emily and Bob) sometime during this winter.

During the dark winter days, Bob is busy preparing for the hectic summer months ahead. All the saddle blankets, halters, pack saddles, bridles,



Bob Barnett at work on a pack saddle, one of eighty in the stables supply. He builds these from the "tree up."

slings and pack bags are made in his small workshop. The saddle blankets are made from old rugs and company blankets, cut and sewn together to form heavy blankets for the pack animals and the regular blankets for the saddle animals.

When new saddles are received from the factory, they come in almost bare, and are worked over and

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MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PROGRESS AT CAMP CURRY

The first step in the "revitalizing" and reconstruction of certain areas at Camp Curry is in progress. Stage one of this program includes the following:

Removal of the registration desk and offices from the lounge building; the removal of the grill, which will be replaced by an outdoor-indoor coffee shop facility; the re-arrangement of the dining room; installation of new kitchen equipment to serve the new coffee shop facility as well as the dining room; the former lounge front-office building will be opened up and will become the lounge.

It is estimated that this construction will cost about \$250,000.00 and upon completion will, without changing the nature and appeal of Camp Curry, present a more open and cleaner appearance, as well as improving guest service.

SAFETY REMINDER

Any Company employee injured at work is urged to visit the Lewis Memorial Hospital without delay, however minor the injury. The employee must present to the attending physician an "Order for Surgical and Medical Treatment" which will be given to him by his supervisor.

Only in cases of emergency will the hospital treat him for an industrial accident without this order.

SMALL FRY SKI SPECIAL

The Wednesday afternoon small fry ski special was off to a schussing start with about seventy youngsters taking advantage of the ski day program.

The children have a two-hour les-

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MRS. TRESIDDER GUEST SPEAKER

"Conifers of California," was the topic of Mrs. Tresidder's talk before the Hillsborough Garden Club, January 7. That same evening she attended a dinner honoring the former Governor Harriman, of New York, who was on a speaking tour which included engagements on the Stanford Campus and in the San Francisco Bay Area.

On January 14, Mrs. Tresidder spoke before the Newcomers' group of the Faculty Women's Club, the meeting being held at the home of President Wallace Sterling. Assisting with the talk, "Trees of Yosemite," was her friend Mrs. Herman (Della) Hoss.

It was Mrs. Hoss who did the block prints for Mrs. Tresidder's book, "Trees of Yosemite," which is still in print. Many will remember Mr. Hoss as a former employee of Y.P.C.Co.

CALIFORNIA STATE HOTEL ASS'N MEETING

Robert Maynard recently attended an all-day meeting of the Advisory Committee, CSHA, at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. This group, consisting of twenty-six men in executive positions with member hotels, was formed for the purpose of studying the activities of the Association and making recommendations to the Board of Directors. Bob and other members of the advisory group were nominated by their fellow hotel men.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Following is from the Mariposa Gazette; "Sterling Cramer, Controller of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., was again named chairman of the Mariposa County Planning Commission."

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HORACE M. ALBRIGHT HONORED

At a testimonial dinner at the Sheraton Palace in Washington, D. C. on December 4th, 1959, Horace M. Albright was honored by some 750 of his friends, many of whom had traveled thousands of miles to attend the ceremony.

The luxurious grand ballroom, filled with round tables seating eight or ten persons and a two-tier head table at one end, was a most impressive sight. Each table was illuminated by a small hurricane lamp centering a lovely circle of greens and cones arranged by none other than our own Betty Preston. At one head table sat such dignitaries as Chief Justice and Mrs. Earl Warren, Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Fred Seaton, Former Secretary and Mrs. Oscar Chapman, and many others. The able Toastmaster was Mr. Kenneth Chorley, a Director and former General Manager of Colonial Williamsburg. High at the end of the hall opposite the head table hung a huge enlargement of Horace Albright, which was illuminated with a spotlight. In the large adjoining rooms where the reception was held were many interesting and often amusing pictures mostly from the Jack Haynes collection in Yellowstone.

The most unusual feature of the program was an expertly assembled and finished sound-film narrative of Horace Albright's life, prepared by the Park Service and beginning with a picture of his babyhood in Bishop, California. It traced his early education, his college days at the University of California, his long association with Stephen T. Mather, superintendency of Yellowstone, rise to the presidency of United States Potash Co. and association with the Rockefellers

in their Colonial Williamsburg and national park projects. Throughout the series ran the thread of Horace Albright's abiding interest in conservation and his deep love of country in the high sense of historical values as well as enjoyment of outdoor experiences. There was an abundance of magnificent color pictures of the finest of national park scenery which he had done so much to preserve for future generations.

Presentation of this narrative film to Mr. Albright was the most tangible testimonial gift offered him. Of vastly greater significance was the announcement by President Emeritus Robert Gordon Sproul of the University of California that the Horace M. Albright Lectureship on Conservation was being established at that institution through contributions of friends which already amounted to over \$53,000.

Those readers who know Horace Albright will affirm that he seldom has been at a loss for words. On this occasion they came haltingly from his lips, and his humility was only another sign of his greatness. In a recent letter to your reporter, he wrote, "I wonder whether I'll ever recover from the surprises, shocks and thrills of that dinner. I still get lumps in my throat when I think of all the work, time and expense involved. I do not see yet how I was able to say anything, and I do not clearly recall what I said."

Many who read this piece are too young in service in the national parks to know very much about Horace Albright. Quite properly the enduring tributes paid him will be for his leadership in conservation. The qualifications for that eminence were developed during the years when he was in the Park Service. In that same period, first as associate and later as successor to Stephen T. Mather, it also was Horace Albright's lot to promulgate and develop policies which would improve public service by private business in national parks. Without the continuing existence of those principles we would not have the new Lodge buildings, the Central Ware-

GOING DANCING?

Try the Mountain Room at Yosemite Lodge. Dancing each Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday evenings 9:00 to 11:45. Music by Sid Hoff.

SKI SUPPERS

Skiers usually have excellent appetites, and it's a well known fact that the delicious food served at the Ahwahnee Ski Suppers never disappoints them.

This season there will be Ski Suppers on Mondays and Thursdays, served from 7:30 to 8:30. Dancing all evening. Just \$2.75 per person.

FORE!

A group of Wawona Golf Club members dropped out of the snow for the annual home-and-home match with the Fort Washington group in Fresno.

Although weather conditions were at first unfavorable for golf, the sun broke through and everyone got off the first tee. Wawona lost the match as a team, but individual prizes were awarded several members for good shooting. Among those receiving new golf balls — Gene Ewing, Sturge Culver, Pat Krause, Bill Krause and Nita Newland. The good fellowship, hospitality and delicious food were outstanding.

Wawona Golf Club is looking forward to hosting the group in June.

Phil Goodrich of Fresno, is the guiding spirit in coordinating the matches between the two clubs.

Charlie Eagle is working on the next golfing date for the Wawona group, to be played in Madera, Sunday, January 31st.

LOST ARROW NEWS

Employee recreation at the Lost Arrow is back on schedule: square dancing, Wednesdays—bingo, Thursdays—social dancing, Saturdays—ping-pong and games in the afternoons and evenings. There is a Sunday afternoon concert in the planning stage.

house, and the new Village Store. But that is another story and beyond the present assignment.

H. Oehlmann

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finished to meet the standards necessary for our guests' comfort and safety.

After the season, each piece of equipment is inspected before being put back in the tack room for the next summer season.



Using a skiving tool to trim leather to proper thickness for stitching or riveting.

Take a look at the stitching stool (Bob will point it out to you), and watch him stitch together the heavy leather thongs. He is also a whiz on the Singer, sewing heavy canvas mule slings and pack bags before riveting on leather handles and binding.

Using the sling and pack saddles, Bob and his wranglers haul supplies and equipment up to the High Sierra Camps early in the spring, including bales of hay (one on each side of a mule) Flamo stoves and tanks, bed-rolls and blankets (fifteen blankets on each side of a mule) and food supplies. Later these mules are used for the Sierra Pack trips.

Did you know the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is one of the largest mule owners in the far west? To date we have approximately one-hundred and twenty five mules and the same number of saddle horses; about eighty donkeys and a few ponies. Bob, who

just returned from a mule buying trip, says the best mules come from Tennessee and Arkansas; they are shipped to Dodge City, Kansas, and from there to all points in the United States.

Another interesting sight is the tack room. Each animal has his own equipment with his number on it and all saddle blankets, saddles, halters, are tailor-made for each animal as they come in assorted sizes and shapes, just like people.

Buttercup, one of the burros, has two hats. When she is taken on the children's burro picnic she won't budge without her hat, and many a picnic she holds up while someone runs back to the tack room to get it.

Bob has been with the company since he was a boy and came up to work for his uncle, Jim Barnett, who, at that time, was in charge of the stables. After forty years of service, Jim passed the responsibility to Bob, having taught him many of the crafts he still uses today in keeping equipment and stock in good condition.

Off-season, in the old days, Bob helped Jim run cattle in the Mariposa area on what was an old Spanish Grant given to John Fremont.

Bob says the hours they put in on the job when he first came to work here were different than today's schedule. Seems the work began around 5:30 a.m. and then, twelve or fourteen hours later, you called it a day and went home, having earned the magnificent sum of \$2.75. Out of that he boarded himself.

Except for a four-year "vacation" in the South Pacific in the course of which he saw something of Australia, Dutch East Guinea and the Philippines, as a Master Sgt. in the Aircraft Signal Warning Battalion, Bob has spent his time in Yosemite and the High Sierra.

The welcome mat is out, Bob and Emily delight in showing visitors the behind-the-scenes activities that make the stables such a fascinating part of our summer operation.

P. S. The stables showed a 13.23% increase in business in 1959 over 1958, You can't beat an old horse trader.

STOP AND GO MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance people who service the Badger lifts have come up with two devices to make the job of inspecting and servicing the hangers and sheaves better and speedier. They've built a sort of bos'un's chair which is suspended from the cable. In this sits the inspector, who is equipped with a walkie-talkie radio (built by Jim Paisley) in addition to his tools. After completing his job at one tower, he radios to the lift operator, who puts the machinery in motion to move the mechanic to the next tower.

With the new system, the chair and the radios, a fifteen-hour job has been reduced to three.

TV FOR BP

Looks as if Badger Pass is seceding from the hinterlands and joining civilization, as a TV set is on its way for the employees' enjoyment in the evenings. Welcome to TVland!

EL PORTAL TRAILER COURT

All signs point to completion of the El Portal court by early spring. Reports from the NPS Engineer's office indicate that all work on the water and sewage lines is now complete; electrical work will be completed by the end of February. Work was stopped this month on the paving, due to heavy snowfall. However, it will be resumed as soon as weather permits.

When the first part of the project is complete this spring, sixty-two of the planned one hundred spaces will be ready for occupancy. Fourteen are wired for 220 and 48 spaces with 110.

The combination service building is under construction now and will provide a comfort station, laundry and bath facilities.

The National Park Service will issue an office order shortly covering the general management and operation of this new facility.

Timber Twirlers

Faye Bullock reminds us that you are welcome at the Timber Twirlers' Square Dance, held each Wednesday evening at the School House.

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MANAGEMENT TRAINING COURSE STARTED

Bill Meacham, of Y.P.C.Co. Personnel Department, recently returned from San Francisco where he attended a two-day pilot course in supervisory development given by the American Hotel Association, for which he received a certificate of merit.

Major hotels in Northern California sent representatives who could return to their respective hotels prepared to install a supervisory development program. The program deals with four of the major areas of work of hotel supervisors:

1. Dealing with people
2. Communications
3. Training techniques
4. Cost consciousness and method improvement.

The first meeting in Yosemite was held on January 26 and attended by managers and department heads of our Hotel Division.

This program, developed by the American Hotel Association, was made possible by a grant from the Statler Foundation. It is the first comprehensive course in supervisory development for the hotel industry and it is being used widely throughout the United States.

SMALL FRY SKI SPECIAL

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son (2 to 4), the loan of boots, skis, and poles, for the sum of 85c. This also includes the bus ride up and back.

If you have children, and they are not taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity, get them out on Wednesday and don't let them miss the bus.

Marian Woessner is available at FR 2-4832 for additional information.

FOR SALE

Relaxacizor Reducing Machine \$100.
Call Ann Wilson, FR 2-4789.

Can be seen at Cabin 59 at rear of Government Headquarters.

Girls standard size bicycle \$10.00
Call Ruth Murdock, FR 2-4803.

JUNIORS COMPETE HERE

Badger Pass was alive with one hundred and fifty-two ski racers, ages from 17 down to 6 years, competing in the FWSA Junior Point Race over the January 23-24 weekend. This is the largest field of racers to have competed at Badger in this meet.

The Downhill was run Saturday on the Rail Creek course. Groups 1, 2 and 3, whose ages range from 17 through 12, ran about one mile and one third of the trail (1500 foot elevation drop). The youngsters eleven years and under, ran a shortened course of about one mile with a 1000 foot elevation drop.

For the Slalom event, held on Sunday, in which each contestant is allowed two runs, there were two separate courses. Here, again, Groups 4 and 5 ran together; Groups 1, 2 and 3 together.

Competing from Yosemite on the Lions Club sponsored Junior Ski Team were:

BOY RACERS—

- Group 1—
Malcolm McGregor, Randy Rust.
Group 2—
Frankie Carter, Dennis Parrish.
Group 4—
Randy Armstrong.

GIRL RACERS—

- Group 3—
Jeanie Evans, Kathy McLaren.

Brian Wilhite and his sisters, Doris and Diana Ihlenfeldt of Fish Camp, also competed although they are not a part of the Yosemite Lions Team.

Local racers' finishing positions in the Downhill, Slalom and Combined follow:

BOYS—DOWNHILL—

- Group 1—
Randy Rust 6, Malcolm McGregor 17.
Group 2—
Frankie Carter 8, Dennis Parrish 12.

- Group 4—
Randy Armstrong 6.

- Group 5—
Danny Armstrong 1, Jeff Sharp 3.

GIRLS—DOWNHILL—

- Group 3—
Jeanie Evans 1.
Group 5—
Kathy McLaren 4.

BOYS—SLALOM—

- | | |
|-----------------|----|
| McGregor | 7 |
| Rust | 16 |
| Carter | 6 |
| Parrish | 16 |
| Randy Armstrong | 2 |
| Danny Armstrong | 1 |
| Jeff Sharp | 3 |

GIRLS—SLALOM—

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| Jeanie Evans | 2 |
| Kathy McLaren | 4 |

BOYS—COMBINED—

- | | |
|--------------|----|
| McGregor | 9 |
| Rust | 10 |
| Carter | 7 |
| Parrish | 10 |
| R. Armstrong | 1 |
| D. Armstrong | 1 |
| Sharp | 2 |

GIRLS—COMBINED

- | | |
|---------|---|
| Evans | 1 |
| McLaren | 3 |

TAKE A BOW YOSEMITE LODGE

The following is an excerpt from a letter received by Dana Morgenson, of the reservations department.

"Just a short note to tell you how much Mrs. Holt and I enjoyed our recent visit, which just ended yesterday, to lovely Yosemite Valley. Our accommodations, deluxe housekeeping cabin 63C at Yosemite Lodge, were most comfortable with electric heating, cooking and equipment. We were even comfortable the last two days when the temperature in the morning was 27 degrees.

"The meals in the cafeteria were excellent, and I particularly want to congratulate you on the fine courteous staff of people that you have working in all departments at Yosemite Lodge. From the people on the desk at the office—through the fine cafeteria staff and the busboys, the bell-boys and the maids—all are a distinct asset to you. We plan to come back again next fall.

"Again our thanks and appreciation."
Signed: John R. Holt

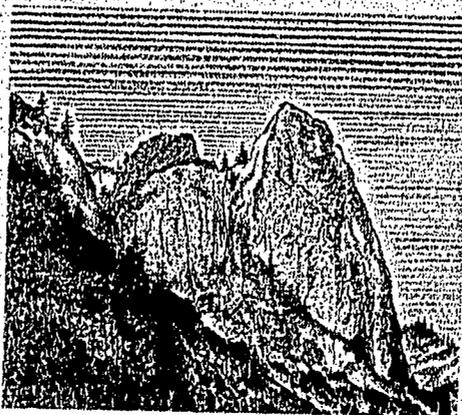
BOY SCOUTS

Just a reminder that during the ski season, Boy Scout meetings will be on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month, at the School House at 7:00 p.m.

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Yosemite National Park

"NOR RAIN, NOR HAIL"

As the storms increase, the unsung heroes of the winter season are, without a doubt, the men who make up the NPS snow removal crews. They must work in the most trying and miserable weather and this winter, in our estimation, they have done a yeoman job.

Norris Udell has the responsibility for clearing the roads of snow from the minute the first snowflake appears. He never knows whether it is the forerunner of a light, gone-in-an-hour storm or whether it will last far into the night.

No matter what time of day or night, as soon as the snow is two inches deep on the road, the alert is sent out to the foreman, who, in turn, calls out the number of men he feels will be necessary. At present, about seventeen men are available for the work. Usually, two or three units of snow removal equipment must be used.

During long, heavy storms these men must keep the snow removal equipment in action throughout the road system; and, when the storm has passed, they must continue for ten or twelve hours in mop-up operations. A storm of any duration means long hours and a very weary crew.

Men and equipment work according to a master plan in which a priority of roads is considered. After roads of first importance have been cleared, they must be kept open while the work of clearing secondary roads and parking lots continues.

As one would expect, snow removal and ice control loom large in the budget, consuming, in fact, about one-third of it. The average unit cost, for example, is around \$30,000, and the

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OUR PICTURE'S ON THE COVER!

The January issue of WESTERN ARCHITECT and ENGINEER has, on its cover, a beautiful color plate of Yosemite Lodge and Yosemite falls. The accompanying article is interesting, well done and following are two excerpts:

"Mr. Spencer, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. architect, feels that regimentation of the movement of people is the greatest deterrent to good architecture. Especially in National Parks, people must feel unrestricted if they are to be receptive to their surroundings. This feeling was achieved with notable success in Yosemite Lodge. There is almost total freedom of circulation.

"Given the architect's basic premises, Yosemite Lodge is successful in many other ways as well. The buildings achieve to a high degree the quality of being at home in their site. They enhance, rather than conflict with the awesome setting, yet unobtrusively establish an identity of their own."

HART-ECKART IN SURPRISE WEDDING

Alice Hart and Charles F. (Chuck) Eckart were married in Los Angeles February 1, and spent a brief 'tween-semester honeymoon at Del Monte Lodge.

Alice will be graduated from UCLA next June, while Chuck still has his final year at art center.

The newlyweds will be home at 732 South Beverly Glen Blvd., Los Angeles.

LIONS CLUB

YOSEMITE SKI TEAM VICTORYS

Yosemite Lions Club Junior Ski Team journeyed to Mammoth January 30-31 for the final FWSA point

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"YOUR CONVENTION IN YOSEMITE"

"Your Convention in Yosemite" is the title of the folder developed by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Sales Department. It is a mighty important folder, too, as conventions play an increasingly important part in our Company's operations.

Before 1946, the "season" in Yosemite ran from about May 15 to Labor Day, being determined actually by the school vacation. However, conventions, or "group" business, have changed that picture greatly. Meetings now commence in March, extending in volume through May. The autumn convention season extends from just after Labor Day through November. These two periods of convention business give us a nine month season in place of a short middle-of-the-summer flurry.

The term "convention" is used loosely, as meetings may be of many different types, from the small business sales meeting to the large state-wide or even national convening of business, social or fraternal groups.

Convention planning is done far ahead, with bookings for the larger meetings being made as long as five years in advance.

The actual selling of a convention or sales meeting is done in several ways by our Sales Department. We are proud of the excellent convention facilities that we have to offer. Meeting rooms are available that will seat up to five hundred persons. The Ahwahnee Dining Room can seat up to four hundred and fifty persons for banquets, and the fame of the Ahwahnee cuisine has gone out to all of California. There are available accommodations with bath that will house seven hundred people.

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NEW LAND OWNERS

Avery and Pat Sturm are looking forward some day to the roles of "gentlemen" farmers. They recently purchased 150 acres north of Highway 140, near Midpines Summit. Although this acquisition is very new, Avery has become proficient at driving a tractor and Pat has accumulated blisters on her hands from repeatedly hooking up the plow.

Ruth and Sturge Culver, too, are land holders. They bought, last fall, a cabin in the "rough" at Wawona and have spent every available moment doing plumbing, wiring, carpentry, etc.

Sturge reports that they are ready to receive guests now — one at a time.

WAWONA HOTEL WINTERIZED

Development of Wawona Hotel as a winter facility for the convenience of guests from the south has made it advisable to winterize the kitchen and adjacent dining area, the lounge, front office, and television room. The coffee shop will be closed, and meals will be served family style in the dining area next to the kitchen. There will be a piano and a television set for the guest's entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shuster are to be co-managers for the winter season. John Sampsell, a member of the greenskeeper's crew of last summer, will assist as house maintenance man.

SKI SUPPER SCHEDULE

Ahwahnee Ski Suppers are so popular another night has been added to the schedule. Until further notice, Ski Suppers will be held three times weekly: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

TEE NOTES

Twenty Wawona golfers competed on the Madera course January 31 with Sid Hoff and Fred Pierson emerging victorious as the low team.

Others winning golf balls were Charlie Hill, Les Shorb, Harold Ouimet, Gene Ewing, Doug Thomas and Curly Dierkson.

In the medal sweepstakes played by the ladies, the winners were: Muriel Ouimet, Isabelle Dierkson, Ruth Hill, Madeline Hickok, Dete Oliver and Anita Bondshu.

The next golf trip will be made to Fresno on March 6 when the group will play the Fig Garden course.

BEAUTY SHOP REOPENS

Felice McIntosh, new beauty shop manager, reports that she is open and ready for business and that she has brough many new hair styles from the sunny South. Following are employee prices now in effect:

Soap shampoo and set	-----	\$2.00
Creme shampoo,		
creme rinse and set	-----	2.40
Oil shampoo and set	-----	2.40
Set alone	-----	1.40
Shampoo (plain) alone	-----	.80
Shampoo (oil) alone	-----	1.20
Comb out (plain)	-----	.80
Comb out (fancy)	-----	.80 to 1.20
Scalp treatment (Helene Curtis,		
Eugene and Wella)	-----	3.40 to 5.20
Rinse — various colors	-----	.40
Henna pack — alone	-----	4.00
Shampoo tint touch-up	-----	5.20 to 6.80
Shampoo tint color shampoo	-----	4.00
Virgin dye	-----	8.00 to 12.00
Virgin bleach	-----	8.00
Touch-up bleach	-----	6.00
Dye remover	-----	20.00
Eye lash and brow dye	-----	2.40
Eye brow arch	-----	1.20
Haircut	-----	1.20 to 2.00
Neck trim	-----	.60
Cold wave	-----	6.80 to 28.00
Machine wave	-----	6.80 to 20.00
Pick-up permanent wave curls	-----	.40
Facial	-----	3.20 up
Facial with pack	-----	3.60 up
Dandruff tonic	-----	.80

Call FR 2-4834 for appointment.

WHATS' A ROOM CLERK—ANYWAY?

There are always a few employees in the park who envy the room clerk his job, since he appears to have prestige and often believes that he is just a step below the manager.

True, he wears a suit, shirt and tie, but he usually buys these on the installment plan. At this season, he makes payments to Willy Bogner for his ski pants (at \$49.50 a pair), to Meggi for his sweaters (at \$32.95 up) and buys lesser garments under these (in price) from Sears. He shaves twice a day (except Marian Pierson, who doesn't shave at all), and gets his hair cut twice a month (by decree).

He sometimes has a college diploma in his hip pocket, his grammar is flawless (except in most cases), halitosis is a sin, B.O is taboo, unpolished shoes rate one demerit on his performance record and he gets his hands slapped if his fingernails are not manicured.

He is not permitted to chew gum, smoke, drink, swear or spit in anyone's eye. He is not supposed to sit down, slouch or lean on the counter.

He answers (cheerfully) questions about the park, accommodations, rates, cafeteria hours, menu, ice rink, tennis, buses, golf, and the World Series. He does this at the desk, in the rest-room, at his table in the cafeteria, at the post office, as well as from his car, his bicycle and his occasional hike into the high country.

Cheerfully, he answers the telephone ten thousand times a day and wonders, "Is this call necessary?" (He loathes Alexander Graham Bell). He also sells rooms. When someone asks, "What do you have in a cabin?" he answers (cheerfully), "Beds, a dresser and chairs." If someone asks, "Are you on the American Plan?" he replies (laughingly), "No, on the Indian Plan WITH reservations."

"What is there to see here?" "We have mountains, trees, water and birds."

"What is there to do here?" "Take a walk—ride a bike." Usual retort is "Call me a cab. "O.K.—you're a cab."

With answers like these he will get

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BACK FOR A VISIT

Former Yosemite-ites who returned for short visits included George de Backer, former assistant manager of the Ahwahnee and now general manager of the Los Posas Country Club in Camarillo.

Claude La Chance, former ski instructor now in the Foreign Dept., of the Bank of America, San Francisco.

Bob Fenstermacher, former manager of the Lodge cafeteria; now assistant manager at the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco.

CAN SPRING BE FAR BEHIND?

The vanguard of returning employees started last week with Paul and Coletha Jones leading off. Kay Norton was just a few steps behind, to resume her duties in Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Personnel, June Mason having transferred back to reservations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BOY SCOUTS

February 14 is Boy Scout Sunday in Yosemite as the Scouts are celebrating their 50th anniversary this week.

The local Scouts and Cubs will attend Sunday services at the Chapel in full uniform to start off recognition of Boy Scout Week.

TV FARE

February 12, 2:30 p.m. Walt Disney will appear with Art Linkletter on "House Party" to discuss the plans and show some of the displays which are being prepared for the entertainment of Olympic Games spectators.

February 12, 9 p.m. Debut of new program "Manhattan" — Manhattan Island is the setting for this series of biweekly dramas, which will alternate with Desilu Playhouse in this time period. Plays will run a full hour, the first one being "The Girl at the Wainwright Hotel."

TV REVIEWS

Several excellent movie re-runs are scheduled for MGM Matinee. Saturday, February 13—"Girl of The Golden West" Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. Wednesday, February 17—"Voice of Bugle Ann"—Lionel Barrymore, Maureen O'Sullivan.

MANAGERS TO GIFT SHOW

Winona Harper, Lodge Gift Shop, and Ruth Beckwith, of the Ahwahnee, have just returned from Los Angeles where they attended the 50th California Gift Show.

Six miles of tables were set up in four locations to display the gifts which ranged from fine, hand-crafted items to mass produced trifles.

Winona and Ruth were just two of the 8,500 buyers that attended the gift show which was first launched in 1935 by the Los Angeles Chambers of Commerce as the California Smallwares Show.

Stem-type candleholders used with wood gathered from the sea shores, deserts and mountains of California are new for 1960. Screw-type candle cups, which can be mounted on driftwood, bark and branches, drew much attention at the show. Another popular item was the new patio candle lamp made in Mexico. It holds insect-repellent candles and is used around patios, swimming pools and outdoor dining areas.

All these and many more interesting items will be in our gift shops come spring.

YOSEMITE CREDIT UNION

There are many benefits to be derived from belonging to the Yosemite Credit Union, and Gene Ottonello, manager, will be happy to tell you of the attractive aspects of membership.

Figures speak for themselves: In 1958 there were 597 members, climbing to 623 in 1959. In 1958 a 3½% dividend was paid, increasing to 4% for 1959.

FR 2-4414 is the number to call for membership information.

FOR THE LADIES

Ruth Beckwith, manager of the Ahwahnee Gift Shop has the following new items, which are most attractive, now on display:

Squaw dresses from Traders in Phoenix; Etienne Regnor handbags; Madawaska wool scarfs with matching handbags. New childrens' books, hard carved wooden animals.

YOSEMITE SPEAKERS BUREAU

The newly organized Yosemite Speakers Bureau has sent representatives to Rotary Club meetings in Chowchilla and Coalinga. The Bureau was organized for the purpose of acquainting townspeople in cities near the park with Park Service and YPCCo improvement programs and to highlight the relationship between the park and towns and cities near its borders.

Douglass Hubbard and Charles Proctor appeared before the Chowchilla club; Bob Upton and Harold Ouimet spoke at Coalinga meeting.

SKI TOURS

Winter visitors at Badger Pass can avail themselves to a new service this winter. National Park Service naturalists have started nature ski tours to the old Badger Pass area. Many visitors are familiar with the summer nature walks which have been successful for many years in Yosemite. This will be a similar activity. The present tour, conducted twice daily, is one mile in length and consumes two hours in time.

AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICE CHARGES

After an extensive comparison survey to ascertain typical TV, radio, record player service charges, both in metropolitan and smaller areas, the following prices have been approved. Television:

Service call	\$ 6.00
Align set to improve picture	12.50
Tube check and replace picture tube	12.50
Align set, replace picture tube	15.00
Service set, search for defective parts and replace	18.00
Align set, replace parts, tube	21.00
Install antenna	10.00
Move antenna to new place	15.00
Radio:	
Check car radio	6.00
Remove car radio, repair and install	12.00
Install car radio antenna	6.00
Remove car radio antenna repair and install	12.50

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"YOUR CONVENTION IN YOSEMITE"

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We are proud too, of another reason for Yosemite's being so popular as a convention gathering place—the whole-hearted cooperation throughout our organization. Many are the letters of praise that have been received thanking all members of the staff for their friendly attitude and their willingness to provide any service.

One handicap is recognized—Yosemite has no "built-in" sales force in the form of various citizens who, in other communities, go out and sell their town or city as the location for a meeting. A citizen of Fresno, for example, attending a convention, would try to sell Fresno as the ideal convention city for the next meeting of his group. In fact, in most communities, this individual "sell" is responsible for the bulk of convention business. In Yosemite, our Company has to compete with the large communities for the convention dollar.

But we do have off-setting advantages to boost our sales effort. The fact that the meeting rooms, lodgings, dining and recreational facilities are centered in a compact area, eliminates the problem of struggling to hold the interest and attention of the persons attending meetings. Metropolitan distractions often ruin large meetings. Then too, the recreational facilities in Yosemite are varied and enjoyable, and, of course, its unparalleled scenic beauty is not the least of reasons for many organizations meeting here.

We get a large part of our group business through personal contact, by follow-up letters and sales pieces and through our connections with the convention fraternity, i.e., The California Association of Convention Bureaus and the American Convention and Travel Institute.

In addition, the John Tetley Company of Los Angeles and San Francisco represents Yosemite in the field of convention solicitation.

But the best source of business is the satisfied customer — the groups that return year after year, happy to be here again and certain that no

LIONS CLUB SKI TEAM

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race, faring well against the best California and Nevada had to offer: Diana Ihlenfeldt placed third in two events; Jeanie Evans took a second place; Danny Armstrong won the Downhill on borrowed skis, after breaking his own in the Slalom.

The older classes' Slalom was filled with thrills and spills because of the number of gates (forty-five), the steep descent (one-thousand feet), and the tightness of the course. Frank Carter did well to place fourth in the event.

The team bettered its Mammoth record in the Fresno Bee Silver ski Race held at Badger Pass February 7.

The times for the Yosemite racers are:

Group one men—	
1. Cappy Cook	37.0
5. Chet Hubbard	72.1
Group two men—	
1. Malcolm McGregor	40.3
3. Jim Carter	45.0
Group three boys—	
1. Randy Rust	41.3
2. Frank Carter	43.0
3. Dennis Parrish	45.2
Group three girls—	
1. Jean Evans	44.4
3. Ellice Carter	62.3
Group five boys—	
1. Randy Armstrong	41.0
2. Danny Armstrong	43.2
4. Jeff Sharp	47.1
Group five girls—	
1. Leslie Rust	52.0
2. Kathleen McLaren	52.4

other place would suit them so well.

Among the many groups that hold annual meetings in Yosemite are: the California Grape & Tree Fruit League, Lumberman's Association of Northern California, Lions International District Meetings, various life insurance companies, and the Structural Engineers of California.

Conventions invariably mean hard work, but it is the little extra effort that makes "Your Convention in Yosemite" so successful.

T.V. and RADIO CHARGES

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Service table model radio	3.00
Service console model radio	6.00
Install antenna pick up coil additional to service	1.00
Record players:	
Service record player	4.50
Service record player and check tubes	6.00
Service one and two tube record player	2.50
Tubes removed from sets and brought to the Audio-Visual Dept. will be checked free.	

Services not covered by this schedule will be charged at the rate of \$6 per hour. Parts and material used will be charged out at the manufacturers suggested prices.

WHAT'S A ROOM CLERK, etc.

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a letter written to his congressman, and, as a result, will find himself outside the park!

And we, once more will check the busboys in the cafeteria for a likely looking specimen to be promoted to, of all things, a room clerk. With prestige (perhaps) but No More Free MEALS. —Bob Stone

"NO RAIN, NOR HAIL"

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cost of operating a large rotary plow is about \$22.00 an hour; the big blade, about \$12.00 an hour.

All things considered, we do well to gaze in admiration as the big rotary plow goes by.

SWAP TALK

Baby sitting:

Kenny Melton—experienced—FR 2-4843.

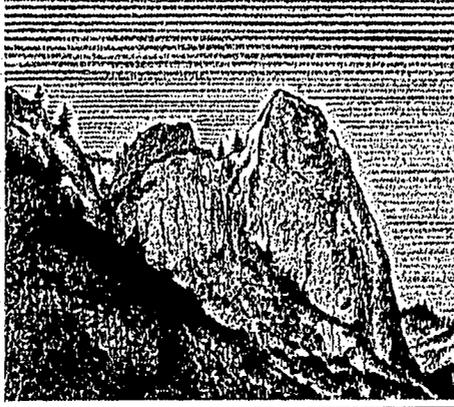
For sale:

Relaxacizor Reducing machine—\$100.00 — Save 150.00 on this model — see at Cabin 59, rear of Government Headquarters or call Ann Wilson FR 2-4580.

For sale:

American Peoples Encyclopedia—1955 Edition. Complete set with subsequent yearly event books. Excellent condition. Call Westmoreland at FR 2-4580.

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Yosemite National Park

IN RETROSPECT

Jack and Ella Greener's first year in Yosemite was 1922—that was the year the National Parks celebrated their Fiftieth Anniversary — "Better Roads", was the popular cry, and travel to the park reached the hundred thousand mark. Jack tells us he started on the "Slave Gang", as they called it. It was, of course, in reality the maintenance crew. Later he went from bad to worse and became a waiter, and



Jack and Ella Greener

finally found his niche in the print shop. Ella started out as a maid at Camp Curry and says she became quite proficient as a rock climber, a prerequisite in those days to becoming a maid because all the tents were placed away up between the rocks and trees to give that woody effect.

Later Ella was promoted to working in the darkroom with Ralph de Pfyffer, a dubious honor according to Jack.

Jack, being the Isaac Walton of the park, was given the stint of taking all the visiting VIPs fishing, among them, Ex-President Herbert Hoover, John Barrymore and General Mark Clark. Jack really made a good impression for us with Herbert Hoover. Returning one day from a successful outing, Jack broke Mr. Hoover's finest rod. (He has yet to explain this one)

Among Jack's many talents was one for organ-playing, and he held

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TAX WINDFALL

Company attorneys have informed us that employees living in Company-owned lodgings may exclude the rental value of such lodging from income, both for Federal and State income purposes.

If your income tax returns for the years 1956, 1957 and 1958 included the full amount of wages shown on your W-2 withholding statement, without any reduction for the amount of rent paid the Company, you may file a claim for refund.

Claims for refund should be filed before the dates indicated below:

	Federal	State
1956	April 15, 1960	April 15, 1961

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NEW FOOD SERVICE—Mountain Room

Enjoy dinner or a delicious sandwich in the Lodge Mountain Room. Mid-Week Ski Special tickets.

Serving hours, 4:30 to 10:45 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. On the evenings that there is dancing (Tuesdays and Thursdays) in the mountain Room, 20% Federal entertainment tax will be charged patrons staying after 9:00 p.m.

DINNER MENU—

Club Steak	\$2.75
Lamb Chops	2.25
Pork Chops	2.00
Hamburger Steak	1.75

Above served with tossed green salad (choice of dressing) potatoes, roll and butter, coffee, tea, or milk.

SANDWICHES—

Hamburger	\$.55
Cheeseburger	.65
Grilled Cheese	.50
Ham and Cheese	.75

All sandwiches served with potato chips and garnish.

"SUNRISE CAMP"

Jewel of the Sierras

Starting July 1, weather permitting, a freight depot will be established at Tuolumne Meadows for materials and supplies to be stockpiled prior to being packed in to our new high Sierra camp—Sunrise Camp.

"Below the eastern scarp of Sunrise Mountain, slightly above Long Meadow, a small shelf of level turf surrounded by granite outcrops faces Mt. Clark on the south and the Cathedral Range in the east. From a granite outlook point above the camp, a panorama includes Columbia Finger, Tresidder Peak, the Cathedral Range, and Mt. Conness, Mt. Lyell and Isberg Peak on the crest of the Sierras. Across Sunrise Peak to the west and three thousand feet below it, Tenaya Creek flows toward the Yosemite Valley.

The rockbound grassy shelf, at elevation 9,410, fifty feet above the western edge of Long Meadow, contains approximately one and one-half acres of alluvium interspersed with lodgepole pine and granite outcrops. It is concealed from Sunrise Trail and Long Meadow by rock ridges, and faces the morning sun. A year-round stream fed by meltwater from an undisturbed thirteen-acre upper meadow at elevation 9,650 crosses the southern edge of the shelf. Observations over a period of years indicate reliable annual water from the collector basin."

The distances to our other high Sierra camps are shown on the map—all easy day hikes. Sunrise Camp is only ten miles from Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, five miles from Tenaya

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SLOPE DOPE

According to NPS figures, Badger Pass has been the place to go weekends beginning with Christmas weekend when Mother Nature brought us a beautiful White Christmas. Though she did wait, just like a woman, until the last minute, the opening day brought forth about a thousand people. The following weekend the number jumped to over three thousand, with little decline on the inclines until mid-week when only fifteen-hundred dotted the slopes.

Everyone, but everyone, has been taking advantage of the nice powder snow, for according to the "Snow Experts", a dry winter was supposed to be in store.

Forcaster Weldon Heald has been predicting snowfall depths for many years, his success has been remarkable—for instance, he estimated 450-500 inches for '52-'53 (actual 466), 275-325 for '56-'57 (actual 297) and 250-290 last winter (actual 290).

Heald has found the snowfall in the Sierra varies according to fifteen-year cycles. The last peak was 1951-52 and the next one is not due until sometime between 1965 and 1968. In fact, it may not be until next winter that snowfalls will begin increasing toward the next maximum.

Heald does not predict more than 250 inches this time around, and decidedly less than last winter's 290 inches. However, after the beautiful snowfalls we have had, he could be wrong. Skiers to the tune of three thousand last weekend and 12,000 over Washington's Birthday weekend, are backing up our optimism.

SAFETY REMINDER

No job is so important and no service is so urgent—that we cannot take time to perform our work safely.

POCKETFUL OF NOTES

Marian Patterson, of Best's Studio staff, has returned after a two months' tour of Europe. She reports that England was the highlight of her trip, with Spain, Capri and Sorrento close seconds. Marian jetted to Europe and returned on the luxurious Queen Elizabeth. She is returning to Stanford Medical School this coming fall to complete her studies for an MD.

Mike Adams sailed last month on the Queen Elizabeth, for Cherbourg, France, to begin a ski holiday in Austria, Switzerland and Germany.

YOSEMITE REVISITED

Luggi Foeger and family (Helen, Chris and Jimmy) were up for the Junior races. Luggi coaches a group of some thirty racers who came from all over Southern California, so had his hands full when waxing time came. Sons Chris and Jim both competed.

We enjoyed filling in the happenings of the two years since Luggi left. He's now making movies for TV.

YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

Reservations are being taken at the Ahwahnee Hotel for the luncheon meeting to be held there next Monday (February 29) at 12:45 to meet and hear Nadine Adams of the Personnel Department, Kaiser Industries, Oakland. She will speak on "Good Grooming and Personality."

If you cannot possibly make the luncheon, come to the meeting at 2:00 in the Tudor Lounge.

Engaged!

Corinne Albinson, former Yosemite Lodge room clerk, has announced her engagement to John F. Oberlin of Shaker Heights, Ohio.

SALES ON!

Big sale at Badger Pass ski shop on parkas and bamboo poles—25% off on these items as long as they last; make a day of it—go up and take a ski lesson and take advantage of the good buys. What you save on the purchase of a new parka will more than pay for your ski lesson.

VILLAGE STORIES

Things have taken a turn for the worse at the Village Store, so if you are already in a depressed mood don't bother to read this article because it won't help a bit.

No longer does the cheery smile and warm welcome of Lucy Ellen Whitfield brighten our already darkened door. Lucy Ellen is at home nursing a broken tootsie. It happened one night on her way home from work. Her foot caught in a rut, result: a broken leg. Most people can live in a rut for years, but not our little Lucy. When she gets into one, she will do anything to get out of it. Everyone misses her terribly because she is such a wonderful person—Love that Lucy. (She will be back soon, she says).

Roy and Betty Rorabaugh were both quite ill at the same time. But true to the old Rorabaugh tradition, little Barbara Jo took over, and everything was under perfect control. Says little Barbara Jo, "Mother and Dad have looked after me all my life, and I think it's about time I started looking after the old folks for a change." (Barbara Jo celebrates her 3rd month birthday next week).

Old Dad Ring had a very sick spell again. When asked what he had, he said, "It isn't what I had that made me sick, but what I had to give up." Then he went off muttering something about income taxes. Bless his little old wealthy hide.

Orval (Santa Claus) Manning was on the sick list again. Last Christmas his illness was caused from the chimney. This time it was the "flu". Even our newly appointed editor, Esther Morgenson, had a bad spell. She became very ill right after her first publication. Many of the subscribers felt the same way.

Now for a bit of good news to our many sick friends. Winter is almost over; Spring is just around the corner. Things are bound to get better, so cheer up you miserable people.

—Andy—

The shortest distance between home and school is absolutely unknown to most children.

IN RETROSPECT

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the job of playing the Wurlitzer at the old Pilsbury's Cinema (until it burned down) in Government center on the spot that is now the Lost Arrow. But to go on—as Jack tells it—you could play the organ manually or you could put four different music rolls on at one time and switch from one to the other in order to change to the right mood and tempo quickly as the action in the movie changed. A cue sheet was sent along with the film so the organist could get some idea of what music to play. Little did they know that in Yosemite there were just so many rolls of music and that was it, so whatever the picture, the same music went for all of them—just in different sequence. After two or three months of attending the Cinema, one knew what music was coming next regardless of the action in the movie.

Then there was the time the hero, Jack Holt, was going to shoot the bad guy and reached for his gun. Our Jack saw him reaching and pulled the bang-bang sounds effect, not realizing that the action called for the Hero's gun to be empty thereby forcing him to fight the bad guy bare handed. Four people in the front row thought they had been shot.

After the Cinema episode Jack felt it was time to get out of the valley for awhile, so he went up to Glacier Point and played the drums in a little combo. Little is known of his musical career from then on. It seems to have just faded away; well, he does play a little piano and organ now and then.

Jack goes on to tell us that in those days there were no cars in the Valley; everyone walked. He gives us a glimpse of a beloved figure of the past when he tells us that he and Mother Curry used to walk from Camp Curry over to Government center at night to square dance, and they trudged along the old dirt road with a lantern, danced all evening, then walked back to Camp Curry. The skating rink was down behind the old Village Church. Skiing was just being introduced and the ski hill was back

of the stables.

Camp Curry had their own bakery—their own laundry and even made all of their own soap. Besides making all the goodies at the bakery they had a wonderful candy kitchen.

If and when a guest wanted to bring his car into Yosemite, the car was put on a flat car in Merced and brought up to El Portal by train (cost \$14.50). From there into the Valley the car could be driven.

Jack and Ella call their years in Yosemite the "good years", the "fun years"; they deeply and sincerely meant the "au revoir" they said to their many friends last week.

Jack was born in a district called Marylebone (pronounced Marrybun) just outside of London, and close to the old hangout of Sherlock Holmes on Baker Street and not too far from the playground of "Jack, the Ripper." He migrated to Australia at the tender age of fourteen, later served with the New Zealand Transport Service in WW I.

Ella hails from Australia, where Jack and she met and later married. Ella was born in Wagga Wagga; the town constable liked the place so well he named it twice.

Jack and Ella are now at home in Fresno near Hazel and Ellis Whitley, two more old-timers. The welcome mat is out.

WELL DONE, Y.T.S.

There's a glow of pride on our faces at the moment over a letter received from a guest expressing his gratitude for just a little extra courtesy and thoughtfulness on the part of one of our employees.

Perhaps it has become our favorite trite saying, and maybe we are a bit old-fashioned in stressing it as we do, but we believe that courtesy is still the most effective means we have of making sure that our guests are our friends and that they will return as friends for future visits.

Below is the letter, in its entirety:

AUTOMOBILE CLUB OF MICHIGAN
139 Begle Ave. Detroit 26, Mich.
Mr. George J. Conway, Manager
Emergency Road Service Dept.

California State Auto Assn.
San Francisco, California

Dear George:

We received a memo from our Royal Oak Division to the effect that our member, Mr. Clifford Becht, 211 East Marshall, Ferndale 20, Michigan, stopped into the office to tell how pleased he was with the consideration and hospitality extended to him when he needed help at Yosemite National Park. He lost the note on which he had the name of the person who was so helpful, but he wanted to let us know how much he appreciated it.

About three miles from the center of activity in Yosemite, his car stalled, but a passerby told the 3A at Yosemite about his trouble. I assume this was the Yosemite Park and Curry Company. Apparently the truck was tied up at the time, but the man from the garage took the time to come down to the car and advise our member that road service help would be there in about an hour, and that he wanted him to know that he was aware of the situation. The garage man then took Mrs. Becht back to Yosemite so that she might be more comfortable at the office there. Within the hour the service truck came to start his car so he could drive back to pick up Mrs. Becht.

When you inform your garage about this report, please extend our thanks along with that of our members for the thoughtful manner in which they rendered the very fine service.

Very truly yours,
AUTO CLUB OF MICH.
R. C. Nisbet, Manager

Emergency Road Service Department

"ISMS"

- If You want your father to take care of you, that's paternalism.
- If you want your mother to take care of you, that's maternalism.
- If you want Uncle Sam to take care of you, that's socialism.
- If you want a dictator to take care of you, that's communism.
- If you want to take care of yourself—that's Americanism!

Submitted by Lou Cusanovich,
64th A.D.

TAX WINDFALL

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The decision whether to file a claim for a refund for any of these years must be made by each employee himself. You can determine how much saving is involved by reducing the amount of wages shown on the W-2 received from the Company by the amount of rent you paid for Company lodgings and then recomputing your tax for each of these years. It could mean a significant amount of refund, depending on your tax bracket.

Because State income taxes are based on a very low rate, it is doubtful if any employee would find it worthwhile to file State claims. Before filing Federal claims, consideration should be given to the fact that normally the Internal Revenue Service will audit the return of a person filing a claim for refund.

Federal claim forms and a certificate for certifying to the amount of rent paid during any year are available at the Personnel Office. The certificate includes a statement of the facts and legal reasons which serve as a basis of the claim for refund and should be attached to the appropriate claim form for each taxable year.

SCHWEPPS SWEEP IN

Commander Whitehead (Schwepps Beer—or—The Original Beard), and his lovely wife, came in with the storm last week to spend a few days at the Ahwahnee. Accompanying Commander and Mrs. Edward Whitehead, were Lady Marian Phillips and the Honorable H. Hanning, both of London, England.

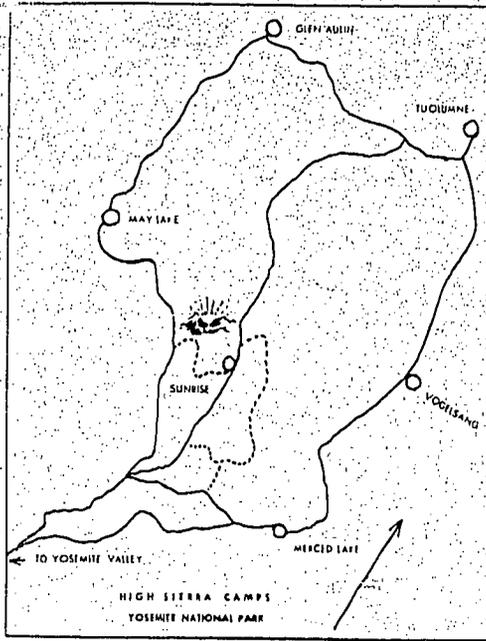
LOST ARROW

Square dancing Wednesdays—8:30 to 11:00 p.m. Ping Pong, Bingo and lots of other games during the week. Coffee, foot long hot dogs, candy and cold drinks served until 11:30. Have a hot dog for the road.

SUNRISE CAMP

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Lake (via proposed trail connection to Forsyth trail), nine miles from Mer-



ced Lake (via proposed Echo Creek trail and existing Merced Lake trail).

Again weather permitting, work on the water and sewer installation will start after July 1 as the material can be packed in on mule back. Construction will be done by the National Park Service, and \$15,000 has been appropriated for the work. Another \$50,000 has been programmed in the 1961 fiscal year (beginning July 1, 1960) for construction of ten miles of connecting trails.

The first contingent of workers will include the utility crew of the Government, NPS trail crews, and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. construction crews. The proposed camp will consist of about ten canvas structures having concrete floors and galvanized take-down metal frames. Only one building of permanent type structure has been planned so far. This building will be of rubble masonry with native rock walls.

All materials and supplies will have to be transported to the campsite by pack train. The NPS will move between thirty and forty thousand pounds, which will include a prefabricated trail bridge. We will have approximately 133,000 pounds of material to go in.

Gorden Warren, a member of last year's survey party, tells us that the surrounding high country is indescrib-

able in beauty. It is only three miles from three of the prettiest little lakes he has ever seen anywhere, even in the Canadian Rockies. The three lakes are Upper, Middle and Lower Sunrise Lakes. Gordon can also attest to the size and tastiness of the trout in all three of the lakes.

One sad note for our hiking employees: trails will not be completed in time for you to hike in and make a personal survey this summer but will be ready and waiting for you in the Spring of '61.

SWAP TALK

For sale—

American Peoples Encyclopedia—1955 Edition — Complete set — with yearly event books—a good buy—call Westmoreland at FR 2-4580.

For sale—

Ladies Henke Ski Boots—size 6—good condition FR 2-4270.

For sale—

Two sno-grip tires, slightly used Town and Country Tread—15 X 7.60 \$25.00 takes the pair Val Rowlett—FR 2-4307.

For sale—

House—five rooms and bath El Portal—Anne Reynolds — FR 2-4323.

For sale—

1958 Simca—will take trade—can finance — full price is only \$1095 Call Bob Lee FR 2-4258.

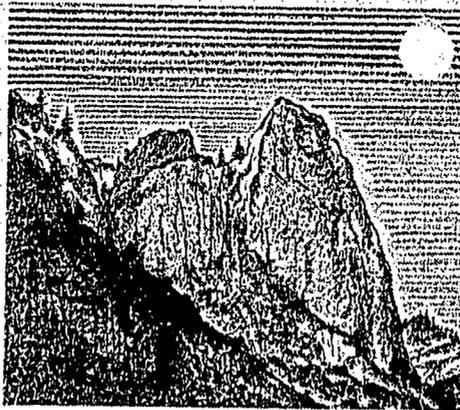
SKI SCHOOL A SMASH

Busiest educational institution in the country—that's the Badger Pass Ski School, where the last couple of weeks enrollment has averaged three hundred and twenty-five skiers a day and higher on weekends. The ski instructors say they know they asked for work when they came here, but this is "clear ridiculous." Always room for more, though! If you haven't had the fun of being in the classes, come along, share the excitement and enjoy the best skiing we've had in years.

TIMBER TWIRLERS

Square and round dancing every Friday night at the Schoolhouse, 8:30 to 11:00 p.m. Beginners always welcome.

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JIM KIRK RETIRES

Recalls Early Day Winter Sports In The Valley

In April, 1929, over thirty years ago, Jim Kirk came to Yosemite just to look around. He liked what he saw so well that he returned to Los Angeles for his wife, Olive Marie, and little daughter, Jean, and settled down to work for the Curry Company.

During the intervening years, Jim has witnessed many changes in the Yosemite scene. It was in the first years of his residence here, that winter sports became popular in the Valley.



The first organized season was conducted by Monsieur Ernst Des Bailleurs who was more interested in figure skating than in skiing, and the skating rink in those days was the center of activity. The Kirks speak of ice hockey games played by outside teams, skating exhibitions, and evening carnivals. There were bleachers for the spectators, chalet type rental and warm-

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GIVE

Community Council President, Ernest Johanson, announces the Council's once-a-year fund drive, beginning March 15 and continuing until May 1. The goal is set at \$2700.00. Funds contributed will benefit the American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, March of Dimes, Salvation Army, Boy and Girl Scout National Organizations, local Boy Scouts, Yosemite Badgers, and the Charles Goff Thompson Scholarship.

YOSEMITE LODGE COFFEE SHOP

The Lodge Coffee Shop is now open and serving hours are: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and 8:00 to 11:00 p.m., daily, Saturday — 2:00 to 11:00 p.m.

New cafeteria hours are:

7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., daily. There is dancing to Sid Hoff's orchestra at the Lodge every Wednesday night from 9:15 to 11:45.

SHARON CONNOR WINS SPEAKERS' CONTEST.

Sharon Connor, Hoppy Hubbard, and Bruce Fladmark spoke in competition on the subject, "People to People — Key to World Understanding", at the regular Lions Club Meeting on March 3. Sharon was awarded first place by judges Grace Woodruff, Pauline Shorb, and Bill Meacham.

This contest for high school students is sponsored annually by district four (California and Nevada) of the Lions Club. The local winner will go to the Sierra Sky Ranch later in March, where she will compete against winners from the other six clubs in this zone.

These competitions at various levels lead to a state competition for a \$1500 scholarship.

NEW TAX FORM—OPTIONAL 1040W

This new form, 1040W, is a streamlined version of the regular form 1040. It will be most helpful for wage and salary earners who can't use Form 1040A because they wish to itemize deductions, claim "sickpay" exclusion, or estimate tax payments, etc. You can use this form if:

1. Your income consists of salary and wages regardless of amount and
2. Not more than \$200.00 of dividends and interest, and
3. No other source of items of income.

Forms are available at the Paymaster's office.

You Can Deduct

TAXES—

Real Estate or personal property taxes
State income tax

Retail sales tax and auto license fees
State gasoline taxes (.06c gal., now)

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES—

Premiums on hospital or medical ins.
Eyeglasses and artificial teeth

Hearing devices and invalid chairs

Medical or surgical appliances,

braces, etc.

X-ray examinations or treatments.

Drugs and medicines have to have special handling, but in some cases are partially deductible.

You Cannot Deduct

TAXES—

Federal social security taxes

Hunting or fishing licenses

Federal gasoline tax

Federal excise tax on such items as furs, jewelry, telephone, etc.

Federal income tax

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXPENSES—

Premiums on life insurance

Hospital or medical payments that are covered by insurance

Funeral expenses and cemetery plot

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DON'T KNOCK

Those of us who live and work in Yosemite have many real advantages. With these advantages go responsibilities, some of which are peculiar to living and working in a National Park.

Among the most important of these is our responsibility for conducting ourselves in such a manner that we earn the respect of our guests, not only for ourselves as individuals, but for the organization for which we work.

The expression of disapproval or disrespect for any of the National Park Service or concessionaire activities in the presence of guests will most certainly result in the loss of the guest's respect for the critic, and possibly for all of Yosemite and its activities.

It is expected we will have differences of opinion. However, let us discuss them within the confines of our working area, our living quarters, or with our supervisors, rather than in public places where we will be overheard by guests.

Let us try to present a happy countenance to the public which will help in keeping the respect and admiration of our visitors.

ENGAGED

Katheryn Nentwich and Ernest Janiga—Kitty is a nurse at Lewis Memorial Hospital and Ernie is chief clerk in the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. accounting office.

Gail Glass and Edward Crouch—Gail is the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Alfred Glass, formerly of Yosemite, and is a senior student at Occidental. Crouch is a senior pre-med student at the same college and will attend Baylor Medical School at Houston, Texas next fall.

HORSE SHOW IN YOSEMITE!

Pack 50 of the Yosemite Cub Scouts invites the public to attend a horse show and saddling contest on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. in the Yosemite School.

Yes, they are going to have horses on the stage and actually saddle and mount them. The saddles will be real (borrowed from Bob Barnett at the stables), but the horses were made by the Cubs themselves under the direction of Cub Master, Lee Buzzini. Each horse is about the size of a burro and was made of a fiber drum, with legs, head and tail added, and painted to look as realistic as possible.

New Cub members will be initiated and achievement awards presented. Then the contest will begin. There will be a hitchrail on the stage. The three Dens will compete to see which can complete the following assignment in the shortest time with the greatest perfection:

1. Tying a bowline knot around the horses neck,
2. Tying rope to the hitch-rail in a bow knot,
3. Placing the saddle blanket,
4. Saddling and cinching, and
5. Mounting and dismounting.

Judges of these events will be Bob Barnett, Bob McGregor, and Wayne Westfall. Wayne and Bob McGregor have been coaching the boys in these events, and Lee reports that the interest has been keen.

The Den Mothers who meet weekly with the boys are: Lucile Buzzini, Dorothy Powers, and Jo Brunn.

PARENT GROUP MEETING

Dr. W. B. Uphold will speak to the parents and friends of Yosemite school children on Monday evening, March 21, at 8:00 p.m. in the schoolhouse. His subject will be, "Thank God for a Sense of Humor."

Uphold is an associate professor of English and philosophy at Fresno State College. Concurrent with his teaching assignments, he has had twelve years pastoral experience, largely in churches of the San Joaquin Valley.

COLD?

Don't be a cool cat! Get hot in a gorgeous new ski sweater from Badger Pass or Yosemite Lodge Ski Shop—25% off.

AHWAHNEE NOTES

Ski suppers are now held on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings at 7:30.

Paul and Coletha Jones have returned to the Valley, Paul to work in the Ahwahnee kitchen, and Coletha in the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. personnel office.

Ned English, who has worked summers in Yosemite since 1951, returned to The Ahwahnee in February as a room clerk. He will be transferred to a supervisory position for the summer.

Among famous and interesting visitors recently at the hotel were: Lowell Thomas, who stopped on his way from the Olympics for rest and some skiing at Badger; a group of fourteen Japanese, who represent the largest trucking firm in Japan; Mrs. Edward Berendau and sons from Urugray, who made a ski trip to Ostrander while here.

Also here was a group of five Russian writers and scholars who are touring the United States as guests of the Department of State. They came with three members of that department.

Mr. A. Saroyan of San Francisco, and son Eugene of Fresno, were guests over last week end. Mr. Saroyan is an uncle of the well-known writer, William Saroyan.

NEW FACE IN THE CROWD

Oscar Maddox, electrical foreman, is being welcomed to Yosemite by the other crews at Maintenance.

Oscar is from Modesto and is in the process of moving his wife to the Valley. Former foreman for Hansen Electric in Modesto and a retired Naval Officer, he comes well equipped to handle the various and sundry problems he will face in Yosemite.

SWAP TALK

Henke ski boots—size 7½—\$18.00 cost \$32.00 new — Anne Reynolds FR 2-4323.

LIONS CLUB SKI TEAM

Ten racers of the Yosemite Lions Club Ski Team competed in the F.W.S.A. Divisional Junior Giant Slalom Championship Race held at Edelweiss, March 6. Below is shown how each fared in his own age group.

Out of a field of fifteen boys in

CLASS I—
Randy Rust—second ----- 1:27.1
Malcolm McGregor—fourth -- 1:28.8
Brian Wilhite—fifth ----- 1:33.6
(fastest time: 1:25.0)

CLASS II BOYS—fifteen racers
Frank Carter—seventh ----- 1:29.5
Dennis Parrish—tenth ----- 1:40.8
(fastest time: 1:15.1)

CLASS III GIRLS—seven racers
Jeannie Evans—fourth ----- 2:06.8
(fastest time: 1:48.1)

CLASS FOUR BOYS— 23 racers
Randy Armstrong—first ----- 1:22.5

CLASS FIVE BOYS—fifteen racers
Danny Armstrong—first ----- 1:22.4
Jeff Sharp—eighth ----- 1:53.9

CLASS FIVE GIRLS—eight racers
Leslie Rust—third ----- 1:57.7
(fastest time: 1:25.4)

NATIONAL GIRL SCOUT WEEK

National Girl Scout Week around the world began on Sunday, March 6. March 12 will mark the 48th anniversary of the founding, by Juliette Ward Low, of the girl scout movement in the United States. Here in Yosemite a serious attempt is made to carry out the program following the founder's ideals, and the local leaders are eager and grateful for parents and community interest in the scouting program. Theme of the anniversary is "Scouting is a family affair all year 'round."

Leaders of the two Brownie groups are Priscilla Harders and Pat Slijk; of the two Girl Scout groups—Dorothy Powers, Lucille Buzzini, and Rosemary McDowell.

Many women in the community help the girls with their merit badge work. The organization committee consists of Barbara Morris, neighborhood chairman, Kathie Bevington, secretary-treasurer, and Helen Johanson Brownie advisor.

INSIDE THE OLYMPICS, AS SEEN**BY A SKI PATROLMAN**

Lawrie Brown was one of eighty-five men and women, chiefly from California and the Pacific Northwest, a few from the East, and three from Alaska who worked twenty-three days continuously to help keep things running smoothly at the Olympic Games. Yes! For the first time there were women on an Olympic Ski Patrol.

Among Lawrie's other comments was this one: "Shades of Yosemite—floods of past years!"

During the big rain before the games opened, patrolmen were set to work frantically clearing debris from Squaw Creek, which runs through the valley, because it rose ten to twelve inches above normal in a very short time and all concerned feared a flood that might carry the parking lot and other improvements down the mountain. Bridges below were threatened and there was a sheet of water over parts of Squaw Valley for thirty-six hours. Due to the valiant efforts of many, and nature's cooperation, catastrophe was averted.

Lawrie says the eighty-five ski patrolmen were divided into various squads: cross-country, alpine, jumping, avalanche, and mountain rescue squads. The mountain rescue boys had to help two people who struck ice on top of Squaw Peak and fell off—one of them about 150 feet down. They were not seriously hurt, however. The squads were rotated so that each had a variety of duties.

New aluminum sleds from Europe were used in rescue work. They are light, shaped like a banana, and come apart so that one man can disassemble a sled very quickly, carry it on his lap up the lift, and re-assemble it at the top. They are, reportedly, very easy to use.

Observers from Chili and Japan were on hand to learn our ways of ski patrolling. The Japanese are in the process of organizing a new patrol of their own.

Lawrie was very well impressed with the organization and efficiency of the whole operation.

YOSEMITE LIONS PLAN CARNIVAL—**"The Spring Fling"— March 26**

The Lions of Yosemite are planning to roar as they send March out "like a Lion" Saturday, March 26. The elementary school will be the setting for the blow-out.

Kids of all sizes are invited for an evening of gayety u n s u r p a s s e d Games, prizes, fun, food, movies and laughs will make the Valley ring with the "Spring Fling."

Admission for all older than elementary school will be 50c. This investment will be returned a hundred-fold in fun, to say nothing of the fabulous door prizes to be offered. Remember, save the night! Saturday March 26!

BEHIND THE SCENES

Although the people who do the glamorous jobs at Badger Pass are out in front and most often referred to in conversation, behind the scenes is a hard working, loyal core that really keeps the plant going. If you look beyond the ski school bell you'll find: Dusty Cloward at the tiller of his weasel making scheduled circuits around the Badger Pass area with non-skiing visitors as passengers.

Patiently and carefully dispensing the rental skis are: Dave Carlsrud, Ed Koop, Don Sanders, and Mike Schuler, all directed by Larry Riojas. These boys double with the shovel after a heavy storm and also manage to get Badger spotless by the time the first guest arrives in the morning.

Surrounded with work enough to last several winters is Clyde Deal, repair shop boss, whose temperament must accommodate thousands of requests such as, "Can I use your screw driver?" or "Will you fix my bindings right now?" The sales room is attended by Trudie Clark and Lois Cloward who must be expert in everything from fitting ski boots to finding lost parents.

There are more of these stalwart, behind the scenes types that we will tell you about in the next issue.

WHO'S NEW

Kathleen Ann, born to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Peterson on March 2.

JIM KIRK RETIRES

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ing huts, and colored lights frozen in blocks of ice for decoration. Oh, yes! There was more snow in those days! Jim says that when walking on a shoveled path you couldn't see over the snow banks. The rink never melted and there was skating from Thanksgiving until Easter.

For variety, and before the days of the ice rink, there was skating on the river near Camp Six. Without those heavy snows, the winter activity in the Valley would not have been possible. There was a double team sleigh driven by Joe Barnes, and two single surries. There was ski-joring behind a single horse; the skier, holding on to long reins, was protected from flying snow by a large apron.

One winter Frank Gallison of Merced, (brother of Art Gallison, a long time Yosemite resident) brought the fuselage of an old bi-plane into the Valley and used it to give the skiers thrilling rides over the road from Camp Curry to Happy Isles. The blast of cold air from the propeller was freezing, but it was the fastest ride a skier ever had — on the level.

The growing interest in skiing led to the establishment of the first ski school in the West, by Dr. Tresidder, at Old Badger which is a short distance up the old Glacier Point Road from the present Badger Pass. The first staff of instructors included Gordon Hooley, a Canadian jumper, Ralph de Pfyffer, a Swiss, and Jules Fritsch also a Swiss.

Dog Teams, Too!

One winter, a man named Jim Fritz contracted with the Curry Company to bring his dog team and sled into the Valley for the amusement of guests. After a couple of winters, he sold his dogs to the Company, whereupon Jim Kirk became driver. They were an important part of Yosemite winter fun for the next decade.

Every week-end Jim was kept continually busy driving guests on a mile course around Stoneman Meadow (commonly known as the Camp Curry Meadow). On week days, however, he would take his passengers anywhere in the valley they wanted to go.

Headquarters for starting the sled ride were artificial igloos set at the edge of the meadow. When snow-covered they looked quite real.

These rides around the meadow were not always a dull routine for Jim. One day his sled hit an icy spot and tipped, dumping him completely off. Feeling their freedom, the dogs started instantly for the kennels. Jim had to walk the mile in pursuit, no doubt at a fast gait, for he says that unless someone was there to take care of them promptly, they got themselves and the harness into a fine tangle. A spectator later commented that the air was really blue, thereabouts, while Jim was digging himself out of the snow where he had been thrown.

On another occasion, while taking some lady visitors on a tour, Jim perceived that his dogs had in mind to take the straight road home to the kennels. He shouted a quick "haw". Instantly the well trained team obeyed, thereby upsetting the ladies into the snow. Of course Jim expected a tongue-lashing for this, which was the only time he ever lost a passenger. But these women, bless 'em, were the rugged type and considered that they had been given an extra dividend of excitement for their money. They came back the next day for more.

About thirty Malamut Alaskan Huskies were kept in the kennels. This provided enough for two teams of five, seven, nine, or eleven dogs, the odd dog being the leader. The parent dogs came from the Nome and Point Barrow areas of Alaska. During the summer months the teams were farmed out near Kugler's Rustic Inn on Highway 140.

Lack of heavy snows in the Valley, difficulty of caring for the dogs during the summer months, and increasing interest in skiing caused abandonment of the dog sled rides before World War II.

The Kirks in Yosemite

Dog sleds or not, Jim Kirk remained to work for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. until his retirement on February 1, 1960, doing jobs perhaps not so glamorous as driving a dog team, but even more necessary.

His first experience in the West was

in San Francisco in 1919, upon discharge from the navy. He was impressed by the country and especially by the weather; it was possible to enjoy swimming in December. You cannot do that in Maine, his home state. So, forty years ago, he decided to spend three months in California. Later he moved on down to Los Angeles where he met and married his wife, Olive Marie, in 1926.

Jim's first job in Yosemite was at the housekeeping supply warehouse which was located where the Indian Creek apartments now stand. The family's first living quarters were a tent in Camp Six, as has been the case for so many early residents of Yosemite. Later they were given a house (since torn down) between the Degnan home and the Masonic Hall. After about four years, they decided to move to El Portal and build their own home.

While they lived in the Valley, two more daughters were born: Margaret in 1929 and Dorothy in 1931. Dorothy was the second baby born in the new hospital. Pat, the youngest daughter, arrived after they moved to El Portal.

Jim says their greatest pleasure during their years in the Valley was to take the two older girls to Ash Can Alley, located near the site of the old toboggan slide between Camp Curry and LeConte Lodge. Real ash can lids with handles removed were used for sliding. They could put both little girls on one lid which provided hilarious fun.

The Kirks are very happy now that they established a home in El Portal where they can remain in retirement. They are enjoying the more relaxed schedule, time to travel a little and to stay up for late television shows.

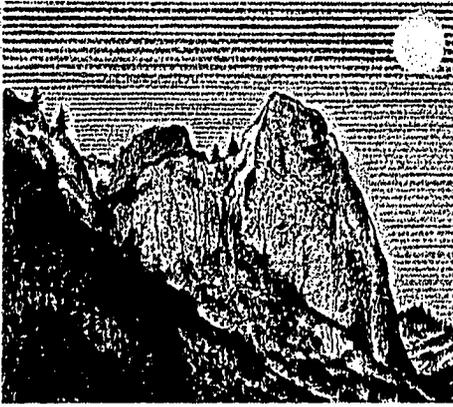
TV REVIEWS

Thursday night, March 17, 10:p.m., Revlon Revue. Saturday, March 19, 5:00 p.m., Showcase—

"Turn the Screw Deftly," starring Julie Harris and Maximilian Schell in a haunting mystery of life behind the scenes of a small traveling circus.

Saturday, March 19, 11:00 p.m., MGM Theatre "Command Decision."

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A NEW DISCUSSION GROUP

A great books discussion group, moderated by Stuart Cross, will hold its first meeting in the Museum, Thursday, March 31, at 8:00 P.M. All interested are invited to be present. Samples of material to be used will be shown at this meeting.

"OUR TOWN" TO BE PRESENTED

The casting of "Our Town", by Thornton Wilder, began last Wednesday evening and will continue for another week. Anyone interested in reading for one of the 25 parts in the play please contact Sterling Cramer or Ed Sirianni.

A timeless story having to do with the lives of common people, "Our Town" has just finished a year and a half run at the Circle of the Square, one of the more prominent off-Broadway theaters. It will be presented here the first week in May.

SCHEDULE CHANGE

Ski Suppers and Dancing

For the remainder of the winter season, Ski Suppers at The Ahwahnee will be held Monday and Thursday evenings, the last one being Monday, April 4.

There will be dancing at the Lodge Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday nights during the weeks of March 21 and March 28.

Beginning with the week of April 14, there will be dancing nightly in the Indian room, Monday through Saturday.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

You won't believe it but we can prove it! Addressed to the Convention Department, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., came a letter with the following heading: ARGUE AND ARGUE, Attorneys-at-Law.

"THE SPRING FLING"

Don't forget that Saturday night, March 26, is Carnival Night at the school house. Adm.: 50c for everyone over elementary school age. There will be games, prizes, free movies, food, and fun for all.

INSIDE OLYMPIC VILLAGE— A DOCTOR'S POINT OF VIEW

"Good luck, Butch," called Dr. Sturm to a Russian hockey player as he left the dormitory for an afternoon game. "Thank you, Doctor," came the reply.

Good English was not the rule among the foreign competitors, but communication seemed to be no great problem to these young athletes from many nations who lived together in the same dormitories during the Olympic Games. Sign language, plus the few words common to many languages, served very well after the first days of living and eating together, when the distinctness of national groups gave way to a "togetherness," congealing these groups into one aggregation.

In fact, a fine rapport grew between the Russian and American hockey team members, to the extent that when not in direct competition, they were each other's strongest rooters and were frequently together during free hours.

These observations come from Dr. Avery Sturm, who lived in Olympic Village during the whole of the games. While he was officially doctor to the American Alpine and Hockey Teams, he seemed to have been adopted by the hockey team—perhaps because of its greater need for his ministrations, hockey being the rough game it is.

All competing men lived in three large three story dormitories, with 115

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ROLF CLARK PLACES FIRST

Although the Rebel Team won the combined events in the 5th annual North vs. South Ski Races at Badger Pass on March 19-20, Rolf Clark, local ski instructor, brought glory to the Yankees by placing 2nd in the slalom and 6th in the downhill race. This gave him first place in the combined Alpine events out of a field of 26 racers.

The slalom was run at Badger Pass on Saturday; the downhill on a very fast Rail Creek racing course on Sunday.

Teams are made up of Class A racers, best in amateur classifications and open class racers. The competition is co-sponsored by Yosemite Winter Club and the San Francisco Examiner.

REGISTER!

1960 is a presidential election year. April 14 is the deadline for registration to vote in the June primaries. To register, see Agnes Westfall in the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Paymaster's Office or Ruth Ewing at her home.

If you voted in the last general election, there is no need to re-register unless you have moved since. In that case you must have resided in Mariposa County 90 days and in California one year prior to election day.

To quote a U. S. Chamber of Commerce news bulletin: "Economics and politics in this period of history are inseparable. One has a direct and potent effect on the other. To understand one you must understand the other."

With so many candidates in the field, there will be much discussion of opposing economic philosophies, and many opportunities for voters to acquaint themselves with the relative merits of such ideals and how they might affect our local, national, and inter-national future.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

Six-hundred guests for lunch! Who could face it? Not every day but on the busiest week-ends, cafeteria servers Addie Martin, Jo Nickolai, and Nora Ihlenfeldt cheerfully serve Chef Bob Rohweder's excellent food to approximately that many guests in the Badger Pass Cafeteria during a two and a half hour period.

Any hostess would faint at the thought of all the dirty dishes resulting from such a guest list. Of course, Bill Payne has some extra help on these busiest days carrying all these dishes from wherever guests leave them—up stairs, downstairs, and all over the porch—back to the kitchen. In the dishwashing room, a faithful crew of three, Mickey Fenton, Ward White, and George Ikuma, stack soiled dishes in the dishwasher, then remove them, hot and clean, to be returned to the front where they wait in gleaming stacks for the oncoming lines of hungry lunchers.

Helping the chef, we have cook Lynn Bashaw and cook's helper Jim Dunn.

Arthur Lyon works all day trying to keep ahead of the litterbugs about the lodge and in the trailer, parked nearby, Ruth Eryasian sits with small children of skiing mothers.

Now if all this cooking, dishwashing, and dusting sounds too much like a prosaic day at home, don't be misled. One morning last week, those who commute every day to Badger met Dave Downing roaring downhill in the carryall.

"What's the matter with Dave? Drives like a skier!"

Upon arrival at the Ski House, it was learned that he was taking an employee to the hospital who had sliced the tip off his finger while fast-

The Salt Mine with the Iron Doors or Manifest Nonsense from Central Whse.

Sonny Whitfield cranks open the great green loading door of the Central Warehouse. As it has done since the beginning of winter, a small, slightly frost-bitten grey bird zooms past his head to enter the building and have a look at the peculiar goings on inside.

In the office, the phone is ringing. Presently a stentorian voice rings out over the noise of the heating fan—"Punch! the Lodge coke machine is empty."

In studio warehouse Kay Aranguena holds forth on her recent four-day "vacation". "Those Asiatic flu shots really work. I went in and got one and sure enough that night I got the flu."

George Adams, back at work after a three week siege of pneumonia, toils up the steps from the basement forms room, carrying a case of purchase orders, five thousand winter folders, seven boxes of envelopes (size 10), muttering, "I guess I'm still pretty weak, I'll have to make another trip for the cash register."

There is a slow, steady thud of footsteps and a ghostly clanking of chains in the shadowy depths of the warehouse, a figure in a long white garment appears. This would be Emil Aho, head butcher, in his white coat, belted with a heavy chain from which swing cleavers, boning knives, sharpening steels, and sundry other impedimenta of his trade.

ening a drag to a weasel.

Not half an hour had passed before cook's helper, Jim Dunn, slipped on the kitchen floor, struck a refrigerator handle and cut an ugly gash in his head. Fortunately, after being carefully sewed up, both victims were able to return to work that day.

But that wasn't all! As Niek Slijk walked out front after dispatching the second casualty to the hospital, he saw a guest step backward off the porch and fall into the snow.

"This is too much for one morning," said Niek. "We're going to have to have shorter hours at Badger. Too many things have happened in the last sixty minutes."

The telephone rings again—"Punch! the coin slot is jammed on the store's coke machine."

A querulous voice is raised in the office, "Did Mac make the coffee or has somebody been washing his socks in the pot?"

McElroy shrugs his shoulders wearily. Nothing has changed in the month he has been away. Somehow, amid the snow, slush and confusion of

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GETTING UP STEAM

Installation of the new automatic boiler at Camp Curry is one of the major improvements to be made by the Company this year in carrying out the five-year renovation and modernization program planned for Camp Curry. It's expensive—the ten-thousand gallon tanks, the oil heaters, various pumps, some electronic equipment and the control panel will cost about twenty-thousand dollars; but as the kitchen will be automatically supplied with all the necessary steam and water, there will be no need for a boiler-house attendant. Lloyd Howse, our genial plumber foreman, is a qualified inspector and can take care of inspection on the work now being done by outside contractors, thereby saving the many hours that would otherwise be lost in waiting for an outside inspector to deal with the problems that arise from time to time during this stage of the construction and installation work.

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Roman Catholic—in the pavilion at 6:45 and 9:00 A.M. Confession, one half hour preceding each mass.

Christian Scientist—7:30 P.M. in the Yosemite Chapel.

Protestant—Yosemite Chapel at 11 A.M. Brief service—8:00 A.M., March 27—9:00 A.M. during April.

Sunday School groups meet at 9:45 A.M. in the following locations: Beginners (kindergarten) in the Masonic Hall. Primary (1, 2, and 3 grades) in the Chapel. Junior classes (4, 5, and 6 grades) in the Lost Arrow. Monday at 7 P.M. Junior High (7 and 8 grades) in the Chapel.

VILLAGE STORIES

Don't be surprised if you can't understand this article. The subject is the income tax and the whole theory behind all the complicated rules and regulations is: "If you could understand it, you could beat it."

There seems to be much emphasis on the cost of living these days, and the value of a dollar compared to the output of labor, also inflation, gracious living, and the total cost of our government, plus a few friendly neighbors (who could stand some close watching).

The old slogan, "What this country needs is a good nickel cigar," has been changed to "What this country needs is a good nickel."

We must remember, when we do a little griping, that our government is still a very fine thing. It fines you for just about everything.

But the income tax isn't all evil. It helps eliminate crime. For example: a burglar robbed a bank, and a few days later he was apprehended with all the loot. He hired a battery of high-powered lawyers, pleaded innocent, stood trial, and was found "not guilty." After he had paid off his expensive lawyers and the jury, he didn't have enough money left to pay the income tax, so he landed in jail anyway. Says he, "Crime doesn't pay. When I get out I'm going into the grocery business."

Let us keep one thing in mind. Taxes are only money, and you can't take it with you, because there is a little man from the internal revenue department who inspects you before you go. One poor fellow tried it, but was caught and had to come back.

Our country's inter-planetary travel program is not being held back because of lack of money, but because, when the time comes that our citizens can jump into their own little planet planes, it is feared that many of our loyal taxpayers just won't bother to come back.

Now for a few words of wisdom from one old and wise who has found happiness in the grocery business. Dad Ring says, "April 15 is the last day to submit your income tax report,

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men to a floor. The women occupied a fourth dormitory.

Concerning the dining room where Pete Rasmussen, of Camp Curry fame, was chef, Dr. Sturm says, "Pete had newspaper clippings from every foreign land where athletes had written home about the fine food they were served in Olympic Village." He further quotes Pete as saying that the Japanese Consul was worried about his people having their accustomed diet of rice and fish. They were promised a Japanese cook who turned out to be a Chinaman who never showed up. So, Pete did his best and the Japanese, although small of stature, proved to be the heaviest eaters in the crowd. If there were chicken for dinner, they had two chickens a piece; or if it was steak, they ate two steaks.

Others became influenced by American food habits. There was always fruit in quantities and most foreigners never left the dining room without taking some. Pie was an exotic food in which many of them did not, at first, indulge. Later almost everyone was eating pie.

But, while pie is all right for Europeans during training, the doctor did not advise Americans suddenly to take on the French, Spanish, and Italian habit of drinking wine in place of water; although he said, "When we were in those countries, we didn't drink water either."

The learning-from-each-other process was carried into training procedures, also. On the day of his arrival, Dr. Sturm was told that five people wanted to see him as soon as possible. They were American speed skaters who, having been consistently beaten by the Russians during practice, had observed these Russians at their particularly strenuous exercises and decided to try the same. The result for them was some painfully strained muscles.

"Knock it off," said the doctor, "Until

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so don't forget to file a return, or some day you may have to file to return.

—by Andy

OLD SHOES—OLD HAT

Maybe this is old hat, but your old shoes, shorts, skirts, or shirts, in which you wouldn't be caught dead, will be eagerly received by someone in Korea, India, Palestine, or Hongkong who really doesn't have a thing to wear. Please take your discarded clothes to the Old Village Chapel. From there they will be delivered to the Church World Service Center in Modesto where they will be reconditioned by volunteer labor and then sent to a selected area.

From this community, 125 pounds of clothing have been taken to Modesto during the last two months.

TV SURVEY

An agency of the FCC is conducting a survey to determine the potential of Station KSBW, Channel 8, for future viewing. There is a possibility of gaining additional broadcasting hours for the station, plus the program, "Continental Classroom."

FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

The shortage of chefs grows acute because so few young men have the patience to go through the proper training, complains the National Restaurant Association, with the result that, for the most part, restaurants rely on recipe cooking, which may be satisfactory, but it isn't Chef-cooking.

WHO'S NEW

Debra Marston, weighing 5½ lbs., was welcomed by sister Jenny Ann and by parents Veva and Don Marston, on Wednesday, March 16. Veva is reported to be doing very well after surgery.

THE JOICES IN STOCKTON

Dorothy and Eldon Joice and daughters are happily situated in Stockton, according to Rosella and Homer Armstrong, who visited them recently. Dorothy is busy with substitute teaching in the elementary schools and Eldon, although still in a cast, is active and making progress.

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you have a chance to become accustomed gradually to these new exercises."

The Nordic athletes regularly took the sauna (or steam) baths available in the physio-therapy rooms in each dormitory. However, the Americans were advised to stay out of these baths if unaccustomed to them because they can be more exhausting than beneficial.

There were two trainers to administer rub-downs and muscle therapy to the Americans and to anyone else who desired.

Dr. Sturm reports that his experience was similar to that of a flight surgeon during the war, that a large part of his work was fighting tension and building up morale. "You need to be with them all the time to keep them going. The build-up of tension before an event is terrific. The boys get excited and the girls noisy. Many of them can't sleep at night. You have to give them enough sedation so they can get some sleep, yet not so much that they can't do well in competition the next day."

The athletes' irregular hours in the dormitories created a problem. Some coming or going was necessary at all times so that everyone would get a chance to use the practice facilities. For instance, some skating sessions began at 2:00 a.m. At 4:30 a.m. the cross-country racers would rise to be ready for breakfast at 5:00 and for a practice run immediately thereafter. Due to fine weather and the excellent condition of the race courses, serious injuries were fewer than in previous Olympic Games. Most cases were merely bruises, soreness, and strained muscles. The local hospital, consisting of two twelve-bed wards, was usually only occupied by three or four patients. Any illness or injury of a serious nature was taken to Reno.

Dr. Sturm says that although he enjoyed his experience and was able to see many of the more important events, it was certainly no rest. His tour there sounded very much like the proverbial "postman's holiday."

Whether or not he will go to Inns-

BOB ROBINSON MEMORIAL

The following excerpt from a Monterey newspaper concerning a Carmel Valley project will be of interest to friends of the late Bob Robinson, who at one time served as dining room captain and as decorator at The Ahwahnee. His wife Lois, and brother Art, were both well known here, Lois as Mr. Oehlmann's secretary for a number of years, and Art as assistant personnel manager.

"A living memorial in Carmel Valley to the late 'big' Bob Robinson is planned as a spring project for Valley residents. It will be in the form of landscaping the two acres surrounding the Carmel Valley Community Center.

"A living memorial to 'Big' Bob is as natural as the springtime. It was at this time of year that he founded the Carmel Valley Wildflower Festival that for several years attracted world wide publicity.

And, while most of his friends knew him as a maitre de hotel at the Mark Thomas Inn, at the Navy School, the Carousel, and as co-owner of the Carmel Valley Country Club, he was a noted botanist and under the professional name of Clyde Robin had his own seed company."

A MORE BEAUTIFUL SCHOOL

Landscaping the grounds of the Yosemite School, a continuing project to be carried on by students under the direction of their student council, has been made possible by the installation of an irrigation system under the sponsorship of the Lions Club and the Parent Group. The seventh and eighth grade pupils have drawn the landscape plans and will help with hauling rocks and top soil for the planting.

EMPLOYEE MEAL DISCOUNT

Due to a suggestion by Herb Swedlund, of The Ahwahnee front desk, all employees are now entitled to receive a discount of 1/4 on meals at the Badger Pass Cafeteria.

bruck with the next American Winter Olympic Team, as has been suggested, he has yet to decide.

**SPRING MUSICAL
IN YOSEMITE CHAPEL**

An invitation is extended to all to attend the spring musical sponsored by the Yosemite Community Church, to be presented Thursday evening, April 7th, at 7:30, in the chapel. The program will consist of special Easter numbers as well as general sacred selections, and will feature the church's Junior Choir, Chapel Choir, and mixed chorus in special numbers. Climax of the program will be the singing of the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah." There will also be congregational singing of old favorites.

THE SALT MINE

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Squaw Valley, toiling away with Dick Connett on housing arrangements for international "whæls", Mack had looked forward to his return to the warehouse, which he remembered as an oasis of friendly calm and organization. How distance does lend enchantment!

The voice of Sirianni on the phone—known affectionately far and wide as, "The voice with a snarl"—has been somewhat muted of late. Yup—flu.

Telephone rings again—"Punch"—
"I know, the office coke machine is empty."

"Nope, Judy wants you to meet her for lunch."

At five o'clock, as the big steel door rattles downward, a small grey bird darts under just before it reaches the ground, and wings away over the cedar trees. The warehouse day is done.

—Ed Sirianni

APRIL FOOL!

No! It's true. Tickets for two Ahwahnee dinners will be raffled at the Lost Arrow on April 1. It is not necessary to be present in order to win. Tickets are 10c each or three for 25c and can be purchased at the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Personnel office, from the housekeeper at Tecoya Dormitory, or at the Lost Arrow.

Tickets are complimentary from the Hotel Division of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and proceeds of the sale will benefit the Lost Arrow Social Club.

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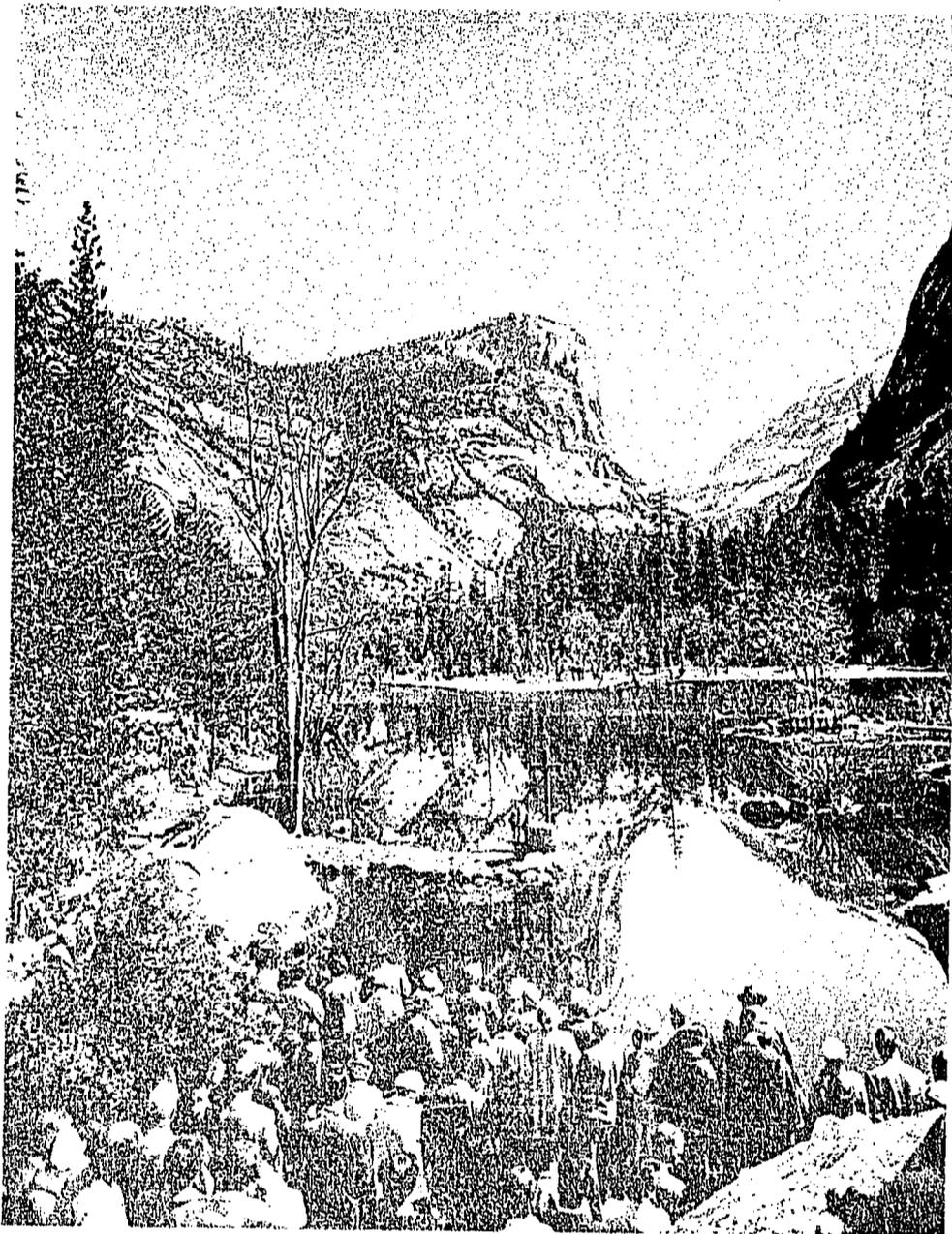
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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT MIRROR LAKE

OUR SMALL WORLD

An incident occurring after last year's Easter Sunrise Service serves to illustrate how far influence from the Yosemite community can travel in this world of today. One of the ushers fell into conversation with two Air Force officers. These men smiled indulgently when mention was made of the distance people would travel

to come to this sunrise service.

"We flew down from the 'Dew Line' in the Arctic Circle yesterday just to attend, hitchhiked up from Merced last night and will fly back tonight to report to work Monday morning."

They had attended the previous year and were so impressed they decided it was the way they wanted to spend Easter again.

THE NEW LOOK AT CAMP CURRY

Visitors to Camp Curry during the 1960 summer season will be greeted by the results of the first stage in Camp Curry's re-development as significant improvements are being made without changing the mellow informality of its architecture. The removal of superfluous small buildings attached to the lounge will serve to accentuate the simplicity of the low-lying buildings, nestling beneath the tall trees.

The front desk, which has been re-designed similar to that at Yosemite Lodge, has been moved into an enlarged transportation and post office building. The loop road used for guest parking and registration will be returned to meadow and access to the front desk will be via the present bus loading and restricted parking area.

The former front office building is
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DR. WHINERY LEAVES YOSEMITE

Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Whinery and two young sons will be greatly missed when they leave Yosemite on Easter Sunday for Sayre, Oklahoma where Dr. Whinery will enter private practice.

He recently flew to Sayre to make arrangements for his office which will be completed by the time he arrives and which he expects to open on May the first.

Both Dr. and Mrs. Whinery have lived in western Oklahoma near Sayre, so the locale is familiar to them. There is at present a small hospital in the town and a new one under construction.

On his recent trip, the doctor purchased a newly completed home, so nothing will be lacking upon their arrival in their home state.

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BEHIND THE SCENES

In the round-up of personnel who help make Badger Pass a pattern for other ski areas, we have the crew that operates and repairs machinery on the slopes. Co-ordinating this phase of the work is everyone's perennial favorite, Syd Ledson. Syd has spent 24 winters at Badger keeping his eagle eye on the running of machinery and tailoring of the slopes.

Homer Armstrong, Buck Martin, and Vernon Morris operate the three Constams, while Clyde Ewing skips the rope tow. Jack Day is the relief operator and Ostrander trail rider. Dennis Haag is doing the job at the top terminal of the No. 1 Constam. These boys also drag the tracks and the slopes with weasels to produce that smooth, skiable terrain for which Badger is so well known.

For special events such as ski meets and in anticipation of holiday crowds and after heavy snows, the ski patrol, Don Peters, Bob Hartung and Gary Charlson, all under the direction of Stan Albright, help with extra packing. The ski patrolmen are watching the slopes all the time for moguls and for fallen skiers. They are well-trained by Dr. Sturm in first aid, to be able to render efficient assistance to any needy skier.

When ski meets are held at Badger, who can guess the man hours necessary to prepare for and run them smoothly? Here we have Dave Downing with the help of the ski patrol and others whom he may be able to draft, selecting locations, packing slopes, cutting brush, and laying communications.

The races are arranged and take place under the expert direction of

THE NAWASA SHOP

Dresses, blouses, skirts and sweaters, hosiery, shorts, pants and swimwear, spring flowers and colorful scarves are available in the new sports shop which opened in the Redwood Room at Yosemite Lodge, April 1, under the management of Alma Molin. Called the "Nawasa Shop", an Indian word meaning dress, it will carry the trade names of Miss Trude, Betty Barclay, Bobbie Brooks, Miss Pat, Burlington Mills, Fritzi, University Sportswear, Elon, and Summit.

Prices are reasonable and privilege cardholders receive the usual 10% discount. Hours will be from 9 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. until further notice.

LENA SCHWEIFLER

After 38 years in Yosemite, Lena Schweifler retired on March 15, to enjoy a more leisurely way of living. Her retirement will not be one of idleness. She plans to help in a gift shop owned by her sister in Palm Desert.

Lena came to Yosemite in May of 1922. She worked for the Yosemite National Park Co. which at that time operated all the concessions in the valley except Camp Curry and several studios. This included the High Sierra Camps and the transportation system; the old Yosemite Lodge, where Lena worked in the summer, and the Sentinel Hotel located on the river bank near Sentinel Bridge, where she worked during the winter months.

Between the closing of Yosemite Lodge at summer's end and the opening of the Sentinel Hotel for the winter, she and a number of other Lodge employees would work for the Curry Camping Co. In those days, as now, college students were employed at Camp Curry, leaving a shortage of help after school started.

Living in Yosemite was different thirty years ago. The unmarried Yosemite Lodge employees lived in tents among the trees and rocks back of the old Lodge, while families lived

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Charley Proctor who gives his personal attention to the most exacting details of these events.

WHAT TO DO FOR FUN

April 11 through April 17

- AT BADGER PASS—
Monday, 11:00 a.m., Lions Club Junior Giant Slalom Ski Race (16 years and under).
Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., Ski proficiency test.
Wednesday, 11:00 a.m., American Legion Junior Giant Slalom Ski Race (16 years and under).
Thursday, 11:00 a.m. Rope Race on skis. Open to all.
Friday, 11:00 a.m. Ski proficiency test. 4:00 p.m. Flying "50" Races. Open to all.
Saturday, 11:00 a.m. Yosemite Junior Trophy Ski Race. Downhill and Slalom (16 years and under).
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Easter Egg Slalom. Noon. Annual Easter Bonnet Parade. 2:00 p.m. Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Championships.

MOVIES—

- Monday and Tuesday— "Some Like it Hot", Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon.
Wednesday — Special picture, see church services article. No admission charge.
Thursday—"Gunfight at Dodge City"— Joel McCrea.
Friday—"Holiday for Lovers" with Jane Wyman, Clifton Webb, Gary Crosby.
Saturday and Sunday—"Say One for Me", Bing Crosby, Debbie Reynolds.

DANCING—

- Sid Hoff's Trio at the Indian Room, The Ahwahnee, Monday through Saturday evenings, 9:00 to 11:45. Record Dance, Main Lounge, Yosemite Lodge, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, 9:00 to 11:00.

EASTER EGG DECORATING CONTEST

Whoever can decorate an egg (hard boiled) to look the least like a decorated egg, or whoever would like to decorate an egg beautifully, please bring such eggs to the Lost Arrow before Saturday evening, April 16. At that time they (the eggs, that is) will be judged and prizes awarded. On Sunday, the entries will be displayed at Yosemite Lodge.

HOLY WEEK CHURCH SERVICES**ROMAN CATHOLIC—**

In the Yosemite Chapel.

Spy Wednesday: Lenten Devotions at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday: Confessions at 5:30 p.m.; Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Services and adoration of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Confessions 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

In the Pavilion.

Holy Saturday: 11:30 p.m. Vigil Services followed by Midnight Mass.

Easter Sunday: Masses at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.

PROTESTANT—

In the Yosemite Chapel.

Palm Sunday, April 10:

Brief service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m., special music.

Tuesday, April 12, "The King of Kings", the most famous filmed story of the life of Christ, El Portal Community Hall 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 13— "The King of Kings", Yosemite Pavilion, 2:00 p.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, April 14—Holy Communion, Yosemite Chapel, 8 p.m.

Good Friday, April 15—Continuing Service, Yosemite Chapel, 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. "Come when you can; leave when you must."

Easter Sunday, April 17—Sunrise Service at Mirror Lake, 9:15 a.m. Music by the College of the Pacific A Capella Choir. Morning Worship, Yosemite Chapel, 11:00 a.m. Special music by the College of the Pacific A Capella Choir.

PASSENGER AGENTS TOUR YOSEMITE

Marshall and Ellen Hall of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Los Angeles Office hosted a group of 93 members of the Southern California Passenger Agents Association on an educational tour of Yosemite over the week end of April 2 and 3. The group was met in Fresno by YTS busses and brought to Yosemite. On Saturday, they were taken to Badger Pass and given the scenic weasel ride, and entertained at The Ahwahnee in the evening.

IMPRESSIONS OF A BRITISH EMPLOYEE

An English college student, spending six months in the United States and presently employed at The Ahwahnee, writes her impressions.

"They said I would find everything in America bigger, better, and brighter than anywhere else. This predetermined impression had begun to wear thin until I thought about Yosemite in these terms. Perhaps here is the source of the idea. Driving to California from Boston, I was much impressed with the American park systems. The English equivalent is the National Trust which maintains places of historical interest and country of particular beauty. But even the wildest moorlands are seldom completely exempt from some alteration by humanity. Thus American parks differ not only in scale, obviously, but also in their degree of 'Nature in the Raw.'

Yosemite is no exception, and standing at Glacier Point with such a panorama before me, it is easier to understand why so many Americans quote 'little 'ole England!' Accustomed to the cultivated and rolling chalk hills of Dorset (southwest England) where the highest point is 986 feet—it is so hard to be adequately prepared for the scale of landscape here! The characteristics of glaciation are common enough in England but Yosemite is particularly impressive in its combination of height and abruptness of angle. So, bigger topographical features—that is only an accident of nature!

"But what has made this bigness also better and brighter to me, is not only the facilities Yosemite offers; as a mountain resort it is not unique.

"It is the informality, plus attention to detail, with which recreation is presented, whether one is guest or employee. These granite cliffs are impressive, inspiring, but never hostile, and the people seem to compliment the environment. Probably those I have met don't understand what I say half the time, nevertheless it has been impossible to maintain a 'typical' English reserve! Apparently ski instructors have this demand for social ability written in their contracts. But

NEW PRIVILEGE CARDS

All those who have not yet picked up their 1960 privilege cards from the Personnel Office please do so at once.

SKI FILMING AT OSTRANDER

At Ostrander Lake recently were Nick Fiore, Jerry Moore, Lawrie Brown and Henry Berrey making a short film, about six hundred feet in length, on ski technique, as imparted by Yosemite Ski School. Luggi Foeger, former ski school head and an outstanding ski photographer, was available as camera operator, so went along to film the picture.

According to the group the day's efforts began at seven a.m. and, with a respite of about two hours for lunch and to allow the sun to pass its Zenith, continued until about 5 p.m. Included in the task was a twice daily climb of Horse Ridge.

The Dauners, Bruce and Mary Lou, Ostrander Hut operators, were said to be most helpful preparing very early breakfasts, late lunches and sumptuous dinners.

The film will be ready for distribution in early fall of this year.

LIBRARY AIDE POSITION OPEN

SALARY: \$40.00 per month. WORK: 7 hours per week. QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from High School. Some College preparation desirable. Interest in books and some clerical aptitude. APPLICATION and INTERVIEW: Applications should be made at the Yosemite Branch Library in the Yosemite Museum. The library is open—Monday 3-5 p.m.—Thursday 3-5 p.m.—Friday 7-9 p.m. Nola Blakeslee, Branch Department Supervisor, will interview qualified applicants on Thurs., April 21, from 1 to 3 o'clock p.m. at the Yosemite Branch Library.

this scarcely accounts for the majority of personnel! Looking for a reason for this Yosemite personality, perhaps it is a harmony between people and place which generates the friendliness with which living here is offered and enjoyed."

Leslie Jones
Farnham, England

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NEW LOOK AT CAMP CURRY

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being converted into a roomy guest lounge, showing off the big stone fireplace to advantage. Two small rooms at one end of the lounge will contain the resident manager's office and, according to present plans, a sales office where guests can be shown scenic slides of bus tours and saddle trips.

Another major change in the Camp Curry picture will be the elimination of the former grill, which site will now be used as an outdoor terrace dining area for the new coffee shop.

The former dining room is being divided by moveable decorated screens into a coffee shop on one side and an American plan dining room on the other. Both of these operations will be serviced out of one kitchen with duplicate service set-ups in the pick-up areas.

Along the back wall of the kitchen area will be new electric ranges. Centralizing here the bulk preparation of food for the dining room, coffee shop, and cafeteria will enable one chef and one helping cook to supervise the work previously requiring several cooks for the three units.

Two conveyer systems will transport dishes from the coffee shop and dining room to the dish washing room.

The decor of the dining room is to remain essentially as it was. The interior of the coffee shop will be completely redecorated with new furnishings and lighting.

The souvenir shop will remain unchanged. The grocery store has been abandoned and present plans call for a sports shop to be established there. The cafeteria will be the same except for changes in its service area.

Completion of the coffee shop is planned for May 15.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

Wes Conner, chairman of the Lions Club Boys and Girls Committee, announces that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the playground of the Yosemite School, Saturday, April 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

LENA SCHWEIFLER

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in tents in Camp Six, summer and winter. In winter, some of the Sentinel Hotel employees, including Lena, lived on the third floor of the hotel.

After the merger of the Yosemite National Park Co. and the Curry Camping Co., Lena became a regular employee of the present Yosemite Park and Curry Co., working at each of the various units on the Valley floor. The Sentinel Hotel was used until the Ahwahnee Hotel was opened. During its last year of use it was not a hotel but only a coffee shop, and Lena was the manager. Upon its closing she went to work in the new Ahwahnee.

It was during these first years in Yosemite that Lena met and married the late John Schweifler, remembered with affection by all those who knew him. John was the local barber for many years, having come to Yosemite in 1916. Living in a tent during the winter months did not appeal to Lena, so their marriage waited until they could move into a house. The old Pillsbury home located just back of the Lost Arrow was the house, and in it Lena and John lived all their married life.

From 1941 until 1956 Lena was a front desk clerk at Yosemite Lodge. From 1956 until her retirement, she worked in the Reservations Office.

Reminiscing, Lena made a few interesting comments on her early years here. She said that at that time it was an all day round trip to Glacier Point on the old, narrow, winding road in the slowing moving cars of the day.

There was no all-year highway and during heavy winters, Valley people were really snowed in, their only connection with the outside world being the Yosemite Valley Railroad which brought in mail and supplies. The road from Yosemite to El Portal had to be plowed in order for the bus to meet the train. Any one wanting to travel very far would drive his car to El Portal, have it loaded on a Y. V. flat car and ride the train himself to Merced. From there he could continue in his own car.

Since there, was no automobile

HALF WAY THERE

\$1280.00, or slightly under one half the goal of \$2700.00 set by the Community Council in its fund drive had been reached by April 4. The drive will continue until May 1.

GREAT BOOKS

April 14 will be the date, and the training room in the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. General Offices the place for the second meeting of the Great Books Discussion Group. There is room for three or four more members. Any one interested please see Stuart Cross or Marjorie Lindamood for details. Meetings will be at 8:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

DEADLINES

April 14 is the last day you may register to vote in the June primary election.

April 15 is the day Uncle Sam expects income tax reports to be in the mail.

WE GET ACTION!

A pat on the back for our swap column—seems one of our former employees was mailed a copy of the Sentinel—saw Ann Wilson's ad for her relaxacizor—wrote to her—result— one sale.

PARENT GROUP MEETING POSTPONED

Wayne Leedy, Parent Group Chairman, announces that the regular meeting of the group has been postponed until Thursday, April 28, to fit in with the Public Schools Week program.

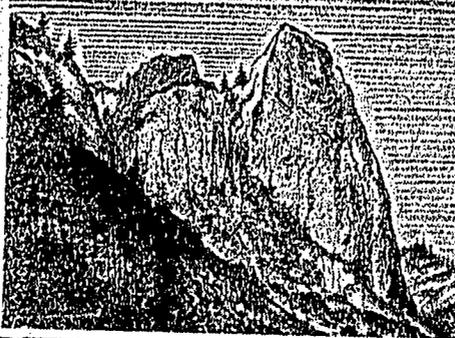
SWAP TALK

Bendix washing machine—\$10.00
Punch Johnson, FR 2-4874.

Hoover upright sweeper, with attachments \$35.00. Faye Bullock FR 2-4494.

travel into the park during the snow season, there would at times, be only three or four guests at the hotel. Those must have been the good old days we hear about when people knew what it was to have long winter evenings.

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LOCAL LIONS HOST DISTRICT CONVENTION

Under the general chairmanship of International Counsellor Wendell Otter, Yosemite Lions will be hosts to the Lions International District 4-A1 Convention, April 22 to April 24, at The Ahwahnee with 475 members and guests in attendance. Local club President John Curry will welcome the group at the opening session on Friday evening.

Principal speaker of the convention, past International President John L. Stickle, will be heard Saturday night. On Friday, International Director Maurice Perstein, of San Francisco, will be the evening speaker.

The Saturday morning business session will elect the new District Governor for 1960-61, Dr. Arthur Goodwin of Stockton being the candidate without opposition.

The District 4-A1 finals of the Student Speakers contest (Sharon Conner won the local bout) will be held on Saturday afternoon. The subject for these student talks is "People to People, Key to World Understanding," which thought is also the convention theme.

There will be a golf tournament Saturday afternoon, a banquet in the evening, and a farewell breakfast Sunday morning.

DROP IN

From the San Francisco Chronicle—"Perilous journey: The gang at the Yosemite Park office on lower Geary draws straws to see which member is stuck with the job of running the mail across the sidewalk to the curbside mailbox. The pigeons roosting overhead on the Bank of America sign make it the riskiest mission since the 'Hump' runs of W'War II."

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COME TO "OUR TOWN"

Sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club, The Yosemite Drama Group will present their fourth annual production, Thornton Wilder's 'Our Town', at 8:00 p.m., May 5, 6, and 7, at the Yosemite Elementary School.

This year's play is something of a departure from the Group's usual theater fare, since it has a more serious theme and, incidently, the largest cast of characters presented locally since the days of the Lions Club extravaganzas.

For one more "first," it will serve to introduce a number of Yosemite's "Junior Citizens" to the adult dramatic scene.

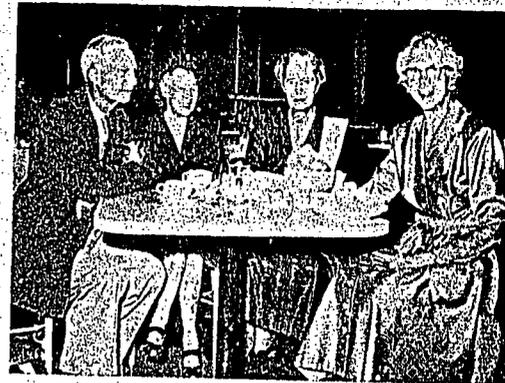
FROM WINTER TO SUMMER AT GLACIER POINT

On Friday, April 15, the Glacier Point Road was opened to admit capacity crowds who arove down a road banked with snow higher than the cars in many places. The trip to Glacier Point is a must for all new employees, and even for old employees who have not been there since last summer.

The Mountain House and cafeteria are open now. Tentatively, the hotel is to be opened May 27. At present, breakfast and dinner are served by reservation only; lunch from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., and snacks from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

It is interesting to note that the Mountain House is one of the oldest operating food and lodging units in any National Park, having been built in 1878. Built in 1913, the hotel is not really new.

Winter caretakers, George and Dorothy Mayer, left for their home in Santa Cruz from where they will travel to San Miguel, Mexico to spend the summer. Dorothy Mayer, an ac-



Among those at the farewell party at Yosemite Lodge for Marguerite Radigan were Mr. and Mrs. H. Oehlmann, Mrs. D.B. Tresidder, and the star of the affair

FAREWELL MARGUERITE

But Linger A little Longer

Marguerite Radigan was honored at a suprise farewell party, attended by approximately 50 friends, Saturday evening, April 16, at the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria. As a token of their esteem, her friends presented her with a number of gifts. Two decorated cakes on which was written, "Good Luck, Marguerite." and "For Twenty Years Good Behavior," were served with coffee.

After working many years at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria, Marguerite did her last food checking there on Easter Sunday morning, after which she will enjoy a three weeks vacation.

She will be at the cash register in the Glacier Point Cafeteria for the summer, and is anticipating retirement thereafter.

Completed water color artist, has a number of her paintings hung in the cafeteria.

John Degerman, who managed the Yosemite Village Grill and Restaurant last summer, has returned to manage the Glacier Point Hotel.

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EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION AWARDS

Cash awards have been made to two employees for suggestions which have been tried and proven practical.

Don Christensen received \$25.00 for suggesting that the stores use a bottle deposit ticket which would cover 6-pack, thus doing away with giving out six individual tickets.

Dusty Cloward was awarded \$15 for the suggestion that at the Badger Pass Refreshment Stand shelves to hold condiments be built away from, but near the counter, so as to eliminate congestion at the service window.

FIRST IN A SERIES OF PERSONNEL WORKING MANUALS

Now in use by Ahwahnee Dining Room personnel is a complete working manual, recently compiled by Bill Meacham.

The manual covers everything an employee needs to know in order to render efficient service from the time a guest enters the dining room, thru his meal and until he leaves. It is designed to supplement, not to replace on-the-job training, and to serve as a reference guide for new employees. The manual is unique within the Y.-P.C. Co. at present, but such guides are being contemplated for other units.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

During Public Schools Week, April 25 to April 29, parents of Yosemite school children will be invited to visit the classrooms at appointed times.

An open house for every one interested will be held on Thursday evening, April 28, from 7:30 to 8:30. All rooms will be open for inspection.

A brief Parent Group meeting will follow at 8:30 p.m., the program to be presented by the school staff in an attempt to interpret the school program in the community.

DROP IN

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Following came this letter from the gang at the San Francisco office—

San Francisco Beat

"If anyone from the Bay Area has been up to the park this winter, it's probably because we in the San Francisco office informed everyone who wasn't in the know that the Olympics were being held up there. Although you seldom hear from us (with the exception of the Reservation Office who hears from us too often) we're still here sending all the bay residents up.

"We know when park employees have three days off they generally head for San Francisco. So...here's an invite to drop by and see us. For you who don't know where we're located, you can recognize the office by the congregation of pigeons outside. Ben Bennett made the mistake of letting Herb Caen in on our anti-pigeon movement, and he in turn published an article on our plight. After that all the pigeon lovers headed for 39 Geary with their bread crumbs and consequently it looks like Union Square here. It's not that we hate pigeons; it's just that we try to get the mail safely to the mail box. Mr. Otter suggested the use of an umbrella, but we really would get publicity then.

"We've had some changes in personnel here recently. Pretty soon Amos Neal won't recognize the place. Joni Toniatti McDougal left us after being stuck to the phone for several years. She was replaced by Marie Saunders who is now learning the office procedure.

"We're threatened with another loss in May when Georgianne Ransome leaves us. Wedding bells are ringing for her and John Perry, formerly of the Village Coffee Shop. Then they head for Kansas with the Army, and she says this ain't Kansas corn. We're sure the pigeons will miss her, as she is always their favorite target.

"Bert Freedman, who's been a permanent fixture here since 1943, still rides the 'L' car home, although she hasn't had the door slammed on her lately. She has the honor of being

BENEFIT CARD PARTY

The John C. Fremont Hospital Volunteers are sponsoring a luncheon card party, May 5, for the benefit of the hospital auxiliary. Tables will sell for \$6.00, and anyone interested is invited to contact Mrs. Walton Huffman at 6666 E. Olive Road, Merced, who will arrange for tables and tickets. Further information may be had by calling Kit Whitman at The Ahwahnee.

JUST LIKE DOWNTOWN

On April 18, KSBW-TV (Channel 8) started its extended broadcast day program and is now on the air from 7 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. You can get up with Dave Garroway and go to bed with Jack Paar and there are now only 6½ hours left in the 24 when you'll have to amuse yourself.

Upcoming programs that appear to be of interest are: Chicago vs. Giants Baseball Game of the Week at 11:45 a.m. Saturday, April 23; MGM Matinee on April 25 will be "The Lonely Years", a tear producer with Helen Hayes; Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a special show called "Invitation to Paris" with Jean Sablon and Maurice Chevalier.

LOCAL TOTS IN FASHION SHOW

Misses Jill Hansen, Marci Hackett, Anna Zachwieja, Lauren and Karen Nutley participated in a fashion show at The Ahwahnee, Friday evening, April 8, modeling clothes from Sybil's Bib and Tucker Shop in Belvedere, California. The show was presented for and sponsored by the California Grape and Tree Fruit League in convention there at the time.

announced by the driver each time she boards the car. Her introduction goes: 'Here's the lady who wrote the company a letter about me!' Needless to say, it wasn't about his courtesy.

"Carol Pasquinelli, our manager, who at one time was Carol Hudson of the Lodge desk, still threatens to trip in the middle of Geary one day when she jay-runs in her spiked pumps to catch the Geary Limited. At her pace, she could beat the bus home.

**LOCAL YOUNGSTERS CAPTURE
SKI TROPHIES**

Yosemite junior skiers had things their own way during the just-finished Easter Week ski races. Outstanding among the local juniors were Jeannie Evans and Frank Carter. Jeannie made a clean sweep of the four meets, while Frank took two firsts out of four starts. Upper age limit for junior races was 16 years. The week's competition started with the Lions Club Junior Giant Slalom on April 11.

BOYS—	Time
1. Frank Carter—YWC	76.3
2. Dennis Parrish—YWC	81.1
3. Randy Armstrong—YWC	86.0
GIRLS—	
1. Jeannie Evans—YWC	87.3
2. Kathy McLaren—YWC	108.0
3. Doris Ihlenfeldt—YWC	109.2

Wednesday's American Legion Junior Giant Slalom was a repeat of the Monday event so far as victors were concerned.

BOYS—	
1. Frank Carter—YWC	80.3
2. Dennis Parrish—YWC	83.0
3. Randy Armstrong—YWC	90.2
GIRLS—	
1. Jeannie Evans—YWC	91.1
2. Doris Ihlenfeldt—YWC	100.1
3. Kathy McLaren—YWC	107.1

The only Downhill, Slalom and Combined race was Saturday's (April 17) Yosemite Junior Trophy Race. The Slalom was set by Cappy Cook on the Badger Hill and its tight, fall-line characteristics made the youngsters ski every second. In the late afternoon the Downhill was run on a variation of the Flying Fifty course. It was well-controlled for safety purposes.

COMBINED

BOYS—	
1. Tim Berrey—YWC	2:45.2
2. Frank Carter—YWC	2:60.0
3. Danny Armstrong—YWC	2:83.2
GIRLS—	
1. Jeannie Evans—YWC	2:63.0
2. Kathy McLaren—YWC	3:56.3
3. Leslie Rust—YWC	3:76.0

On Easter Sunday, at noon, Yosemite Winter Club president, Byron Nishkian, presided over the awarding ceremonies, assisted by Charles Proctor, Leroy Rust and Mary Tresidder.

SPARE THAT WOOD

The following summary of Park Service policy concerning cut wood in public campgrounds is printed herewith for the information of local residents:

Public Campgrounds receive top priority under the Service's wood-utilization policy. That is why wood from hazardous trees, blowdowns, vista-clearing, etc., is cut, hauled and placed in the campgrounds. The Service does this at considerable cost to appropriated funds. Employees taking this wood provided at public expense in the campground for their personal use are violating park rules and regulations to the same extent as taking any other Government-owned property. Accordingly, all employees are cautioned that it is a misdemeanor to take wood from the campgrounds.

Employees may secure all the wood they need for their own personal use by taking available wood, including cut wood, from along the roadside before it is hauled to the campground. However, once Government funds have been expended to load, haul and place the wood in the campgrounds for park visitors use, it is no longer available for employees. Please be guided accordingly.

WEDDING BELLS

Ernie Janiga, of the Accounting Office, has gone to San Antonio, Texas, where he and Kathleen Nentwich, a nurse at Lewis Memorial Hospital, will be married on Saturday, April 30, at St. John's Lutheran Church. Texas is home to Kathleen.

The finale to the Easter week affairs and the ski season, as well, was the Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Championships held Easter Sunday afternoon. There were no age restrictions in this competition.

BOYS—	
1. Malcolm McGregor—YWC	1:19.4
2. Tim Berrey—YWC	1:23.1
3. Randy Armstrong—YWC	1:33.1
GIRLS—	
1. Jeannie Evans—YWC	1:31.1
2. Donna Armstrong—YWC	1:43.4
3. Bonnie Nishkian—YWC	1:47.2

VILLAGE STORIES

Ode to Truman Emerson:

The store gang would all like to wish you.

A happy re-ti-re-ment.

We will try like heck to forgive you
For the letters you've missent.

Weather fair or weather foul,

We know mail must go through.

It's wonderful how these things work,
Egads, in spite of you.

"Poems are made by fools like me,"

But mail gets lost by you, Em-mie.

"I will always remember Yosemite as my favorite stamping ground," says Mr. Truman Emerson, official postman for Y.P.C. Co., now retired. "Retirement is a wonderful thing," says Mr. T. E., "Especially when one can get used to it on the job, as many of my friends are now doing."

Wisdom comes with age, and by then it's too late to do anything but pass it on to others. Here are a few tid-bits, so take heed:

1. Politics will be cleaned up after everyone is cleaned out.

2. Outer space travel will become so popular that the prediction in the Good Book will come true. "The meek shall inherit the earth." Those who are too chicken to leave will be stuck with it.

3. Juvenile and world problems are very much the same, and can be solved in the same manner. "Speak softly and carry a big stick." This is not one of my own original sayings, but it's a goodie.

Many people associate retirement with loneliness, but I am not as afraid of being alone as I am when among my many good friends.

"All kidding aside," says he, "I have enjoyed being in the park and having the pleasure of associating with the people I have worked with and for.

"In planning your future, remember one simple fact: twenty years from today, today will be twenty years ago. Egads! I'm beginning to sound like Ole Dad Ring. Maybe it's a good thing I'm leaving."

Emmie was known as the postman with bags under his eyes. We're sure gonna miss the old rascal.

**IN SPRING, OUR THOUGHTS TURN
TO CONVENTIONS**

The 1960 spring convention season, which began in mid-March and is now in full swing with 29 organizations and groups visiting Yosemite during April, May and early June, is to be the largest ever, according to General Sales Manager George Oliver.

Of immediate interest is the Lions International District 4-A1 Convention, now in session, for which the local Lions Club is host.

Always anticipated because of the fine programs they bring is the Lumber Merchants Assn. convening at The Ahwahnee April 24, with delegates housed at both The Ahwahnee and Yosemite Lodge. Headlined by Lucile Norman of radio and TV fame, their entertainment will also feature a Dixieland Band and an Hawaiian style show.

The largest group this season will be the Irrigation Districts Assn. of Calif. which will arrive, 600 strong on May 4. This is the beginning of a four day period when five groups will be convening at once in Yosemite.

On the day of May 14, the following six groups will be either checking in or out, or will be at some mid-way stage in their meetings here: the Cabinet and Fixtures Manufacturers Guild, Northern California Congregational Conference, Wholesale Beer Assn., California Psychiatric Society, Omega Nu, and the Glendale Masonic Lodge.

Then, after a one-day breather, all will be ready at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge and Camp Curry to receive 400 members of the California Dairy Assn., which has been convening in Yosemite for many years.

At Yosemite Lodge, May 20 to 22, will be the Mercedes Benz Club. (Has Manager Curry, connoisseur of compact cars, used his influence to entice this one.)

Ending the spring season and ushering in the summer will be the California Alumni Assn. House Party at Wawona, June 11 to June 18. The charm of Wawona has drawn this group back for many years.

**NATIONAL PARK EDUCATIONAL
PROJECT SURVEY**

From a questionnaire mailed to student employees of last summer: "Consideration is being given to the possibility of offering college courses at Yosemite National Park this summer under the joint and cooperative sponsorship of the University of California, the National Park Service, and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. To assist in the consideration and planning of this project, your cooperation will be appreciated in supplying information in response to this questionnaire."

Questions asked concerned the type of courses that might be desired either with or without college credit, how many units a student might want to take, how much time per week could be devoted to study, and what hours would be possible for class attendance.

From 537 questionnaires sent by the N.P.S. and the Y.P.C. Co., 199 replies were received.

In regard to the answers, Stanley E. Mc Caffrey, Vice President and Executive Assistant of the University of California, wrote to Mr. Ouimet: "It seemed to me the responses were most encouraging and indicated a real interest on the part of the student employees in taking courses during their summer employment at Yosemite. You will hear from us in the coming weeks as we get further along in these plans."

If this response is deemed favorable enough, the University will start classes this coming summer. If successful in Yosemite, similar programs will be started in other National Parks, in the hope that they will be helpful in alleviating the overcrowded conditions in our universities.

YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP MUSICAL

A program of piano and vocal solos by Mrs. Nancy Loncaric and Miss Eleanor Wood of Los Angeles, soprano, will be presented to the Women's Group in the Yosemite Lodge Lounge at 2:p.m. on Friday, April 29.

The program will be preceded by a luncheon in the Mountain Room at 12:45, reservations for which should

GOLF CLUB

The Wawona Men's Golf Club met on April 11th to elect new officers and discuss summer tournament plans.

The leaders for 1960 are: Chas. Hill, President; Chas. Young, Secretary-Treasurer; Sturge Culver and Curly Dierksen, Co-Tournament Chairmen; Rex Hickok, Handicapper.

Get-Acquainted Day is scheduled for Sunday, June 5th at Wawona, followed by National Golf Day on Saturday June 11th. Sunday, June 26th has been set up for the annual Fort Washington Home and Home Team Match.

Out-going president Doug Thomas presided over the meeting which was attended by some 16 members.

AHWAHNEE AFFAIRS

Easter Week saw several notable guests at The Ahwahnee, among whom were Conrad Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, Senator Harry Byrd of Virginia, and Regional Director and Mrs. Lawrence Merriam. These notables were here to discuss the route location of the Big Oak Flat Road which is soon to be rebuilt, to inspect the new Tioga Road and the new development in El Portal.

Also guests during the week were Senor Emilio del Carril, the Argentine Ambassador to the United States, and his wife, Senora del Carril. Having attended the Pan American celebration in San Francisco, they felt they could not leave the area without seeing famous Yosemite Valley.

SWAP TALK

Double bed—box springs and frame, excellent condition — \$25.00. Red chrome breakfast set — \$30.00. Call FR 2-4732.

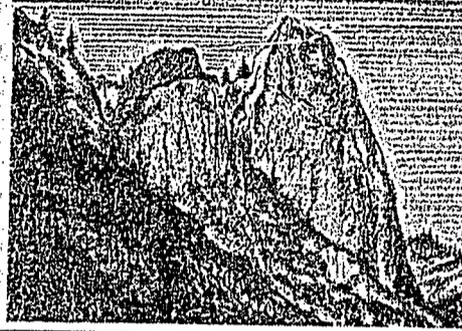
Bendix washing machine — \$10.00, good condition. Punch Johnson, FR 2-4874.

Sofa—80", green frieze, foam rubber throughout. Sterling Cramer, office FR 2-4701, home FR 2-4752.

be made by calling hostess chairman Mrs. Lloyd Howse at FR 2-4249 by noon on Thursday, April 28.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this last meeting of the season.

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Yosemite National Park

VILLAGE STORIES

By Andy

Confession is good for the soul. It has been obvious to the Village Store reporter that in every department of Yosemite Park, Government or Y.P.C. Co., there have been things that have been withheld from the public eye, things that every department wishes to hide from the rest of the world.

Dad Ring has done his best to keep this one out of the press, but the situation has gone from bad to worse, and even he has given up hope.

The day Roy Rorabaugh, Village Store Assistant Manager, returned to work after his honeymoon, there were traces of lipstick on his handsome face. At first everyone smiled understandingly, but after a while, this development became a source of annoyance to the store crew.

Dad Ring, being the oldest and wisest of the group, said, "Have patience. This can last only for a short while."

After little Barbara Jo was born, Mr. Ring commented, "I guess we can relax now. Roy will be kept so busy with the little one that I doubt if we will ever see traces of lipstick on his face again."

As usual, Dad was right. Lipstick marks are harder to find on Mr. Rorabaugh these days, because most of them are covered with blotches of pabulum.

Poor ole Dad says, "I give up. This boy is just the lover type, but I wish he weren't so messy."

Roy is really taking his responsibilities as a father quite seriously. He realizes that very shortly his four month old daughter will be a teenager, so he has listened to and given advice to some of our local senior

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THE BEAR: AN INDIVIDUAL

Yosemite bears have been awake from their long winter's nap for some time now. Have you met one on an evening walk or seen one at your garbage can?

Stories told about Br'er Bruin are legion, as are the misunderstandings caused by their enigmatic character. Literature, art and the toy makers have established a fairly unrealistic picture of the bear in the minds of many of us. To the zoo-keeper, he is the most dangerous and un-trustworthy of inmates and causes more accidents than all other animals put together.

To those who live within his territory, he is also dangerous and destructive but fascinating. He has a reputation for being a comedian. However, he is sly, wilful and inventive; he may be friendly or cross, sluggish or aggressive, and in all these idiosyncrasies there is no change of facial expression to indicate change of mood. His skull is so thickly covered with fur it is impossible to judge or interpret his temper.

A bear is an individual personality, not a member of a herd. Being a lone traveler, he will fight off any animal, even bears of the opposite sex, to protect his own territory. Of superior intelligence in the animal kingdom, he is an improviser, not an imitator. Who does not have a bear story that is new, an experience a little different from anyone else's?

Some of his unpredictable behavior may be attributed to the fact that he is near-sighted, hence easily startled or confused. Never think you know this animal, for as sure as you think he will never chase you he will; and if you think he will run when you throw something at him, he won't.

It is perhaps because of his individ-

LAST CALL

The curtain will rise at 8:00 p.m., Friday and Saturday evenings, May 6 and 7, for the last performances of "Our Town". Outstanding parts in the cast of 25 will be played by Sterling Cramer, Marian Buckingham, Don Darnell, Kay Evans, and the Conner family—Dorothy, Wes, Sharon and Terry. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children.

YOSEMITE BRANCH LIBRARY

Raymond Azevedo has been appointed to the position of library aide at the Yosemite Branch Library. An intense interest in books indicates that he will be a helpful guide to library patrons.

A penchant for hiking, climbing and nature study led Mr. Azevedo to take a summer job at Camp Curry in 1954. Yielding to Yosemite's charm, he returned each summer until 1958, when he decided to stay on a year around basis as a breakfast cook at The Ahwahnee.

The following change in library hours is being contemplated: from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Monday and Thursday and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Friday, to 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Monday and 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday. This means the library would be open one evening other than on the week end when so many people leave the Valley.

Patrons are requested to express their opinions of this possible change.

uality that he is one of the most interesting of earth's creatures. Man has always realized this. Bear worship has existed since primitive times, and still does in a way. Why else do Yosemite tourists buy more bears, large or small, fuzzy or plain, than any other curio? Curious, isn't it?

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**ANDY SCARBROUGH TO MANAGE
SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE**

Andy Scarbrough, who has worked in Yosemite intermittently since 1946, will leave The Ahwahnee Dining Room on about May 8, where he has been helping during some of the recent conventions, to manage the YPC Co. San Francisco office. Four years ago, Andy filled this same position, so the responsibility is not new to him. He will replace Carol Pasquinelli, the present manager, who wishes to retire at the end of summer.

Until his recent return to Yosemite, Andy was in the restaurant business in Marin County.

Andy says that he likes the YPC Co., the people he has come to know while working here, and city life, so the combination of living in San Francisco and working for YPC Co. is one he is anticipating. He owns a home in Marin County to which he will be happy to return.

YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

At the last meeting of the year, held in the Yosemite Lodge Lounge, the Yosemite Women's Group elected the following officers to serve through 1960 to 1961: Chairman — Merv Neilson, Vice-chairman—Alice Cramer, Program Chairman—Dorothy Johnson, Hostess Chairman—Grace Woodruff, Secretary — Ruth Hill, Treasurer — Pauline Shorb. The new officers request that women volunteer to help on a committee of their choice.

As a fitting finale to a series of outstanding programs, Nancy Loncaric and Eleanor Wood, pianist and soprano, entertained a spell-bound group of women. Nancy, of course, is known and appreciated as our own, and Miss Wood, possessed of a fine voice, was as fresh and charming as the spring day on which she sang.

PEOPLE

HOSPITAL—

Dr. Roger Henderson will be on the staff at Lewis Memorial Hospital through October of this year. He and his wife come from San Francisco.

Mary Beth Gillam came all the way from Kansas to join the nursing staff.

GARDE MANGER—

What layman understands this term unless he is a Frenchman? "Tony" Palmeri, obviously not French, and recently returned to Yosemite after several years absence, is the specialist in The Ahwahnee kitchen who fills the position of garde manger. He prepares cold meats and makes those delectable hors d'oeuvres served at Ahwahnee cocktail hours.

PERSONNEL OFFICE—

On May 6, Marjorie Lindamood, Director of Training, is leaving for her home in Berkley, from where she will commute to San Francisco to work in the field of management consulting. Miss Patricia Davidson (Miss Pat) will return as Director of Training for the summer season. In the interim, Coletha Jones will have charge of the orientation program.

On Saturday evening, April 30, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ouimet journeyed to Mariposa where they were among a group of 150 friends of the Mariposa High School Honor Society at dinner in the Masonic Temple. A program was presented by members of the Honor Society and Mr Ouimet was the speaker of the evening, his subject being, "Fantasy of the Future".

YOSEMITE LODGE—

Jimmie Hamer has given up carrying luggage and guiding guests to their lodgings for the position of Chief Clerk at Yosemite Lodge.

Bob Stone will go to Camp Curry as Assistant Manager.

Henrietta Dillon returned to the Lodge Cafeteria on April 25, after time out to work at the Olympic Village and to vacation.

MORE VACATIONS—

After having jetted to Hawaii on April 16, June and Vernon Morris

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APRIL SHOWERS

After years of talking about the weather, still no one has done anything about it! Glacier Point was open and running smoothly when 20 inches of snow fell, temporarily closing the road and isolating employees.

Through the years weather statistics for April show wide variety. Precipitation ranges from no rain at all to 11.99 inches. This season April left us .04 of an inch below the normal of 2.88 inches for the month, and 5 inches below normal for the year.

Many people remember well the spring of 1958 when 90 inches of snow fell at Badger Pass between April 1 and April 15, after which the area was closed, personnel removed and no further measurements taken. The Valley received 27 inches of snow that month.

The late April storm this year brought 6 inches of snow to the Valley, closed the Big Oak Flat Road (with 12 inches at Crane Flat) as well as the Glacier Point Road. Barring further "unusual" weather, there is still a strong hope that the Tioga Road will be open by mid-May.

MOTHER LODE TRIP

By Dick Connett

Employees wishing to spend a day in the Mother Lode country may be interested in the following trip which is especially beautiful at this time of year because of the fine display of wild flowers.

Drive up the Big Oak Flat Road, Highway 120, to Chinese Camp; follow Highway 49 to Jamestown and Sonora and on to Columbia which is a state park and contains many interesting historical buildings. Continue on to Vallecito and Murphys; circle back to Angels Camp and return via Highway 49 to Sonora.

There are many fine picnic spots along the way. The entire trip will take approximately seven hours.

TV HIGHLIGHTS

Two programs for Saturday, May 7, are notable: Kentucky Derby at 2:15; and MGM Theater—Conquest—with Greta Garbo and Charles Boyer.

MAY FLOWERS

This has been a spring of unusually fine wildflower displays in the Sierra foothills, thanks to several heavy rains and warm growing weather. A tour along some of the winding country roads, such as that by way of the Wawona Road to Coarsegold and Raymond, or along the Mother Lode Highway, No. 49, to Coulterville and La Grange, makes a pleasant introduction to the later showing of wildflowers to be expected in the Park.

By the end of April, the flowers of the lower foothills are beginning to yield to the up-thrusting grasses. However, yellow Mariposa lilies and some of the larkspurs are still providing brilliant accents across the billowing green slopes.

Near Mariposa, through the red earth of the Mother Lode's southern border, flowers are crowding the road banks—the common brodiaea in quantity, golden stars, and the white popcorn flower. Along the Briceburg Grade and in the Merced Canyon, the grey-leaved bush lupine lifts its great bouquets of blue spikes, varied on the flats by a darker lupine. The odd "harlequin lupine", with its pink and yellow flowers, is another of this large family now in bloom. The poppies which streaked the canyon slopes so brilliantly a few weeks ago are now only a memory, but the orange-red of the Indian paintbrush and the scarlet of the Indian pink (resembling the old-fashioned garden pinks) contrast strikingly with the lupine. Though baby-blue-eyes have been sparse this spring, they may be more frequent in the higher meadows along the Big Oak Flat Road, where they often make startling pools of color.

The bright yellow of the lowly but lovely tar weed (madia) is beginning to dominate the canyon slopes below El Portal. Several species of ceanothus (wild lilac) are blooming profusely along the Merced Canyon and in the hillsides near Yosemite Forks or Oakhurst and on some of the side roads of the Mariposa area or along the lower Big Oak Flat. The "slippery elliott", or Fremontia Californica, is a fairly common golden flowered

YOSEMITE MAGIC

By Dete Nutley

Granite cliffs—all silver and blue,
true colors of crispness—coolness.
Whispering clouds creeping past,
the full brilliant moon—
the eye of God upon us.
Meadows breathing freshness
from April rain,
Quite your body, still your soul.
Listen—to spring growing.

SWAP TALK

For Sale:

1959 Porsche 1600M coupe, good as new. Contact Buck Martin, Box 154.

shrub, blooming now near Oakhurst.

The charming rosettes of buckeye leaves are open on hillsides from two to four thousand feet in elevation, their candle-like spikes of bloom soon to be a beautiful addition to the landscape.

In Yosemite Valley, the season of bloom is ushered in by the dogwood, everyone's favorite. This bids fair to be a season of profuse display, but with smaller than usual flowers. What are generally referred to as flowers are really the rays, not petals, around a central mound of very small pin heads of creamy flowers, which turn to tiny red fruit in the fall. Along the Merced River near Bridal Veil Fall, at Happy Isles in the upper end of the Valley and nodding above Tenaya Creek along the road to Mirror Lake are a few of their favorite places, where their snowy white shines like stars through the dark woodland. They are about at their peak for the season at this time. The whip-like crimson stems of the Creek Dogwood, or Red Willow, found in moist places, are another highlight of the picture, and their leaves are now beginning to uncurl.

Two other delightful components of the spring landscape are the delicate chartreuse-to-light-green tassels and leaves of the maple, and the somewhat more russet tassels and unfolding ochre and scarlet leaves of the Kellogg Black Oak. The latter, particularly, forms striking patterns of rainbowed-hued mist among the green meadows of the Valley.



WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

Women members of Wawona Golf Club held their first meeting of the year Wednesday evening, April 26. Out-going president Mary Proctor briefly reviewed the very successful events of the first season as an established club.

Election of new officers took place with the following results: President—Muriel Ouimet; Secretary-Treasurer—Dete Oliver; Tournament Chairman—Madeline Hickok; and Handicap Chairman—Ruth Culver.

While bad weather prevented large attendance, there certainly was no lack of enthusiasm among those present. Four new members joined our ranks: Merv Neilson, Marge Cromer, Helen Doty and Henrietta Maddox. The club hopes there will be others who will help to make Ladies Day (Thursday) and Fun Day (Tuesday) even more lively than last season.

MAY DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On Sunday, May 1, a group of 28 Yosemite golfers (8 ladies and 20 men) were guests of the Merced Chamber of Commerce at the Merced Golf Club. The golfers were paired in foursomes for the game, two Yosemite people with two Merced players.

After the tournament a buffet lunch was served to the participating teams. All who went reported a delightful day and expressed deep appreciation for the invitation.

LUTI HINRICH PASSES AWAY

Word has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Whitley of the death of her sister, Mrs. Walter Hinrich, in Fresno on Friday, April 29. Mr. Hinrich was a bus driver in Yosemite for many years.

OLD TIME MINER'S FESTIVAL

All you old time miners take heed, for on the afternoons of May 14 and May 15, there will be a Miners' Festival held at the Fairgrounds in Mariposa, highlights of which will include: contests in gold panning, drilling and rockering open to amateurs and pros from 8 to 80; tugs of war and foot races typical of community gatherings of the Gold Rush Era; exhibits and demonstrations and educational displays; a trout derby and fish fry, and a dance on Saturday night. The Mariposa County Historical Society will hold a homecoming and meeting on Sunday at which Mr. Kern Loo, executive with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company in San Francisco, and an authority on the Chinese of Gold Rush Days, will give an address on that subject.

The general public is invited to all events and meetings during the two days.

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Yosemite National Park Church Board will hold its semi-annual spring meeting with the Yosemite Community Church Board in the Village Chapel on Tuesday, May 10. The Park Church Board is composed of representatives from the various supporting denominations responsible for the protestant religious program in Yosemite National Park. Dr. James Woodruff is Executive Secretary, and Dr. Charles Lord of Modesto, District Superintendent of the Methodist Church, is chairman of the board.

A luncheon will be served to the members of the two groups and their wives, at Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop following the meeting.

WEDDING BELLS

On a weekend trip to Carson City, Nevada, Nancy Johnston and Clyde Deal were married Friday afternoon, April 29.

Nancy, at present employed at Glacier Point Studio, will work in the Valley later in the the season.

Clyde, who has been the invaluable maintenance man at Glacier Point, will manage the bicycle stands this summer.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE PROJECTS

Construction work has started on the new road alignment for parking and registration at Camp Curry. Every effort is being made to have this work finished in time for the mid-May opening. A new fire protection system is also being installed there.

Water, roads, sewer and electrical systems have been completed for the new trailer court in El Portal, and the service buildings, electric meters, and fire-hose houses are near completion. It is expected that the camp will be ready for occupancy by May 15.

As part of their contract in relinquishing the land to the government, the National Lead Company has removed the old barium mill at El Portal.

A \$90,000 three span bridge is to be built over the Merced River at Railroad Flat to connect Highway 140 with the new El Portal area. Construction will begin within a month if the water level in the river drops enough to permit work.

An additional water system will be built at White Wolf this season to improve the water pressure at the lodge and to provide additional fire protection.

GATE SWINGERS

At 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21, caller Bill Patterson will swing a square dance in the El Portal Community Building. Sponsored by the El Portal Gate Swingers, a donation of \$1.50 per couple will be asked. Ladies may bring refreshments of their choice.

PEOPLE

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are back in Yosemite.

Jim Taylor returned last Sunday from several weeks travel during which he met Virginia Adams and Ernie Johanson in Sante Fe, New Mexico, where they all visited Katie and "Wes" Westley in their new home. The Westleys report finding the Santa Fe region most interesting.

FORMER YOSEMITE RESIDENTS—

Bob Seach has been appointed to the position of Assistant Manager of the Reno Chamber of Commerce.

VILLAGE STORIES

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youngsters, as follows:

Case number 1—The boy in this case was rather shy and backward. Roy advised him to go to the teenage dances and find himself a nice girl-friend, but the lad remarked, "I ain't much of a hand at going with girls because they always want you to kiss them, and I ain't no sissy."

Roy replied, "You've seen Rock Hudson in the movies kissing beautiful girls and he's no sissy."

"I know Mr. Hudson ain't no sissy, but when he kisses them beautiful girls in the movies, that's different."

"Why so," asked Roy?

"Because when he kisses them in the movies he gets paid for it," concludes the boy.

Case number 2—A darling little Miss downheartedly told Roy that her Mother told her never to go out with strange boys.

He jumped to his feet, pointed a dramatic finger at her and said, "Your Mother is absolutely right. Never go out with strange boys."

"What other kind is there"? asked the young lady.

In closing, Roy states that proper education of our youth is the stepping stone to solving all world problems.

"Just remember, education is the only thing that can make a smart guy out of a wise guy."

CHANGE IN POSTAL SERVICE

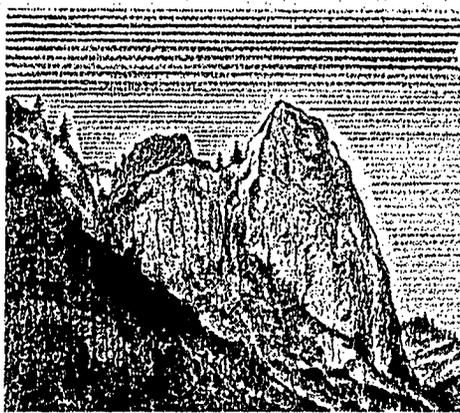
Beginning on Sunday, May 15, as usual for the summer season, the Yosemite Post Office will receive and dispatch mail on Sundays and holidays until further notice. There will be no window service on these days but box holder's mail will be distributed.

NEW HOSTESS FOR LOST ARROW

On Monday, April 25, Miss Alice Ryan became the new hostess at the Lost Arrow. Although her home has always been in Fresno, several years spent in Auberry have familiarized her with mountain living. She is anxious to meet Yosemite people, so stop at The Arrow for a visit any afternoon except Wednesday.

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EXECUTIVE CHEF

Ten o'clock in the morning is likely to be coffee time in any office and the Executive Chef's Office at The Ahwahnee is no exception.



Fred Pierson personally oversees hanging of the fine cuts of meat served in The Ahwahnee Dining Room.

When we stopped there to have a chat with Fred Pierson, his first words after a "Good morning" were, "Will you have some coffee?"

Ahwahnee coffee? Of course! And especially when there are some of those delectable tiny pastries left from breakfast to go with it.

"Yes, people often ask to buy these," said Fred, "But we don't make enough to sell. It's just that we don't serve the left over ones in the Dining Room the next day, so, if there are a few left the help get them with their coffee. Now, what is it you want to know?"

"Well, we know that The Ahwahnee kitchen enjoys unique prestige among hotel kitchens and we would like to find out the specific reasons for that fact."

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DEPENDENTS UNDER MAJOR MEDICAL PLAN

All employees now insured under the Company major medical plan are urged to report to the Personnel Office immediately any new dependents. Failure to report means that a dependent will not receive the benefits of this insurance. Wives and children of insured employees must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Wife should be living with husband in Mariposa County and not employed. Any change in status of a dependent wife should be reported to the Personnel Office immediately since coverage is automatically discontinued if eligibility requirements are not met.
2. Children should be at least 14 days but less than 19 years of age, and legal residents of Mariposa County.
3. Stepchildren, foster children and legally adopted children may be included the same as your own children if they depend upon you for support and maintenance and you report them to the Company for the insurance. Other dependents may not be insured.
4. Since the insurance for a wife of an eligible employee is automatically discontinued when she accepts employment with other than the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the husband should immediately inform the Personnel Office that he wishes to continue her coverage under the plan by arrangement for a payroll deduction of \$4.30 per month.

LOCAL THESPIANS SHINE IN "OUR TOWN"

Congratulations to Ed Sirianni for excellent casting and direction of "Our Town", Thornton Wilder's play about ordinary people in a small Eastern town, and to the cast of 25 actors who

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THE TIOGA ROAD

Due to a six foot snow pack encountered between Tuolumne Meadows and Tioga Pass, the opening of the Tioga Road has been postponed from the hoped for date of May 15 to May 21. Much of this snow was dropped in the late April storm.

Summer travel on the Tioga Road will be over the new 21 mile section except for periods when the surfacing contractors will have to establish controls. At such times traffic may be routed over the old road.

The contractor hopes to set up crushing plants and other facilities necessary for the paving job as soon as possible after the May 21 opening. It is hoped that this will be a one season job. However, if snow closes the road early in the fall, completion of the work will have to be postponed until next spring.

Coincident with the paving of the new 21 mile stretch, the Park Service hopes to build a new access road from the Tioga Road to White Wolf.

WAWONA GOLF COURSE OPEN—

Charlie Eagle, Wawona golf pro, reports his course is open, in fine shape and awaits the local golfers. Homer Armstrong is head greenskeeper and has worked diligently getting the nine hole course in splendid condition. New tees have been built on holes 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 allowing golfers to play from one set of tees for their first rounds, a different set for their second rounds.

Locals are reminded that they are welcome to join the Wawona golf club which sponsors frequent informal tournaments.

Mr. Eagle states that he plans to conduct golf clinics for juniors and lady beginners later this summer.

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DIVIDEND DECLARED

At a meeting in Yosemite on May 14, the Board of Directors of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. declared a quarterly dividend of 7½ cents per share, payable June 30, to stockholders of record June 15.

Board members attending the meeting were: Chairman Walter Starr, Mrs. Mary Tresidder, Messrs. H. Oehlmann, Stuart Cross, Jean Witter, L. W. Harris Jr., Robert Williams Jr., Henry Hill and Raymond Lillie.

MANAGEMENT TRAINING CONFERENCE

Under the chairmanship of John Preston, a group of 100 key supervisory personnel of the concessioners and the National Park Service met in the Mountain Room at Yosemite Lodge on Thursday, May 19 at 8:30 a.m., for the annual training session. The aim of these sessions is to promote better understanding of the working problems facing each unit.

For a look behind the scenes, the group was divided into three sections, each of which toured in turn the Museum, the YPC CO. Central Warehouse and inspected Camp Curry's new developments.

At 11:00 a.m., all groups returned to the Lodge for reports from the concessioners and for a discussion of new developments presented by Robert Lee, Keith Neilson and Gordon Warren.

The session was closed with comments by H. Oehlmann.

FWSA PRESIDENT

Byron Nishkian, president of the Yosemite Winter Club, was re-elected president of the Far West Ski Association at its convention held in Reno May 7 and May 8.

LOCAL THESPIANS SHINE

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turned in performances with none of the weak spots usual in an amateur theatrical.

In productions of other years, it has been Sterling Cramer's talent which created sets of professional caliber. This time in the challenging role of Stage Manager, it was his task to set the stage without props or scenery, merely by conversing with the audience, which he accomplished in a most natural and convincing manner.

Sweet and charming in her first stage appearance, Marian Buckingham, by under-playing the role, gave an effective portrayal of young Emily Webb.

As George Gibbs, seventeen year old son of the doctor and in love with Emily, Don Darnell acted every day of his seventeen years.

Charming in their "turn of the century costumes and coiffures," Kay Evans, old-timer in the Yosemite Drama Group, and Dorothy Conner, new to the Yosemite stage, gave competent, housewifely portrayals of Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Webb.

Perhaps the most convincing characterization was done by Wes Conner as Editor Webb, a sort of "Danyankee" Will Rogers in the small town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, where the action of the play took place.

James Baldwin, who was recruited for the cast two days after arriving in Yosemite, gave an impressive performance as dignified Dr. Gibbs.

The children, played by Terry Conner, Sharon Conner, Brad Ditton and Allen Moe, contributed to the homely atmosphere of the play.

Supporting roles were played with uniform excellence by Thelma Mc Gregor, Ed Sirianni, Walter Fitzpatrick, Dana Morgenson, Dale Devine, Pauline Trabucco, Sigismund Zachwieja, Virginia Devine, Miles Cooper and R. L. "Jake" Jacobs.

Others, who as townspeople or hecklers from the audience added their bit to the success of the whole were: Harold Breeding, Harold Ouimet, Dick Ditton, Dick Klein, Bill John-

GUESTS FROM HERE AND THERE

Eliciting high praise from Hostess Kit Whitman as being an enjoyable group of guests were 136 students and 34 faculty members from Mariposa High School and their guests who came to The Ahwahnee on Friday evening, May 6, for their annual Junior-Senior Prom.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter Reiners, "wonderful people" according to Hostess Kit, came on May 6. Mrs Reiners is a daughter of Chancellor Adenaur of Germany.

A group of 25 Japanese hotelmen, touring the U. S. to study American hotels, was hosted at cocktails and dinner by the YPC Co. Hotel Department.

In this country as guests of Kaiser Industries, a group of 8 East Indian business men arrived on May 12 for an overnight stay.

Mohamed Hatta, considered a George Washington of Indonesia, visited as a guest of the Department of State.

From much nearer home, Tracy, California, came Mrs. Clarence Peterson, Third Vice President of the San Joaquin District Republican Women's Committee. She is an ex-dean of women from The College of the Pacific.

TOM CHRISTENSEN GRADUATES FROM SONAR SCHOOL

Tom Christensen, who graduated fourth in his class from U. S. Fleet Sonar School in San Diego has been assigned to the destroyer USS Morton, the navy's newest ship of this type. Morton travels at 50 mph, has the new hurricane bow which makes it nearly invincible in storms, carries ballistic missiles and a helicopter. The ship is presently returning from an assignment in the Orient and Tom will go aboard on May 31. Morton will be based in San Diego.

son, Olga Ossi and Bill Meacham.

Notable was a quartet consisting of Margaret, Alice and Bill Melton and Erik Bruun who added to the mood of the dramatic graveyard scene with their off-stage singing of hymns during the last act.

GRAND OPENINGS

Camp Curry—

The biggest news of the newly opened units concerns Camp Curry where the new facilities installed under the redevelopment program were much admired by the Management Training Session members as they toured the area on opening day, Friday, May 19.

The new Coffee Shop, under the management of Hazel Corkhill, is the only food unit in operation there as yet. Hazel, who managed the cafeteria last year, will have responsibility for the Dining Room also when it opens on May 27.

Ernest Scheuplein, after helping with the opening of Big Trees, has assumed the duties of chef at Camp Curry.

Gordon Close will manage the Transportation Office. The Post Office opened on May 14 and the Gift Shop on May 16.

Big Trees—

On lucky Friday the 13th, Big Trees Lodge opened its door, fed 125 guests that day and entertained a full house for the week end.

Until arrival of new Chef John Collins of Fresno, Mary and Ernest Scheuplein kept things humming in the kitchen. Margaret Storke, old-timer at Big Trees, is the new resident manager of the studio. Other old-timers who have returned are Mickey Fenton, Ward White and Annie Soria.

Wawona—

Several days ago Nick Fiore was seen coming from the Village Store with his arms full of cartons.

"Looks like you might be moving, Nick."

"Yes, time to open up Wawona."

So, Nick, Midge and their two elfin daughters moved to Wawona, and the hotel is now open for another summer season. Beginning May 20, meals will be served family style until June 10.

Jim Adeal is at the desk as Chief Clerk; Adelaide and Buck Martin are filling the positions of housekeeper and maintenance man; and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Layne, who have man-

TV SURVEY

A representative of the Yosemite Television Association within the next ten days will call on all Valley TV subscribers in the conduct of a survey.

The survey has two purposes. First the number of sets in use here must be reported to the FCC and second, it will give the local technician a record of the makes of sets in use enabling him to know what parts and diagrams to keep on hand. When the surveyor calls, your cooperation will be appreciated.

FUND DRIVE REPORT

Total contributions of \$2,560.26 to the Community Council drive leave the fund \$110.00 short of the \$2,700 goal, reports Ernie Johanson, the 1960 Campaign Chairman.

Here are the final standings of all groups canvassed, the first number being those contacted, the second being the percentage who contributed:

Best's Studio	3	100%
U.S. Commissioner	1	100
Yosemite Park Church	1	100
Yosemite Post Offices	9	56
National Park Service	141	94
Lewis Memorial Hospital	12	25
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.	428	34
Standard Stations	9	89
Yosemite Elementary School	6	67
Dentist	2	100
El Portal Residents (not employed in Valley)	23	13
Disbursement of the amount collected was as follows:		
American Heart Society		\$325
American Cancer		450
American Red Cross		400
March of Dimes		200
Salvation Army		150
Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship		315
Yosemite Cub Scouts		50
Yosemite Boy Scouts		150
Yosemite Badgers		200
Boy Scouts of America (National)		100
Cub Scouts (National)		100
Girl Scouts (National)		150

aged May Lake in the past, are helping out as cook and maid before going again to May Lake for the summer.

MARTHA MILLER RECEIVES SKI INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION

Martha Miller became a fully certified ski instructor at the Far West Ski Instructors' Convention held at Squaw Valley, April 25 to April 29. Ski School Director Nick Fiore, present at the convention, reported that Miss Miller was a deserving candidate and that he is very proud of her accomplishment.

Bill Wattenbarger became an associate instructor, which, according to Nick is a real achievement after only one year of teaching.

Also in attendance from Yosemite were: Harvey Lyons, Chet Hubbard, Char Spranger, Diane and Cappy Cook, Donna and Del Armstrong, Adelaide and Buck Martin, Sharon and Jerry Moore.

Jerry competed in the Silver Belt Race but had an upset at "the elevator shaft", (so-called because a skier has that "down the elevator" feeling at this point) which spoiled his chances for a win.

To keep the proper mood for winter sports, the weather man dropped 3½ feet of snow on Squaw Valley during the convention.

YOSEMITE LODGE

Bert Baker has returned to manage the Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop. Beginning on May 20, the Coffee Shop will be open from 2:00 to 11:00 p.m., continuously. After June 10, service will be all day from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Ed Sirianni is now a bar waiter in the tent room.

Missed will be Keith Whitfield, who is now Associate Manager at Camp Curry, and Janie Dean, who will manage the Village Restaurant. Chester Hubbard will be the Cafeteria manager.

The swimming pool is now open daily and Sundays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning May 23, library hours will be as follows:

Monday, 7 to 9 p.m.—Thursday, 3 to 5 p.m.—Friday, 3 to 5 p.m.

EXECUTIVE CHEF

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"We have our own systems and methods of doing things, our own special recipes and standards and quantities used in the bake shop and in the kitchen," answered Fred. "Also, we are demanding and hold to high standards. Good cooks and bakers are not unemployed and it isn't easy to find them. We train many of our own right here."

"How do you go about the training process?"

"They go to work, often starting as pot washers, then peeling vegetables, then helping some with the cooking. After a time, if they are adapted to the work, they are promoted to better jobs. You can't make a cook out of just anybody. He has to have a feel for it. Sometimes I can tell right away that a man won't do. In that case he doesn't last an hour on the payroll."

"Is your instruction individual? You don't hold classes for 'would-be' cooks, do you?"

"As a man works, I watch. If something is wrong, I don't jump on him. I'll say, 'Next time let's do it this way'. You have to build up a man's confidence if you want him to do a good job.

"I have mapped out a course that, in six years will make a finished chef of any person who is adapted to the work. If he isn't adapted, no amount of time will make him a cook. And a six months' course in school won't do it for anybody, either. There you get recipe cooking, and there's more of an art to fine cooking than following a recipe. The way things are blended and mixed is important. You can't dump ingredients in a bowl and stir them up and get good results. You have to have a feeling for the right way to do things."

"Of course some fellows who learn to cook don't make good executives. Some can't communicate with other employees, can't talk to people without making them mad. That won't get work out of anybody. But those who have executive ability can go out after six years here and get a good job anywhere."

"Aren't you cutting your own throat

that way? You train them and they leave."

"You lose, but the industry gains. You've had several years good work out of them, and they don't all leave."

"What about the ordering? Do you do it all?"

"Each cook makes his own order and I check it before it goes out. We keep our menus made up a week ahead. We cut, hang and age our own meat to get the water out of it. It is more tender then.

"Another thing—each cook is trained in his own specialty: one makes sauces, stews and soups, another is the roast cook; but each one is trained to do other jobs as well, so that when we get unusually busy he can help wherever needed. During a large convention we may serve 1300 to 1400 meals a day. The usual number during a summer day is 850. Some of our old standby cooks can work all over the kitchen."

"How do you keep the kitchen so shining clean?"

"Each cook cleans as he works at his own station. There is a crew which cleans all day when they are not washing dishes. Then, at night another crew comes on, washes the dinner dishes and cleans the kitchen from one end to the other."

"We understand that The Ahwahnee Dining Room food and service are 'French'. Exactly what defines a French dining room?"

"The kind of courses and the way they are served. It is chiefly the sauces, seasonings and soups that determine the French style."

"Why French? Are they considered the best cooks?"

"At different times, different countries have been considered best—the Germans, the Italians, the French. The Swiss are coming to the fore. They cook chiefly in the French manner with their own innovations."

Fred was the chef at Yosemite Lodge for five years prior to 1940 when he took the executive chef position at The Ahwahnee. There he has remained, except for the war years. He entered the Navy in April, 1942 as Chief Commissary Steward, and spent four years aboard a ship based on Attu,

ROYAL VISIT

After arriving at Castle Air Force Base by military plane on May 8, King Mahendra Bir Kikram Shah Deva set off for the White Mountains (to hunt mountain lions it was rumored) while Her Majesty Ratna Rajya Lakshmi Shah, and a party of twelve, were escorted to Yosemite by the California Highway Patrol and Park Officials.

The party included the Honorable Henry E. Stebbins, American Ambassador to Nepal, the King's personal secretary and personal physician, security officers and a protocol expert from the Department of State.

The King and Queen of Nepal are visiting this country under a personal invitation from the President of the United States.

Lying between Tibet and India, Nepal is a tiny independent kingdom in the Himalayas. With Mt. Everest on its northern border, it is the gateway through which climbers approach the world's highest peak.

the most remote of the Aleutian Islands, and in the South Pacific.

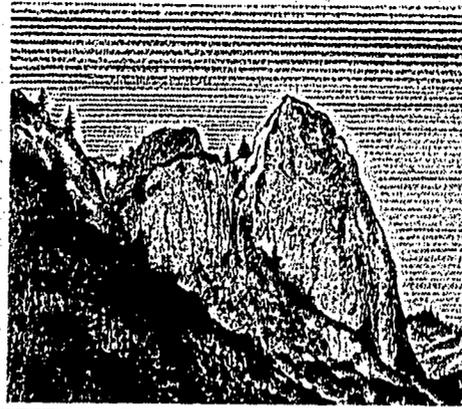
In the summer of 1946, he returned to manage the Camp Curry Cafeteria, and, in December, after The Ahwahnee was converted from a Naval Hospital to a luxury hotel, he returned there as executive chef. Recruiting a complete staff and getting the kitchen in running order in time for the Christmas season was not the easiest job of his career.

Fred says he received his own training chiefly in California, Colorado and Arizona, working in hotel kitchens 16 to 18 hours a day, seven days a week, under French, Swiss and German chefs. He worked up through the ranks, as many of his cooks do today.

"In those days we worked or someone else was there to take the job," he said.

During all of this conversation the phone rang frequently, people stopped in for instructions, or the Chef, himself, would take a few minutes to confer with some of his cooks, all of which indicated a very busy place, indeed. And this was during the mid-morning, between-meal lull.

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Yosemite National Park

NEW BIG OAK FLAT ROAD

Over one million dollars has been allocated by the Park Service to accomplish the grading and surfacing on the new alignment of the Big Oak Flat road during the fiscal years of 1962 and 1963. That means that one year from next July work will begin, and the road will be completed by 1963, after which it will be open on a year around basis. It will be the shortest and most direct route into the park from San Francisco, Sacramento and all of northern California

From Stockton, through the Mother Lode Country and the Stanislaus National Forest into Yosemite, the Big Oak Flat Road winds its way. Thus, cooperative planning on the part of three agencies is required: the State Division of Highways, the Forest Service, and the National Park Service. Negotiations and studies are now under way to determine which of various alternate routes from Crane Flat to the park boundary will be used.

The state is presently working in the vicinity of Groveland, and will soon begin work just below the old Cliff House where they will construct a high bridge across the narrow river canyon. The new road within the park will be the usual standard, two lane park highway. Its exact location will be resolved within the next few months when weather conditions permit walking the proposed routes in order to select the most appropriate.

PARENT GROUP

At the last monthly meeting the Yosemite Parent Group elected the following officers:

Chairman—Coyt Hackett, Vice-chairman—Doug Hubbard. Secretary—Marilyn Adams, Assistant secretary—Libby Reichhold, Treasurer—Betty Sharp.

VOTE—TUESDAY, JUNE 7

The glider winged U-2 has covered the sky front beyond reach of any missile. A 130 ton Atlas rocket has been launched from Florida and found its chosen target one third of the way around the world on the other side of Africa. There is "Spy in the Sky" talk and whether it is our Midas or another nation's satellite, we know that there will be such reconnaissance stations launched into outer space, perhaps during the tenure of public officers we will elect this year.

In a day when we know the awful power that can be created by the arrangement of atoms in proper combination, can one voter think his vote won't matter? Dare one of us ignore the privilege to express his considered choice of those whose responsibility it will be to make the decisions during the next years that may determine whether we live in war or peace, or live at all?

VOTE on June 7.

JUNE FLOWERS

With June upon us azalea-time has come again, before the dogwood blossoms have gone. The early-flowering bushes of azalea, our one member of the Rhododendron Family, have been in bloom for ten days or more in comparatively warm places—around the Ahwahnee pool, for instance. At the cross-roads near Camp Curry, and even in Royal Arch Meadows, however, and along the Merced River, where their feet are kept cool and wet, they are still in bud, with very little green along their stems.

The dogwood trees above Grouse Creek and around Crane Flat are in rather scanty flower after the period of cold and damp weather in mid-

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A WALK IN THE DARK

We decided to play tourist over the memorable Memorial Day week end. So we took a Camp Curry tour.

All along the road past the campgrounds fires were blazing merrily (we could even say bonfires, as wood is plentiful for the first campers) and people were enjoying a bit of primitive life on this balmy holiday evening.

"Now we may have to park way down at the end of the apple orchard. Hope you don't mind a walk."

"No we won't, there's a parking place."

"The roads are different. Where do we go from here?"

Presently, with the car parked, we start off for the new broad board walk, angling toward the cafeteria.

"Here's the grocery store!"

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TRAVEL

Entries into the Park for the 1960 Memorial Day weekend totaled 44,218 as compared with 43,613 for the previous record year of 1958. Camping in the Valley was not as heavy as 1958, due to the fact that it was possible to utilize campgrounds at higher elevations on the Glacier Point and Tioga roads. These roads were still blocked by late snows in 1958.

With so many people enjoying Yosemite under ideal conditions, and with the Rangers Office reporting no major catastrophes of any kind, perhaps it is fair to call it the best as well as the biggest Memorial Day on record.

Also reported from the Rangers Office is the fact that although travel dropped slightly last month, it is still ahead of the big year of 1958 and over 50,000 ahead of last year to date.

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SUMMER DRESS

With the summer season at hand, it is timely to mention that the appropriateness of summer dress for your job should not be underestimated.

If you are a lifeguard you will be expected to wear a bathing suit; if you are a burro picnic hostess jeans would be in order; if you are working in the General Offices your dress should be in good taste and entirely business-like. Low cut summer cottons for any employee should be reserved for after work hours.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is well known for its excellent service; this attribute embraces not only courteous, efficient attention but proper on-the job appearance at all times.

A WALK IN THE DARK

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"No, it's the Nawasa Sportswear Shop now. Let's go in."

"All right, but it's probably going to cost me."

"Yes, it probably will."

Alma Molin and a bevy of pretty sales girls were showing pretty things to women and men. It was a rainbow display of summer clothes, much of it new since the move from the Lodge. The display cases along the walls resemble shop windows with lights, hidden beneath the eaves, turing night into day.

"There's a dress with a pocket full of straw flowers and it says wash and wear. Can it be?"

Out on the board walk again, we hurry along to see the new Coffee Shop of which we have heard so much. There's the outdoor deck looking like a gay party at some country home; people clustered about umbrella tables, the whole enhanced by unusual, indirect lighting. To one

side are lights resembling small coolie hats strung on rows of ropes.

Across the happy crowd we can see the welcoming wide glass doors of what might have been the house.

"Is that a Mondrian?" I ask as we enter.

"It's a moveable screen. There is a row of them dividing the Coffee Shop from the Dining Room. They can be moved so that the area can be all Coffee Shop or all Dining Room."

Quite remarkable on the Yosemite scene, these modern design screens are done in bright, yet harmonious tones of violet, yellow ochre, grey blue, charcoal and burnt sienna, with touches of white and bright red. Their open design avoids any closed in feeling.

An interesting louvered ceiling in the fireplace area sheds a soft light from overhead. The Dining Room light fixtures are new and attractive, suggestive of Japanese lanterns.

"They don't show tonight, but outside those far windows, pink azaleas are blooming a profuse welcome to day time guests."

"Listen to that enthusiastic singing around the campfire. Let's walk that way."

Beyond the campfire circle the crescent moon highlighted an interesting arrangement of rectangles and circles.

"What are those shapes over there in the shadows?"

"Those are logs, seats for the evening program. All the ugly old benches with backs are gone."

As we turn to retrace our steps, our eyes are drawn again to the warm lights and gaiety on the Coffee Shop Deck.

A look into the lounge reveals a comfortable room furnished in quiet dignity and arranged to accent the old stone fireplace. The original glass light fixtures, delicate and appropriate to their surroundings, are enhanced by the remodeling.

We stopped to chat with the boys at the front desk. Bob Stone, Roger Johnnie, Ty Meissner and George Baxley were on duty at the time, and they reported that the front desk had

YOSEMITE SPEAKERS BUREAU

On the evening of May 25 Sterling Cramer and Paul McCrary spoke before a meeting of the Merced Rotary Club, and on June 7, Dana Morgenson and Bob Upton will speak before the West Fresno Rotary Club.

These talks are presented by members of the Yosemite Speakers Bureau, whose representatives are from the YPC Co. and NPS, and appear on request from service organizations in towns not over 125 miles from Yosemite. The bureau was formed with the idea that travel to and from Yosemite is important to the towns in the area as well as to Yosemite. Facts concerning Yosemite in general, and concessioner and Park Service activities, comprise the subject matter for these talks.

broken its previous record for the number of people roomed, having placed 1,484 persons on Saturday night and 1,473 on Sunday night. Eleven hundred new arrivals on Saturday, another record, means that clerks and new office alike really proved themselves on this weekend.

In all fairness, the boys said they must mention that their friendly rivals on the front desk at Yosemite Lodge also broke their record, rooming over 1400 guests on both Saturday and Sunday.

"Let's go over to the Studio and read the post cards."

"There's nothing written on those cards. You read post cards in the Post office, and it's closed."

"Well, we'll look at the pictures, then."

In the studio, we caught a glimpse of Winona Copeland, but no time to talk.

Our tour ended, we returned to the car and, though unaccustomed to the new road pattern, easily followed our noses to the main road.

"Having a separate exit from Camp Curry will make it easier to come and go on busy days."

The travel figures indicate one of the biggest, and we're sure it was one of the best Memorial Days on record.

SUMMER CHURCH SERVICES

Christian Science: 3:00 p.m. Church Bowl.

Catholic: Masses at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11:00 a.m. in the Yosemite Pavilion. Confessions one half hour before each mass.

Protestant: June 5 in the Chapel. 9:00 a.m., Brief service. 9:45, Sunday School in the Chapel and Masonic Hall. 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship. 9:30 p.m., Evening Worship.

June 12—

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Chapel. 9 and 10:00 a.m. Brief Services, Chapel. 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Church Bowl. 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Church Bowl. 7:30 p.m. Music, 8:00 p.m. Evening Worship, Camps 7 and 14. 9:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Chapel.

The annual Congregational Meeting of the Yosemite Park Church will be held at the school house on Tuesday, June 14, at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend the pot luck dinner preceding the business meeting, please contact Adrienne Ottonello, FR 2-4206.

ANY OLD CLOTHES?

During the first two weeks of June, the Yosemite Community Church will conduct a clothing drive. Serviceable clothing collected will be sent through Church World Service to people in far places—Hong Kong, Korea, Pakistan, Transjordan, to name a few—whose need is unbelievable.

Take your unused clothing to the Chapel, or if unable to do that, call the church office, FR 2-4831, or the Woodruff residence, FR2-4817, and it will be picked up.

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE LIONS

Elected by acclamation to office in the Lions Club were the following:

President—Gene Ewing; First vice president—Frank Kowski; Third vice president—Harold Morris; Secretary—Walter Fitzpatrick; Treasurer—John Stratton; Lion Tamer—Wes Conner; Tail Twisters—Bob Upton and Erik Bruun. Miles Cooper, Stuart Cross, Walter Gann and Bob Lee will serve as the Board of Directors for the coming year.

GIRL SCOUT AWARDS

Modeling clothes they considered most appropriate for their activities, Girl Scout Troop 52 entertained their mothers and friends with a style show and tea at their last regular meeting of the year. The style show was a culmination of work on the Good Grooming Badge, conducted by the fifth and sixth grade groups.

The following badges were awarded at the meeting:

Skier—Tomena Kowski. Seamstress—Carol Ottonello, Virginia Parker, Pam Leedy, Susan Buzzini. Sports Badge—Valerie Sutton. Housekeeper—Valerie Sutton. Personal Health—Barbara Anderson, Janet Hubbard, Shelly Hackett. Active Citizen—Janet Hubbard. Cook—Barbara Anderson, Shelly Hackett. Speaker—Janet Hubbard. Child Care—Barbara Anderson, Shelly Hackett.

Special awards were presented to the girls who were most conscientious about uniform and good grooming during the last two and a half months. First prize went to Tomena Kowski with a perfect score. Tied for second place were Pam Leedy, Juanita Aranguena and Paula McCrary.

Sincere thanks are expressed to the many local friends who assisted the girls during the year, and to their sponsors, the Lions Club.

GOLF CLINICS

Wawona Golf Pro Charlie Eagle announces the following schedule.

Class for Ladies, (no more than ten in the group) four lessons, \$6.00:

Wednesday, June 15

Wednesday, June 22

Wednesday, June 29

Wednesday, July 6

Hours — 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Class for Juniors, (eight in the group boys and girls from ages 10 to 14; no charge for three lessons:

Thursday, June 16

Thursday, June 23

Thursday, June 30

Hours — 9 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.

Call Charlie at ESsex 5-6355 for sign up on "first come first served" basis. The clinics are filling rapidly so don't delay calling about them if you are interested.

NEW ARRIVALS

From Los Angeles comes word from Cate and Karel Bauer of the birth of Karel James on April 19.

The month of May brought several new members to Yosemite families. For Mr. and Mrs. Frank Domingues on May 6, it was a boy named Gilbert.

A little girl named Carolyn came to Pauline and Johnnie Baniias on May 10. For the Marcel Barels, Gabrielle arrived on May 16. It was a girl, Terry Lynn, for Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Moser, of Wawona, on May 19; and a boy for the Joseph Westmorelands on the 24th.

PHOTOGRAPHIC WORKSHOP

From June 10 to 18, Ansel Adams' Photographic Workshop will convene again in Yosemite. Field trips and discussion demonstrations will be the means of presenting instruction on the basic interpretation of the natural scene.

A master photographer, Mr. Adams is probably the outstanding interpreter of the natural scene today and his earlier workshops in Yosemite have gained tremendous popularity among students of photography.

There will be some evening meetings open to interested people.

DR. HENDRICKSON

Apologies to Dr. Hendrickson whose name appeared in the Sentinel as Henderson.

HALF RATES

Wayne Leedy, who recently visited the YPC Co. Los Angeles Office, brought back this story: Marshall Hall, in confirming a reservation by telephone said, "How many in your party, Sir?"

"My wife, myself and two children age 4 and 6."

"That will be \$4.00 each for you and your wife, and \$2.00 each for your half-rated children."

"Now see here! My children aren't half ———Oh——— I guess I misunderstood you. I'm sorry."

JUNE FLOWERS

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May; here and there against a background of evergreens the white blossoms stand out almost like decorations, their green leaves rapidly surrounding them.

Between Mariposa and Arch Rock the early summer flowers are decking the banks of the highway. White or purple-tinged Mariposa lilies are scattered through the fields, less plentifully than usual in contrast to the profusion of yellow Mariposas in the lower foothills earlier. The pale pink Farewell-to-Spring (*Godetia*) is challenged by the handsome clumps of milkweed, whose juice, according to Hall's *YOSEMITE FLORA*, was boiled down into the Indian version of chewing-gum. Vivid orange wallflower against the reddish dirt of the Mother Lode region, the near-coral flowers of the slender *Clarkia*, Chinese Houses (*Collinsia*) with their pagoda-like whorls of petals, a few of the aptly-named pussy-paws which later will cover the ground—these are some of the multitude to come.

Our lupines have been very fine, so far this season, and give promise of continuing. There have been banks dazzling with them on the curves and up the slopes, notably the bouquet-like bush lupine with grey-green leaves and long spikes of loveliest blue along the Briceburg grade earlier and as high up as the lower reaches of the Big Oak Flat now, and also the low but colorful pink and yellow harlequin lupine (*L. stiversii*) which seems to be increasing in extent year by year.

Another bushy lupine (*L. longipes*), with soft green, not grayish, leaves and tall blue racemes is readying itself to burst forth near El Capitan Bridge and around the south end of the new Village store, among other places; later it will crowd along the borders of the Big Oak Flat and Tioga roads and the wet places on the Wawona road, where it mingles with willows and brilliant scarlet mimulus and the great, loosely rounded, creamy umbels of cow parsley, the latter seeming more decorative on its

GRADUATION

In the traditional program, twelve eighth graders will be graduated from the Yosemite School on Friday evening, June 10. Carrying out the theme of the program, CAREERS, Jeannie Evans will present the Introduction; Susan Ottonello, "Our Careers"; Brad Ditton, the class "Prophecy"; and Alan Zachwieja, "Backgrounds".

"Are You Doing Your Best?" will be the subject of Dr. Avery Sturm's talk to the graduates.

Music by the Seventh and Eighth Grades will include a graduation song, the lyrics of which were written by the graduates themselves

own, away from the fields of it on the edge of Valley meadows. Two of the lower-growing lupines are especially noteworthy at Wawona, one now passing, on the sandy flats, the other, a "rich violet" and heavily fragrant, on slopes where there is better soil.

The wine-red blossoms of sweet-scented shrub are in bloom at Arch Rock, and the white syringa gleams out from El Portal to the Valley floor, and a little higher. The new green leaves of our Kellogg oaks are still fresh and shiny, and the maple leaves too, seem less plagued by blight or insect devourers than they have been of recent years. The new green tips on the Douglas fir twigs add another note of spring from the trees.

The Calaveras and black-throated gray warbler are very busy in Yosemite with their "witchy-witchy-witchy" song, and the wood peewees have joined the robins, gay but noisy crested bluejays, and black-headed grosbeaks in the nesting activities which began some weeks ago. There is a hermit thrush up Tenaya Canyon and a Townsend solitaire near the "Blue Cut" on the Glacier Point road. An occasional Western tanager darts across the Valley roads or sits in a pine above the Meadow Loop road at Wawona or in back of the Big Trees Lodge in the Mariposa Grove. Another hermit thrush haunts the stream on the old fire road near the Grizzly Giant, in late afternoon.

—by Mary Curry Tresidder

SWAP TALK

For sale: RCA Whirlpool washer-dryer combination. Good condition. Moving to another residence. Do not wish to move washer-dryer. Call Glenn Mapes, FR 2-4214.

Wanted: Man's used bicycle in good condition. Call Maurice Rolli, Ahwahnee bake shop, FR 2-4421.

Lost: Gold charm bracelet between Village Store and Camp 6. Great sentimental value to owner. Finder phone Ida Williams, FR 2-4719. Reward.

For Sale: Upright piano, recently tuned. Wayne Leedy, FR 2-4706 evenings, FR 2-4671 daytime.

For Sale: 1957 Pontiac, cheap. Call Waine Westfall, FR 2-4248.

POINT REYES FILM SHOWN

BY SIERRA CLUB

Virginia Adams, Mike Adams and Jim Taylor recently attended the Sierra Club annual meeting in San Francisco. They reported that, after socializing with old friends, one of whom was Faye Wright, formerly of Yosemite, the highlight of the evening was the showing of a superb picture on the proposed national seashore park on California's Point Reyes Peninsula.

The picture depicted the quiet beauty of the seashore area, its tide pools, wild animal and plant life, and sounds of the sea. The area is said to resemble Acadia National Park, off the coast of Maine.

Three years ago the National Park Service recommended preservation and development of Point Reyes for public recreation purposes as part of the National Park System. Senator Clair Engle of California and Congressman Clem Miller of Corte Madera are authors of companion bills in Senate and House to create the "Point Reyes National Seashore". Senate hearings have been held on the proposition and the Park Service is completing a land-use development plan for the area.

When success turns a person's head, he's usually facing failure.



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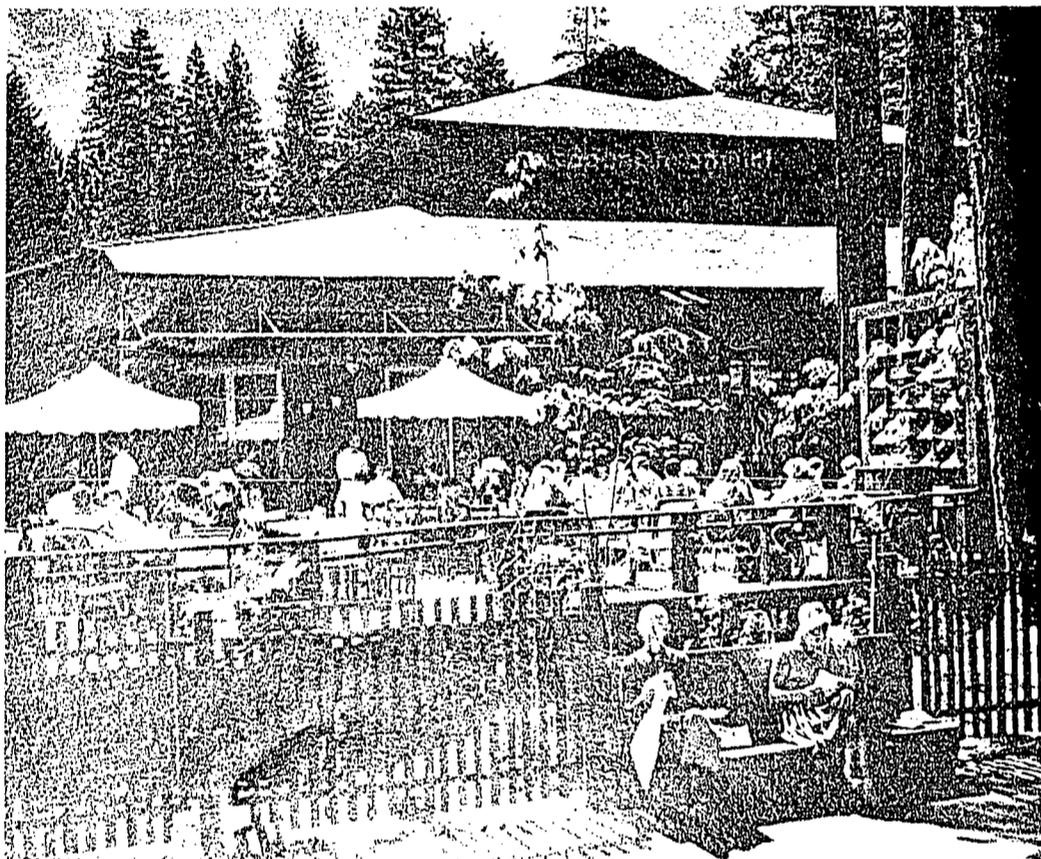
Yosemite National Park

WHO'S NEW?

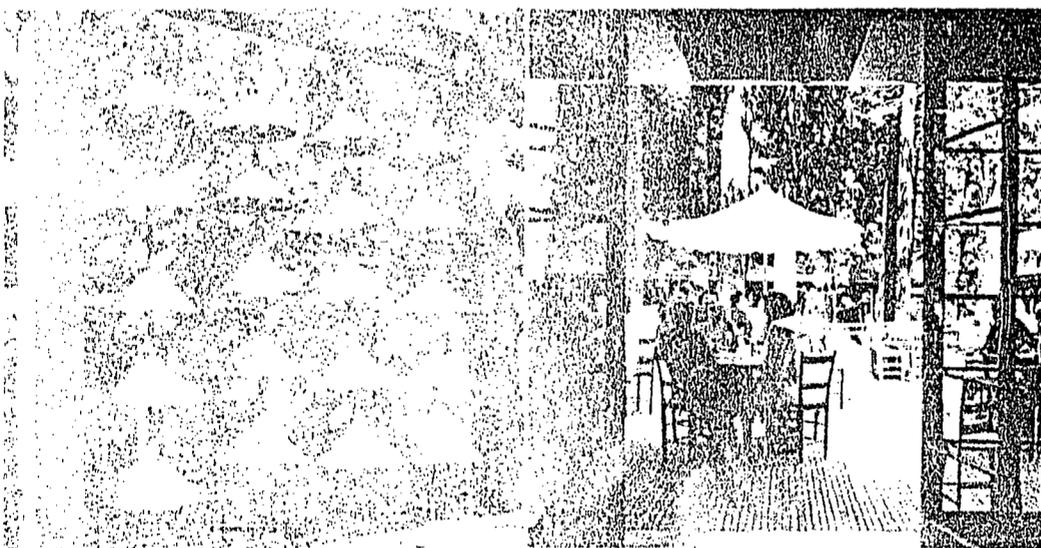
Congratulations to John David Morris who arrived on Tuesday morning June 7, to begin life in this world with Barbara and Hal Morris.

U of C Courses Offered Here

The University of California Extension Division, with the assistance of the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Co., will offer university courses to Yosemite summer employees and residents.



At Curry Camp, guests enjoy their meals on the Coffee Shop Deck.



Deck and umbrella area, interesting feature of the Deck and Umbrella area, Curry Camp.

The program was prepared in an effort to help relieve the mounting pressure on higher education facilities and, by bringing education to summer employed students their college careers can be accelerated while they remain employed.

For two of the courses available, Elementary Geology and Introduction to Zoology, 3 and 2 credits, respectively, will be allowed.

Two film series "Spotlight on Opera" and "Atomic Age Physics" will also be available, although these are non-credit courses.

The Geology course instructor will be Franklin Potter, Ph.D, Professor of Geology, San Fernando Valley State College. Prerequisite for entrance to this 45 hour course is elementary chemistry; the fee is \$35. It will provide a survey of the phenomena and elementary principles of geology with laboratory demonstrations illustrating the nature of minerals, rock, fossils, and geological maps.

The 30-hour Zoology course will be under the direction of Jack Fry, M. A., Instructor of Zoology at Santa Monica City College. Course fee is \$25 and there are no prerequisites. The course will cover an outline of biological facts and principles, protoplasm, the cell manifestations of life, heredity and evolution.

Spotlight on Opera is made up of 7 one hour long films from the television series on opera appreciation and features Jan Popper, Professor of Music, U. of C. Fee is \$5.00.

Atomic Age Physics consists of
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BIG TREES

The perspective of immense red trunks vanishing skyward into golden lighted circles of deep green foliage dwarfs the low-lying Lodge. Rose-tinted amber clouds in the still blue sky, a lone deer, a visiting squirrel, a symphony of bird songs in the quiet evening—most of all the quiet—this is Big Trees on a summer evening.

Dining on the terrace, watching rose replace gold in the clouds and the deepening warmth of the huge red trunks turn the foliage a richer green in the twilight, one feels it must be the choice place in the world to spend a few peaceful hours.

The sense of quiet and relaxation is augmented by the friendly hospitality of manager Mike Adams, who is helping here before going to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge when it opens on June 24.

Mike told us that one lady guest said, "They tell me that you serve the best food in the Park, here."

He didn't deny the rumor, and the prime roast of beef we had that evening demonstrated that such a report might well become an established reputation. Prepared by Chef Johnny Collins, it was an excellent inducement to repeat our visit.

This is John Collins' first season at Big Trees. He has spent the last five years doing banquet-type cooking for the Fort Washington Golf Club in Fresno. Previous to that, he was executive chef at Gilman Hot Springs, a well known resort in Southern California.

Amandus Yalmer, who was at Big Trees several summers ago, is again the baker. Old timers Mickey Fenton and Ward White have returned for their twelfth summer. Annie Soria is another returnee, as are Margaret

SCHOLARSHIP TO BE AWARDED

Before the end of July, the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship Commission will award its annual scholarship of \$315 to a high school graduate whose parents derive their income from a source within the Park. The place of residence or school attended is not material. Anyone interested should obtain an application blank from Dana Morgenson at the Reservations Office or LeRoy Rust at the main Post Office, and have a transcript of his high school record available for submission with the completed application at an early date.

Storke and Trudle Clark in the Redwood Shop.

Bob and Barbara Matthews, former YPC Co. employees, are expected to arrive on June 15 to assume the management. They come, with their small baby from Eugene, Oregon, where Bob has been attending school.

When all are accounted for, there will be about 15 employees at Big Trees for the summer.

We were told that evening meals are by reservation only, so don't forget to make a phone call if you decide to treat yourself to a special evening out.

While waiting to bid goodbye to host Mike, we had some conversation with a couple from Germany who were on a two month tour of the United States and were spending the night at Big Trees, evidently enjoying it as much as we were. Mike was placing phone calls to Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Parks in an effort to arrange reservations for them there. It was pleasing to know that foreign visitors were seeing some of the best of our country.

Hating to leave the pleasant atmosphere of the Lodge and the majesty of the Big Trees, we lingered on the porch watching a pair of robins who had built a nest in the nearest tree. They came and went, too busy feeding their young to notice our presence, while under their tree home the tiniest of yellow birds, as unwary as the robins, fed among the low bushes.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

On the basis of competitive nationwide tests and recommendations, Alan Zachwieja has been awarded a scholarship to Phillips Academy at Andover Massachusetts. Included are three round trips by air during the school year which means that Alan will be home for nineteen days at both Christmas and Easter. He will fly to Andover on September 19.

U of C COURSES OFFERED

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40 one hour long shows of films from the Continental Classroom television program produced by Harvey White.

H. K. Ouimet, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Personnel Director, states; "Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is enthusiastically in support of this program. However, employees should bear in mind that their first obligation must be to their jobs. Prospective students whose work schedule conflicts with the convening school hours should discuss their problems with our office. We will try to find a practical solution. Likewise, dependents of YPC Co. employees may come to the Personnel Office for information."

Classes are scheduled to begin on June 27 and will be conducted in the evening at the Yosemite Elementary Schoolhouse.

Schedule of classes:

Geology X 7ABC, Mondays & Wednesdays, 8-10:30 PM, beginning June 27, 1960.

Zoology X 12AB, Tuesdays - Thursdays, 8-9:30 PM beginning June 28, 1960.

"Spotlight on Opera", Fridays, 8:30-9:30 PM beginning July 1, 1960.

"Atomic Age Physics", Mondays, and Wednesdays 8-10 PM beginning June 27, 1960.

Mr. William Carney, representing the University of California Extension Division, is in Yosemite to assist interested persons. He may be reached either through YPCCo. Personnel Dept., Frontier 2-4631; or Yosemite Museum, Frontier 2-4611.

For clothes of distinction visit the NAWASA SHOP at Camp Curry.

INTREPID ROCK CLIMBER

From Oakland Willem (Bill) Kat, former Yosemite resident, returned last week to visit friends and to do some rock climbing. With his eighteen year old grandson, a member of the Sierra Club rock climbing section, 85 year old Mr. Kat climbed Mt. Starr King for the twentieth time on June 8. Mt. Starr King is a class four climb, which means that ropes must be used for safety, and pitons, although not absolutely necessary, are advisable. In 1865 the California Geological Survey wrote concerning Mt. Starr King, "Absolutely inaccessible!"

By way of further clarification for the non-climber, Mt. Dana is a class one climb: there is no trail, but the climber merely walks up with no special climbing shoes or equipment necessary. On the other hand, El Capitan is a class six climb, requiring use of all the aids known to climbing.

During the years he lived in Yosemite, Mr. Kat pioneered most of the rock climbing routes up the cliffs from the Valley floor. This was before rock climbing was the popular sport it is now, and before pitons were so widely used, so Bill carried a pocket full of nails for climbing aids.

One route on the Cathedral Rocks, called the 'Kat Walk', was named for him. His prowess is so well established that he is mentioned in the preface to "The Rock Climber's Guide to Yosemite Valley."

His climbing days in Yosemite were marked by some serious accidents. A fall while climbing White Mountain (in the Mt. Conness area) resulted in such injuries that it took twelve men four days to bring him out to the Tioga Road. On another occasion, in Indian Canyon, he fell when a tree to which he had entrusted some weight gave way causing him a badly fractured leg.

Undaunted, he is still adventuring. Two years ago, while visiting his son in Panama City, he went on a jungle expedition, which he expects to repeat next winter, hoping to get further into the hinterlands than on the previous trip.

He says he does not feel 85 years old

BIG OAK FLAT ROAD

The earliest beginnings of the Big Oak Flat Road are shrouded in antiquity, for it was built largely along miner's trails which entered the mountains on old Indian foot paths. Probably Indians on the move followed existing deer trails. Such were the beginnings and continuation of many of our highways, until advanced engineering methods made possible the modern hanging highways like that built from Crane Flat to Yosemite Valley in 1940 to replace the frightening zig-zags on the Gentry road.

In 1849 the embryo Big Oak Flat Road was a miner's pack trail leading from the loading levee on the San Joaquin River in Stockton. There, the river boats dropped their cargo from the frontier settlement of San Francisco and picked up the bundles of gold dust from the Southern Mines, Sonora, Chinese Camp and Big Oak Flat. Lined with tents and shacks along its first miles, and clouded by the dust of many feet and hooves, it accommodated an almost continuous procession of men and pack animals. Before the year was out, the first wheeled vehicle passed along its beginning stretches, starting a parade of wagon teams to the Gold Fields that lasted

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and has plans for a long life yet. His secret fountain of youth? Perhaps it is his vegetarianism. On trips he eats only grapes, a few sugar lumps, raisins and nuts. When at home he will eat fresh fruit and some cooked vegetables. (Sorry, Butcher-man Andy! Hope this won't ruin your business this summer.)

Mr. Kat came to Yosemite to help build The Ahwahnee, and stayed on as a maintenance man at the hotel from the time of its opening until the Navy took it over for a convalescent hospital during World War II.

He was a cabinet maker, wood carver, locksmith, painter and upholster. All these crafts he performed with an artistic perfection.

Shortly after the war's end he retired, but not to lead a rocking chair existence.

RED CROSS SWIMMING

The annual Red Cross Swim Classes, as conducted by the Yosemite Branch, Mariposa Chapter, will be held this year from June 20 through July 1 at the Yosemite Lodge Pool.

Registration was conducted on Thursday and Friday, June 16 and 17 but inquiries may be made at the Yosemite Lodge Pool headquarters about signing up for the classes. The minimum age is 4 years.

FISH PLANTING PLANS FOR 1960

For those residents of Yosemite Valley who are under the impression that the National Park Service gave up stocking the Park's lakes and streams with abandonment of fish hatchery operation at Happy Isles in 1956, the following information may serve to set the record straight.

According to Del Armstrong, Park Biologist, removal of the trout rearing operation from the Park was necessitated for only one reason—that being plain economics. The California Department of Fish and Game, who has been supplying the fingerlings for planting Park waters for the past 45 years, found that it could produce better fish at a fraction of the cost in its modern trout factories located at lower elevations outside of the Park. Therefore, all fish for planting Park waters are now supplied from either the San Joaquin Hatchery near Friant, or the Moccasin Creek Hatchery near Sonora. Fish for the streams are brought in on special tank trucks while all lakes are planted by airplane.

The planting schedule for the coming season calls for 335,000 fingerlings for the park streams, the bulk of these going in the Merced River, and 307,000 for distribution in 35 different lakes. Of these, 560,000 will be rainbow trout, 73,000 eastern brook trout, and 14,000 golden trout. These fish are from two to three inches long when planted, so they must overcome all hazards of their environment to survive to catchable size, but those that do, acquire all the qualities of wild trout and thereby provide the high quality fishing that one should expect from a national park.

BIG OAK FLAT

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as long as the gold.

It early became known as the Sonora Trail, or the Sonora Road. In winter, the mud became so deep freight loads which animals could pull were reduced considerably. Automobiles were not permitted on the road until 1914.

Beyond the first mines comes one of the notable stretches of the early road—Priest's Grade. It leads from Moccasin where there is now a power house, to the top of the hill, 1,575 feet above. The original road achieved this height in a mere two miles; the present highway takes approximately eight miles. Early travelers walked every step of this distance as it was difficult enough for horses to pull even an empty stage. The spring, located halfway up the grade and missed by neither man nor beast on his upward journey, became a meeting place for strange companions: Indians returning from a hunt, a circuit-riding clergyman, an occasional bandit and, of course, the weary, resting miner.

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ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas McElligott have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Carol, to A/T Phillip Gann. Patricia, a 1960 graduate of Mariposa High School, will attend Heald's college at San Jose next fall. She is presently employed at Bes's Studio.

Phillip, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gann, is stationed at the U. S. Naval air station at Kingsville, Texas. He is a 1958 graduate of Mariposa High School.

Wedding plans are indefinite.

ELECTION RESULTS

Residents at the Park expressed their presidential preferences in the primary election as follows:

Yosemite B—Brown 64, McLain 8, Nixon 63—Yosemite W—Brown 52, McLain 16, Nixon 57—Wawona—Brown 15, McLain 5, Nixon 18—El Portal—Brown 39, McLain 31, Nixon 33.

PANEL DISCUSSION

On Wednesday, June 9, approximately 45 people gathered at The Ahwahnee to listen to citizens discuss the various issues of the coming election campaign. A panel discussion by Mrs. Clarence Peterson, Chaplain of the California Federation of Republican Women, and Third Vice President of the Central Division of Republican Women; Mr. H. Oehlmann; and Mr. Harold Bondshu, Chairman of the County Nixon for President Committee; was moderated by Mr. Harold Ouimet, Chairman of the Mariposa County Republican Central Committee. Written questions submitted by the audience were dealt with by the panel members.

VISITORS FROM MANY NATIONS

Forty-five foreign UCLA students representing 17 different countries were guests at Yosemite Lodge on June 9th and June 10th. Traveling under the sponsorship of the Council on International Students, Inc., with Mrs. Nancy Walkey as tour chairman, they visited as many points of interest in and near the Valley as possible during their three day stay. Their activities included a bus trip to Glacier Point, from which some of the students returned via the Four Mile Trail, afternoon tea at The Ahwahnee and an evening cook-out on one of the river beaches.

According to Bud Heller, NPS representative who hosted them during their tour of the Park, special effort was made to give these foreign students a pleasant and informative visit in Yosemite.

THE DEN

Hostess Alice Ryan invites employees to visit the Den between the hours of 2:00 to 5:00 and 8:00 to 11 p.m. every day except Wednesday. Bingo games are featured on Thursday evenings from 8:30 to 11:00, there is square and folk dancing for beginning, intermediate and experienced dancers. Certain dances will be carefully demonstrated for beginners. All employees are invited.

GRADUATES

Nancy Proctor is home from the University of Colorado, at Boulder, where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Arts and Sciences, with a major in education. Nancy is to be married on June 21, to Mr. Russell Carey, Jr.

Jim Ouimet graduated last week from California Polytechnic State College with a degree in electronic engineering. He has accepted a position with Western Electric Co. After a two weeks Naval Reserve cruise, Western Electric will send him to Winston Salem, North Carolina, for a month of special training, and then to Denver, Colorado.

Mariposa High School graduates from Yosemite and El Portal were: Suzanne Blommen, Roberta Castro, Lillian Fitzpatrick, Patricia McElligott, Malcolm McGregor and James Parker.

Nancy Moe and Gay Young received their diplomas from Wasatch Academy in Utah.

Six girls and six boys were in the local elementary school graduating class: Rosemary Byers, Jeannie Evans, Michele Hackett, Patricia Howse, Susan Ottonello, Denise Young, Charles Borden, Brad Ditton, Chet Miller, Toby Nelson, Tom Tucker, and Alan Zachweija.

Having finished the first section of technical work at Lowry Air Force Base, in Denver Colorado, Richie Ouimet is home on a twelve day leave. He will return to Denver for further training.

THANKS FOR THE HELP

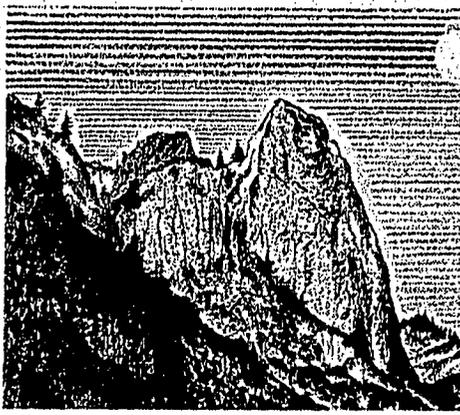
The Yosemite Parent Group wishes to express its thanks to all those who brought so much delicious food and to those who helped organize the school picnic held at El Capitan Beach on Monday evening, June 6. Especial thanks to Messers, Buzzini, Bevington, Branges, and McGregor.

SWAP TALK

For sale: Large size, Alpine trailer cooler, used only three months. \$50. Call John Westmoreland, FR 2-4580.

Lawn mower, \$4.00. Call D. Morgenson, FR 2-4852.

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VALLEY SINGERS

Glenn Willard, Director of Entertainment, has returned to Yosemite and is reorganizing the Valley Singers and Orchestra for another summer. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, June 28. Any employee interested in singing with the chorus or who has an instrument he would like to play in the orchestra, please see Glenn in his office back of the stage at Camp Curry. This activity is open to all employees in the Park. Rehearsals will be Tuesday and Friday nights at 10:00 o'clock in the Village Chapel.

At intervals during the summer, concerts will be given at Camp Curry, The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge and the Church Bowl.

HIGH SIERRA CAMPS

The last week in June saw the opening of all the high camps. Tuolumne Meadows Lodge was the first, on June 24, with Mike Adams again the manager, and Bob Rohweder as chef.

New to Yosemite are Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Truman Fitzgerald who are managing Glen Aulin and Vogelsang Camps.

At Merced Lake for their first experience as managers of a High Camp are newlyweds Nancy and Clyde Deal. This seems an appropriate chapter in a romance that began at a high elevation, Glacier Point, when Clyde was the maintenance man and Nancy was employed as a maid and in the studio.

The versatile Howard Laynes, who filled in at Wawona last winter when needed, have returned to May Lake.

Again at White Wolf are the popular Pattersons who have been managers there for several years and have developed a sound reputation among their many friends in the Valley for serving excellent meals.

A SIGHTSEEING TRIP

by Dick Connett

Looking for something to do with a day off or those special leave days? A suggested trip would be as follows:

Go over Tioga Pass to the junction of Highway 395 at Lee Vining. Turn south on 395, approximately five miles, to Highway 120; left on 120 to Benton Station. Along this road you skirt the south of Mono Lake for some miles, pass behind the famous Mono Craters and also see some interesting obsidian formations.

At Benton Station turn right on Highway 6 and drive southward to Bishop. Numerous parks and a fine new community swimming pool here make it a fine place to lunch and relax.

Turning northward again on 395, during the afternoon one can make side trips to Convict Lake, Whetmore Hot Springs for a swim, the Hot Springs Fish Hatchery, Mammoth Lakes and Mammoth Mountain ski lift, and the June Lake Loop.

Sunset and dinner on the shores of Mono Lake at either Tioga Lodge or Mono Inn, and the trip back over Tioga Pass all combine to make this a full day of sightseeing and recreation. Estimated driving time, seven hours.

ANY NEWS FOR THE SENTINEL?

Any news communications for this paper should be addressed to The Sentinel and sent to the YPC Co. General Office, or phoned to E. Morgenson at FR 2-4852. This should be done the week following the last publication. The next publication dates are July 15 and July 29.

We will be glad to receive your communications and will do our best to include them if they are of general interest and space is available.

U.C. COURSES START

The first sessions of the Geology and Zoology courses offered by the University of California Extension Division for Yosemite summer employees and residents were held this week. "Spotlight on Opera", consisting of ten sessions, will begin Friday. Atomic Age Physics has been canceled because the television films that were to have been used could not be released at this time.

William Carney, of the University of California Extension Division, reports that enrollment will be accepted through Tuesday, July 5, at the Museum Office, the YPC Co. Personnel Office, or at the class sessions.

All classes are scheduled for 8:00 PM at the Yosemite Elementary School. Schedule:

Geology X7ABC, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-10:30 PM, 3 credits, tuition \$35.00.

Zoology X12AB, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8-9:30 PM, 2 credits, tuition \$25.00.

"Spotlight on Opera", Fridays 8:30-9:30 PM, tuition \$5.00.

The Geology instructor will be Franklin Potter, Ph. D., Professor of Geology, San Fernando State College; and the Zoology instructor, Jack Fry, M. A., Instructor of Zoology at Santa Monica City College. Both instructors are also employed as ranger naturalists by the N.P.S. for the summer.

Carey states that approximately one third of the students enrolled to date are from out of the state, the other two thirds being from California schools.

SWAP TALK

For sale: 1958 Chevrolet Belaire, 4 door, 8 cylinder sedan. Excellent condition; 24,000 miles; \$1,800. Call Leslie Ames FR 2-4421.

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DON'T BE A LITTERBUG!

Father, to son unwrapping a candy bar, "Now go find a trash can and put that wrapper in it."

"But I don't see any trash can."

"Well, then put the paper in your pocket until you do find one."

What welcome guests that father and son were, and if every visitor and resident in Yosemite would be as careful about dropping litter, the National Park Service would have an additional \$15,000 every year to spend on services and improvements of more lasting value than picking up trash.

The YPC Co. spends an amount, difficult to estimate, performing the same chore around all its public buildings. While there is no complaint about having to do the job, the same resources could benefit us all if spent more constructively.

A thought for those of us who live here, whether for the summer or the year, is that since Yosemite is our home, it is our responsibility to help keep it clean.

Before the sanitation crew arrives to clear it, someone else may wish to use the beach where we had a party. Surely, it isn't too much trouble to place our trash in the cans provided. Even those little bits of things that we may think won't show, (things like cigarette butts and gum wrappers) don't disappear over night and are very difficult to pick up on a stick.

With the high country opening, a very special plea is made to keep the beautiful lakes, streams and meadows free of any kind of man-made litter. There are no sanitation crews making daily rounds in the back country to pick up trash. Surely, if a hiker carries full cans and cartons somewhere, he

VILLAGE STORIES

By Andy

Ole Dad Ring says Village Store employees are the fastest moving people on earth, but only when they are on vacation.

Take, for instance, the case of Bill Haefele, the youngest of our Village Store regulars, who recently flew from San Francisco to New York on one of the new super jet planes. The time elapsed from departure from San Francisco airport to the landing at New York's La Guardia Field was five hours. This is really amazing — only five hours!

Bill said, "I could have made better time, but they were so busy at the Los Angeles airport that I had to wait two hours in line to get my ticket."

To plan a vacation these days is not as simple as it was in the good old days. Today, not only does one have to decide where to go, but also what medium of travel to use. There are so many, and more in the making. With the new inventions, even now, one can travel on water, under water, overland, under ground, and by air. Air transportation now has many varieties.

Hollywood is planning to make a picture that will illustrate all the different types of travel man has ever used. It promises to be a big success and very entertaining. It will be titled, "Around the World in Eighty Ways." The picture will start here in Yosemite with one of the crudest means of transportation, Johnny Hansen's "idiot wagon." But don't let this discourage you. It is only the beginning, and from here on real progress will be made.

Another vacationer was the former loveable ole butcher who took a trip to Hollywood all in the interest of culture. While there he was fortunate enough to obtain tickets to the picture "Ben Hur." This is truly one of the great pictures of our time, and the chariot race in the big coliseum was the thrilling climax of the story. Everyone in the audience agreed that this daring race scene will probably get all the academy awards. This event, with all the horses galloping at full speed around the track and the chariot drivers using every underhanded trick they could think of in order to win the race was, indeed, almost as exciting as the trip to the theater on the Hollywood freeway.

There is only one thing that puzzles Ole Dad Ring, and that is how faithful employees can get to New York in five hours, but can't cross the street from the dorms and Camp 6 and get to work on time. Our scientists will probably never be able to solve this one.

"Let it never be said, 'All was beauty here before you came'."

JUNE WEDDINGS

PROCTOR—CARY

Beautifully gowned in white lace, Nancy Proctor became the bride of Russel Carey, Jr. of Denver, Colorado, on Tuesday afternoon, June 21, at the Church Bowl. Her sister Peggy, as maid of honor, and three bridesmaids were dressed in blue. Following the ceremony, a reception was held on the lawn under the tall oaks in the Ahwahnee grounds.

The newlyweds will establish their home in Longmont, Colorado, 35 miles from Denver, where Nancy will teach second grade next year. The groom is a geologist with Pan American Petroleum Co. in Denver.

BROWNSON—SCHAFFER

In The Ahwahnee Solarium, on Saturday, June 11, Miss Bernice Brownson and George Schaffer were married in a ceremony attended by 50 friends and followed by a buffet luncheon. Miss Brownson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brownson of Yosemite.

The Schaffers have gone to Europe for a five month honeymoon and a visit to his home and parents in Basel, Switzerland. For the past five years

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HIGH COUNTRY HIKING

The arrival of summer in Yosemite brings with it opportunity to explore once again that fascinating section of the Park known as The High Country. Far removed in mood and general aspect from the warm, somewhat busy Valley Floor, this region of high, sunny meadows and sparkling lakes is, nevertheless, easily accessible to all of us living here in Yosemite Valley.

Tuolumne Meadows Area

The first region to become accessible after the retreat of the winter snow pack is Tuolumne Meadows. Conveniently enough, too, this region is a hub from which trails radiate in all directions to some of the finest examples of High Country landscape.

Here are a few suggestions for excursions guaranteed to live in your memories of the Park. The list is by no means complete, as any visitor to the Meadows will soon discover.

Water-wheel Falls

An eight-mile trail north from Soda Springs along the roaring, foaming Tuolumne River to the most unusual white-water display in Yosemite. "Reverse Waterfalls" formed by the force of the entire river's volume being deflected upwards against rock ledges in foaming wheels of spray, 60 to 80 feet high. Best seen before the end of June. Located 3½ miles down the Tuolumne Canyon below Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp.

Young Lakes Basin

Six miles by trail northeast from Soda Spring. Three little lakes lie beneath the precipitous west face of Mt. Conness, which towers to 12,561 feet. Superb camping, good fishing. Conness can be climbed by trail from this side.

Budd Lake

About six miles south of the Meadows. Nestled at timberline—10,000 feet elevation—in a truly alpine basin surrounded by Cathedral, Echo, Cockscomb and Unicorn Peaks. No formal trail, but can be reached easily by following Budd Creek from lower end of Meadows.

Sunrise Trail

A beautiful, but seldom used, twenty-one mile walk from the Meadows to

CHURCH SERVICES

8:00 AM, Holy Communion in The Chapel.

Protestant—Sunday

9:45 AM, Sunday School in The Church Bowl

9:00 & 10:00 AM, Worship Services in The Chapel.

11:00 AM, Morning Worship in The Church Bowl.

8:00 PM, songs & Worship Services at Camps 14 & 7.

9:00 PM, Worship Service at The Chapel.

Catholic—

Sunday, Masses at 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 AM in The Pavilion.

Confessions before each Mass.

Monday through Saturday, Mass in The Chapel at 7:00 AM.

Christian Science—

Sunday, 3:00 PM in The Church Bowl.

Lutheran—

Sunday, 11:00 AM in The Chapel.

Seventh Day Adventist—

Saturday, 10:00 AM Sabbath School, and 11:00 AM, preaching in The Church Bowl.

Jewish Services—

Saturday, 11:00 AM, in The Chapel.

SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

Evening programs are being held nightly at Camp Curry from 8:00 to 9:30 p.m., and at Yosemite Lodge from 7:45 to 9:20 p.m. Wawona Hotel entertainment is being scheduled each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings at 9:00 p.m. Glenn Willard announces that Rich Price, the "Singing Sierran," is entertaining on the evening programs until the barbecue and breakfast rides claim his time.

Yosemite Valley. Shortly after crossing Cathedral Pass, the trail runs through Long Meadow, site of the new Sunrise High Sierra Camp now under construction. From this trail, easy ascents may be made of either Clouds' Rest or Half Dome.

Vogelsang High Sierra Camp Area

A delightful loop trip from Tuolumne Meadows can be arranged to Vogelsang (possibly overnight here), then via Evelyn and Ireland Lakes to the Lyell Fork Canyon, returning to Tuolumne. Total mileage, 21½ miles.

IN THE GOLF BAG

The Fort Washington vs Wawona Golf Club home-and-home team match, held Sunday June 26, at Wawona, resulted in the local women's club beating the Fort Washington women's team. Point score: Wawona, 17; Fort Washington, 11.

The visiting men's team defeated the local men, 24 to 21.

One hundred six players participated in the annual event, double the number playing in 1959.

The barbecue dinner served on the hotel lawn after the tournament was attended by 120 persons.

Although not competing, Mrs. Gene Ewing, Mrs. George Martin, Mrs. F. S. Culver and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Warren assisted the host clubs in the tournament administration.

Pro Charles Eagle states that the junior golfers clinic will begin on July 14. The ladies group is at the half-way point.

LOCAL LIBRARY

Raymond Azevedo, local librarian, reports that a number of books on Yosemite history and the Sierra Nevada have been ordered especially for summer employees and others who may be interested.

He says, also, that the Merced County library, of which the local library is a branch, sends approximately a dozen new books per week for the local shelves. Furthermore, any book in the county library may be borrowed upon request, the request taking about one week to fill.

Although small, the local library is supplied with numerous recent books, a good example being Lawrence Durrell's currently popular novels. "Clea" and "Justine" are on the shelves now, and "Balthazar" and "Mont-olive" are expected soon.

Summer employees may obtain temporary cards upon payment of a deposit of \$2.50, which is refundable.

The library is on the second floor of the museum, and hours are Monday evening from 7 to 9 and Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

PEOPLE

Last month Miss Patricia Davidson, fondly known as "Miss Pat," returned to Yosemite for the summer. She is supervising employee orientation, housing, and counselors.

The new girl you have been noticing the past few weeks at the window in the Personnel Office is Pat Young.

Lenore Hutchinson, who has spent many summers in Yosemite, is the new counselor on the Camp Curry Terrace.

New to Yosemite is Jean Dunning, counselor at Yosemite Lodge Annex.

SUMMER TRAVELERS

After the close of school, Thelma McGregor and Pauline Trabbuco jetted over the North Pole to Europe where they will spend the summer studying and touring.

Ginnie Ann and Mary Lou Sturm are attending summer school in Hawaii.

PLUMBERS FRIEND

One ingenious Yosemite householder proved that necessity is the mother of invention and demonstrated an easy way to serve one's self and save a service call, when his sink stopped up at 11:00 o'clock one night. Having no "plumbers friend" handy and having no friend plumber who could be expected to come to the rescue at the eleventh hour, and living with an un-drained sink being what it is, he puzzled over what to do.

A sponge! That's the thing. He put a sponge over the drain and squashed it real hard several times. Dran-o! It worked.

Not so fortunate have been the three people who have dropped their contact lenses down the drain. Plumbers friend or no plumbers friend, who would dare experiment when the loss is of such value? Nothing to do but call an expert!

So far success has attended the efforts of the plumbing department in retrieving these tiny lenses, but take care all you wearers of invisible glasses, lest next time the plumber can't make contact.

BIG OAK FLAT ROAD

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East, down the canyon from Priest's, the road wound its way to a view of the oak scattered flat dominated by one "Big Oak" a dozen feet in diameter, which gave the flat, and eventually the road, its name.

The famous Big Oak became such a cherished landmark to the towns folk that it was protected by an ordinance. However, some greedy miners seeking gold beneath its roots undermined it, causing its near-demise before the fire of 1863 which reduced it to a charred skeleton. Retaliation would have been inevitable if the culprits had ever been known. Eventually it fell and lay a fallen monarch so thick a man on horseback could not see over it, until in 1900 a careless camper set fire to the remains. The townspeople were angry again. Now there is only a marker on the spot and a few chunks of the old white oak under heavy iron gratings.

The area was open, with only scattered trees, due to the Indians' custom of burning the grass yearly to facilitate hunting and to protect the acorn oaks from larger fires. It became the scene of extensive mining operations. The gold bearing gravel found there was so rich that for a time only 10 square foot claims were allowed.

In 1856 the wagon road extended to Big Oak Flat, and the next year one, Tom McGee, cleared and blazed the Mono Indian Trail for saddle traffic. This was the route which, in several branches, afforded Indians of the Mono Lake area contact with those on this side of the mountains and which in a general way, though not exactly, was followed by the Big Oak Flat Road. Some blaze marks of the old trail can still be seen, especially at Tamarack Flat.

Main Street of the town, Big Oak Flat, has always been the main route and is the highway of today. Eager miners used to dig under it and sometimes the heavy freight wagons would break through.

Big Oak Flat's history is essentially that of all the Mother Lode towns. After the disappearance of placer mining in the 60's, quartz mining took

WILDFLOWER WALK

On Wednesday, July 6, starting at 10:00 a.m. from the Badger Pass Meadow, Will Neely, presently the ranger naturalist at Bridal Veil Camp Ground, will conduct a wildflower walk along the old Glacier Point Road to Bridal Veil Creek. A number of stops will be made for short walks into the woods and meadows to observe flowers at close hand. While planned primarily for guests, the trip is open to interested locals who may have free time on Wednesday.

Arrange your own transportation to and from the Badger meadow, bring a box lunch, (lemonade will be provided by the sponsors) and wear old shoes or overshoes that will not be harmed by getting wet.

For further information, contact the hostess at Yosemite Lodge, Wawona, Camp Curry or The Ahwahnee.

Sunset Magazine for July contains an interesting article and pictures of a trip over the same route last July.

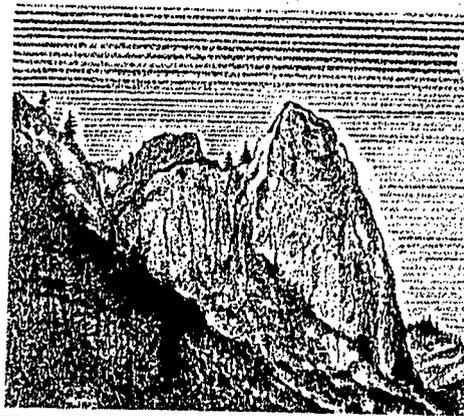
THINK BUSTER

Have confidence that if you do a little thing well, you can do a bigger thing well, too.

over for a time, finally waned, and was followed by a revival caused by the introduction of new equipment. Discoveries elsewhere caused another slump. Then improved deep-shaft methods brought about a second revival. In the 1920's inflation reduced gold mining towns to a new low; the depression of the 30's reduced individual miners to panning creeks for a dollar or two a day. When the price of gold was raised and fixed at \$35.00 an ounce, the mines went back in production and were worked until 1942 when mining was ended by war mandates.

Tourism has revived an interest in the Mother Lode Country and the Big Oak Flat Road, and this once great freight route from a river port to the early gold mines still exhibits many historic sites to the traveler who knows what to look for and understands what he is seeing.

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NEW L. M. HOSPITAL DR. ARRIVES

Dr. Albert Eldridge has joined the staff at Lewis Memorial Hospital as Dr. Sturm's assistant. He comes from the Tulare County Hospital where he has been resident physician for the past year.

Dr. Eldridge's home is in Nashville, Tennessee. He graduated from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in 1954, interned at Confederate Memorial Hospital, Shreveport, La., in 1955, and spent the next three and a half years as a Flight Surgeon in the U.S.A.F. His duty included a year at Travis Air Force Base, Calif., and two years as Deputy Surgeon with the Seventh Air Division (SAC) in London.

Beside his wife, Bette, Dr. Eldridge's family consists of three sons, Billy aged five, Bobby, three, and Ricky, two; as well as Johnny Payne, a 17 year old English boy whom the Eldridges are sponsoring as an emigrant.

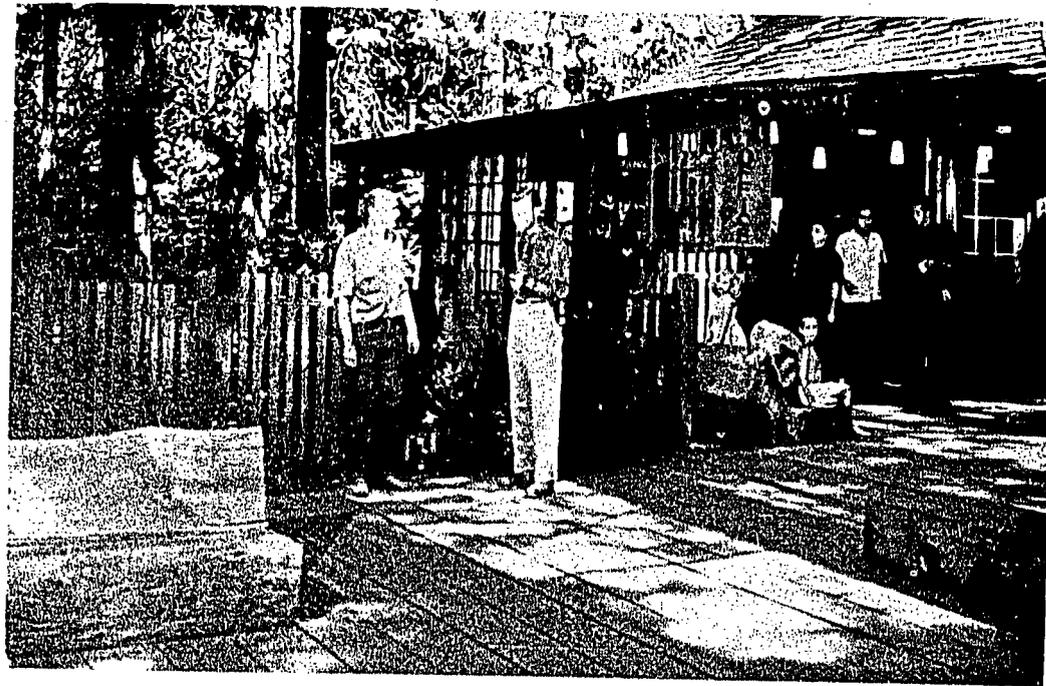
ART EXHIBIT

The annual employees art exhibit, organized by Gertrude Greenwald, will be held in the Camp Curry Cafeteria from August 1 to August 21. All works must be framed or matted, wired for hanging, and brought to the cafeteria on July 31 at 8:30 P.M.

The Yosemite News Club sponsors the exhibit, will provide judges and award prizes.

CASHING PAYCHECKS

To help reduce the burden on the Cashier's Office, checks can be cashed at the following times at the following pay days: The Ahwahnee 10:30 to 11:15 A.M. in the side hall; Yosemite Lodge 11:15 to 11:45 A.M.; housekeeper's office in the linen room; Camp Curry 1:45 to 2:40 P.M.; firekeeper's office.



Bill Laux and Wes Conner confer while standing on the new board walk designed by Conner. The log benches are made from "bug trees" by the landscape department.

GENERAL RIDGWAY

by Jerry Chaney

One of the nation's most outstanding military leaders of recent years, General Matthew B. Ridgway, was a guest at the Ahwahnee Hotel with his wife and son during the first week of July.

Formerly the Commander of United Nations forces during the Korean War and later Chief of Staff, the soft-spoken general is now in retirement.

Still an active person, however, Ridgway declared in an interview at the Ahwahnee that he is in the process of looking for something else to do. "I have several things in mind," he stated, "but I haven't decided on anything definitely."

One possibility the general did mention was to write an account of the Korean War. Ridgway is perhaps best remembered as the man named to replace General Douglas MacArthur in Korea following MacArthur's dis-

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LANDSCAPE DEPARTMENT

That feathery, soft-as-velvet looking grass growing in the meadow around the Village Store and in the planter at the rear entrance is Velvet grass. Of course, some thought it was wild oats before it came into bloom (grasses do bloom) and wondered why it wasn't pulled out with the rest of the weeds.

What is a weed anyway?

Noticing a gardener set out clumps of wild grasses, a puzzled observer remarked, "It seems nothing is a weed."

"A weed is a plant out of place," is one criterion.

Roses and orchids, if planted around the store, might not deserve the term weed, but in a national park they would be out of place. It is the job the YPC Co.'s landscape architect, Wes Conner, to beautify the areas around our facilities with native plantings, and this is to be accomplished with-

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THE NOMINATING CONVENTIONS

It has been remarked that the United States has the worst possible form of government—except for any other.

This observation may come to mind with particular force while we are holding our national conventions for selection of presidential candidates. Anyone unfamiliar with American politics would find it surprising that the nomination of men qualified to hold the exacting and dignified office of the presidency could emerge from the bizarre confusion of such gatherings. The uninitiated would scarcely recognize that many months, and more often years, of spadework had preceded the apparently senseless antics of the conventions themselves.

Many thoughtful Americans would prefer that these meetings were conducted somewhat less in the manner of circuses, complete with sideshows. However, the pattern appears too well established to promise much change, and we can be grateful that the serious purpose of thoughtful men guide the actions of the delegates. We may not always approve of their choices, but we know that our system permits the emergence, nomination, and election of men qualified to lead our great country.

With full recognition of the many virtues of our democratic processes, some of our citizens are, however, becoming concerned with the interruption of public affairs occasioned by the length and extravagance of our campaigns in the years of presidential elections. Since we are now a leading world power, it undoubtedly is awkward and stultifying for other governments to deal with us during the long periods when the continuance or modification of critical policies may be uncertain because of the speeches and

PEOPLE

Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder and Mrs. Helen Dennis, of San Francisco, flew via Pan American direct jet flight to London, arriving July 15. They will spend two weeks in and about London, drive to the Cotswolds, the Lake District, and to Edinburgh, Scotland, for a week before jetting back to San Francisco.

Babs Lindley, whom you may have met in the Ahwahnee Gift Shop last spring, is now the hostess at Camp Curry. She is a real mountaineer, having spent last summer as a solitary fire-lookout at Deadwood.

Yvonne McNair, recently of the Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop, is now hostess at the Lodge. She has worked in Yosemite several summers and at Wawona one winter. She met her husband here and returned with him to live for a while in "Ole Miss."

On Sunday evening, July 3, John Hoyt, an engineer with the Hewlett Packard Co., gave an interesting lecture at The Ahwahnee, illustrated with slides and movies, of a re-enactment of Hannibal's historic expedition from Spain through the Alps to Rome.

While at Cambridge University, Hoyt and two other students became interested in, and studied in detail, Hannibal's invasion of Rome. From logs written by members of the expedition, they tried to conjecture his route. The subject became so interesting to them that, in 1957, they acquired an elephant and, with a party of approximately thirty, followed the probable route of invasion. The project received considerable news coverage at that time.

statements of various candidates. It has been suggested that in these perilous times we no longer can afford the luxury of so many months of electioneering and that campaign oratory must yield to statesmanship.

Perhaps such a change may occur, but there is little evidence of it on the current political scene. And we can be grateful that in contrast with the citizens of half the world, our voters will have at least two choices next November 8.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

From Big Trees Lodge comes news of their fourth annual Christmas party held on the Fourth of July, to the amazement of tourists and guests who couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the 15 foot tree ablaze with lights. It was reported that one little boy was almost in tears, believing that his mother had forgotten to tell him about Christmas this year.

Fruit punch was served to employees and their guests while Santa distributed his presents. Late arrivals were employees from Wawona and The Ahwahnee. Dancing completed the evening.

Manager Bob Mathews reports there have been some changes in personnel at the "Trees." "Karen Walker, Redwood shop employee, was called home to Rainier National Park. Her father is being made Assistant Superintendent at Morristown National Historical Park in New Jersey. We were sorry to lose her, but welcome Mary Tingen as her replacement. Mary formerly worked at Glacier Point. We also welcome Perry Wiley, to our serving line. Perry is from Eugene, Oregon, and her worries about social life ended when she attended our party."

NEW COUNTY LIBRARIAN

On Thursday, July 21, Miss Marian Marvin, recently appointed County Librarian for Merced and Mariposa Counties, will be at the local library to meet patrons of this branch and to hear their ideas and suggestions on county library service.

Frequent visits to Yosemite are a "must" to some people, no matter how busy they may be. Hazel Holly, long time writer for the San Francisco Examiner and for national magazines, winner of the Nieman Scholarship to Harvard University, presently occupied with public relations work, left San Francisco one evening after attending a cocktail party, drove as far as Merced to spend the night with Agnes and Cy Wright, and arrived in Yosemite at an early hour the next morning. She spent the day visiting with friends here and returned to San Francisco in time for work the next morning.

SQUARE AND FOLK DANCES

For a rollicking good time, attend the square and folk dance at the Den on Wednesday evening at 8:30. Jim Taylor, who is the organizer of these fun evenings, says that there is instruction for beginners at each meeting, as well as dances for the more advanced. Both guests and employees are welcome.

The Timber Twirlers invite you to meet with them on Friday nights at 8:30 at the schoolhouse. Paul Sylvest, club president, reports that frequently among the guests who attend these dances are excellent callers who lend their talents for the evening. A recent guest-caller was Deb Kelly who has called square dances at Disneyland. On Friday, July 15, Ray Orme of Los Angeles will be the caller for the evening.

FREE DANCE

Your privilege card is your ticket to the Camp Curry dance every Thursday evening, 9:00 to 11:00.

WHITE WOLF

Quoted in part, the following letter, received from the White Wolf staff by "The Sentinel", illustrates their enthusiasm for the area:

"... From the Lodge, two lakes are easily accessible either by hiking or horseback. Harden Lake and Luken's Lake are superb for swimming and fishing. They offer beautiful settings for photographers. Wild life and wildflowers abound.

"A government campground close by affords over 80 camping spaces with ample space between 'neighbors'. These campers get their supplies from the Lodge store.

"In the campground is an amphitheater where ranger-naturalist, David Essel, nightly conducts a campfire program of community singing and lectures of interest to lovers of the high country. There are also nature walks during the day.

"As well as home-cooked food, we have a specialty called a 'White-Wolf-burger'..."

Who's for a "Wolf-burger"? White-Wolf, that is.

FLOWERS IN PROFUSION IN THE GLACIER POINT AREA

The wildflower walk on July 8 was attended by over thirty people whose awareness of growing things was enriched by the experience.

Will Naely, ranger-naturalist at Bridal Veil Campground, guided the group and pointed out between 60 and 70 varieties of flowers in the Badger Pass Meadow and along the old road. To the identification of flowers and plants, he added interesting lore concerning name origins and practical uses.

An excellent example is the white yarrow, abundant in Yosemite, which he said is one of the most widespread of plants, growing all over the world. In Scotland it is used in place of hops for making beer, and has been widely used to stop bleeding.

Elephant Heads, lavender spikes growing in wet meadows (genus name, pedicularis) was used in times past as a cure for pediculosis, which Webster defines as lousiness, or infestation with lice. The name Elephant Heads can be explained by any amateur botanist who will inspect it closely enough to see that each little flower resembles an elephant's head.

Other plants have food value: The small Sorrel or Rumex, which belongs to the same family as spinach, is tart and would make a good salad green.

Camass Lily, that beautiful purple star growing in wet meadows, has an edible bulb, as has the Mariposa Lily of drier locales. Both of these bulbs were valued by the Indians for food and the persistent digging of them undoubtedly contributed to use of the name "Digger Indians".

Pennyroyal can be used to brew a tea. It belongs to the mint family, a large group containing many plants beside the familiar one commonly used as a flavoring. An amateur can easily identify any one of the mints as they all grow with square stems.

Among other interesting phases of flower hunting are the "belly plants", so-called because they are so tiny it is necessary to get down on hands and knees to observe them well. A magnifying glass helps, and many

TRAVEL RECORD

More people visited Yosemite over the last holiday than on any previous 4th of July three-day week-end. 39,667 visitors entered the Park through the various entrances, the previous record being 39,576 visitors in 1952. The all-time record was last Memorial Day with 44,218 visits to the Park.

GENERAL RIDGWAY

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missal by President Truman.

"If I did write the story," said Ridgway, "I'd have to go back to the Pentagon and dig through all the files. It would take a lot of time, and I don't know if I want to do it."

An old admirer of Yosemite, General Ridgway entered the park on his latest visit via the Tioga Pass Road, and immediately encountered a ranger, Ferdinand Castillo, who had served with the Marines in Korea and who recognized his former commander. "I'm afraid we inconvenienced quite a few motorists for several minutes while we held a conversation," the general said with a laugh.

Ridgway stated that he is most impressed by the Big Trees in Yosemite, although he likes Glacier Point, too. He said Yosemite Park is one of the most beautiful places he has seen.

The usually sunny weather in Yosemite almost let the general down on the final full day of his visit when it clouded up and began to rain just as he prepared for a fishing trip. But the clouds soon rolled away, and, according to rangers, Ridgway went fishing and "caught some fish."

SWAP TALK

Wanted: Used, automatic Westinghouse washing machine. Contact Merlin Miller, Tent 4, Camp 6; Phone FR 2-9924 or Ranger's Office.

Found: Silver ring in a uniform pocket. Call at laundry or Commercial Office.

can be recognized as relatives of larger and more familiar flowers.

Most of the flowers observed on this trip are still blooming.

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out disturbing the natural gardens.

Yosemite's grand cliffs will always be here, but the delicate beauties of stream and meadow are easily lost. No garden man can design, will ever supplant the joy of finding a remote area along a high mountain stream or meadow, untouched, unlitteed, blooming and lush, exactly as nature arranged it. But, with thoughtfully planned design and construction, such beauties can be well duplicated for the visitor lacking time or ability to visit the by-ways of the Park.

The work of the Landscape Department begins with a design, conceived with imagination and laid out on a drawing board. Then careful consideration is given to selecting native plants suitable to the area under consideration. After this, comes the construction work: digging, laying pipe for automatic watering systems, channels for drainage and streams, pools, walks, bridges and benches.

When an area is ready for planting, the National Park Service assists by designating what plants may be dug and from where. John Adams, NPS landscape architect, says that some of our prized native plants seem to be disappearing. In certain areas, the azaleas seem to be decreasing in number. For this reason the NPS has ruled that no azaleas or dogwood may be removed from any part of Yosemite Valley.

Conner lists two sources of plants outside the park: a native plant nursery near Danville, and an area of private property near the park. Furthermore, a long range propagation program has been set up. All unneeded seedlings discovered among the plantings are removed to the greenhouse on the Ahwahnee grounds and cared for until they are of useable size. The department is glad to have those tiny seedlings or extra plants from anyone's yard, so if you have any, call the landscape office at The Ahwahnee.

The seed gathering program in late summer and fall supplies a great amount of planting material. The gathered seeds are either sown in a

likely location, or planted in flats and cared for in the nursery until time for transplanting. The lupine recently in bloom at the south end of the Village Store is a fine example of the results possible through this part of the propagation program.

Keeping these designed areas natural means that plantings must be native to this part of the Sierra Nevada. Some liberties are taken by transferring plants to the Valley which normally grow at a higher or lower elevation, but all plants used can be found growing naturally somewhere in the Sierra.

After the planning, construction and planting, there is a big job of maintenance: watering, weeding, clearing paths, and spraying for mosquitoes and destructive insects.

Bill Laux, head gardener, is helped by a crew of ten men. Keeping the Ahwahnee golf course is the specific responsibility of John Sampsel and John Farrell. The Ahwahnee grounds in general are cared for by Pete Lopez and Don Sanders. At Camp Curry, Art Lyon keeps things green and the walks clean, while John Blankevoort, a young man from Holland, does the job at the Lodge. The Village area, which includes the General Office, Village Store, Lost Arrow and housing units, is under the Watchful eye of George Ikuma.

The construction crew consisting of Ronnie Murane, George Wigand and George (Finn) Rhoads, take on all the big jobs such as pipe laying, path building, log bench construction, etc.

Maintenance occupies most of the time from mid-May to mid-October; structural work, pruning and seed gathering keeps the crew busy the rest of the year.

The Landscape Department, as a function beyond gardening, started with the new Lodge. The design for the interior court garden was made by the landscape architect in Mr. Ted Spencer's office, and the local gardeners did the planting. In December, 1957, the YPC Co. hired Wes Conner as their own landscape architect, and plans for new or remodeled gardens are now made in his office and carried out under his and the head gardener's

WHO'S NEW

Kristin Brown gladdened the hearts of parents Patricia and Gary Brown by her arrival on July 8. Gary is working on the blister-rust crew this summer and hopes to stay in Yosemite during the winter season.

DAILY NEWS

If you have ever stopped to wonder how those morning newspapers from Los Angeles and San Francisco get to Yosemite in time for your breakfast coffee, Mel Potter, local wholesale newspaper distributor, can assure you it takes some fine scheduling.

Potter spends the summer months from Memorial Day to Labor Day in Yosemite operating two truck runs a day between here and Merced or Fresno.

During the week, the morning newspapers are picked up in Merced at 3:45 AM. The San Francisco Examiner and Chronicle have arrived there via their own trucks and the Los Angeles newspapers on the Continental Trailway Express bus. The truck returns to Merced at 12:30 PM for the afternoon Oakland and San Francisco newspapers.

This routine is varied on Sundays. All newspapers are dispatched from their respective publishers to Fresno where they are transferred to Potter's truck at about 3:00 AM Sunday morning.

The transportation of these newspapers from Merced and Fresno into Yosemite involves about 350 miles of travel daily, or in excess of 30,000 miles in a summer. For the 10c we pay for a newspaper, this hardly seems economic. However, the publishers feel it is important and essential that their product be available to the traveling public in Yosemite during the vacation period.

On Sunday morning, July 3, there were 22,578 people camping in Yosemite National Park.

supervision and direction. His first assignment was to finish the Lodge planting. The area around the new Village Store came next, and at present the big project is re-designing and planting at Camp Curry.

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ENTERTAINMENT

During the week of July 30 through August 6, on the Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge Campfire programs, Glenn Willard will present the Maurice Wolohan family. This is a talented family group of six, each of whom plays at least two instruments. They are Maurice and Martha Wolohan, Maury Jr., who plays piano, trumpet and violin; Shelia, 11, violin and French horn; Moira, 9, violincello and saxophone; Kathleen, 7, violin and saxophone.

On the programs during the same week will be Alec Davis, a fine baritone; two western singers, Betty Montana and Campbell Coe; and Spanish dancers Lolita and Jose.

The week of August 6 will see the return of John Molinari, one of the finest accordionists in the United States today. With him on the program will be a Yosemite favorite, Byron Jones, baritone; Frank Denke, a great pianist; Pat Lavin, puppeteer; and Jim and Diania Loomis, folk-singers.

LAST CALL

There will be a hanging in the Camp Curry Cafeteria between August 1 and August 21, of oils, watercolors, etchings, pen and ink drawings or work in any other media which may be presented, properly matted or framed and wired for hanging. Entries should be brought to the cafeteria on Saturday evening, July 30, at 8:30 P.M.

Through the generosity of the Yosemite Lions Club, prizes will be awarded.

These exhibits have taken place yearly since 1950, at which time only Camp Curry employees participated. Since 1954, many residents of the Valley and outlying units have exhibited their original works.



Unloading pack train on the site of Sunrise Camp which occupies a ledge approximately 25 feet above Long Meadow.

OPERATION SUNRISE

Since the latter part of June, the pounding hooves of pack mules have etched deeper the nine miles of the Sunrise Trail leading from Tuolumne Meadows to the site of the new High Sierra Camp in Long Meadow. This transportation by mule-back in a day when jets are leaving their vapor trails overhead may seem anachronistic, but it is a necessary adjunct to building a camp in the wilderness.

Two strings of five mules, and two wranglers, Billy Butler and Richard Winchester, make the daily trip. Each mule carries two 98 pound bags of cement or 120 pounds of lumber, steel tent frames, wheel barrows, or even pieces of the dismantled cement mixer which was taken in for use in the construction. Of course the usual supplies for the eight man work crew and cook, as well as feed for the stock, have to be transported via mule train.

To preserve the meadows, Bob Barnett has obtained a concentrated,

high protein food made of chopped hay and molasses which the stock seem to appreciate after the long haul.

The site of Sunrise Camp is in Long Meadow, nine miles southwest by trail from Tuolumne Meadows, approximately five airline miles west of Vogelsang and three miles southeast of Tenaya Lake.

While the camp is not immediately visible upon entering Long Meadow, from the site itself the view across the meadow to the East, with Mt. Florence and Rafferty Peak dominating the skyline, is superb. A permanent stream supplies the camp with water, and only three miles away lie the beautiful, typically high Sierran Sunrise Lakes, three of them.

According to Gordon Warren, all of the cement and 90% of the lumber will be hauled by the end of July, and it is hoped that the camp will be completed by fall.

He further states that the construc-

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LAUNDRY SCHEDULE

Certain changes in procedure which, it is hoped, will benefit the customer, have been put into effect at the laundry. While there may be occasional exceptions for which the customer's patience is solicited, the following schedule for receiving and returning of laundry and dry cleaning is generally in force:

Bundles received at laundry Saturday PM and Monday morning before 9:30 AM returned to Yosemite Thursday AM. Bundles received Tuesday returned Fri. Bundles received Wednesday returned Saturday. Bundles received Thursday and Friday returned the following Wednesday.

Unless customer's count accompanies his bundle, the laundry count will be accepted as final.

Because storage room is very limited, customers are urged to pick up their laundry and dry cleaning promptly.

Evelyn Christensen has returned to her former job at The Ahwahnee Gift Shop and the laundry post is now being filled by Eva Cornell.

**BREAKFAST RIDES AND
FIREFALL BARBECUES**

In the cool of the morning on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, chef Nels Nelson and waiter Pete Van Gelder, trained in the art of preparing breakfast on the beach by old pro, Ade Harders, go to Rocky Point Beach to prepare breakfast for a group of guests who arrive on horseback at about eight o'clock, guided by cowboy Rich Price. Hostesses, Kit Whitman, Babs Lindley or Yvonne McNair, are on hand to help with preparations and to greet the guests as they arrive. After a generous breakfast on the beach consisting of hot cakes, bacon

FISHING FOR FUN

Although the concept of fishing just for the fun of it has been advocated for many years, it was not until 1954 that a definite program with that objective was implemented. Since that time, park officials in Great Smoky Mountains National Park have been experimenting with fishing-for-fun-only regulations on four streams as part of a research program conducted in cooperation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The angler may fish the year around, catch all the trout he can using flies, but he is required to release all fish under 16 inches unharmed. He may keep the larger trout as trophy fish. On these waters, recreation is the primary objective and the enjoyment of angling comes from the luring of wild trout and not from retaining the catch.

Now in its sixth year of operation, this program has proved an unqualified success. It is a means of limiting the kill rather than the catch, and of coping with high fishing pressure without resorting to measures that would lower the quality of fishing experience. This last point is essential in the fishery management of our national parks.

With the success of the fish-for-fun program in the "Smokies" as a cornerstone to build on, a similar program is planned for Yosemite in 1961. The stream selected for the initial experiment will be a three mile section of the Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River where it parallels the Tioga Road. Since it is unlikely that trout can grow 16 inches long in a stream such as

and eggs (cooked in an enormous fry pan which is an antique in YPC Co. history), cantaloupe, toast, jam, and coffee, singing cowboy, Rich Price, entertains while everyone relaxes before continuing the morning ride.

The Ahwahnee Firefall Barbecues, held each Tuesday and Saturday on The Ahwahnee grounds are another entertainment feature popular with guests. There is a barbecue dinner consisting of a smorgasbord, steaks, vegetables, dessert and coffee followed by cowboy entertainment and music.

WHO'S NEW

This is the season for boys! On July 15, Daniel Peter arrived for Patricia and Donald Grass; it was a boy for Dorothy and Frank Capers on July 19; and on July 25, Ann and Larry Brochini welcomed Russell Arthur.

LE CONTE MEMORIAL LODGE

Jackie McCracken, custodian at Le Conte Memorial Lodge, suggests the Lodge as a fine place to sample the many books dealing with Yosemite, the Sierra Nevada and related subjects, and to meet people with these same interests.

The featured exhibit, "This Is the American Earth", was compiled by Ansel Adams and includes many of his own photographs with eloquent text by Nancy Newhall.

Jackie, although a frequent visitor to Yosemite, is working here for the first time. Her home is in Berkeley where she is a sophomore at the University of California. An avid interest in hiking, climbing and exploring led her to accept the position as Lodge custodian.

The Memorial is located across from the entrance to Housekeeping Camp and is open from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

THANK YOU

I deeply appreciated the beautiful roses sent me at the hospital during my recent surgery. The card was lost and I do not know who sent them.

Marguerite Radigan

the Dana Fork, the size limit for trophy fish will probably be lowered to 12 inches. In addition, the feature of being able to fish the year around is not applicable as the area is not accessible because of snow except during the regular trout season.

A close creel check of the Dana Fork is being conducted this summer, so that the results of next season's experiment can be compared. Any comments, suggestions, or recommendations as they relate to the proposed fish-for-fun program on the Dana Fork will be welcomed by Del Armstrong, the Park Biologist. He can be contacted in the Administration Building in Yosemite Village.

HIGH COUNTRY HIKING—Part Two**Tenaya Lake**

Tenaya Lake, the largest natural lake in Yosemite National Park, is well known to most of us as a high country scenic gem. A placid sheet of iridescent blue cupped beneath the polished granite slopes of Tenaya Peak and Polly Dome, its ancient Indian name of Py-we-ack, or "Lake of the Shining Rocks," seems very appropriate. Wide beaches, pleasantly warm water and extensive camp grounds, together with easy accessibility over the Tioga Road, have made it extremely popular with summer visitors to the park. Far fewer people, however, know the interesting country surrounding it. Here are a few suggestions for trips in the area which are fairly representative of the best attractions of the park in its middle elevations.

Forsythe Pass Trail

Leaving Tenaya Lake, at 8,150 feet, this trail climbs south up the rocky slopes of Tenaya Canyon to the summit of Forsythe Pass at 9,200 feet. Along the way are fine displays of wild flowers during July. Several small lakes, quite popular with fishermen, are close to this trail. An easy ascent of Clouds Rest, 9,925 feet, is possible from the Pass. The return to Tenaya Lake makes a comfortable round trip for one day (about 12 miles), or one can continue on to Yosemite Valley via Little Yosemite and Nevada and Vernal Falls, total distance of 17 miles.

Tenaya Peak

This impressive summit rises directly from the south shore of the Lake to an elevation of 10,700 feet. It can be climbed without difficulty by starting from the western end of the Lake and walking right up the skyline. The high granite country behind the Peak includes much to interest anyone with time to explore it; for instance, the rocky ridge known as Tresidder Peak, the sharp pinnacle of Columbia Finger, and several small, rock-girt lakes.

Tenaya Canyon

An unusual trip, easily made in one day, can be taken from Tenaya Lake by following the outlet stream as it wanders first through pleasant meadows,

INFORMATION PLEASE!

"When you need information of any kind, think of your library first."

This is the message put out by the Merced-Mariposa County Library at the conclusion of its first month of affiliation with the San Joaquin Valley Reference Service.

Some of the questions answered were: Where is the largest cattle ranch in the world? The Gang Ranch in British Columbia with over 3,900,000 acres of land.

What is the chemical in glass that turns it purple in the sun? Manganese compound.

You may write to Merced County Free Library, 2125 M Street, Merced, Calif., or the local librarian will be glad to do it for you.

STATE FARM INSURANCE

The State Farm Insurance agent for the Yosemite area is now Mr. R. A. Phillips of Mariposa. He will be in the Park every Monday and can be reached at other times by calling Mariposa, WOODLAND 6-3386.

ASSISTANT MINISTER

Al Skinner has come to Yosemite from Fayetteville, New York, to be Dr. Jas. Woodruff's assistant for the coming year. Aside from his ministerial duties, he will work for YPC Co. until October and for the NPS during the winter.

Skinner is a graduate of Oswego State College in New York and attended Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas. During the past year he taught the sixth grade in Fayetteville public schools.

ROSALIE WHITESIDE PASSES

Friends of Mrs. Rosalie Whiteside are mourning her sudden passing on Sunday, July 17, at Presbyterian Hospital in San Francisco.

downs, and then down polished granite pavements into a deep, glacier-scoured valley under Clouds Rest. CAUTION—Return to the Lake and Do Not Attempt to continue down canyon beyond the head of the 600-foot Pyweack Cascade, unless in the company of an expert rock climber.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

Travels—

Millie Michels has returned to the front office after a two and a half months trip to Europe during which time she visited 10 countries and decided Switzerland was her favorite. She says it reminded her of Yosemite on a larger scale. She was pleased to have clear weather in England and to have the opportunity to see "Flower Drum Song" in London.

She says, "It was marvelous, fabulous, enjoyed every minute of it but there is no place like California."

Postman's holidaying in Sequoia for three days were Neva Swartz, Julie Brun and "Hutchie" Hutchinson, where they met old friends and former employees of Camp Curry.

Parties—

Parties have been in full swing at Camp Curry: a 21st birthday for George Baxley, and a ---- birthday for Johnny Hansen, complete with a beautiful blue cake baked by Nini Fitzpatrick; as well as a farewell beach party for cafeteria manager Al Dahlinger.

Visitors—

Bea Llewellyn's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lewis, have been recent visitors to the Valley and high country. Harold worked at The Ahwahnee and Camp Curry a few years back.

Here and There—

The Willards, Glenn, Ginny and Ronnie (small daughter was left at home this summer) are seen frequently about the grounds pursuing the business of evening programs, which are receiving enthusiastic approval from the guests. Ronnie, who was on the sick list when they arrived, is feeling normal again.

TEAM WORK!

It is reported that the combined efforts of doctors, nurses, friends, management and employees were able to pull Keith Whitfield successfully through his little son's tonsillectomy.

POOL HOURS

Effective Monday, July 25, the Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge pools will be open from 10:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

OPERATION SUNRISE

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tion will resemble Vogelsang. There will be a permanent stone building, containing kitchen, pantry and storage room, which will be connected to a cement-floored, canvas dining hall with seating for 30. The sides of the dining tent will be made of wood framed screen panels covered by roll canvas flaps, so that during good weather the diners may enjoy the view. There are to be nine guest tents and three employee tents, sleeping, in all, 40 persons. All tents will have cement floors and steel frames.

Plans call for a solar heating system for the bath house supplemented by a gas heater. Also, the stone incinerator is designed with pipes for water heating so that hot water should never be in short supply.

According to Bob Saunders, who is at Sunrise Camp to cook for the work crew, the five work mules kept at camp have provided some shows amusing to onlookers, although not to Don Woods, the wrangler whose job it is to cope with their mulish antics. There is a short haul down stream to obtain gravel for the aggregate. To carry the gravel, each mule is loaded with two boxes made with trap doors at the bottom. On the day hauling was started, the first shovel full of gravel dumped into a box set off a continuing rodeo-like activity on the part of mule number one. The other four gave repeat performances. The whole show was restaged when, at camp, the trap doors were sprung to allow gravel to cascade down about the mules' feet. This, it seemed, was more than any modern mule should be expected to bear. It became necessary to tie each animal securely with guy ropes both to load and unload, until the beasts became more docile and accepted the noisy job as their inevitable lot.

An interesting innovation in the absence of trucks for hauling, is the stone sled built to move the heavy granite needed for stone walls. A stone sled is built like a toboggan with a curved front so it won't catch on boulders if dragged across them. A unique addition to this stone sled

A TRIP TO MAY LAKE

For those who yearn for some back country experience but feel that both time and energy are lacking, May Lake is the answer. The mile and two tenths trail can be negotiated by even a lazy hiker and the rewards are plentiful.

Cordelia and Howard Layne, spending their second summer as managers, are the friendly hosts at the high camp. With their two camp helpers, they keep an immaculate camp, and from Chef Layne's kitchen come family style meals that would do credit to a cook situated among city conveniences. Waitress Gail cheerfully helps Mrs. Layne serve these repasts.

An ever present feature of High Sierra Camp meals seems to be the pleasant table companions and interesting conversation accompanying them. At a recent Sunday evening meal were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Marshall from Ventura, who proved to be friends of Reg Burnham, Ahwahnee transportation clerk, and who have spent many vacations in Yosemite. The Marshalls spoke of having been at the Yosemite Museum earlier in the day at the particular moment when a snake in captivity there gave birth to 30 young, a process which they watched curiously.

Fishing, boating, swimming and hiking, as well as just plain loafing are available in and near the lake.

If solitude is what you crave, just a short way above the hemlock-fringed lake it can be easily found among flower gardens, bird and animal life, and vistas unexcelled. The lovely Lewis mimulus stands in pink profusion between the rocks, and the quiet is such that the whir of humming bird wings sounds almost like a distant motor. If you care to sit long enough, the rock coney (those little bunny-like animals with round ears and sharp barks) will come out of their rocky retreats to investigate the intruder or to enjoy the view with you. That view includes the not too-distant, blue-shadowed Sierra crest from Mt. Conness to Mt. Clark.

Too bad the occasional high camp guest who seems to expect Ahwahnee type accommodations when he "roughs it" in luxury can't observe some of these procedures.

SWAP TALK

For sale: American Peoples Encyclopedia, and year book for every year since publication - 1955. \$75.00. Cost new \$350.00. Phone Joe Westmoreland, FR 2-4580.

ROLF CLARK TO GRADUATE FROM O. C. S.

Rolf Clark, son of Trudel and Sam Clark, who has been attending Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island, will be graduated in August with the rank of ensign.

Rolf was recently made regimental adjutant, one of three positions on the regimental staff, with responsibility for 1550 men. He reports that this advancement brings privileges but also extra work and that he has been extremely busy.

He says, "Now my shoes have to be shined better than anyone else's!"

He has directed passing reviews before the president of the United States who has recently spent six weeks at the Newport Naval Base.

After graduation, Rolf expects orders for sea duty, possibly a Mediterranean cruise.

FAMOUS GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reuther were guests at Big Trees for five days last week.

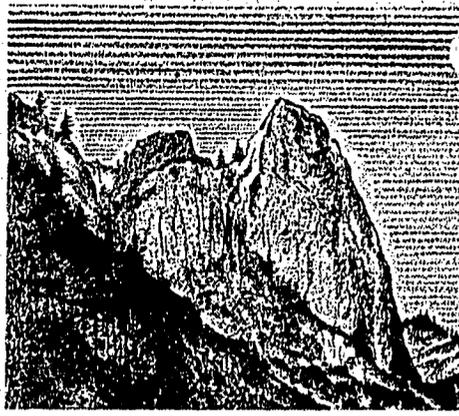
CAUTION

Automobile drivers are reminded to heed the 15 miles per hour traffic signs on roads around residences. Small children who may be at play in these areas, even though you do not see them, are quick of movement and unpredictable.

enough, the rock coney (those little bunny-like animals with round ears and sharp barks) will come out of their rocky retreats to investigate the intruder or to enjoy the view with you. That view includes the not too-distant, blue-shadowed Sierra crest from Mt. Conness to Mt. Clark.

This trip can be made in half a day if that's all the time you have, but you will probably wonder why you didn't come earlier, and wish you could stay longer.

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WHITE WOLF

Improvements in the facilities at White Wolf illustrate what can happen when both National Park Service and concessioner set about to upgrade an area as they have under the Mission 66 program in a number of places.

The essence of White Wolf is comfort and convenience combined with some of the remoteness of a high camp. It is easily accessible by automobile, only 31 miles from Yosemite Valley to the turn-off and only one mile further on unpaved road.

At an elevation of 8,090 feet, the air is cool and clear, and the forest stands back from a flower-strewn meadow in front of the small, white lodge. Six cabin rooms, each with private bath, are attractive inside and out. New tent cabins, circling a rocky flat at the rear are served by a modern, attractive bath house.

In the improved campground, 80 attractive sites surround an entertainment circle where the ranger-naturalist conducts evening programs. Many of the sites are directly along the Middle Fork of the Tuolumne River, and all of them are forested and spacious. The new wash houses are deluxe.

A water system installed by the Park Service this year has improved the supply at the lodge and indicates there will be no end-of-the-season shortage as has previously occurred.

Government surveyors are now working on the road alignment in preparation for paving so that soon the last mile may be driven without dust.

Should you want a really delicious, home cooked meal, those served by Mrs. Patterson at the lodge are enjoying a deserved reputation as being superior.

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INDIAN MAIDENS AS YOSEMITE MAIDS

Since 1947, Navajo, Papago, Hopi, and a few Pima and Apache Indian girls from Sherman Institute at Riverside, California, have been part of the Yosemite working community in increasing numbers. This summer there have been 31 working as maids, five of whom are permanent employees. Of these five, Isabel Footracer has been here for nine years, Flora Antone, Betty Ralph and Eleanor McCabe for six years and Mida Osife for five years.

Of the Sherman Institute students as a group, their supervisors say that they are agreeable, alert and most cooperative. Their quarters are neat as is their personal grooming. They respect rules and regulations, are well trained and attentive to their work.

Lillie Begay, Bessie Gaddy, Rose Ann Dehiya, Rose Lisa Julian, Sara Hatathley, Lillie Gaddy, Minnie Tracy, Louise Willie and Lucy Raymond are students who have come back for the second to fourth summer. Of the seventeen girls who are here for the first time, it is hoped that they will enjoy their experience enough to come back for other summers.

At the end of July, Minnie Tracy
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THE VALLEY SINGERS

The Valley Singers, under the direction of Glenn Willard, will present a benefit concert in the Church Bowl for the Yosemite Park Church at 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 16.

SURPRISE!

Wedding bells rang for Amy Ponton and Ned English in Reno on Thursday, August 4. Amy, whose home is in Indiana, has worked at Camp Curry for the past three summers during

NEW SKI LIFT FOR BADGER PASS

Preparations for installation of a new T-Bar ski lift, approved by the Park Service, are now under way at Badger Pass. Replacing the rope tow, the new lift is designed to serve beginning skiers, is slightly different in construction from most T-Bars and provides a smooth, easy start with virtually no jerks. It will be located to the left side of the present beginner's hill and will go 1,750' to the top with a 300 foot vertical rise. There will be an unloading station at approximately the same level as the top of the present rope tow allowing the same use of the slopes as in the past, in addition to which there will be a slightly steeper rise to the top. The lower rise will be approximately 1,000 feet with the same gradient as the present rope tow.

Initial clearing of the slope has been started by the Park Service crew and it is expected the lift will be ready for operation the coming winter.

To be designated as Number Four Lift, the new T-Bar will rise from a base station located close to that of the Number Three Lift. It will follow along the edge of the forest in the present weasel tour route, which will be moved over to the rope tow side.

Charley Proctor, under whose direction these improvements are being made, states that the new T-Bar will be a little shorter and less steep than the Number Two Lift, will be much easier to ride than the old rope tow, and that the snow on the side of the hill where it is to be installed is much better and lasts longer than on the side previously used.

her college years and more recently in The Ahwahnee dining room. Ned is the present manager of Glacier Point Hotel.

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JOB TRANSFERS

Wayne Whiteman is being transferred to The Ahwahnee as Assistant Manager with the Dining Room his primary concern. Amos Neal, Assistant Manager, will assume responsibility for the front office operations.

Keith Whitfield, when Camp Curry closes this fall, will transfer to Yosemite Lodge as Associate Manager.

Fred Moore has transferred from Housekeeping Camp to Yosemite Lodge as a desk clerk.

Gertrude Stewart has left Yosemite Lodge Gift Shop to manage Pohono Studio.

Ruth Campbell, former manager of Pohono Studio, has succeeded Alma Molin as manager of the Nawasa Shop; Alma has returned to her home in Oakland.

BIG TREES

There dwells in peace at Mariposa Grove a host of gilded monarchs, Ye Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these Sequoia Gigantea Trees.

But should storm or fire betray a king the whole earth shakes

And echos in the valley ring the knell of passing majesty.

These aged monoliths reveal man's puny stature,

Long ago would he be dust, forgotten in the stream of life.

Trees need no headstone for remembrance

For by their death praise is heaped upon their size

And humble man retires.

--Mark Hawes

Before terminating his employment at Big Trees to return to his home in England, Mark wrote this poem for his fellow workers. He is preparing for a career in journalism.

MARUSKA AND ERNEST SCHEUPLEIN

A chat with Ernest Scheuplein, Camp Curry Chef, reveals some interesting facts and ideas.

He says, "This is my fourth experience in a National Park and by far the pleasantest."

No other company he has been with, he thinks, seems to be as fair to customers and employees and still able to make a profit, as any private business must.

"Whoever makes the policy here must have a very high sense of responsibility."

He believes the standard of food service in a national park should be very high, not only for the general public but particularly for the travelers who come from the four corners of the globe. He says that these guests do not always realize that private business is involved in the service they receive and think of their experience in the National Parks as a direct contact with the U.S. government or, more specifically, with the United States as a people. Therefore, fair prices and good service are more important here than elsewhere in the nation, he believes.

There are other things Scheuplein thinks important in any job. Salary is important, of course. That the company you work for be satisfied with you is important. That the guests you serve be happy is a strong consideration. Beyond these, he takes pleasure in opportunities to give more responsibility to untried employees, display confidence in them and watch them grow.

"Of course I don't always bat a thousand, and do get fooled sometimes, but usually they don't disappoint me," he said. "These are the little things you should do as you go along."

This is Ernest Scheuplein's second summer as Chef at Camp Curry. Those of you who have sampled his fine meals know that they are not only delicious, but different and attractively served. The creative, artistic aspect of fine cookery holds great in-

**THUNDER IN THE SKI
HAIL IN THE PIE**

Unusual, indeed, for the sunny Sierras was that July 30 storm that dropped nearly a foot of hail on Sunrise Camp and its hard working builders. One of the cooks had just finished his morning baking and set nine pies out to cool when the sky fell in, heavy with hail stones the size of peach pits, and flattened the canvas tent on his handiwork.

It is rumored that hungry men ate the pies, nevertheless.

Interest for him, so much so that last fall he returned to school for a refresher course in garde manger and Hawaiian luau cooking.

Looking for a good garde manger (fancy cold foods) school, he inquired at several universities and was informed that there were none in the U.S. He considered going to Switzerland to study, but rejected the idea in favor of doing work at the Dorado Beach Hotel in Puerto Rico, a fine hotel established by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Maruska Scheuplein, who is in charge of the pantry at Camp Curry, is a versatile and original cook in her own right. She was trained by New York chefs as a waitress and hostess. At one time she was assistant manager of the Stewart Cafeteria chain in New York, and has managed the entire food operation of the Alcazar Hotel in Miami.

Scheuplein has pictures in color which show tables of fantastic arrays of fancy food which he and his wife have prepared for banquets, and he says that Maruska is responsible for 50% of the work. Fine cookery, with few exceptions, is becoming a lost art, he says, adding that before the two World Wars, French, Italian and German chefs were superior. During World War II, due to the fact that time and man power were available there, Switzerland came to producing the majority of the world's fine chefs. He believes that, for cookery appropriate to the mode of the times, good American chefs are not given their due.

FROM THE INDIAN CIRCLE

In the years since the deaths of Ta-bu-ce and Lee-Mee our ranger-naturalists have had to handle the daily Indian demonstrations without the interesting sidelight of someone showing and explaining the Indian way of life. We are pleased that Julia Parker has joined the interpretive staff as tour leader and is an attractive addition to the garden as she demonstrates basket weaving and food preparation each weekday morning. Indications are that she and her children are doing much to counter-balance the picture that TV is painting of the American Indian!

—Yosemite News

ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Glenn and Ginny Willard will present the following artists on the Camp Curry, Yosemite Lodge and Wawona programs the week of August 13th through August 20th.

Edward Hewitt, prominent baritone from the San Francisco Bay area. Mr. Hewitt is associated with The Columbia Broadcasting System's Television Department with local headquarters at KPIX in San Francisco.

Eugene Shepard, violinist, formerly with the David Rose Orchestra in Hollywood. Mr. Shepard is returning for his third solo violin appearance in Yosemite. He now makes his home in Santa Rosa, California.

Making a return appearance this summer is the Mike Oznowicz family with their puppets.

To round out the program we have Madelynne Green and Daryl Misel, folk dancers. Madelynne sends authentic folk dancers from her studio in San Francisco. This week we greet Madelynne herself with her new partner Daryl Misel.

Frank Denke, concert pianist, will be with us for a few days starting August 14th.

The week of August 20th through August 26th will be dedicated to the children with Tony Urbano, puppeteer, and Pogie, the magician. Tony Urbano is head of the Puppet Theatre at Oakland's Fairyland. He makes all of his own puppets and is a great

ANTI-KNOCK

A pleasant stranger from Whittier stopped at the gate one evening to exchange chit-chat about gardens and gophers and how to raise gardens but not gophers and what to do about the gophers when you do raise 'em.

As the conversation progressed it became apparent that he had repeatedly been a Yosemite visitor and that he had called belatedly for a reservation this time.

Asked how it turned out, his reply should be music to the ears of phone girls in the Reservations Office as well as the Camp Curry Staff.

"Perfectly fine. I couldn't hope for anything more. Miss Wendy or Mrs. Wendy . . ."

"Miss Wendy."

". . . Miss Wendy, with whom I dealt on the phone, was most obliging and friendly and my accommodations at Camp Curry were fine. In fact I wrote a note to leave in my tent saying that never in my experience have I received more satisfactory treatment in every way. It exceeded all my expectations."

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Mrs John Basye announces that the Yosemite Vacation Church School is in session, August 8 to August 19, at the Chapel from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. It is for residents' children from the ages of 5 to 14. A closing program will be held on Friday night, August 18, for parents and friends.

Candid Comment—

"Experience is something one always needs until he's got it, then he's too old for the job."

favorite at the Yosemite programs, as is Pogie, the magician who has appeared here for several seasons.

A new artist, Miss Nancy Kronberg, lyric soprano, will begin her first engagement this week. Miss Kronberg is well known in the Bay area, having sung in many operettas and concerts in that area.

Walt and Zeo Dahlinger, folk dancers, round out the program.

YOSEMITE MAIDS

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left for Pasadena to be married before returning to school in September.

Some of the girls have told their counselor that they leave their reservation homes in the Southwest with parents' consent at ages 12 to 14 to spend five years gaining academic and vocational training at the U.S. Indian School.

The Sherman Institute offers them a five year program aimed at providing an education that will equip them to earn a livelihood off the reservation. In the beginning they have little or no previous school experience or knowledge of English, so the emphasis during the first years is largely on English and social development. The last years are devoted to specializing in a vocational field. Training offered is determined by the jobs available within a 100 mile radius of the school. Girls go into occupations such as home service, motels and recreation or resort centers, hospitals, and garment factories. A few continue their education through enrollment in night school classes and in public high schools.

While working summers during their school years, their progress is frequently and personally checked by officials from Sherman Institute.

As a group, they are attractive, though shy, keeping largely to themselves, particularly during their first summers here. This year, one of the counselors reports that several girls brought their native costumes and records of their native dances which they enjoy during time-off.

SWAP TALK

For sale: Black 1958 Thunderbird, low mileage, 24,000 miles, white side-wall tires, cruisematic transmission, radio, heater, recently tuned. \$2,600. Bill Maruca, Camp Curry Coffee Shop or Boy's Town.

Lost: Set of car keys, name, Marie Dimock, on tag. Finder please call YTS Office, FR 2-4777.

Daffynitions—

Maximum: Max isn't talking.

Minimum: Neither is Minnie.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

HELP—

Bill Ramsey and Jim Santos graduated some fresh potentials in junior and senior life saving classes. Listed as passing the courses are Alan Zachwieja, Tom Tucker, Charles Borden, Billy McPhaul, Darryl Cottrell, Jim Tucker, Maynard Moe, Terry Conner, Sharon Conner, and Allen Moe.

DEPARTURES—

From the Transportation desk: Jim Haas left for a few weeks stay in his big beautiful home state, Montana. From there he will go to St. Louis for one more semester at the University and then we'll have to call him Dr. Haas. Nice going, philosopher!

From the Registration desk: Floyd "Scrib" Siemens left with Jim and uncertain plans sure to include a lot of traveling.

ARRIVALS—

Down from Wawona is Jim Guthrie, a major in Business Management, to manage the Camp Curry Cafeteria, reported to be a very smooth-running unit.

CONGRATULATIONS—

They'll be married in September at Monterey; Carol Therese Oudegeest of San Francisco and Transportation Clerk Ted Stothard. For honeymooning they will be flown in a friend's personal plane to his estate far, far away at the tip of the Hawaiian Islands. This estate is said to have everything we read about in books: complete staff, leis and moonlight.

A FRESH POINT OF VIEW—

From a "first time viewpoint, the Employees Art Exhibit seems interesting enough to make us think, 'I'd like that one, and that one, and that one.'"

FEAST—

There was watermelon feasting at the Ahwahnee Rendezvous for Grizzly Club members and leaders Dorothy Seymour and Pat Brown, on Tuesday, August 5.

WHO'S NEW?

It's give the time:

Martha Grace for Mr. and Mrs. Don Horner of Wawona, on July 28, and Julia Marie for Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Harders on August 5.

HIGH TRAVELERS

The high country has attracted local travelers as well as tourists during recent weeks. The latest version of the OLHC (Old Ladies' Hiking Club) presently termed the "Bunion Derby" by one understanding husband, found Marilyn Adams, Ginny Devine, Merve Neilson and house guest, Mrs. Hugh Miller, on a hike to Vogelsang over the week end of the violent summer storm of July 30.

Mickey and John Curry recently rode horses to Tuolumne Meadows via Merced Lake where they met Elly Nishkian. John returned to his duties, Mickey and Elly rode to Glen Aulin, returned to Tuolumne and on to Vogelsang where a deluge of adventures overtook them.

After weathering the severe thunder storm of July 30, they spent five hours and many miles tramping the wilderness in search of their lost stock. Finally, when the lost was found, the weary travelers rode back to Merced Lake and home having had a wonderful time in spite of a few adversities.

WHITE WOLF

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To add to the entertainment picture, (nature walks and talks, fishing, hiking, swimming and horseback riding) Mr. Patterson, lodge manager, has arranged a way to show movies, which he obtains from the Park Service, on the lodge front porch. He laughingly says he is competing with the Camp Curry evening program.

Touring the area to estimate the number of people to camp before sending in his order for restocking the grocery store, Mr. Patterson had some interesting facts and stories to relate.

Most people come to White Wolf with an awareness of and appreciation for this area, but this is not always so.

One guest arrived with his reservation and said, "Throw my daily paper on the front porch."

Mr. Patterson's reply was, "I haven't seen a daily paper for a month and a half."

There are those guests to whom

HIGH COUNTRY HIKING—Part II

—Continued from last issue—

Ten Lakes

Although not in the immediate area of Tenaya Lake, mention should be made of a superlative basin called simply, "Ten Lakes." Trails lead to it either from White Wolf or from Yosemite Creek Ranger Station, on the Tioga Road. In either case it requires eight miles of hiking through magnificent open stands of fir and hemlock to the crest of the divide between the Merced and Tuolumne watersheds. Just north of here, where the land breaks sharply away to the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, are Ten Lakes, snugly reposing on high rocky benches rimmed with woody shores. A side trip of a mile and a half leads to the end of a long ridge, called Colby Mountain, where, at 9,700 feet, one stands almost 5,000 feet above the deepest and narrowest portion of the Tuolumne Canyon at Muir Gorge. This is excellent country for overnight camping, with good fishing practically assured. For variety, the return trip can be taken via the canyon of Cathedral Creek, emerging at May Lake and the Tioga Road. Total distance from Yosemite Creek to May Lake, 28 miles.

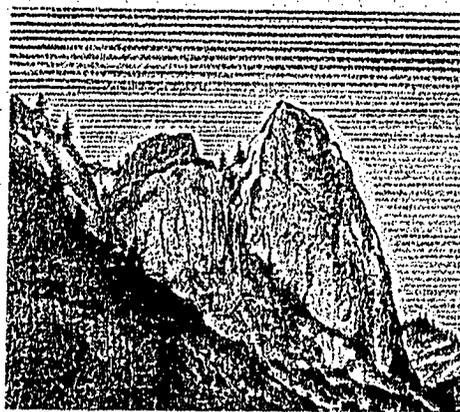
THANKS

Andy Campbell, of The Ahwahnee kitchen, has returned to the Valley after a long illness in St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno. He wishes to thank his many friends for the flowers and encouraging messages sent to him during that time.

White Wolf is a special experience, worth repeating. One such family arrived, were greeted as old friends, and Mr. Patterson later said, "That man is a physicist named Hare, from North Hollywood. Whenever he is here he wants coffee made double strength, which we fix for him. The kids call it "rabbit coffee" —for Dr. Hare."

Mrs Patterson was justifiably pleased when the U.S. public Health Inspector, recently there, commented on the excellent housekeeping. Reasons for the comment are very evident.

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TUOLUMNE MEADOWS LODGE

Not waiting for completion of the road, many people are taking their mountain vacations up high this summer. Although visitors to Tuolumne Meadows are often greeted by frosty mornings, there are periods when a wonderful balminess pervades the air, a softness associated with spring days. Those who find this kind of weather combined with moonlit evenings, as happened early this month, are fortunate indeed. The weather man has been very kindly this summer and the few thunder storms have served to settle the trail dust and freshen the air.

Popular trail hub of Yosemite's high Sierra, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge offers much to people seeking a mountain experience: good beds, hot showers, roaring fires in the stoves inside and glowing campfires outside, good companionship. Add Bob Rohweder's excellent steak dinners and welcome hot cakes and coffee in the morning and you have assurance that trail travelers who begin and end their days at the Lodge are well fueled.

Many of the Lodge guests are Californians but may be from anywhere, and are enthusiastic repeat visitors who fell under Yosemite's spell years ago. The urban reserve with which strangers meet is easily shed; introductions are usual and conversation flows freely. Recently at dinner was a San Francisco man who had worked several summers at Camp Curry in the early 1930's, and who had even hired by Mother Curry. The following morning breakfast group of eager vacationers included a fellow of his later years who was preparing to walk the John Muir Trail to Mt. Whitney carrying a 45 pound pack. Young

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LOCALS MEET TO COMBAT PROPOSITION 15

Sen. Steve Teale met with the Mariposa County Democratic Central Committee, Monday evening, August 15, at The Ahwahnee. The purpose of the meeting was to organize a campaign in Mariposa County to combat Proposition 15 in the coming general election.

Proposition 15 is the initiative sponsored by a group of Los Angeles county supervisors to reapportion the Calif. Senate on the basis of population.

Since Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties now have 45 of the 80 assemblymen, reapportionment of the senate on the basis of population would give southern California control of both houses of the legislature. The California legislature is now modeled upon the congress of the United States. Assemblymen correspond to congressmen and represent a certain number of people; state senators represent counties, much as U. S. senators represent states. Mariposa county is now one of three counties represented by one senator; under Prop. 15 it would be one of nine counties for one senator.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Pre-registration—

Parents of Yosemite school children are urged to come to the schoolhouse on Friday afternoon, September 9, for pre-registration of pupils in all grades, except those who were registered in May for kindergarten.

Those who are new to the Valley should bring children's birth certificates and report cards or promotion slips.

Principal Erik Brunn feels that early registration is important in order that the opening days run smoothly for

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STEWARDESSES NEEDED BY UNITED AIRLINES

Stewardesses are needed by the United Air Lines. Any interested persons with the following qualifications may contact Mrs. H. J. Watson, Employment and Placement Representative of United Air Lines, at The Ahwahnee on Monday, August 29, between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Qualifications for stewardesses:

20 to 26 years of age

5'2" to 5'8" in height

Weight in proportion to height

High school graduate

Two years of college or 2 years of public contact experience, or combination of both

Single

Selections will be for assignment to fall and winter training classes of 4½ weeks duration at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

VALLEY SINGERS CONCERT

The third and last concert by the Valley Singers was presented in the Church Bowl Tuesday evening, August 16, under the direction of Glenn Willard. Although small, the group gave their usual fine performance.

Two local girls in their first solo performances with the Valley Singers were Marty Melton and Mary Jane Paisley whose young soprano voices were lovely. Baritone Henry Reynolds sang two beautiful solos and Tom Rose gave a superior performance on the clarinet. The group was accompanied by Paul Switzler from the College of the Pacific.

DON'T FORGET YOUR MONEY

Summer employees who have paid \$2.50 deposits for their library cards are reminded to claim their money before leaving.

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PLAN AHEAD

To facilitate planning for next summer's Red Cross Swimming and Life Saving classes, Neik Slijk requests that parents report to him the names of all children who might attend. Classes will probably be held during the last two weeks in June.

Slijk says that unexpectedly large classes this year, larger than ever in the past, made it difficult to accomplish the purpose for which the program was set up. One of the beginning classes, for which there was only one teacher, contained over 50 children. If there is advance information on the size of classes, necessary teachers can be obtained.

Also in the plans for next year is a special ceremony for certificate awards at the conclusion of classes.

DREAM KITCHEN

The new kitchen at Camp Curry would be any woman's dream if it were scaled down to a homey size, and according to the chef it is any cook's dream.

Into the new electric ovens can be put 18 seven-rib roasts at once. The bake shop will bake out 600 breakfast pastries and 80 pies in one day, while a day's grocery order may include 80 pounds of bacon and 180 dozen eggs. What could any housewife do with such a supply of groceries in several months, or to whom serve the 1,000 cups of coffee or 350 hamburgers produced in a day?

Of course, instead of one lone cook, here are approximately 40 people producing some 2,800 meals a day, with equipment that most homes will probably never have. There are not only huge electric ranges, there are ice machines, bread warmers, egg boilers, hot and cold cupboards, refrigerated

TOY STUFF

Ladies, please save your old nylon hose and take them to the Ranger's Club or the Preston home, which ever may be more convenient. Why? Because they make ideal wash-fast, quick-drying stuffing for toys for tiny tots in the Crippled Children's Hospital in Fresno. Crib toys for these small children are given to them as personal gifts which they may keep when they leave the hospital.

Such toys are made by a group of local women who meet at the Ranger's Club on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 PM. Betty Preston, who organized this activity over a year ago, extends an invitation to anyone interested in the project to join the group at any time.

CLOSING

These closing dates have been announced: Camp Curry Kiddie Kamp, Saturday, September 3. Camp Curry Dance, Saturday, September 3.

The High Sierra Camps will close after breakfast on the following dates: White Wolf Lodge—Mon., Sept. 5
May Lake Camp—Mon., Sept. 5
Glen Aulin Camp—Tues. Sept. 6
Vogelsang Camp—Thurs., Sept. 8
Merced Lake Camp—Sat., Sept. 10
Tuolumne Meadows Lodge—Sun., Sept. 11

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

At a recent meeting of the Yosemite Community Church Board, the following officers were elected. Chairman Vic Dohibero, 11. Chairman, John Stratton. Secretary, Marion Weisner. Other Board members are Virginia Adams, Wes Conner, Carl Baskett, Adrienne Ottanella, Bob Upen and Thelma Warnock.

cases especially for salads and desserts, huge coffee trays and a stack of depending on the size of the help of a family to take dirty dishes back where they came from. There is a conveyor belt to carry them all to a special room for washing and drying.

And wouldn't the kids love having that complete set of facilities for afternoon snack?

MADRIGALS IN THE MEADOWS

by Meredith Ellis

(A conversation with Jean Faulk at the Tuolumne Meadows Refreshment Stand produced the information that a group of eight to ten Tuolumne employees were spending their spare time singing madrigals and Bach chorales. This unusual form of recreation in a mountain meadow was organized by Meredith Ellis who has been frequently employed in Yosemite during her college career and whose talent as a pianist is well known here. Meredith attends Stanford University where she is working on her Ph D. in music and studying harpsichord.)

It has been a musical summer for the inhabitants of Tuolumne Meadows. It all started in June when we discovered that there were at least four employees who had had previous choir experience, could read music, and loved to sing. They were soprano Meredith Ellis and alto Judy Brandon of the Tuolumne Meadows Grill, tenor Russ Warne and bass Bob Bergen of Standard Oil.

We sent for some singing books, a collection of English and Italian Madrigals and a group of 26 Bach chorales. Our first rehearsal, or jam session, was two weeks later, not a polished performance, to be sure, but enough to make us want to spend four or five evenings a week in our new-found relaxation.

After we had learned several of the madrigals and chorales by memory, it was fun to sing for our friends and for guests at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and the grill. Many compliments encouraged us to keep on.

One evening we were strolling along the shores of Lake Tenaya singing madrigals. We heard a sound behind us and, looking back, saw a group of about 20 campers following.

"What! Are you following the strolling singers?" we asked.

"Oh," came the reply, "but we are your strolling audience!"

Our latest challenge is a piece called "High Sierra", written especially for the group by Alex Horak, a composer from New York and friend of one of the singers. A first performance is soon to take place.

HIGH COUNTRY HIKING

Here are additional suggestions for trips during the remaining weeks of summer. For those who will be here, there are, of course, many glorious fall days to be enjoyed in the high country before it will be closed by snow.

Mono Pass

About five miles from Tuolumne Meadows, a trail leaves the highway to the south, proceeding up the pleasant meadows between Mt. Gibbs and Kuna Crest. The fine stream along the trail heads in Helen Lake, on a rocky bench under Kuna Peak, at the far end of the canyon, a spot much favored for camping and fishing. Leaving the Helen Lake trail, you climb easily up a long ridge to Mono Pass, about 4 miles from the road.

This area saw considerable mining excitement about 1880. Some of the evidence remains in a row of old log cabins, part of the "Golden Crown Mine," mellowed to rusty amber by 75 years of Sierran sun and storm, but still standing bravely under the northerly slope of Mt. Lewis. Another point of interest is the largest white-bark pine known in the park, growing beside the trail as it enters the Pass.

Now, you have the choice of continuing another five miles down Bloody Canyon to Walker Lake (if there is a car waiting to transport you home), or of continuing two miles further to Parker Pass and the Parker Creek Glacier, thence returning to the Tioga Road. Round trip, for the latter choice, 14 miles.

If time and energy permit, an admirable extension of this hike leads up the steep switch-backs on the north slope of Parker and Koip Peaks, at an elevation of 12,300 ft. Here, the view sweeps southward along the Sierra Crest to the far peaks rimming the borderland of Kings Canyon National Park. Beautiful Alger Lake nestles in the depths of the canyon, 1,800 feet below. If you are returning to the Tioga Road, this adds six miles to the round-trip.

Gaylor Lakes Basin

To the west of Tioga Pass, over a steep little ridge, is a small basin containing five lakes of varying size,

ART EXHIBIT

Through the courtesy of the Lions Club, the following prizes have been awarded to participants in the art exhibit at Camp Curry:

- Rodger Gentry, oil, No. 57
- Johnny Wong, watercolor, No. 42
- C. S. Campbell, watercolor, No. 45
- Gertrude Greenwald, oil, No. 29.

In addition, honorable mention was made of the following work in different mediums:

- Pastel, No. 54 by Bevadine Breeding
- Print, No. 52 by Nick Monios
- Pencil, No. 26 by T. R. Fraker
- Pen and ink, No. 19 by Maynard Moe.

easy of access and beloved of fishermen. These, the Gaylor Lakes, are a part of a landscape so wild and apparently untouched as to belie the fact of their closeness to the highway. Two of them—known as the Granite Lakes—are cupped in an unusually fine glacial cirque, remarkably beautiful in their rocky, lonely setting.

A short distance above the Upper Gaylor Lake you come out on the top of the ridge, from which the view sweeps the horizon for many miles along the peaks of the Crest. In this spectacular location are the ruins of the old Mt. Dana Summit Mine, part of the extensive effort to develop the alleged potential of the "Shepherd Lode," by the Great Sierra Consolidated Silver Co., Most of the buildings now lie in ruins, only their foundations and the ominously deep mine shafts hinting of the activity of the 1880's. One structure remains, however; a wonderful old cabin whose rock walls, almost two feet thick, have successfully withstood the winter storms of three-quarters of a century on this wind-swept ridge. From the "picture windows" of this old building, a panorama is revealed rivaling that of the great resort hotels of the world.

Bennettville

The headquarters for all this activity involving the Shepherd Lode was at the town of Bennettville, easily reached by a short drive from the Tioga Road at a point about half-way between the entrance station at the Pass and Camp Tioga. It is suggested

FORMER RESIDENTS VISIT

It was pleasant to see Lizzie and Bill Lally and daughter Catherine Klatzkin in the Valley after an absence of two and a half years. Lizzie says they are happy in Forest Knolls where they live on an acre and a half and Bill keeps busy raising flowers and vegetables. Forest Knolls is the "country" to San Franciscans.

Also welcomed by friends in Yosemite during the last two weeks have been the Donald McHenrys, Bill Overtons, Florence Morris, and the Reichers family, all except Dr. Bob.

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

The annual tournaments of the Wawona men's and women's golf clubs will wind up Sunday, August 28th with the following matches scheduled to tee off at 11:00 a.m.:

Men's Club:

Championship Flight:

Vaughn Maney vs Dr. Jack Grewell

President's Flight:

Gerald Fee vs Rex Hickok

Consolation:

Sid Hoff vs winner of Sturge Culver vs Harold Ouimet match yet to be played.

Women's Club:

Championship Flight:

Dete Oliver vs Nita Newland

Consolation:

Valerie Eagle vs Madeline Hickok

that—to preserve your tires—you walk the last two miles! Near the town, a massive tunnel was driven straight into the solid rock of the ridge in an expensive but vain attempt to intersect the elusive Shepherd. Though the tunnel runs through the most solid of rock, a stroll far into its depths is not recommended because of the presence of dangerous gases. Most of the old town now lies in ruins, except for two buildings. These are made of handhewn planks which have weathered to a remarkable golden hue. In their settings of rusty cliffs and gray-green sage, against the distant backdrop of Mt. Dana's high cone, they form a memorable picture of historic interest—and scenic delight! —Dana Morgenson

**MOBILE X-RAY UNIT TO BE
IN YOSEMITE**

On September 6, the California Tuberculosis and Health Mobile X-ray Unit will be in Yosemite. As in previous years the unit will be located in front of the museum.

REGISTER!

September 15 is the last day on which you may register in order to vote your choice for president in November. See Ailyne Saurbaugh or Agnes Westfall in the YPC Co. Paymaster's Office.

BACK TO SCHOOL

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both pupil and teacher.

School will start on Monday, September 12, with a minimum day, from 8:30 to 12:30.

Staff—

The teaching staff for the coming year will include:

For kindergarten, Pauline Trabucco, just returned from travels abroad.

First and second grades, Jean Leedy.

Third and fourth grades, Thelma McGregor, also just back from travel and studies abroad.

Fifth and sixth grades, Erik Brunn, Principal.

Seventh and eighth grades, Al Skinner, who comes very well recommended from New York where he has had experience teaching in junior high school. Al is also to be assistant minister for the Community Church.

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people, older people and families with children make up the crowd in the dining room all eager to refresh body and mind and to do so in a way, with a softness of the surroundings.

Orchids to the group of 27 employees of the lodge who report a harmonious, trouble-free summer, enjoying each other, their work situation and the group activities they arrange for themselves when possible. Similar about the time the management: Mike Adams and Chief Clark Marty Miller were in charge when Mike is away.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

Cigar smoke billowed from the bellman's room on Friday, August 12, as Connie and Chet Tatoian celebrated the arrival of a tiny daughter, 5lbs. 12ozs.

With autumn in the air at Camp Curry and summer work about over, plans and departures, excitement and a little sadness fill the days.

"We just made some of the nicest friends. then — 'goodbye'."

Bob Stone has only three to help him hold the fort at the front desk, George Baxley and Roger Johnnie having left on Saturday, August 20. George will teach sixth grade students in Long Beach and Roger (according to George) will apply for State Unemployment immediately. Actually, other sources of information produced the fact that Roger is a fine organist and will be continuing his studies in that field.

Jerry Chaney left the transportation desk last week and after vacationing for a while will take the bar examination. While here, he wrote articles about the Park for United Press.

Dorothy Seymour and Pat Pruner closed the Grizzly Club on the weekend of August 20. Dorothy returns to Redlands to continue her studies and Pat, after welcoming her mother back from a six months tour of the Orient, will go to San Fernando Valley State to major in Physical Education.

Nini Fitzpatrick will leave the Post Office, Camp Curry and the States on September 10 for Maui (second largest of the Hawaiian Islands). She will attend Maunaloa College, a co-educational school with a student body from all over the world, where her major work will be in history and languages.

Watching the calendar at the Bike Stand are Colin Campbell who will be returning to Fresno State; Jerry Schupe to the University of Colorado, majoring in Business Administration; John Weaver to Stockton J. C., major Psychology; and Mike Root to San Jose State where he will bury himself in law books. Abdul Latief, from far away Pakistan, who is already a New Mexico Highlands University graduate,

**"SAVE YOUR CONFEDERATE MONEY,
BOYS, THE SOUTH'S GONNA
RISE AGAIN"**

Once again during the latter part of May, as has happened for the last ten years, the jolly "Rebs" from "Ole Miss" gathered to begin their march to the West. Rebel flags flying, these adventurous troupers, about 60 strong, came 2,000 miles to join the summer forces of Yosemite.

The soft voice from the deep south has been more predominant in Yosemite this year than ever before, and may have been surprising to guests who knew they were way out west, even beyond the Texas ranges, but Yosemiteans have grown accustomed to English spoken without any harsh sounds.

These emigrants have shown us that southern chivalry is not dead as their gentlemanly courtesy has been noted by both guests and associates. We of the "Wild West" are happy with the report that even after several summer's experience here these gentlemanly qualities do not die.

What impels these regiments to invade the west? It has been rumored that some came to avoid the Mississippi mud. It sometimes rains in Yosemite, but not that much! Another report is that they came to get away from the girls back home. But that doesn't explain why the girls came. (Could they be spies?) Or could it be the attractive jobs, or perhaps Yosemite's fatal beauty, the same that attracts tourists? Whatever the reason, this small part of the west has enjoyed mingling with students from another part of the nation.

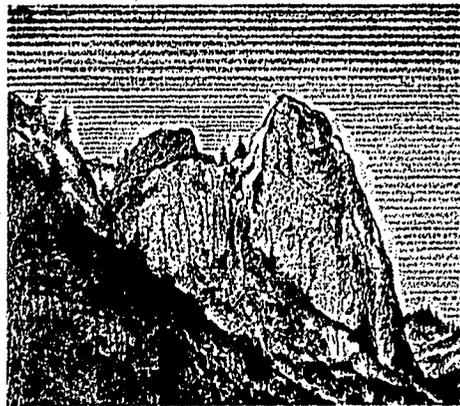
SWAP TALK

For sale: 1956 Austin-Healy 100. Excellent condition, only 22,500 miles. Wire wheels, overdrive, radio heater. Wayne Leedy, Reservations Office, FR 2-4671.

1960 Corvair, 5,000 miles, radio, heater. \$1,995.00. Bob Lee, FR 2-4258 or FR 2-4851.

will study for a Masters Degree in Political Science at the University of Southern Illinois.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission has made the following awards:

The David A. Curry Scholarship to Nancy Moe.

Jennie Foster Curry Scholarship to Joyce Westfall who will be a sophomore at Fresno City College.

Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship to Roberta Castro who will attend the Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing.

Each pays nine monthly installments of \$35.00 or a total of \$315.00.

Mary Curry Tresidder established the first two in memory of her father and mother, co-founders of Camp Curry.

The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship is supported by local funds raised through the Community Council and administered by a board of nine commissioners. Established in 1935, it is offered to a freshman student whose parents are residents of Yosemite. Residents are defined as those with year-round employment in the

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DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

Miss Eleanor Hamilton will arrive on September 15 to become Director of Training for the YPC Co.

From Peoria, Illinois, she is a graduate of the Univ. of Illinois where she majored in personnel and business administration. Her graduate work was done at the Univ. of Chicago.

She has had wide experience in personnel work for retail and industrial organizations. For the past three years she has been employed as Personnel Director for Macy's-Valley Fair in San Jose.

An extensive traveler in the U. S. and abroad, Miss Hamilton has enjoyed her three years in the West and has been twice a visitor to Yosemite before accepting employment here.

EL CAPITAN CLIMB

Chuck Pratt, Royal Robbins, Joe Fitschen and Tom Frost began the arduous climb up the face of El Capitan on Wednesday, Sept. 7. That day they achieved 600 feet, 200 feet of which was a free climb and 400 feet done with ropes. The night was spent in sleeping bags on Sickle Ledge. The goal for Thursday night is Dolt Tower, 700 feet higher, where Wayne Merry and his fellow climbers pitched their tent in 1958 during the first successful assault on the cliff. It is the aim of the present group to complete the entire climb without returning to the base.

Because of possible danger from falling rocks spectators are requested by the Rangers office to stay away from the base of the cliff.

NEW PICTURES

The Advertising Department has been working on two films for the YPC Co.'s film library.

"Skiing Is Fun", originally filmed in 1935, has been reworked into a shorter, modernized film on the joys of skiing in Yosemite and Ski School techniques as imparted by the Yosemite Ski School.

In the making, is a new travelogue of the route followed by the YTS over Tioga Pass to Lake Tahoe. In addition to showing the scenic attractions in the Lake Tahoe area and along Highway 395, Tioga Pass and Tuolumne Meadows, certain license has been taken and side trips to Virginia City, Bridgeport, Genoa and Mono Lake are shown.

The ski film will be ready in mid-October for ski-miester, Nick Fiore, to show on his tour of ski shops and clubs throughout California. Copies of the picture will also be distributed to appropriate groups in the 11 western states.

THUNDER STORM BRINGS FIRES

The spectacular lightning storm witnessed with unusual interest by Valley residents last Friday evening brought 22 fires to the Park, two of them dangerous according to Chief Ranger Elmer Fladmark.

A fire on the west slopes of Mt. Gibson, north of Hetch Hetchy Valley, had burned over a 700 acre area by Monday. At that time 200 men, including Indian crews from the southwest, were fighting it. Two large helicopters from Fort Ord were assigned to the task of carrying men in and out. Progress was being made and it was hoped that this fire would be under control by Tuesday.

Much nearer Yosemite Valley, the Gunsight fire in the Bridal Veil Creek area had burned 20 acres by Monday afternoon and was getting bigger. On Sunday, four smoke jumpers were added to the regular fighting crew and four plane-loads of borate were dumped. More borate was to be used on Monday.

Of the other 20 fires started in the Park, some were out and most were under control by Monday morning.

FLASH

Thursday: The Mt. Gibson fire has increased to 1100 acres. 340 men and three helicopters are on the job. More borate has been dropped and the report from the Ranger's Office is that if favorable conditions continue today, the fire could be contained, but not controlled, by tomorrow.

Forty men fighting the Gunsight fire, which has increased to 120 acres, have achieved a good fire line at the upper side of the hill. Although the lower line gives more difficulty because the fire burns on the forest duff lying beneath the talus, the situation is steadily improving.

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VOTERS! ARE YOU REGISTERED?

September 15 is your last chance to register in order to vote in the November 8 general election. You may register with Ailyne Saurbaugh or Agnes Westfall in the YPC Co. General Office or Ruth Ewing at her home.

Every citizen who has resided in the state one year, the county 90 days, and the precinct 54 days is eligible to vote if registered.

In this general election, for the first time, state law allows new residents a voting privilege.

Any person "residing in California at least 54 days but less than one year preceding the general election can vote for presidential electors only."

Such residents may apply in the clerk's office in person, November 3 to 7 inclusive, and vote a ballot after submitting a certified statement from clerk or equivalent official of his former residence, on form provided by California clerk, that applicant was qualified voter in other state immediately preceding removal to Calif., was qualified to vote in presidential election, and that absent voter ballot had not been applied for.

If you did not vote in the last general election, you must re-register by Sept. 15 in order to vote in November.

LOCAL TOURISTS

Now that summer has waned, the tourist season for locals has been launched by Muriel and Harold Ouimet, Hazel and Gordon Warren who left Yosemite on Thursday, September 8, to jet over the North Pole to London.

After a week in England, they will fly to Copenhagen, Amsterdam and Cologne, boat up the Rhine to Frankfurt, tour Switzerland, Austria, France and Italy by automobile and return home early in November.

WHO'S NEW?

Elizabeth Lee's arrival on the afternoon of Sept. 6, the Tuesday after Labor Day, causes the roster of the Dr. Woessner family to read like this: Marian, Chuck, Chuckie, Ann, Robbie and Betsy.

FOLBOT FLOAT

Since measuring and mapping glaciers in Alaska for the American Geographic Society in 1958, Ranger Wayne Merry has dreamed of a boat trip along the broken coast of central Alaska, a coast-line said to resemble the fjords of Norway.

On September 5, at midnight, he and his wife, Cindy, left Yosemite to drive to Seattle where they boarded a plane to Ketchikan. At Ketchikan their plan was to unfold their boat, and embark on the coastal waters of Alaska to spend the next 25 days paddling up the inland passage as far north as Petersburg, if time and muscles allow. Circling back through the inlets and between the islands, they will have traveled approximately 150 miles under their own power.

Their craft is a Folbot, a 90 pound collapsible boat, similar in size and shape to a kayak. At night, their hostel will be of their choice, a camp which they pitch on the shore.

"I'm not a mountain girl; I'm a city girl," says Cindy, "but I'm learning."

After their adventure, the Merrys will return to Yosemite, Wayne to be at the Arch Rock Ranger Station and Cindy to work at The Ahwahnee switchboard. (Which will, no doubt, be something of an anti-climax!)

SWIM TEAM NEXT SUMMER?

The ever helpful Lions Club plans to sponsor a swimming team next summer if there are sufficient youngsters interested.

Now, before swimming has been forgotten for cold weather sports, will parents of any interested children please report that interest to Leroy Rust, as the club would like to have some show of approval before going ahead with plans.

BABS LINDLEY, FIRE LOOKOUT

Babs Lindley, the attractive and friendly hostess at Camp Curry during the summer just passed, does not look the part of the rugged female one might expect to find manning a fire lookout tower all alone. But that is just what she did for seven months during the summer and fall of 1959, on Deadwood Mt. in the Oakhurst area. Due to an extremely dry year, her term of duty was a long one, lasting until Dec. 23.

When asked how she happened to accept such an assignment, she replied that since her husband's work kept him away from their home in Oakhurst, she decided to work, was offered the fire lookout job and took it.

Here is the first chapter in her account of experiences and impressions gained at the "Tower".

DEADWOOD LOOKOUT

—by Babs Lindley—

Arrival—

After training, learning about azimuths, codes, radio operation, etc., at last the day arrived when I took over my own fire lookout station. There I was at the tower with enough supplies to last a year and a half, bags, boxes and two dogs. We could hardly move around. As I was trying to establish order, it grew dark, and suddenly—there was a fire to report! Red glows seemed to be flaring. I promptly forgot everything I had learned, couldn't light the butane lamp to read the azimuth, tripped over my boxes, didn't know north from south, completely panicked because the Sierra was on fire!

Helplessly, I decided to get on the air and tell somebody about it. So I did.

It turned out to be the red tail lights of cars going south; the flares were the headlights reflected on brush and trees. Well, all the Forestry Service knew then that Deadwood

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PASSENGER WANTED

Leaving for Wisconsin, Sept. 10. Room for one or two passengers. Call Dave Roach, Arch Rock, FR 2-4355.

IN THE GOLF BAG

The Wawona golf clubs recently completed their program of summer events with the two largest competitive matches of the year.

The annual club championship for the men's group resulted in the following: Championship Flight—Dr. P. J. Greenwell winner; Vaughn Maney runner-up. The consolation flight was won by Madeline Hickok; Anita Bondshu was qualifying medalist.

The Fourth Annual Wawona Open Mixed Scotch Championship was held on Sunday, September 4th with 46 entries. The winners were:

1st place: Sophia Kaeser (Monterey Park) and Gene Ewing (Yosemite)

2nd place: Ida May Becker (Fresno) and Jerry Fee (Yosemite)

3rd place: Valerie Eagle (Yosemite) and Dr. P. J. Greenwell (Visalia)

4th place: Tie between—

Dottie Nichol (Exeter) and Sid Hoff (Yosemite)

Helen Rantz (Palo Alto) and Doug Thomas (Yosemite)

5th place: Ruth Hill (Yosemite) and Keith Kaeser (Monterey Park)

6th place: Lillie Dappen (Ventura) and C. Dierkson (Yosemite)

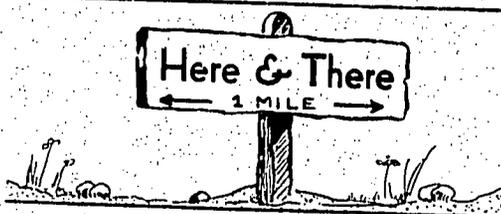
The clubs hosted a farewell picnic supper after the tournament with 75 golfers and guests present. The men's and women's groups presented Pro Charlie Eagle with an engraved desk set. Special commendation was extended Greenskeeper Homer Armstrong and his crew of Ralph Diefenderfer and Leroy Cardella for excellent upkeep of the course.

Charlie Eagle announces that the clubs' fall and winter golf schedule includes six outside dates beginning December 4th and taking in Fresno, Madera, Merced and Turlock. The annual home-and-home match with Fort Washington in Fresno will be held in January.

SWAP TALK

Red Chrome Dinette set and 4 chairs, like new. \$25.00. Also, ladies bicycle, \$10.00. Sue Johnson, FR 2-4732.

Spring and mattress, \$22.50. Three-way, adjustable pully lamp, stainless steel, \$10.00. Morgenson, FR 2-4852.



Having finished his first section of training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas, Pat Rhoan was home for a visit last week before reporting to his next assignment in Fairbanks, Alaska.

On Sept. 6, Ingrid Johnson returned to Merced to attend El Capitan High School, Merced's newest.

Word comes from Richie Ouimet that his schooling in electronics at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado will be finished on Sept. 17, after which he has been assigned to two years duty in Japan.

Merve and Keith Neilson will sail for Hawaii on Oct. 13 where they will meet and vacation with former Valley residents Judy and Lloyd Seasholtz, now of San Francisco. For variety, the return trip will be by jet.

Glenn Gordo, foreman on the job of assembling and reconstructing Wawona Pioneer Village, has been commissioned to take down ten or eleven of the older, unused buildings around the Wawona Hotel. These buildings were formerly used by YPC Co. but have been turned back to the Park Service for dismantling.

Barbara Matthews is back at The Ahwahnee switchboard. She and husband Bob, who is presently managing Big Trees Lodge, will spend the winter in the Valley, after which he plans to return to school.

On Sept. 3, Dorothy and Dick Bambery flew to Massachusetts to spend three weeks with her family and to celebrate their first wedding anniversary. They were married in the Yosemite chapel a year ago. Bambery was Yosemite representative for the Calif. State Auto Ass'n. and Dorothy worked at Best's Studio during the summer.

A five year romance between Donna Strickler and Fred Dau, waitress and houseman at Wawona Hotel during the summer and students at Fresno State College the rest of the year, culminated in marriage when, on

BERT BAKER CONVALESCING

After a very serious operation, Bert Baker, of the Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop, is reported to be progressing favorably. The operation to repair a leaking aorta, was performed three weeks ago at St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno. Bert's wife, Lee, is staying in Fresno to be near him. Communications may be addressed to Albert H. Baker at the hospital.

The Yosemite Lodge, incidentally, reports that dozens of people, well-wishers, have called to inquire about Bert's progress. We hope that Bert will regard this brief story as a composite of the interest all his friends in the Valley have shown, and as a great big get well wish.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Park and having had such employment for at least one year. There are no requirements specifying that an applicant, to be eligible, must have graduated from any of the schools of Mariposa County or that he must be considering any particular college or university.

The following items are taken into account in making selections: scholarship ability, financial need, leadership, personality, health, and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order nor does one qualification have any special weight. The scholarship is awarded during the summer for the following college year.

The basic requirements for the two scholarships offered by Mrs. Tresidder differ from the Thomson Scholarship only in that a B average minimum in an accredited school during the preceding year is required. One of these, under special circumstances and with Mrs. Tresidder's consent, has been awarded occasionally to a sophomore.

ONE MILLIONTH

The one millionth visitor this year entered Yosemite's gates on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

Aug. 11, they spent their three days in Reno.

FIRE LOOKOUT

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was manned (air waves cover a lot of territory) but I rather imagine they questioned how it was manned.

I spent the rest of that first night trying to figure which was the farthest and least known geographical spot on this earth so I could go to it and hide.

This was my first experience with illusions of which there are many in fire lookout work: at night the different lights and reflections, in daytime the clouds, dust, dust devils, blasting operations and dust from bulldozers all look very much like smoke.

In case anyone is worried that fire reporting might depend on one green or inept lookout, I would like to make it clear that reporting is never dependent on one station. Stations range from eight to thirty miles apart and the report of each one supports and checks the others, as they overlap one another's territory. Very rarely can one lookout see a fire that is out of range, or not visible to other lookouts. However, later in the season there was such an instance. A forest fire had started in a spot that was blind to all other stations but Deadwood. Deadwood paid its way many times over, that night, because a strong south wind came up and if the fire had not been checked, it would have gone clear into Yosemite.

The Tower--

Deadwood Tower, located on top of Deadwood Mountain at 4,538 feet elevation, is approximately thirty feet high. Some towers are lower, some much higher. There is a single room on top containing two cots, a butane stove, sink, cupboards, dishes, pans etc. In the center of the room is the azimuth or fire finder, radio and telephone, a table and chairs. Glass windows all around are shaded by wooden shutters that are closed in winter. There is a catwalk around all this. Halfway down the tower, there is another room with an extra bed to use for guests if you wish, and a butane refrigerator.

As to actual living in the tower, cooking is as anywhere, with stove,

CLOSINGS AND CHANGES

The Village Store hours are now 9:30 AM to 6:15 PM daily and Sunday.

The Village Beauty Shop has been closed temporarily.

Other units closed are: Camp Curry, Housekeeping Camp, Wawona Coffee Shop, the Glacier Point main hotel building.

Regular cafeteria service at Glacier Point has been discontinued and meal service is as follows: Breakfast--7:30 to 8:30 AM by reservation only.

Lunch--Cafeteria service, 12:00 N to 2:00 PM. Snack Service--2:00 to 3:30 PM. Dinner--Cafeteria Service--6:30 to 7:30 PM.

The Yosemite Lodge Pool and Bicycle Stand will remain open until further notice.

On Sept. 11, the following units will close: Village Restaurant, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Coffee Shop, Camp 14 Store, Pohono Souvenir Shop.

The Wawona Hotel and Dining Room will close after breakfast on Sept. 12.

The tentative closing date for Big Trees Lodge is set for Oct. 3.

The Ahwahnee will close for its annual renovation after breakfast Nov. 7 and will reopen for dinner Thursday, Dec. 22.

CANDID COMMENT

The ladder some people use to get to the top is made of toes.

A fool and his money are soon parted. After all, he's no better than the rest of us.

refrigerator and adequate storage for food. Bathing facilities are more primitive. Living in a glass house, my "bubble" bath was usually taken before dawn since darkness was my only privacy. The "bubble" bath was just the same as any camper would manage.

Incidentally, I spotted a good sized fire once while struggling with my little pan of water. It was going unchecked and evidently unreported, because it was very close to what was known to be a control burn. I was pretty pleased about that one.

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FRIENDLY RIVALRY

Last week's story about the Camp Curry kitchen did not go unnoticed at Yosemite Lodge as the following letter to the editor demonstrates:

"In answer to Camp Curry's kitchen build-up of last week, we would like to quote figures from the equally well designed and smooth-running kitchen here at Yosemite Lodge. First, we can at one time roast 36 prime ribs as opposed to 18 quoted last week. Our bake shop turns out 130 pies, 800 soft rolls, 200 sweet rolls. Grocery orders mentioned in last week's rave notice, here exceed 90 pounds of bacon, and 210 dozen eggs. 4000 cups of coffee are consumed in a day and 500 hamburgers are wolfed each day by our ever increasing house-count. Our grill kitchen and cafeteria kitchen prepare between them 4000 to 4500 meals a day, utilizing a total crew of 46 which includes cooks, pantrymen, bakers, storekeepers, dishwashers and night and day clean-up men. We also have the usual conveyor belts and labor saving machines. Our soda fountain is so well equipped and run that it caters to the guests AND the kids who regularly flock here.

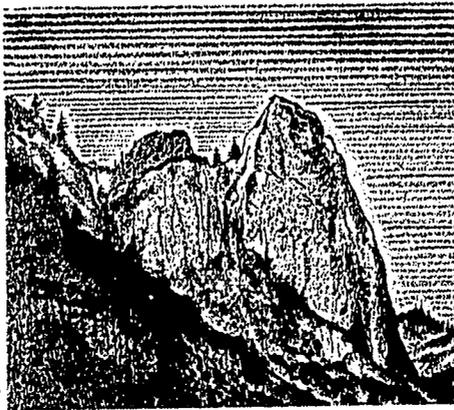
Our kitchen operation is smooth enough to allow our chef and unit managers to enjoy their days off with complete ease knowing there to be no problems whatsoever. This I can truthfully say as head storekeeper at the Lodge, having been in and around this kitchen for the past two years."

The author of this letter, Robin Lawson from England, is leaving the Lodge after two years service to attend music school in Boston. His loyal enthusiasm will surely be missed.

THUNDER (BIRD) AND LIGHTNING

Saw George Oliver and his new Thunderbird headed for Glacier Point Saturday in pursuit of lightning damaged fuses on the television translating system. It is reported that lightning blew every fuse during the recent storm.

YOSEMITE



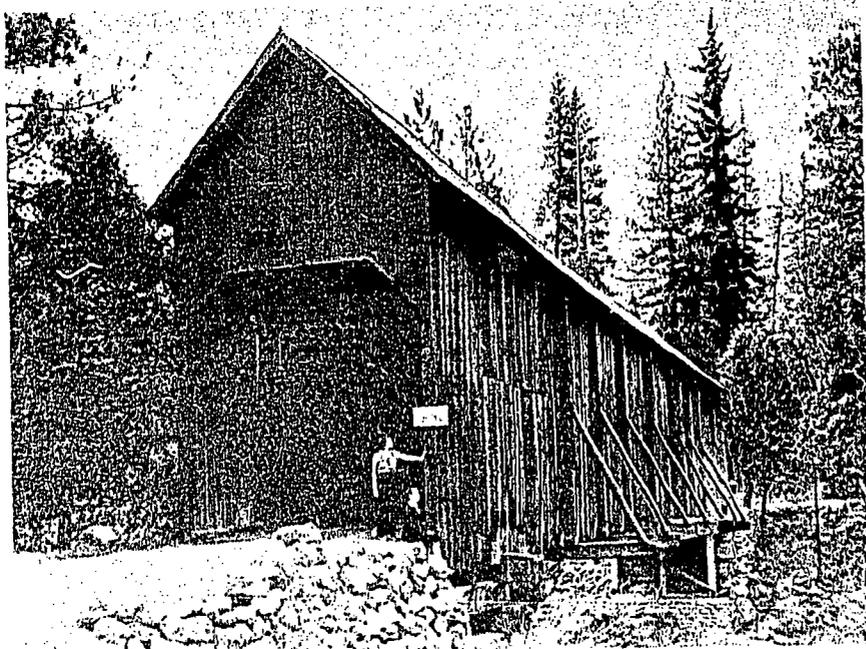
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Yosemite National Park



The old covered bridge at Wawona. Most of the covered bridges, of which there were many in the pioneer west, have been destroyed.

HISTORY OF YOSEMITE TOLD AT WAWONA PIONEER VILLAGE

A Mission 66 Project, the Pioneer Village is being constructed at Wawona on the south fork of the Merced river to tell the "story of man's activities since 1851 in this great National Park."

Wawona, which possesses more historical flavor than most areas of the Park, is an appropriate center for such a project. The origin of the present hotel, known as the Wawona Hotel since 1875, can be traced to a crude cabin built by Gaius Clark on the present site in the 1850's. It was then called Clark's station. A rarity in this day is the old covered bridge spanning the river at the site selected for the Pioneer Village.

"How They Came" will be the theme for exhibits on the south side of the river, interpreting early methods of travel and communication as well as early mining activities. The old Wagon Shop has been renovated to serve as a shelter for horse drawn vehicles

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ANCIENT MAN AT EL PORTAL

People have been living in El Portal for at least 4,500 years. This fact was established by Jack Fitzwater and a team of archeologists from UCLA who, in August, finished the excavation of what they termed the most important archeological find in the Sierra in 20 years.

Twenty-five skeletons were excavated and more than 500 artifacts including arrow and spear points, a bone flute, manos and metates, scrapers, and minute obsidian drills probably used for tattooing.

Burial methods were varied, including some elaborate flexed burials covered with half ton boulders.

SOCIAL SECURITY PROBLEMS

Lloyde M. Adams, District Manager for the Social Security Administration, will be at the Government Administration Building on Friday, September 30, from 10:00 AM until Noon, during which time he will be available to discuss problems concerning Social Security with anyone who cares to call.

SHOPPERS' SNACK SHOP

The Shoppers' Snack Shop, in the Village Restaurant is open from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM seven days a week. Lois Cloward is in charge.

All shoppers or non-shoppers seeking a few moments rest or a bit of refreshment are invited to stop. Service will be limited to coffee, soft drinks, sweet rolls, cold sandwiches and beer.

GASOLINE TAX REFUND

As a result of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s pursuing, through court action, their contention that Park roads are not state highways for gas tax purposes, refund claims are again being accepted for state tax paid on gasoline used on park roads.

A representative from the Fresno branch of the State Controller's Office, who was in Yosemite last week to consider refund claims, cautions that only gas used within the Park is eligible as a basis for tax refund. He further states that anyone submitting claims must take reasonable caution to exclude gas purchases made within the Park to be used on trips out of the Park. Also, claims must be supported by original invoices or receipts.

There is a time limit of 13 months after the purchase of gas during which tax refund may be applied for. As in the past, forms for use in filing claims may be obtained from the YPC Co. Controller's Office and complete instructions are listed on the form.

NEW HEAD NURSE FOR L. M. HOSPITAL

Head Nurse Willma Kiedel has left Yosemite to return to her home in New York. She expects to be working soon in New Jersey.

Replacing her on a temporary basis is Mrs. Elsie Guest of Laguna Beach.

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THE QUIET FALL SEASON

If, in mid-October, you see a large tent erected in the parking lot adjacent to Yosemite Lodge it will not mean the circus has arrived. More likely it will be a tent erected by the California Council of Architects to house some 76 exhibits for the education and enlightenment of delegates to their convention, here between Oct. 19 and Oct. 23.

Many groups take advantage of the beautiful, quiet fall days to hold their yearly conventions in Yosemite. They range in size from 35 to 600 delegates and include medical, religious, educational, social and business organizations.

Another outstanding group to come in October is the Structural Engineers Assn., expected 400 strong on October 5. A much smaller number of delegates representing Equitable Life Assurance started the season on Sept. 6; and one of the largest groups, Pacific S. W. Region YMCA, will close the season on Nov. 27.

SUNRISE CAMP

The Sunrise Camp construction crew will have finished its assignment by Friday, Sept. 23, according to Dick Ditton of the Maintenance Department. The work was pushed to an early completion in the hope of avoiding winter storms.

A landscape crew will be working at the camp with a representative of architect E. T. Spencer's office during the week of Sept. 26 to Sept. 30.

Painters and plumbers will be putting the finishing touches to the construction during the same week and it is hoped that the entire job will be finished by Sept. 30.

Beds and mattresses and the kitchen range are now in place, although

Part II — DEADWOOD LOOKOUT

by Babs Lindley

Duties—

First, foremost and always—spot fires. In reporting them, they are called smokes because that is usually what is seen. Only when very bad, or at night, can the fire be seen. As soon as smoke is seen and it is known not to be an illusion or commercial smoke (mills, incinerators, dumps, permit burns, etc.) the azimuth is used to get degrees; the lookout figures the miles and reports to the dispatcher: "Smoke at so many degrees, so many miles." If the lookout knows the smoke to be a structure, grass or forest, he says so, giving the code number. The first report is very brief; more details can come later if requested.

After some of my dreadful "flubs" as a beginner, and selfconsciousness at the mike, (although never in the middle of a fire as I forgot everything but the fire then) I got some satisfaction out of being able to spot, locate and report in ten seconds flat before I finished the season. I was never very good at distance though. Being blessed with wonderful far vision was not always helpful, as 60 miles looked so much like forty or even thirty to me. My color vision did help though, because smoke sometimes hangs for a while on the ground before towering. Good color vision helps in detection as there is not much difference in appearance between smoke and the ground.

A lookout station is also a weather station. This is chiefly to get the fire burning index. By recording wind velocity, temperature and humidity, or lack of it, and computing these, a very accurate forecast can be made for the next day's fire hazard.

I had often wondered about a fire's starting while I was taking the weather or doing some other chore which took me out of the tower. Then one day it happened; I did spot smoke

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some of the lighter furnishing remains to be done next spring before arrival of the first guests.

Trail crews are still working in the area.

FITZ AND ERMA BIRD TOUR

A hobby, which has become a way of life to Erma and Walter Fitzpatrick, is bringing them a very special reward when, on September 23, they will fly to Philadelphia to begin a tour arranged especially for them by eastern friends. These friends are members of the Audubon Society who have been similarly guided about Yosemite and the west by the Fitzpatricks.

The trip, called the "Fitz and Erma Tour", will include historic and Civil War sites, bird refuges and wildlife sanctuaries along the Atlantic coast.

Beginning in Virginia, historic Yorktown, Jamestown, Williamsburg and Gettysburg will be visited. Then will come the cities of Washington, Baltimore, New York and Boston, and New England during the autumn color. From Cape Cod there will be an ocean boat trip to observe some of the coastal migratory birds that do not come ashore there.

The eventful journey will be ended with four relaxing days at a private lodge in Maine.

"Fitz" says that one of the most appreciated aspects of the trip is the fact that their hosts will be people who live in the particular area they are seeing, so that at all times their guides will be knowledgeable.

TONGUE TWISTER

We'll be seein' ya at the Shopper's Shack Snap - - at the Snoppers Shock Shap - - the Shappers Shock Snak. S-s-shush, you name it!

S-H-O-P-P-E-R-S' S-N-A-C-K S-H-O-P

CHURCH SERVICES

Catholic—

Monday and Saturday—Mass in The Chapel, 7:00 AM.

Sunday—Mass in The Pavilion, 6:45 and 9:00 AM. Confession one half hour before each Mass.

Protestant—

Sunday: Brief Service in The Chapel, 9:00 AM.

Sunday School—all classes in the Schoolhouse, 9:45 AM.

Morning Worship in The Chapel, 11:00 AM

Christian Science—

Sunday, in The Chapel, 8:00 PM.

WAWONA PIONEER VILLAGE

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and for some early gasoline vehicles from the day when the Wagon Shop was the Wawona Garage.

The "Great Sierra Wagon Road", which is the present Tioga road, is to be interpreted by some of the mining equipment used by the Great Sierra Consolidated Silver Co. during the 1880's, when all the Tioga road resembled the 21 mile stretch now being replaced.

In their efforts to develop the "Shepherd Lode", the Great Sierra Co. built the Mt. Dana Summit Mine and the interesting old stone cabin on Tioga Hill above the Gaylor Lakes, as well as the town of Bennettville nearby. Both of these ruins (mentioned in a recent Sentinel) are favorite short trips for Yosemite sightseers.

Railroads in Yosemite? There have been several serving the needs of people in the Park area. Many remember the old Yosemite Valley Railroad which ran from Merced to El Portal. In addition, there were the Hetch-Hetchy and the Yosemite Sugar Pine railroads.

Communications systems serving the Park and nearby areas during pioneer days included the Street Telegraph from Sonora to Yosemite Valley built in 1871; the Great Sierra Telephone from Lundy to Bennettville constructed in 1882 and known as "the world's highest telephone line"; the Yosemite-Bodie Telephone; and the Wawona Telegraph, constructed by Western Union in 1882.

Connecting the exhibits on the two sides of the river is the old Wawona Covered Bridge, which was rolled ashore and reconstructed after being severely damaged in the flood of 1955. To move a whole bridge ashore, rebuild it and replace it in its original setting was quite an accomplishment. Of the many early covered bridges in the west, this is one of the few remaining.

On the north side of the river, "How They Lived" will be the theme.

This section of the Village is beginning to look like a real "ghost town", with five of the historic build-



Beauty Shop—

Not for long did local belles have to go "un-beautified". From Riverside, where she has been in business for herself, came Lelah Willson to open the Village Beauty Shop on Friday, September 9.

Lost Arrow—

The Lost Arrow opened again for employee recreation on Monday evening, Sept. 19. Hostess Alice Ryan announces that hours will be: 2:00 to 5:00 and 8:00 to 11:30 PM every day except Wednesdays.

Wednesday evenings will be devoted to square dancing only, under the direction of Jim Taylor. Both beginners and experts are welcome.

Transfers—

Bob Matthews has left the Big Trees Lodge to become a bar waiter at The Ahwahnee.

Adaptable Marty Miller is managing Big Trees Lodge until its closing, which is tentatively set for Oct. 3.

At the end of the summer season, Pat Young left the Personnel Office to return to her home in Pasadena.

Pat's replacement is Beatrice Stern, a transfer from the Accounting Office where she has worked since May. Beatrice is from Switzerland via New York where her linguistic accomplishments (besides English, she speaks German, French and Italian) made her a useful receptionist in connection with the United Nations.

After a year in New York, she decided that there must be some place in the U. S. with better weather and made application for a job in Yosemite. Certainly it is not presuming too much to believe that Yosemite will satisfy her on that score!

Finishes—

Both the Gibson and Gunsight fires were controlled on Sept. 10. The Gib-

sons planned for the site already in place. More about these in the next issue.

SUGGESTION AWARD

Betty Babcock, of El Portal, who has been employed in the Nawasa Shop, received an award for suggesting the name Nawasa, an Indian word meaning dress.

THE (WAYWARD) BUS

On Tuesday, Sept. 13, began a journey to Reno and Lake Tahoe by a group of Yosemite thespians who played the role of travelers transported to Yosemite from Lake Tahoe over the new Tioga Road.

These "movie stars", Isabel and Curly Dierksen, Lorraine and Jack Ring, Audrey and Gene Ewing, Kathy & Bob Bevington, Dete Oliver, Evelyn Sachs and driver Ed Mullen, for the next three days sat patiently in a YTS bus coming or going around curves, embarking or disembarking, backing up, doing it over again, all for photographer McGlone, who took movies of the trip for incorporation into an advertising film for YPC Co. use. Photographer McGlone provided certain thrills in the name of "art" by commanding his chauffeur, Stew Campbell, to "pass them, pass them", for a continuing sequence of pictures, regardless of the road situation—curves, precipices, etc.

But all came through in safety and eased their frayed nerves with an evening of Nevada's favorite recreational specialty. It is reported that in the small town of Gardnerville, Kathy Bevington won distinction for herself in the gaming as well as coins for the family coffers.

WHO'S NEW

Dixie Ann Whittemore arrived last Saturday, September 17. Her parents, Georgie and Edward Whittemore, live in Wawona.

son fire, at one time fought by 340 men, burned an area of 1485 acres.

There were 155 men on the Gunsight fire near Cathedral Spires. Although smaller, its location made it very difficult to control, as well as very spectacular from the Valley.

DEADWOOD LOOKOUT

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while taking the weather and made a record run up those steps to turn in the first report. (There is a good natured rivalry between lookouts about being first.) It proved to be an incendiary at work. There was one quick report after another for a while because he was traveling fast in a car, but Forest Service men were traveling faster right behind him, putting out the fires as he lit them. He was caught—a mental case as all incendiaries must be.

Working hours vary. Daylight to dark were mine. After dark I turned off the radio but was subject to call by phone. I was rarely called. Of course the schedule changed somewhat if there was a big fire. Ten days were spent at the tower, then 4 days off. A relief lookout usually took care of two towers.

Lightning—

Another duty of the lookout is to record lightning strikes which can cause "sleeper" fires in trees which smolder for days without showing. This is not as hard to do as it sounds, once you know the country well. I became pretty accurate about marking them mentally as to location and finding the spots next day with the azimuth.

The Tower is well grounded and the bed legs sit in glass cups for protection. There are also lightning stools to stand on when reporting during a lightning storm. When I first heard about these and that the Tower itself was a pretty good conductor, I didn't like it a bit. I seem to be so constituted that when it gets the least bit dry, I spark without the help of lightning. So . . . But then, I thought it best to meet that problem when it came. It did. There was a dry lightning storm I was supposed to report if it came in close. As it was evening, I decided to have supper sitting on the bed using a plastic spoon. No metal for me.

The time came when I had to report because the storm was closing in. Carefully I got the stool out, stood on it, wrapped the mike in a towel and reported.

CHECK THE TIME!

Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour next Saturday night, Sept. 24, when you go to bed; otherwise you will be an hour early for breakfast on Sunday morning.

No more daylight saving.

MOURNED

Word has been received of the death of Margaret Jones in San Francisco on Sept. 10. She was a former YPC Co. employee, having worked for several years in the Accounting Office, and will be remembered by many for her participation in the Centennial Theater productions. Her home was in England.

Known to many Yosemite old timers because of frequent visits here, Gus J. Salmi, a brother of Eva Murphy died in Charcas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico, on August 26.

GOLF NEWS CORRECTION

From the report in the last issue of the Sentinel on the annual golf club championship, the following was omitted: President's Flight—Rex Hickok winner; Jerry Fee runner-up. Consolation was won by Sid Hoff. Buck Martin was qualifying medalist. The women's club champion of the year is Nita Newland with Dete Oliver as runner-up.

CANDID COMMENT

Summer Resorts—
Where men dress queerly,
And women nearly.

Shortly after that, a strike caused a fire. Two or three hours and many strikes and fires later I decided to make fresh coffee, since the weather had cleared and all fires were being worked or under control. It was then I realized the towel had long since been discarded and the lightning stool was out of the way under the bed.

Next day I heard that a fellow lookout had counted 11 direct hits on Deadwood. I had known nothing of them except for sharp clicks from the vicinity of phone and radio, that was all. So much for lightning storms in lookout towers.

VILLAGE HOURS

The Village Barber Shop is now open from 9 AM to 5:45 PM; Tuesdays through Saturdays; closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Village Beauty Shop—

The Beauty Shop is now open Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 AM to 5:45 PM; closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

Beginning Monday, Sept. 26, the Laundry Office will be open from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; Closed Sundays and Wednesdays.

The General Offices are now closed on Saturdays and Sundays, except for the Reservation Office which is open for telephone service from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 PM Saturdays only. Closed Sundays.

HAPPIEST PEOPLE

An English newspaper asked the question "Who are the happiest people on earth?"

The four prize-winning answers were: "A craftsman or artist whistling over a job well done."

"A little child building sand castles."

"A mother, after a busy day, bathing her baby."

"A doctor who has finished a difficult and dangerous operation successfully and saved a human life."

There was no reference to money or millionaires, to popularity or fame, to high rank or high office.

SWAP TALK

FOR SALE—

Stereophonic console (25 watt) with 4 speed stereo record changer and AM-FM radio. 8 speakers in two beautiful polished cherrywood cabinets. The finest in electronic equipment.

See Louie-the-Lock, apt. H97, for demonstration.

FOR SALE—

4 3/8 in. ball bearing planer jointer. Wood turning lathe, 30 inch center, complete set turning tools, face plate, four jaw chuck etc. 1/2 H. P. motor. All items in new condition. Will sell at a bargain. Val Rowlett, FR 2-4307.

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HERTZ APPOINTS NEW MERCED
LICENSEE

Appointment of Yosemite Transportation System as the Merced-Yosemite area licensee for Hertz Rent-A-Car Corporation was announced by John Garland, district manager for Hertz organization and by George H. Oliver, traffic manager for Yosemite Transportation System.

Oliver explained that the expanded rental facility is expected to serve better the growing number of Yosemite-bound travelers who pick up their rental cars in Merced, drive to and through the Park, releasing them in Merced or Fresno. Direct line telephones will be located at the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Depots and the Merced Airport. Rental cars will be based at the Yosemite Transportation System office at the Southern Pacific Depot on Sixteenth St. and in Yosemite Valley.

Steve Barrett, agent for Yosemite Transportation System, will manage Hertz activities in Merced.

Twelve 1961 automobiles will be available in Merced and the Park.

VOTE KNOWINGLY!

Quoted from the Western States Service Station Employees' Union News:

"It doesn't matter how you vote; the important thing is to vote." This is the hue and cry we hear time and time again during our elections. This is the daily chant of the leading citizens and the newspapers in their all-out effort to stimulate the voters' sense of civic responsibility.

But does it really accomplish its purpose? We should like to think so, and, admittedly, it is a big stride in

LIONS CLUB GIANT BARGAIN SALE

Save all the valuable articles which you cannot use but your neighbor can for the annual Giant Bargain Sale to be held in the Lost Arrow October 27 to October 29. Merchandise will be received for sale on Wednesday, October 26.

Gene Ewing, club president, says that this is the opportunity of the year to clear out your closets and earn some extra money for that Christmas shopping which is just around the corner.

GUMPERSON'S LAW

There is a rumor in circulation that Postmaster Walter Fitzpatrick plans his activities with Gumperson's Law always in mind.

Gumperson's Law is stated as follows: "The inconvenience of the Universe tends to the maximum."

A few illustrations will clarify the statement. Obviously there is never a doubt about how a buttered piece of toast will fall if you drop it—buttered side down! Or, if the whole family has made advance preparations to get a bright and early start on a Saturday morning trip, it will be Saturday morning that the baby wakes up with a violent earache.

For first hand comment on the Law and information on Gumperson himself, Mr. Fitzpatrick could not be reached. He is vacationing on the East coast and if he reads this, will probably decide to stay there.

the right direction. It also leaves much to be desired.

Any thinking voter who uses a little common sense knows full well that nothing can be gained by merely depositing a ballot at the polls.

First and foremost, the voter must understand the issues on the ballot; he must study the background and record of the candidates up for office. He must decide for himself and not allow himself to be influenced by any pressure groups.

. . . Remember that, after all, nothing will be gained by increasing the quantity of voters without improving the quality of understanding behind those votes.

FALL COLOR

by Mary Curry Tresidder

In early October the floor of Yosemite does not put on its autumn mantle of color to any great extent, but by the middle of the month the bracken along the roadside will be turned to bronze under the oaks and cedars; the meadows are already kaleidoscopic color with green patches in the marshiest places. There are a few leaves that run the gamut from pale pink through scarlet to crimson at Happy Isles and near Iron Spring on the Mirror Lake Road, as well as by road and river near Fern Spring and Pohono Bridge, but these are just a foretaste of the gorgeous spectacle to come. Maples are usually among the first to change and they are well under way opposite the foot of the Big Oak Flat Road. Their leaves are splashes of sunshine against the dark evergreens; the samaras—their brown, winged key fruit—hang from the twigs, ready to fly away on the breeze.

In the meadows the azalea are often pools of tawny yellow, as are the stands of purple milkweed here and there, but where the azalea bushes are sheltered by the oaks and conifers, as along the southeast end of Sentinel Meadows or at the lower end of El Capitan Meadow, they are slower to turn. The spots where single bushes of azalea or lone dogwoods hang over the river reflecting in the quiet pools hold the most charm.

On a trip to Glacier Point last week I found more color than I had expected from its delay on the Valley floor. Above the tunnel, where later the young dogwood trees blush their rosy red in canyons above and below the road, the red leaves are still sparse, but the low-growing brilliant scarlet fuchsia (*Zauschneria californica*, a mouth-filling name) is blooming along the stone wall and against the rocky banks around the wide curve. It blooms profusely in the Hetch-Hetchy region, too, along the trail that goes around the northwest side of the lake, and on the Lake Eleanor Road. There is also a good deal at the foot of the

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rocks on the open domes beyond Smoky Jack Campground, on the Tioga Road. Its flowering lasts for almost two months, from late August until early or mid-October, one of our few plants blossoming at this time.

Occasional leaves were crimson on the dogwoods above Grouse Creek, which should be ablaze in another week. At Avalanche Creek, a couple of miles north of Chinquapin, several trees in the gully are already draped in vivid reds, but as very little sunlight touches them in their recess it is not a good place for pictures.

Around Chinquapin, the russet chinquapin burrs hang thickly on the bushes, and the manzanita berries, dear to the bears, are rusty ochre as they dry. Both are thick on the Big Oak Flat Road, too, from the tunnels on up toward Crane Flat and beyond on the more arid slopes, along with the thickets of stiff-branched bitter cherry (or prunus) bane of traversing skiers.

At Badger Pass the flowers have departed and the meadow is sere, only an occasional lupine or stray aster or a spike of goldenrod gone to seed, and the cottony white flowers of the pearly everlasting, dry though they are, testify to July's sheets of bloom. The leaves of the corn lily curl mournfully, tinged with rust, and the cow parsley, stripped of leaves, raises its circlets of seed-pods in place of the heavy, creamy umbels of flowers.

The aspens up the creek that winds along the old road were burnished gold already, to my surprise, but as the road is closed it means a walk of a quarter mile or so to see them, a vision well worthwhile, however, when the sun strikes them. None of them had the rosy tips they sometimes show, but that may come later, with more frost. The aspens along the main Glacier Point Road, not far west of Bridal Veil, are bright, and seem to be increasing in number year by year. In the next meadow beyond Badger the green of low bilberry is turning to mahogany, as it is along Bridal Veil Creek and in Pothole Meadows. The

WEDDING BELLS

Vivian Rude, of Tuolumne, and Dennis Haag, of Midpines, were married in the Yosemite Chapel on Saturday, October 1.

The bride was beautifully gowned in traditional white; the bridesmaids wore tones of burnt orange and the church was banked with white glad-iolus highlighted by white candles.

Mr. and Mrs. Haag will be at home in Mariposa.

Haag is employed by the YPC Co. Maintenance Department.

willows in moist places and the red-stemmed osier, or creek dogwood, bring yellow and crimson respectively to the gullies and along the little streams. The ovate leaves of one small plant, not so conspicuous in its small pink bloom earlier, turn particularly vivid yellow, trailing across the banks beside the road; this is the small dog-bane, which, with a larger species, the Indian hemp, grows on the Valley floor and was used by the Indians for twine, fishing-lines, small baskets, etc.

On the Big Oak Flat Road near the beginning of the month, the azalea and dogwood leaves already glowed from the canyons near Crane Flat, and the aspens above Yosemite Creek on the old Tioga Road rustled their heart-shaped, deep yellow leaves. There are some along the new road too, though not so fine a stand in any one place, but its wide outlooks give glimpses of them in distant crannies and on ledges, among the weather-beaten junipers.

Tuolumne Meadows are dry and straw-colored to brown; the only touch of brilliance is the reflection of blue sky in river pools. Over Tioga Pass the aspens are canary yellow still mixed with green, clinging to the dull red and ochre walls above the road. Beside Warren Creek they are gloriously golden. On the East side of the Sierra they crowd along the streams in the canyons such as Lundy and Virginia, and there are especially fine stands along the road to Gull and June Lakes, primrose or daffodil color and mel-lower golds and ruby-red.

LONELINESS AT A FIRE LOOKOUT?

by B. Lindley

I was asked so many times, "Aren't you lonely?" "Isn't it dull for you?" "What do you find to do all day?"

Well, I felt loneliness for a while, once. Lookouts check with one another by phone at least once every day, usually in the morning. After everything is determined to be OK, then comes shop talk, little bits of news on who is off when and so on. As the phones are wide open, two, three or more persons are sometimes in on the conversation.

"Brownie", of Red Top Lookout, was the one I was in closest contact with. He had trained me and was a constant and understanding help. One morning I called him by phone but there was no answer. Unusual, but perhaps he was downstairs on some

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NIGHT LIFE

Yosemite has been invaded! Not from outer space or from another continent, but by a horde of masked bandits from nearby country who come softly in the night, unseen and unheard — except by those as nocturnal as themselves.

They are small creatures, but oh, so busy!

They leave their dirty hand prints on the clean sheets hanging from the clothesline, or steal Junior's socks he left carelessly on the patio, or make musical sounds playing with the empty coke bottles forgotten on the lawn.

They frolic in the bird-bath, then climb in the new lawn chair, leaving many muddy foot prints.

They dig a dozen little holes in the lawn, or turn over a whole row of freshly set garden plants looking for something they left the night before.

Once by a pale moon at midnight, I saw a circle of four playing with a small tired creature, as a cat worries a mouse. The victim was a gopher.

There is compensation!

These mischievous, marauding mammals are cute! Glimpsed at their nocturnal play, they seem quite worth the trouble they cause.

Those raccoons!

GIRL SCOUTS

Girl Scout Troop 52 held its first meeting of the year on September 22. The new officers are: Pam Leedy, president; Kathy McLaren, vice-president; Carol Ottonello, scribe; Juanita Aranguena, treasurer.

Three patrols were organized under the leadership of Judy Dahlberg, Valerie Sutton and Linda Bevington.

Social activities for the year started with a splash party on September 17. On Friday, September 30, the troop divided into three groups for slumbering at the Leedy, Kowski and McCrary homes after which they met at the schoolhouse on Saturday morning to cook breakfast. (Home after breakfast for naps?)

As their first community project, two girls are scheduled for duty during the noon hour each day at the school office to answer the phone and render first aid in case of minor school ground accidents. They have been trained in first aid by a nurse from Lewis Memorial Hospital.

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errand. After a few more calls I realized it was more than unusual. I went on the air and reported I couldn't raise Red Top. Even as I reported, I somehow knew. Red Top was remanned within the hour. That was the only time I suffered loneliness in the Tower.

I missed "Brownie" very much. I have wondered since if he knew he had that heart condition, but loved his work so much he wouldn't admit it. I hated writing in the log that day.

One does not lack for company. First there were the routine visits necessary to the situation, such as delivery of fresh water and supplies. (There was a tank for water and a cute little old fashioned hand pump in the Tower.) There were maintenance and repair crews coming up for constant checks, and inspections by the boss and other brass. And of course, there were friends and the public.

There were a couple of times when I was anything but alone. Once the head carpenter and crew along with

YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

For the first time in several years, all Sunday School classes are meeting in one place, from 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday morning at the schoolhouse. Ivy Dahlberg is the superintendent, with Grace Woodruff as assistant.

Teachers are: kindergarten, Betty Sharp; primary, Junia Nelson and Edwina Dewberry; juniors, Lois Kowski and Harriet Zachwieja; junior high, Coyt Hackett.

PARENT GROUP

Under the leadership of chairman Coyt Hackett, the Parent Group held its first meeting of the year on the third Monday of September in the all-purpose room of the schoolhouse. The chief business of the evening was to greet the teachers, to meet Al Skinner, the new seventh and eighth grade teacher, and to form committees for the year.

The first project will be to consider improvement in landscaping around the school building. The committee in charge consists of John Adams, Wes Conner, Bob Sharp, Erik Brunn and Coyt Hackett.

painters were at work when four car loads of club women came to surprise me. I was surprised. So were the carpenters and painters. They very nearly fled the area.

Of course this didn't happen every day, but other things did. There was a visit from Boy and Girl Scout Troops Nine and Ten. The curiosity of a couple of scout troops is a marvelous thing to behold; it seemed to take all of them in different directions. With the ranger and lookout doing a corralling by air job, with the Madera Dispatching Office listening in and, who knows, maybe a couple of fire crews alerted, all were finally present and accounted for. But they were a grand bunch of kids and I enjoyed having them.

No, my biggest problem about being alone was to get a presentable pair of shoes on before visitors got up to the top of the Tower. I am not going to tell you what I usually wore but they were comfortable though definitely not "uniform".

To be continued

WHO'S NEW?

A new granddaughter, Alison Mayhew, arrived for Virginia Adams in Menlo Park on September 21. Her parents are Ann and Chuck Mayhew.

Two recent arrivals at Lewis Memorial Hospital are: Lisa Davis, whose parents are Loretta and Stanley Davis; and Nancy Nordgren for Marilyn and Dan Nordgren.

Davis is employed by the Bureau of Public Roads and Nordgren works for the NPS.

COMINGS AND GOINGS AT

THE AHWAHNEE

The California Association of Nurserymen made The Ahwahnee bloom with its exhibits of flowers and shrubs during the convention in September. Count Marco, columnist for the Chronicle, drew a large crowd on the evening he spoke to the women (only) of the convention and kept women and men both highly amused.

Rather more dignified than some were the doctors, both the Pacific Coast Obstetrical and Gynecological Society and the California Society of Internal Medicine. Mary Gordon, travel representative for TWA, spoke to the women of the first mentioned on matters pertaining to ease of travel.

All are anticipating the gala affairs to be staged by the Structural Engineers when they convene early in October: Oriental cocktail parties, costume balls and, of very especial interest, a San Francisco cable car to be used for transportation between Yosemite Lodge, Camp Curry and The Ahwahnee.

Ahwahnee personnel got a preview of one of the new drive-yourself cars launched in Yosemite last weekend by the Hertz Company.

Along with these activities, The Ahwahnee is getting part of its slate roof repaired, the slate being transported to the roof via a very large outdoor elevator.

But nothing disturbs the normal activities of the ring-tailed kitties who go about their nocturnal affairs, feeding and visiting, as if no one else had reservations at The Ahwahnee.

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AN ANALYSIS OF PROPOSITION 15

by Sterling S. Cramer

Proposition 15, proposing reapportionment of the California Senate, is an initiative sponsored by Frank G. Bonelli, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Los Angeles County. This initiative was developed shortly after the Legislature refused to pass a bill which would have allowed Los Angeles County to tax a so-called possessory interest in federally owned, but privately operated, defense plants and facilities. The Los Angeles County Assessor had already made an attempt to tax such interests, but had been denied the power by the courts. This bill, then, is an attempt to reapportion the Senate seats to give more seats to Southern California, and particularly to Los Angeles County.

When California became a state, it was a land of wide, sparsely settled areas. The original State Constitution set up eighty assembly districts and forty senatorial districts. The assembly districts were apportioned on the basis of population. Each two assembly districts formed a senatorial district. This system held until 1926, when by initiative of the people, the present modified federal plan was written into the Constitution. The eighty assembly seats are still apportioned according to population; and on the basis of the 1960 census, each assemblyman will represent roughly 200,000 persons. At present, the thirteen counties south of the line drawn in Proposition 15 have a total of forty-four assemblymen, giving them effective control of the lower house of the legislature. Population shifts since '50 will undoubtedly raise this number

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TIOGA ROAD

One of the first projects to be scheduled under the MISSION 66 program in Yosemite National Park was placed under construction during the summer of 1957. This project called for reconstruction and realignment of approximately 20 miles of the old Tioga road between McSwain Meadows near White Wolf and Cathedral summit beyond Tenaya Lake.

The H. Earl Parker Construction Co. of Marysville and Harms Bros. of Sacramento worked three summers on the difficult jobs of clearing, excavating, grading and drainage structures. They completed their work in the fall of 1959. A contract was subsequently awarded to J. W. Briggs of Redding for base course and plant mix surfacing of the road and parking areas. Suitable weather conditions permitting, the entire paving project will be completed this month.

Although there will be a few finishing touches to apply prior to dedication ceremonies next Summer, they should not interfere with the anticipated smooth flow of travel. Total cost of this project will be in the neighborhood of \$5,250,000, a substantial portion of the MISSION 66 program for Yosemite.

Herman Allcock

DONUTS AND COFFEE

Delicious, delectable donuts and steaming hot coffee will be sold at the big bargain rummage sale. Mrs. Elmer Fladmark, chairman, announces that the proceeds from this year's sale of donuts and coffee will go to the PTA at Mariposa High School.

BADGER PASS

Nick Fiore announces a new lift has been added to the ski fields to meet the demand of skiers; this new lift is a Hall T-Bar designed for beginner skiers, and will replace the outmoded rope tow on Queen Hill.

There will be fourteen ski instructors on the ski school staff. Returnees are: Chet Hubbard, Harvey Lyons, Bill Matenbarger, Pat Walker, Martha Miller and Charlotte Lockwood.

Niek Slijk announces that merchandise selection at Badger Pass Ski Shop, as well as the Yosemite Lodge Ski Shop, will be bright and colorful. Many new items have been added, and the shops are up-to-date with the latest ski styles. Again, there will be many sweaters to choose from, as well as parkas, pants, gloves, boots—plus, this year, after-ski clothes. The girls can now select their Bogner ski pants from thirteen different colors. The men have seven colors from which to choose. Trudel Clark will again be in command of the Badger Pass Ski Shop, and Toney Freitas will be glad to advise you on your purchases in Yosemite Lodge ski Shop.

The Ski Tots Trailer, long a familiar sight at Badger, has been replaced by a nice, roomy, inside play area.

Jerry Moore is to handle the activities in the Yosemite Winter Club which were formerly handled by Dave Downing. This gives Dave more opportunity to help run the ski lodge with its many separate activities. Sid Ledson again will be roaming the ski slopes in his trusted weasel, making sure that all the trails are safe and that the ski lifts operate smoothly.

Only Five Days Left to Prepare for the Giant Bargain Sale

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GIRL SCOUTS

Troop 52 has a full calendar of activities. Community service includes first aid duty at the school from 12 to 1 pm each day; telephone duty at the school is also a daily service, 12 to 1 pm; baby-sitter services on election day are now complete; and plans are being made for the adoption of a needy family to be helped at Christmas. The month's activities will end with a progressive dinner at the school and fly-up ceremonies. Leaders for Troop 52 are Mrs. Wayne Leedy and Mrs. Lee Buzzini.

The Brownies of Troop 51 report an all-day hike to Lukens Lake and a visit to Crane Flat Fire Lookout, they reached home just ahead of the rain, hail and snow. This troop now has 19 members, nine are new members from the second grade. The three patrols in Troop 51 meet right after school every Monday with their leaders: Mrs. James Bagley, Mrs. Ted Thompson and Mrs. Ernest Johanson.

LEWIS MEMORIAL NOTES

Welcome to Head Nurse Gladys Reeling of San Mateo, originally of Baltimore, Md., and to Staff Nurses, Roxanne Monosen from Pennsylvania and Jane Brendsen from Iowa.

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Bernard Davis of Fresno are here from October 17th to November 18th while Dr. and Mrs. Woodruff are away on vacation. They are to be at home in the Woodruff apartment, and will be happy to meet their many Yosemite friends again. Many of you will remember that Rev. Davis was here last year to replace Dr. Woodruff while he was on vacation.

OPERATION MULE PACK

by June and Moge Morris

Orchids to Rick, Kate, Madeline, Modoc, Mariposa and Casey — star performers in the drama of building Sunrise High Sierra Camp. Their task is now complete and the part these, and a number of other trail mules, played in the construction has been invaluable because no other method of hauling seemed practical or even possible.

During the same three months that mammoth machines were digging, hauling, scraping and dumping to create a modern highway over Tioga Pass, the pack mules carried on their backs approximately 1000 loads of construction material over eight miles of dusty, rocky trail. Heavy, awkward loads, day after day, that consisted of everything from the first sack of cement that went into pouring of the tent platform to the final piece of equipment necessary for operation of the Camp.

First came the cement, two sacks to a mule, weighing 1000 pounds each. Some days, as many as twenty mules trudged up the long trail to the Camp, and gradually the stockpile built up so construction could begin. Then came the problem of sand. None was available at the Camp; so five mules were detailed to bring sand from the creek down in the meadow, hauling as many as 90 loads a day. It took several days for the five mules to become accustomed to their sand-hauling duties. They objected especially when the sand was shoveled into the pack boxes. The boxes were emptied by opening hinged doors which dumped the sand in a stream around the mule's feet. Madeline, in particular, found this procedure hard to understand.

Rocks were needed for the construction of the kitchen and were also hauled from the slide across the meadow. To Casey, the harness mule, fell the job of dragging logs and hauling materials on a specially constructed sled.

Steel beams varying from five to fourteen feet in length were lashed horizontally on each side of the trail

GUEST AND BEAR

GRIN AND BEAR IT!

Security Chief Bill Melton assures us the following story is true.

One evening after 10:00 PM, as a watchman was walking toward Oak Cottage at Yosemite Lodge, a woman approached him and said, "Your bears are out."

He answered, "The bears are always out."

She, "You mean you don't put your bears up at night?"

He, "In a National Park, animals are protected and free to roam at all times."

She, "Do you mean to say you aren't going to do anything about it?"

He, "No, I can't do anything about it."

She, "Then I shall go to the office and report this."

mules. The longer lengths jutting a foot past the mule's nose and several feet behind his tail. The finishing touch to the load was a cloth "sack" tied on each end to stop the slipping of metal poles and to protect the animals. Sheet iron, lumber, plywood, pipe, fire brick, chimney flues, sinks, toilets — all were routine loads. The hot water boilers presented a more complicated problem. Three of them, weighing 217 pounds each, were taken in. One was packed on top of the mule while the other two were packed on the sides. They were relayed four different times along the trail. The refrigerator, weighing approximately 400 pounds, was stripped of its doors and unit; and the box was packed on top of the mule. It was relayed three times. The unit itself, weighing better than 200 pounds, was packed to the Camp by one mule.

While the construction crew was putting the finishing touches on the Camp, the mules were kept busy packing beds and mattresses and other furnishings to expedite the opening of the Camp in the Spring.

These animals, in their own unique way, did their part in the building of this new High Sierra Camp.

PROPOSITION 15

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when the effect of the 1960 census is taken into account at the next session of the Legislature.

Under the modified Federal plan adopted in 1926, the Assembly corresponds to the House of Representatives in Congress. Like the Senate of the United States, the Senate of California represents geographic areas and political subdivisions. There are fifty-eight counties in California, and the forty Senate seats are distributed among them in such a manner that no county has more than one senator; and so that there are no more than three counties in one senatorial district. Proposition 15 would change that. It provides that there will be no more than seven senators representing one county and no more than nine counties in one senatorial district. The only county eligible for seven senators would be Los Angeles County. No other county would have more than two senators.

Much has been made by the proponents of the proposition of the fact that today, one senator represents 6,000,000 constituents in Los Angeles County and one senator represents Alpine, Mono, and Inyo Counties, with a population of 15,000. This argument has the same validity that an argument would have which proposed to reapportion the United States Senate because California had 15,000,000 people and Alaska had 50,000 people, while both states were represented by two senators each. The fact that State Senator Richards represents 6,000,000 people has as much validity as the fact that Senators Kuchel and Engle represent 15,000,000 Californians. The important fact to be born in mind in this whole discussion is that these counties below the line now have forty-four assemblymen out of eighty, and Proposition 15 would give them twenty senators out of forty. In other words, control of the State Legislature would be in the hands of a group of thirteen southern California counties.

Mr. Cramer will discuss the effect of Proposition 15 on Mariposa County in the next issue of the Sentinel.

YOSEMITE BADGERS

The Yosemite Badgers, coached this year by alumnus Ray Warren, will soon open their twenty-first season. Warren will be assisted by Stan Whitfield. Athletic Director Sterling Cramer, former coach of the Badgers for nineteen seasons, will again serve as advisor. He has scheduled a game with Mariposa the latter part of October, the date to be announced soon. On November 5th, the Badgers will host the Menlo Cubs in Yosemite. The following Saturday, November 12, the Badgers will play the Cubs at Menlo Park.

The 1959 Badgers had a three-won, one-lost season. They were unscored on until the final game with Menlo, a thrilling, hard-fought contest which Menlo won, 13-6, in the last moments of the game. The rivalry between these teams always provides a good game in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

The Yosemite Badgers is a community sponsored team under the guidance of the Yosemite Lions Club. The players participating in this worthy activity deserve community support. We can demonstrate our appreciation for their efforts by attending the games.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST. Ladies Red Wallet. Papers and cards valuable to owner—please mail to address shown on driver's license.

NEW ACCOUNTANT

Alan Janiga, five pounds in round figures, arrived on Tues. Oct. 18. Alan's proud parents are both doing well.

41 PINTS TO BLOOD BANK

The Central Valley Blood Bank, affiliated with the American Red Cross and in Yosemite sponsored by the Lions Club, reports that on Blood Bank Day 41 pints of blood were donated. This establishes credit for Yosemite residents of one pint of blood for each pint donated for the first six months of the year; and one pint of blood for each two pints donated for the second six months of the year.

JAMES WIGGINS

James Wiggins arrived in early Oct. to become manager of the Yosemite Lodge cafeteria. Mr. Wiggins graduated from Denver University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management. Previously he attended Santa Rosa Junior College. Among the honors attained at Denver University were two hotel scholarships, a diploma from the Wine Institute, and appointment to the Dean's Honor Roll. His fraternity is Sigma Alpha Epsilon which he represented on the Interfraternity Council. He is also a member of the Hotel and



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Restaurant Society.

Prior to completing his education, Mr. Wiggins served two years in the United States Navy as a Storekeeper. At present he has completed seven of eight years in the U. S. Naval Reserve program. In addition to his experience as a storekeeper, Mr. Wiggins has a varied background in food and beverage preparation, service and control.

Mr. Wiggins was a member of the Virgin Islands Ski Team, and has worked as an apprentice ski instructor. Along with snow and water skiing, his hobbies are sailing, fishing, hunting, reading and music.

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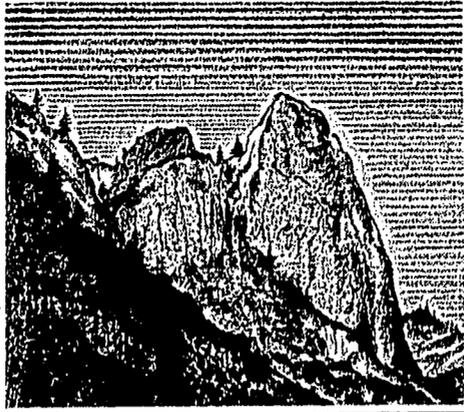


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VILLAGE STORIES

THE PROMISED LAND

Friends, Romans, and Countrymen. Lend me thine ears.

This is a good way to start an article because with such a start no one knows what is going to happen. This is an election year, and even Ole Dad Ring, who is wise beyond his years, with plenty of years attached, doesn't know.

The United States of America has the best political system of any country on earth, the two party system with which we are all familiar: the right party and that other bunch.

Politicians do not have an easy life. There is a lot of hard work connected with getting elected and not always the right person emerges victorious. For example, two men were running for the same office but only one was qualified for the position. However, he received no votes. After the election, he asked one of the solid citizens of the town why no one voted for him.

The reply was, "Well, sir, we all knew you were qualified, intelligent, hard-working and very honest, but what the people of this town couldn't figure out was what the ---- you were up to."

Both parties make elaborate promises. Of course, as we all know, these do not have to be fulfilled. But we should listen to them and elect the man who makes the most and best of them. This proves nothing more than that one party has more imagination than the other. This is very essential to running a country.

Other nations seem to have greater wisdom than we do. This is quite obvious when they say, "Yankee, go home." What could be better?

The conquering of outer space is
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WEDDING BELLS

Evelyn Sachs became the bride of Stewart Campbell on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Trinity Luthern Church in Gardnerville, Nevada. After a short honeymoon in San Francisco, they both returned to their former jobs in the YPC Co. General Office. For the present they will make their home in one of the trailers in Camp 6.

NEW LIBRARIAN

Mrs. Mary Tanner has been appointed Library Aide to succeed Ray Azevedo who plans to return to school next semester.

Mrs. Tanner is not a newcomer to Yosemite, having managed Pohono Studio two summers ago. She has since purchased a home in El Portal and reports "having a ball" being domestic there, something for which she has not previously had much time in her busy life. She is especially pleased at having a home where she can entertain her two daughters when they are able to come for visits.

She is presently the local correspondent for two newspapers: the San Francisco Examiner and the Merced Sun Star.

She earned a degree in speech at Oklahoma City University and a teaching credential at Central State Teachers College in Oklahoma, and has done post graduate work at the College of Marin in California.

She has been editor of two magazines, given speech concerts throughout the world, worked with the USO in the Orient during the Korean War and as a buyer in Mexico for US department stores during WW II.

Previous library experience was acquired during high school and college years.

SERVICE TO VOTERS

On Tuesday, November 8, all of the seventeen local Girl Scouts will be on call to assist voting mothers of small children. Anyone needing a baby sitter in order to go to the polls between the hours of four and seven PM please call FR2-4791. There will be two Girl Scouts at each poll to watch children while mothers vote.

Girls will canvass homes between three and four o'clock to see if any voter needs errands run or baby sitting service.

ON LEAVE

Jerry Paisley has been visiting his parents, the Jim Paisleys, for the past several weeks after finishing his schooling at Sheppard Air Force Base in Texas. On November 14, he will go to Germany with the Air Force Engineering Division where his duties will concern telephone installations.

Richie Ouimet, also home on leave after completing training at Lowry Air Force Base in Colorado, is anticipating a two year assignment in Japan.

GOOD LUCK

On October 10, Mozell Vaughn and Louis Handin took a chance on a journey, through an early mountain snow storm, to Reno where they were married. Spending several nights as guests at the Mapes Hotel in Reno, they attended the evening shows and tried their luck at the gaming tables. No luck there!

Traveling home through Modesto, where they visited with Henrietta Dillon, they returned to Yosemite and a surprise party and wedding shower prepared for them by Valley friends.

The Handins both work at Yosemite Lodge.

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SKI TIME

Nick Fiore, Yosemite Winter sports Director, left on November 1 for a month's tour of the state during which time he will visit ski clubs and ski shops to discuss with members and customers their mutual interest in skiing, ski techniques, and equipment. Part of his presentation will be a newly completed film entitled "Ski Time", narrated by George Fenneman.

SUCCESSFUL SALE

The Lions Club Annual Giant Bargain Sale is reported to have achieved its usual measure of success, having grossed over \$2100 with a net of approximately \$600 to the club.

The sale is one of two fund raising projects sponsored by the club each year, the other being a spring play or carnival. All funds raised by these two activities are used, not for club operating expenses, but for worthwhile projects, most of them within the community.

Raffle of the Santa Claus, made and donated by Ann Hulme, of El Portal, and won by Edna Duncan, also of El Portal, accounted for almost \$70.00.

Local Mariposa High School PTA members who, under the chairmanship of Margaret Fladmark, sold donuts and coffee report netting approximately \$55.00, which will be contributed to the PTA welfare fund.

SLIPS THAT PASS IN THE TYPE

Our most abject apologies to Rick, Kate, Madeline, Modoc, Mariposa and Casey for so cruelly overloading them in the last Sentinel! What a difference an extra 0 can make! Perhaps we should just say that figure—1000 lbs. on each side of a mule—shows our high esteem for Yosemite mules.

MARIPOSA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Dr. Carl Russell, author of "One Hundred years in Yosemite," and former Superintendent of Yosemite National Park, was guest speaker at the Annual Membership meeting of the Mariposa County Historical Society held at the Mariposa courthouse on Sunday, October 23. His talk dealt with the beginnings of Mariposa County including some of its early settlers and an account of the white man's discovery of Yosemite.

The Society reports that 7,377 persons visited the Historical Center and that 50 new members were added to the membership rolls during the past year.

Negotiations for the acquisition of several historic sites are under way—the Society to preserve and maintain them as a public trust.

A library of Californiana and Mariposiana has been started, its purpose to serve as a reservoir of materials on California and Mariposa County for members, students, and research scholars.

WAWONA PIONEER VILLAGE—Part II

In orderly fashion, the "ghost town" known as the Wawona Pioneer Village is assuming the aspects of a housing development of the last century. Early in the summer there were the old Army Cabin, which was the first administrative office of Yosemite, the Tack Room, the Wells Fargo building from the Old Village, the Hodgdon and Cuneo cabins which were originally private residences. Since then, the old log Entrance Station from Crane Flat and the Anderson cabin, have been moved to the Village.

The Anderson cabin, presently being assembled at its new site, was a home built at Big Meadows in approximately 1876. Around 1909, it was taken down and moved, log by log, to Foresto, several hundred feet away. Captain George C. Anderson, its builder, was the first man to climb Half Dome, a feat which he accomplished in less than a week with the direct aid of a drill, bolts and ropes, in 1875. Interest in scaling Yosemite's

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PROPOSITION 15 AND MARIPOSA COUNTY

by Sterling S. Cramer

Mariposa County is now part of the Sixth Assembly District which extends from above Lake Tahoe to below Death Valley. It is represented by one assemblyman. It is a part of the Twenty-sixth Senatorial District, composed of Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Mariposa Counties and represented by one senator.

The physical job for an assemblyman covering such a huge area makes his obligation to represent his constituents a difficult one. Even with the best intentions, our assemblyman is in Mariposa County only three or four times a year. In contrast, the State Senator who lives nearby, is in frequent touch with his constituents, and can reflect their points of view in the Legislature.

Under Proposition 15, Mariposa County would be a part of a senatorial district almost the same as its present assembly district. Mono and Inyo Counties would be taken away, and Sierra County added. Not only would representation be diluted but three senatorial districts would be eliminated. Today, our county is represented by one-tenth of an assemblyman and one-third of a senator. While admittedly the job of Senator Richards in Los Angeles County is a difficult one to represent such a large constituency, nevertheless, even today he has thirty-one assemblymen to assist him in representing these constituents. As a matter of fact, Senator Richards, himself, has never complained, and he is personally opposed to Proposition 15.

The present modified Federal plan seems to have worked quite well. Of course, the pet projects of some areas may have at times failed of passage through the Legislature. However, the northern senators even today cannot force their will upon the densely populated urban areas. Their only weapon is a possible veto power.

The northern rural and mountain areas, with their sparse population, are still the reservoirs of the natural resources of the state. Protection of these resources is vital for the future

of the state. No one area should be able to obtain control of the mechanism of the state government. Proposition 15 would encourage division of the state into northern and southern spheres of influence. It would set up an opposition between urban and rural sections of the state.

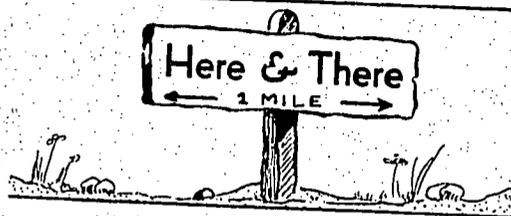
From a purely selfish point of view, northern California has very much to lose should this proposition become law. The allocation of state funds for educational and highway purposes is made by the Legislature. Present formulas are designed to assist the less wealthy areas of the state in maintaining decent standards. Vital resources, such as water, originate in the northern counties and some form of control of their distribution must be exercised by the northern counties in order to make sure they have sufficient of these natural resources for their own needs and their future development.

From the very beginning, responsible groups in southern California have been opposed to this proposition. The majority of the newspapers have tried to discourage their readers from signing the initiative petition in hopes it would fail for lack of sufficient signatures. However, the measure barely did qualify. Among the responsible organizations opposed to the proposition are the following:

- Agricultural Council of California.
- California State Chamber of Commerce.
- California Federation of Women's Clubs.
- League of California Cities.
- California Manufacturers Association.

The argument against it in the Voter's Manual is signed by, among others, the immediate past Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee and the President of the California Democratic Council. Study sections of the Commonwealth Club, after completing their studies, voted four to one against it. Endorsements of the proposal have been obtained only from predominantly southern organizations.

California has many problems which require effort among all the people



Charlotte and Clyde Lockwood are comfortably settled at South Entrance until the time when Clyde will assume ranger duties at Badger Pass. Charlotte will be on the ski school staff again.

Nick Fiore, who recently vacationed in the Monterey area, brought back word that Bob Minerick is now managing the Monterey Peninsula Country Club. Bob will be remembered as former manager of a number of YPC Co. units including Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, Housekeeping Camp, and Badger Pass Ski Lodge.

SHIFTS—

Cordelia and Howard Layne, who managed May Lake High Sierra Camp last summer, are now at Glacier Point replacing summer managers Amy Lou and Ned English.

Amy Lou and Ned will be on hand to manage Wawona when it is opened for the Christmas season.

At that time Dorothy and George Mayer will arrive to run Glacier Point for the winter and the Laynes will go to help at Wawona.

BEST'S STUDIO—

Nothing but comings and goings at Bests these days!

Virginia Adams, who is mostly here again, gone again, was home long enough to welcome her five week old granddaughter, Alison, as well as Chuck, Ann and Virginia II, for a short visit.

Marion Patterson returned to work last Monday after six weeks of vacationing in Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona and San Francisco.

Pat McElligott terminated at the end of October in order to register at

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for their solution. Passage of this hastily conceived measure would divide the state into warring camps, and just at a time when harmony and cooperation are urgently needed to solve these vital problems to the best interest of the people.

YOSEMITE SCHOOL

In tune with the times, the seventh and eight graders held a political rally at the schoolhouse on November 2 with each of four major candidates represented by a student.

Each "candidate" was quizzed by panelists from supposed TV and news reporting agencies, just like in the real presidential candidate debates we have all listened to. Each candidate also had his (verbal) political supporters in the audience and was flashed by cameramen.

The debate was followed by balloting, the results of which are being tallied as this issue of the Sentinel goes to press.

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One issue of Chalkboard Chatter, the school news and literary magazine, has been published and the second will be out in mid-November. The paper is sponsored by the seventh and eighth grades with contributions from the whole student body.

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Principal Erik Brunn reports that an enrollment count taken on the last day of October showed 136 pupils in attendance.

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Acting as an advisory body, the Parent Group, at a special meeting held on October 24, approved suggested report card revisions and recommended them to the county school board for approval. They also requested the board to consider extension of the letter grading system to the lower grades.

The county superintendent indicated that the district would approve underwriting the cost of report cards which has heretofore been born by the local school.

FOOTBALL

See the Yosemite Badgers play Menlo School on Saturday, November 5.

SWAP TALK

For sale: 1958 Simca Aronde, light blue, 21,000 miles. \$900. Good condition. Call Bobbie Cooper, FR 2-4866.

1959 Hillman Minx 4-door sedan, 18,000 miles. \$1150. Excellent condition. Call Evelyn Campbell FR 2-4494.

WAWONA PIONEER VILLAGE

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monuments has continued from that day to this.

The old log Entrance Station is to represent the Ranger's story in Yosemite. It stood on the original Big Oak Flat road at Crane Flat near the present Blister Rust Camp.

The Cuneo cabin was constructed in Hodgdon Meadow at the foot of the hill down the Big Oak Flat road from the Tuolumne Grove of Big Trees by Tom C. Hope and sons sometime between 1931 and 1934. The Hopes were relatives of George Cuneo. Some of the material used in this cattleman's summer dwelling has been identified as coming from one of the Hodgdon cabins. Eventually this cabin will be used to tell the story of cattlemen in Yosemite. Its immediate use is to house an exhibit orienting the Park's early history and the part played by these buildings.

The old Army Cabin, the first Park Headquarters, was constructed by the Army at Camp A. E. Wood in Wawona in 1904. From 1891 until 1914 the Yosemite area, with the exception of the Valley itself, was administered by the Army for the Department of the Interior, and the officer in charge was always one of some eighteen or nineteen cavalry officers who served during this period. The first officer, Captain A. E. Wood, served the longest term and died in office. It was for him the camp was named when in 1904 the administration building was erected.

The Valley and its rim were public domain until 1865 when, known as the Yosemite Grant, they were placed under the jurisdiction of the State of California by proclamation of president Abraham Lincoln.

In 1906, this grant having been ceded back to the Federal Government in 1905, the Army Cabin was moved to the Valley, and stood in what was known as Army Row in the Yosemite Lodge area, serving as Army Headquarters until the National Park Service was created in 1916.

Finally the old cabin was used for housing for Park Service personnel. In 1959 it was returned to Wawona

as an important addition to the Pioneer Village where it is to be furnished as it appeared during the time of its use by the cavalry.

Another old, small building was moved from Army Row at the same time and stands behind the Army Cabin in Pioneer Village. Its original use is unknown, but it is now furnished as a tack room and stands near the the present stables, which seems appropriate since the stables will appear to be part of the Village when the access road is moved to the rear. A fitting addition is the split rail fence which has been erected to set the Village aside from its surroundings.

The Village is not open for public inspection at this time but is expected to be completed for the 1961 summer season.

HERE AND THERE

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Healds Business College in San Jose.

Helen and Ernie Johanson with daughters, Chrissie and Sigie, boarded a plane on Thursday for Minnesota and Detroit to visit relatives. They will return to Yosemite for Thanksgiving.

LODGE PODGE—

Hedahl Construction Co. has begun rebuilding the two cabins leveled by the Mono wind at Yosemite Lodge.

Chet Hubbard has left the Lodge Cafeteria. He will return to join the ski school staff when Badger Pass opens.

Frank Wright is gone to be a ski instructor at Mammoth Mountain next winter.

MORE WEDDINGS—

Dirk Breyman, former manager of the YPC Co. San Francisco Office, and Beatrice Rainey will be married in the Yosemite Chapel on November 23.

Caroline Kline and Joe Josephs were married in Modesto recently. Joe works at Yosemite Lodge.

CLOSINGS—

The stables are closed and the horses gone. The Snack Shop will close after business on Sunday and The Ahwahnee on Monday; then watch the vacationers leave the Valley!

Winter will soon be here.

OLD TIMER RETURNS

During the past week, his friends in Yosemite have been renewing acquaintance with Paul Streeter who has been in the Valley for his first visit since retiring in 1944.

Streeter worked in Yosemite between 1919 and 1944, first for the old Yosemite National Park Co. He spent one summer at the Tenya Lake Camp when it was under the management of that company. He later worked at the Sentinel Hotel and moved to The Ahwahnee when it was opened in 1927. He was the decorator there until his retirement, except for one year which he spent in Europe.

His artistic ability was highly praised and his skill in preserving autumn leaves and dried materials for decoration was considered outstanding.

His home is now in Long Beach. He travels in his own car, which he learned to drive after his retirement, and enjoys beach recreation and other activities in a manner which belies his 85 years.

SPOOKS

Was ever the way of goblins and ghouls more beautifully moonlit on a more balmy Halloween eve than the last one?

Have you ever before seen witches followed by masked bandits (racoons) begging for their share of the goodies?

VILLAGE STORIES

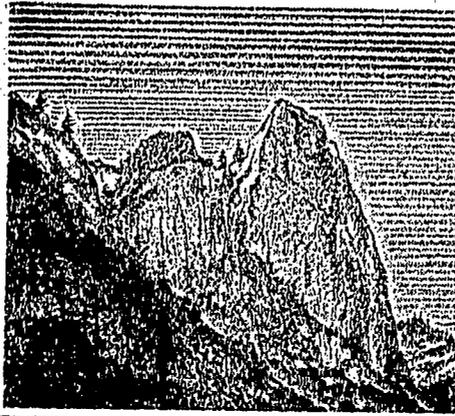
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another thing that will have great influence within the next few years. Of course we haven't solved the problems on our planet as yet, but unless we get to other planets first and take on all their problems too, we will be a second power nation.

At this point Ole Dad Ring steps in with a bit of his back woods wisdom. "Have no fear, the average American voter always does the right thing. Just remember the old saying, 'You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink the stuff.' Also, if you don't bother to vote, don't bother to gripe."

by ANDY

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SOME THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW KNOW ABOUT THANKSGIVING

from *Changing Times Magazine*

A Virginia historian says that the first Thanksgiving in America was celebrated in 1619 at Berkeley Hundred, Virginia, before the Pilgrims even left England. That first Thanksgiving is well authenticated as a private, religious ceremony by the settlers there, repeated to this day.

Since New England had better propagandists, Thanksgiving has passed into legend as an invention of the Pilgrims. However, there was little, if anything, religious about their first shebang! It was celebrated in 1691, and while the 50-odd Pilgrims gave some thanks, their three-day festival was mainly an eating, drinking, running, shooting, exhausting picnic, complete with 90 gourmandizing Indians. The settlers, trying to butter up the redskins in an effort to keep from being battered down, invited Massasoit, who turned up with 90 of his braves.

Don't be sure of turkey at that first Thanksgiving. The wild species were speedy, which made them tough to hit, and so it probably wasn't until later that they graced the table as traditional Thanksgiving fare.

The Indians showed their hosts how to grill venison, and it's hard to spoil wild ducks and geese, the same for clams and mussels, vegetables, leeks and plums. The Indians, in fact, ate the Pilgrim out of their thatched huts.

The Pilgrims took no chances of having to entertain the ravenous Indians again—they didn't hold another Thanksgiving for 50 years. (Puritans did, but theirs were religious.) President Washington proclaimed the first national Thanksgiving in 1789.

Thanksgiving as a religious-harvest

PROGRESS REPORT

The National Park Service progress report reveals that the new trails servicing Sunrise High Sierra Camp were 60% complete before the trail crew was snowed out. Pre-fabricated steel bridges, to be used on the trails, have been delivered to the Valley, and the whole project will be completed early next summer.

The paving jobs on the roads between El Capitan bridge and Wawona tunnel, and between Chinquapin and Badger Pass have been completed.

The new bridge over Merced River below El Portal is very nearly ready for traffic, although, since the road on the north side of the river is unfinished, there is, as yet, no place to go after you cross it.

Foundations for the 20 new homes at El Portal, water, sewage and road systems are all under construction.

Seven new comfort stations in the Valley and Tuolumne Meadows are nearing completion.

It is a long way to church these days with Sentinel Bridge closed, but getting there will be much safer after the job of widening the bridge is finished.

"MISS PAT" LEAVES YOSEMITE

"Miss Pat"—ricia Davidson, who returned to Yosemite last summer to assist in the Personnel Office, and remained to help hold the fort during Mr. Ouimet's European vacation, left on Thursday for Pasadena to visit her sister. She expects to enjoy some real relaxation while deciding what her next project will be.

celebration slowly spread over the U. S., but many southerners said it was yankee and wanted no part of it. Jefferson and other southern presidents refused to make proclamations.

PROFILE. WALTER A. STARR YPC CO. BOARD CHAIRMAN

Walter Augustus Starr, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has led a life full of varied interests and activities since his birth in San Francisco on March 14, 1877.



He is a descendant of pioneer San Franciscans who came west either across the plains or by sea, during the middle of the nineteenth century.

After graduation from the University of California in 1897, he succumbed to the lure of a gold rush, as had his grandfather in 1849, and joined the "Klondike Stampede", spending three years along the Yukon River, prospecting, trading and transporting mail for the government. He made one of the first mail trips through interior Alaska carrying United States mail by dog sled.

Returning to San Francisco in 1901, he entered the grain and feed milling business two years later. The Starr family has been associated with this business in California since a few years after the discovery of gold in the Sacramento Valley.

During World War I and until 1920, he served in an executive capacity for the government as a "Dollar A Year Man" concerned with the problems of

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FALL REFURBISHING

Aside from routine painting, cleaning and repairing, much in the way of up-grading and remodeling of YPC Co. facilities is being accomplished during the fall months.

AT THE AHWAHNEE

Removal of two walls from the Sweet Shop will make more usable space in the lobby area. These walls formerly enclosed a storage room. The Sweet Shop proper will be closed by moveable screens which can be opened when the shop is in use.

An innovation in flooring is the use of rubber tile to replace old linoleum floors, as is now being done in The Ahwahnee Gift Shop

Five bungalow baths are being tiled and 40 rooms recarpeted.

WAWONA

A complete change in the floos plan of the Wawona Hotel Bar is expected to improve both service and working conditions. The service bar will be moved into the small room now devoted to sitting space, leaving the larger area on the dining room side of the bar as the cocktail lounge. The room will be redecorated.

YOSEMITE LODGE

At Yosemite Lodge, renovation of cabins is still under way, with vinyl tile floors to be installed in 20. Much new furniture has been purchased for cabins, as well as additional chairs for the Mountain Room. The two cabins which were damaged during the big wind will be rebuilt in time for Christmas occupancy, and 25 tent frames are being replaced

CAMP CURRY

Remodeling of two cabins and that

YOSEMITE BADGERS

On November 5, two Badger football teams, the varsity and junior varsity, met teams from Menlo School on the local field.

Although out-weighted and out-manned, the junior varsity moved the ball well and kept the Menlo squad to only 14 points while scoring 7 themselves. Daryl Cottrell made the Badger score.

Handicapped by lack of depth and weight, the varsity didn't fare so well, finishing on the short end of a 39 to 0 score.

The loss of Ronny James from a knee injury and Jackie Highfill with a bad toe has put the Badgers at a disadvantage for the November 12 game at Menlo. Coach Ray Warren stated that, with a shift in defense and some new plays, the team left the Valley in confidence and with high hopes for a victory.

Starting line-up for the Nov. 12 game was: Greg Branges, Daryl Cottrell, Brad Ditton, Pete Hansen, Billy Hulme, Bill McPhaul, Kenny Melton, Allen Moe, Ray Nelson, Jeff Sharp, and Jim Tucker.

Other members of the squad are: Tommy Allcock, Chris Buzzini, Jonny Clark, Terry Conner, Danny Cottrell, David Hackett, Tim Harvey, Jack Highfill, Gordon Howe, Ronny James, Arny James, Jody McElligott, Greg Power, Mike Power, Robby Ringrose, Ricky Ringrose, Ronny Small, Tom Tucker, Eddie Walliser, Jimmy Young and Dan Hayes.

Since the bulk of this story went to press, the game has been played with Menlo again victorious.

Score: Menlo Varsity 19 to Badger Varsity 7; Menlo Jr. Varsity 6 to Badger Jr. Varsity 0.

bungalow known as "Mother Curry's" is nearly completed

Replacement of overhead electrical distribution to all tents, a project started last summer, will soon be completed.

COMMERCIAL VIEWS

Recently returned from a buying trip to New York and Providence, Rhode Island, Hal Morris, merchandise manager, reports the view from the 102nd floor of the Empire State Building, where he visited a souvenir shop, as being second only to that from Glacier Point.

In the United Nations building, which he says attracts the heaviest visitation in New York City or the U. S., there is a gift shop where one can view items representative of the 99 member nations. Many of these interesting things are not generally available since they come from iron and bamboo curtain countries and from non-commercial nations. He adds that the merchandise available there was the finest assortment he has seen in any shop ever visited.

He shopped at the 225 Fifth Avenue Building, center for the U. S. gift industry, where over 1400 manufacturers are represented. There he purchased new and interesting items from Holland, Scotland, France and Italy.

In Providence, Rhode Island, which is the center for costume jewelry manufacturing in U. S. Morris visited a jewelry show which featured more than 250 lines of merchandise, and made purchases to widen the souvenir jewelry selections in YPC Co. studios. Results of this purchasing trip will soon be on view in Yosemite shops.

LOCAL VOTE HEAVY

In harmony with the rest of the nation, local voters turned out in large numbers on election day.

In Yosemite East Precinct, with 340 names on the register, 219 came to the polls. There were 41 absentee ballots. The West Precinct reported 171 voters, 32 absentee ballots and 242 names on the register. This leaves 60 names from one precinct unaccounted for and 59 from the other. Since many remain on the register long after voters have left the precinct, members of the election boards estimate that the vote was very close to 100% of voters actually resident in Yosemite.

BREAKING A HIGH CAMP

by Bill Meacham

Watching the maintenance crew fold one of the High Sierra Camps for the winter season is an exciting experience.

I was standing on the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge porch, where roads end and trails begin, the day the crew arrived in their fashionable green Chevrolet "stretch-out". Emerging from the car were: Howard Savage, with his 24 hours of even temperment; Joe Liskey, the carpenter with more fish stories than nails in his bag; the two Gray brothers, Jim and John, the Company's tight-rope men (watching these two walk the canvas riggings is as exciting as seeing the "high man" in the circus); Bruce Williams, the canvas man with built in yard sticks; and John Barton who brings his laughter everywhere he treads. Then there were the new faces of the neophytes all excited and alive with talk about their trip up from the Valley and full of anxiety over what tomorrow will bring.

The "high-country" cuisine of chef Rohweder is satisfying, and dinner is informal. The meal hours become the social hours and any subject of past, present or future interest may be discussed. There are the girls from Bootjack, the coming rodeos at Sonora and Merced, the gambling at Hawthorne, etc.

After dinner the crew wanders back to the tents. Smoke from black stove pipes soon puffs into the clear night air and lights are turned off one by one.

Everyone is up and dressed, washed and hungry by six o'clock. Rohweder, who has cooked for these men for many a year, knows their Paul Bunyan appetites and is well prepared. Stacks of hot cakes, bacon, eggs cooked in butter await their pleasure.

The stables are down hill from the kitchen so the men, even after their huge breakfast, seem to have little difficulty negotiating the distance to where their horses are waiting. There is the usual friendly wrangling for the choice horses until each man is finally

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ATTENTION—ALL WOMEN

The American Cancer Society will show its film "Time and Two Women" on Friday, December 2nd, 8 p.m., at the Yosemite School Multipurpose Room. Dr. Sturm strongly urges all plan to see this important film.

WALTER A. STARR

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food administration.

After the war, he returned to the grain business for several years, then became associated with the wood pulp industry in 1934. Through the second World War and until the present day, his connection with this business has continued in some capacity.

From wood pulp to paper is a logical evolution. When in 1951 Mr. Starr's woodpulp company merged with the Scott Paper Company, he became a director of that concern, which is the third largest paper producer in the United States.

During the years, he did not divorce himself entirely from his inherited interest in mining, continuing activities in Nevada and California.

He has served in executive capacities for numerous business and service organizations, having been director and chairman of the executive committee of the Central Bank of Oakland and member and chairman of the Industrial Advisory Committee of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. He has been President of the San Francisco Post Army Ordnance Association; director Russ Building Company; President of the California Historical Society; director of the Save-the-Redwood League; President of the Sierra Club, of which he was an active member for many years. For many services in the field of conservation, the California Conservation Council gave Mr. Starr an award in 1948. He is a member of the Pacific Union Club, the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco and the Society of California Pioneers.

Mrs. Walter Starr, the former Carmen Moore, of Oakland, is also descended from California pioneers who crossed the plains in covered wagons.

YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP TO MEET

There will be an evening meeting for the Yosemite Women's Group on Thursday, December 1, at 8:00 PM, in the schoolhouse, when Renee Worchesek, of Fresno, home economist for the P. G. & E., will present a film entitled "Holiday Ideas". Miss Worchesek will be remembered by many as having given a program for the Woman's Group last year. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at the conclusion of the program.

OUR TOWN

On Friday evening, November 18, Mariposa High School will present Thornton Wilder's "Our Town", in the high school auditorium. Four Yosemite students will participate: Brad Ditton as Wally Webb, Randy Morgenson as Mr. Webb; Bernice Leath as the 1st Dead Woman, and Margaret Melton will help with sound effects and music.

Mr. and Mrs. Starr were parents of two sons, one of whom, Allen Moore Starr, is a graduate in engineering of the University of California and has distinguished himself by the invention of improvements in internal combustion engines.

The elder son, Walter Augustus, Jr., was a graduate of Stanford University and Law School. A skilled mountain climber, he lost his life in 1933 while climbing Michael Minart near Mt. Ritter in the High Sierra. He wrote the first complete guide to the High Sierra and the John Muir Trail, a work which, continuously revised and brought up to date by Walter Starr, Sr., has been the "Bible" of mountaineers for almost three decades.

Descendant of pioneers, adventurer and pioneer in his own right, successful businessman, Walter Starr has also a keen interest in mountaineering and the development of National Parks. This interest, as well as his wide experience in business and public service, he brings to his duties as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

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convinced that he has the best "nag". The animals are saddled, mounted, and the trip to camp begins.

The summer trails have been tramped by many feet and are quite dusty in September, hence the last man on the string gets more than his share of black mountain dust. For the old timers, those calloused where it counts, the trip up to camp is devoted to talk about the country and camps. For unseasoned riders, the saddle becomes a trampoline and, after an hour or so, begins to feel more like cement.

The first sight of camp brings a yell from Howard Schneider: "There she is", and the new men smile in anticipation of getting off their rocking broncos. The men dismount, remove their saddles and bridles, feed their horses a little oats and head for the kitchen where hot coffee awaits them.

Ten minutes later they have been assigned their duties and are dispersed to their jobs.

"Dismantling", according to Webster, means "to deprive of dress or strip", and the maintenance crew shows no sign of modesty as it goes about the work of dismantling the camp. The tent frames are soon standing bare of their canvas cloaks. The furniture is stripped from the tents and stored away. Storing the equipment is like a Chinese puzzle game, you seem to have more pieces than space. Yet these maintenance magicians solve their riddle with great skill and efficiency.

Around six o'clock Howard Schneider yells out "Let's knock it off."

I looked around the camp and thought that if they knocked one more thing off, we would all be sleeping under the stars. By this time there is hardly a thing left standing except for the few tents left for our use. It is difficult to imagine that these nine men, in so short a time, could have hidden a once complete camp.

Dinner again becomes the social event of the day. The topics of conversation range from past military service, politics, and recreation of all types to Plato's Philosophies. After dinner a few men wander up and

THANKSGIVING DINNER

If you don't want to bother with turkey stuffing or doing stacks of dirty dishes on Thanksgiving day, the staff at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria will be glad to do it for you. A special Thanksgiving dinner, everything from soup to nuts, with turkey or ham as the piece de resistance, will be served in the Coffee Shop from 4:00 to 9:00 PM, and in the Cafeteria from 12:00 Noon to 1:30 PM and again from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

SWAP TALK

For Sale: 1959 Coldspot refrigerator; 9.5 cu. ft.; white; left hand door \$100. See Roy at Village Store or call FR 2-4596.

down the trails or climb a nearby promontory for a view of the sunset or rising moon. There may be a campfire started, a game of cards or more talk, but by ten o'clock lights are out.

The nights are so quiet you almost find yourself staying awake to listen for an occasional sound.

You are awakened by the sharp clearing of a triangular bell which means there are only 15 minutes to dress and get down to chow. As your feet hit the cold cement floor your eyes pop open from the shock and you know the day has begun.

Breakfast over, the men start the job of removing everything which is still standing. The eager plumber gets the water turned off before the breakfast dishes are done and you find yourself forced to carry water from the stream in order to finish your cleaning.

By noon the camp is almost sealed tight and the men begin saddling up their stock in preparation for the ride back to Tuolumne.

Howard Schneider administers the final official sealing by putting the padlock on the kitchen door. The men mount their horses and start down the trail. There is one final backward glance, a nostalgic wish to see the camp erected again. But this pleasure will only come with the return of the maintenance crew next summer.

See you then.

DEADWOOD LOOKOUT

(cont'd)

by Babs Lindley

The incredible beauty and majesty of nature comes closer and is easier to see from a lookout tower: the building up of thunderheads, seeing for the first time how lovely gray clouds can be, the clarity of the stars. At night, it seemed I was wrapped in twinkling lights—stars above and lights from the towns below. Venus looked as big as a dinner plate.

I had never been a bird watcher but in a lookout tower, one becomes so. Great golden hawks came from miles away every afternoon to soar above me effortlessly, powerfully, then would leave. There were scores of birds raising families close by, thousands of pigeons circling the mountain; in the night, the cry of a cat and those special small screams that indicate the continuing balance of nature. My pet, a mountain quail mother who started with nine chicks, would bring them for a drink every noon. A beautiful fox followed shortly behind. Every day I would count the chicks and there would always be fewer than before.

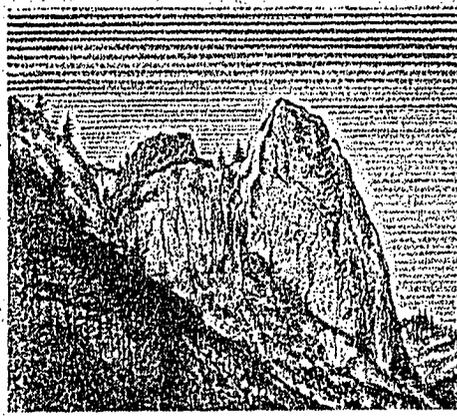
I don't know whether I should speak of the horror, tragedy, and sickening despair, caused by a really big fire. It is like war. No one who has been in it wants to talk about it.

To see the destruction, or the terrorized agony of wild creatures with fur burning tearing wildly through grass and rush should certainly induce extreme care on the part of any user of our forests.

I cannot say enough for the Department of Forestry, both United States and State. Down to the last detail of equipment, timing and manpower, everything is ready and waiting for the battle against fire. When there is action, the men work long, gruelling hours; they work together and for each other. Their work, the tireless patience of these who have to wait, the tremendous knowledge of the dispatchers, the feeding, sleeping and hospitalizing of the men on the lines is deserving of our deep appreciation.

But— "Only we can prevent fires!"

YOSEMITE



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Yosemite National Park

DATES TO REMEMBER

Mark December 20 on your calendar, for the Yosemite School will give a Christmas program on that date consisting of choral music and dramatic skits concerned with the theme "giving yourself."

School will be dismissed for Christmas vacation on Wednesday, December 21, which will be a minimum day, and will reconvene on Wednesday, January 4.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The Yosemite Community Church will sponsor two evenings of Christmas music in December.

Christmas Music By Candlelight

The first will be the annual Christmas Music By Candlelight on Tuesday, December 6 at 7:45pm in the Chapel. Three vocal groups: the Chapel Choir, Adult Mixed Chorus and Junior Chorus, all under the direction of Alice Melton, will present a cantata entitled "Gospel Song of Christmas." High School Chorus and Glee Club

On Thursday evening, December 15, in the Yosemite School auditorium, at 7:30, the Mariposa High School Chorus and Glee Club, consisting of 60 singers under the direction of Richard Fiester will present a concert to which everyone is invited. Following the program there will be an opportunity to meet members of the chorus.

LEONARD BERNSTEIN'S MOSCOW CONCERT

Sponsored by the Great Books Group, a film of Leonard Bernstein's "Moscow Concert" will be shown on Thursday, December 15, at the Schoolhouse, at 8:00PM. Admission is free and all are invited.

The film is obtained through the courtesy of the Ford Motor Company.

THANKSGIVING WINTER SPORTS

The earliest opening of Badger Pass on record occurred Friday, Nov. 25, with two feet of powder snow on the slopes. Although only the Number One Constan was in operation and no other facilities were available, the early opening proved successful, with some 600 skiers taking advantage of the three day week end. This was in spite of the fact that Saturday was lost because of a heavy snow storm.

The main lift will run again on Saturday and Sunday, December 3 and 4, and 10 and 11.

For the first time in many years, there was skating at the ice rink on Thanksgiving morning. Four sessions were held during the week end with over 100 skaters on the rink Friday evening. Storm, of course, ruined the ice for Saturday.

Weather permitting, there will be skating on Friday evenings and on Saturdays and Sundays until mid-December, after which the rink will be open daily.

YOSEMITE LODGE CATERS MEALS FOR 600

A challenging assignment for the staff at Yosemite Lodge was to provide meals for 600 YMCA personnel who arrived on Friday after Thanksgiving to spend the week end in Yosemite. The group held meetings in the Camp Curry Dining Room and had meals in the cafeteria. All meals except breakfast, which was prepared there, were transported to Camp Curry from the Yosemite Lodge kitchen.

CHRISTMAS ISSUE

Publication of the next issue of the Sentinel will be postponed from Dec. 16 to Dec. 21.

EL PORTAL

A Town With A Future

El Portal may some day be the largest town in Mariposa County. When fully developed, according to Assistant Superintendent Keith Neilson, it is expected to be an attractively planned community with an anticipated population of around 1500 to 1800 souls.

The first section of the trailer village, comprising 62 sites each paved to accommodate a trailer and a car, and each with its own utility hook-up, is complete and fully occupied. There is room for development of five more sites in the present area. An equally large area immediately down river is reserved for the second unit which will have 78 trailer sites. Decorated by window boxes full of blooming flowers, an attractive utility building containing two automatic washers and two dryers serves the trailer residents. There is also a children's play area.

Those who moved early into the trailer village have lawns and other plantings already established. A blooming camellia bush was observed there in September, although, on close inspection, the flower proved to be of paper! However, it gave promise of things to come.

Permanent housing for government employees will lie in the draw formerly occupied by the rifle range, which has been moved further up the hill behind El Portal. Ultimately there will be 75 to 80 homes built there, some of them well up the draw in the wooded area. At present, foundations are being laid for 20 homes. The several houses already in the area are being used by government personnel and will remain. An access

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FINANCIAL REPORT — 1960

In reviewing with staff members and supervisors the Company's operations for the fiscal year which ended September 30, 1960, Executive Vice President Oehlmann presented some facts which may be of general interest.

For the first time our gross sales exceeded \$8,000,000. They were, in fact, \$8,397,000 and represented an increase of approximately \$500,000 above the 1959 figure. Net profit after taxes was \$395,000, which almost achieved the goal of \$400,000 that had been set at the beginning of the year as an absolute minimum to safeguard the financial well being of the Company. Of the net profit earned \$227,000 was paid out as dividends to stockholders, of whom 76 are employees of the Company.

It is interesting to note that the total of taxes paid by the Company substantially exceeds the final profit figure. For the past fiscal year property taxes amounted to \$115,000, while federal and state income taxes totaled \$479,000.

In reviewing the year's experience Mr. Oehlmann recalled that the months of October, November and December of 1959 showed about the same pattern as in the several preceding years. A welcome snowstorm ushered in the holidays, and throughout the winter skiing conditions at Badger Pass were good in spite of lower than average snowdepths. As a result about 40,000 more persons visited Badger Pass than in the preceding year.

The summer commenced rather uncertainly, and it was not until August that we reached peak volume. Fortunately, travel remained at a high level,

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YOSEMITE CHURCHES

Roman Catholic—

On Thursday morning, December 8, there will be special morning Masses held in the Chapel at 6:45 and 9:00 A.M.

Protestant—

On Sunday morning, December 4, Dr. Conrad Hoyer, an outstanding Lutheran minister from New York, will be the guest minister at the 11:00 o'clock service in the Chapel. Dr. Hoyer has been chairman of A Christian Ministry in National Parks for the past seven years, a position from which he has resigned to become Secretary of the National Council of Churches Department of Home Missions.

The most significant Protestant gathering to be held on the west coast in some years, the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches, representing approximately 90% of the Protestant denominations in the nation, will convene in San Francisco, Dec. 5 to Dec. 9. Dr. and Mrs. Woodruff will represent the local church; any others interested are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:45 PM, in the Chapel, the Woodruffs extend an invitation to all interested to attend an illustrated travelogue concerning a recent trip through New York State, including fall color and farm homes in the Mohawk Valley of up-state New York, New York City, Washington D.C., Indiana, Chicago and Wisconsin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

On Sunday, Dec. 18, at 9:45 in the schoolhouse, the Sunday School will present its annual Christmas program.

WHO'S NEW

On Tuesday, November 22, two baby boys arrived at Lewis Memorial Hospital, one for Alvin and Marilyn Heyne, the other for Robert and Joan Lake.

GOLF CLUB TRIP

The Wawona Men's and Women's Golf Clubs will take their first winter golfing trip out of the Valley, to Merced, on Sunday, December 11. Contact Charlie Eagle for sign-up.

YOSEMITE ADVENTURERS

SAIL ON WANDERER

Two members of the sailing vessel Wanderer's crew of 19 are Yosemite girls, Janie Dean and Irene Anderson, both formerly of the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria. Janie recently gave up her post in Yosemite to work in the YPC Co. San Francisco Office, and from Wendi Craver, who also joined the San Francisco Office force, comes an account of how these two mountain girls happened to go to sea.

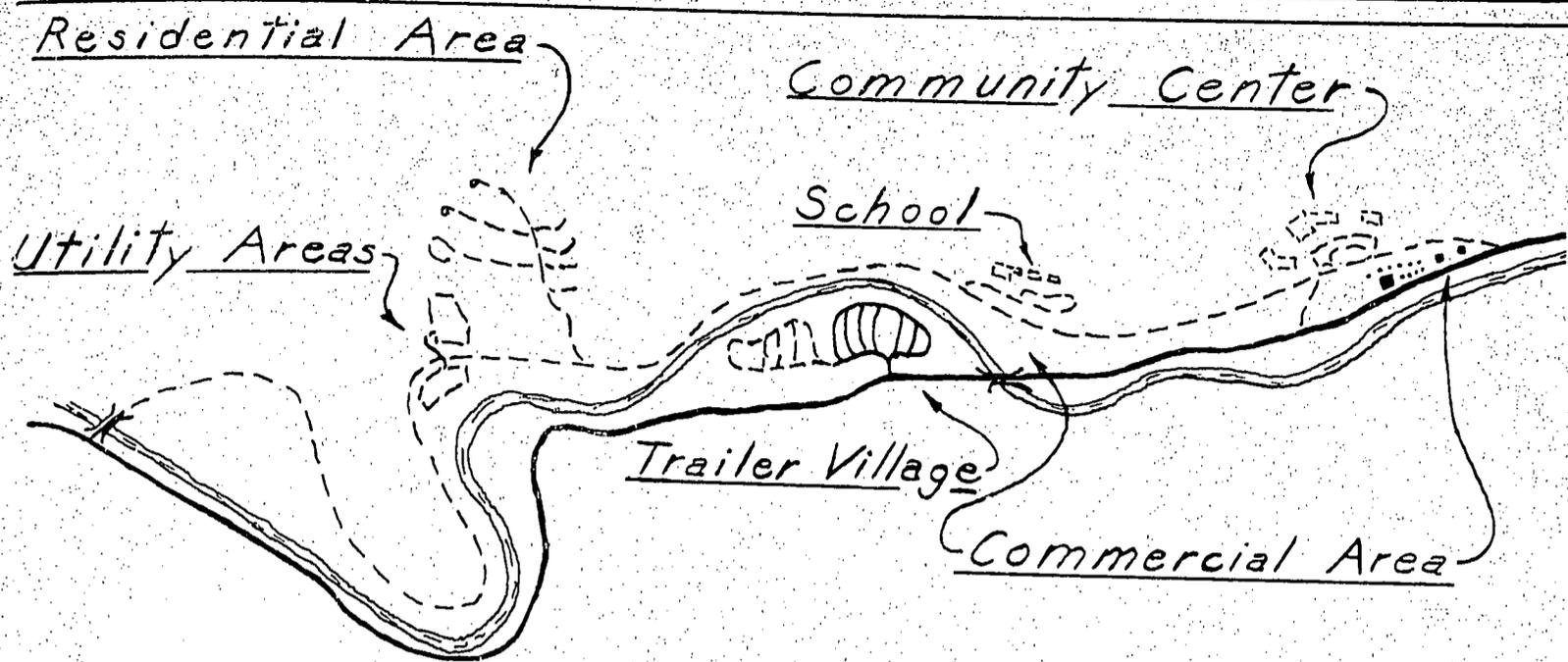
"Janie Dean and Irene Anderson set sail Nov. 19 for a four month vacation in the South Pacific. Friends of the girls and others saying, 'Bon Voyage', saw them sailing through the Golden Gate with the noon tide. Skies were clear and the sun was warm with no fog in sight. The girls tried to look calm and unconcerned but their faces were radiating excitement and expectation of a wonderful voyage.

"Janie found out about the proposed trip during the first week in October. Irene came down to San Francisco to show a very small clipping from the Chronicle asking for reservations on the 'Wanderer'. Each gal decided that she would like to go, then told the other her idea. 'Two great minds,' as they say, so Janie and Irene started to make plans. Janie called Seemer & Hand, the travel agency handling details of the trip, to add her name to the list. She then started to gather the necessary cash for the entire payment. Janie sold the majority of her possessions including a fur coat (wish it were mine), a fall jacket, her briefcase and her Austin Healy. Ski pants and a few sweaters were practically given away for the cause. Even her long hair which was cut last spring and saved, she sold for \$2.00. The poor gal has good reason to say, 'I haven't a thing to wear'.

"Irene was a little more cautious about making definite reservations for the trip until she had most of the fee in her hand. Everything turned out well and the two 'Yosemiteites' left on the schooner 'Wanderer'.

"Our gals will consider the topsail Schooner their home for the next four

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THE NEW EL PORTAL

EL PORTAL GROWING

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road will be constructed through the old barium mill property.

In Yosemite Valley, the old sub-standard residences in Army Row, at Cascades, Happy Isles, Indian Village, Sentinel Bridge area and the government owned houses back of the Lost Arrow building will be removed following the construction of these new homes in El Portal.

The west side of the Rancheria area directly across from the new residences is to be the utility area containing the shops now in the Valley plus a new warehouse. A new incinerator, sanitary land fill, barns and stock corrals will be located in the old Yosemite Valley Railroad Wye.

At the west end of the 1212 acre El Portal Administrative Site, the new access road will cross the river on the now-completed bridge and continue along the old railroad grade on the north bank to the present village center.

The Forest Service fireguard station at Indian Flat may be relocated in the El Portal Administrative Site to be nearer schools, utilities and other conveniences.

Between the old and new residential areas across the river from the trailer village, a new school will be built by the Federal government and administered by the Mariposa County School District. Present plans call for five

classrooms, an all-purpose room, kitchen and office. A teacherage will be built in the residential district.

A master plan for the entire El Portal Administrative Site is being developed. Special consideration is being given in the planning to the new El Portal Village Center. Tentative planning would provide for removal of the hotel, store and post office. The present access road, now located in the rear of the Standard Oil Station, probably will be eliminated. A new access road will be provided from a point on Highway 140 near the present store to the new village center. Long range plans contemplate a new store and service building, expansion of the El Portal Motor Inn, a new post office building, community church and related facilities. Adequate parking would be provided for the planned village center.

Implicit in the plans for the present residential area of El Portal is the stipulation that all buildings which remain must be well kept and neat in appearance. Approximately 80% of the present residences are occupied by Park connected personnel. Ultimately, all will be owned by Park connected persons. Present plans call for a survey of the older residential area which will fix lot corners and provide for additional building lots. The new water and sewer systems ultimately will be extended to serve the present

CARL DANNER

Friends were saddened to learn of the death of Carl Danner on November 16 as the result of an automobile accident. The crash occurred November 13 near Tulare during a heavy rain-storm.

Danner was a Seasonal Ranger in Yosemite in 1926 and 1927 and joined the permanent staff in 1928. At the time of his retirement in 1949, he was District Ranger at Tuolumne Meadows. He is survived by his widow, Eliza.

CHRISTMAS BAZAR IN MARIPOSA

A Christmas Bazar will be held on December 3 at the Methodist Parish House, from 10:30 to 5:30. A variety of attractive gifts will be on sale, the proceeds to be used in various projects at the local hospital. The public is invited to attend.

residential area along with improvements to provide better access and traffic circulation.

One half mile below the new Merced River bridge is Moss Creek, which is a year around source of water originating in the Merced Grove of Big Trees. (It is said that wherever there are Big Trees, there is water.) This source, when developed, is expected to furnish adequate water for both old and new residential areas with adequate gravity pressure for fire protection.

SERVICE AT HOME AND ABROAD

In an effort to learn by doing, the local Brownie Scout Troop completed two projects during October and November. On United Nations Day, they studied material obtained from the American Association of the United Nations. Particular interest was aroused by the story of a nine year old Spanish girl who, having been ill, was cared for by UNICEF. They decided to send a gift of five dollars to UNICEF, and felt well rewarded upon receipt of a letter of thanks from the organization stating that one cent would buy five glasses of milk.

A project much closer to home which they, themselves, could complete entirely, consisted of putting foam rubber covers on wire coat hangers for use by patients in the local hospital.

SWAP TALK

For sale: Beige, muskrat jacquette, just cleaned and glazed. Also, medium sized ski sweater. Call FR 2-4270.

Good ski Boots, one season old, size 11 med. Call Berrey FR 2-4898.

FINANCIAL REPORT

and through September both individual and group business were excellent. This experience of the late season accounted for most of the increase in volume.

The Village Store, which had already abundantly justified its new look and enlarged service, again showed a surprising increase in volume, accounting for nearly 20% of the Company's gross revenue. There is no doubt that Yosemite visitors enjoy shopping in such attractive surroundings.

Mr. Oehlmann pointed out that the first eight month's period of the fiscal year invariably is one of substantial net loss. To the extent that economical operation during that season can reduce the red-ink figure with which we begin our summer activities, the burden of emerging with a good showing the end of September is lightened.

The new fiscal year began auspiciously October 1, and we are all hopeful that winter conditions will be favorable.

**YOSEMITE BADGERS**

Playing their last game against Menlo on a muddy field, November 12, at Menlo, the Badger Varsity showed marked improvement over their first encounter with the Menlo squad, holding the score to a 20 to 7 defeat as against 39 to 0 for the first game.

The defense was changed from a seven man line and the team exhibited good running and tackling against the larger boys.

The touchdown was made by Kenny Melton on an 18 yard run, wide to the left and the conversion point was rung up by Brad Ditton. Daryl Cottrell, playing the larger part of both games until removed because of an injury, was outstanding, making 21 of the 24 tackles in the first half.

Since most of the team were new this season, and since they played both ways against a heavier, two-platoon team, coach Ray Warren feels that they turned in a good performance for the season. He states that they played well, had a good time, and came through with no serious injuries. With more experience and perhaps a few added pounds, the boys are looking forward to a bigger and more successful season next year.

The Cubs played a game similar to their first encounter with Menlo, losing 6 to 0.

After the two contests, both teams attended the Stanford-Oregon game, in the rain.

As soon as all letters, which are on order, have arrived, the annual award banquet will be scheduled for a date sometime before Christmas.

TRANSFER

Since her husband, Charles Young, has accepted a position in Washington D.C., Ruth Young will terminate her employment in the YPC Co. Paymaster's Office on January 9. The family will leave Yosemite on Jan. 10.

YOSEMITE ADVENTURERS

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months. The 'Wanderer' is 96x18 ft. and she is a young 67 years in age. She was originally built as a 'pilot', christened as the 'Gracie S.' and she was used in San Francisco Harbor. After years of good service in this capacity, she was purchased by Sterling Hayden, movie actor. He rechristened the boat 'Wanderer' and used her for a sailing yacht.

"Omer Darr, the captain of the 'Wanderer', leased her from Mr. Hayden for the duration of the South Sea jaunt. Capt. Darr and Mr. Hayden are long-time personal friends and both have homes in Tahiti where they stay quite often. Most of the twenty-odd passengers will double as crew so I hope the boat comes back as clean and shining as when she sailed.

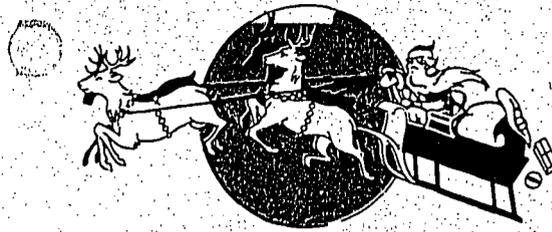
"Anyone interested in dropping the girls a line may write to them in care of:

Janie Dean
c/o Capt. Darr, Schooner Wanderer
Etablissements Donald Tahiti
Papeete, Tahiti."

Among the crowd of 100 persons waving farewell to passengers on the 'Wanderer' was Dick Klein who just happened to drop in at the San Francisco Office the day before. Some of his comments are interesting, although he says he really couldn't get much real information from Janie and Irene as they were "way out on a pink cloud."

He was privileged to see the guest quarters of the schooner and pronounced them very nice although small, adding that, in his opinion, all sailors on the voyage would need to be very good friends.

He says the Wanderer left Fisherman's Wharf under engine power and presented a glorious sight as she unfurled her sails going under the Golden Gate Bridge.



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THE SENTINEL



...wishes you a MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE BRACEBRIDGE STORY

Since 1927, when the predecessor of the Bracebridge dinner was held on Christmas day in the then new Ahwahnee hotel, the celebration has grown from a casual affair to a more elaborate pageant.

Believing that a special dinner would enhance and dignify the Christmas season for Yosemite guests, Dr. and Mrs. Donald Tresidder planned and personally assisted in the production of that first celebration, even to the extent of doing the table decorations.

To introduce the first Christmas in The Ahwahnee, Dr. Tresidder wrote the following which appeared on the menu: "In the earlier days, we are told, a brand was saved from one year's Yule log to kindle the next to flame. This year, with its first Christmas fire burning upon the hearth at The Ahwahnee, we hope that the spirit of the olden Christmas may find here an abiding place and that the warmth of our Yuletide cheer may be kept aglow in your hearts, to bring you back to welcome many another Christmas in Yosemite."

The following year, in 1928, a professional director of drama from San Francisco, Garnet Holme, was retained to produce the first Bracebridge dinner, a country festival adapted from descriptions in Washington Irving's "Sketch Book", of a Christmas day in 1818 at Squire Bracebridge's old English Manor hall.

The celebration has become a traditional part of Christmas at The Ah-
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We extend warm holiday greetings to all members of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., wherever they may be at this season. With our good wishes we include sincere appreciation of your loyal and competent assistance in having made 1960 a successful year for our Company.

Mary Curry Tresidder
H. Oehlmann

VILLAGE STORIES

By Andy

The big election is over. No one is happy. Both candidates claim foul play, and both claim victory. Things are a real mess.

Ole Dad Ring, for the first time in the history of the Village Store's annual Santa Claus election, had to step in to prevent bloodshed.

Our Santa Claus election is usually a very happy occasion with only one candidate running for office — Lovable Ole Orve. Orville usually holds out until the last minute saying that he appreciates the honor, but it is about time someone else shares the glory. However, he finally consents after much coaxing. Everyone casts his ballot and Orville always has a prepared speech ready just in case he wins.

Well, this year someone else did
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NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY DANCE

An innovation at Yosemite Lodge this year will be music by a live combo for the Party Dance in the Cafeteria from 9:00 to 1:00 on New Year's Eve. Food will be served in the Coffee Shop until 2:00 o'clock in the morning

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus will be at Camp Curry again this year on Christmas Eve. He will have gifts for all the children from one year of age up to and including those in the third grade whose parents are employed in the Park. He delivers each gift personally and insists that the child be present to receive it.

This year he will call the names in alphabetical order (by last names). Santa Claus hopes all the children will be at Camp Curry at 7:30 Christmas Eve when he makes his appearance and is welcomed by a short program. One of Santa's helpers will present each child with a gift after his or her name is called. Santa wants to say "Merry Christmas" personally to each child, so don't be late.

There will be bags of candy for the upper grade children. Parents and older brothers and sisters are all invited to come to Camp Curry Dining Room at 7:30 Christmas Eve.

WILL YOU HELP SANTA CLAUS BY LETTING HIM KNOW THROUGH THE YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO. PERSONNEL OFFICE, FRONTIER 2-4631, IF YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY? THANK YOU.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

LOST ARROW

At the Lost Arrow, employees have been spending many of their afternoon and evening hours decorating, trimming a Christmas tree and making plans for a special Christmas Eve party to begin at 9:00 p.m., December 31. There will be dancing and refreshments.

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ONE DAY SKI TRIP

Fresno to Badger Pass

One-day bus service between Fresno and Badger Pass is being offered to school skiers from the Fresno area from January 7 through March 26.

The \$5.00 per person rate for the round trip will include transportation, one lesson in the Yosemite Ski School and use of the ski lifts for the day.

Jim Evans, of the Mid-Valley Ski Shop, will act as the Fresno agent, booking passengers, selling tickets and arranging transportation, which will be provided by the Yosemite Transportation System. The Mid-Valley Ski Shop will be the assembly point for the trip.

SKI INSTRUCTORS

Winter Sports Director, Nick Fiore, has announced that four Yosemite Ski School instructors from last year, Harvey Lyon, William Wattenbarger, Marcel Barel and Charlotte Lockwood are returning this winter.

New on the staff will be Lloyd Fear from Colorado, Robert Harris of Fresno, Haldor Reinholt from Norway, Leo Maier from Germany, and four instructors from Canada: Ray Gallagher, Bob Lattimore, Frank Mason, and Tom Adams. Patricia Walker of Modesto, and Robert Hartung, who was a ski patroler last year, will instruct.

Mike Adams will be a weekend assistant, and Jerry Moore Coordinator of Special Events.

A five day training period was held for all ski teachers between December 12 and December 16, the training program consisting of discussion and demonstration of ski techniques and methods of instruction during an eight hour day on skis.

All facilities at Badger Pass are now in full operation.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

BADGER PASS—

Giant Slalom Race for juniors, Wednesday morning, Dec. 21

Slalom instruction and practice, open to all, 2:30 p.m., Thursday Dec. 22.

Flying Fifty Races, open to all, 4:00 p.m., Friday Dec. 23.

Sunday Slalom, 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 25.

Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Race, open to all, afternoon, Monday, Dec. 26.

Clinic on ski technique, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 28, given by N. Fiore.

Cross country trip to top of Tempo Dome, 2:00 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 29.

Flying Fifty Races, open to all, 4:00 p.m., Friday, Dec. 30.

Sunday Slalom, afternoon, Sunday, Jan. 1.

At YOSEMITE LODGE—

Christmas Eve will begin with the singing of carols at 5:30 p.m. in the Lounge. Everyone welcome. Lighting of the Yule Log and arrival of Santa Claus, 6:00 p.m.

On Monday, Dec. 26, dancing to recorded music in the Cafeteria from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Bracebridge Singers in concert in the Lounge at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 29, Pizza Party in the Mountain Room at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 30, Ski Fashion Show, Mountain Room, 9:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve Party Dance in the Cafeteria from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Live music. Food service in Coffee Shop until 2:00 a.m.

At THE AHWAHNEE—

Dancing in the Indian Room every evening from Thursday, Dec. 22, through Friday, Dec. 30, except on Christmas day. Time--9:00 to 11:45 p.m., except Tuesday, Dec. 27, dancing will begin at 10:00 p.m.

On Tuesday, Dec. 27, there will be a dance for high school guests and local boys and girls in the Indian Room from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The Bracebridge Singers will be heard on Monday, Dec. 26, at 9:10 p.m.

FIREFALL—

Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays

SKI SHOP

It's knickers this year! Or so the sales in the newly opened Yosemite Lodge Ski Shop would indicate.

There are on display more gay colors in charming chapeaus, after-ski clothes and gorgeous Meggi sweaters than ever before.

Again under the management of Toney Freitas, the Ski Shop is open Mondays through Fridays from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturdays 8:00 to 10 a.m. and 4:00 to 10:00 p.m.; and on Sundays from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. and 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

WHO'S NEW?

A new grandson for Pauline Landy, of the Village Store, is Clifford Troy Jr. born to Jeanie and Bucky Landy on Dec. 1, in Merced. He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces.

On Sunday, December 11, Lisa Ann Coats arrived at Lewis Memorial Hospital. Her Parents are Helen and Jack Coats.

MOURNED

Friends in Yosemite are mourning the deaths of two former Valley residents.

Ellsworth Fingerson passed away on December 8, in Sequoia National Park, where he, his wife Ann and son Wayne, have resided since leaving Yosemite.

On Friday morning, December 9, in San Francisco, the sudden death of Nettie Hauck was a shock to her family and friends. Nettie and Chris Hauck have made their home in Cambria, California, since his retirement.

FOLK DANCING

There will be a special holiday folk and square dance on Wednesday, December 28, at the Lost Arrow at 8:30 p.m.

during the holidays.

MOVIES—

7:45 p.m. every night from Dec. 19 through Dec. 31.

SKATING—

Daily at 10:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES

Saturday, December 24—

Roman Catholic Confessions 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Chapel.

Protestant Services—Candlelight Holy Communion Service at 11:00 p.m. in Yosemite Chapel.

Sunday, December 25—

Roman Catholic Masses—6:45 and 9:00 a.m. in the Yosemite Pavilion.

Protestant Services 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Yosemite Chapel. Bracebridge Singers at the 10:00 a.m. service.

Christian Science Service—8:00 p.m. in the Yosemite Chapel.

THE BRACEBRIDGE STORY

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wahnee, having been held every year since then except during the war. Certain ideas used in the beginning have been dropped, others retained. At first, guests were encouraged to dress in the costume of the period, but the complications involved in obtaining proper costumes eliminated this idea. Once, in 1928, the dinner was repeated on New Year's Eve, but this was not successful enough to warrant continuation.

After the death of Garnet Holme in 1930, Ansel Adams took over the direction of the pageant, writing a script based on the same story from Washington Irving's "Sketch Book", which has been used continuously since. Jeanette Dyer Spencer has done the settings during this time.

The story of the sketch, as enacted for guests on Christmas night, concerns a day when Squire Bracebridge entertains friends at dinner in his old English manor. The Ahwahnee Dining Room serves as a fitting successor to his great dining hall.

As guests stand, the Squire and his family enter the hall to the accompaniment of singing by the chorus or minstrels, and proceed to their table set in the alcove at the west end of the dining room. At this high table, the house servants present to the Squire for his approval each dish before it is offered to his guests.



The Bracebridge Dinner in 1937. Seated at the Squire's table, left to right are: Mrs. Lucio Mintzer, Mr. Laurence Merriam, Mrs. Don Tresidder, Dr. Don Tresidder, Mrs. Laurence Merriam, Mr. Lucio Mintzer, and Mrs. Herman Hoss. Standing to the right, rear of table, George Oliver; to the right, (in white head dress), Mrs. Ansel Adams; and in the pulpit, Mr. Herman Hoss.

Directly in front of the pulpit, holding the lute, is Mrs. Fritz Baldauf, of San Francisco, as the strolling minstrel, who was pictured on the cover of Life Magazine when Life published a story on the Bracebridge dinner.

Singers march down the aisle preceding the litter on which the serving men carry the gaily adorned food: first the Great Fish; second, the Boar's Head and the Baron of Beef, the latter to be knighted by the Squire as Sir Loin, Baron of Beef; third, the Peacock Pie; and, fourth, the Wassail Bowl and the huge Plum Pudding.

Each presentation is announced by the Parson, inspected and accepted by the Squire. Processions to and from the head table are accompanied by the minstrels' singing. After the Wassail Bowl and flaming Pudding have been removed and the feast ended, the Squire and his family pass from the hall greeting guests as they go.

A professional chorus from San Francisco has always been part of the show, but originally the chief characters in the sketch were portrayed by local people.

Well known local persons who have participated in the past are Dr. and Mrs. Tresidder as the Squire and his lady; Hilmer Oehlmann as the Squire; Virginia Adams as the housekeeper; Ansel Adams as the jester; Harry C. Best, Jack Curran and Fred Pierson as the Cook; Herman Hoss as the Parson; and Mother Curry, Mrs. Hoss, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Albright (the second Director of the National Park Service), Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Merriam and

Mrs. Oliene Mintzer as members of the family.

Beginning in 1948, after the death of Dr. Tresidder, the main characters have been portrayed by members of the Drama Department of Stanford University, removing the festival a little further from the family flavor of its origin. The Ahwahnee Singers (or the Bracebridge Singers, as they are known to Valley folks) have been directed by Eugene Fulton for many years. An outstanding soloist with the group for a number of years has been Raymond Manton, a fine professional tenor. With most of the rest of the group, music is an avocation.

The Bracebridge Singers, heard in concert each year at Yosemite Lodge, The Ahwahnee and in church services, have enriched the Christmas season in Yosemite for many Valley residents and guests.

The servitors, lackeys and villagers are still recruited from the community and the task of procuring them and costumes to fit each one is considerable.

So, from a casual beginning, produced entirely by local talent, the Bracebridge Dinner has gradually become more elaborate and famous, until for the last six years, two seatings of 340 people each have witnessed the pageant.

GIRL SCOUT'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

On Friday evening, December 23, if you are fortunate enough to be at home between 6:30 and 8:00 p.m., you will hear young voices singing Christmas carols as the girl scouts tour the Valley residential areas. After caroling they will meet at the schoolhouse for cookies and chocolate.

These carolers also sang for the Lions Club at their regular meeting on December 15.

Seventh and eight grade girl scouts entertained at a boy-girl Christmas Party on December 17; the fifth and sixth grade girls attended a TV Party on the same date.

PLEASE DON'T RING THE RINK!

To find out if there is skating, call the front desk at Yosemite Lodge, FR 2-4451, or at The Ahwahnee, FR 2-4421. They are always informed in advance if there is to be a skating session.

The boys at the rink are usually working on the ice and cannot maneuver their way across it fast enough to answer the phone.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WELL RECEIVED

A remarkably fine concert under the direction of Richard D. Fiestler, was presented by 60 young voices of the Mariposa High School Choir and Glee Club on Thursday, December 15, at the schoolhouse. Some unusual Christmas music of the 16th century, madrigals, and canons were included in the program which was enthusiastically received by the audience.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Wawona men's and women's golf clubs braved a thick blanket of fog to play golf in Merced on Sunday, Dec. 11. Despite the weather, 23 men and eleven women participated in a day of fun. There was a three-way tie for net 76 between Madeline Hickok, Isabelle Dierksen and Valerie Eagle; all received new golf balls.

The men's group was led by Gene Ewing with a net of 72. A five-way tie with net 73 was turned in by Ned English, Sid Carter, Rex Hickok, Curly Dierksen and Bob Sharp; there was a rich prize for everyone.

VILLAGE STORIES

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choose to run—none other than the assistant manager, Mr. Leroy Rora-baugh. Of the 22 registered eligible store votes, 117 were cast for Lovable Ole Orve and 14 for Mr. Leroy Rora-baugh, assistant manager.

"Well!" says the assistant manager, "looks like someone has been stuffing the ballot box."

"One more wise crack out of you," says Lovable Ole Orve, "and I'll stuff it right down your throat."

"It stands to reason," says Roy, "that out of 22 eligible votes, no one could run up a total of 117, legally, that is."

"Last year," retorts Orve, "as the only candidate for the office, out of 22 registered voters, I received 192 votes—the largest majority in the history of the elections. No one objected then. Besides, when you get right down to it, I am the real Santa Claus type. I stay chubby all year just so, come Christmas, I am in good shape for the job. You are not the type at all. You're tall, skinny, and besides, you have beady eyes. Santa Claus is a very important job—takes a man with experience—one who knows how to carry a pack full."

"The only thing I have seen you carry is a snoot full," says Roy. "Besides, I can add dignity to the position. Anyhow I need the job, Orve. Little Barbara Jo has been mad at me since the other night when I stumbled over her favorite toy duck and broke its legs off. After regaining consciousness I discovered she wouldn't speak to me. She felt so sorry for the poor little duck."

After the two candidates simmered down a bit, they did the only honorable thing that could be done under the circumstances. They blamed the discrepancy in the voting on the voting machine (which, of course, we do not have). Then they both retired to await the electoral vote which is one in number and cast by dear Ole Dad Ring.

"You know, says Dad, "the darndest thing happened when I ordered the Santa Claus suit. Lovable Ole Orve wears a size 56. Roy takes a size 46,

THOSE FLASHING RED LIGHTS

The school bus driver, Wayne Wool-dridge, implores all to remember:

"When you come to a school bus flashing red lights, you must **STOP**. The driver has stopped either to take children on or let them off, and children will be crossing the roadway to or from the school bus. You must remain stopped while the red lights flash." (Vehicle Code Sec. 22454)

Please cooperate. There are no exceptions to this rule in the Park.

NEW NURSE

Rosie Unez, of Brawley, California, joined the nursing staff at Lewis Memorial Hospital on December 11.

SWAP TALK

For sale: Two pairs ski boots; Arlberg size 7, Henke size 8. Leroy Rust, Main Post Office.

For sale: 1950 Chevrolet convertible, 5 new tires. See at Badger Pass or call FR 2-4395.

1959 Coldspot refrigerator; large freezing compartment. See Roy at Village Store or call FR 2-4596.

One 16 volume set of books entitled "The Children's Hour", suitable for children from pre-school to high school age. \$12.50. Call Westmoreland, FR 2-4580.

CANDID COMMENT

The person likely to be a beat Nick is a department store Santa Claus at the end of a working day.

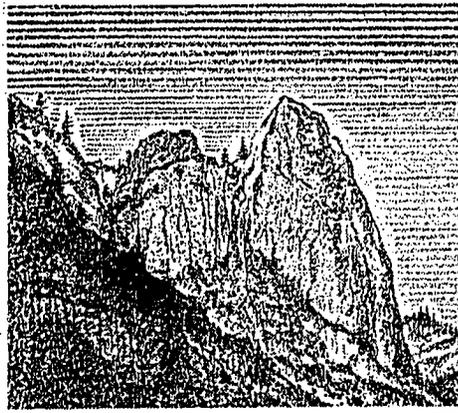
but the suit I received is a 44—just my size. Wonder how I'll look."

Also, Dad Ring has been looking around for a small compact car for Santa to bring to his house.

"You know," he says, "some of those foreign cars don't look imported to me. They look more like they have been deported."

Now for a few words of wisdom from Ole Dad. "Holiday traffic is heavy and fast, so be very careful. Obey all the traffic laws. Remember when you are tempted to speed on the freeways, you may arrive a little sooner, but when you get there, there is no place to park anyhow."

YOSEMITE

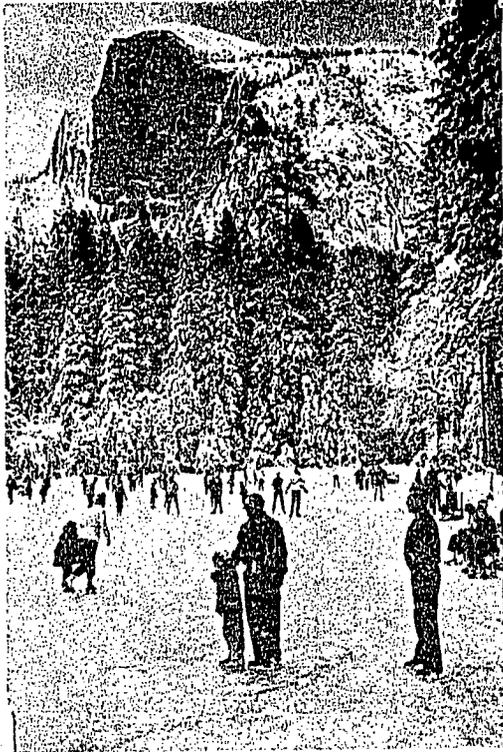


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YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Yosemite National Park



The ice rink at Camp Curry.

THE ICE MAKERS

Due to early season lows in temperature, the ice rink was opened on Thanksgiving morning for the first time since 1941.

In the "good old days" we so often hear about, when winters were cold and people skated on the river, ice seemed to be more plentiful than now. Recently it has been an always hopeful, but frequently losing battle with the elements to build and keep enough ice for a few skating sessions before the next thaw.

Rink manager, Don Christensen, tells us that temperatures in the 20s are necessary for good skating ice, and that if the thermometer stays that low, the three to five inches of ice needed can be built up in ten nights.

Early in November, if the temperature is right, Don begins preparation of the skating area by marking off a space 430 feet by 120 feet by placing ropes around it.

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1961 AUTOMOBILE LICENSES

As a courtesy to Park residents, a representative of the California State Automobile Association will be at Park Headquarters on Wednesday, January 11, between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM to assist Valley residents in obtaining their 1961 automobile licenses.

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CUSTODIAN CURSES CALMLY

Thoughtful Clare Duval tried everything except walking on her hands to avoid leaving heel marks on the beautifully waxed floors in the general office. Her efforts were in vain. Hopelessly, she left a note of apology for custodian Floren Slaughter, and with amusement, read the following reply found on her desk next day.

"Clare:

It is my firm conviction that nothing less than genocide will prevent these floors from being scarred. I've tried prayer, pacts with the Devil, hex signs, stuck pins in effigies, curses, tranquilizers and the plain old 'whammy'. NOTHING worked!! So—I have sought and found serenity in Yoga. Now when I see swirl marks, assorted scars, globs of mud and grease etc., etc., a beatific Buddhist smile seeps over my face and I quickly assume Yoga posture No. 23 (that's the one where you stand on your head in the middle of the floor and repeatedly say 'Yami Yogurt' just as fast as you can until a trance-like state is achieved.) After that nothing matters!

Floren."

Those readers who do not know philosopher Floren might be interested in the fact that he has worked for YPC Co. since 1926, when he was employed in the local laundry, except for those years between 1942 and 1946 when Uncle Sam required his services. He has held various jobs, in-

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY DANCE

Don't forget the New Year's Eve Party Dance at Yosemite Lodge, Saturday night from 9:00 to 1:00, with music by a real, live orchestra.

Food will be served in the Coffee Shop until 2:00 a.m.

There will be cocktail service until 1:00 a.m.

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ACCORDION STYLE COMPACTS

(From the office of the Valley District Ranger comes this communication.)

Some El Portal to the Valley drivers are grieved by the manner in which others crowd them from behind. You've no doubt had some 3,000 lb. steel monsters breathing down your back at one time or another too, and on a crooked road it is a frightful feeling. All employees should adhere to the general rule which states that drivers are to stay at least one car length from the car in front for every ten (10) MPH. Avoid accidents!

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CONTRASTS

As we have passed the time of year when few visitors come to Yosemite and begun the upward climb to the months of greatest visitation, it is interesting to note the contrast.

The highest house count of the calendar year occurred last August 16 with 4,860 registered guests in the Park. On the night of November 30, there were only 39 guests at all Valley units.

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SWAP TALK

For sale: Ladies, Kastinger ski boots, size 8. Two seasons use; good condition. Call Pam Mohn, FR 2-4451.

cluding custodian of the general office building since 1952.

In years of service, he is among the oldest of YPC Co. employees.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Sentinel staff wishes to take this opportunity to wish all its readers a happy New Year and to thank the many who have contributed of their time, thought and effort to help make its publication possible.

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THE ICE MAKERS

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The area is swept clean, and if there is no snow to bank at the edges, sand is used to hold the water. Early snows are a great help, since a snow bank not only holds water but acts as a sort of deep freeze to speed the freezing process.

By Christmas, if "old man weather" is in a kindly mood, the rink is ready for skating, and it is a happy season for kids both young and old if the ice can be kept hard and smooth.

After the last skater has left at night and the rink has been scraped clean of all loose ice and snow, Andre Badeaux goes to work with the hose, spraying with hot water so that the uneven places will melt and the freshly frozen surface will be smooth. After each spraying, he must wait for freezing, spray again and wait, repeating the process every hour and a half, perhaps five to six times in a night. If the temperature is 30 degrees (above this, ice-making is a poor business), or the night is cloudy, as few as three coats may be all that will freeze.

Many times there will be perfect ice in the early morning, but by 10 o'clock skating time it may have softened. Ice-makers are at the weather man's mercy!

Snow as well as a rise in temperature can bring problems. If it is very cold, the whole crew hurries out to help scrape off the new snow before it can freeze to the existing ice, be-

NEWLYWEDS

Jerry Fee, with his bride, the former Lillian Johnson of San Leandro, returned to Yosemite for The Ahwahnee opening on December 22. They were married in Carson City, on November 19, and are now settled in a trailer, in camp 6.

Fee is leader of the Indian Room Trio.

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GREMLINS IN THE STORY

The list of ski instructors as published in the last Sentinel requires some revision.

Chester Hubbard, Senior Instructor, returns for the eighth year to serve as Assistant Director of the Ski School. Because of his talent and years of experience, he generally instructs advanced skiers.

Marti Miller, who became a certified instructor last spring, is again teaching until sometime in January when she will become a 'globe trotter'.

Ray Gallagher, one of the Canadians, did not join the staff as expected.

cause, in that case, only a thaw will loosen it enough for removal.

Don says he believes he is the only manager since Jess Rust who has been a skater, adding that, "I can't do anything fancy. I just skate like any old man does—straight ahead. But I do like being able to patrol the rink some on those nights when it gets busy. Some nights there may be 200 people on the rink at a time."

An innovation appreciated by many cool skaters is the bonfire which provides a cheerful place to warm fingers and toes.

Besides manager Don, and Andre, the night man, the crew for this winter consists of Jim Giles as cashier, and Evelyn Christensen in the refreshment stand with Adele Bauer as extra help.

So far this winter, weather conditions have made possible better ice and more skating sessions than usual, for which manager Christensen is especially grateful.

The present skating rink at Camp Curry replaced a pond in the Old Village area which was used during the days of the Sentinel Hotel.

THIRTY- ONE YEARS AGO

IN YOSEMITE

From the "Yosemite Spirit", fore-runner of The Sentinel:

The new Dining Room and Cafeteria at Camp Curry are being rushed to completion and have reached the interior finishing stage. Each will have its own kitchen and dishwashing equipment.

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Another native son has succumbed to the lure of skating. This time it is Hilmer Oehlmann, Superintendent of our Commercial Division.

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Travel for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1928, shows a total on January 1, of 27,368 people or 4,727 more than last year, (or an increase of 21 percent.)

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Chief Electrician Carpenter, touching wood, says his department has had less trouble this season so far than in past years. On the other hand, Bill Lally, head man of the Plumbing Department reports more trouble than in former years due to a steadier cold period. Oh, well, such is life!

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Gordon Hooley, on Mr. Des Baille's staff, is the junior World's Ski Jumping Champion having made a jump of 160 feet at Ravelstoke, Canada.

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SPORTS BANQUET

Sponsored by the Lions Club, the twelfth annual award banquet for local, junior athletes was held in the Mountain Room on December 15.

Presentation of awards for the Badgers' 21st football season were made by Sterling Cramer. Ray Warren coached the Badger team last fall.

Awards were also presented to winning members of the track team, coached by Dick Ditton, and to ten members of the ski team by coach Leroy Rust.

Movies were shown of the football and ski teams in action.

The track and ski teams are sponsored by the Lions Club; the football team is supported by the Lions Club and by Community Council funds.