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JUNIOR SKIERS MEET AT SUGAR BOWL

Thirteen children and twelve parents journeyed to Sugar Bowl on the week end of January 6 to January 8, for the first of three point meets to determine who will represent the Far West Ski Association (California, Nevada and Arizona) in the Junior National Downhill and Slalom at Stowe, Vermont, later this year.

Each of the children ran the downhill without a fall, skiing his very best. The slalom, however, was long and difficult, spilling many of our best skiers.

Danny Armstrong placed second in his slalom group.

The star of the meet was Yosemite's Jeannie Evans who was the fastest girl on the hill, winning the downhill by a full second and taking second place in her slalom group. Jeannie earned 17 points in the meet and is high point girl for the FWSA. Her place on the National Team and a trip to Stowe are already assured.

Competing among 197 children entered in this largest FWSA Junior Meet ever held were: Rick, Jeff and Todd Sharp, Chuckie Woessner, Terry Conner, Dennis Parrish, Frank Carter, Danny and Randy Armstrong, Kathy McLaren, Randy and Leslie Rust, and Jeannie Evans.

The ski team is sponsored by the Lions Club.

A PAINFUL VACATION

An unhappy experience on New Year's Eve earned Lucille Cooper a week in the hospital and a long convalescence yet to come. She fell on the stairway of her home, fracturing a vertebra in her back. No, she wasn't celebrating; in fact, she didn't have a chance.

BADGER PASSES

Record crowds have been reported for the holidays at Badger Pass. The biggest ski school day on record occurred during Christmas week with 447 pupils. Classes of this size necessitate the largest ski school staff yet employed—fifteen full time and two weekend instructors.

Indicative of the trend toward family skiing is the fact that two instructresses, Charlotte Lockwood and Patty Walker, spend their full time with children's classes.

Contrary to previous report, Marty Miller is to continue throughout the winter, swelling the feminine ranks on the teaching staff.

"If you want to learn to wiggle and wedle, you are always welcome in ski school," says Nick Fiore.

NEW T-BAR

Comments from users of the new Hall T-Bar lift on the Queen or Bunny Hill have been favorable.

A recorded tape, which is being made by the NPS Audio Visual Laboratory in Washington, will be used on the No. 4 hill to instruct novices how to ride the T-Bar.

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CREDIT UNION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of members of the Yosemite Credit Union will be held at 7:30 PM, Monday January 16, in the museum. Attendance is urged because a quorum (10% of the voting members) is required before the meeting may be opened and business transacted.

In addition to reports of officers and committeemen, there will be a general discussion of Credit Union policies and nomination and election of officers and committeemen for the coming year.

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE NOW

AVAILABLE TO RETIRING EMPLOYEES

The Board of Directors of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has approved the extension of eligible employees' group life insurance coverage after retirement. An employee is eligible for this retained coverage if, upon retirement, he has earned a vested interest in his pension, which amounts to the completion of 15 years of credited service when he reaches the age of 60 years.

The working of the new arrangement is best described by giving an example. Let us suppose an employee retires at age 65, and has been carrying \$10,000 of group life insurance. This \$10,000 remains in effect until the employee becomes 70 years old. Then it reduces to \$8,000 for a year, then to \$6,000 for a year, and so on, until a minimum of \$2,000 is reached at 74. Thus, the full amount is carried for 5 years and reduces 20% a year until a minimum of 20% of the original coverage is reached. In no case does the insurance reduce below \$1,000.

During this period of extended coverage, the employee pays his regular 60c a month per \$1,000 for the coverage, while the Company makes up the difference between the 60c and the actual cost of the insurance. This should be invaluable to retiring employees, since experience has shown that conversion of group life insurance to a personal policy at premium rates applicable to age 65 is very expensive. The average employee, with \$10,000 of group coverage, has found that he can afford to maintain not much more than one tenth of his group coverage.

Unfortunately, it is impossible to make this new arrangement retroactive. However, one employee has already been retired under the Plan and was

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NEW FILM IN PROGRESS

Movie makers Ted Cate and Ed McGlone, plus a crew of three, worked a week pre Christmas shooting "Christmas in Yosemite" scenes for Y.P.C. Co.'s next film, which will deal with the four seasons in Yosemite.

Pictures and sound recordings were made of parts of the local elementary school's Christmas program; of typical scenes of a local family's Yuletide fun at home, of a group of guests helping decorate the Christmas tree at Yosemite Lodge, and of the Christmas Yule Log Ceremony at The Ahwahnee.

All scenes filmed were interiors. These will be supplemented by exterior shots when snow falls.

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C. N. PROCTOR REVISES RACING RULES BOOK

Charles N. Proctor, as chairman in 1960 of the National Ski Association Alpine Rules Committee, has revised the book on Official Racing Rules for Alpine Events. Alpine events consist of downhill, giant slalom and slalom contests. Regulations are for the purpose of standardizing US ski racing contests and are published by the National Ski Association.

The revised rules book also includes the new eligibility regulations which define who may enter National Ski Association competition. Action reaffirming its 1959 decision to abolish so-called "Open Class" competition in favor of requiring all competitors to comply with Olympic and International Ski Federation (FIS) regulations was taken by the NSA in convention at Glacier Park, Colorado, in October.

Aware of the need for clarification of the rules book, Charles Proctor,

YOSEMITE LODGE

Events—

The management reports a very successful New Year's Eve with a record crowd of 375 present for the evening. Throughout the winter, Jerry Fee and his trio will play for dancing in the Mountain Room. The schedule at present is Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 9:00 to 11:45 PM. There is no admission, minimum or cover charge.

Both dinners and snacks will be served in the Mountain Room from 4:30 to 11:00 PM every night except Saturday.

Personnel—

Steve McNair, Coffee Shop manager, and his wife, Yvonne, who was hostess at Yosemite Lodge last summer, left the Valley on Saturday, January 7, for Virginia, where Steve will begin two years service in the army.

Refurbishing—

Improvements and maintenance are a continuing business.

That new silverware system which cafeteria patrons have noticed possesses the descriptive trade name of "Sterisill."

Asphalt tile floors are being installed in 17 cabins. New chairs have replaced the old in all bath cabins. Captains chairs are on order for the Mountain Room. The two cabins lost in the wind storm of last fall are back in use.

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GOOFED AGAIN

The junior track team, reported on in the last Sentinel, was coached by Erik Bruun.

who is qualified through long association with organized skiing on the East Coast, on the West Coast and on a national basis, undertook and completed the task of revision. The board of directors of the NSA, of which Proctor is presently a member, approved the revised edition at its last meeting in October. It is strongly recommended that ski competitors obtain a copy of the NSA rules book and familiarize themselves with its contents. It can be obtained by writing to the Far West Ski Association, P. O. Box 271, Laguna Beach, California. The price is \$1.00.

INDIAN ROOM TRIO

The Jerry Fee trio is back at The Ahwahnee sounding better than ever with the addition of Ted Spinola, bass player. Ted also sings and doubles on the trombone. Jerry, Ted and drummer Bill Huddleston promise a vocal trio in the near future.

Playing for Ski Suppers, Tea Dances and Saturday nights at the Ahwahnee as well as three nights weekly at Yosemite Lodge keeps the boys busy.

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AT THE AHWAHNEE

The first Ski Supper was held on January 5, a real success with 60 diners and dancers present. Ski suppers are now scheduled regularly for Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30. The price is \$3.25 a plate. Table reservations are necessary; call FR-2-4421.

Tea Dances every Saturday evening from 6:00 to 7:00.

The Sweet Shop is open on Saturdays and Sundays only, from 9:00AM to 5:00 PM.

Valerie Bernadt ("Miss B"), executive housekeeper at The Ahwahnee, decided that she must have that vacation she missed last fall, and arranged for a take-off by jet on January 17, to Japan via Honolulu and Hong Kong. Most of her month's vacation is to be spent in Japan, which should supply the last word on her hobby of growing Bonsai trees.

Also among her hobbies is the art of decorating, and she has practiced it frequently during her years at The Ahwahnee, collecting her own materials on trips into the hinterlands. "Miss B" came to Yosemite in 1953, from the Camelback Inn, Phoenix, Arizona. Friends report that from her experiences as hostess there, she gained great skill in planning superb cook-outs and picnics. Perhaps, to her list of talents she will be able to add that of luau cookery.

Guests during the Holiday week were Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kidney. Mrs. Kidney is the former Anne Ashley, long-time visitor to Yosemite and employed by the Personnel Office in 1951.

FERROEQUINOLOGISTS ATTENTION!

Rarely does a 198,000 pound iron horse travel 150 miles without rails as did the Lima geared Shay locomotive now standing on the site of the old Yosemite Valley Railroad station in El Portal.

In Standard, California, near the town of Tuolumne, old Hetch Hetchy No. 6 was disassembled, loaded on three trucks and hauled to Modesto, escorted down Highway 99 to Merced by Highway Patrolmen, and driven over the hills to El Portal to its final resting place as the nucleus of the Pioneer Yosemite Transportation exhibit.

The disassembling, loading, traveling and reassembling was done in about a week's time by the Hoagland Transport Service of Modesto, working only during daylight hours and in fair weather. Although not an assignment which would present itself frequently, the job was accomplished in routine manner with no untoward events.

This almost completes a round trip for No. 6, which started its service on the Hetch Hetchy Railroad in 1922. It was one of 2600 locomotives designed by Ephriam Shay and built by the Lima Locomotive Works in Lima, Ohio, between 1879 and 1945, varying in size from small two foot gauge engines to giants of 150 tons. When the Hetch Hetchy rolling stock was sold, No. 6 went to the Pickering Lumber Company in Sonora, who in turn donated it to the National Park Service after the conversion of Pickering's railroad to diesel.

The Lima geared Shays are among the most powerful locomotives ever built, noted for their pulling power, maneuverability, and traction. They were used wherever the going was toughest, hence their popularity on mountain lumbering railroads. No. 6 is identical to the engines of the Yosemite Lumber Company and the Yosemite Sugar Pine Lumber Co., which also operated in and near the Park.

As soon as the engine can be made safe for visitors, it will be possible

**"MOST ANY AFTERNOON—
(SATURDAY) AT SIX"**

The first Tea Dance held on December 26, proved popular with guests of all ages. The second, on January 8, saw a number of skiers and other guests as well as locals enjoying the informality of this hour before dinner.

It seems to be a good start for a long evening, or for a short one if you're not a moonlighter, recreation-wise.

Tea Dances will be held at The Ahwahnee every Saturday evening from 6:00 to 7:00 until further notice. Come as you are (or as you aren't), but come informally to meet your friends, dance to the music of Jerry Fee's Trio, or just relax.

**BEEN WONDERIN' ABOUT
THE "WANDERER"?**

From Wendi Craver comes this bit of information:

"Remember our two seagoing gals, Janie Dean and Irene Anderson, cruising the South Pacific on the 'Wanderer'? A seagull just dropped into the San Francisco office with some news of the progress of the schooner. He told us of the hurricane that luckily missed the ship and of the ship's safe arrival at Pitcairn Island. Irene and Janie are old seamen now and there has been no sickness aboard ship, not even seasickness. The sunburned sailors left Pitcairn for Tuotus about a month ago with a fair wind and bright sea.

"Siemer and Hand, the travel agency handling the 'Wanderer', is now advertising a second trip on the same voyage route leaving on or around June 10, 1961." Any applicants?

to inspect it more closely. Talking labels, written locally and produced in the NPS Audio Visual Laboratory in Washington, will be used to tell the story of the locomotive's part in early day transportation in Yosemite. Pictures and other material that will help present a better story to Park visitors are still being sought by the Yosemite museum staff.

NEW PRIVILEGE CARDS

Privilege Cards for 1961 can be picked up at the Personnel Office after Monday, January 30. Office hours are 8 to 12 and 1:30 to 5:30, Monday through Friday.

YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

On Monday, January 16, at The Ahwahnee, Mrs. Charles Smith, of Oakland, will speak to the Yosemite Women's Group on "The United Nations; Its Structure and Function Today."

Mrs. Smith is a qualified speaker on the subject, having prepared herself by study at the United Nations in New York.

She is a graduate of the University of California, and is listed at the Speakers Bureau of the Bay Area for the United Nations.

Luncheon will be served in The Ahwahnee Dining Room at 12:45 p.m. Reservations should be made by calling FR 2-4421 by Saturday evening, January 14. The price is \$1.50.

All women are welcome, and, if unable to come to lunch, are urged to attend Mrs. Smith's talk at 2 p.m.

NEW OFFICERS

Taking office at the first January meeting were the following newly elected Girl Scouts: president, Judy Dahlberg; vice-president, Virginia Parker; scribe, Linda Bevington; treasurer, Janet Hubbard; patrol leaders, Roberta Barnett, Tomina Kowski and Joan Hubbard.

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

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in a position to maintain his full group coverage.

The Company Pension Plan went into effect October 1, 1957. Since that time, 15 employees have been retired, 5 of them during the past year. As of September 30, 1960, 87 active employees were covered by the Plan. Of the 15 who have been retired, 3 received lump sum payments in lieu of pensions. Two have passed away since retirement and monthly payments are continuing to their heirs.

A BADGER STORY

On top of old Badger, in summit conference with herself concerning the best way to get down the hill, stands a weak-kneed skier. Looking fearfully over the slopes, she declares that they are just like the Sierran foothills, all covered with snow.

Suddenly, a more stout-hearted skier known as "Les Fear" swishes by yodeling as he goes, "Come on, the snow's won-der-ful! Yodel-ay-e-yu."

"Well, maybe. Anyway, it's got to be done."

Carefully down the slope she slips and slides, finding, surprisingly enough, that the snow IS wonderful, packed but powdery, the kind that skis for you.

"This is for me," she finally admits, "if only I can find a track between these moguls."

"Oh, they're fun," calls "Les Fear", on his way again. "Learn to ski the bumps."

"That's all right for you, but I think I see a way around them."

Now, with the problem of moguls well in hand, along comes Nick Fiore with this comforting comment:

"If you happen to see a weasel pulling a disk on the slopes, it's not that we're planting potatoes, just trying to smooth out the bumps. First we disk, then follow with another weasel pulling a drag. Yes, it's a plain old disk like any farmer uses in his field. This was Charley Proctor's idea and it works fine. All we need is time to finish the job."

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THE GOLF CLUBS

The Wawona men's and women's golf clubs will travel to Madera on Sunday, January 15, for their annual bout on that country club golf course. A large group is expected to play; competition will be between local club members only.

The Fort Washington home-and-home match has been postponed until Sunday, February 12th. This is the most important outside winter event of the year and the hospitality of the Fresno host club is always long remembered. Last summer, when Wawona hosted Fort Washington, the local men lost to Fresno by a margin

ADVENTURERS

That the urge for adventure runs in families was demonstrated by Sarah Louise Merry, mother of Wayne Merry, well known for his part in the first ascent of the face of El Capitan, when on Sunday evening, January 1, at The Ahwahnee, a fascinated audience listened to her story of teaching native children in Liberia, saw arts and crafts and heard recorded music produced by her pupils.

Mrs. Merry was for a time, during the past two and a half years, the only white woman at the Episcopalian Education Mission in Robertsport, forty minutes inland by plane from Monrovia on the Liberian coast, located on the western bulge of Africa. The challenge of running a boarding school for 100 girls and 260 day pupils on \$500 a month, with eight teachers, in an undeveloped country where the native language is English plus thirty tribal dialects, is mammoth.

Among many problems to be met, Mrs. Merry listed the humid tropical climate with its attending insects and pests, the difficulty of obtaining proper food and supplies plus a constant lack of funds. Ranking high on the credit side of the ledger was the fact that all pupils attending school were eager for learning and no special motivation was ever needed.

Mrs. Merry stated that since many of the school's graduates go on to college and eventually marry into the two percent of men who are the government officials, and since Liberia is becoming a cross roads of the world, she believes the education of these girls to be very important.

She said that at times, during the early part of her experience, she was overcome by the feeling that she must be the loneliest woman in all the world and might never get out of the country alive. However, upon being asked if she would return, her unhesitating answer was a firm "Yes!" She will return in February to Cuttington College as Dean of Women and teacher of speech.

of 4 points; our ladies won by 3 points. Contact Charlie Eagle for more information.

WAWONA HOTEL OPENS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

by Ned English

The Wawona Hotel opened for the 1960 Christmas—New Year Holiday on December 22nd. YPC Co. veterans on hand to help the guests enjoy themselves included Howard and Cordelia Layne, May Lake's popular summer managers, Ed Sirianni, Frieda Haas, and John Sampsel.

Credit is due the Maintenance Division for its magnificent effort in installing the new bar in time for the Christmas season opening. The remodeled Wawona Saloon was accepted instantly by its users.

The volume of business and smiles at Wawona during the Holiday indicate that the warm charm of the Wawona Hotel is constant and not influenced by seasonal temperature changes.

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WHO'S NEW?

Missing arrival with Santa Claus by only one day, Jeffry Mark came on December 26 to join the family of Dorothy and Glenn Power. He weighed seven pounds.

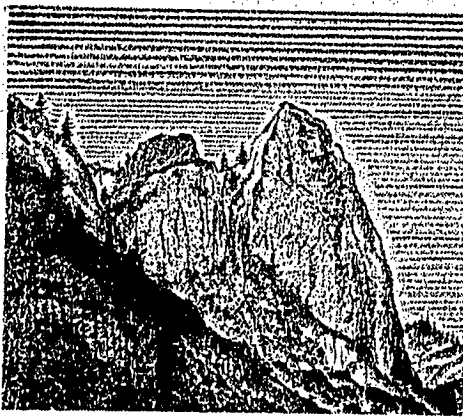
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SNOW DRIVING

from U. S. News and World Report

How to start a car in snow or ice: Start gently, very gently. DON'T SPIN YOUR WHEELS. First and foremost, avoid spinning wheels because tires, spinning on ice, generate heat which warms the ice directly under the tires and reduces traction by about one half. Start a manual-shift car in second gear. This cuts the force applied at the wheels, and the smoother acceleration will get you moving without spinning. The first sign of a wheel slip means "too much gas." Ease off a bit instead of bearing down on the gas pedal, and avoid going into a wheel spin. Turn front wheels straight ahead to ease starting. If it is necessary to start with cramped wheels apply power gently and swing steering wheel back and forth about half a turn to "iron out" a path for the front wheels. All this from the National Safety Council.

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RESIDENT CAR STICKERS

1961-62 car stickers for Park employees are now available at the Ranger's Office. The new colors are blue for permanent and orange for seasonal employees. An employee securing a new sticker must bring his car, as the sticker will be affixed by the issuing officer. The car will also be checked for defective brakes, lights, tires and muffler. Any vehicle not meeting minimum standards will not be issued a sticker. Employees applying for stickers will need to show either ownership of the vehicle to which the sticker is applied or that the vehicle is used and controlled by the person applying for the sticker.

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PRIVILEGE CARDS

Call for your 1961 privilege cards at the YPC Co. Personnel Office now.

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FRANK MASON KILLED

IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Frank C. Mason, 21, a ski instructor at Badger Pass, died in Lewis Memorial Hospital on Monday morning, Jan. 16, of injuries suffered a few hours earlier when his sports car overturned near Valley View.

Pamela Mohn, a room clerk at Yosemite Lodge, riding with Mason, suffered shoulder injuries and shock. After several days care she was released from the hospital.

The accident occurred on a wide curve above Valley View. Both occupants were thrown from the car when it went off the road and struck a tree.

Mason came from Ontario, Canada, in December, to spend his first season in Yosemite as a member of the Ski School staff.

WINTER GOLFING CIRCUIT

The Wawona men's and women's golf clubs trekked to Madera recently where 22 members braved the fog-bound fairways and joined together later for a dinner at Luccas. First-time travelers on the circuit were welcomed. They included Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Maddox, Dan Kleiman and "Inky" Peterson. Winners of prizes in the men's club were Oscar Maddox with a net 65, Gene Ewing, 67, Allen Dierksen and Dan Kleiman with 68 and Everett Bagby, 69. Anita Bondshu was the big winner in the ladies group, followed by Madge Hickok, Isabelle Dierksen, Rhesa Bagby and "Inky" Peterson.

The Mariposa golfing group has invited Wawona to a day of golf and fun at the Mt. Bullion Golf Club on Sunday, January 29. All those interested in going should contact Charlie Eagle.

The big dates of the year are Saturday and Sunday, February 11th and 12th, with the Fort Washington Golf Club in Fresno. Our clubs have been invited to attend their St. Valentine Dinner Dance Saturday night followed by the annual home-and-home match between the two clubs on Sunday. Those unable to spend the weekend in Fresno should plan on driving down Sunday in order to support Wawona in the tournament. Reservations must be made before February 1 with Charlie Eagle.

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THIS IS UNUSUAL!

The longest dry spell ever recorded has followed the wettest November on record. There has been no precipitation since December 2. (Unless something precipitates before this paper is printed). (It precipitated).

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

Organization—

Three years ago, in January of 1958, Mr. Oehlmann appointed a standing committee to be known as the Operating Budget Committee. The objectives and functions of the committee as set forth by Mr. Oehlmann in a memorandum to its members are "to formulate operating budgets for the main units of the Company and to take appropriate action toward achievement of the goals established.

"Your functions will require effective contact with operating personnel directly responsible for meeting the objectives set by management. Such contact may be directly or through other staff members in accordance with existing lines of authority and procedures."

Present members of the committee include Harold Ouimet as chairman, Charles Proctor, Sterling Cramer,

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JOHN VAN HOUSEN

John Van Housen, Assistant Superintendent of the Commercial Division of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., before his retirement two years ago, passed away at Morro Bay Hospital on Sunday, January 22, 1961.

Jack, or "Van," as he was known to his friends and associates in Yosemite, started working for the Company in 1927. A Marine officer of world War I, he participated in major engagements of that war before being wounded in combat and invalided home.

Interment was at the Golden Gate Military Cemetery near San Bruno where his son Jack is also interred.

Van will be missed, and to his widow, Carol, we extend heartfelt sympathies.

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BUDGET COMMITTEE

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George Oliver, and Stuart Cross.

Theory of a Budget—

The complexities of modern business have increased the need for quick decisions and adjusted courses of action to the point where special means of controlling the operation of a business are necessary.

Budgeting is not only a means of planning but also of controlling a business enterprise, and becomes a function of the entire management team.

Herman C. Heiser, C.P.A., writing on the subject of budgeting, speaks of a budget "as an over-all 'blueprint' of a comprehensive plan of operations and actions, expressed in financial terms."

Planning for Control—

The amount of money available for operating expenses is the difference between estimated sales and the amount of net profit which is required for investment in major improvements, payment of dividends, and repayment of borrowed money.

Major units of the Company present to the Budget Committee estimates of their own financial needs for the coming year. On the basis of figures compiled by the controller's office, the committee acts as a screening organization for these requests and formulates an over-all budget for the year, subject to approval by the executive office.

Future articles will explain the actual mechanics of budgeting.

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DANCING AT YOSEMITE LODGE

There will be dancing in the Mountain Room at Yosemite Lodge to the music of Jerry Fee each Tuesday and Thursday evening during February and March.

YOSEMITE SCHOOL

Ski Days—

The first two Wednesday afternoon ski sessions for local school children saw approximately 90 enthusiastic children in ski school. Among the 90 were 13 El Portal children the first day and 23 on the second Wednesday.

As for as possible, the regular ski instructors will teach the children's classes; extra instruction has been provided by Leroy Rust, Dick McClaren and Frank Betts.

The program is organized by the Yosemite school and the Badger Pass Ski School, under the chairmanship of Kathy Betts, with Pat Hansen, Lenore Cross and Jean Sutton assisting. It is available to all Yosemite and El Portal elementary school pupils, but kindergarten and first grade children must be accompanied by a parent.

That the program is enticing more parents to drive to Badger Pass and share in the skiing fun is indicated by the fact that only one large bus was needed for transportation.

A New Library—

The Lions Club, Parent Group and School District are working together to provide enlarged library facilities for local school children.

A committee composed of Dorothy Conner as chairman, Charles Woessner, Coyt Hackett, Erik Bruun, Thelma McGregor and Pauline Trabucco, met on January 11, to determine methods of initiating and maintaining the project.

Aimed at serving the individual pupil, the purpose of the children's library will be to stimulate reading interest for both the less skilled and advanced reader and to provide reference material related to school curricula. Present plans call for development of a system whereby pupils will help in shelving, locating books and checking them in and out, thereby learning how to manage their own library.

Shelves built to lock together and set on moveable casters so they may be easily moved when room is needed for other activities, are to be located in the all purpose room. The commit-

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NEW SERIES

IN GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION

The first meeting in the second series of Great Books discussions was held on Wednesday evening, January 25, in the YPC Co. training room at 8:00 p.m., again under the leadership of Stuart Cross.

The sixteen readings to be discussed at this time include:

1. Ecclesiastes
2. Homer: The Odyssey
3. Sophocles: Oedipus Rex: Oedipus at Colonus
4. Plato: Meno
5. Aristotle: Ethics, selections
6. Lucretius: Of the Nature of Things, Bks. 1-111
7. St. Augustine: Confessions, Bks. 1-V111
8. Shakespeare: Hamlet
9. Descarte: Discourse on Method
10. Hobbes: Leviathan, selections
11. Pascal: Pensees, selections
12. Swift: Gulliver's Travels
13. Rousseau: On the Origin of Inequality
14. Kant: Perpetual Peace
15. Mill: On Liberty
16. Mark Twain: The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.

27 members are enrolled in the group at the present time.

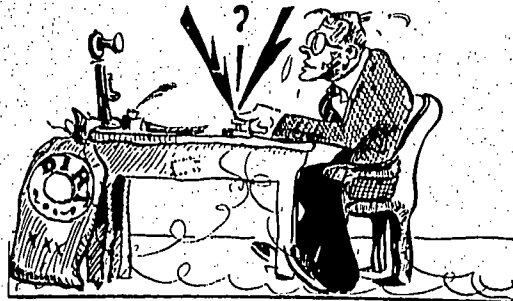
Mr. Cross has volunteered to lead a second group repeating the first year readings if enough people are interested.

These include readings from the Declaration of Independence, Plato, Sophocles, Aristotle, Plutarch, The Gospel According to St. Matthew, Epictetus, Machiavelli, Shakespeare, Milton, Adam Smith, The Federalist, Tocqueville, Marx & Engels, Thoreau, and Tolstoy.

Anyone interested in joining either group contact Eleanor Hamilton in the YPC Co. Personnel Office. Meetings are held bi-weekly.

The Great Books Group has recently procured for showing in the community, two excellent musical films produced by the Ford Motor Co., Leonard Bernstein's Moscow Concert and his Concert in Vienna. They were greatly appreciated by the audiences who saw them.

HOT OFF THE WIRES



Adele Bauer, who has worked two years in the YPC Co. General Office, recently as George Oliver's secretary, terminated on Friday, January 20, to return to her home in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. She says she will visit her family for a time but further plans are indefinite.

Jim Giles, who has been one of the ice rink crew this winter, left the Valley on January 22 to return to his home in Aberdeen, Mississippi. He will enroll for the second semester at "Ole Miss" where he expects to complete his major in Banking and Finance.

Leo Sullivan, who has worked in Yosemite as a warehouseman for many years, came from Santa Rosa to finish the season at the ice rink.

Vera Hellikson is happily starting her second year as matron at the Ahwahnee dormitory. A big reason for her glow of pleasure is the new coat of paint throughout the dormitory: muted shades of rose-beige, blue and green in the living room, showers, laundry and bedrooms. The dormitory houses 15 to 25 women.

Old friends are glad to welcome Jack Greener back to Yosemite. He has been, temporarily, helping Hugh Parker in the print shop.

Queried about what goes on in the Village Store these days, Jack Ring says, "My wife's left me!" Lorraine is visiting her family in Choteau, Montana.

Alice and Sterling Cramer journeyed to San Francisco last week to taxi his aunt, Mrs. Myrtle Cope, to the airport. Mrs. Cope, in her 81st year, jetted from Philadelphia to Yosemite to spend Christmas with the Cramers. Although travel is no novelty to her, since she covered much of the United States by land with her husband who was a chautauqua lecturer (in the

SKIER'S BUFFET AT WAWONA HOTEL

The first of a series of Sunday night Buffet Suppers will be held on February 5, at Wawona Hotel, between 5:00 and 8:00 o'clock. The price will be \$2.00.

These are being scheduled chiefly for the convenience of skiers traveling the Fresno road, and will be continued throughout the ski season.

On Saturday and Sunday mornings, an extra hearty, "stick to your ribs", skier's breakfast will be served a la carte, between the hrs. of 7 & 10 a.m.

The Wawona Hotel will reopen on February 3. Rates will be quoted on the European plan basis, with meals and cocktail service available as desired.

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RENT DEDUCTIONS

In preparing your final return of 1960 income tax, remember that adjusted gross income can be reduced by the amount of rentals deducted by the YPC Co. from your pay check throughout the year. A certificate signed by Mr. Cramer or Mr. Ouimet must accompany this return. These certificates may be obtained from the Personnel Office.

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EL PORTAL

The El Portal Community Club held its regular family potluck supper meeting on Tuesday, January 10. Wayne Merry provided entertainment, showing slides of the first ascent of El Capitan.

The El Portal Garden Club met at the home of Nancy Ringrose on Thursday evening, January 19. Topic of discussion for the evening was the State Parks. All women of El Portal are welcome to these meetings held on the third Thursday of each month. The topic and location of the next meeting will be announced soon.

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DIPLOMACY

Banana oil is no substitute for midnight oil, but it is a useful lubricant for oiling the machinery of human relations.

—Ann Landers

days before radio and TV usurped the entertainment field), this was her first jet flight.

FRONTIER 2-4444

On January 1, at 5:30 in the morning, somebody dialed FR 2-4444, but not to say "Happy New Year." There was a chimney fire at Yosemite Lodge Annex. Nine telephones in Yosemite rang simultaneously: one at each fire house, one at Park Headquarters, one in Safety Director Lawrence Taylor's home, one in the home of NPS Fire Control Officer Dan Nelson, and four others in Valley homes or offices.

This first fire since July 17, 1959, when a house at Happy Isles burned down, followed the longest interval between fire alarms on record, one year and four and a half months. The longest previous interval had been a year and six days.

When Fire number FR 2-4444 is dialed, the Ranger on duty at Park Headquarters takes the message and determines the location of the fire. He then decides whether or not the situation requires a general alarm, and if it does, he pushes the button which sounds the siren. Then he holds the line open for calls from the NPS and YPC Co. fire stations. (The siren can also be sounded from any of the nine fire telephones.)

If, as happened on New Year's Day, the alarm is sounded before daylight,
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HARRY HOLMGREN

Friends were saddened to hear of the death of Harry Holmgren, age 74, on Sunday, January 15, in Fresno, where he had lived since his retirement from YPC Co. in 1956. He had been ill since suffering a stroke early this month.

Holmgren was among the first ten licensed pilots in the United States, doing stunt flying and barnstorming across the country under the name of Harry Holmes. He was a close friend of Glenn Martin of Martin Aircraft Co. He flew the first plane owned by the Royal Japanese Airforce.

In 1933 he came to Yosemite as a painter for YPC Co., becoming head painter in 1941 and painter foreman in 1945.

To his daughter, Marian Pierson, we extend our sympathy.

NEW LIBRARY HOURS

Additional hours have been added to the County Library service for Yosemite. Beginning February 1, hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The Park Service has remodeled the area in the museum occupied by the library, providing more privacy as well as more light and ventilation. New fluorescent fixtures are to be installed soon.

Librarian Mary Tanner states that a new shipment of books is received each month and that she will be pleased to request from the county any book desired by a patron. County librarian Marian Marvin, and branch manager Nora Blaksley will make a trip to Yosemite soon to inspect the local branch.

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CHURCH SERVICES

Catholic—

Monday through Saturday, Mass in the Chapel, 7:00 a.m. Sunday, Mass in the Pavilion—6:45 and 9:00 a.m.

Christian Science—

Sunday, evening service in the Chapel—8:00 p.m.

Protestant—

Sunday, Brief service in the Chapel, 9:00 a.m. Morning Worship in the Chapel, 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School in the schoolhouse, 9:30 a.m.

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YOSEMITE SCHOOL

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tee has proposed a money raising event each year by the Parent Group to provide a continuing maintenance fund for repairs, replacement and expansion of the book collection.

Student Council—

The Student Council has established a new function in the form of a court to deal with student problems, under the guidance of teachers. Judge and jury are selected by the students. The council is composed of two members from each grade. Pauline Trabucco is the group advisor.

During the past week the student body has been engaged in a campaign for new council members and officers.

FRONTIER 2-4444

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there may not be a rush of volunteer firemen to the firehouse during the next few seconds. However, the first to arrive calls Park Headquarters to inquire as to the fire's location, posts the information on a bulletin board and starts to "rev up" the fire engine. Before he drives away, enough volunteers will be on hand to adequately man the truck. Nobody waits for "nobody." Late comers read the posted information and find their own way if they desire to lend help in the emergency.

Anyone listening from any of the nine stations on the fire line can interrupt a conversation and talk with the Ranger on duty. In this way, if the fire is small, arrangements can be made for only one truck, or even one fireman to handle the situation.

There is never lack of help at a fire, according to Safety Director Taylor, but the infrequency of their occurrence makes it difficult to keep alive an interest in regular training. However, there is always a core of five or six volunteers who are trained and understand the use of equipment.

Twice each year, under the vocational training program of the State Department of Education, a man is sent to Yosemite to give instruction in fire fighting. He spends approximately three days with the NPS Training School and two days with YPC Co. volunteer firemen. Taylor says the training given by the state is excellent.

Since the service is extended to small communities throughout the state, dates must be arranged months in advance. This is done by Dan Nelson, Fire Control Officer for the NPS, who is in charge of both forest and building fires. This training is in addition to periodic drills with truck and equipment. Volunteers serve entirely without pay, but the training and drilling is done during work hours.

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SKI SUPPERS

Commencing January 30th there will be three ski suppers each week. They will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until further notice. Reservations are necessary.

HOSPITAL NOTES

The first new baby for Yosemite in 1961 was Donald Keith, 7 pounds 13 ounces, who was born January 12, to Marilyn and Harold Schmidt, Telephone Company employees.

On January 20, Marjorie and Ernest Wass, of Wawona, welcomed Eric Clinton, 5 pounds 13 ounces.

The attractive new nurse at Lewis Memorial, who checked in on January 24, is Ella Johnson, from Sweden. She has been in the US since last August.

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CUSTOMIZED CAR

Clifford Dahlen, of The Ahwahnee kitchen, owns a customized car which was pictured in the KOA (for Kustoms of America) Club News with the following comment:

"This custom 1947 Dodge Club Coupe is owned by KOA member Clifford Dahlen of Yosemite, California. It has twin pipes, twin spots, reversed fog lights, 15" white wall tires and Dodge Lancer hubs. The tail light has been replaced by two smaller lights and it has been lowered two inches. It has a rear seat speaker and custom interior."

If you do not understand the terminology in this story, ask any school boy. Very likely he will be able to "clue you in".

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EASTER MUSIC

The Community Church mixed chorus will hold practices on Monday evenings at 7:30 at the schoolhouse in preparation for a spring musical to be given Palm Sunday, March 26. The program will include Easter and other sacred music. All who like to sing are welcome to join the group. Contact Alice Melton.

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SWAP TALK

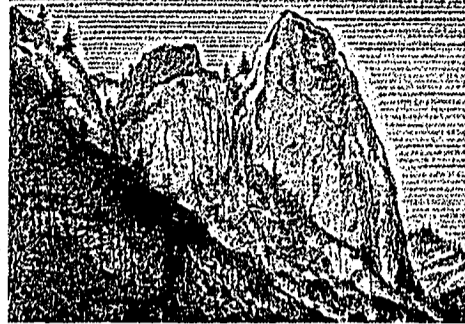
For sale: Nesco electric roaster, \$15. Inquire at beauty shop.

Single spring and mattress, \$10.00. FR 2-4852.

Magnavox AM-FM radio—phonograph console, 3 speed, \$130.00. See Anne Reynolds, post office.

1930 Ford Coupe, \$200. New tires. Call Rusty, FR 2-4475.

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LIONS SPONSOR MYSTERY

"The Mouse Trap", a mystery play by Agatha Christie, will be presented on April 6, 7, and 8, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Tryouts for the three women's and five men's parts will be held Friday evening, February 24, in the training room, YPC Co. General Office. The entire community is welcome.

Further details may be obtained from Sterling Cramer, production manager, or Erik Bruun, chairman of the spring activities committee.

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NEW SKI INSTRUCTOR

Robert Faure, a native of Grenoble in the French Alps, has added his talents to the Yosemite Ski School staff. He has been a skier since, as a seven year old, he stole his grandmother's skis to wear to school.

Faure was certified as a member of the French National School in 1946, moved to Montreal, P.Q., in 1952 where he joined the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance. For the last two years he has instructed at Squaw Valley—and now, Yosemite.

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MEMORIAL TO DR. TRESIDDER

Plans for a new student union proposed as a memorial to Dr. Donald B. Tresidder, Stanford's fourth president, have been submitted to university officials by the San Francisco architectural firm of Spencer and Lee. Bidding for construction is expected to get under way by early summer.

Funds for the \$2.6 million Tresidder Memorial Union have been provided by Mary Curry Tresidder, Dr. Tresidder's widow, by members of the university Board of Trustees, students and others.

Dr. Tresidder was president of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. at the time of his death in 1948.

JUNIOR SQUAD SKI RACES

Jeannie Evans Wins Place on FWSA Junior National Team

With a total of twenty points, Jeannie Evans of the Yosemite ski team has earned a berth on the FWSA Junior National team. Miss Evans, 14, gained 17 points in the Sugar Bowl tourney and 3 points at Mammoth.

After Jeannie's selection for the team the Yosemite Winter Club, proud and pleased with the appointment, volunteered to provide Jeannie's air transportation to and from Stowe,

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SNOW FIGURES

There is a welter of information available from the National Park Service files on Yosemite's winter weather commencing with the 1938-39 season, three years after the Badger Pass Ski Lodge was opened. Twenty-two seasons of survey are deemed enough to permit general observations but apparently too few to determine cycles, for none emerges so far.

In fourteen (of the twenty-two) winters the total snowfall from Badger's opening date in December until its closing in April (or with weekend extensions) was over 200 inches; in six of the seasons it was beneath 150 and 200; in two, it fell below 150.

March, in nine of the twenty-two seasons, has been the high snowfall month; February on seven occasions, and January in six.

Again, March was the month of the greatest depth, thirteen times; February, four times, April, three times; January, twice (once, if the complete snowfall for April were included).

In eleven seasons, the greatest snowfall was under 100 inches; in six, over 300 inches, with one (1951-52) when it exceeded 400.

BUDGETING

This article is the second in a series of articles on Company budgeting procedures and problems.

As Yosemite Park and Curry Co. moved into the building program to which it was committed following the negotiation of its new 20-yr. contract beginning October 1, 1952, the problem of financing this program became of paramount importance. In the past, the Company had always been able to finance the cost of improvements to its facilities from retained earnings. In fact, during the war period when any major construction program was impossible, retained profits built up to such an extent that a building fund of almost a million dollars was invested in government securities.

If the price level had remained fairly constant and so long as visitation to the Park increased year after year, continued financing of growth through retained profits would have posed no particular problem. Shortly after the war, however, inflationary pressures increased to such an extent that by the time construction of the new Central Buildings at Yosemite Lodge began, building costs had become over two and one-half times what they were before the war. The new Central Buildings at Yosemite Lodge, together with Cedar Cottage, represented an outlay of over \$1,250,000; the cost would have approximated \$500,000 in 1941 and \$750,000 in 1945.

When these buildings were completed the Company still retained about one-half of its war-time savings. The balance was financed on the installment plan with a five year, \$600,000 note repayable in annual installments of \$120,000 each.

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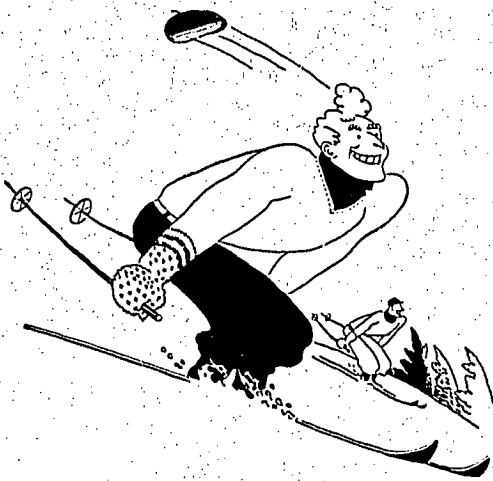
The new Lodge opened in June, 1956 and its operation appeared to be very successful. In 1957 visitation to the Park broke all records, and the Company's sales increased over three-quarters of a million dollars. However, the operation that year produced a profit of over \$40,000 less than the previous year, and its net return per dollar of sales fell from 5.3c to 4.3c. All this extra business was actually handled at a loss. It was at this time that the Company took a close look at the possibility of accurate forecasting and accurate budgeting of its operations.

A budget was prepared for 1958. At that time, the Company could expect to receive some \$400,000 annually from depreciation reserves. Past experience had shown that these funds would be almost completely expended on the replacement of worn-out or obsolete facilities, especially considering that the price level had risen so much that reserves obtained from buildings and equipment purchased 20 or 30 years before could not begin to cover their replacements. It was determined that a profit for 1958 of another \$400,000 would be a realistic projection and would meet the Company's financial requirements. These \$400,000 of profits were allocated as follows:

\$200,000 would go to the payment of dividends to stockholders as a return on their investment.

\$120,000 would meet the 1959 installment on the bank note, leaving only \$80,000 to be invested in new facilities.

Sales were estimated to approximate \$8,000,000. The operating budget then became the difference between



REINHOLT WINS SILVER SKI RACE

Haldor Reinholt, Yosemite Ski School instructor and Olympic type skier, won the fifth annual Fresno Bee, KMJ, KMJ-TV sponsored Silver Ski Race at Badger Pass on February 5, when he ran the 500 yard giant slalom course in 40 seconds flat, 4.3 faster than his nearest rival.

Of the four previous Silver Ski Races Yosemite skiers Cappy Cook and Jerry Moore have won three, Cook in 1960 and 1957 and Moore in 1959.

Other Yosemite participants on the advanced slalom course were:

Pl.	Name & group	Time-sec.
6.	Tom Adams—I	45.4
10.	Don Haggerty—I	51.4
2.	Kenny Melton—III	55.2
5.	Ray Nelson—III	75.2
1.	Jeff Sharp—IV	54.0
2.	Tod Sharp—IV	66.3
3.	Ric Sharp—IV	70.4

WOMEN—

1.	Marty Miller—I	70.2
1.	Doris Ihlenfeldt—III	53.2
1.	Diana Ihlenfeldt—IV	61.0
1.	Kathy McLaren—IV	61.0

In place of snow, which has plagued the last three Silver Ski Races, the weather was spring-like, and the shirt-sleeved crowd was the largest seen at Badger Pass yet this year.

On a shorter course laid out for beginners, a number of local youngsters placed as follows:

1.	Brad Ditton—VI	34.4
8.	Mike Power—VI	42.0
13.	Terry Conner—VI	47.1
2.	Louis Parker—VII	45.0

\$8,000,000 and \$400,000, leaving \$7,600,000 to cover all operating requirements.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 DAYS

Aboard the Oriana, Amos Neal and Dick Connett sailed through San Francisco's Golden Gate on Tuesday morning, February 7, bound for a trip around the world in 60 days. After bidding a final goodbye to the mainland in Los Angeles, where they lunched with Nancy Loncaric on Thursday, they headed across the Pacific for Honolulu.

They will dock at ports in the Fiji Islands, New Zealand, Australia, India and Aden during the next two months, then sail through the Red and Mediterranean Seas to England from where they will jet home.

SNOW SURVEY ENCOURAGING

The recent high elevation snow storms, which put a decisive end to the much discussed drought, have deposited enough snow to put the measurements ahead of a year ago.

The stations at Ostrander Lake, 8,200 feet, and Perego Meadows, 7,000 feet, were measured for snow and water content.

Ostrander showed 42.44 inches of snow with a water content of 13.88 inches; last year's figures were 39.8 inches of snow and 9.3 inches of water; the normal is 64.4 and 21.3.

At Perego, there are 43 inches of snow with a water content of 11.17 inches; last year the snow measured 36.1 inches with 9.4 inches of water; the normal is 58 and 17.7.

The Valley has had 11.40 inches of precipitation this season, as compared to 10.69 inches last year and a normal of 18.28.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

If you enjoy playing duplicate bridge, come to The Ahwahnee, Wednesday evening, February 15, at 7:45. Present plans of an interested group call for meeting every other week, according to Dave Sutton and Charlie Hill who have agreed to help with organization of the game.

3.	Greg Power—VII	45.9
4.	Allan R. Parker VII	47.8

WOMEN—

1.	Jeannine Ditton—VII	47.0
4.	Pam McLaren—VII	1:37.4

VILLAGE STORIES

"Anyone for touch football?" asks Ol' Dad Ring Ring who always turns out to be a darn good loser.

In spite of the fact that all the Village crew think highly of the old fellow, come election time he is sadly outnumbered by the loyal opposition. He even pays off a few small wagers with a smile on his face.

However, rumor has it that he locks himself in his private office, writes a few memos, waits a bit until he cools down, tears them up, then figures he will get even next summer.

"That is not true" says Ol' Dad. "Most rumors we get through the grapevine sound more like they have come through the grapejuice."

Dad, who still has his old Hoover button, says he doesn't like the expression "dyed in the wool." Says he, "I prefer the newer fabrics. They resist dirt and wrinkles, and are much more comfortable to wear."

Shall we pause for another look at that last statement? Wonder what the old fellow meant?

Here are a few more words of wisdom from Ol' Dad Ring. "The difference between a good government and a bad one is very simple. In a good government justice is carried out. In a bad one it's thrown out!"

And now for another soup opera.

Many of us have wondered what the secret of Mr. Bompreszi's extraordinary strength and stamina is.

"Soup," says Bill Bompreszi, popular wood chopper of Yosemite, "can be not only healthful but entertaining, if you enjoy music with your dinner."

When Dorothy, his wife, returns from the store, one can hear Mr. Bompreszi exclaim when she enters their home, "Ah, my bag of bones!"

Mrs. Bompreszi does all the family cooking with the exception of the soup. Mr. B. says soup making is a family art which has been handed down from generation to generation. With a twinkle in his eye, he remarks, "Yes, our family has been in the soup for years."

"There is an old Italian saying: 'To make good soup is easy; all one has

Here and There

◆ ONE MILE ◆

Two former Yosemiteites have returned to participate in the Roger W. Toll session of the NPS Training Center Program which convened on February 6: GERALD MERNIN, Park Ranger from Bryce Canyon; and BRUCE McHENRY, Park Ranger at Colonial National Historical Park. Colonial NHP includes Williamsburg, the site of Jamestown, and Yorktown (site of Cornwallis' surrender).

The session will continue until April 28. It is named in honor of Roger W. Toll, one time superintendent of Mount Rainier, Rocky Mountain, and Yellowstone National Parks. Toll was instrumental in investigating and laying the groundwork for preservation of many areas now with the NPS.

FLORENCE BURKNER returned to Yosemite this week to become editor of the Snowflake, following the resignation of Barbie Wiggins, due to illness. Florence is a former employee, having been a captain in the Camp Curry dining room in 1959. After ski season, she will join the Reservations Office staff as "hello" girl.

Word comes from Los Angeles of thespian ED SIRIANNI'S work with the Theater Workshop Group which is staging "The Man Who Came To Dinner". Several performances of the play are to be presented, beginning on February 14, at The Masquers Club, to invitational audiences composed of casting directors, theater agents and producers.

ELLEN and MARSHALL HALL, of the Los Angeles Office, and ANDY SCARBOUGH, from the San Francisco Office, were in Yosemite from January 27 to January 29 to get a quick refresher course on what's new in the Park, in preparation for the impending rush of reservations for the soon-to-be-here summer season.

to do is use his noodle.' "

Maybe we could perhaps sorta say that Mr. Bill Bompreszi is our local soup-er-man.

WEDDING BELLS FOR PATTY WALKER

Patty Walker, attractive instructress of the tiniest junior skiers at Badger Pass, has set June 3 as the date of her marriage to Derek McWhinney of Orange County, California. The wedding will take place in Walnut Creek, home of Patty's parents.

When not on leave to teach skiing, Patty is a Senior at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo, where she studies to become a teacher of Home Economics. Her fiance will complete his army duty at Fort Ord before the wedding in June. Both will return to Cal Poly next fall to finish their schooling.

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YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

Mrs. Helen Ewing Nelson, California's first Consumer Counsel will speak to the Yosemite Women's Group on Thursday, February 23, at 2:00 p.m., at The Ahwahnee.

Holding a B.A. degree from the University of Colorado where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and a Master's degree from Mills College, Mrs. Nelson's major fields of study were economics and political science. She has an extensive background in government service and consumer problems.

Her position might be stated as "public defender of consumer interest" in California or the "people's lobbyist". Her office is the focal point and the coordinating agency in the attack against frauds in credit, instalment buying, misrepresentation in advertising, charging of excessive rates, and labeling of merchandise.

The talk will be preceded by luncheon at 12:45 p.m., cost \$1.50. Reservations should be made by February 22. Call FR 2-4421. All women are invited. If unable to attend the luncheon, come to the meeting at 2:00 p.m. for which there is no charge.

An invitation is extended to the men to come and hear Mrs. Nelson's talk as it is felt that the subject holds special interest for them.

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SWAP TALK

For sale: 1960 Amana combination freezer and refrigerator, 240 lb., 20 cu. ft., 6 ft. tall Call L. DeSandres, FR 2-4777.

THE RETURN OF JOE McFLUKE

A winter story of almost twenty years ago puts us back during WWII.

The threatened shortage of male help, brought about by so many locals joining the Armed Forces and making it necessary to fill jobs with female employees, inspired the editor to assign me the job of finding out how the girls like wearing the pants all the time.

"An interesting assignment at last," I muttered to myself as I loped out of the office.

. . . . I went over to the garage to see how Melba Smith was doing as a driver.

Her bus, No. 27, was badly dented in the back and the right fender was missing.

"Melba" I inquired, "How do you like your new work?"

"It's very interesting," she replied. "Today I had the Badger Pass run. I left the Ski House with a full load of passengers. Coming down the hill in a driving snow storm, the bus skidded and spun around several times. Finally I drove up to the Lodge—I thought. I opened the bus doors and after all the passengers had been unloaded, you can imagine my surprise when I found we were back at the Ski House."

. . . . over to the hospital to see the new lady doctor, Dr. Olga Nordloff.

"Howya doing, Dr. Olga?" I asked.

"Not half bad," she answered. "Remember the cast I put on Avery Sturm's leg after he injured it while demonstrating to friends how Martin Fopp won the downhill? Well, I took it off today and his foot was pointing the wrong way."

"If that's the case, no more skiing for me," I thought as I carefully made my way down the hospital steps.

From there I went over to The Ahwahnee to see Julie Brunn who was working as a desk clerk.

"Julie," I asked, "How do you like desk work?"

"Its awfully interesting," she answered.

"Tyrone Power came in today. Of course, I was very much excited. My

hand shook so when I handed the pen to Tyrone that the ink splashed all over his suit. But he just laughed.

"Then I handed the key to his chauffeur and told him to take room 411 and directed Mr. Power to Dormitory E."

So I left Julie gazing off into space and returned to the Sentinel Office and whom should I find in The Editors chair but—Gayle Tarnutzer!

—by Joe McFluke

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JUNIOR SKI RACE

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Vermont. The winter Club will, in addition, sponsor a benefit dance at Yosemite Lodge to which all locals will be invited. Proceeds from this affair will be deposited toward Jeannie's expenses while at Stowe.

Dodge Ridge—

The final point race, held at Dodge Ridge on February 4 and 5, drew a total field of 160 youngsters. The top three classes were out in force, working for national team points. In the van from Yosemite, were Sid Carter, the Leroy Rusts and Del Armstrongs with Dennis Parrish, Randy and Leslie Rust, Frank Carter, Randy and Danny Armstrong and Jeannie Evans.

Fair weather prevailed both days of the meet; courses were firm and fast.

Local youngsters' performances are shown as the "class" after name; "D" for downhill; "S" for Slalom; "NF" for Number in field—below:

Name	D	S	NF
Randy Rust—I	15	8	26
Frank Carter—II	8	4	30
Dennis Parrish—II	21	20	30
Randy Armstrong—III	9	5	19
Dan Armstrong IV	DNF	1	13
Jeannie Evans—II	DNF	7	10
Leslie Rust—IV	6	3	10

Mammoth Mountain—

On the weekend of January 28 and 29, at Mammoth Mountain, Randy Rust, Frank Carter, Dennis Parrish, Jean Evans and Doris Ihlenfeldt raced well against outstanding competition. In overall times of groups I, II and III Jeannie took an eighth place in the slalom. Frank Carter, with a tenth in over all slalom times, picked up one point.

Little Doris Ihlenfeldt is having her

MOURNED

Word has been received of the death of Chris Hauck, in San Francisco, on January 29. Chris had worked in Yosemite for the NPS since 1921, was Sanitation Officer at the time of his retirement in 1951. Upon leaving the Park, he and his wife Nettie settled in Cambria. Nettie passed away last December.

Mrs. Hazel Thomson, widow of former Yosemite National Park Superintendent, C. G. Thomson, recently passed away after an adventurous and useful life, according to a letter from her son, Jeff Thomson.

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HOSTESSES

Six lovely young ladies presided at The Ahwahnee tea hour one recent Thursday afternoon, serving guests in front of the big fireplace in the main lounge of the hotel. They were fifth and sixth grade girl scouts: Virginia Parker, Roberta Barnett, Leslie Rust, Betty Cottrell, Joan Hubbard and Kathy Cromer. Under the expert tutelage of Kit Whitman, they have thus earned their hostess badges. Preceding tea time, they were given the opportunity to tour the kitchen and meet the cooks on duty.

The group was under the leadership of Jean Sutton.

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GIFT SHOWS

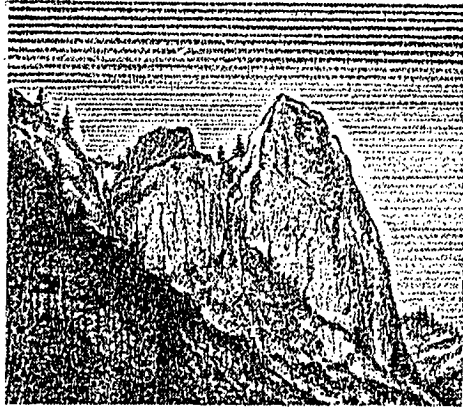
Hal Morris, Ruth Beckwith of The Ahwahnee Gift Shop, and Gertrude Stewart, summer manager of Pohono Studio, attended gift shows at the Brack Shops and at the Ambassador and Biltmore Hotels in Los Angeles during the last week in January. 570 exhibitors showed 4500 lines of merchandise from 98 Countries.

The interest of buyers, Beckwith and Morris, was excited by many of the items, domestic and foreign, and their purchases will soon be on display in the souvenir shops.

first no at competition in group 3. To see her finish the Downhill—going all out—with her big brother, Brian, following at a protective distance, was a sight to gladden any old heart.

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SLIJKS LEAVE YOSEMITE

Pat and Niek Slijk have answered the call to venture into a new situation and are in the process of moving to Chula Vista, Calif. where, on March 2, Niek will assume responsibility as manager of the Chamber of Commerce.

Pat, with the children, will leave on Friday in order to be on hand to supervise placement of their household goods in their newly purchased home. Niek will remain on duty through February 28.

The Slijk's first experience in Yosemite was in 1954 when they managed Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp. A love for Yosemite brought them back in the summer of 1957, after Niek's schooling was finished, to manage Glacier Point Hotel. Since that time, they have been in the Valley where Niek has held various jobs in the Hotel and Commercial Divisions. For the past four winters he has managed the Badger Pass Ski Lodge. He wishes to leave a message of appreciation for the help he has received from all those with whom he has worked.

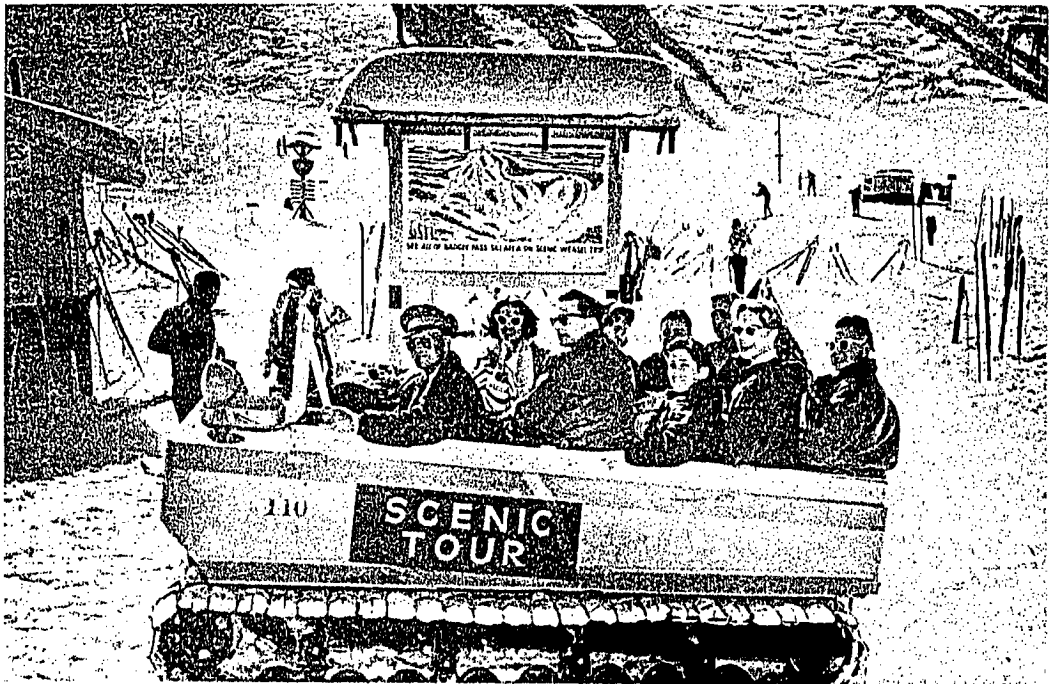
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SKI FILM TONIGHT

Gordon Maclean's film, *SKI CRAZY*, will be shown at the Old Village Pavilion on Friday and Saturday nights, February 24 and 25 at 7:45 p.m. The



feature length film, in Eastman Color and wide screen, includes in the cast the very funny Pierre Jalbert along with Olympic skiers Darrell Robison and Sally Niedlinger. One of Yosemite's former ski teachers, Jim McConkey, also has a prominent role.



Dusty Cloward with a weasel load of passengers ready to make the scenic tour which begins at the Badger Pass Ski Lodge and circles all ski runs, as shown on the map.

WHO'S WHOSE?

On February 11, Mary Jane Paisley became the bride of Barry Hutchings.

Lillian Fitzpatrick wed Clifford James Smith, U. S. Navy, on Sunday, February 19, in Mariposa. The newlyweds plan to return to Hawaii, where the groom is stationed, to make there home. The newlyweds met when both were students at Mariposa High School.

Mary Clark, of Mariposa, former Y.P.C.Co. employee, became the wife of Chucker Jay on February 11.

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WHO'S NEW?

Rhonda Lynn, weighing 7 lbs. 6 oz., arrived at Lewis Memorial Hospital for the Norman Turners, on Feb. 10.

On February 12, Anne and Richard Ray welcomed Michael Dean, 5 lbs. 3 oz.

Randy Douglas McFarland was born on February 15. Fond parents are Robert and Winnie McFarland.

WINTER WONDERLAND

All aboard for a scenic weasel ride!

Steering the weasel between skiers requires clever maneuvering from driver Dusty Cloward, as we leave the ski lodge at Badger Pass. Ten o'clock in the morning after a snow storm is the right time to be piloted up the hill and around a circle back of the four lifts.

Along the north side of No. 2 lift, past the water tank which supplies Badger Pass with spring water for drinking, over the snow-blanketed meadows near Old Badger, scene of early day Yosemite skiing, we wind our way. Except for the tracks of forest animals, there is not a mark on the snow.

We soon catch a thrilling distant view of a white pyramid, 11,722 foot Merced Peak, looking like a Christmas card with snow encrusted evergreens in front.

Swinging around to the top of lift
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SUGGESTION AWARDS

A suggestion from Buck Martin highlighted the problem caused by oil dripping from the bull-wheel at the Constam terminal onto the T-bars, thereby soiling clothing of persons riding the lift. Although the problem was solved by means other than those suggested, he was given a \$10.00 award for bringing the matter to the attention of the management.

Millie Michaels, Ahwahnee cashier, was awarded \$20.00 for suggesting that confirmation forms for guests reservations should carry a statement that rates shown do not include the 4% sales tax on meals. The change has increased the guest's understanding of his bill and made the problem of collecting sales tax easier.

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GREAT BOOKS SERIES TO BE REPEATED

There will be an organization meeting for a new series of first year readings in Great Books, on Tuesday, March 7, at 8:00 p.m., in the Training Room, YPCCo. General Offices.

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IS A CUP OF WATER HALF FULL
OR HALF EMPTY?

Here's one way of looking at the bright side of things. It concerns a cup with some water in it. The gloomy pessimist exclaims: "This cup is half empty"! But the optimist sees the good side of things. He declares: "Why, the cup is half full"! It all depends on the viewpoint.

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WINTER CAMPING ON THE INCREASE

There were just under 1,000 more camper days registered for Camp 4 during January of 1961 than for the same period two years ago, according to the Yosemite News.

Here and There

◆ ONE MILE ◆

CY and ANGES WRIGHT will be at Wawona next summer, Cy as manager of Wawona Hotel and Agnes as chief clerk. Since leaving Yosemite in 1948, the Wrights have owned and managed the El Capitan Hotel in Merced.

NICK FIORE will summer in the Valley as assistant manager of Yosemite Lodge.

JACK HIGHFILL, of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., has been transferred to the Oakdale area. He left Yosemite on February 20. Rhoda, Karen and Jack Jr. will remain in Yosemite until the country home which they have purchased near Oakdale is vacated.

GREG BRANGES has been awarded one of the highly-coveted scholarships offered by Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts, and will report for enrollment on September 19. Only four or five sons of Park Service families are attending Phillips Academy on scholarships, two of them from Yosemite. Alan Zachwieja was a successful applicant in 1960.

G. W. GOLDSWORTHY, former Superintendent of the Hotel Division for the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., has accepted a position as General Superintendent of Hotels for the Glacier National Park concessioner.

HAZEL MAGILL, who has worked for the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. since 1949, in the laundry and as a maid at Yosemite Lodge, has retired. She left the Valley on February 20 to return to her home in Grand Junction, Colorado.

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EL PORTAL LIBRARY

Olive Marie Kirk, library aide at El Portal, announces library hours there as follows: Monday 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Thursday 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. The library, a branch of Merced County Library, is located in the post office building.

SHANGRI-LA

Dorothy and George Mayer, who have been winter caretakers, hosts and managers at Glacier Point Mountain House for ten winters, have agreed to tell of some of their experiences in isolation, and why they have returned.

But first, let's learn something of the Mayers themselves. Dorothy writes as follows:

"Since our first winter at Glacier Point in 1948 and 1949, we have returned every year but two. The first two years we were here only for the latter half of the season; recently it has been for the entire winter.

So far, we have never felt the need or inclination to go out during our stay, finding plenty to occupy ourselves in one way or another.

Painting, of course, is my main interest and there is never enough time for that. We bring books, our own music, and find time to contemplate the surrounding landscape and wildlife, a unique opportunity which we fully appreciate. The few guests who come are usually people interested enough in the surroundings to feel that the effort of trekking eleven miles on foot, snow shoes or skis is worthwhile.

The lack of social life is no great handicap to us. It is rather a welcome change, as we have ample opportunity for that during the rest of the year, which we spend in Mexico.

Mexico provides a pleasant and stimulating contrast. We have a home in San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, approximately 120 miles west of Guadalajara. San Miguel de Allende is a university town, art center, and a National Monument where there are some of the few remaining unspoiled examples of early Spanish architecture. There are many retired Americans living in San Miguel de Allende: artists, writers, teachers.

Our home is an old Spanish colonial house which we restored and to which we have added some modern conveniences. From there we take trips over the surrounding country, to the jungles of Chiapas and Yucatan, exploring the Mayan ruins and observing

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YOSEMITE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Bob Upton, chairman of the pulpit supply committee, announces that the Rev. Duane Murphy will come to Yosemite Community Church until such time as a permanent pastor can be obtained. Rev. Murphy is Associate Director of "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks" for the National Council of Churches. Until his arrival the pulpit will be filled by visiting ministers.

Rev. Theodore A. Bahu, Assistant Pastor for the First Congregational Church in Fresno, will preach at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services on Sunday, Feb. 26.

Easter Sunday and Good Friday services will be conducted by Dr. Charles Lord, of Modesto, District Superintendent for the Methodist Church and Chairman of the Yosemite National Park Church Board.

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JAMES RAY DIES

James O. Ray died at Lewis Memorial Hospital on Sunday morning, Feb. 18, after a long illness. He had worked for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. from 1951 to 1956 as an electrician.

the varied wildlife. After this we are quite ready to settle down for a few months at Glacier Point and digest it all.

On our way to and from Mexico, we usually make a prolonged camping trip, trying out various routes. This fall we returned through Guadalajara and via the west coast, camping on the beaches at San Blas, Mazatlan and Guaymas, soaking up all the sun we could before returning to the snow. There are beautiful beaches all the way and the ocean is warm to swim in. We stuff ourselves with shrimp, tropical fruits and coconuts so we can live on the memory all winter. This route crosses the border at Nogales, Arizona, or, as we came this time, over a new road across Mexican territory to the border at Mexicali, California. This route is very good in winter, but not advisable in summer as the heat and humidity are unbearable.

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OSTRANDER SKI HUT OPENED FOR LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY

To be or not to be? For several days before recent snow storms, that was the question concerning the opening of Ostrander Lake Ski Hut. The San Geronio Ski Club, with reservations for twelve over Lincoln's birthday, went into a quick huddle to decide whether or not to take a chance on the weather. They did, and were magnificently rewarded by a storm bringing the creamiest, dreamiest snow any skier ever set boards to. Saturday's trip through an opaque snow storm was followed by glorious sunshine on Sunday.

Unknown to the San Gorgonians, the expected managers did not arrive to warm up the hut and make ready a welcome. However, the guests suffered no inconvenience, for Bill Meacham gathered supplies, drafted Eleanor Hamilton and Pat Wallis as crew, and rushed to Badger Pass at noon, Friday. Transferring supplies to two weasels driven by Moge Morris and Bill Sables, they all rolled over the hills to Ostrander on Friday afternoon. Upon arrival, everyone busily set to building fires, pumping water, cleaning, making beds and cooking, until a warm welcome awaited the ski club. (The report came back to us that Bill is a fine cook.)

It was quite an experience, they all agreed, and the San Geronio Club was a fine group with whom to spend a week end.

Dick and Calla Boddin, last summer's managers of Camp Curry Boys Town, have arrived since and been established at the Ski Hut as cook, hosts and general managers so that it is now ready to accommodate any one with a reservation.

There are 23 beds available. The distance is 6.7 miles from the Glacier Point road along Horizon Ridge Trail 15, although the road from the end of the plowed section to the junction with Horizon Trail must also be skied.

The only communication between Ostrander and the outside world is by radio so that one is really away from it all.

The Ski Hut is run on a cooperative

**WINTER CLUB SPONSORS
FWSA JR. RACER**

Jeannie Evans, Yosemite junior racer, who will compete in the National championships, will be the guest of honor at a cocktail dance at Yosemite Lodge's Mountain Room on Tuesday, February 28 between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m.

All visiting skiers, as well as Valley residents, are welcome. Admission will be \$1, which will go toward Miss Evans' expenses at Stowe, Vermont.

Jeannie is the second junior skier to win a place on an FWSA team. Toni Culver competed in the national competitions at Winter Park, Colo., 1952; Brighton, Utah, 1953; Jackson Hole, Wyo., 1954; Whitefish, Mont., 1955.

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THE GOLF CLUBS

The Wawona golf clubs emerged half victorious from the annual home-and-home matches held recently with Fort Washington Golf Club in Fresno. The local men's team lost, 21½ to 23½; the Wawona women won by a score of 14 to 10. Thirty-two men from Yosemite played against Fresno while 9 local women upheld their club. Due to the few feminine golfers representing the Valley, a Fort Washington member played on each local team.

In June the Wawona group will play host to the Fresno club.

Charlie Eagle announces that the next golf trip will be to Turlock and the tentative date, March 12th.

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SWAP TALK

For sale: Furnished, one bedroom house in El Portal. Joseph W. Price, FR 2-4864.

1951 Plymouth, four-door sedan, outstanding condition, \$300. Breckenkamp, FR 2-4825.

basis by NPS and YPC Co. Anyone who does not wish to have meals and bed prepared for him may take his sleeping bag and cook his own meals in the kitchen provided by the NPS. However, due to the limited space, reservations must be made ahead, through the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Reservations Office, for either arrangement.

WINTER WONDERLAND

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No. 2, we can look straight down to the meadow where all four lifts converge and see the people, looking small as ants, engaged in their pursuit of holiday happiness. Dusty says that on a clear day there is a fine view of Mt. Diablo from here.

The snow is like sugar, and early morning skiers slip off the lift to glide easily down the hill through the powder.

A little further and another gap in the forest shows us the snow-topped ski house.

As we move along, the sun breaks through grey clouds and glitters on the unmarked snow. Tiny icicles festoon sparkling fir branches. Again the forest stands back to afford a view to the east of white Sierra peaks: the Clark range, Mt. Lyell (Yosemite's highest), Mt. McClure, Tresidder Peak, Clouds Rest, Echo & Cathedral Peaks, and a wee tip of Half Dome above distant trees. Traveling to the south, we look back to view the gleaming white loftiness of Mounts Conness and Hoffmann.

On up the hill we roll toward the top terminal of lift No. 1. Here is another group of skiers eagerly shoving off for a quick descent. From here we can see Tempo Dome, Horse Ridge, and look across blue ridges of hills to the San Joaquin Valley and coast range.

To all these sights Dusty points with pride and enlivens the trip with stories and incidents amusing to his passengers. These passengers may include people from far places. A couple from Australia said, "Our friends, who were here last year, told us to be sure not to miss this trip."

A prize question at the top of No. 1 was, "Doesn't it hurt the skiers when they drop so far to the ground?"

Around the top tower we go and downhill beside the Constan.

"This," says Dusty, "is the fashion show."

Watching the Roggers in rainbow parade, we agree.

At the top of the hill by tower 4 the weasel stops, poised on the very edge. Looking down, we can guess how it

"THE MOUSE TRAP"

Don't forget tryouts for "The Mouse Trap", tonight, Friday, Feb. 24, at 8:00 p.m.

According to committee chairman Erik Bruun, the play will be the only spring activity for the Lions Club this year. The following committees are charged with its success: Inside publicity—Dana Morgenson, Herb Ewing, Wayne Leedy; tickets—Bob Upton; programs—Sterling Cramer, Walter Fitzpatrick, Lloyd Howse; set managers—Oscar Maddox, Les Shorb, Walt Gann; costuming and production—Sterling Cramer and The Drama Group.

must feel to be a ski jumper.

"I'm not going down there!" exclaims a lady passenger ready for a crash landing in the snow bank.

But cautious Dusty backs up and turns left. Not for nothing does he enjoy the reputation of being one of Transportation's best drivers.

Continuing the circle, we enjoy repeated glimpses of high peaks through the forest and a superb view of Mt. Hoffman, source of Yosemite Falls.

At the top of the new lift, No. 4, Dusty points out a large sugar pine, unusual at this elevation. Then we take an exciting ride down the side hill, through the forest and back to the lower meadow, again threading our way carefully through skiers and skis to the lodge porch.

This is the third winter of regularly scheduled scenic weasel rides, which leave every hour, every day from 10 to 4 o'clock, if there are passengers. And there are often more passengers than can be accommodated, even in three or four weasels.

Keen interest inspired YTS driver, Dusty Cloward, to ask if he might drive the Badger employee bus regularly so that he would be available every day to take a weasel on this loop trip. The change was made, and now he and other bus drivers who are available make the daily trips according to demand.

The only other way to see this winter wonderland away from the beaten path is to travel the seven miles on skis or snow shoes.

THE AHWAHNEE

Ski Suppers are scheduled for Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings; Tea Dances Saturday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., and dancing Saturday evening from 9:00 to 11:30, all to the tune of Jerry Fee's Trio.

Recent guests include several names of local or national renown.

Tony Tuason, perennial Yosemite skier, has been a guest since mid-January and will remain until sometime in March. As his personal week end guest and skiing partner, he recently entertained his godson, Kirk Brelford, 9, son of former ski instructor, Bob Brelford.

Dr. George S. Fuller, San Rafael dentist, who has visited Yosemite every year since 1925, for summer pack trips and winter skiing, completed another ski vacation on February 20.

Mr. R. L. G. Challis, Consul General of New Zealand on a tour of duty in San Francisco, recently paid his third visit to Yosemite this winter.

From Victoria, B.C., came Col. and Mrs. Robert Travis, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Mackay of Hillsborough, California; and from Caracas, Venezuela, Mr. E. DeBeauveser, a representative of the Dutch Shell Oil Co. there.

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SUMMER HIGH SIERRA TRIPS

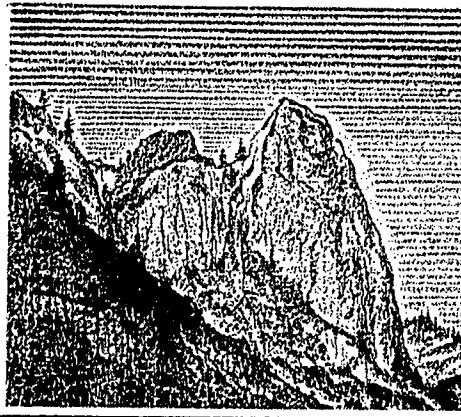
A new saddle trip has been planned for next summer. Scheduled to leave Tuolumne Meadows on Wednesdays, a four day trip will circle through Glen Aulin, May Lake, and Sunrise Camps, returning to Tuolumne Meadows on Saturdays.

The tentative opening date for Sunrise Camp has been set at July 15. Saddle trips will begin after this date and continue through the end of August.

Every alternate six-day saddle and seven-day walking trip will be routed from Tuolumne Meadows through Sunrise Camp instead of Vogelsang.

The seven day walking trips, through July and August, will be guided by a ranger-naturalist, a return to the pre-war arrangement.

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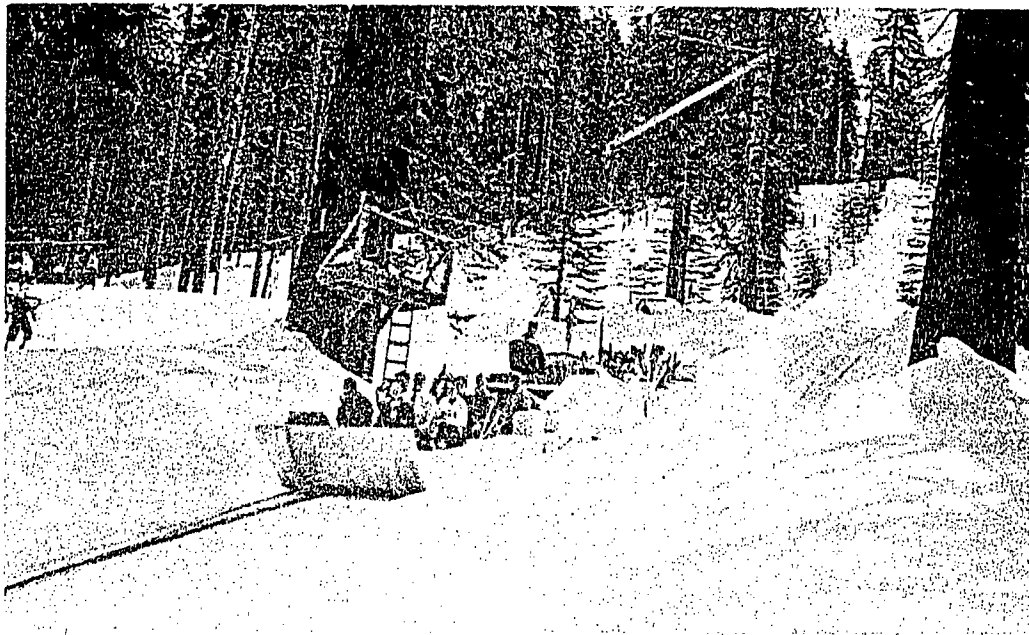
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Yosemite National Park



The Queen Mary was a motor originally installed between two sleds in 1936.

FATE OF A QUEEN

For twenty-five winters Queen Mary reigned in power on the slopes at Badger Pass. And now her power has ended; she has been sold for junk at a penny a pound, all five hundred pounds of her!

But shed no tears for her passing, for she was merely a motor.

Many a trip was made by the Queen herself, hauling skiers to Ski-Top. When, after two years of daily travel up and down the hill, she was placed in stationary position, first at Ski-Top, later at the bottom of the beginners' slope, she continued to furnish power for un-numbered trips of sled or rope hauling un-counted skiers uphill.

The Queen's only predecessor at Badger Pass was a lift installed experimentally in the winter of 1934 and 1935, the year before the Ski Lodge was opened. With the opening of the lodge in December of 1935, the length of that first lift was extended from the present Tower 4 to Ski Top. This upski consisted of two sleds run on

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STUDENT SPEAKER CONTEST

Linda Williams was the winner among three contestants speaking on the subject, "Our National Heritage—Pattern For Today", in the annual Student Speakers Contest held at the Lions Club meeting on Thursday, Mar. 2. The other two participants were Karen Highfill and Gus Smith. All are students at Mariposa High School and were coached by Richard Aspen, teacher of English and Speech.

Miss Williams will participate in the zone contest at Madera on March 14, where she will compete with winners from the other five clubs in this zone.

Winner of the final district competition in June will receive a \$1500 scholarship to the school of his choice. Each of the other four finalists will receive a \$500 scholarship.

Judges were Pauline Shorb, Barbara Morris and Al Skinner.

This is the 24th year Student Speaker Contests have been sponsored by District Four of Lions International (California and Nevada); and the fifth year for local contests.

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BARBARA MATTHEWS DIRECTS "MOUSE TRAP"

Barbara Matthews has accepted the responsibility of directing "The Mouse Trap", by Agatha Christie, to be presented here the first week in April. Rehearsals have been in progress for two weeks.

Barbara's previous experience in dramatics includes opera and musical productions at the University of the Pacific and a part in "The King and I" at the University of Oregon.

According to production manager, Sterling Cramer, one of the best casts yet assembled for a Yosemite Drama Group play has been obtained for "The Mouse Trap". Four of the five men's parts are filled by faces new to the Yosemite stage, while the three women's parts are taken by actresses of previous local fame.

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CROSS COUNTRY SKI TRIP

On the last Saturday in February, a dozen boy scouts left Badger Pass at 10:30 in the morning for Tempo Dome. The day was warm and sunny and the skiing spring-like. From Tempo they skied east through the forest to Westfall Meadow, where they had lunch. Under the guidance of Wes Conner and Del Armstrong, they learned about waxing for cross-country skiing, and how to use seal skins.

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WHISTLING IN THE DARK

Total snowfall to date this season is 102", but cheer up! Of the 22 years for which records have been kept, March had the greatest snowfall during the period Badger Pass Lodge was open in 10 seasons out of 22; in one of those seasons December had the actual high and April in another.

By error in the Sentinel of February 10 this year, the last paragraph of the "Snow Figures" article stated that in 11 years of the 22 that the greatest snowfall was under 100". This should have been the greatest depth. The total snowfall has never been as low as 100" during this period. The two lowest years were 1942-43, with a total fall of 133" and the notation "plus rain," and the winter of 1946-47, when the total was between 126½ and 139½; there is some confusion in the record. In the former year there was no snow from the 30th of December till the 20th of January, but snowfall was close to 50" during the remainder of that month, and the greatest depth for the season was 80" on March 21.

The preceding season had been one of the years of higher snowfall, with a total of 323", plus 42" in May—a year when we skied down the Strawberry Run to the Wawona Road as late as mid-May. The National Ski Championships, March 13-14 of that year, were afflicted with a heavy snowfall lasting a couple of days, wrecking the work that had been done in preparing the downhill and slalom courses, and making the visibility at most hopeless at times. —M. C. T.

INVENTORY

The Village Store will be closed all day, Friday, March 24, for inventory.

HERE AND THERE

RUTH CAMPBELL, Manager of the Yosemite Lodge Gift Shop, has been hospitalized in San Francisco since January. She is expected to return to Yosemite about April 1. We have been requested to extend her appreciation for the many messages received during this illness.

BILL MEACHAM is replacing Niek Slijk as Supervisor-Badger Pass for the remainder of the winter season after which he will return to his duties with the Personnel Department. He will supervise the High Sierra Camps again next summer.

Wedding bells rang for MARY SHROUT and LUTHER VERHAAR on February 16, at the Luthern church in Clovis. Both work in the Yosemite Lodge cafeteria, Mary serving dessert and Lu at the coffee urn.

The Verhaars have settled down in "B" dorm.

On February 23, DR. and MRS. JAMES WOODRUFF moved from Yosemite to their former home in Mill Valley. Dr. Woodruff expects to do interim preaching until his retirement in the near future.

A visitor to Yosemite last week was JANE McELLIGOTT, of Modesto, where she lives with sons Pat and Mike. She was a guest in the home of Olive and Jim Kirk at El Portal.

The NPS has just finished installing fluorescent lights in the re-arranged library room. The new lights are easy on the eyes!

In the last Sentinel we reported that GEORGE GOLDSWORTHY was in charge of hotels at Glacier National Park. We have learned later that, in fact, his responsibility includes not only management of hotels but of store, gift shops and transportation as well.

SWAP TALK

For sale: 1948 1½ ton pick-up truck. New motor, new tires, white naugehyde canopy top. Fine condition, \$650. Lawrence Brochini, FR 2-4584.

Two bedroom house with large yard, in El Portal. Refrigerator, kitchen range and 2 gas heaters. Roy Roraugh, Village Store.

COMMUNICATIONS

THE ORIANA—

An aerogram from Dick Connett who, with Amos Neal is sailing around the world aboard the Oriana, tells of a day spent in the Fiji Islands.

Landing at the port of Suva, the travelers took a bus trip "some 20 miles over the mountains to the other side of the island through gorgeous tropical scenery with hibiscus and lantana higher than one's head." There they boarded a launch for a ride along a tropical inlet where they observed "real live Fijians washing clothes, swimming and living along the banks. Headed out of the inlet to a little island complete with sandy beach, cocconut palms and large flowering trees A wonderful hour's dip here in the Pacific and back aboard."

Lunch aboard the launch consisted of sandwiches, tea, cakes, fresh pineapple and bananas.

Completing the trip around the island, they put ashore next to the Oriana and made a tour of downtown Suva. There were shops and "all the 'gee-gaws' one associates with the South Pacific back aboard for a 6 p.m. sailing. Everyone, it seemed, in Suva was on the dock for a good-bye. Suva is some 40,000— over half are East Indians. Many many saris in evidence on women. Fijians themselves are rather unhandsome but statuesque blacks with busy, kinky hair It was a great day.

"Wednesday it's Wellington, New Zealand where we're going some 50 miles interior to see a sheep ranch." FORMER RESIDENTS—

From Florence Morris comes word that she is leaving Saratoga on March 11, for Medford, Oregon where she will move into an apartment in Rogue Valley Manor, a recently completed ten-story retirement home.

She also wrote news of the Knowles family, Yosemite residents for many years. Tom Knowles died last November; Ruth is living in San Mateo where they had made their home since his retirement as Standard Oil Co. representative in Yosemite.

Bob and Sally (Knowles) Plumb and
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NEW FRONTIERS

CHRISTENSENS TO MERCED

After 15 years in Yosemite, Don Christensen reported to work in Merced on March 8, as warehouse foreman for YPC CO. at the Santa Fe depot.

Evelyn and Jane will remain in Yosemite until school is out in June, in order that Jane may graduate in the same class with which she started to school nearly eight years ago.

The Christensens say that, although they regret leaving Yosemite, they do appreciate gaining certain advantages without having to change employers. They look forward to purchasing a home of their own, to be built at the northeast edge of town, and living close to a high school.

They will be missed by their many friends.

RORABAUGHS TO WATERFORD

Another popular Yosemite couple have decided to leave the seclusion of the Valley to join the ranks of business entrepreneurs on "the outside." Betty Jo and Roy Rorabaugh, with fifteen month old daughter Barbara Jo, will move to Waterford in mid-April and begin preparation for the opening of an "A and W" rootbeer drive-in on Highway 132, sometime in May.

A greatly anticipated part of their new experience will be moving into a home of their own which is now under construction.

To all their Yosemite friends Roy says, "Come see us. Free rootbeers for everybody." We won't forget you, Roy!

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GAIL GLASS TO BE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BRIDE

Gail Glass, daughter of Reverend and Mrs. Alfred Glass, formerly of Yosemite, will become the bride of Edward Crouch on Friday evening, March 17, in Saratoga.

She will be given in marriage by her father; the ceremony will be conducted by the groom's father, Dr. Archie Crouch, of Berkeley, Houston, Texas, where Crouch is enrolled at Baylor Medical School, will be home to Gail and Ed for the next three years.

Miss Glass was graduated from Occidental College in February.



DOROTHY AND GEORGE MAYER.

GLACIER POINT-INGS

During winter months when snow closes the road to Glacier Point and human visitors are rare, certain animals come frequently to visit the keepers of the Mountain House. They come to accept the hospitality of Dorothy and George Mayer who keep food for them in good supply.

Birds are the usual daytime visitors, except for an occasional squirrel on warmer days. One pair of blue jays has stayed through sun and storm for many years, making their raucus comments about things in general every morning. Sometimes an old friend is missed, as was one lonely robin who did not return this winter.

A red-shafted flicker, one nuthatch and a pair of Sierra creepers are winter residents. They have learned to feed occasionally at the tray, although their long beaks, designed for poking into the ground or under the bark of trees, makes feeding from a flat surface a bit of a problem. Always, there is a pair of chickadees—lively little birds with a gay song.

With a light placed over the feeding tray, several nocturnal animals can be observed closely. For many winters a pine martin has been one of the regular visitors; and, unusual at elevations as high as Glacier Point, says George, a pair of flying squirrels and a pair of ring-tailed cats have put in an appearance.

Dorothy takes full advantage of

BADGER PASS CLOSING

The Badger Pass operation will continue through Sunday, April 9. After Easter Sunday, April 2, the cafeteria will close, but food service will be available in the Snack Bar. Ski lifts and other facilities will operate as usual.

the opportunity to observe these shy animals at close range and does numerous sketches and paintings of them.

This year signs of spring began to infringe on the winter scene as early as Washington's Birthday. Out on the point arranging for the firefall that evening, George heard frogs croaking in the meadow below. (They have since been temporarily silenced by snow.) Violet-green swallows, who usually return on schedule, came several days early. In the deep forest where the fir trees grow, grouse began their drumming.

Unwelcome early visitors were two big bears who came awake in February instead of April as usual—unwelcome because they keep the Mayers awake at night trying to break into the pantry. One of the bears George reports as being the largest he has ever seen and possessed of a beautiful winter coat.

From these lofty heights, geese are easily observed in their migrations.

One recent February day, George saw a flight of birds coming slowly from the south. There were about 200 of them—white and too large for geese. As they flew overhead, he identified them as pelicans. Near North Dome they turned to the East flying toward the marshlands on the other side of the mountains.

The first tint of green in Valley meadows, and changing color of dormant trees is so clearly visible from Glacier Point that the coming of spring is at least as apparent to those above as to we who live deep in the Valley. Late in February, ice on the Merced's Emerald Pool was broken and gone, and the falls appeared to be running full.

Even a few bats that usually do not appear until June, have come out of their hideaways.

This winter has been different.

**DELINQUENT LIBRARY PATRONS
JAILED!**

Several weeks ago, newspapers carried a story about a librarian in East Orange, New Jersey, who became exceedingly wrathful over the fact that many borrowers failed to return library books. Falling back on a local ordinance, he turned the matter over to the police who arrested 14 delinquents. Five, who could not raise \$100 bail, spent the night in jail.

These harsh methods caused the return of 1500 books to the library and netted \$450 in fines. There was comment across the nation varying from fury to approbation and including a great deal of amusement.

A valued Sentinel contributor has his own comments in the form of:

VILLAGE STORIES

by Andy

"I see by the papers," says Ole Dad Ring, "we have a new Book-of-the-Month-Club going. If you don't return your book to the library on time you get a month in the clink. Serves them right. Why should anyone want to read anything but the SENTINEL. (Thanks for the plug.—Sentinel Editor). Its keeps one fully informed and entertained, and we don't have to pay a cent for it, though I will admit," says the old fellow, "some of the articles do tax a person." (We take it back!)

Libraries throughout the country say that previous to this experience members would take out one book at a time. Now they take two. The extra one is titled "Famous Prison Breaks" by Albert Houdini.

"However," said one member who spent a full month in jail, "the experience wasn't so bad. When at home I am always so darn busy that I don't have a chance to read all the good books I would like. Whereas, during my thirty days in jail I got caught up on my reading, and I must say I enjoyed it very much. The one thing that bothers me, though, is that while I was in jail I borrowed a book from the prison library and I forgot to return it."

Says Ole Dad Ring, "When they catch up with that culprit I'll bet they throw the book at him!"

FATE OF A QUEEN

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continuous cable, powered by a motor at the foot of the hill, one sled going up as the other came down. (The term "upski", originally used in connection with the sled lifts at Badger Pass, later came into general use at other resorts as a generic term for ski lift.)

The reign of Queen Mary at Badger began in 1936. That year a new motor, immediately dubbed the "Queen", was installed on runners between two sleds that ran uphill together in a smooth snow track beside the original upski. There was no cable for the second pair of sleds; they were driven by the "Queen".

"Since you're calling her the 'Queen', why not make it 'Queen Mary' in honor of Mary Tresidder?", suggested Helen Ledson. So it was, that during all her 25 winters of service she was called the Queen Mary or the Queen, and is referred to in Yosemite Park and Curry Co. records as the Queen Mary.

Her reign of power at Badger Pass was somewhat varied. In 1938, because of some difficulties in pushing and pulling loaded sleds up the track, the Queen was taken from the big sled and made stationary at the top of the hill, from where she powered a continuous cable pulling two sleds in the manner of the original lift.

There were then two cables moving two sleds up and two down hill at the same time. Skiers removed their skis, placed them in racks provided, and climbed into the sled, standing or sitting in sociable proximity to one another for the ride to Ski-Top. This was the arrangement used until 1946 when all four sleds were removed to make way for the No. 1 T-bar now in operation.

Although the change did not end the service of the Queen Mary, she was removed from her elevated station at the top of the main hill and placed at the foot of a new hill for beginners. There she powered a rope tow. Her influence was such that this hill, sometimes referred to as "bunny" hill, was also known as the Queen hill. Here, in 1960, she finished her career of service to Badger Pass skiers. A modern T-bar replaced her in 1961.

GOOD LUCK, JEANNIE!

Approximately 150 locals and visitors attended a cocktail dance sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club, in the Mountain Room at Yosemite Lodge on the evening of February 28, to say "good luck" to Jeannie Evans who will compete in the National championships at Stowe, Vermont, March 16, 17 and 18.

Representing the Yosemite Winter Club, Henry Berrey acted as M. C., introducing Charley Proctor and Leroy Rust, coach of Yosemite's junior ski team. Charley Proctor described the general set-up at Stowe and at Mt. Mansfield where the competitions are to be held. Rust gave a summary of Jeannie's skiing experience and background in Yosemite. Miss Evans also spoke briefly, expressing her thanks for the help she has received.

Ticket sales for the party and contributions at the door produced \$196 in addition to previous donations of \$55, to be used for Jeannie's expenses at Stowe. The Lions Club Boys and Girls Committee assisted by selling the tickets.

With the FWSA junior racing team, Jeannie will fly to Vermont on March 11. The competition will consist of downhill, slalom and giant slalom races.

Due to no snow at Stowe, the race location has been moved to Sugarloaf, Maine.

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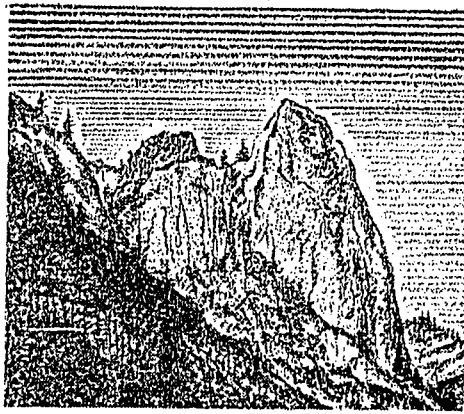
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their four sons are moving from La Canada to Durango, Colorado, where Bob is employed as a geologist by an oil company. Moving with the family is "Big Enough", Sally's favorite horse at the stables during the years she was the "Burro Picnic Girl".

A feature story in a Saratoga newspaper describes how to enjoy a full life in retirement, using Donald McHenry, former Park Naturalist, as an example. McHenry devotes many hours to music and the enjoyment of nature, serves on the board of directors of the Saratoga Historical Society and Los Gatos Concert Association, is active in church and other community services.

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NORTH SKI TEAM SMASHES REBS

The finest field of skiers to race at Badger Pass in a number of years competed on March 18 and 19 when the North won the fourth championship in six years of North-South Ski competition.

Of great interest to local spectators were Tom Corcoran, 1960 Olympic Games Skier who swept the three slalom races held on Saturday and Sunday, and Jim Huega of Lake Tahoe, 1964 Olympic Games hopeful who placed second. Corcoran was the combined winner with 198.6 followed by Huega, 206.7, both racing for the North.

Huega, a former Squaw Valley resident, has been a ski personality at Yosemite since he was a class V racer. Tom Corcoran is said to be America's best Alpine skier. After the race, he and Huega left Yosemite to go to Sun
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THE MOUSETRAP, APRIL 6, 7 and 8

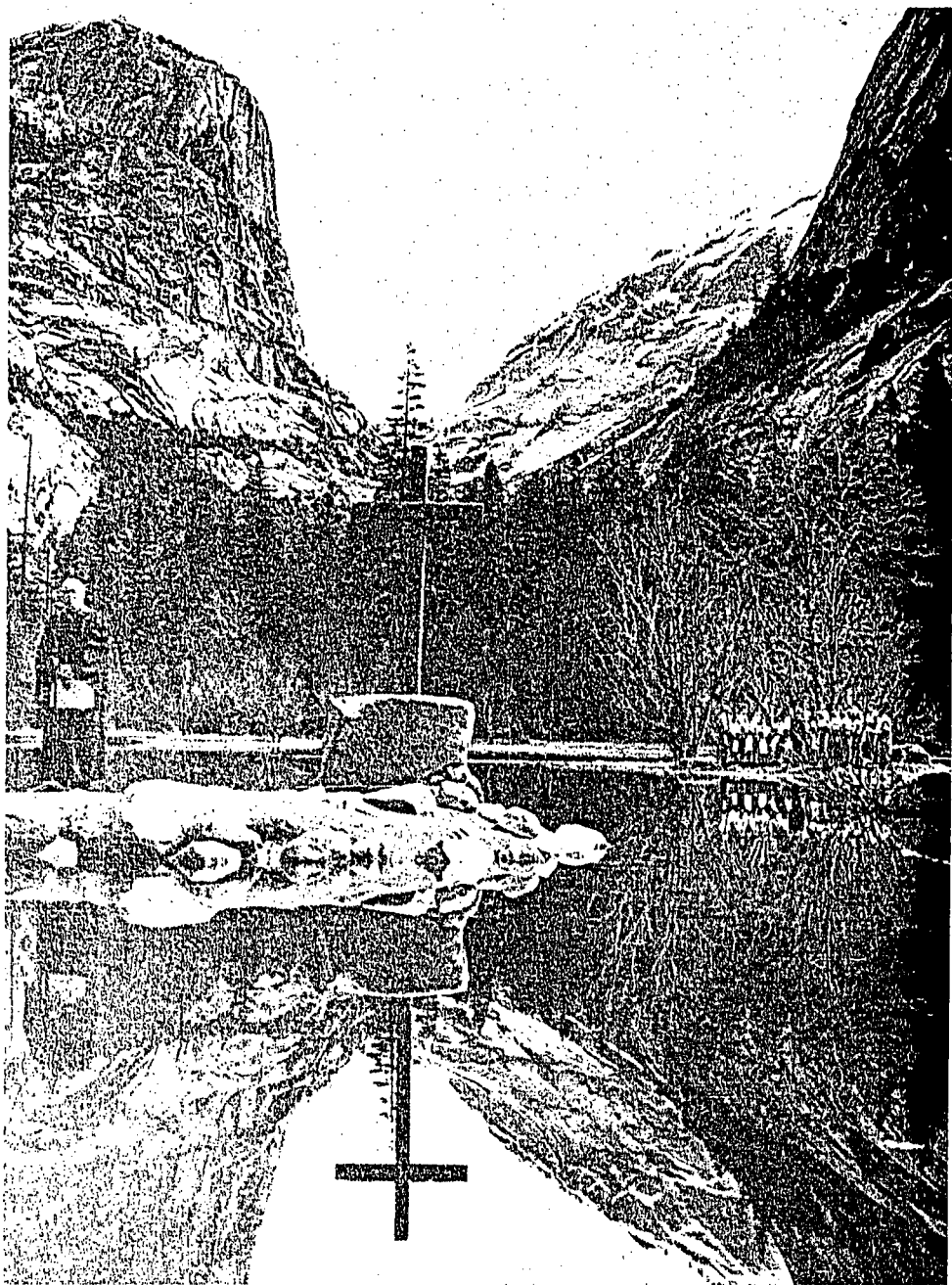
Rehearsals for "The Mousetrap", a mystery drama by Agatha Christie, are progressing at a fast and furious rate, according to director Barbara Matthews. The cast includes: Ginny Devine, Thelma McGregor, Kay Evans, Carl Stevens, Erik Brown, Dick Hart, Monford Trull, and Abe Shepard.

As the dates for production, April 6, 7 and 8, draw near, these dedicated thespians are working hard, nearly every evening, some afternoons, and are even giving up Saturday skiing.

Director Barbara's background includes personal coaching of professional dramatic stars, hence she believes in a generous amount of individual work and practice with groups of two or three.

Tickets at \$1.00 for adults and .50c for children will be on sale soon by members of the local Lions Club.

Easter Sunrise Service--Mirror Lake



Easter morning sunrise at Mirror Lake is not early. Because the sun must climb the massive summit of Half Dome, almost a vertical mile above the lake, the Sunrise Service is scheduled for a comfortable 9:30 a.m., the latest in the continental United States.

More than one unthoughtful worshiper has risen at 5:00 a.m. to be in time for an early service only to find himself in lonely solitude at the lake.

At an earlier hour on Sunday morning, radio station KMJ, of Fresno, will broadcast a live program of this same twenty-ninth annual Sunrise Service.

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STERLING CRAMER APPOINTED TO
STATE PARKS COMMISSION

Sterling Cramer, Controller for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., has been appointed by Gov. Brown to a four year term as a member of the State Parks Commission. He will resign from the county planning commission, on which he has served for several years, when the board of supervisors appoints a replacement.

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STUDENT SPEAKERS CONTEST

Representing Yosemite, Linda Williams participated in the Lions Club Student Speakers Contest held in Madera, March 12. She was the only freshman among seven competitors speaking on the subject, "Our National Heritage, Pattern For Today."

Marilyn Riehl, a junior from Madera High School, was winner of this contest at the zone level for the second year. There will be four further levels of competition ending with the final contest in June, the prize for which is a \$1500 scholarship.

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DO TELL!

Do you have any knowledge of other Yosemite residents, past or present, which might be of interest to Sentinel readers: weddings, engagements, births, deaths, trips of note, hobbies, interests or any activities of unusual nature? It will be a service to Sentinel readers if you will mail any such information to "The Sentinel", c/o YPC Co., or call FR 2-4852.

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TRAIN LENGTHENS

The locomotive and caboose at the Pioneer Yosemite Transportation Center were joined recently by a baggage car from the old Yosemite Valley Railroad.

YOSEMITE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Children of Yosemite National Park will soon have an expanded choice of reading material, thanks to the efforts of the Lions Club and the Parent Group. This announcement was made by Charles Woessner, chairman of the joint planning committee for the project.

To assist pupils of all grades in broadening their reading horizons, a collection of books is being planned to supplement regular classroom reading materials with books not otherwise readily available. The collection is to be housed in the multi-purpose room of the school. Residents of the Valley and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to assist in the initiation of the library by becoming Sponsors. Sponsorships will be offered during the final week of April, at which time all Valley residents will be contacted by student solicitors offering \$2.00 Sponsorship Certificates. These may be obtained during this drive only.

Proceeds from this effort will be used to establish the original collection. Donations of books will be accepted at a later date when there is space and time to handle them properly.

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GEORGE OLIVER ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CALIF. CONVENTION BUREAUS

George H. Oliver, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Convention Manager, was elected president of the California Association of Convention Bureaus during its final session in Sacramento, March 14.

"Convention dollars are 'Golden Dollars' ", according to Oliver who points out that like gold, convention dollars bring more new wealth into our community, benefiting every person through more jobs and business for all. He added that convention spending in California amounted to over \$280 million in 1960, a 26% increase in the last two years.

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SKI SHOP SALE

An end of the season sale is now in progress at the Badger Pass Ski Shop. Mark-downs are as high as 25% on some sweaters, parkas and skis.

LOCAL BOYS PLACE WELL IN CHINA PEAK GIANT SLALOM

Saturday afternoon, March 11, five of our instructors were off to the races in a cloud of dust. Looking every inch the role of racers in convertible car, top down, a pile of skis projecting from the back seat, and multi-colored ski caps pulled over their ears—Meister Fiore, Haldor Reinholt, Tom Adams, Jerry Moore, and Bob Lattimore left Badger for the Central California Giant Slalom Championship Race at China Peak.

We are proud of the results of the men's class A race. First place was won by Earl Hitch of Dodge Ridge whose time was 1:21.6. However, in second place was Haldor Reinholt with a time of 1:21.7 (you can't get much closer than that). Jerry was fourth with 1:24.1; Adams placed fifth with 1:29.1; and Lattimore's time of 1:34.4 brought him in sixth, which isn't a bad day's work.

A postscript to that day's work concerns a local racer just graduated from the junior classification, who, on the spur of the moment went along for his first try at class C competition. Randy Rust ran the fastest time in the class C slalom, only to find that he had missed the last gate and was thereby disqualified.

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YOUR LIBRARY

An answering service for library patrons has been subscribed to by the Merced County Library. Yosemite card holders may utilize it by bringing their questions to the local librarian. Any specific question for which an answer is needed in a hurry will be telephoned to the San Joaquin Valley Reference Project in Fresno. This service is free.

New books are received at the library each month. Recently the controversial "Southtown" by Lorenz Graham and "The First Book of the United Nations" by Edna Epstein, an elementary exposition of the United Nations, have been added to the shelves.

Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Sundays from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

EASTER WEEK AT BADGER PASS

March 27 to April 2

March 27, MONDAY: 11:00 a.m., Lions Club Junior Giant Slalom Ski Race. (16 years and under)
 March 28, TUESDAY: 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Ski Proficiency Tests.
 March 29, WEDNESDAY: 11:00 a.m., American Legion Junior Giant Slalom. (16 years and under)
 March 30, THURSDAY: 11:00 a.m., Rope Race on skis. Open to all. 2:00 p.m., Slalom teams consisting of one man and one woman (adults only). A fun event on an easy course 9:00 to 11:45 p.m.— Ski school night in the Indian Room.
 March 31, FRIDAY: 11:00 a.m., Ski Proficiency Tests. 4:00 p.m., Flying 50 Races.
 April 1, SATURDAY: Yosemite Junior Trophy Ski Race. 11:00 a.m., Slalom. 3:00 p.m., Giant Slalom. Everyone under 16 years invited.
 April 2, SUNDAY: 10:00 a.m., Easter Egg Slalom. 12 Noon, Annual Easter Bonnet Parade. 2:00 p.m., Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Championships.

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AMBIGUOUS TREE

There is a magnificent conifer among the trees of Yosemite which occurs in every western state as well as in parts of Canada and Mexico.

At the close of the last century, when the end of virgin eastern white pine was in sight, the lumber industry turned to this great western conifer, and it now forms the backbone of the west coast lumber industry.

Although it is the most commercially important tree in North America and grows to a size larger than any other except the Sequoias, it has never had a universally accepted common name.

The scientific name, *Pseudotsuga taxifolia*, means false hemlock with leaves like a yew; yet it is not a hemlock and it is not a yew. To the lumber industry it is known as Oregon Pine, but it is not a pine. In the literature of forestry it has been called both Douglas Spruce and Douglas Fir, but it is neither spruce nor fir.

For the living forest tree, Donald Culross Peattie uses Douglastree as the least misleading name.

WHO'S NEW?

Blessed events kept the staff at Lewis Memorial Hospital busy last week.

On Monday, March 13, for Phyllis and Norman Messinger, they delivered Lynn, a 6 lb. 5 oz. boy. The Messingers, here for the NPS training school, are from Petrified Forest, Arizona.

Thursday, March 16, Carol Ann Reichhold, 7 lb. 14 oz., arrived for Elizabeth and Herbert Reichhold.

A St. Patrick's Day gift for Constance and William Hull (NPS Machine Shop) was 6 lb. 3 oz. Sandra Eileen.

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A TOUR OF THE ORIENT

Valerie Bernadt ("Miss B"), executive housekeeper at The Ahwahnee, recently spent several weeks in Japan, Hong Kong and Hawaii. Her itinerary reveals that she enjoyed glimpses of both ancient and modern cultures plus inspiring views of the natural scene.

Upon arrival in Tokyo and being told that the charm of Japan lay outside of the city, she took a quick town tour and went on to other adventures. Lakes, mountains, springs, gorges and volcanic wonders, as well as ancient temples, castles, Buddahs, beautiful farm lands, and shopping districts are listed as points of interest.

She mentions observing numerous craft industries such as silk dying, wood block printing and pottery works; visiting the old Imperial Palace of Japan; seeing Nara, the ancient capital of Japan; and 1300 year old Horijuji Temple, the oldest wooden structure in the world. All in all, her visit provided a broad picture of a varied country.

In Hong Kong, she made interesting tours of gardens, hotels, temples, the shopping district, a fishing village, an industrial area, an ancient Chinese village, a famous gambling house, some of the international colonies and even had a glimpse of Red China.

A few days on Oahu Island on the way back to San Francisco completed a stimulating trip.

HOLY WEEK CHURCH SERVICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC—

March 26, Palm Sunday: 6:45 and 9:00 a.m., in the Pavilion, Mass and Distribution of Palms.

March 30, Holy Thursday: 6:00 a.m., Mass in the Chapel.

March 31, Good Friday: 6:00 a.m., Mass in the Chapel.

April 2, Easter Sunday: 6:45 and 9:00 a.m., Mass in the Pavilion.

PROTESTANT—

March 26, Palm Sunday: 9:00 a.m., Brief service. 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship, James T. Smith of Los Angeles, regional representative for the American Bible Society, preaching. 7:45 p.m.: Spring Musical.

March 31, Good Friday Service: Come when you may, leave when you must. Dr. Charles Lord of Modesto, Chairman, National Park Church Board.

All preceding services in the Chapel.

April 2, Easter Sunday: 9:30 a.m., Sunrise Service at Mirror Lake. Dr. Charles Lord, minister. Music by the A Cappella Choir, University of the Pacific, 11:00 a.m., Morning Worship in the Chapel. Dr. Charles Lord preaching. Music by the A Cappella Choir.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—

April 2, Easter Sunday: 8:00 p.m., Service in the Chapel.

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IN SERVICE

Roy Wilson left the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria in February to join the Air Force. He is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Ron Kuntz, of Standard Oil, and Don Sanders, who worked at Central Warehouse, joined the army and have been stationed at Fort Ord. After completion of basic training, they expect to be sent to San Antonio, Texas.

J. Vaughn, formerly of Camp Curry's kitchen, is in the Navy, and stationed at Moffett Field, working in the National Space Administration program.

Rolf Clark, Navy, is on a ship off the coast of Scotland.

Tom Christensen, Navy, is aboard the destroyer, Morton, which will cruise the Pacific for six months.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICERS

On Tuesday evening, March 7, the following officers of the Community Council were installed: Robert Cromer, president; Miles Cooper, vice-president; James Edeal, treasurer; Mrs. Coyt Hackett, secretary; Elmer Fladmark, Tom Tucker and Mrs. Lloyd Howse as new directors.

Officers and the nine directors are elected from the community at large by the member organizations, which are any organizations in the community desiring to belong to the council.

The campaign for funds to meet the 1961 budget, presently being planned, will be conducted during the month of April.

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NORTH SKI TEAM

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Valley for the Harriman Cup Races, finals in selection of an American team to compete in the International (FIS) Skiing Championships at Chamonix, France, next month.

One of the top racers of the day was Yosemite instructor, Haldor Reinhold, who was fourth in overall time with 214.4, only .2 seconds behind Roger Hackley in third place. He made the second slalom run on Sunday in just 35.5 seconds, this in spite of catching a ski tip on a tight gate which dumped him on his head just before the finish gate.

An interesting note—in both the combined score and the last run with upset, Reinhold placed well ahead of Earl Hitch, who nosed him out at China Peak by .1 second.

Fine competition has previously been seen at Badger during the years when the Pacific Coast Intercollegiate and Tresidder races were here, and during the National Championships in 1942.

Among the women, the South's Georgene Bihlman took first in the combined, 251.1; Pat Nast, of U.C., second, 253.5; and Birdie Corcoran, Tom's wife, third, 268.0.

An interesting personality at the meet was Mrs. Jackie Jensen, wife of Boston Red Sox ball player, who chaperoned some of the girls of the

COMMUNITY CHURCH

SPRING MUSICAL

On Palm Sunday evening, March 26, the second annual Spring Musical will be presented in the Village Chapel at 7:45, by the Chapel Choir, supplemented by an adult mixed chorus and a Sunday School choir. The choirs and soloists will sing Easter music and other sacred selections; there will be congregational singing of favorite hymns.

An offering will be taken as an addition to the fund being accumulated toward the purchase of a new chapel organ.

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YOSEMITE JUNIOR SKIERS

AT EDELWEISS

The FWSA Divisional Giant Slalom was held at Edelweiss, March 5, with about 100 boys and girls competing, four of them from Yosemite.

Winner of the race was Roger Atanoso, a member of the FWSA National Team. Two seconds behind him was Yosemite's Frankie Carter, placing second; while Randy Rust placed fifth, two seconds behind his team-mate.

Danny Armstrong won Group 5 by a margin of 6 seconds. Randy Armstrong, in a very tough Group 3, was ninth.

North. She is the former Zoe Ann Olson, Olympic diving champion.

This season's North-South race, organized and chaired by Charles N. Proctor, was by all reports set up and managed in superior fashion, and it was a thrill to hear Olympic skier Tom Corcoran say as much.

Probably the most humorous event of the two days occurred Sunday during the awards presentation. The microphone, attached to outside controls, seemed not to work unless the person using it was shaking hands with Bill Meacham. Henry Berrey, Byron Nishkian, Carson White and Tom Corcoran all made speeches holding the microphone with one hand and clutching Bill Meacham's hand with the other. We assume there is some strange chemical in Bill Meacham without which the microphone was inoperative.

PEOPLE

Gillian Fitzgerald is the Yosemite Lodge's new hostess. She's the daughter of Madge Fitzgerald of The Ahwahnee Gift Shop staff. Mother and daughter are from Santa Monica and, earlier, England.

Ahwahnee waitress Marge Butler's son, Stephen Arnold Butler, a senior at Arkansas University, played in January's Cotton Bowl football game in Dallas. She and family drove south for the game.

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GLACIER POINT OPENING

The road to Glacier Point will be open to travel on Saturday, March 25. (unless another snow storm intervenes) Beginning then, family style breakfast, 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. and dinner, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., will be available with advance reservations. Cafeteria style luncheon will be served from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. and snack service from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Dorothy and George Mayer will remain as managers until after Easter.

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SWAP TALK

For sale: Bongos, \$20.00. Anne Reynolds, FR 2-4323.

Ladies German skis, boots and poles, \$65.00 Skis very good condition, 1 yr. old. Contact Helen H. Cameron, YPC Co. Office, 39 Geary St., San Francisco.

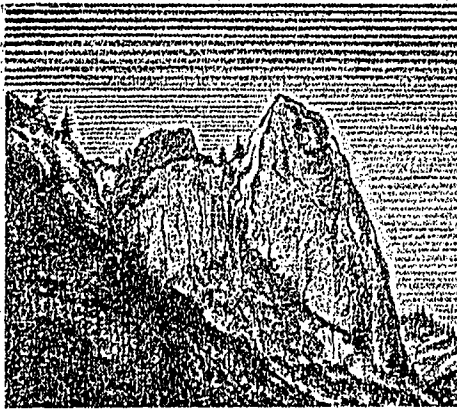
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WHICH IS THE FIRST HORSE ON THE MERRY-GO-ROUND

All of us have heard the song about the wooden horse on the merry-go-round. He suffered from a terrific inferiority—and believed that he was the LAST horse on the merry-go-round because all the other "nags" were ahead of him. In other words, he was in a "bear market", even though he was a horse. However, the day finally came when he changed his mind. He looked over his shoulder and saw all the other horses were following him. Hence, he reasoned, he must be the FIRST horse on the merry-go-round. Then he went into a "bull market". But "bull" or "bear" he remained a horse. His mental attitude had been altered. —Walston Market Letter

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CONCESSIONERS MEET IN WASHINGTON

The Western Conference National Park Concessioners held its annual meeting in Washington, D.C. on March 2 and 3, 1961. Thirty one individuals, representing sixteen concessioners were present.

Throughout the first day the conferees discussed problems of mutual interest. Half the second day was spent with officials of the Department of the Interior and National Park Service. Secretary Udall met briefly with the group and stressed President Kennedy's keen interest in conservation. The Secretary also expressed his own desire to accelerate and augment the Mission 66 Program.

Assistant Secretary Carver assured the concessioners of the Department's approval of long-standing concession policies and its desire to foster the further heavy private investment needed to provide adequate facilities and services for park visitors.

Director Wirth reviewed Mission 66 and reported that he had conducted an intensive study of the program, its accomplishments to date, and the revisions indicated by experience and anticipation. The Director said that the forthcoming National Park Service Conference at Grand Canyon, April 24-29, would have these subjects as its major theme.

On the afternoon of the second day the Western Conference concluded its sessions with the election of officers. Mr. Don Hummel, the concessioner at Mt. Lassen, Mt. McKinley, and Glacier National Parks, was elected chairman, succeeding Mr. Oehlmann, who had been chairman for 8 years. Mr. Stuart Cross was elected Secretary.

In the course of the meetings the Western Conference elected to mem-



THE MOUSETRAP

Don't forget to see "The Mousetrap", that mystery thriller by Agatha Christie, now playing at the local schoolhouse—tonight and tomorrow at 8p.m. Tickets are \$1.00 for adults and 50c for children.

There has been one change in the cast as previously announced. It now includes Doug Whiteside, Ginny Devine, Thelma McGregor, Kay Evans, Carl Stevens, Erik Bruun, Dick Hart and Monford Trull.

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OAK FLAT AND TIOGA ROADS TO OPEN SOON

The Big Oak Flat Road will be open to traffic on Saturday, April 8, and the Tioga Road on April 28, unless further storms prevent.

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J. C. FREMONT HOSPITAL BENEFIT

On Thursday, April 13, the John C. Fremont Hospital Volunteer Auxiliary will sponsor a benefit luncheon and card party at the Mariposa Fairgrounds. The time will be 12:30 and the affair is open to all at \$1.50 a plate. There will be prizes given.

Anyone interested in going contact Muriel Ouimet or Merve Neilson.

bership the El Portal Motor Inn, which now is a concessioner in a National Park Service area. Lewis Memorial Hospital has been a member for many years.

COMPANY DIRECTOR EARLY DAY YOSEMITE RANGER

Jean C. Witter, director of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., has had an association with Yosemite since 1911 when he worked at Camp Curry as a student waiter and became well acquainted with the Curry family. For three summers beginning in 1913 he served the park as one of the first



"rangers". There were seven of these men, most of them students or graduates of the University, selected by Charles M. Torrey, then secretary to Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California.

Until this time a troop of United States Cavalry had patrolled the park since its establishment in 1890. They arrived with the melting of snow in the spring and left after the first rains and snows had eliminated fire hazard and driven sheep and cattle to the lowlands and tourists back to their homes. In 1913 the cavalry unit was ordered to the Mexican border for more warlike purposes than patrolling Yosemite National Park.

With no one to take the place of the troops, President Woodrow Wilson, Secretary of the Interior, Franklin K. Lane and several of his associates, among whom were Stephen T. Mather and Horace Albright (both to become directors of the National Park Service

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RECRUITING SUMMER EMPLOYEES

The Personnel Office has recently drafted various individuals from other departments to help interview prospective employees. The purpose is two fold: first, to gain assistance in the task of recruiting, and, second, to acquaint supervisory personnel with the labor market and problems of recruitment.

Preliminary instruction is given to these assistants on the techniques of interviewing.

Last month on a recruiting trip to Phoenix and Tuscon, Harold Ouimet and Gene Ewing were accompanied by Bob Maynard. On April 5, 6 and 7, Bob Bevington and Kieth Whitfield accompanied Gene Ewing to Los Angeles. Late in April, Ewing and Jack Ring will go to San Francisco on the same mission.

This program augments a practice carried on to a lesser extent during past years, John Loncaric, Fred Pierson, John Curry, Stuart Cross and Bill Meacham having previously assisted

The recruiting being done now is chiefly for jobs beginning in April and May. Some years ago most summer jobs were filled by students from the University of California and Stanford University, the former being available by May 15 and the latter able to stay until October 1. Not only have the school's opening and closing dates changed, but tour business in Yosemite begins May 1 and continues into October, necessitating earlier employment for summer help.

At present there are on file in the office 3,000 unneeded student applications for summer jobs, unneeded because the students are not available at an early date. Summer in Yosemite is longer than it used to be.

HERE and THERE

Lewis Memorial Hospital welcomed nurse ELAINE DAY to its staff, March 26. She has just finished a two year assignment with the Air Force, stationed at Castle Field, she says with a wry face, having lived most of her life in nearby Modesto.

AL MARTINEZ has returned to open the Western Union Telegraph Office in the Post Office building. He brought with him a wife, the former EARLINE AHLSTORM, last summer of the Camp Curry Coffee Shop. Her home is in Avenal, California, where they were married last January 28.

MARGARET and WILL ELLIS, Yosemite residents for 32 years, will be in the Valley the week end of April 8 and 9 to celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary. Will was mechanical supervisor and master mechanic at the government machine shop when he retired in 1956. He started his working career in Yosemite in 1924 as power station operator. The Ellis' home is now in Exeter.

On April 3, DR. WILLIAM ELDRIDGE moved his family and household to Springfield, California, where he will be associated with the Tulare-Kings County Hospital.

Leaving Yosemite this month are three Park Service families: the DAN NELSONS to Glacier National Park where Dan will be Management Assistant, the VICTOR DAHLBERGS to the Regional Accountant job in Philadelphia, and the BUCK EVANS to Crater Lake. Buck will be Chief Ranger there.

PAT and BILL BINNEWIES are spending a few days (or weeks) with the Olivers. Bill has finished his two years in the army and is now awaiting a job assignment in the Park Service.

In the West to attend the Wilderness Conference in San Francisco, April 7 and 8, Congressmen JOHN P. SAYLOR of Pennsylvania and J. T. RUTHERFORD of Texas, were Ahwahnee guests on April 6. Rutherford is a member of the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Sub-committee for NPS Affairs. The congressmen were escorted to the Park by

ANSEL ADAMS HONORED AT U. C.

The University of California honored Ansel Adams by conferring upon him the honorary degree, Doctor of Fine Arts, at Charter Day ceremonies held on the Berkeley campus, March 20. The words of University President Clark Kerr in making the presentation were as follows:

"The regents of the University of California in recognition of his meritorious achievements have conferred the degree of Doctor of Fine Arts upon Ansel Easton Adams, native of California, whose pictorial record of places and events has established him as one of the leading photographers in the world. His camera has captured for our delight the beauties of Yosemite National Park, the Sierra Nevada and many other regions richly endowed by nature. Advisor on photography to the Museum of Modern Art, founder of the Department of Photography at the California School of Fine Arts, the University of California salutes today an outstanding leader of one of the youngest, and partly through his efforts, one of the most promising of the graphic arts."

Others among the seven recipients of honorary degrees were Secretary of State Dean Rusk who made the principal speech of the day, his first public talk on foreign affairs, and Horace M. Albright, Director of the National Park Service from 1929 to 1933.

PUPPET SHOW

On Pan American Day, Friday, April 14, the sixth grade will present a puppet show at 1:15 in the school auditorium. Titled "A Trip Around South America", the show has been planned, written and produced by the five members of the sixth grade. All parents and interested people are invited to attend.

Frank Givins of the San Francisco Regional Office.

Guests at The Ahwahnee, April 8 and 9, will be the Prime Minister of SWEDEN, T. ERLANDER and his wife; Ambassador G. JARRING and his personal secretary, O. TERNSTROM.

COMPANY DIRECTOR

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at later dates) put their heads together and asked President Wheeler of the University of California for help in providing "rangers" to work through the summer months. The job requirements were simple. Aside from some experience in outdoor living, being in good physical condition and willing to tackle anything, they were to provide themselves with riding and packing equipment, rifle and revolver, an axe, cooking and eating utensils, provisions and suitable clothing. The pay was \$100 per month, out of which they fed themselves and their animals. Gabriel Sovulewski was acting superintendent of the park at the time these "first Yosemite rangers" arrived for duty. A man named Prien was "chief ranger", and Jack Gaylor, Charles Leidig and Forest Townsley were the nearest thing to rangers then existing. During his three summers as one of Yosemite's first "rangers", Jean Witter became well acquainted with these men, notable in the park's early history.

General instructions to the "college boy rangers" were to look out for fires, keep cattle and sheep out of the park, to prevent visitors from bringing firearms or dogs into the park or from damaging the fauna and flora, and to maintain telephone lines in their area.

Two of Mr. Witter's three summers were spent at Crane Flat where he helped build the log cabin, since removed to Wawona, and one summer at Wawona.

Jean Witter was born in Humbird, Wisconsin, January 3, 1892. That same year his family moved to Paso Robles, California and then to Oakland. He has lived in the East Bay area ever since, attending Oakland schools and the University of California from which he earned a B. S. Degree in 1916.

Upon graduation he began his career in the investment banking business with Blyth, Witter & Co. This career was interrupted in 1917 to enter the first Officers Training Camp, fol-

JANE GLASS ENGAGED

The engagement of Jane Glass to Richard Kimball was announced by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Glass, at her sister Gail's wedding rehearsal dinner on March 16, in Saratoga.

Jane is a social science major in her junior year at the University of California, Berkeley.

Kimball is the son of Mrs. Pauline Kimball, of Saratoga, and the late Richard Kimball. He is a senior engineering student at Stanford.

No date has been set for the wedding.

lowed by overseas duty as captain of the 346th Field Artillery in the First World War.

He returned to Blyth, Witter & Co. in 1919, became a junior partner in that firm in 1922.

In 1924 he joined in the formation of Dean Witter & Co., Investment Bankers and members of the New York Stock Exchange and other leading exchanges. He has been a general partner in that firm ever since.

Mr. Witter is a member and has served as president of the Investment Bankers Association. He is a director of I. Magnin & Co. and the Leslie Salt Co., as well as the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

The list of his civic services is long and varied. He has served as a director of the Piedmont Board of Education, campaign chairman of the San Francisco Community Chest, chairman Red Cross War Fund Campaign, president University of California Alumni Association, regent of the University of California, trustee of Mills College.

He is presently a member of the Advisory Board, University of California School of Business Administration; member and treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the San Francisco Symphony Association; director of the University of California Hospitals Auxiliary; member of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America; of the Legal Aid Society, San Francisco; and the American Cancer Society.

INTERIM MINISTER FOR YOSEMITE

Rev. Duane Murphy, assistant director of A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, will be the interim minister for the Yosemite National Park Church until a permanent supply can be obtained. He arrived in Yosemite the Thursday before Easter to settle his wife in an apartment, and flew immediately thereafter to the Everglades National Park in Florida to conduct Good Friday and Easter services. He expects to return to Yosemite next week.

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FORMER EMPLOYEE DIES IN MERCED

James C. Todd, onetime YTS agent in Merced, died on Monday, March 27. A military funeral was conducted by the VFW in Merced on March 30. Roy Garfield, former YTS driver, and George Oliver were among the six pall bearers.

Todd was born in Marquette, Michigan, in 1894, was a veteran of the first World War and worked as Yosemite Park and Curry Co. traffic agent in Merced from June, 1950, until his retirement in March, 1959.

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HELICOPTER AGREEMENT

From the Yosemite News we learn that an agreement has been signed by Sequoia, Kings Canyon and Yosemite Parks for the use of a helicopter during the summer of 1961. The helicopter will be based at Fresno and will be on standby status whenever the burning index has reached 19 at either Park. In case of fires in both Parks, assignment of the helicopter will be by mutual agreement between the two areas. Saving of human life will always have first priority in its use.

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SUNRISE SERVICE WELL ATTENDED

The Sunrise Service on Easter morning was attended by an estimated 2,000 people. Although not a record, this was one of the largest crowds ever present during the 29 years these services have been held.

A YOUNG WESTERNER GOES EAST

Jeannie Evans returned from the National Junior Alpine Championship races at Sugarloaf Mountain, near Kingsfield, Maine, with nothing but superlatives in praise of her trip and her experiences in New York and Washington where she visited friends before returning.

In the contests she placed 24th in a field of 39 in the downhill and 23rd in a field of 38 in the giant slalom. In the slalom, a loose binding caused her a fall and she did not finish. The temperature was 10 degrees below zero, not exactly comparable to Calif. skiing temperatures.

But the end of the ski meet did not bring an end to Jeannie's adventures. In New York she saw the statue of Liberty, the United Nations building, the Rockette show at Radio City, and "My Fair Lady". She thought it was thrilling to stand at the corner of 42nd and Broadway and watch the flickering lights of the city come to life. "Just beautiful!" says Jeannie, "although I wouldn't want to see it every night."

While in New York, she and a young friend visited a pre-showing of fashion originals at Saks Fifth Avenue store. Picture two sweated and skirted girls from way out west in their wide eyed wonder at \$900 dresses, \$150 blouses and \$300 hats. Asked by a sales lady if they wouldn't like to do their shopping at J. C. Penny's, they replied that they were just in New York for a short time and probably would never be back, and if they could just look for a half hour they would go away.

In Washington D.C. she was met by John Townsley, a former Yosemiteite, who escorted her on an extensive tour of the capitol. She met and talked with the Secretary of the Interior, Stewart Udall, who gave her a copy of "Steve Mather of the National Parks" autographed by himself, Conrad Wirth and other NPS notables.

She saw the Interior building—three blocks long with all its different departments—the FBI building, the White House, Ford's Theater and the house where Lincoln died, Arlington Ceme-

YOSEMITE SPEAKERS BUREAU

Wendell Otter appeared before the Madera Lions Club on April 5 as a representative of the Yosemite Speakers Bureau. He addressed that organization on "Inter-community Relations: Madera and Yosemite".

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CHARLES SOBOTKA DIES

Charles Sobotka, 59, died on March 18 in Dos Palos following a lingering illness. He had retired two months previously from his poultry ranch in the Bootjack area.

Sobotka had been a Mariposa resident since 1941.

tery, and the Lincoln Memorial which she pronounced "the most beautiful thing."

She attended a working session of the House of Representatives where the day's business was argument of the Point Reyes National Seashore proposal.

These were experiences to be remembered for a lifetime.

THANKS FROM JEANNIE

Because there were many anonymous contributors to the fund for her ski trip, Jeannie wishes to take this way to thank those whom she has not been able to contact personally:

"I want to thank everyone who helped to make my trip to Maine possible. It was a wonderful experience that I shall never forget. The skiing was cold but very good and the country and people were wonderful. It was fun to meet other skiers from other parts of the country and to ski with them and to get to know them. The people of Maine are so nice and made us all feel so welcome. The race there was run very well; I only wish I could have done better.

"It was truly a thrill of a lifetime and I shall never forget it, nor shall I ever forget all of the people of Yosemite and other friends who helped make all of this a reality.

Thank you, every one.

Jeannie."

SCHEDULES

The opening of the Glacier Point Road, first scheduled for March 25, but delayed by storms, was realized on Friday, March 31, in time for Easter. Limited food service is available and the souvenir shop is open.

The Wawona Hotel was closed after breakfast on Monday, April 3.

The Ostrander Ski Hut closed for the winter season Monday, April 3.

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YOSEMITE IN 1929

In a Yosemite newspaper entitled "Yosemite National Park" and dated January, 1929, this item appeared: "An Associated Press dispatch from Washington announced that Roger W. Toll, superintendent of the Rocky Mountain National Park, has been appointed head of Yellowstone National Park, succeeding Horace M. Albright, who was recently named director of the national park service on the retirement of Stephen T. Mather."

You may remember that the present NPS Training Session is called the Roger W. Toll session.

A February issue of the same paper tells us that on Washington's Birthday in 1929 the three-day travel record for all winter seasons was surpassed with a total of 1,369 cars and 5,249 people entering the Park.

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SWAP TALK

For sale—1961 Sunbeam Alpine Sports car, convertible top and detachable hard top. A-1 condition. Call Brian Nelson, government warehouse, FR 2-4796.

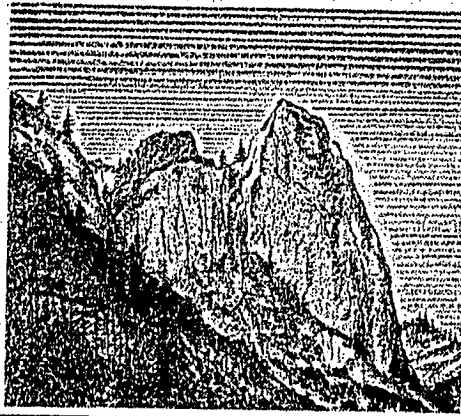
Two bedroom house with large yard, in El Portal. Refrigerator, kitchen range and 2 gas heaters. Roy Rorabaugh, Village Store.

WANTED—A western Union messenger boy, local, 16 years of age or over, with a bicycle. Work will be 5, sometimes 6 days a week, but hours will be short (as needed). Apply to Al Martinez, Western Union Office, P.O. building.

Also WANTED—Ladies second hand bicycle in good condition. Pat Wallis FR 2-4656.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND DRIVE

The Yosemite Community Council reports that only about one-third of the 1961 Fund Drive goal has been reached to date. Everyone is urged to support this once-a-year drive which benefits Yosemite's local organizations, as well as many national ones. Please be as generous as possible, and get pledges and checks in without delay. Help Yosemite carry its fair share in helping others. The drive will end April 30.

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YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

A card party and tea for the Yosemite Women's Group will be held at The Ahwahnee, Wednesday afternoon, April 26. There will be prizes for bridge, canasta and pinochle played between 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

If not interested in cards, please come for the tea and social hour from 3:30 to 4:30. This invitation extends to all women of the community. There will be no charge, and no reservations are necessary for this last meeting of the season.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Parents and other interested persons are invited to visit classes at the Yosemite School during Public Schools Week, April 24 through April 28. Principal Erik Bruun states that as usual, visitors will be welcome at any time, but there will be planned demonstrations presented on Tuesday and Thursday.

Local eighth graders will attend the annual N.D.G.W. tea honoring graduates and faculties of county schools on Wednesday afternoon, in Mariposa. Parents of graduates are also invited.

SCHOOL LIBRARY

Sponsorships for a children's library at the Yosemite school will be sold throughout the community next week. They will be \$2.00 each. It is the hope of the library committee that since there will be only one sale of sponsorships, people will want to purchase for others interested in the project of broadening reading opportunities for individual children.

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LEWIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Kris and Kieth Trexler are the happy parents of identical twin girls, Kerri Lynn, 5 pounds 11 ounces, and Linda Karen, 6 pounds 9 ounces, born at 12:18 and 12:24 a.m. on April 13. The twins have an older brother. Father Keith is a member of the Yosemite Museum staff.

Further good news from hospital hill is that Dr. James Kunzman, University of Iowa, 1956, has come from Carpinteria, Calif., to assist Dr. Sturm for the next two to three months.

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NEW BIG TREES MANAGER

Earl Pomeroy, who is to assume the managership of Big Trees Lodge when it opens on May 12, arrived in Yosemite from Denver two weeks ago. He is presently working at Yosemite Lodge to acquaint himself with the local hotel operation.

Pomeroy is a graduate of the University of Denver in hotel and restaurant management. He spent two years at the University of New Hampshire before going to Denver. He served in the army from 1954 to 1957. Upon graduation from college and until his arrival in Yosemite, he was chief room clerk at the Brown Palace in Denver. His favorite sports are swimming, golf and skiing.

SAILING THE HIGH SEAS

Last November the schooner, Wanderer, sailed out of San Francisco Bay for a four month's cruise of the South Pacific. Among the crew of nineteen were Janie Dean and Irene Anderson. Here are a few questions occurring to a landlubber about such a voyage, and Janie's answer.

Which was your favorite island?

I suppose if we were asked our favorite island we would say Moorea. It is only twelve miles from Tahiti, but it might as well be a thousand. We tied up in the most beautiful lagoon possible to imagine. We swam and spear-fished and stared at the unbelievable mountains and cliffs. The water was crystal clear, turquoise and luxuriously warm. Often, rising at 6:30 a.m., I would simply put on my suit and dive overboard. One can't imagine how refreshing that is! There are few people on Moorea; where we stayed there were perhaps twelve or fifteen families scattered around the lagoon, all very friendly and hospitable. Yes, Moorea would be my choice.

What kind of food did you have aboard ship?

The food was delicious and healthy. Ann, the cook, was marvelous at thinking up new dishes. We ate and ate and ate! As a matter of fact, we had to diet all the way back! Most of the food was stored from San Francisco. Things like fresh fruit and vegetables, some meat and most of our bread was obtained from the natives on the various islands. We had pineapples, mangoes, passion fruit, coconuts, plantains, bananas, and many other exotic fruits.

Did the islands provide some new gustatory experiences?

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"OUR NATIONAL PARKS
IN JEOPARDY"

Preservation and use. Are these two concepts incompatible in our National Parks?

This question has recently been given emphasis by three articles published in the Atlantic Monthly for February, 1961, under the heading, "Our National Parks in Jeopardy." Considerable public discussion has ensued.

The act establishing the National Park Service in 1916 specifically expressed the purpose as being to provide for the enjoyment of the natural scene, wildlife and historic objects within the parks in "such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." No one could foresee in 1916 what a paradox this could become in 1961. The knotty problem with which the National Park Service was born is this: how may the parks be preserved in their natural state WHILE being used?

Yosemite's H. Oehlmann succinctly states the problem of impairment when he says, "Mere access begins the process, but its absence precludes use."

Since no one denies that they are to be used, the heart of the controversy seems to be how much and what kind of use should our parks have? There are those, typified by Devereux Butcher, who would limit their use to appreciation of wilderness, holding that other kinds of recreation can and should be found elsewhere. Others believe that National Parks should provide not only spiritual rejuvenation, but opportunities to fish, climb, photograph, study nature or merely experience an inexpensive family outing in beautiful, healthy surroundings.

SWAP TALK

For sale: Kenmore washing machine. Dining table with 4 chairs. Call ES 5-6239. Hornor.

Forty foot, two bedroom trailer, \$2800. Christensen, Camp 6.

Stewart Udall, Secretary of the Interior, and Director Conrad Wirth have declared themselves dedicated to both concepts of park use and favorable to limiting the encroachment of civilization to small areas within the wilderness. They further agree that wilderness cannot exist along roads or areas of intensive use.

As one solution to the problem of preservation plus use, Secretary Udall suggests that it is important to expand the interpretive services, largely educational, as a guidance for the large number of people who come to the parks.

"Here," he says, "is an opportunity to present a conservation message to millions of people in a situation where inspiring surroundings stimulate their interest"

Director Wirth says, "Overdevelopment and more roads is not the answer. The pressures of numbers can only be relieved by the establishment of additional parks and recreational areas on all levels." Several laymen participating in the discussion made similar suggestions.

Mr. Oehlmann further states: "One fact should be abundantly clear to anyone who is familiar with the parks and their problems. The pressures will not disappear if the Park Service simply turns its back on them and refuses to manage the areas under its charge. Impairment of wilderness values will not cease simply by the government's refusal to provide thoroughfare, parking, sanitation, police, fire protection, insect control, and the other means that are necessary for preservation as well as for use and enjoyment by the citizens who own the parks. We can count ourselves fortunate to have had a custodian sensitive and wise enough to reconcile conflicting purposes to the optimum degree that human ingenuity could devise."

VILLAGE STORE CHANGES

The new look in the grocery and clothing departments has been designed to increase speed of service and to provide more display space. The additional space achieved in the clothing department will be filled with a greater variety of merchandise.

Manager Jack Ring says that Roy Rorabaugh was so hard to replace that it was necessary to give two titles to Andy Koller. Andy is now assistant store manager as well as meat market supervisor. This will leave "Friendly Fred" a little lonesome, but Andy will not desert him entirely. Andy is even more versatile than most people realize, (and that is saying a great deal). He has had previous experience in various kinds of merchandising: groceries, clothing and auto accessories.

Andy stopped his whistling among the stacks of canned goods long enough to make a few comments on his new job.

"Yes, I thought this would be a challenge," he said. "I did offer to help Dr. Sturm out before a new doctor showed up. All you need to know there is what color pills they are pushing today. If they've had too many red ones, give 'em pink! But now I guess I'll stay in the grocery business. This was my first day and I made it. Of course, it was the boss' day off!"

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CONTEST WINNER

Judy Ditton was one of ten winners in a high school essay contest sponsored by California's Spring Festival. Essays were written on a complete menu for a family of four and four guests based on a determined income bracket. Judy is the only advanced home economics major in a new department established this year at Mariposa High School.

The Spring Festival, an innovation this year, will be held in Sacramento, April 15 to April 23. It is to be a combination of a State Spring Fair plus the outstanding features of the Sacramento Country Fair. Table settings of the ten winners will be duplicated at the Festival.

THE AHWAHNEE

Conventions come and go at The Ahwahnee these days. As the lumbermen logged out, the Lions roared in to spend the weekend of April 22 to 23.

Amos Neal is back from his circumnavigation of the globe looking refreshed and ready for anything. He says it was wonderful to wake up each morning and realize there was nothing he had to do today, tomorrow, or yesterday.

Sally Rathsack has transferred from cashier to the Commercial Office as Mr Proctor's secretary.

Pat Binnewies is helping in the Gift Shop until Bill reports for duty with the Park Service at Carlsbad Caverns N. P. next month.

The kitchen crew is beaming over a gleaming new dishwashing machine that replaces two old ones. The new one washes glassware, china and silver all at once.

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YOSEMITE PIONEER

John H. Leidig, born in Yosemite when U. S. Grant was still president, died last November in the John C. Fremont Hospital and was buried in Mariposa. One of twelve brothers and sisters born in Yosemite, he outlived them all.

Some controversy existed as to whether or not he was the eldest, as that distinction has been claimed for his brother Charles. Jack used to say when questioned on the matter of seniority, "Charlie ain't here to dispute me, is he"?

According to Carl Russell, Charles Leidig was the first white boy born in Yosemite Valley and Jack was a few years younger.

The elder Leidigs owned Yosemite's principal early day hotel, which bore their name and was located immediately under Sentinel Rock. It enjoyed a very favorable reputation during the earliest years of the State's administration of the Yosemite Grant. Jack's mother was noted for her good cooking, and the Leidig establishment for its cleanliness.

Jack grew to his teens before the family moved from Yosemite. After

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THE GOLF CLUBS

The Wawona Women's Golf Club met at outgoing President Muriel Ouimet's home on Monday evening, April 17th, for the purpose of launching the 1961 season and electing new officers.

Those present were: Merv Neilson, Barbara Morris, Marge Cromer, Ruth Culver, Dete Oliver, Helen Doty, Jane Rust, Madeline Hickok, Ruth Hill, Jean Leedy, Audrey Ewing, Inky Peterson, Lillian Fee, Valerie Eagle, Hazel Warren and Muriel Ouimet. Mesdames Jane Rust and Lillian Fee, together with Miss Peterson, were officially welcomed into the club as new members.

Isabelle Dierksen and Ruth Hill were unanimously elected President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively for the new season. The Tournament, Handicap and Social Chairmen will be appointed by Mrs. Dierksen and announced at a later date.

The Wawona Men's Club held its first 1961 meeting last Monday and elected Gene Ewing to succeed Charlie Hill as president. Other new officers included Wayne Leedy, Secretary-Treasurer; Doug Thomas and Herkie Allcock, Tournament Co-chairmen; and Rex Hickok, Handicapper. Chas. Proctor and Chas. Eagle will constitute the Rules and Greens Committee.

There were 23 members present for the meeting. Pro Charlie Eagle announced that the golf club season would run from May 1st to October 1st and that the annual Fort Washington Home and Home Match would be held on June 4th. New greens fee and season ticket rates were discussed.

Any men golfers interested in joining the club are urged to contact the secretary-treasurer at once in order to enjoy the full season of events at Wawona.

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LETTERS

From "old timer" Barbara L. Kat came a note in which she spoke of her daughter Marian, who attended grade school in the Valley and now lives in Santa Cruz with her husband, "Skip" Hawkins, and three daughters; and of Jeanne, her youngest, who is now a freshman at U. C. in Berkeley.

TIOGA ROAD OPEN EARLY

The Tioga Road will be open to travel on Friday, April 21.

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BADGER PAST

With winter over and the ski lodge tucked away for the summer, Badger Pass personnel have gone their various ways. Most of the instructors have spent the past week at the Far West Ski Instructors Convention at Mammoth. A postman's holiday is this, but fun, with hard work included for those who are working to become certified ski instructors. Nick Fiore is a member of the certification board.

SUMMER JOBS—

MARTHA MILLER has gone to San Francisco to work with the San Francisco Opera Company. She will help with conventions at The Ahwahnee this spring before returning to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge as chief clerk.

CHARLOTTE LOCKWOOD has assumed the role of housewife for the summer.

PATTY WALKER is working at The Ahwahnee switch board.

NICK FIORE will be associate manager at Yosemite Lodge.

CHET HUBBARD will manage the Camp Curry Coffee Shop.

MARCEL BAREL will be assigned to his summer job when he returns from ski convention.

ROBERT FAURE, presently working on the maintenance crew, is to be a Camp Curry bellman during the summer.

HARVEY LYON is employed at the government warehouse.

BOB HARTUNG and RICK ANDERSON (ski patrol head) will return to the ranger force.

TOM ADAMS has gone to Banff as a landscaper for the Canadian government.

BOB LATTIMORE will be sports director at Wawona for the summer.

BILL WATTENBARGER, LEO MAIER and BOB HARRIS have left the Valley.

Rumor has it that HALDOR REINHOLT is going back to Norway for a visit with the home folks.

JERRY MOORE, who switched from instructor to co-ordinator of special events, will work with his father in the Moore Enterprises at Wawona.

SAILING THE HIGH SEAS

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We encountered many strange and interesting types of food on the islands. One night on Moorea the natives gave us a party. It started around five in the afternoon and lasted until two or three (none of us remember too much about that night!) in the morning. It was called a "Tamaaraa". We sat on the ground and were served by gaily clad natives wearing the traditional Pareu. We had watched the food in preparation, seen the pig lowered into it's bed of red-hot lava stones, seen the grating of the coconuts, and watched as they caught and cleaned the fish. The ground was spread with large palm fronds and the plates were made of smooth green leaves tied together. We ate poi, roast pig, breadfruit, plantains, mangoes, and poisson cru—a raw fish marinated in lime and coconut, tomatoes, onions, parsley, lettuce, various spices and heaven knows what else. It was surprisingly my favorite dish. I could go on for hours! Along with all this we drank a native beer called "Hinano" and some terrific red wine from Algeria (supplied generously by Captain Darr). As we ate, they played their Tahitian songs on guitars, and danced the remarkable "Tamure". We of course joined in with this. Occasionally something like "Tom Dooley" would creep in; they love American songs. What a night!

What did you do on a watch?

Our watches usually were three or four persons who each stood watch, sternwatch, and an hour at the helm. On clear, warm days (there were many of these!) the watch was more or less casual, because nearly everyone was on deck anyway. We patched sails, hitched fenders, polished brass, loafed in the sun, but were always ready for any trouble. Sometimes watches were not so pleasant; standing in four hours of rain or in forty or fifty mile an hour winds can't exactly be considered nice. But it was all part of sailing and we wouldn't change a minute of it.

Where did you spend Christmas?

We spent Christmas at sea, about

Orchids to director Barbara Matthews, producer Sterling Cramer and the Lions Club, and to a superb cast, all of whom contributed to the outstanding success of "The Mousetrap".

Lions Club Secretary, Walter Fitzpatrick, estimates that the club, as sponsors, will net close to \$900. All of this money is used for service work rather than administrative costs of the organization.

a day out of Pitcairn's Island. The people on that island were so kind to us and were very disappointed when we left so soon. They don't have many visitors. Christmas at sea . . . it was really much like any other day, except we had a little foil tree, cocktails before dinner and some of us even dressed up (we put clean clothes and shoes on!) for the occasion. Somehow it really seems that we skipped the holidays entirely. One really can't feel the spirit of Christmas in bikinis and swim suits.

What does it feel like to be at sea?

Words to describe life at sea come with difficulty. Conrad and Melville can tell you far better than I how it is; what it is to stand on the bow of a sailing boat and watch the swells rise and fall, to hear the music of the sea lapping and swishing against the prow, to feel the wind on your face and in your hair, to be wretched and cold and scared in a bad storm, to be hot and dry and longing for something so simple as a glass of cold water—fresh water with ice in it—to stand at the helm when entering a lagoon and hear the Captain's voice from the main-mast rollies calling out to you "north-north east! half east!" And you repeating that and knowing what it means. Hauling on lines, making fast a halyard, pumping the head, wasting twenty matches trying to light a soggy, salty cigarette. And on and on. I can write only a few words, and words cannot convey the feeling, seeing, touching, and living of a life at sea.

CARIBBEAN VACATION

On Sunday morning, April 16, only 21 hours elapsed time after their departure from Yosemite, Alice and Sterling Cramer landed in Jamacia. During this 21 hours, in addition to the motor trip to Merced, they had traveled in four planes and spent a night in a motel. (A little slow by Russian standards, but it beats walking.)

In Jamacia their plans were to rent a Hertz car (just like in Yosemite) and tour the island.

On Haiti they will see the Citadel, an abandoned fortress built by a self-proclaimed king in 1817. A 3,000 foot climb through tropical forest is necessary to reach the mountain top on which it is built.

After visiting Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands National Park, the Cramers will return to Yosemite on May 24.

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a few unhappy years in Los Angeles, they came back to the Sierra to operate hotels at Grant Springs on the Raymond-Wawona Road and in Raymond.

During his lifetime in the area, Jack worked in sawmills, clerked in hotels, drove stage, guided tourists, prospected for gold, worked as a lumberjack, trapped and hunted.

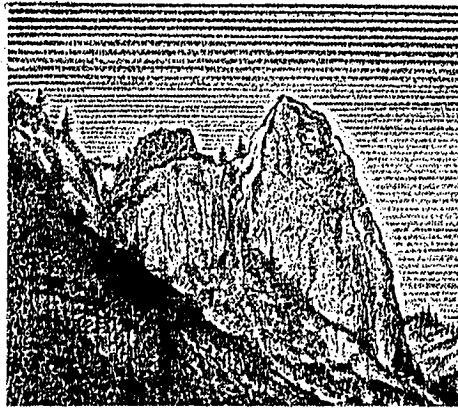
He was an inveterate story teller. In addition to stories based on actual experiences, he had a fund of tall tales he delighted in telling. One concerned a farm he owned in Fresno County. There was no water and nothing grew until he planted watermelons. They flourished and grew to great proportions.

"Why, they grew so dern big," he'd chuckle, "that I could irrigate a whole acre with the water from one melon."

He said the farm thrived until he made the mistake of plugging too many melons at one time, and the resultant flood washed away every thing he had.

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BIG OAK FLAT ROAD

The National Park Service has budgeted \$1,100,000 to clear and grade approximately 10 miles of new Big Oak Flat Road from Crane Flat to the vicinity of Carl Inn. There, about 1,000 feet south of the present road, the Park highway will connect with the new state route 120.

Bid invitations will probably go out in June so that awards can be made as soon after the start of the fiscal year on July 1 as feasible. It is expected the contractor will be on the job sometime in August. It is hoped that funds to contract for the base course and final finishing will be provided in the budget for the subsequent fiscal year.

When the new road is completed, a Mather District headquarters will be established at Hodgdon Meadow which will include a new entrance station, maintenance facilities, and a large public campground. The new road will be open on a year around basis and is expected to become the main route to Yosemite from the northern half of the state.

The state is presently working on highway 120 near Cliff House, and expects to have the route from Priests Grade to the Park boundary improved by the fall of 1963 when the section within the Park will be finished, according to present plans.

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LOST ARROW CLOSES

The Lost Arrow will close on the evening of May 11 at 11:30. On May 23, at 2 p.m., the Den at Camp Curry will open for the summer.

Square dances will be continued at the Lost Arrow on Wednesday evening at 8:30 until the opening of the Den at Camp Curry.

TIOGA ROAD DEDICATION

June 24 has been set as the date for the formal dedication of the new 21-mile section of the Tioga Road, according to Superintendent Preston.

Dedication ceremonies will be held at Olmsted View, overlooking Tenaya Canyon. The program, to be open to the public, will be sponsored by the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Federal and State officials will participate.

Superintendent Preston states that the original Tioga Road, known as the Great Sierra Wagon Road, was built in 1883 to provide access to mining properties east of Tioga Pass. The 57-mile wagon road from Crocker's Station to Bennetville is reported to have been constructed in 130 days at a cost of \$61,000.

Privately owned, the road fell into disrepair during many years of neglect. In 1915 Stephen T. Mather, first Director of the National Park Service, and some of his friends purchased the road and turned it over to the federal government.

An interesting note—the first modernized section of the Tioga Road, from Crane Flat to McSwain Meadows, was opened with ceremonies on June 23, 1940, twenty-one years and one day before the ceremonies marking the completion of the entire road.

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GOVERNMENT CENTER? NO!

Confusion seems to reign as to the proper designation for the area of the Valley containing Government Headquarters, the Post Office, the Village Store, etc. Employees are requested to substitute "Yosemite Village" for previously used terminology. This should make things easier for strangers in our midst as the signs read "Yosemite Village".

IS YOUR CONTRIBUTION PART OF THE MISSING 29%?

The Yosemite Community Council Drive reached the end of April with \$1900.00 toward a goal of \$2700.00. In an effort to reach this goal and give everyone an opportunity to take part in this community endeavor, the Council has extended the Drive to May 15.

This is the first year the goal for the El Portal and Yosemite communities has not been reached in the allotted time. Local boys and girls activities as well as other community sponsored projects cannot be continued without these funds.

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FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS FOR CAMP CURRY

In preparation for a mid-June opening, Camp Curry Cafeteria is being enlarged by a deck and new garden entrance. On the outdoor deck, which will be in front of the cafeteria and adjacent to the board walk, will be a kiosk where soft drinks and refreshments may be obtained during afternoon and evening hours.

Inside, the west section of the present room will contain the main cafeteria with seating for 150 people, while the east section will be used for nightly summer dances, replacing those formerly held in the pavilion. Sliding doors between the two sections will allow for flexibility of use.

Redecoration of the cafeteria will include new tables and chairs and an open beam ceiling with new lighting. The former dance pavilion will be converted into guest housing sometime during the late summer and fall. Specific plans have not yet been completed.

The new grill, deck, lounge, and front office completed last year will be used as before.

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SAFETY, SECURITY, PROTECTION

What do those uniformed officers who walk about the YPC Co. units at night really do? As with most jobs, there is more to their duties than meets the eye of the casual observer, according to Chief Security Officer Bill Melton.

In addition to the chief officer, there are five of these men during the winter and by sometime in June there will be seven in the Valley, one at Glacier Point and one at Wawona.

The valley floor is divided into five areas, one of which includes the six dormitories, the garage, Village Store and general office buildings. The watchman for this area makes his rounds of 16 different stations once each hour.

Safety, security, protection are terms used to describe his work and this means that he is not only on the alert for fire but that he is a guardian of property and persons as well.

Other security officers are the five store detectives who are on duty during the summer months. They are plain clothes men whose duty it is to move quietly about the stores and studios and see everything that is going on, while remaining unobserved

CELEBRITIES

Interesting people from all over the world are interested in Yosemite.

Lord and Lady Astor of Hever (a famous old castle), England, were guests at The Ahwahnee for several days last month. Lord Astor is a brother-in-law of the famous Lady Nancy Astor, and a great-great grandson of the man who founded the American Fur Co. which operated on the west coast in 1811.

An artist, Lord Astor spent many hours painting during his visit here. Termed gracious and charming by those who contacted them, the Astors left reporting a very enjoyable visit in Yosemite.

His Royal Highness Jaya Chameraja Wadiyar, the Maharaja of Mysore, visited Yosemite during the recent April snow storm which caused him to miss a trip to Glacier Point. Chancellor of the University of Mysore and holder of a doctorate in literature from Oxford, the Maharaja will deliver a number of college lectures on East-West philosophy during his month's visit to the United States.

themselves. Security Officer Melton states that employees who come to recognize a store detective would be wise not to visit with him on the job as this not only distracts him but calls attention to him. When he gains identity he loses his usefulness.

Shoplifting is, of course, the chief problem for the store detective, and the size of the problem is surprising. Reports on a summer's work indicate that the chief offenders are boys between the ages of 12 and 16. During one season, 361 male shop lifters were apprehended as against 25 female, most of them from this younger age bracket.

Asked why, they will often reply, "I don't know. Just to see if I could get away with it."

There seems to be a kind of challenge existing here for boys of this immature but adventurous age.

RESIDENT MINISTER SELECTED

At a recent congregational meeting, the Rev. William F. Henning, Jr., was approved unanimously as the congregation's choice for the position of resident minister of Yosemite Community Church and Executive Secretary of the Yosemite National Park Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Henning now live in Fort Worth, Texas, where he serves as assistant pastor at St. Steven's Presbyterian Church. They and their daughters are expected to arrive in the Park on July 10 and will take up residence in apartment 60-D, gov't residential area.

TENTATIVE OPENING DATES

- Big Trees Lodge—May 12
Camp Curry Front Office—May 19
Camp Curry Coffee Shop—May 19
Wawona Coffee Shop—May 19
Yosemite Lodge Pool—May 19

DEATH TAKES CHARLES PROCTOR, SR.

Charles Proctor, Sr., father of Y.P.C. Co's. Charles N. Proctor, and well known to many Yosemite residents because of past visits to the Park, died at his home in Hanover, New Hampshire, April 15.

He was professor emeritus of physics at Dartmouth and often called the father of American Skiing. The Ski Industry Newsletter for April mentions him as one of the outstanding personalities of the ski world.

The Newsletter further states: "For over 50 years he devoted himself to many phases of skiing. He set the first slalom course in this country, wrote most of the first competition rules, was chairman of the organizing committee of the 1932 Olympics at Lake Placid and more than 25 years ago described the elements of today's aerodynamic jumping style."

EL PORTAL DOINGS

- May 9—Community meeting in the Community Building. Pot-luck dinner, dance and movies. Everyone invited.
May 18—Garden Club meeting in the Community building. Movies and bingo.

HERE AND THERE

Vera and Jim McDonald are now living near Briceburg, from where Jim commutes to his job as transportation agent at The Ahwahnee. They plan to spend their spare time building a house at Foresta.

Since returning to the landscape crew, Carl Stevens has joined the ranks of home owners in Foresta.

Ann and Myron Sutton are co-authors of a book just published by Rand McNally, a biography of Georg Wilhelm Steller, a naturalist who was the first white man to explore Alaska.

Madge Fitzgerald (Ahwahnee Gift Shop) has gone to Long Beach to welcome her second grandchild.

Lorraine Ring is in Montana where she was called by the serious illness of her father.

Bill Nutley is office and public relations manager for Oshita Inc., growers, packers and shippers in Castroville. Dete has a job with a newspaper in Salinas, where they live. She, Kari and Lauri are active in church work and happy with city life.

Concrete foundations have been poured for two, three-bedroom residential units for postal employees. It is expected they will be finished in August. They are located on the hill near the new Park Service homes.

On the front desk at Camp Curry are Walter Igo of Chowchilla (here since Feb. 13) and Dennis Goodwin of Carlsbad, Calif., who came April 19.

The snow storm which descended on Tioga Pass and all of Yosemite, April 21, caused the earliest closing, immediately after the earliest opening, of the Tioga Road on record. The pass was opened Friday morning and 100 cars passed through the gate before an 18" snowfall closed the road again Friday night. The Glacier Point Road and the Crane Flat entrance station were closed by generous amounts of snow. All roads are now open for the summer (it is hoped).

Final inspection has been held on the El Portal residential area roads, water and sewer systems, according to the Yosemite News. The houses are to be completed sometime in May.

SKI FINALE

Bob Lattimore and Bob Hartung achieved certification as associate ski instructors at the F. W. S. A. Convention held April 16 through April 21 at Mammoth Mountain. Ski School Director Nick Fiore, who was on the Board of Examiners, was elected treasurer of the F. W. S. A. I. A.

In addition to those mentioned, Yosemite was represented at the convention by Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Barel, Martha Miller, Chester Hubbard, Bill Wattenbarger, Florence Burkner, Donna and Del Armstrong, and Mike Schuler.

During the previous week, Haldor Reinholt, Bob Lattimore and Jerry Moore competed in the Silver Belt Race at Sugar Bowl. On a race course with a 2,000 foot drop, set by Willy Schaeffler who was course setter for the Olympic Games at Squaw Valley, Moore finished 21 and Lattimore 23. Unfortunately Reinholt's chances were blasted by a fall. The race was invitational to Class A racers only.

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SQUARE DANCE IN EL PORTAL

All square dancers are invited to El Portal on Saturday, June 3, for a dance featuring two callers, Bill Patterson of Merced, and Ray Gillham from Modesto. The dance, sponsored by the "El Portal Gateswingers," will be held in the Community Building at 8 p.m. There will be a charge of \$1.50 a couple.

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TRAIL CONSTRUCTION

The big push is on to complete the new horse trail from Happy Isles to Vernal Fall now that weather conditions are more favorable. As soon as the abutments are completed the 60 and 80 foot span Bailey bridges will be erected. Work on the new route should be ready before summer travel begins.

Two prefabricated steel trail bridges are also being packed in as far as Little Yosemite via the Merced Lake Trail. Later on they will be packed up to Echo Valley for erection on the new Sunrise Trail. These two bridges have 48 foot spans. —Yosemite News

REFERENCE BOOKS AND INFORMATION SERVICE FOR YOSEMITE LIBRARY

Valuable reference books will soon be available in the Merced County Library through the San Joaquin Valley Information Service. These will include up to date encyclopedias, atlases, and world almanacs for even the smallest branches, of which Yosemite is one.

Not only the books themselves, but training in how to use them is part of the program provided by the Valley Information Service. Library assistants have received basic reference training through workshops, and in the future, these assistants will be going "back to school" with a special correspondence course.

In addition to reference books, the Valley Information Service is providing the Merced County and other libraries with a central source of information. This center is located in the Fresno County Library. Here the Service librarians answer questions that come in from all of the participating libraries.

A library patron can receive a fast, accurate and complete answer to any question that he may have. All he needs to do is visit or call his local library. His question will be telephoned to the Service headquarters, where librarians will phone the answer to him as soon as it is available. Some questions require long and complicated answers, and these of course, will be sent by mail. There is no charge to the patron.

The San Joaquin Information Service is being financed under the Library Service Act. This act, first passed in 1956, and recently extended, provides federal funds for the improvement of library service throughout the United States. The service went into actual operation in May 1960 and will run through July 1962. At that time it is anticipated that it will become self-supporting.

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WHO'S NEW?

Christopher Duane, a 6 pound, 1½ ounce boy, arrived on April 26 for Rev. and Mrs. Duane Murphy.

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Carl Russell speaks of Leidig as follows:

"Jack Leidig was an extraordinary link between the early day Yosemite life and the modern bustle in the popular Valley. It was great, good fortune that placed him in the Mariposa hills during his declining years, where he was disposed to recount his experiences for the benefit of the historical record. The Yosemite National Park collections are notably richer because of his willingness to cooperate. It is worthy of note, also, that Jack participated in some of the comparatively recent official affairs of the Government in Yosemite. Especially is he to be remembered for his effective work as foreman of the CCC Camp at Cascades in the 1930's."

One of Jack's factual stories concerns the killing of one of the last grizzly bears of Yosemite.

"One of the last big grizzlies killed in Mariposa County was killed near Crescent Lake in September, 1887, by Jim Duncan who had horses at Crescent Lake. He killed around 200 bears in his time. Charles McMasters had a herd of goats in the vicinity, and Robert Wellman, working for Stockton and Buffon, was looking after a herd of cattle with a base at Buck Camp. Duncan and Wellman got this grizzly by building a lookout platform in some trees near the carcass of a cow on which bears were feeding. It had been necessary to shoot this cow because she was hopelessly bogged down in swampy ground. At a time of full moon, Duncan and Wellman kept a watch from their elevated platform until the big bear showed up. While it was feeding on the carcass they shot it. The estimated weight of this grizzly was 1900 pounds. I saw the hide in Hill's Studio at Wawona and it was pretty near as big as a 9x12 rug."

Again according to Carl Russell, the Robert Wellman referred to by Jack left a written account of the killing. Both pelt and account are now preserved in the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, U.C., Berkeley. Wellman said the freshly stretched hide was nearly 10 feet. One more grizzly was shot

NISHKIAN RE-ELECTED FWSA PRES.

At the annual meeting of the Far West Ski Association, on April 30, Byron Nishkian, Yosemite Winter Club president, was reelected to a third term as president of the FWSA.

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YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

A card party and tea held at The Ahwahnee on April 26 was the last meeting of the season for the Yosemite Women's Group.

At the business meeting the following officers were elected: Kathy Betts, chairman; Ruth Ewing, vice-chairman; Nancy Ringrose, secretary; Helen Ledson, treasurer; Marge Howse, program chairman.

A variety of interesting door prizes as well as prizes for cards were presented to the lucky winners. The tea table, beautifully decked with apple blossoms, was presided over by newly elected chairman, Kathy Betts, and hostess Kit Whitman.

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COFFEE SHOP HOURS

The Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop will be open from 1:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. starting Friday, May 5.

in the Crescent Lake locality about 1895.

An early Yosemite newspaper, "The Ranger", provides some information about Jack's brother, Charles Leidig:

Charles Leidig, the first white child born in Yosemite National Park, on March 8, 1869, returned to Yosemite on March 8, 1929, to celebrate his 60th birthday.

Coming into the Ranger's Office, Mr. Leidig told of early days in Yosemite when the main entrance to the Valley was over the Wawona road by stage coach. 'The first wagon ever brought into Yosemite,' said Mr. Leidig, 'had to be packed in on mules.'

Mr. Leidig's father, for whom Leidig Meadow was named, operated the Leidig Hotel, and the largest number of people to enter the Valley in a year (before the El Portal Railroad) was 2,700 tourist.

Charles Leidig went to school first in a tent located where the cemetery now is, and later to a small schoolhouse in the Old Village. When he was

CHURCH SERVICES

PROTESTANT—

Sunday, 8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion Service in the Chapel.

9:00 a.m.—Brief Worship Service in Chapel.

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in Schoolhouse.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship in the Chapel.

9:00 p.m.—Vesper Service in Chapel.

ROMAN CATHOLIC—

Monday through Saturday—Mass in the Chapel, 7:00 a.m.

Sunday—Mass in the Pavilion, 6:45 and 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—

Sunday in the Chapel, 8:00 p.m.

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SWAP TALK

One of the more outstanding homes in the El Portal community is offered for sale. This home has 3 bedrooms, a large bath and kitchen and is landscaped front and back. There's plenty of room for the little ones. Call FR 2-4376 or see Waddie Zollars, El Portal.

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House for sale in El Portal, 1 bedroom, screen porch and patio, overlooking river. Has basement and extra room. Call FRontier 2-4650.

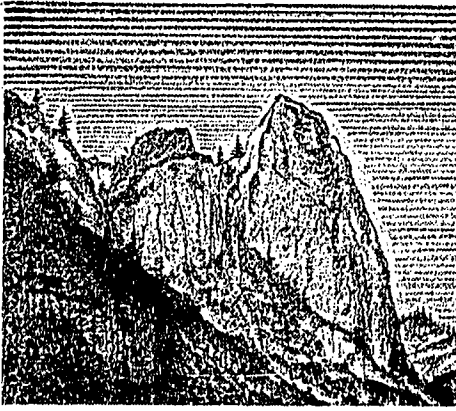
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For sale: Three bedroom house in El Portal. Many assets—Wall-to-wall carpeting in the living room, separate guest house with bath, utility room, cement patio and walks, spacious yard with many shrubs, stove and refrigerator included. Phone Ringrose, FR 2-4465.

16 or 17 years old he had a contract as a mail carrier and during the winter months when the snow was too deep for riding horseback he walked 22 miles and back on snowshoes with the mail in a sack on his back.

'We had heavy winters then and mild ones,' said Mr. Leidig. 'One season we had no snow at all during the winter months and around May a fall of three inches. Another time in September we had eighteen inches on the Valley floor. Severe winters are bound to come back. They come in cycles.'

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NEW BUSES PURCHASED FOR TIOGA TRIP

Delivery of two 25-passenger busses purchased by YPC Co. is expected by June 15.

YTS Superintendent Claire Dierksen journeyed to Dallas, Texas in mid-February to inspect the bodies which will be placed on GMC chassis purchased separately and shipped to Dallas.

Intended for the Yosemite to Lake Tahoe run, the new busses will have deluxe seating and a 172 inch wheel base which is just over three and one half feet shorter than the 29 passenger Flexibles. According to Mr. Dierksen, they will be small enough to negotiate the Lee Vining grade without trouble, yet large enough to be useful on other runs when not needed for the Tioga trip. The seven passenger cadillacs previously used on this run were not large enough to accommodate the increase in travel expected because of the new road.

The Yosemite to Tahoe trip, with one bus north bound and one south bound each day, will begin on July 4 and continue until the end of August.

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YOSEMITE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The planning committee for the Yosemite Children's Library, chaired by Chuck Woessner, reports that over \$650 has been realized from the sale of sponsorships. In addition, the Lions Club contributed \$750, which makes a total of over \$1400 with which to begin the work of building a school library.

The committee wishes to express its gratitude to all contributors for their assistance, and to state that if there is anyone not contacted who wishes to become a sponsor, he should contact Dr. Charles Woessner or Principal Erik Bruun.

YOSEMITE SCHOOL GRADUATION

Graduation exercises for the eleven eighth graders of Yosemite Elementary School are planned for Friday evening, June 9, at 8:00, in the multi-purpose room of the schoolhouse. Featuring the theme, "Changes In Our Lives," the graduates have selected Linda Logeland and Greg Branges to speak for them. Linda will comment on the changes in our valley since their start in school, while Greg will speak of changes in the world

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GRADUATIONS AND HOMECOMINGS

Robert Eckart will be graduated from the University of the Pacific, at Stockton, on June 11. He is enrolled in Hastings Law School, San Francisco, for the fall term.

Yosemite members of the Mariposa High School graduating class are Judy Ditton, Margaret Melton, Randy Morgenson and Randy Rust. Judy plans to attend Fresno City College next fall to major in home economics; Margaret will go to Bethany Bible College for a major in music. The two Randys have indefinite plans for their future but intend to be enrolled in college next fall.

To Mt. Pleasant, Utah, last weekend went several parents to bring home the local Wasatch pupils in attendance there: Sharon Conner, Susan Ottonello, Bill Breckenkamp, Maynard Moe, and Wyatt Kowski.

Former Yosemite residents Maggie Udell and Gordon Glass were among this year's Wasatch graduates. Others recently of Yosemite who are graduating from high school are Sandy Sedergren in Port Angeles, Washington, and Gayle Ripczinski (Acord) from Salinas High School.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRIVE COMPLETED

Considered successful by the Community Council, the Fund Drive ended on May 15 with \$2378.09 collected. Funds have been allotted as follows:

American Cancer Society	\$500
American Heart Association	375
American Red Cross	450
Salvation Army	200
Yosemite Scholarship Fund	315
Boy Scouts (local troop)	56
Boy Scouts of America (national Cub and Boy Scouts)	400
Yosemite Badgers	200
Girl Scout Council (national)	150
TOTAL	\$2646

Local cub scouts and girl scouts did not make a request. The March of Dimes, formerly included, depends on its individual drive for funds.

The total collected was \$267.91 short of the amount disbursed. The difference has been temporarily supplied from an emergency fund of approximately \$500 which the council keeps in readiness for some possible emergency expenditure such as might be caused by fire, flood or epidemic. There are always some late contributions on which the council is depending to replenish the community emergency fund.

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SPECIAL FOR YOUNG RIDERS

On Saturday, June 10, there will be a special burro picnic for the benefit of children of privilege card holders at a discount rate of \$2.00 for the all-day trip. The age limit is 7 to 12, inclusive, and the trip will be limited to 25 children. Reservations in advance must be made with the Transportation Office at Camp Curry.

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EXPLAINING YOUR BUSINESS

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Just what "service" produced by state government is more important than the opportunity for a man to earn a living for himself and his family?

The Jones family is an average Wisconsin family. Like most folks, they would probably tell you they don't have everything they feel they need or would like to have. But then, who does? Like other families, the Joneses have their hopes, their fears, their problems, their dreams.

And they have one more all-important thing. Mr. Jones has a job—provided by Wisconsin business and industry under the American system of competitive enterprise.

That job means many things to the Joneses—food, clothes, warmth, a roof over their heads, and other necessities of modern life which in other countries are still often considered almost unbelievable luxuries.

Mr. Jones' job also means they can be buying a home, a car, an automatic washer or dryer, a TV set, or some of the other things that make the American standard of living the highest and best in the world. It also means health insurance, life insurance, savings in the bank, a pension plan, paid vacations.

These are just a few of the many, many reasons why a job and the opportunity to earn a decent living is the most important single thing to any family or individual.

Even though state government is important, it did not produce Mr. Jones' job, or the other 1,190,799 jobs provided by business and industry in Wisconsin. These jobs are created by the competitive enterprise system. Job opportunities don't just "hap-

MISAPPROPRIATION

A kindlier word for stealing. The ranger office at park headquarters reports a growing concern over the number of bicycles taken from places where owners have left them, and then found discarded in such inconvenient places as the bottom of the Merced River or in the azalea bushes near Camp Curry.

A Yosemite employee adopting such illegal transportation last week, was apprehended by rangers and found the practice expensive—exactly \$10 a mile, or to be precise—a \$25 fine by the U.S. Commissioner. Yosemite Residents owning bikes are cautioned to safeguard such property.

pen." To create jobs, it takes the investment of money for the machinery and equipment used by the Mr. Joneses of the state, and for the buildings they work in. It also takes careful organization and ceaseless planning to promote the sales which create a constant demand for Mr. Jones' services and skills. It takes constant and expensive research, new ideas, and constant, tireless efforts to develop new products, new methods, and new markets so the business will remain successful, so it can grow to provide even more job opportunities.

This is how the competitive enterprise system works.

To be sure, there are nations in the world where The State Government DOES provide "jobs" for all the citizens—countries like Russia and its captive communist satellites, where The State and its "services" are considered to be more important than the people.

Of course in these countries Mr. Jones would have to work where he was told to work with no right to bargain, quit, or strike.

In a free nation like ours, each person is entitled to his own opinion. But before the governor dismisses the functions, services, and importance of the American competitive enterprise system as secondary to those of government, before he hails state government as all-important, we respectfully suggest that he ask the Joneses.

NEW HOSTESSES

Camp Curry

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Hart arrived on June 1 to assume the duties of social hostess at Camp Curry. She came from San Francisco, having just earned a Master's Degree in language arts and creative writing from San Francisco State College. She is previously from Pennsylvania where she lived until graduating from high school. At that time her family moved to Cairo Egypt, which gave her a chance to travel extensively near there and in Europe.

Her advanced education was at Wellesley College from which she received an AB Degree in 1949, and at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, London, England. She has had extensive experience acting, directing and writing for theater and television productions.

Wawona

On June 14 Pat Pruess, who was cashier and hostess at the Village Restaurant last summer, will become social hostess at Wawona Hotel. Pat's home is in Santa Barbara. She is a student majoring in speech and sociology, and has attended UCLA and UC at Santa Barbara.

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GRADUATIONS AND HOMECOMINGS

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Home from Bellarmine School in San Jose, are Danny Sturm, Tim and Henry Berrey, and Bobby Ewing. Tim and Henry expect to spend part of the summer in La Jolla attending summer school.

Mary Lou Sturm will be home from the University of Arizona on June 5. She plans to attend summer session at U.C., in Berkeley.

Ginnie Ann Sturm will spend a few days at home, beginning June 9, before returning to Stanford to do summer work in surgery.

From the University of Colorado, Peggy Proctor will embark on a month's automobile tour of eastern states before returning to Yosemite and a summer job at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

PARENT GROUP

The Parent Group has elected the following officers for the coming year: Chairman, Herbert Reichhold; Vice-chairman, Douglas Warnock; First Secretary, Dee McLaren; Second Secretary, Ruth Keller; Treasurer, Lucille Buzzini.

On Monday, June 5, the Parent Group will sponsor the annual school picnic for all elementary school children and their parents. It is to be held at El Capitan Bend Beach at 6 p.m. There will be games for all the children, and a very special softball game between fathers and sons for the entertainment of all present.

The picnic supper will be potluck, and families are to bring their own table service.

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WHO'S WHOSE

Kimball—Glass

Jane Glass, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Alfred Glass, has named Saturday, June 17, as the date of her wedding to Richard Kimball of Saratoga. The wedding will be in the Saratoga Federated Church.

Jane is finishing her junior year at the University of California, and Kimball will be graduated from Stanford University with a degree in engineering on June 18. He has been accepted under the Columbia University plan for teaching in East Africa (Uganda, Kenya, Zanzibar.)

The newlyweds will be in New York on June 25. From there they will go to Uganda where Kimball will start nine months teaching preparation at Makerere College on Lake Victoria. His term of duty in Africa will be two years.

Smith—Coakley

The engagement of Jeanette Coakley to Robert Smith has been announced by her parents, Superior Judge and Mrs. Thomas Coakley, of Mariposa. The wedding will be in the early autumn, in Mariposa.

Jeanette has worked as hostess at Yosemite Lodge and at Wawona Hotel.

She is presently teaching at West Portal School in San Francisco, while the groom-to-be is assistant professor of philosophy at the San Francisco College for Women.

HOT OFF THE WIRES

Alice and Chuck Eckart visited in the Oehlmann home last week end. With them was three month old Charles Jr., for his first visit to his grandparents and Yosemite. Chuck has summer employment with McCann Erickson Advertising Agency in San Francisco.

Ruth and Ed Cordner have returned to spend another summer in Yosemite. They are living at Happy Isles. Ed supervises the sale of publications at the Happy Isles Nature Center and at the Museum. Ruth pursues an avocation which, at this time of year, is a full time job: photographing birds, with emphasis on their nesting. They have recently been in Chiricahua and Organ Pipe National Monuments, Arizona, which are happy hunting grounds for bird watchers, and report having success in photographing numerous unusual species there.

Eleanor Hamilton, Director of Training, spent last week in Los Angeles and San Francisco interviewing approximately 250 college students for possible employment in Yosemite.

The **Nels Murdock** family is moving on June 15 from Yellowstone Park to Silver Springs, Maryland. Nels will be Chief, Branch of Visitor Activities in the Division of Ranger Activities, Washington, D.C.

Alice and John Stratton will move to the Island of Maui, Hawaii, on June 20. John will be superintendent of Haleakala National Park.

A Kingston Trio type of musical group with four members is composed of **Jack Hicks**, Ahwahnee bar, **Bill Sturgeon**, Camp Curry Coffee Shop, **Bill Huddleston**, drummer in the Jerry Fee Trio, and **Ted Spinola**, also of the Trio. They play bass, bongos and guitar, with Bill Huddleston and Jack Hicks vocalizing. Their aim, aside from fun for themselves, is to provide informal, though practiced, entertainment for summer beach parties.

Mrs. Edward L. (Mamie) Eidam, a resident of Yosemite for 17 years, writes of being on a two months automobile tour of Europe with her nephew and family. She flew from New York on May 15, to arrive in London, England the same day.

YOSEMITE CHURCHES

Summer schedules

Community Protestant: Sunday,

8:00 a.m.—Holy Communion, Chapel
9:00 a.m.—Early Worship, Chapel
9:30 a.m.—Sunday School, schoolhouse until further notice.

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, Church Bowl.

9:00 p.m.—Late Worship, Chapel
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Choir rehearsal in Chapel. All interested are welcome. Contact Thelma Warnock or Alice Melton. June 14, annual congregation meeting and potluck supper.

Roman Catholic:

Daily, 7 a.m.—Mass in Chapel, Monday through Saturday.

Sunday—6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m., Mass in Pavilion. Confessions half hour before first three Masses, and before and during last three Masses.

Christian Science:

Sunday, 3:00 p.m.—Meeting in Church Bowl.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Meeting in Church Bowl.

Seventh Day Adventist:

Friday, 8:00 p.m.—Vesper Service in Church Bowl.

Saturday, 10 a.m.—Sabbath School in Bowl

11:00 a.m.—Church Service in Bowl.

El Portal Protestant:

10 a.m.—Sunday School

11 a.m.—Morning Worship, both in Community Hall.

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YOSEMITE COMMUNITY THEATRE

This is the name selected by the recently organized group meeting bi-weekly to participate in dramatic activities. Those interested are invited to the next meeting to be held Monday, June 5, at eight o'clock, in the NPS Girl's Clubhouse, located just west of the museum.

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NEW HOURS

The Village Store is now open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., daily.

New hours at the Village Laundry are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day except Sunday; and the barber shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. every day except Sunday.

YOSEMITE LODGE

Conventions

The staff at Yosemite Lodge is prepared to receive 70 members of the Mercedes Benz Club, June 3 and 4. Manager John Curry is a member of this group; he says he doesn't know why. (We submit that his car might be one qualification.)

Trips

Once adventure stirs the blood there is no rest. Irene Anderson, one of the girl "Wanders" from the Lodge Cafeteria, is at it again. She persuaded Libby Gordon (Coffee Shop Cashier) to accompany her on a snow camping trip to Tuolumne Meadows soon after the road was opened. (Which opening she didn't say.) Glen Aulin was their goal and they planned to snow shoe. Finding much bare ground along the route, they decided to hike early in the morning when the snow was firm enough to walk on. That saved a lot of put 'n take with the snowshoes, and the going was fine. But the return trip was a different story! Walking in the late afternoon when the soft snow wouldn't hold their weight added some verticle distance to the number of miles hiked.

Two more travelers have returned for the summer: Carita Kaufman and Beverly Burnell. They toured the British Isles and thirteen countries on the Continent, Carita for six months and Beverly for eight. Beverly lived for two months with a family in Denmark.

What Next?

Libby Gordon tells of an experience suffered by (of all things, not people) her bicycle. Someone weary of walking "borrowed" it one night, had a collision with a bear, was found later lying unconscious and alone by the bicycle. The authorities took him to the hospital and then to the judge. Result: a hospital bill, a fine, and no transportation.

SWAP TALK

For sale: 8 cu. ft. Coldspot refrigerator with door storage space, 40 lb. freezer. Excellent condition. \$100. Call FR 2-4759.

Mahogany console radio-phonograph, \$75.00. Maple chair, \$4.00.

WHO'S NEW?

Donna Ruth Cornell arrived at Lewis Memorial Hospital on Friday, May 19, for Eva and Don Cornell. She weighed 7 pounds 1 1/4 ounces.

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THE BEAR FACTS

An Ahwahnee employee tells of a recent guest who called the front desk three times during the night with a complaint about noisy employees in the service yard who prevented his sleeping.

Replying, after the third irate call, the desk clerk said, "That is not our employees you hear, but a bear. I'm very sorry, sir, but there is nothing we can do."

Whereupon the gentleman and his family arose from their sleepless beds and leaned out the window in order to watch the bear, noisy bears being far more interesting than noisy people!

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YOSEMITE SCHOOL GRADUATION

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around us. Pete Hansen will present the class prophecy and Kenneth Melton will be in charge of introductions. The class has invited its former teachers to attend as guests of honor.

Mr. Harold Ouimet will speak to the class on the topic, "Changes Within Ourselves." Mr. Fred W. Richards, County School Board member, will present the diplomas.

An eagerly awaited announcement will be the presentation of the American Legion Citizenship Awards to outstanding graduates.

The graduating class includes these boys:

Gregory Branges, Terry Conner, Daryl Cottrell, Michael Fitzpatrick, Peter Hansen, Kenneth Melton.

These girls are being graduated:

Jane Christensen, Janet Hubbard, Julia Johnson, Linda Logeland, Valerie Sulton.

Everyone is invited to attend and join in the joy these youngsters feel as they finish a beginning chapter of their lives.

Rocking Chair, \$10.00. Drop leaf table, walnut color plastic top, \$20.00. 2 dining chairs, yellow plastic covers at \$7.00 each. Phone FR 2-4790.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

The staff which opened Camp Curry includes many veterans of previous summers.

In the Souvenir Shop, Edna Taft is back for her fourth season with a new name. She and Tom Smith, packer and guide for the six day saddle trips, were married in Phoenix last January. Gertrude Stewart is the new manager. She managed Pohono Souvenir Shop last summer. Susan Huntoon, clerk, is another returnee.

Hazel and Cliff Corkhill returned last week, she to be food supervisor and he as warehouseman. Bill Sturgeon as a captain, and Mildred Miller, cashier, are also in the dining room.

After a year's absence, Ludwig Hensen is back on the kitchen crew. Henrietta (Frenchy) Dillon is making the box lunches.

Frieda Lienert has returned to her old job as housekeeper.

Manager Connett reports that the new cafeteria and outdoor deck will be open for business on Friday, June 16. The first of nightly summer dances will be June 17 to the tune of Sid Hoff's orchestra. On the same weekend the Kiddie Kamp will open under the supervision of Evelyn Whittaker.

The girls in the Nawasa Shop report that early season business has been good and that they have already taken advantage of their special re-ordering service. They spend much of their time between customers re-organizing the displays, searching for a perfect arrangement (although it already looks fine).

That the landscapers have been busy is shown by new plantings around the cafeteria deck and other places, and by well placed planter boxes.

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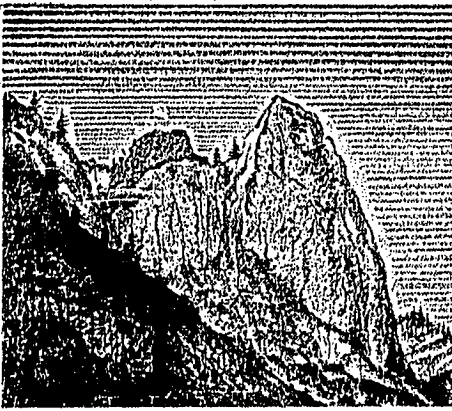
DEN OPEN AT CAMP CURRY

The Den, for employees only, is now open at Camp Curry. Hours are from 2 to 5 and from 7:30 to 11: p.m., every day except Wednesday, for shuffleboard, ping pong, dancing, cards, reading or just meditating.

On Wednesday evening the Den is reserved for square and folk dancing, and is open to all who are interested.

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NEW SCHOOL APPROVED FOR EL PORTAL

Application for a new elementary school at El Portal has been approved, subject to allocation of funds. On May 8, the various Federal, State and County representatives concerned met with a field engineer, who will prepare cost estimates, and inspected the site for the school. It is expected that building may be started this fall and completed in time for the 1962 fall term.

The plant will consist of four classrooms, toilets, administrative unit (office, storage, nurse's room), kindergarten-multi-use room with folding partitions, kitchen, open corridors and equipment, in all not to exceed 7,200 square feet of floor space. The structure will be of fire resistant material.

The office of education did not approve an application for a school teacherage. Reconsideration of this item is being asked, since adequate housing is necessary in order to secure a qualified staff. The teacherage would be located in the new residential area.

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THEATER GROUP

A new little theater group held its second meeting on Thursday, May 18, in the NPS Women's Clubhouse, for "an evening with Noel Coward." Those present participated in the reading of Coward's "Fumed Oak" and "Strange Encounter", one act plays.

The group includes the players who were in the recent "Mousetrap" production. All interested persons, NPS or YPC Co. personnel, are urged to attend the bi-weekly meetings.

Until a more formal organization seems necessary, the Theater Group has Barbara Mathews, Virginia Sheffer, Monford Trull, W. T. "Dick" Hart,

CAMPGROUND EXPERIMENT IN YOSEMITE

Yosemite National Park's first experiment with walk-in campgrounds will be conducted this summer, according to a recent announcement by Acting Superintendent Keith Neilson.

The area selected for the experiment is at Tenaya Lake, located eight miles west of Tuolumne Meadows, high in the Sierra Nevada. "Over-use of camping areas bordering this lake, lying at an elevation of over 8100 feet, has dictated some action to reduce damage to the terrain," Neilson says, "and we think that the campers here will enjoy the atmosphere of a campground closed to vehicle traffic." The change will cause relatively little inconvenience to the camper, it is pointed out, since the parking areas for cars are located only 50 to 200 yards from the campsites.

The camping experiment will be tried at the west end of Tenaya Lake. An area at the east end of the lake will be set up strictly for picnicking, and no overnight camping will be permitted there.

To conform with policies recently issued by the National Park Service, it has been announced that beginning this year, no person, party or organization may camp in public camping areas in Yosemite National Park for more than 14 days in any calendar year. The ten-day camping limit in Yosemite Valley during the months of June, July and August will remain in effect.

and Dale Devine as a steering committee.

A summer production is being planned. Lillian Hellman's "An Autumn Garden" is being considered for fall.

CY AND AGNES WRIGHT RETURN TO MANAGE WAWONA HOTEL

Cy and Agnes Wright have moved from Merced to Yosemite and are deep in preparations for the opening of Wawona Hotel.

To start the summer season at Wawona, they will host four large groups, beginning with the California State Division of Architecture Convention on May 26. Memorial Day will be followed by a hotel group, Boniface International; the Horseless Carriage Club; and the California Alumni House Party, June 17 to 24.

The Wrights return after 12 years in Merced as owners and managers of the El Capitan Hotel. Cy first came to Yosemite in 1941 to work at the various hotel units in the Valley. He was manager of Camp Curry when he left in 1948. Agnes arrived a few years earlier, in 1937, and also worked in the different hotel units before becoming senior clerk in the Hotel Office.

They say they are happy to return to Yosemite, and the Hotel Division reports its pleasure in having them back.

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FUND DRIVE

On May 15 the Community Council Fund Drive had netted \$2278.90, or \$421.10 short of the goal.

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GRAND CONCERT

The Mariposa High School band and glee club, under the direction of Richard Feister, will present a concert in the Yosemite School all-purpose room on Thursday evening, May 25, at 7:30. One hundred musicians will participate in the program. The community is invited. There will be no admission charge.

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EXPLAINING YOUR BUSINESS

The governor of Wisconsin recently made a statement which stimulated the feeling among men of business and industry in his state that there should be more emphasis on the contributions business makes to the life of a community and state.

Jerry Blackstone wrote an article for Smithway News, company publication of the A. O. Smith Corp., a manufacturing concern in Milwaukee, Wisc., presenting some seldom thought about facts concerning business.

On the recommendation of the United States Chamber of Commerce News Bulletin, Mr. Ouimet sent for a copy of Smithway News. The Sentinel presents the first in a series from the shortened article, titled:

A CHALLENGE

This is to present some facts about business, its role in the American way of life, and how it meets its responsibilities to the state, the community, and the people. In the past, it has not often seemed urgent to tell a story of this kind. Business has sought to do its job—and meet its responsibilities—without fuss or fanfare. It has not usually sought special credit or recognition for the functions it performs or the voluntary efforts it makes in meeting its obligations and community responsibilities. During the past summer, however, thinking people throughout Wisconsin were startled and disturbed by a statement attributed to Governor Gaylord Nelson.

As reported in the Milwaukee Journal, the Governor said that no business, corporation or any kind of private enterprise in the world performed a single service a fraction as important as the vital services perform by the state. Statements like this only serve

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HOT OFF THE WIRES



Two YTS drivers, **Eldridge Whitfield, Sr.**, and **Marion "Ham" Hamilton** are convalescing from surgery performed late in March. Whit went to the Mayo Clinic and Ham to the UC Hospital. They are expected to return to work the latter part of June.

Sam Leverton, who came to work for the YPC Co. in June of 1955 as a dining room porter at Camp Curry, and after October of that year was employed as a kitchen helper at Yosemite Lodge, retired in April, after reaching the age of 65. He has returned to his home in Placerville.

"Miss Pat" Davidson returned on May 15 to undertake a special study for the Personnel Department. It is expected that the project will take several months to complete. This is not in connection with her former duties as Director of Training.

There are some folks who never give up! During the last snow storm, **Bill Johnson** was observed barbecuing dinner in his yard—under the shelter of a large canvas which he had stretched up for the occasion.

John Pincini, after a year's absence, has returned to be the chef at Camp Curry. Except for last year, he has been chef at the Camp Curry Cafeteria since 1949.

Tom Swan, presently a room clerk at The Ahwahnee, will again manage Housekeeping Camp when it opens on May 26. He has been employed seasonally in the hotel units here since 1956. Tom and his wife, the former Mickey Ligon of Mariposa, are proud parents of a new baby.

Lois Cloward will supervise the Village Restaurant when it opens on May 25. Lois has worked at various Company units since 1957.

Dick and Calla Bodden have returned to manage Boys Town at Camp

HOUSING SURVEY

Bill Meacham and **Dick Ditton**, representing the Housing Committee, recently completed a survey of Company housing to gather information needed to prepare a budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 1961, and ending Sep. 30, 1962.

They reported satisfactory progress in the improvement program as planned after the survey in October of 1959. During the last two years 20 bath rooms have been tiled and painted; 10 kitchen stoves replaced; over 150 rooms painted and a variety of other improvements completed.

The cost of remodeling one bathroom is approximately \$1000; one kitchen sink with new counter, \$225. Obviously, present day costs require that a housing budget that covers over 88 housing units must be carefully programmed. These annual surveys, with the cooperation of the residents, have proven very helpful in preparation of the budget.

Most of the home improvements are made during the summer months when the Maintenance Department cannot work on guest accommodations. Therefore, by next fall further improvements will have been achieved.

Curry again. During the Ski season they were hosts at Ostrander Ski Hut.

Other returnees to Camp Curry are **Anne Hansen** on the Terrace, and **Neva Swartz** as timekeeper.

There will be business as usual at the Camp Curry Post Office beginning Saturday, May 20.

Camp Curry programs will begin on June 17.

Last week end at Yosemite Lodge was a musical one. Groups registered included the Glendale College Choir, Pasadena City College Band and Bethany Bible College from Santa Cruz, each of whom favored guests with a concert.

Famous recent visitors to Yosemite include the Mayor of Casablanca; and on May 10 and 11, Princess Helen of Nepal. Possibly she received a favorable report from the Queen of Nepal who visited Yosemite last year.

"SPORTING GREEN"

In a roll-off on April 30 between two teams tied for the championship of the local bowling league, the YPC Co. team, composed of Bob MacDowell, Emil Aho, Stan Whitfield and Ernie Janiga, won over an NPS team which included Ralph Blossom, Claude Cottrell, Dick Ray and Bob Keller.

Ernie Janiga was high point man for the season with a 183 average. He was helped along with a 246 game and a 623 series.

Joe Aranguena won a belt buckle for having achieved the greatest improvement during the last half of the season.

The four teams bowled every Friday night at Hilltop Lanes, Oakhurst.

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SPRING REFURBISHING

In a national park, the approach of summer occasions large scale preparations to receive the vacationing public. Activities of the Maintenance Department in this respect are many.

At Camp Curry, maintenance people have just finished remodeling the bath house. The ladies' shower room has been divided to provide space for a men's shower room.

The former men's room and the pool office will be used for storage space. A new office has been provided by partitioning an area in the barber shop.

Some remodeling has been done at the Yosemite Lodge pool to create a more efficient working arrangement. The office has been placed in the refreshment stand; guard rails and steps have been built leading from the dressing rooms to the pool.

Six telephones in attractive holders, designed by NPS architect "Wes" Westley, have been recently installed in the Yosemite Lodge grounds for the convenience of guests in calling the front office.

A paint crew is at work at Wawona brightening up the hotel for the summer season.

Last Monday a crew went to Tuolumne Meadows to install a diesel generator and refrigeration in the store and coffee shop. When that job is finished, the crew will go to Merced Lake to rebuild the shower tents.



THE STABLES

The stables opened on May 13 with 16 head of horses in the Valley, the half day trips to Nevada Fall and the two hour trips on the Valley floor running on the usual schedule.

Next week 230 head of horses and mules will be driven from winter pasture at the Rouch Ranch near Mariposa to Wawona where they will be accessible as needed. Eighty donkeys, who don't get along so well with the horses and mules, will be trucked up separately.

Bob Barnett, stables manager, says he has been trying to persuade the YPC Co. to hire him on the same schedule as the horses. They only work about three months and then retire to winter pasture for the rest of the year! So far, no luck.

In more serious vein, Barnett also says that this is one of the largest rent stables in the United States, keeping approximately 330 horses, mules, burros and ponies for use in the Valley, at Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf stables.

The Valley stables are open from May until October. The present crew includes Helmar Torgerson, who has worked 20 summers at the Yosemite stables; Tom Smith and Ervin Grinder, both from Arizona and both of whom have been here four summers. Bob Ross, three summers, is presently at the stables office until a replacement can be found for Moge, who was assistant manager.

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STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS

H. Oehlmann and George Oliver attended a San Joaquin Valley Conference of the State Chamber of Commerce, May 10, at the Hacienda in Fresno.

Theme of the conference was re-

MORRISSES TO PLACERVILLE

June and Vernon ("Moge") Morris loaded their worldly goods on a moving van May 11 and headed for Placerville where they have rented a home.

Their search for new horizons terminates 16 years of continual service plus four summers with the YPC Co. for Moge, and 18 years of almost continual employment for June. She worked at various units—Village Store, General Office, and at Tuolumne Meadows—except for two years immediately following her marriage.

Moge came in the spring of 1938 and has worked at the stables every summer since, except during the war years. Entering the army in 1942, he returned to Yosemite in 1945. Since then his winter jobs have been varied, at Glacier Point, the ice rink or Badger Pass. Summers, he has been a "wrangler" at Tuolumne Meadows stables, and for the last seven summers at the Valley stables.

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REHIRING OF RETIRED PERSONNEL

Several retired employees have, in the past, returned to work for the Company for a limited time. Among these are Jack Greener, Jim Kirk, Eddie Gordon and "Miss Pat" Davidson.

This is possible because of a provision in the retirement and pension plan which states that any person who has been retired may be re-employed on a part-time-basis when necessary, for a period of not more than four months consecutively nor more than eight months in any one year.

An additional exception to the retirement age 65 is stated thus: an employee may, under unusual circumstances, be requested to remain in the employ of the Company for a period of one year after retirement age and for another year if the unusual conditions prevail.

gional development, with one session on the development of new recreational facilities at our state water projects. At this session the speaker was Reginald C. Price, Deputy Director—Policy, State Department of Water Resources.

WHO'S NEW?

For Ann and Richard Gass (YTS) a 7 pound 11½ ounce baby girl arrived on May 7.

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EXPLAINING YOUR BUSINESS

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to create a false public impression of government's role in our free America.

Think about it. By itself, government produces absolutely nothing that it has not first taken from the people. The people—all of us together—produce the tax money by which government finances the services we tell it to perform for us. The governor's statement virtually ignores the functions of business and industry and downgrades the importance of all the people who are a part of the competitive enterprise system.

Business is not merely impersonal buildings of concrete and brick, steel and glass. It is not merely machines and inventories and balance sheets. Business is people—the people who perform the multitude of tasks required in modern production, the people who provide the skills, the people who do the research, the people who sell the products, and the people who make the plans and decisions.

The continuing success and growth of business, and the competitive enterprise system itself, depend upon the work and co-operation of all the people who are part of it.

Here was an elected official of great responsibility in state government who apparently believes that Government is all-important, all-powerful, and all-beneficent. This seems to imply that the role of government is more important than the industry and people who support it. And we ask ourselves, "If the governor actually believes that government is more important than industry and people, how many other citizens have been led to believe the same thing?"

We believe it is vital to tell why the people who work and live as a part of the free enterprise system are more important than the government which serves them.

TO BE CONTINUED

NEW CHURCH SERVICE

"DON'T LET SUNDAY BE LIKE ANY OTHER DAY."

This is the suggestion of Duane K. Murphy, interim pastor for the Yosemite Community Church.

To help make Sunday different for those who must work on Sunday morning, he is conducting a 9:00 p.m. vesper service especially for employees. This is entirely different from the morning worship service, and the congregation is cordially invited to attend.

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WAWONA GOLF

Isabelle Dierksen, Chairman of the Wawona Women's Golf Club, has made the following appointments:

- Mary Proctor—Handicapper
- Dete Oliver and Henrietta Maddox, Tournament Co-Chairmen.

The men's and women's golf clubs want to call to the attention of their members the ruling for course play during the season. Sixsomes are not permitted at any time; fivesomes may play during the week but not on weekends or holidays.

Pro Charlie Eagle has announced a change in the date for the annual home-and-home match with Fort Washington of Fresno. Instead of June 4th, it is now to be June 11th. This event calls for all-out hospitality and competitive golf.

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IT MUST BE THE ALTITUDE!

In contrast to being snowed-in the first Saturday in May, last week end Glacier Point was favored with spring-like weather and many guests to enjoy it.

Manager Ned English reports that Joe and Lea Garzoli are back for their ninth summer as baker and pantry-woman. Also, Marguerite Radigan returned on Wednesday to be checker in the cafeteria again. (Something brings people back to these high places!)

New on the staff this summer are Mary Fenner as housekeeper, replacing Nettie Clark who held the position seasonally since 1948, and Wynn Lewis as studio manager.

NAWASA SHOP

The Nawasa shop at Camp Curry opened today with Ruth Campbell as manager and assisted by chief-clerk Helen Pettet. A pre-opening look at the shop's merchandise reveals that last year's supply has been supplemented by many new items in summer dresses and sports wear, including some surprising novelties. In addition, for the youngsters sizes 3 to 6x, there are lots of pretties—even tiny tennis dresses; and for larger women, a line of half sizes.

The Nawasa Shop avails itself of the broad and efficient service offered by the Graham Buying Service of Los Angeles. This business represents a number of western stores and is organized in the same manner as a department store, with special buyers for the many different items. Hal Morris and Ruth Campbell, while in Los Angeles, made extensive use of the Graham Buying Service's facilities. Throughout the summer, the service will enable the shop to replenish its stock with orders that will be filled within a week to ten days.

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FOUR SEASONS FILM PROGRESSING

A 16 mm color motion picture which deals principally with the charms and attractions of Yosemite during the four seasons is progressing and is on schedule. Producers Cate and McGlone, who are making the film for Yosemite Park and Curry Co., spent a week in the Valley recently shooting broad and detailed views of the manifestations of spring. Already photographed are autumn and winter.

Next month Ed McGlone will make a foray into the High Sierra area, shooting Waterwheel Falls, Tuolumne Meadows, Sunrise Camp, etc. Following this, he and his partner, Ted Cate, will major on the summer aspect of Yosemite.

If all goes well, the film should be ready for release in November.

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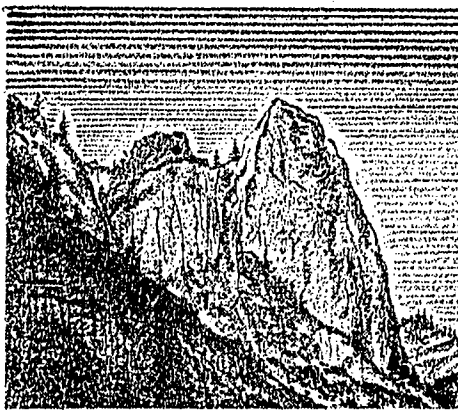
SWAP TALK

For sale: Bed davenport. Call Mrs. Howse, FR 2-4249.

Wanted: Ladies, used bicycle. Call Wallis Palmer, Ahwahnee Dormitory, FR 2-9945.

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Yosemite National Park

PROGRAM SET FOR TIOGA ROAD DEDICATION

Assistant Secretary of the Interior, John A. Carver, Jr. will be the principle speaker at the dedication of the Tioga Road on Saturday, June 24. Mr. Carver, a native of Idaho, discharges the duties of the Secretary of the Interior in the field of land resources management, supervising the activities of several bureaus including the National Park Service.

Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service since 1951, and the man responsible for the Service's highly successful "Mission 66" program, will participate in the dedication ceremony. Mr. Will Colby, pioneer western conservationist and former secretary of the Sierra Club, will offer his recollections of the famous old road as it existed in the early 1890's.

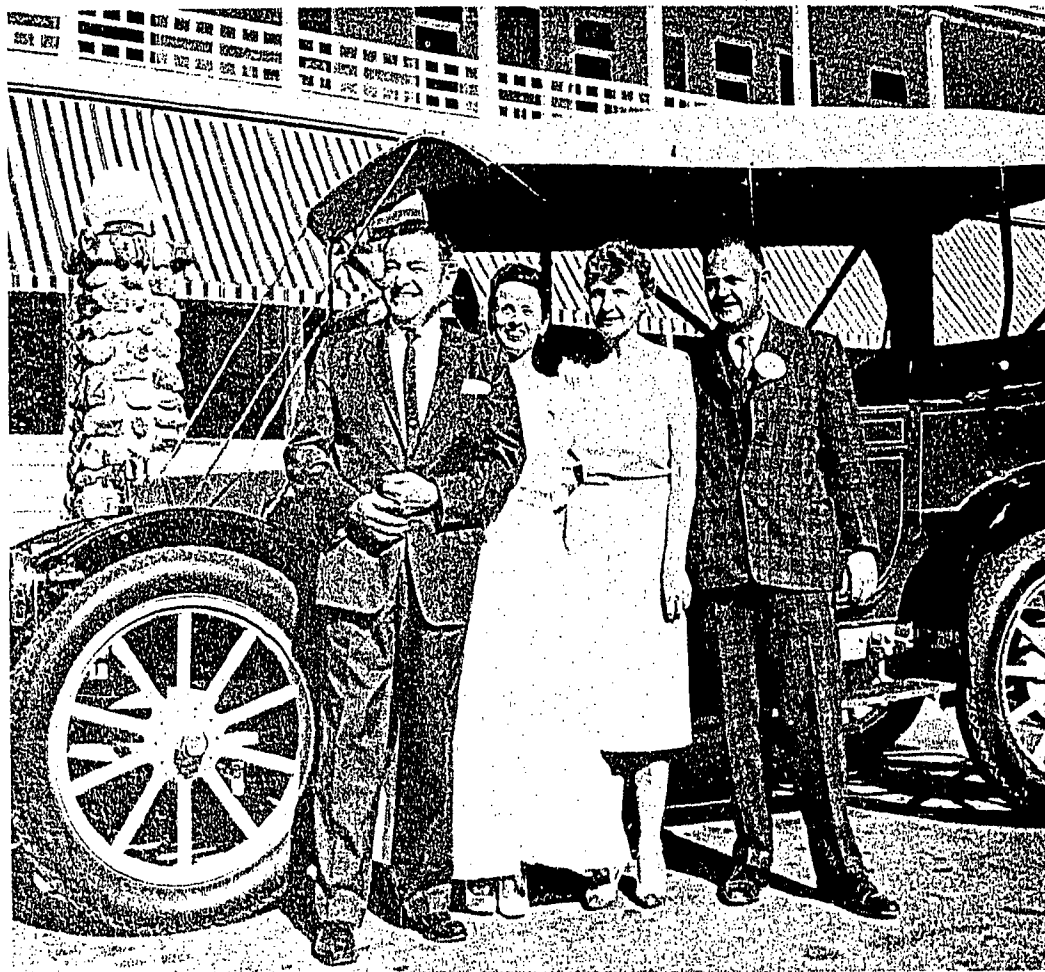
Superintendent Preston points out that the improvement of the Tioga Road has been in progress since 1883 when sections of it were part of the Great Sierra Wagon Road. The completed road, built to moderate standards, now provides for the Park visitor more comfortable access to the scenic High Sierra area of Yosemite National Park. It replaces the infamous "21 miles", which was in the past responsible for the road's bad reputation. At several points along the new road motorists are provided fine views of the surrounding mountains unseen on the route of the old road.

All Park residents and visitors are welcome to attend the dedication.

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YOSEMITE COMMUNITY THEATRE

There will be a meeting, Monday, June 19, at 8 p.m., in the NPS Girl's Clubhouse. The program, directed by Barbara Matthews, will consist of pre-



1910 Chalmers Detroit, belonging to Pete Bectel. L to R - Cy Seaver Wright, Mrs. Bear, Agnes Wright and Herman Bear.

YPC CO. DIRECTORS MEET AT TETONS

At the invitation of Ray Lillie, Vice President and General Manager of Grand Teton Lodge Co., Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Directors will meet in Grand Teton National Park on June 17. This will give them an opportunity to inspect concessioner facilities there and at Yellowstone Park. Attending from Yosemite are Mrs. Mary Tresidder, Mr. and Mrs. H. Oehlmann, and Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Cross.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Spencer have been doing architectural and interior decorating work at Jennie Lake, Colter Bay and Jackson Lake Lodges.

pared readings by members of the group. All employees are welcome.

WAWONA'S OPEN FOR THE SUMMER

Like Benny Reyes says, "Ebery t'ing's cooking in Wawona."

And from the accounts of our Wawona correspondents, we believe it. They report that after a great flurry of cleaning, painting, and tidying up the grounds, the hotel is anticipating a great season with Cy Wright as manager and his pleasant wife Agnes, as chief clerk. Returning after twelve years absence from Yosemite, they promise to make the place hum.

No sooner had the doors opened on May 26 than 100 California architects checked in. They were followed by Bonifaces International, a group of California hotel people meeting at

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STOCK PURCHASES

Ownership of stocks has become an important part of personal financial planning for many Americans. A place to put money where it will be available when needed and where, in the mean time, it will be working for them is likely to be the personal consideration in buying stocks, or shares in a business.

Money so invested increases the capacity of business to make goods and render services, and also creates more jobs. Dividends (the wages paid shareholders for the use of their funds) put money into circulation, thereby contributing to the economic spiral of progress and helping not only investors but everyone who works for a living.

Personally, these dividend checks through the years may help with payments on a home, a new car, or education for the children.

Stock ownership in the company for which they work has been popular with employees of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. since establishment of a Stock Purchase Plan in January of 1956. Of 1,040 present stockholders, 123 are employees or former employees, most of whom have acquired shares under the Stock Purchase Plan. In May of 1961, there were 43 employees buying stock under the Plan.

The stated purpose of the Plan is to afford YPC Co. employees "a special opportunity to acquire a stock ownership interest in the Company."

Anyone who has been employed by the Company for one year continuously is eligible to participate.

Shares of the Company's common stock are sold to employees participating in the Plan at "50 cents per share

RED CROSS SWIM CLASSES

Two weeks of instruction in swimming for all Valley children will be given at Yosemite Lodge pool beginning Monday, June 19 and continuing through Friday, June 30. Registration is at the pool, Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16. The minimum age is four years.

These annual swimming classes are sponsored by the Yosemite Branch, Mariposa chapter of the American Red Cross.

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WHO'S NEW AT THE HOSPITAL?

Karen Elizabeth arrived on Friday evening, June 2, for Barbara and Wayne Whiteman. She weighed 8 pounds, 8½ ounces.

Early Sunday morning, June 10, a 6 pound, 9 ounce baby girl was born to Elsie and Frank Domingues.

New to the staff at Lewis Memorial is Dr. Robert Fisher, a medical student from U. C., He will be here for the summer.

Two nurses recently joined the staff: Sue Jameson from Columbia, Ohio, on June 13; and Joan Hart of Hot Springs, South Dakota, on June 8. Joan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Hart of the Yosemite museum.

In the dental offices, Dr. Woessner is welcoming Robert Brown, a third year dental student at U. C., San Francisco, who will be his assistant for the summer. Robert and his wife, Lois, live in Married Circle at Camp Curry. Lois just graduated from San Francisco State College and will teach second grade in San Rafael next year.

below market value but at not less than its par value of \$5.00 per share." Payment is made only through payroll deduction.

The first 10,000 shares issued under the Plan were sold by April of 1959, and of the second 10,000 there were less than 2,000 unsold shares at the end of April, 1961. Plans have been approved to have additional shares of stock available soon, in order that the opportunity for employees to purchase under the Plan may be continuous.

HIGH SIERRA CAMPS TO OPEN

Opening of the High Camps will begin on Saturday, June 17 with Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, followed by White Wolf, Glen Aulin and Vogelsang on June 24, May Lake and Merced Lake on July 1, and Sunrise Camp on July 15.

Three of the seven camps will be managed by old timers: Mike Adams at Tuolumne, Hazel and Chester Patterson at White Wolf, and Cordelia and Howard Layne at May Lake. All who have been fortunate enough to sample Hazel Patterson's cooking will be happy to greet the Patterson's again at White Wolf for their fourth summer. The Laynes are dependable standbys in Yosemite having filled in at Glacier as caretakers during the year. Howard cooked for Wawona Hotel part of last winter and is now cooking at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge for employees until Bob Rohweder returns.

At Glen Aulin will be Emily and George Seabright from Missoula, Montana. Having raised five boys, Emily Seabright is expected to be a fine cook! George has been a guide and painter, and with farm life and lots of experience in the out-of-doors behind them they will surely fit easily into life in the mountains.

Jan and Charles Simis, to manage Vogelsang, are not strangers to YPC Co. employment. They met at Tuolumne Meadows where Jan (Off) was a room clerk for a number of summers. Charles has been cook and manager at the Tuolumne Meadows Stand (1956), was a camp helper at Merced Lake in 1954, and worked at Vogelsang in 1955. He is now a student at Chico State.

For Merced Lake we have Gladys and Stanley Smith from Santa Clara, cousins of Melba Smith, YPC Co. Cashier who headquarters at the \$ sign in the General Office. From all reports they are the relaxed and happy type one would expect (as relatives of Melba's), lovers of the out-of-doors, and with experience in business and bakery work. They came to California from their native Minnesota, raised a family which is now grown and gone leaving them free to seek other

HIGH MAINTENANCE

The Maintenance Department schedule for opening the High Camps is an accelerated one this year. On May 26, one carpenter, two plumbers and one laborer journeyed to Merced Lake to completely rebuild the shower units.

June 12 saw the first lap of preparation for openings when Syd Ledson took a crew to Tuolumne to have the camp ready by June 17. On June 19, Syd and crew will go to White Wolf to erect tents in time for the opening date of June 24. Something new will be the work crew's trip to Glen Aulin on June 21 to erect the camp and return the same day. June 26 through 28 will be spent putting up the Merced Lake camp. Another one-day job is planned for May Lake, June 30, and on July 3 two plumbers and two laborers will go to Sunrise Camp to complete odds and ends of work which was interrupted by snow storms last fall. July 10 to 14 will be spent setting up the camp for its premier opening.

Putting all the camps together for another season requires eight men—one carpenter, one plumer, one foreman and five laborers. After the camps are open, a plumber and a carpenter will make the circuit to do necessary repairing and tidying up with paint, etc., as there will be no time for such jobs during the accelerated program of opening.

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HIGH SIERRA CAMPS Continued experiences themselves for part of the year..

Helene and Clarence Miller come with a wide background of experience to open Sunrise Camp for its first season. Clarence Miller has been working manager and owner, salesman and superintendent of grounds and buildings in various resort businesses in California and Colorado. Helene has had experience as chef's assistant, cook, owner and manager, personnel manager and buyer at the same resorts. Last spring they worked at the Munz Lakes Resort in Palmdale, California. Although new to employment here, they have been preceded by their daughter, Allee, who is a server at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria.

**IN THE GOLF BAG**

The results of the Fort Washington versus Wawona home and home golf match held last Sunday at Wawona found the women's teams tied with 13½ to 13½. Our local men defeated the Fort 30 to 15. The best ball low net scores of the day were 60 as carded by Bob Sharp and Herky Allcock, and 72 by Muriel Ouimet and Anita Bondshu.

Highlight of the ladies match was a hole in one by Fort Washington's Mrs. Merta Shiebelhut who used a 6 iron for her 135 yard ace on the eighth hole. Mrs. Shiebelhut was playing on the Wawona team with Madeline Hickok and in the company of Messrs. Roy Cunning and Jim Beebe.

Pro Charlie Eagle and his crew signed up 86 players in the tournament. Lunch was served on the porch between nines; Cy Wright, Manager of the Wawona Hotel, hosted a cocktail hour preceding the barbecue which closed the day. The social part of the day was attended by 106 Fresno and Yosemite golfers.

Assisting Charlie Eagle at the sign-up desk, luncheon table and 5th-hole refreshment stand were Audrey Ewing, Adelaide Martin, and Hazel and Gordon Warren.

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WESTERN HOTEL SHOW

Stuart Cross and Bob Maynard attended the annual Western Hotel Show at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles, June 7, 8, and 9. The trade show, sponsored by the California State Hotel Association in conjunction with their mid-year meeting, exhibited the latest in furnishings and equipment for hotels, motels and restaurants. Operators of hotels in the 13 western states attended. Mr. Cross is a member of the CSHA Advisory Council.

George Oliver, in Los Angeles to attend a directors meeting of the California Association of Convention Bureaus, of which he is president, also attended part of the Hotel Show.

WAWONA'S OPEN

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Wawona for the third consecutive year. (John Curry, a member of this group, says that St. Boniface is the patron saint of innkeepers, one of the world's oldest professions, and that the group was formed for getting together to exchange ideas.) The Horseless Carriage Club rolled in last weekend, their beautifully restored old cars enhancing the historic atmosphere of Wawona. When the University of California House Party checks out next week, the hotel will settle down to normal summer routine.

Many returning as well as new employees cooperate to keep things running smoothly. On the front desk is Rosella Armstrong, a refugee from the General Office in the Valley. Glenn, Denny and Doug Renick are here as bellmen for another summer. Starting his second season at the bar and his ninth as a Company employee is Jerry Seps; putting his days-off to good use, he has already completed an ascent of Mt. Starr King.

Bert Baker received a glad welcome as Maitre d' of the dining room. He is returning to YPC Co. for the sixteenth season, his first having been at The Ahwahnee in 1928.

Benny Reyes and his boys start their eleventh season busing dishes in the dining room. They winter in Death Valley. Joe Russell, veteran of several summers in the Valley, is relief dining room captain, desk clerk, bellman, night watchman—a generally useful man.

Scrumptious meals from the kitchen are turned out under the watchful eye of Joe Rothman who is beginning his thirteenth season. Pastries by Freddie Clime are delightful as ever. As baker, Freddie runs a close rival to the chef in years of service, this being his ninth. Also in the kitchen are Joe's Viola College Boys to keep things running smoothly, among them, Chuck Dias for his third summer. Smiling Carl Burnell begins another season in the pantry. Also we have Anna and Joe Mason for their third summer. Joe as second cook and Anna in the pantry.

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**ROGER HALL TO ASSIST
WITH BUDGET PLANNING**

Roger Hall has joined the General Office Staff to help set up planning and control features of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. budget. Hall is an engineering graduate of the University of Colorado, at Boulder, and is presently finishing work for a Master's Degree in business administration at the Harvard School of Business. He has worked in numerous capacities for the Mesa Verde Co. at Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado, including assistant controller and assistant to the general manager. From 1956 through 1958 he was an officer in the Navy serving in European and Mediterranean waters and in the South Pacific. He is married, has no children. His wife has an AB Degree in the field of art, and, during the past year, has managed a gift shop at Harvard Square in Cambridge, Mass.

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Buck and Addie Martin return as engineer and head housekeeper. The venerable George Furey makes his nightly rounds as watchman. Putting in his first season as sports director is Bob Lattimore.

Needing no introduction are Golf pro. Charlie Eagle and his crew: Homer Armstrong as greens superintendent, Rex Hickock as course maintenance man, Bill Krause, assistant pro. and shop manager, and night foreman Ralph Dienderfer.

Andre Badeaux, modeling his way across the lawns, keeps busy as Wawona's gardener. A new employee, coming from Canby's Valley is Coffee Shop Manager Shirley Morton. For the umpteenth summer Eddie Gordon is keeping a steady rein on the stables.

SWAP YAK

For sale: Upright piano - \$25. Contact Tommy Tucker.

Bell and Howell 8mm movie camera; zoom lens, electric eye. Don Weber, Camp Curry desk, PR 2-4602.

Wanted - man's bicycle. Ernie Holton, tent 34, Camp 6.

ANSEL ADAMS WORKSHOP

Approximately 30 students came to Yosemite with their families to attend Ansel Adams' Photography Workshop, June 8 through 18. Techniques, esthetics and philosophy, and the interpretation of the natural scene are emphasized in field trips, discussions and demonstrations. Instruction is personally given by Mr. Adams to small groups. Assistants for the Workshop are Nancy and Beaumont Newhall of Rochester, New York, and Gerry Sharpe of San Francisco.

**STUDENT MINISTERS IN BUSINESS
AND CHURCH**

To serve the hundreds of visitors to Yosemite during the summer, the local Protestant church program expands on a scale similar to that of government and concessioner activities. The increased number of services in the Valley and outlying units necessitates far more man power than one resident minister can possibly supply.

Aside from guest ministers who fill the pulpit in the Church bowl each Sunday, there are, resident in the Valley, 19 Christian Ministry students recruited from all parts of the United States. They come from as far away as New York City and Washington D. C., with some from the areas of Chicago, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Except for three who will work full time for the church, these students have regular employment with YPC Co. and Standard Stations, spending their spare time working in the summer church program.

Five students are located out of the Valley. A married couple, George and Joyce Wise will be at Tuolumne Meadows. Mike Flannigan is a bus boy in the cafeteria at Glacier Point; Larry Elkins a kitchen helper at Wawona, and Jeanne Williams a bus girl at Big Trees.

Standard Stations employs Dave Roberts for the second season, and Al Skinner, who will be newly married to Ann Hutchins of Mississippi. Al has been a teacher in the elementary school, and minister at El Portal during the past year.

At Camp Curry there are Ted Hanus and Dan Staudt as kitchen helpers and

HERE AND THERE

On June 10, Frank Tondel again assumed duties as YTS agent at the Hotel Californian in Fresno. A retired Fresno resident, he has held this position every summer since 1951. The office is open summers only, coincident with the YTS bus runs to Fresno.

Wayne Scheidecker has been transferred from The Ahwahnee to the Village Restaurant as assistant supervisor.

Faye Wright, popular Valley beauty operator for some years, has been vacationing at her home in El Portal. Celebrating her birthday, she and her house guests dined at The Ahwahnee last Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Starr celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary at The Ahwahnee on June 3. They came to Yosemite on their honeymoon that many years ago and took a burro trip into the high country. According to Mrs. Starr, there was a lot of snow then and the mules were obliged to travel vertically as well as horizontally.

Gladys and Robert Deverick have left their Coalinga ranch to return to Tuolumne, he to manage the store which opened June 10, and she to run the post office. The store now has electricity which means refrigeration, electric cash registers, and an ice machine. Two new employee tents have been erected behind the store.

Barbara Dadd as a maid. Barbara will have charge of the Sunday School and Vacation Bible School.

Patti Hackett will work at the Yosemite Lodge pool, and Dick Rehfeld as a desk clerk at Yosemite Lodge.

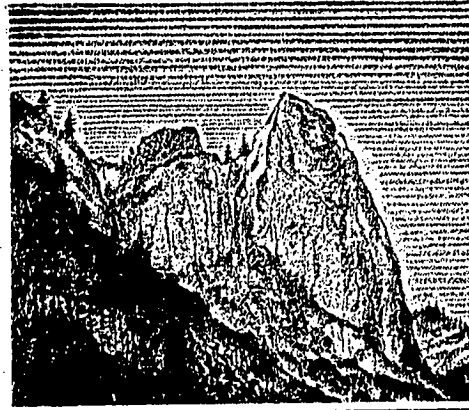
Housekeeping Camp will have John Bayse who will be remembered from last year. (Having helped in the Cashier's Office, where they count all the money, he was sometimes known as "Count Bayse".) His wife Jean, awaiting the arrival of a new Bayse in August, will not have regular employment (until August) but will help with church work when possible. They are living in Camp Curry's Married Circle.

Jack Stevens will clerk in the store at Housekeeping Camp.

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TWELFTH SEASON FOR VALLEY SINGERS AND ORCHESTRA

An invitation from director Glenn Willard:

The Valley Singers will meet each Monday and Tuesday at 10 p.m. for one hour. Concerts will be given at Camp Curry, The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, and the Church Bowl during the summer. If you have been in any kind of school chorus, a capella choir, church choir, or glee club you will find the music to be performed of interesting character. If you play an orchestral instrument, please bring it and yourself to the the first orchestra rehearsals on Thursdays at 9:15 p.m. in the Old Village Chapel. If you play an instrument, we would also like to have you sing with Valley Singers.

There are opportunities for soloists, both vocal and instrumental.

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SCHOLARSHIPS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission wants to call the attention of all high school graduates to the annual award of \$315 to be made soon for the school year of 1961-62. Anyone whose parents are employed on a year around basis in Yosemite is eligible to apply. A scholarship of \$35 a month is supported by the Community Council.

Two other scholarships of the same amount are offered by Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder, and applications for these are also received by the Scholarship Commission. One is intended for college freshmen. The other may be awarded to a sophomore. Information as to eligibility and procedures for application may be obtained from Leroy Rust at the Main Post Office.

FISHING FOR FUN

by Del Armstrong

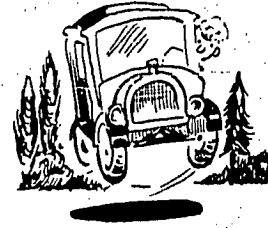
A new approach to trout angling will be tried for the first time in the history of Yosemite with the setting aside of a three-mile section of the Dana Fork of the Tuolumne River as a fish-for-fun only area. The rules for this program are simple. Only artificial flies may be used and all fish must be returned to the water unharmed.

The objective of the program is equally simple. It is to meet the ever increasing demand for more fishing success without resorting to measures that would lower the quality of the fishing experience. The emphasis is placed on recreational enjoyment and not on the number of fish caught and retained. The reason for restricting the program to fly fishing only is that taking a trout on a fly is far less injurious than with bait. This insures that those fish caught and released will live to be caught again.

This concept of management to cope with increasing pressure is not entirely new. It was first tried in Great Smoky National Park in 1954 and has since spread to many of the other heavily populated eastern states. Although it was slow to catch on, it was an unqualified success after the first few seasons.

This particular section of the Dana Fork was chosen because it represents only a small fraction of the trout waters that are available to fishermen in the Tuolumne area. In addition, it is easily accessible, making it possible to check on the success or lack of success of the experiment. Another important factor is that this stream contains a mixed population of naturally propagated brown, rainbow, and

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DEDICATED

Completed in May at a cost of \$5,491,000, the new 21 mile section of the Tioga road was formally opened and dedicated on June 24 with many state and national officials present.

The wide, easy grade with gentle curves has many scenic turnout points where motorists can stop to enjoy views of magnificent Sierran scenery. These are designed for leisure travel and are provided with diagrammatic plaques for identification of points of interest.

John A. Carver, Jr., Assistant Secretary of the Interior, cut the ribbon and gave a dedication address which was very well received. He reminisced concerning the days when automobiles were not allowed in the Park, concluding that the automobile seems to be here to stay. If the Park Service is to have roads, "they might just as well be good ones," he said.

In a reenactment of history, a 1914 Pierce Arrow was the first car to officially use the new route. The first car over the old road in 1915 was a similiar model.

Riding in the Pierce Arrow were six children, Yosemite residents, whose great grandparents figured in the early history of Yosemite National Park. They were Virginia Parker, Robert Ewing, Richard Thomas, Kathryn Ann Maynard, Matthew Donohoe and David Curry.

Virginia, daughter of the Ralph

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CONSIDERATION PLEASE

Summer time is party time.

It is also the time when demands of the job are heaviest for those who work in Yosemite.

Relaxation with friends, over dinner and cocktails, in our homes and in our yards is one of the rewards of summer living. However, sheer human consideration for those who live close by and who need a full night's rest in preparation for the next day, demands that we keep our parties quiet and end them at reasonable hours.

Such thoughtfulness is in order whether we live in house, apartment, or duplex, dormitory or tent.

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EXPLAINING YOUR BUSINESS

Final installment in the series taken from an article in the Smithway News.

We believe state government and the functions it performs are important. In fact, one of the major purposes of government is to perform functions that cannot be adequately performed by people themselves as individuals.

But it is really the people who produce these services. State government merely acts as an agent in performing the services in the manner decreed by the people.

Education has been singled out as one of the important services produced by government. Actually, school costs are paid by government with funds collected from citizens and businesses.

The same is true in the case of public welfare supported by state, local, and federal tax money. These services are produced and paid for by the people themselves because they want their government to perform them.

There are many examples of how

CAMP CURRY— SOMETHING NEW AGAIN

Fabulous Camp Curry, just under the mountain with the fire on top! On a cooling midsummer night's eve, the moon comes over the mountain behind that fire illuminating the smoke and contrasting its white light with the flickering red flames.

Directly below, on the new deck beside the board walk, diners watch the Alpen glow deepen and fade from Half Dome. Gold tinted sunset clouds replace the glow.

As darkness comes, a necklace of small, soft lights illuminates the Kiosk. As the diners leave, the soft drink and ice cream cone crowd gathers to linger at the tables and enjoy the waxing moon and the strains of Sid Hoff's orchestra tuning up for the nightly dance. Intermittent groups of people relax on benches and rocks along the board walk to absorb the cool air, the sights and sounds of a summer evening.

Small wonder people come from miles around to spend summer days and nights at Camp Curry.

citizens or businesses finance the services of government. Take unemployment compensation benefits, for example. The entire cost of the unemployment compensation program is paid for by companies like our own. Highway construction programs and conservation programs are paid for with tax money. It is obvious that tax revenues would be non-existent without people to pay them and industries to provide jobs and incomes upon which these taxes are paid.

The people are—and always should be—more important than government. Government is—and in America must always remain—the servant and never the master of the people.

In addition to providing job opportunities and paying its share of the cost of government, business has an important task in recognizing and meeting its community responsibilities. Just what are these? The list is long and includes almost every phase of community life.

Business has supported hospitals, has provided civic buildings and pub-

ONE OF OUR NEWEST NATIONAL PARKS

Virgin Islands National Park, visited by Alice and Sterling Cramer on their recent vacation, offers a very different outdoor experience from that in Yosemite. It occupies most of St John Island, smallest of the three American Virgin Islands in the Caribbean.

Some of Mr. Cramer's descriptions of vacation possibilities there are entrancing: "The main recreation on St. John is swimming. The beaches are beautiful; the water is clear, warm, gentle, and the sands are white and clean. I myself am not much of a swimmer, yet I found I could go anywhere in almost any depth of water. It was a real pleasure to follow the shoreline and to find around each

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lic parks, public outdoor and wildlife areas. It has provided college classrooms, college buildings, research grants and scholarships; Junior Achievement Programs, athletic activities and youth programs. In helping to meet the common community problem of those who are less fortunate or beset by hardships through no fault of their own, business provides not only dollars, but also countless thousands of manhours, at its own expense, for community fund, Red Cross and other similar campaigns.

Many values can be measured in dollars and cents. However, who can measure the value of a young polio victim regaining the use of his muscles through community fund-sponsored rehabilitation? Who can count the value of youngsters who have become constructive and responsible citizens through community youth programs? What is the value of a college education or the use of a hospital room when it is desperately needed? Individuals, groups and businesses have provided these things.

In conclusion, what service performed by state government is more important than the never-ending effort by business to provide job opportunities and to do its share in making our communities better places to live?

NEW OFFICERS FOR THE LIONS

At the June 15 meeting of the Lions Club, new officers were installed by International Counselor, Wendell Otter.

They are:
 Harold Breeding—President
 Frank Kowski—First vice-president
 Hal Morris—Second vice-president
 Wes Conner—Third vice-president
 Walter Fitzpatrick—Secretary
 Jim Taylor—Treasurer
 Jim Johnson—Lion Tamer
 Erik Bruun—Tail Twister
 Keith Trexler—Tail Twister
 Walter Gann, Miles Cooper, Wayne Leedy and Bob Upton—Directors.

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SIX WEREN'T ENOUGH!

The first week in June was a memorable one for Harley Scott, that quiet, pleasant-looking man who is custodian at the General Office. He and his wife, Ruth, were presented with two new granddaughters, one born in Oakhurst and one in Selma. This rounds out an even dozen grandchildren for the Scotts.

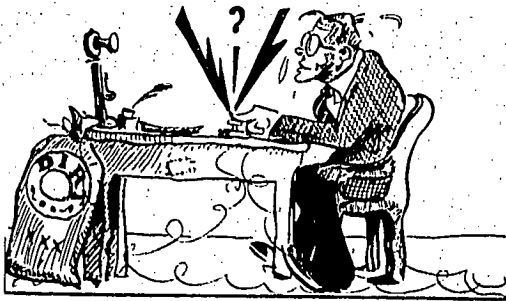
In the midst of family jubilation over these events came the news that a son, Robert Scott, had just received a Master's degree from Harding College, in Cersey, Arkansas.

The Scotts came to Yosemite two years ago after farming near Fresno for 35 years and raising a family of four boys and two girls. Mr. Scott says that, having missed a chance to get a college education himself, he wanted all his children who so wished to have the opportunity. Two sons have earned Master's Degrees and are teachers, one of them in Oakhurst. The youngest son, after two years in college, joined the airforce. All of the children are married.

The Scotts, not content with raising only their own, have taken other children into their home from time to time. They presently have a seven year old adopted daughter. She is Patty Scott, a little Indian girl who is a third grader and well known among the local primary set.

"We love children," says Harley. We believe it.

HOT OFF THE WIRES



A newsy letter from **Florence Morris** at her new home in Medford, Oregon, tells of her enthusiasm for the country, for the home she has chosen and for the people she is getting to know. "How do you suppose I was ever fortunate enough to land in this grand place? It is everything I hoped plus so many unexpected bonuses."

Lucille and Ernie Byers report becoming proud grandparents for the first time. A 9 pound, 2 ounce girl, Diana Kim, was born to Jim and Laurie Byers in Seattle on May 29. Jim plans to resume the study of architecture at University of Washington.

Former Yosemite resident, **Bill Brown** of Mariposa, was one of 19 elected delegates from Central California to attend the National Education Association convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, June 25 to 30.

Honeymooning at Tuolumne Meadows last week were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kimball. Mrs. Kimball is the former **Jane Glass**.

Former employees recently vacationing in the Valley were **Helen** and **Clyde Parmenter**. Clyde was a YTS agent at various Valley units during the 1940's, and Helen (Satterstrom) worked in the hotel office.

Other former residents, **Florence and Homer Hoyt, Joyce and Bill Brown, Katie** and "Wes" Westley have recently visited Tuolumne Meadows and the Valley.

Dennis Parrish, left fielder for the Mariposa High School Grizzly baseball team, was the only member of the championship team to win a place on the Southern League All-Star team. Dennis lives in El Portal and is working this summer in the Village Store.

As souvenirs of their vacations, many Yosemite tourists are taking home deer, bears, big trees, and even

"HIGH ROAD TO YOSEMITE"

The film, "High Road To Yosemite," met with a fine reception at its premier showing in Reno, Monday, June 20. Henry Berrey and George Oliver showed the film to a group of invited guests including transportation, hotel and motel, and public relations people from the Reno area, Carson City, Lake Tahoe, and Sparks, Nevada.

Hosted by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., a luncheon was served to 65 guests in the Sky Room of the hotel after the showing. Among those present was Gordon Hooley former YPC Co. employee, who is now in the automobile business in Reno.

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DEDICATED

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Parkers, is the great granddaughter of Lucy Telles and of Louisa and Bridgeport Tom, all early day Indian residents of Yosemite. Ancestors of these Indians undoubtedly blazed the trail used for the route of the Great Sierra Wagon Road, predecessor of the present road.

Gabriel Sovulewski was the great grandfather of Robert, Richard and Kathryn. Matthew's great grandfather was John Degnan, and David is the great grandson of David A. Curry, founder of Camp Curry.

Olmsted View, where the dedication ceremonies were held, was named for Fredrick Olmsted, Jr., a member of the Yosemite Advisory Board at the time it planned the new road.

Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service, said, "This park road is a corridor entrance to a wilderness unsurpassed anywhere in the world."

Half Dome! It's all right. They are small, solid gold ones for charm bracelets.

Jeanette Coakley reported to work on Tuesday at the Nawasa Shop.

Thrown by a mule that was startled by the glare of a photographer's flash bulb, **Mary Tanner** suffered a compound fracture of the leg and was hospitalized for over two weeks.

Also recent patients at Lewis Memorial were **Buck Martin** and **Jack Greener**.

ONE OF OUR NEWEST

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rocky point a new beach. One felt that he was the only person on the island most of the time. "Other recreations include snorkling, which we found to be fascinating and effortless; fishing, which we did not sample; and boating of which we did some. At Trunk Bay there was actually an underwater nature trail for snorklers. Hiking is a bit strenuous. The trails are steep, since the mountains rise precipitously from the ocean; and the jungle closes in from all sides."

Virgin Islands National Park was established in 1956, largely because of the interest and financial backing of Laurance Rockefeller and Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., a non-profit conservation organization which has aided in the preservation of California redwoods and Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Caneel Bay Plantation, termed by the Cramers "a beachside Ahwahnee", is owned and run by Jackson Hole Preserve, Inc., with profits being allocated to conservation projects.

Mr. Cramer further says that . . . "St. John was set aside as a National Park in an effort to preserve at least one Caribbean Island in a primitive condition. Considering the small size of the island, it is quite feasible to have no roads, only jeep trails and hiking trails. Much of the transportation will be by water. The service is doing a good job in stabilizing some of the more typical ruins left from Danish sugar-plantation days. Mission 66 has a yacht harbor, a marina, a visitor's center, and appropriate employee housing underway.

"We attended all the naturalist activities during our stay, and in addition had a jeep patrol with Babe Monsanto, who was a trainee in Yosemite two years ago. Babe is a graduate of a Negro college and obtained his advanced degree at Columbia. He is a native of St. Thomas, and his assignment is certainly a good example of excellent thinking in public relations. We also had an all-day patrol with the chief ranger on the service cruiser, which took us to the southern shore of the island, to places we had not

AT THE AHWAHNEE

Dinners are being served on the Meadow Loggia and terrace.

Firefall Barbecues will be served on The Ahwahnee grounds each Tuesday and Saturday, commencing with July 4. The barbecued dinner will consist of a smorgasboard (buffet of salads, cold meats, etc.) steaks, vegetables, dessert and coffee. Cowboy entertainment and music will follow.

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BREAKFAST RIDES

Beginning July 3, Horseback Rides are scheduled for every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Groups will leave the stables at 7:30 a.m., ride for about an hour to the breakfast area on the banks of the Merced River, then more riding until 11:30 a.m.

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SWAP TALK

For sale:

1960 Simca Aronde Deluxe, 4 door sedan. Radio heater, reclining seats, white wall tires, low mileage. Phone FR 2-4312 or see Brad Zollars at El Portal or Y1 Station in Yosemite.

T.V. with converter. Dumont table model, \$50.00. See W. N. Meacham.

Stereo System for sale, 28 watt, 4 speakers., 4 speed record changer. \$195.00. See M. Belote at Y.T.S.

1954 Chev., 9 pass. Suburban Carry-all, heavy duty type station wagon. \$595.00. Call Nelson, Gov't warehouse. FR 2-4201.

reached by jeep.

"Public campgrounds are in operation and under construction. Since termites are a real problem, termite-proof materials are used as much as possible. The facilities are concrete slabs with a corrugated iron roof held up by iron posts.

"I think we never appreciated the National Park Service and the job the service is doing as much as we did on St. John, for we were then fresh from experiences on Haiti and Jamaica where no such services are supplied or have apparently ever been contemplated."

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YOUR MAY NOW HEAR:

Frank Denke, pianist & John Molinari, accordionist, on the CC programs.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For the first time in several years, ice cream cones are to be had at Camp Curry - at the Kiosk on the cafeteria deck. The Kiosk is proving to be very popular, offering refreshments during hours when the cafeteria is closed, as well as a place to sit and relax.

Dances, held in the east end of the Camp Curry cafeteria nightly except Sunday, are 75 cents a person.

Those who serve the public are so often asked, "Where can I get a soda?" or, "Where can I buy a cold drink?" Here are a few answers:

Full fountain service may be obtained at all coffee shops in the Valley: at Yosemite Lodge, the Village, Camp Curry and at the Ahwahnee Sweet Shop.

Soft drinks and refreshments are served at all refreshment stands, located at Happy Isles, the Lost Arrow, the Camp Curry Kiosk, and the Nawsa Shop and swimming pool stands. The Lost Arrow is the only one serving hot dogs.

Off the Valley floor, soft drinks may be bought at White Wolf, Tuolumne Meadows, Chinquapin, Glacier Point, Wawona and Big Trees.

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WHO'S NEW?

On June 24, a 7 pound 6 ounce baby girl was born for YPC Co. employees Dolores and John Sampsel, at 8:43 in the morning.

Ann and Bill Matteson, of Foresta, welcomed an afternoon arrival on June 25, a 7 pound 3 ounce boy.

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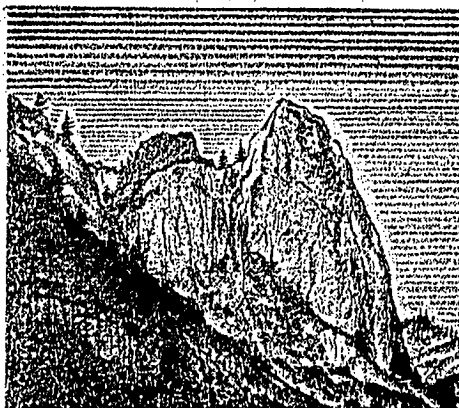
FISHING FOR FUN

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eastern brook trout that should increase in size and possibly number, given the protection that the program will afford. A minimum of three years will be necessary to properly evaluate the success or failure of the experiment.

We encourage all those who are more interested in tempting a trout to rise to a fly than in killing one for the frying pan or the freezer, to stop by the Dana Fork sometime this summer and aid us in this experiment. Your comments on the program will be greatly appreciated.

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Friday, July 14, 1961

These items are for the interest of Park employees and are not for publication.

ALONG YOSEMITE ROADS

The azaleas along the Merced River on the floor of Yosemite Valley are magnificent, especially at Valley View and for a mile or so east. They hang in profusion beneath the dark pines and the lighter alders, perfuming the air above the river, whose waters are now green and placid, now white rushing rapids.

Around the restaurant in Yosemite Village is a handsome bank of tall blue lupine crowding at the windows; yellow cone-flowers, brown-eyed susans and the first of the evening primroses bloom about the shallow pools. The dainty buds of the primrose are choice morsels for the deer. The cone-flower will be found later in the season at higher elevations, where summer is delayed.

Low-growing blue pentstemon and charming, though inconspicuous, bouquets of bush pentstemon with its small snapdragon-like flowers of cream and tan, climb the banks of the Big Oak Flat Road out of the Valley.

The dark green leaves and the rosey flowers of the milk weed and stands of the various lupines accompany the motorist from the upper foothills (where the early blooming lupines have passed their prime) to such stretches as along the Tioga Road near Gin Flat. In this area also will be found the magenta Pride of the Mountain nestling at the foot of rocky banks. Pink mimulus, a colorful favorite, is now in bloom beyond Smoky Jack Creek.

Near Crane Flat, at an elevation of 6,100 ft., dogwood blossoms have faded and the azaleas are in full bloom. Along the first mile of the old narrow road leading to the fire look-out south of Crane Flat, there are mag-

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LEWIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Two new doctors have joined the staff on a permanent basis. Dr. Robert Hill is a specialist in internal medicine and has been a resident physician at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco. With his wife and three children he has moved into the house on the hill behind the hospital.

Already on duty and in the process of moving his family (also a wife and three children) into a house in the government residential area, is Dr. Johnson Prescott. A specialist in surgery, Dr. Prescott has been a resident physician at Kaiser Hospital, Oakland.

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HAIL AND FAREWELL

Bill and Mary Alice Henning and their two very young daughters, Mary and Alicia, were welcomed by a large number of Yosemite Community Church members and friends at a pot luck supper in the schoolhouse, Tuesday evening, July 11. Rev. Henning is now resident minister for the Community and National Park Church. They are from Fort Worth, Texas.

The welcome party was also a farewell for Char and Duane Murphy and their tiny son Chris, who have made many friends during their short three months in Yosemite. Duane was the interim minister filling in before the Henning's arrival.

The Murphys left on Wednesday to tour the National Parks for the next three months—not a vacation, but a tour of duty for "A Christian Ministry In The National Parks", of which he is assistant director.

Rev. Henning will be installed at the 10 a.m. family service in the Chapel, July 16, by Dr. Charles Lord. He will preach his first sermon as resident minister at the 11 o'clock service in the Church bowl.

SUNRISE

Tomorrow morning the sun will rise on a High Sierra Camp open to receive its first guests.

The dozen tents, canvas dining hall and stone kitchen lie on a level shelf twenty-five feet above Long Meadow, nine miles southwest by trail from Tuolumne Meadows. Facing the east, the new camp fulfills its name—Sunrise Camp.

Twenty-one summers have passed since a newly built High Sierra Camp opened its doors (and tent flaps) to welcome weary mountain travelers. The last such event was in 1940 when the new Vogelsang Camp was finally located at its present site. This was its second relocation, two sites on Booth Lake having been tried and abandoned.

Only two years before, in 1938, May Lake Camp held its premier. Built on a site selected by Don and Mary Tresidder in 1937, it replaced a camp previously located at the east end of Tenaya Lake.

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NEW UNION CONTRACT

After a series of negotiating meetings, an agreement has been reached between the Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers Union No. 386 and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The agreement, affecting approximately 40 employees of the Maintenance Department, will be retroactive to May 1, 1961 and will run until May 1, 1962.

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SWIMMING AWARDS

Presentation of awards earned at the swimming classes recently conducted under the auspices of the Red Cross will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, July 24, at the Yosemite Lodge pool.

VALLEY SINGERS

The Valley Singers and Orchestra presented their first concert of the season at Camp Curry on July 9. The group was well received. The Valley Singers sang a rhythm arrangement of "Redwing", a medley of songs from "My Fair Lady", and closed during the firefall with "The Lord Bless You and Keep You". The orchestra played a medley of songs from "The Sound of Music".

The next concert will be on The Ahwahnee, terrace, Sunday evening, July 23, at 9 p.m.

J. Russell Bodley, Dean of the Conservatory of Music, University of the Pacific, will be the guest conductor for the Valley Singers Church Bowl Concert, August 15. As one of his featured numbers, Mr. Bodley will direct his own eight part arrangement of the "Lord's Prayer".

Glenn and Ginny Willard announce that there is room for more vocalists and instrumentalists in the two groups. The Singers meet for one hour each Monday and Thursday nights at 10 p.m. The orchestra meets each Thursday from 9:15 to 10 p.m. All rehearsals are held in the Old Village Chapel.

A beach party for the two groups is being planned as a social event of the season.

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WHITE WOLF

The White Wolf-ers report standing room only for their June 2nd opening. Since then they have celebrated two employee birthdays with parties, cakes and candles: Don Whitlow (21 years on June 22) and Marji Dewitt (22 years on June 23).

A two week seminar for the study of plant and animal life in Yosemite is presently in progress there, utilizing many of the lodge accommodations as well as the campgrounds. The seminar is a U. of C. extension course with professors from Mills College and Stanford Univ. in charge. They claim that opportunities for studying the wild-life of the region are unusually good at White Wolf.

Possibly Mrs. Patterson's cooking, which the grapevine reports as fine



Helmar Torgerson and Ed McGlone at Waterwheel Falls

YOSEMITE DOCUMENTARY IN THE MAKING

Ed McGlone of the firm Cate and McGlone, producers of documentary motion pictures, spent two days recently photographing Waterwheel Falls and the nearby cascades of the Tuolumne River for the four-seasons picture of Yosemite. He was accompanied by Dana Morgenson as assistant and Helmer (Torgie) Torgerson as packer and guide. Very enthusiastic about the trip, he pronounced these the best white-water pictures he had ever taken. "Torgie", who has guided many saddle parties to the Glen Aulin area, said he had never seen the water-wheels any finer, although at times the river carries a greater volume of water.

as ever, is as much reason as any for keeping school at White Wolf. A valley resident was overheard saying, "I'd WALK to White Wolf for a 'White Wolf-burger.'" (That's 31 miles, man!)

Contrast between primitive and modern life was highlighted one day while guests and staff were watching one of the biggest bears any of them had ever seen. A helicopter landed in the meadow! This is the up-to-date method of transporting fire fighters.

MEADOW-MORPHIC

It seems that almost everyone who works at Tuolumne Meadows this summer plays the piano, more or less. Among all the budding Paderewskis are two of the "you name it, we'll play it" type—namely, Frank "Dent" Denke and Diane Struck. All this unusual talent was near to bursting until, with help from the Personnel Office, an unused piano was located in the Valley. Hauled to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and placed in the employee's side hall, its ivories are now tickled ("Struck" or "Dent"-ed) almost every evening for employees who gather from all around the Meadows to harmonize. Everybody sings! There are even a few of the more portable type musical instruments in the crowd—banjo, ukelele, mandolin and guitars. We've heard that these evening goings-on are causing a drop-off in patronage at some of the "Juke joints" on the East Side.

Another favored activity for hours-off is following the high trails. Groups with lunches packed in knapsacks may be seen taking off from the Lodge to view the mountain lakes and peaks so near at hand. Recent rains have kept the trails dust free and flower strewn.

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nificent colonies of blue mountain forget-me-nots, while both the pink and blue blossomed varieties will be found along the Tioga Road beyond Gin Flat. Its admirers would never know this species in its flowering phase to be the disagreeable "stickseed" it will become a month or six weeks hence.

There are a number of dramatic snowplants to be found along the middle section of the Big Oak Flat Road, west of Yosemite Creek Canyon.

A worthwhile flower-hunting excursion on an old road takes one along the old Big Oak Flat Road from Gin Flat (on the Tioga Road, a few miles from Crane Flat) to Cascade Creek, where the great round leaves of Indian rhubarb half cover the rocks, and here again, azaleas scent the sunny air. Lily Creek, a small stream descending along the side of the road as it approaches Cascade Creek, will be rich in flowers a little later.

All through these woodlands and at the borders of the meadows such as in the Crane Flat area, bird songs fill the air in early morning and late afternoon. Most likely to be heard, if not seen, will be fox sparrows, chickadees, purple finches, juncoes, warblers, and the scarlet tanager that flashes like a flame from one tree to another. An occasional rarity such as the hermit thrush, whose song is in minor notes, also may be heard. Even the Great Grey Owl has a favorite haunt or two in the area.

At Tuolumne Meadows the shooting-stars with their pools of color here and there are almost gone from the marshy lower west end of the Meadows. Elephant-heads, paint brush and asters have succeeded them along with low-growing lupine and pussy-paws edging the road.

On Saturday, July 8, the first of several "flower walks" in the Badger Pass-Glacier Point area was conducted by Ranger Naturalist Will Neely. The amateur botanists assembled at the Badger Meadow, walked down the old Glacier Point Road toward Bridal Veil Campground, examining the many species of flowers in bloom.

by M.C.T.

ON THE EVENING PROGRAMS

Slim Critchlow, a western singer of the old school, will appear on the evening programs at Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge for the week beginning July 15. Slim has just appeared in the Berkeley Folk Song Festival and received highly favorable notices in the Bay area newspapers.

Appearing with him will be the Craft family puppeteers; Nancy Kronberg, soprano; and Shirley Wiser and Frank Haubrock, folk dancers.

The week of July 22 will see the Maurice Wolohan family returning for their second season of performances. This highly talented family consists of mother and father and five children: Maury, 14, Sheila, 12, Myra, 11, Kathleen, 9, and Deidra, 5. They sing as a coral group, play string instruments, woodwind instruments, or brass instruments as an ensemble, and to top it all off, the children do dance routines!

Appearing with the Wolohan family will be an old favorite, Pogie, the magician; Betty Simon, soprano (new this year); and Yolanda Burkett and John Patterson, folk dancers.

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YOSEMITE COMMUNITY THEATRE

Under the direction of Barbara Mathews, the Yosemite Community Theatre is preparing "Under Milkwood", by Dylan Thomas, for group reading. Meetings are every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the YPC Co. training room. "Under Milkwood" utilizes so many voices that there should be room for anyone who is interested. Especially needed are a few more women's voices.

The group hopes to do a concert reading at the end of summer.

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NOTES FROM WAWONA

by Patricia Pruess

Is the food good at Wawona? It must be if Nick Fiore would ride his bicycle 58 miles for a luncheon meal.

Talent and enthusiasm characterize the Wawona employees this year. If you listen closely in the twilight hours of the evening, you will hear harmonious voices drowning out the common night sounds with sounds such as "Swing Low Sweet Chariot."

GRAPEVINE

Barbara Kuntz was married last month to "Skeet" Puffer, in Las Vegas. The newlyweds are now living on the North Shore of Lake Tahoe.

Ron Kuntz and Don Sanders visited the Park the first week end in July. They were on leave between Army duty in St. Louis, Mo., and Ft. Meyer in Arlington, Va., where they will receive specialized training in the maintenance of medical equipment. Former Yosemite employees who joined the army at the same time and completed basic training at Ft. Ord, they are both surprised and pleased to have received the same assignments ever since.

Art Ayers, Camp Curry front desk, turned in his car for a brand new white Lambretta, which (for those who may not know) is a deluxe motor scooter. It's rumored to get 50 miles to the gal., instead of XX miles.

Orlyn Morris, one time Yosemite Lodge hostess, is now working at Swift Current in Glacier National Park. She is in charge of the dining room there, under the direction of George Goldsworthy.

Ruth Campbell says that no matter what the weather or what your size is, you may be suited at the Nawasa Shop, as their new stock includes swim suits, flannel slacks, car coats in leather and knit materials, and cool, summery dresses in large sizes.

Michael Adams received one of 431 letters of congratulation mailed by Fresno State College officials to students with a grade point average of 3.25 or better, according to the Mariposa Gazette. An A average is represented by 4.0.

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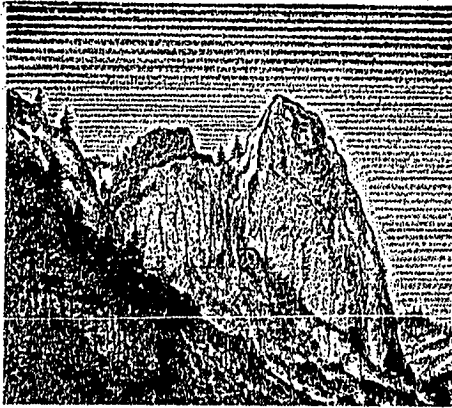
SWAP TALK

For sale: Rolleicord, German camera; 3.5 diaphragm opening, shutter speed up to 1/500 second, adapter back for 35 mm. price - \$40.00 Call Robert Faure, Camp Curry.

5 room house, garage and guest room. Manuel Senna, El Portal.

RIDERS WANTED to share expenses to New Mexico. Leaving July 20th. Contact John Collier, Camp 6.

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

Friday, July 28, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

FULFILLMENT OF A DREAM

Mary Curry Tresidder has a deeper love and wider knowledge of the wilderness than most of those who would restrict its enjoyment to the hardy and self-sufficient knapsacker.

Mrs. Tresidder virtually could have kept for her own use a heavenly bit of Yosemite's loveliest wilderness, for few indeed would have discovered the intimate little plateau above Long Meadow, where she first camped over twenty years ago. But Mary Tresidder's concept of conservation fortunately is more unselfish than that which many extremists manifest. It became her fervent wish that in this spot thousands of others, always a few at a time, might in future years share the intimacy of the present flowers and buds and the grandeur of the distant mountains.

On July 15 Mrs. Tresidder realized the fulfillment of her heartfelt desire. Sunrise High Sierra Camp came into being that day and played host to its first guests of the season. Needless to say, she was the guest of honor, and never was appreciation more worthily accorded. For the full credit of envisioning and accomplishing the establishment of Sunrise Camp goes to Mary Tresidder. And surely more genuine enthusiasm and devotion went into the building of this small camp than into any of the Company's more pretentious facilities. For Architect Spencer, who designed the camp, Bob Chivers, who constructed it, Gordon Warren, who installed the plumbing and the other equipment, Bob Barnett, who hauled all the material, and for all the others who worked under these men, the whole project truly was a labor of love.

"ONE HUNDRED STEWARDESSES NEEDED BY AIR LINES FOR WINTER CLASSES."

Attention all young ladies: Apply for a thrilling new career as a United Air Lines Stewardess if you have the qualifications listed and want to go new places and see new faces. You can live this adventure if you are at least 20 but not yet 27 years of age, and at least 5'2" but not over 5'8" tall. Your weight should be in proportion to height, you should be single, a high school graduate and have at least 2 years of college or public contact experience or combination of both.

If you are accepted, you will have free training in Cheyenne, Wyoming and upon assignment receive good pay and a generous expense allowance.

Those interested should contact the Personnel Office for an interview appointment with United Air Lines representative.

SOLAR HEAT

The new solar heating system at Sunrise Camp is working very adequately, according to reports from the Maintenance Department, keeping water temperatures between 125 and 130 degrees. That's several degrees hotter than you want your shower water.

To Superintendent John Preston and his staff the public is indebted for the splendid cooperation which brought into being the beautiful new trail up Echo Creek and the short connecting link to Forsyth Pass. Both trails have been constructed as easy routes of travel with no damage to the terrain which they traverse.

ERIC M. STANFORD ELECTED COMPANY DIRECTOR

At the last meeting of the Company's Directors, Mr. Eric M. Stanford was elected to the Board to fill the place left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Henry G. Hill, whose failing health forced his retirement.

Mr. Stanford is Executive Vice President and Treasurer of I. Magnin and Co. of San Francisco and has had a wide experience in merchandising and finance. It is anticipated that his presence on the Board will be a valuable asset in the direction of the Company's activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanford will be in Yosemite on the occasion of the next Director's Meeting which is scheduled for August 26.

HIKING SAFETY

There have been a few overdue hikers in the Park recently. This is an experience that can be distressing, not only to the hikers, but to family, friends and in some cases to the ranger force. This could be avoided if these few basic principles of safety were followed when hiking.

1. Always tell some responsible person where you are going and then do not vary your plan.
2. Do not hike alone
3. Unless you are experienced in the area, do not leave the trail.
4. Always carry matches and a knife. Also recommended for longer hikes are a basic first aid kit, concentrated food such as candy and raisins, a sweater, and, if the terrain is dry, water.

It is well to remember the difference in altitude, the possibility of heat exhaustion or exposure to cold if delayed over night or caught in a storm.

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TRESIDDER UNION SITE DEDICATED

As guest of honor, Mary Curry Tresidder attended the site dedication of the new Tresidder Memorial Union on the Stanford campus, July 20.

To honor Dr. Don B. Tresidder, who was Stanford's fourth president, the 74,000 square-foot structure will be the key building in the Student Activities Center.

To quote from the Stanford Summer Weekly: "The structure, architecturally keyed to Stanford's buff walls, archways and red tile, will supply food, services and programs ranging from bowling and bridge to Bach and Beethoven, with art shows, conferences and "bull sessions" thrown in . . .

"The landscaped mall which eventually will connect all the buildings in the Center has been designed by landscape architect Thomas Church."

The building was designed by the architectural firm of Spencer and Lee.

SUGGESTION AWARDS

A total of seven awards have been made to employees for suggestions of ways to improve the company's operation.

Rick Anderson and Sid Carter were awarded \$50 each for designing and making a portable drag to be used for leveling the lift tracks at Badger Pass. Rick has left Yosemite, having accepted a permanent appointment with the NPS, in Sequoia.

Ruth Loynd, Yosemite Lodge House-keeping, received \$15 for suggesting that a small sign, "Have you forgotten anything?" be placed on the inside of all restroom doors.

T. Milton Nelson, Village Store, received \$5 for calling attention to the missing mirrors in the men's restroom at Camp Curry.

GLACIER POINT

This summer is proving to be one of Glacier Point's best. The employees at the hotel and cafeteria, most of whom have worked previous summers on the Valley floor, have consolidated into what is probably one of the most active groups in the Park. Thus far, three hayrides, two birthday parties a stunt night, and several "beach parties" have kept the off-hours busy. Deciding they needed an official place to meet, the whole crew and management pitched in to redecorate the recreation room, turning it into one of the most enjoyable "clubs" in the Park area. At present it stands graced with phonographs, a dance floor, writing desks, a ping pong table, lounge chairs and other accessories.

Group enthusiasm has also extended into other areas. Every Friday is debate night. So far topics have covered the most diverse and exciting subjects, and debates have been known to go on until the early morning. In the offing are exchanges with Wawona and Big Trees, as well as movies in the recreation room wher such Hollywood films as Stalag 17 will be shown.

The current activity is the "Glacier Art Contest." Pictures drawn by all the employees have been put on display in the Cafeteria for the guests to to see. Next week judging will take place and prizes will be given.

By John Lautsch

Valjean Jackson, Ahwahnee Dining Room, suggested that all food units have saccharin or other sugar substitutes available for those who require it. He was awarded \$10.

T. Melton Nelson, Village Store, received a second award of \$25. He recommended a small fire extinguisher for use in the Village Store when repairs of Coleman stoves and lanterns are being made.

Gerald Krauss, although no longer employed with the Company, was awarded \$15 for suggesting the installation of a convex mirror between the cafe and kitchen at Yosemite Lodge to speed service to customers and prevent employee accidents.

PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

Kimi and Yuki are two students from Japan working this summer in the Camp Curry Cafeteria. Last school year they studied at San Jose State in exchange for San Jose students who went to Okayama, Japan, sister city to San Jose (as Tokyo is sister city to New York.)

The American students lived three summer months with Japanese families and toured Japan. They could not attend school there because they could not speak Japanese.

Language was not a problem to Kimi and Yuki as they began the study of English in the seventh grade. Yuki continued to study English through the next ten years of his school life. Kimi majored in English and English literature in Japan and studied English at San Jose. When she returns to Japan in the fall she expects to teach English to other Japanese students.

Yuki majored in psychology in Japan; here his major was business.

This is a letter he has written:

"Hello our Friends,

Our names are Kimi Ishi and Yuki Akagi. We are two exchange students from Japan to its sister city, San Jose. We attended San Jose State College for two semesters living with several American families, and also Kimi lived in Phi Mu sorority, and Yuki lived in Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. We came up here in order to learn how Amer-

FIRE CONTROL

The National Park Service in Yosemite has prepared to cope with the forest fire hazard by holding special fire training sessions with the blister rust crews, fire guards, and seasonal rangers. A helicopter has been contracted for and will arrive soon to be based within the Park for the remainder of the fire season. To date, 30 fires have occurred since January, the majority being lightning caused. Smoke jumpers, borate planes, and a helicopter were used at times and kept them to a minimum acreage.

Because of the tinder dry conditions, especial care must be taken by the traveling public, whether on road or trail.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE

Under the direction of Gordon Warren, three laborers and a wrangler erected a telephone line along the Echo Creek trail connecting Sunrise Camp with Merced Lake Camp. The line is a tree-hung, double wire, six and one half miles long. The Maintenance Department men completed the job in three weeks for \$7500 less than other estimates submitted.

After inspection, the NPS, concerned that the line should be inconspicuously placed in the landscape, and the Telephone Company pronounced the job highly satisfactory.

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STUDENT MINISTERS

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In the Village Store is Martin Brose who is from Berlin. He is organist and choir director in th Valley. He is a two year exchange student at Union Theological Seminary in New York City and has chosen to spend the interim summer in this way, hoping to get to know America better.

In the Cashier's Office is John Peterson as a messenger, Jane Lord in the Reservations office.

Working for the church on a full time basis are Bruce Shoenthal as assistant to the resident minister, Jan Roberts, again as church secretary, and Robert Epperson as host to guest ministers in the church camp and right hand man for Bruce. This is Bruce's third summer in the program and as assistant to the resident minister he is in charge of the operation of the student ministry program.

Those who are seminary students will conduct Sunday services in 10 different places throughout the Park each Sunday. Schedules of all services are posted for the information of those who are interested.

The college students are responsible for fellowship activities for summer employees: discussion and bible study groups, music and fellowship singing and campfire pow-wows. They are also developing plans for work with local children and young people: senior and junior high groups, and club groups on down to the primary level.

ART EXHIBIT

An employee art exhibit, organized by Gertrude Greenwald, will be held at the Camp Curry Cafeteria, August 1 to August 10. Entrys, appropriately matted or framed, ready for hanging, should be brought to the cafeteria on July 30 or 31 at 2 p.m. Due to limited space this year, only one or two paintings will be accepted from each person.

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CAMP CURRY

Mike Lichty, of Camp Curry's front desk, and Jim Wiley, who works at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria, premiered on the Curry program Fourth of July night as folk singers and are now appearing once or twice a week on regular programs. Mike plays a long neck banjo and Jim a guitar.

Hank and Raleigh Reynolds the cowboy wranglers (not related) who lead and entertain the Breakfast Rides, last week invited one of the guests to sing with them and the breakfast riders were treated to some exciting trio western singing.

This year Camp Curry bellmen alternate in their extra duty assignment of making Camp Curry firefall calls. John Mogg assistant head bellman, Dale Hammel, John Kell and Benedict Gonnies take turns at 9 p.m. calling Glacier Point. Standing up behind the amphitheatre, near Nob Hill Bathhouse, and, taking their cues from the stage lights and the lantern flashes at Glacier, they call without a megaphone. John Mogg says it's one kind of performance that must be done without a rehearsal. They are alternating this year, because in other years one caller's voice usually gave out if he called every night.

Donna Byles and Ernie Stone are engaged. Donna is cashier in the cafeteria and Ernie a waiter in the coffee shop. They both attend USC where Donna studies dental hygiene and Ernie is in dental college.

Bill Sturgeon, of the coffee shop, leaves July 28 to begin service with the Air Force. His first assignment is to be 30 days training at Travis Air Force Base.

YOSEMITE BEARS FOR THE DUCHESS

The first wedding gift received by Ann Worsley, of England, who recently became the bride of the Duke of Kent, (cousin to Queen Elizabeth) was from the Ahwahnee Gift Shop. The gift was a couple of wooly, mechanical bears, obtained by Lady John Jacob Astor on her recent visit to Yosemite. After her return to Hever Castle, England. Lady Astor entertained Miss Worsley and presented her with the bears. The Duchess was delighted with the animals, calling them her first wedding present.

These little bears, several inches tall, perform various antics when wound up. Some walk, some knit and some play cymbals. Lady Astor felt the success of her gift warranted an order for several more bears.

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LETTERS

From H. E. Ruedy, Yosemite resident of 25 years ago . . . "our daughter's graduation from Pomona College. As you know, she (Carol Ann Ruedy) worked at Tuolumne Meadows for three summers. She is now in Middlebury College in Vermont for graduate work.

"As for myself, I retired from the U.S. Forest Service the last of the year and am now working when I feel like it. My boy is in Modesto Jr. College, and Mrs. Ruedy lives in Chico."

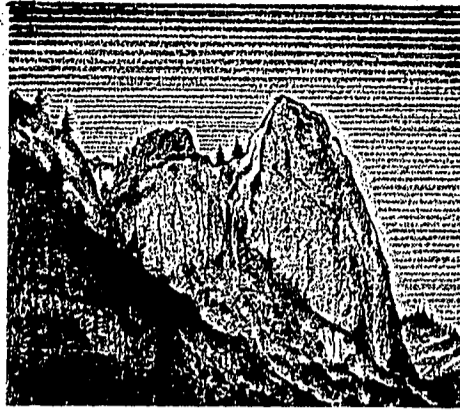
To the Class of 1961—

"Dear Julia, Janet, Linda, Jane, Mike, Kenny and Pete: I wish to thank you so very much for inviting me to your graduation exercises. I would have so liked to have been there. Bona Mae McHenry sent me one of your programs, and told me how pretty, handsome and grown up you all looked, and how well you spoke. I am so proud of you all.

Billy's high school graduation was Friday night, June 9, also . . . Bobby graduated from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, the next morning at 9:30. We left right after Billy's graduation and drove all through the night in order to attend his . . .

Much love and best wishes to you all." Edith Lamkin.

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

Friday, August 11, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

VALLEY SINGERS AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT

The Valley Singers and Valley Singers Orchestra will present their twelfth benefit concert for the Church Bowl, Tuesday, August 15, at 9:30 p.m. To be held in the Church Bowl, the concert is sponsored by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the Yosemite National Park Church.

Dr. J. Russell Bodley, Dean of the Conservatory of Music, University of the Pacific, will be the guest conductor and will share the program with Glenn Willard, the regular conductor. Dean Bodley will conduct his own arrangement of Albert Malott's "The Lord's Prayer", as well as two other numbers on the program.

The Valley Singers will sing selections from "Oklahoma" and "My Fair Lady". They will do a special arrangement of "Down in the Valley" with the arranger Hugh Brown at the piano. Soloists will include Henry Reynolds, baritone, Marty Melton, soprano, Tom Rose, clarinetist.

The orchestra will do a medley of songs from "The Sound Of Music" and another number now in rehearsal.

The Willards hope that all local residents will be able to attend this concert.

An offering will be taken during the evening.

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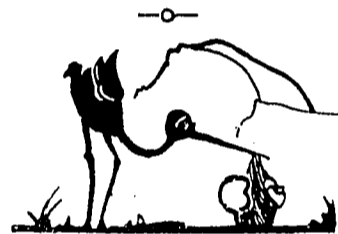
EL PORTAL SCHOOL

The estimated cost, \$261,900, for the new El Portal Elementary School and Teacherage has been approved by the Office of Education. Architectural plans are being prepared by Walter Wagner & Partners of Merced. The NPS is arranging financing for the utilities and access roads to the site. It is expected the school and teacherage will be in use by the fall of 1961.

NEW TEACHER FOR YOSEMITE SCHOOL

To replace Al Skinner as teacher of seventh and eighth grades in the Yosemite school, Cecil Stalvey arrived with his family last Friday, all the way from Florida. The family consists of his wife, Merline, and two daughters, Susan, fourth grade, and Penny, kindergarten. They are presently getting settled in the teacherage.

Al Skinner, who plans to enter the ministry in the fall, is considering several church openings.



STORK STURM'S STATISTICS

A half dozen "bundles from heaven" have been delivered within the last three weeks to as many happy couples. Those late July days kept the stork on the wing pretty constantly.

On July 23 he arrived with Leonard Glenn, weight 7lb., for Jo Ella and William Domingues.

Then, on July 24, came Christopher, 7lb. 12oz., for Barbara and Jim Wiggins.

July 25 was the birthday of Debra Lynn, 8lb. 5½oz., who joined the family of Albertina and Harold Foster.

Evelyn and Stewart Campbell welcomed Deborah Cynthia, 7lb. 5½ oz., on July 27.

Then, after a few days rest for the long-legged bird, but before the nursery was empty, Rachel Ann, 7lb. 1½oz., arrived for Joan and John Bayse, Aug. 2.

So popular is this mountain aerie that, two days later, on Aug. 4, Vivien and Dennis Haag came from Mariposa to collect their 7lb. 13oz. bundle, Leslee Ann.

NEW TRAILS IN USE

Judging from the number of valley people in the Tuolumne area, it seems that we're getting "High Sierra oriented." Probably the new Sunrise Camp has provided the focus for numerous horseback and hiking trips by locals and visiting photographers.

The newly constructed trails which make Sunrise more accessible, are fine examples of the National Park Service's interest in encouraging use of our Yosemite Sierra. The new 2½ mile trail connecting the Forsythe trail with Sunrise trail plus the existing trail to Tuolumne Meadows make it possible to go to Sunrise via one route and out another, both terminating on the Tioga Pass road.

The new section of the Echo Creek trail also makes Sunrise easier to reach from the Merced Lake Camp area. In addition to the scores of locals seen recently in the area, Ed McGlone photographed Sunrise Camp area and the routes in and out last week. Les Buckland of Eastman Kodak, Rochester, New York, bowed beneath an assortment of cameras (Eastman), recorded the High Sierra beauties for a future slide presentation of National Parks.

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ART EXHIBIT

The Camp Curry Cafeteria provided food for soul as well as body during the first ten days of August when masterpieces by employees decorated its walls. The work was varied and interesting as usual.

The show was judged by Bob Mathews, Alice Cramer, and Pauline Trabucco. Prizes, soon to be announced, were awarded by the Lions Club for the best oil painting, the best watercolor, and the best miscellaneous entry.

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Editor: Esther Morgenson; Advisor: H. Oehlmann, H. K. Ouimet, H. Berrey.

SUGGESTION SYSTEM

There have been several awards to employees recently, for suggestions made and accepted. Here is some advice to suggesters from the office of the General Manager:

- 1. Think a suggestion through. 2. Write it up specifically, not in general terms. 3. Tell what the suggestion is and what it will do. 4. Tell how the improvement can be put into effect. 5. Enlist aid in working out your idea, if necessary.

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SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Between the rush of spring openings and fall closings, a variety of refurbishing jobs keep the maintenance men busy. Via mule train, Joe Liskey, carpenter, Howard Savage, plumber, and Earl Edgerton, painter, are making the rounds of all the High Camps to do the extra things for which there was no time earlier. To increase food storage space, additional gas refrigerators have been installed at May Lake, Vogelsang, and Glen Aulin.

The former Camp Curry garage is being made weather tight in preparation for the storage of tents and mattresses next winter. This is to replace the space formerly available in the dance pavilion and the dining room, since the pavilion is to be remodeled for guest housing and the dining room used for a meeting area.

The employee's dorm at Wawona has been remodeled and the porches and roofs are undergoing repairs.

At Badger Pass repairing and checking of all machinery is underway. All wheels on the No. Three lift are being rubber lined to extend the life of the cable. A new cable will be installed on lift No. One. The life of the

A VISITOR AT MAY LAKE

For the third consecutive year Howard and Cordelia Layne, co-managers at May Lake, have had the pleasure of being host to a beautiful blonde. But this is one blonde I am sure the Laynes would not like to see back again next year, for "Blondie", as she is affectionately called by the help, is a large blonde bear of about 400 pounds. It seems "Blondie" is so taken by the excellent cooking that she is not satisfied merely to eat the scraps she finds in the garbage dump. She wants the same food as the guests. Knowing that her presence at the dinner table would cause a disturbance, she politely comes for meals at night. By simply tearing through the canvas covered storage room, "Blondie" is able to enjoy a meal that would fill 10 people.

If you are ever in the vicinity of May Lake and would like to hear some interesting first hand experiences with bears, drop in and ask the Laynes about "Blondie".

by Bill Pfister

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ON YOUR DAY OFF

Looking for something for that late August day off?

Go over Tioga Pass and turn in at Saddle Bag Lake. Take a boat to the far side of the lake and spend a day seeing the numerous lakes in the area. Very little climbing involved. Be sure to arrange with the boatman to pick you up, otherwise it's a long hike back. A real climber might enjoy finding Gardiski Lake—get directions from someone who knows.

June Lake has a new ski lift—just beyond town on the left hand side of the road. It operates daily 9 to 5. Luncheon and schnapps are served at the top of the lift and there is a wonderful view of the entire Mono Basin. For those interested, dinners are served on Thursday and Saturday nights, by reservation. There is excellent swimming at the beach at the east end of June Lake.

by Dick Connett

old one was four years. There will be an additional tower placed at the intermediate unloading station on the new lift, No. Four.

SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission announces awards for the 1961-62 school year as follows: David Curry Scholarship to Marilyn Savage, the Jennie Foster Curry Scholarship to Roberta Castro, and the Yosemite Scholarship to Randy Morgenson.

The first two scholarships are supported by the generosity of Mary Curry Tresidder in memory of her parents; the third by Community Council funds.

The awards are made by secret ballot, each of the nine members of the commission giving equal consideration to the following points: scholarship, leadership, financial need, personality, health, and general aptitude.

The Scholarship Commission wishes to emphasize that, even though other qualifications are considered, any students desiring to make application in coming years should not overlook the value of earning good grades, especially in the solid subjects and during the senior year.

Personal plans of the recipients for the fall school term are as follows: Marilyn Savage will attend Oakland City College. She is interested in becoming a medical secretary and assistant. Roberta Castro will continue her study of nursing at Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing. Randy Morgenson's plans are to study Recreation Land Management at Arizona State College, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

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ACCIDENTS

Bobbie Cooper, who suffered a fractured vertebrae and other painful injuries from a fall in the Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop recently, is reportedly improving and expected to be home from the hospital soon.

Mrs. Hazel Mellem, Kathy Bevington's mother and Pohono Studio Manager, was seriously injured in an automobile accident last week. She has been removed to St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno where she will undergo facial surgery.

THESE ITEMS ARE FOR THE INTEREST OF PARK EMPLOYEES AND ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION.

HERE AND THERE

John W. Bingaman, former Yosemite ranger, has written a book, "Guardian of the Yosemite," which is now on sale in local stores and studios.

Paving of the new access road to White Wolf is now complete.

A pilot model tent is being erected in Housekeeping Camp as an experiment in the improvement of guest accommodations there. In the planning stage for most of the past year, the project is being developed slowly in order to allow for careful consideration of all details.

There was dancing room only at the Den at Camp Curry one recent Tuesday evening when employees decided to have a dance of their very own to tape-recorded music of their choice. Over 200 came, some from as far away as Tuolumne. Hostess Alice Ryan said there were only three rules: employees only, no drinking, and prompt closing. Everybody complied happily and asked for more.

Special programs for amateur photographers will occur four evenings a week for the next five weeks at Camp Curry and Camp 14. Representatives from Eastman Kodak Co., Les Buckland and Jack Englert, will talk on "How to Take Travel Slides," Wednesdays at Camp 14 and Fridays at Camp Curry; and on "How to Show Travel Slides," Thursdays at Camp 14 and Saturdays at Camp Curry.

A Hiller 12E helicopter is now in the Park and will remain until the end of the fire season. Ten emergency fire guard positions have been filled by the NPS in preparation for control of possible spot fires and lightning strikes.

Travel to Yosemite for the first seven months of this year showed an increase of 11,287, or 1.54%. At the end of July the 1961 travel figure was 732,502.

Although travel is up, the use of campgrounds and other guest facilities has dropped slightly. Enlarged campgrounds at Bridalveil, White Wolf, Wawona, and Tuolumne Meadows have not, as yet, been discovered by many of the traveling public.



Ruth Beckwith, surrounded by some of the Indian crafts she likes to sell. In the foreground are a Navajo wedding basket and two Papago baskets of cactus fiber; in her hand is one of the scarce pieces of Zuni pottery. On the rack are Navajo rugs, and on the shelves, Indian dolls and more pottery, including one of the famous black pots from New Mexico.

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS

Handcrafted articles made by the Indians of the Southwest interest many visitors to the Park, especially Easterners, who like to buy something representative of the area in which they have been traveling. Among few possible purchases actually indigenous to the West, this merchandise includes a variety of interesting rugs, pottery, baskets, jewelry and paintings. Keen interest is displayed in these crafts by many customers familiar with their sources.

To gain further understanding of the artists, their work and their life, Ruth Beckwith visited the Southwest last November. She was hosted there by Mr. and Mrs. John Kennedy, owners of the Gallup Trading Post, in Gallup, New Mexico, from whom much of YPC Co's. Indian arts are obtained.

Here, as a guest of the Kennedys, who are acquainted with many of the Indians, she was privileged to witness a Shaleko Dance, a ceremony performed in dedication of new homes, at the Zuni Pueblo in New Mexico. She hopes to return at a time when it will be possible to see more of the Indian fairs and ceremonials.

Much of this fine craft work is increasingly hard to obtain, because younger Indians cannot be persuaded to learn these exacting and painstaking skills when they can earn more money at the white man's trades.

For example, there are only four elderly Zuni women who still make the traditional pottery of the tribe. Few younger Navajo women learn to weave the rugs for which their tribe is so well known; hence prices of fine rugs rise higher each year. Only a few

INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS

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baskets and very little pottery are produced by the Navajo, and Papago baskets made of cactus fibers are no longer available in large quantities.

Although the tribes have exchanged ideas and learned from each other until they make many similar things, there are certain types of crafts peculiar to each. The Navajo are, of course, famed for their beautiful rugs, woven on primitive looms. The Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni tribes all make silver jewelry, with general differences. The Zuni use silver to hold the stones, usually many small, finely set stones. Navajo, on the other hand, decorate the silver with stones, sometimes quite large in size. The Hopi are known for their "overlay" technique—silver on silver. The most popular stone is turquoise, but some coral and abalone, obtained by trade, are used.

Though not so plentiful, old and used pieces of jewelry which have been pawned by their owners, are among the most beautiful obtainable. Some purchasers will pay an extra premium for jewelry which has actually been worn in a ceremonial dance.

Though it would be difficult to name a jewelry item that the versatile Navajo have not learned to make, the concha belts and squash blossom wedding necklaces are among their favorites and every reservation Navajo likes to wear them.

Maria, a Pueblo potter of San Ildefonso, New Mexico, is credited with creation of the new black pottery which has received commercial acceptance. It is reported that she over-fired a batch of the usually tan clay, turning it black. Her life story and that of the black pottery are interestingly told by Alice Marriott in her book, "Maria: Potter of San Ildefonso."

The mechanics of acquiring these Indian crafts involve a few middlemen. Mr. Kennedy, of the Gallup Trading Post, hires silversmiths to work directly for him, and also buys from independent craftsmen on the reservations. His wares are seen by buyers at gift shows in Los Angeles and San Francisco in January. There, most of

WERE THEY EARLY OR LATE?

by Carol Carpenter

Camp Curry's Coffee Shop crowd featured its annual Christmas party on the eve of July 24, at the Masonic Hall. Organization was completely handled by Jim Crouch and his competent assistant, David Carsrud. A Christmas atmosphere was achieved with the usual holiday trimmings and a beautiful Christmas tree.

Festivities began with an elegant buffet, compliments of our Chef, Johnny, and his helpful crew. Following came the distribution of anonymous gifts by Louis, the cook, who played the role of St. Nick. Gifts included a set of plastic dishware for busboy Earll Murman who is frequently afflicted by dropsy in the kitchen, and an uncooked trout for waitress Carolee to ease her perpetual hunger pangs.

The group sang Christmas Carols to music provided by the "Bill Huddleston Trio".

Chaperons included Mr. and Mrs. Curry, the Whitfields, the Corkhills, and Mr. Connett. For their cooperation, the group presented them with a gift. Summing it up, the party was a complete success and a Merry (July) Christmas was had by all!

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LOST AND FOUND PAYS OFF

Recently Joan Sandin, a maid at Camp Curry, found a wallet tucked safely in a pillow case by an overnight guest. The guest called back frantically and after the wallet was returned, gave the maid a \$25.00 reward for her honesty.

the rugs, pottery and baskets are purchased. Traveling salesmen for the Gallup Trading Post are Mr. and Mrs. Saul (Monte) Montgomery, who visit Yosemite in May and July, bringing a supply of jewelry with them from which stocks may be replenished. The Montgomerys are also very obliging about procuring anything especially desired by the studio managers to fulfill their needs.

To increase their understanding of this interesting phase of merchandising, several of the studio managers hope to visit the Indian reservations this fall.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

Last weekend at the Meadows, members of the Model "T" Club of Southern California commanded all eyes as they arrived in a dozen or so well-groomed Model "T's" of varying vintage and color. The venerable Fords came under their own power, too, up Lee Vining grade!

The happy group of Tuolumne employees report that their musical recreation is in full swing and they have formed a campfire-singing group, according to Martha Miller.

A brand new job is held by Janet Morris, from Merced and San Jose State. She is responsible for the display and sale of souvenirs and gifts, films and drugs in the lodge and store, between which she divides her time. The gift display at the lodge is an innovation this season and a very attractive one. Composed largely of Indian crafts obtained from The Ahwahnee Gift Shop, it is attracting considerable attention, Janet says.

Janet has had two previous summer's experience at the Camp Curry Souvenir Shop.

Truly a telescope of seasons may be experienced now in the high places of Tuolumne and Tioga. Freshened by rain, flowers in colors—gold, magenta, purple—breath-takingly speak of spring in mid-summer; Queen Anne's Lace star-dusts the meadows, green with honeyed tones, harbingers of fall.

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SORRY WRONG GENDER!

Apologies to Valjean (Topsy) Jackson for calling her hel!

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SUMMER SALE

Reductions of 10 to 20% have been placed on all lines of summer clothing at the Nawasa Shop. There are also special prices on wool skirts. The shop is open every day from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

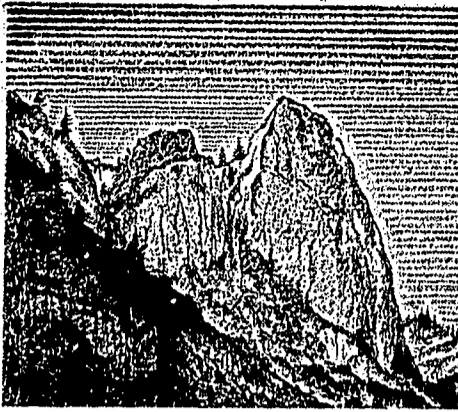
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SWAP TALK

For sale: GE upright freezer; '58 model, 11 cu. ft., excellent cond., \$150 phone FR 2-4455.

Wanted: An old fashioned piano stool that still swivels! Call Augsberry at The Ahwahnee.

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

Friday, August 25, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

EAGLE FIRE CONTROLLED

Yosemite's first serious fire threat of the season, located on the rim in the Ribbon Fall area, was contained within a short time and will probably leave but little scar on the scene.

A lightning sleeper, fanned to life by a brisk wind on August 16, most of the fire was in the brush. A specialized crew lowered over the rim by ropes last Friday attacked two hot spots on the steep Valley walls.

Helicopters, which dropped huge bags of water, and borate planes were employed during the fight.

The last embers of fire have been smoldering this week in several large trees just on the rim. They are being carefully watched by an eagle-eyed mop-up crew.

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GOVERNOR RELAXES AT WAWONA

Governor "Pat" Brown with his wife Bernice and daughter Kathleen spent the first week of August at Wawona. Golf was the chief recreation for the state's first citizen during his stay. The governor reported that he particularly enjoyed Wawona because there are no telephones in the rooms and he could completely relax from official duties. In this the hotel staff gave him their cooperation.

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NEW STATE COLLEGE SERVING LOCAL AREA

Stanislaus State College, established last year in Turlock to serve the area of the state which includes Mariposa County, now has available its first general catalog. At present the college offers only upper division work. The catalog and other information concerning the school may be obtained by writing to the college Admissions Office, P. O. Box 1000, Turlock, or by phoning MURcury 2-2411.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for the coming school year will take place on the Friday before the first day of school. Here are the details:

Friday, September 8, from Noon to 6 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the schoolhouse, a teacher will be on hand to register your child.

If parents will **ALL** make an effort to come and register their children, classroom work can be started immediately after the opening of school. Children must be registered each year. Call FR 2-4791 with your questions, please.

Those kindergarten children registered by Miss Trabucco in May do not have to be signed up again. Parents of all pupils who are new to Yosemite School must submit proof of birthdate.

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ART SHOW AWARDS

Awards were made to the following participants in the exhibit of employee's paintings at Camp Curry, held recently:

Vergena Koller (Camp Curry Post Office) for the best oil—"Bridge Scene";

Dorothy Mayer (winter caretaker at Glacier Point)—watercolor, "Sanderlings";

Marleen Boone (Glacier Point)—miscellaneous, "Rock and Sea," a charcoal drawing.

The prizes, donated by the Yosemite Lions Club, are two tickets for dinner at The Ahwahnee for each winner.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

On August 15, Mary Jane and Barry Hutchings (YPC Co.) welcomed the birth of Sherry Lee, 8lb. 8½ oz.

Mrs. Hazel Mellem is back at Lewis Memorial Hospital and on the road to recovery.

PILOT UNIT ERECTED IN HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

The most attractive accommodation in Yosemite for out door living has just been erected in Housekeeping Camp across from the store. Not a tent, not a cabin, this pilot model combines the intimacy with the out-of-doors achieved in tent living with cleanliness, convenience and the feeling of security provided by a cabin.

Two living units are built back to back as a duplex. The dividing walls and two side walls are concrete slabs of interesting texture—a conglomerate of Merced river pebbles. Ceiling and front walls and two side walls are canvas with a nylon fly over-all for protection from sun or rain.

Each main room, or bedroom, is completely private and is furnished with beds, chest, mirror, electric outlet and light. There is a standard double bed on one side, while bunk beds on the other side fold against the wall for convenience.

The patio-kitchen (or family room) is furnished with a permanently fixed, round table, chairs, a shepherd stove, cooler, cupboards and work bench. Protected by the nylon fly ceiling and by a sapling wall, it is out doors, but private. Concrete floors which can be easily cleaned by hoseing, and 40 amp. electric outlets to accommodate any kitchen appliances, electric shavers or blankets are other conveniences.

This is an experimental design for improvement of guest accommodations in Housekeeping Camp, developed with much thought by Gordon Warren and architects from the firm, Spencer and Lee, and others.

Chief considerations in planning of the pilot unit have been to provide more comfort, convenience and pri-

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CLOSING DATES AND HOUR CHANGES

CAMP CURRY—
 Coffee Shop after breakfast, Aug. 28.
 Cafeteria after breakfast, Sept. 5.
 Dance, Saturday, Aug. 26.
 Nawasa Shop, Sept. 7.
 Barbar Shop, Sept. 2.
 Pool, Sept. 4.
 Bicycle Stand, Sept. 4.

YOSEMITE LODGE—
 Pool, mid-October, or until weather indicates otherwise.
 Bicycle Stand, Nov. 1, weather permitting.

Effective Sept. 5. Coffee Shop hours will be 1:30 to 11:00 p.m. daily, and Cafeteria from 7:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

BIG TREES LODGE—

Open to October.

GLACIER POINT—

Main Hotel, after breakfast Sept. 10.
 Alpine Shop, approximately Oct. 28.
 Dinner hours 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

WAWONA—

Hotel, after breakfast, Sept. 11.
 Coffee Shop, at close of business, Sept. 18.

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS—

Lodge—Dining room after breakfast, Sept. 10; lodgings Sept. 17, Continental breakfast to be offered on a la carte basis last week.

Grill, Sept. 17.

Store, Sept. 17.

HIGH SIERRA CAMPS—

White Wolf Lodge, after lunch, Sept. 4.

May Lake, after breakfast, Sept. 4.

Glen Aulin, after breakfast, Sept. 5.

Vogelsang, after breakfast, Sept. 6.

Sunrise Camp, after breakfast, Sept. 5.

Merced Lake, after breakfast, Sept. 7.

Last Saddle Trip starts Sept. 2.

Last Walking Trip starts August 27.

VILLAGE RESTAURANT—

Will be operated until further notice.

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**COUNTY FAIR BOOTH TO FEATURE
 YOSEMITE**

Featuring Yosemite and the Yosemite Indians, the Mariposa County booth at the State Fair in Sacramento will again be entered in the historical section. As it has been each year, the booth is being designed and constructed by Mariposa residents, and is sponsored by the Mariposa Co. C. of C.

WEDDINGS GALORE

WILSON—EWING

Charlotte Ewing and Raymond Wilson went to Carson City on August 14 and had the knot tied. Surprise! Or was it?

VIGIL—WESTLEY

August 26 is the wedding date set by Anne Westly for her marriage to "Jake" Vigil at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Faith in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Daughter of Katie and "Wes" Westley, Anne lived in Yosemite for a number of years, graduated from Mariposa High School and worked for YPC Co. several summers.

The bride and groom will return to their studies at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, in the fall. They are both seniors; Anne is a commercial art major, and Jake's major fields are mathematics and Spanish along with other requirements for a teaching credential.

Anne has been employed during the summer doing technical illustration work for Sandia Corporation in Albuquerque.

ANDERSON—WALKER

On September 9, in the Church Bowl, Patty Walker and Rick Anderson will be married. Patty is from Modesto, has worked in Yosemite three summers and as a ski instructor at Badger Pass last winter. Rick was head of the ski patrol last winter and has been a temporary ranger several summers. In July he received an appointment as permanent Park Ranger in Sequoia.

PARSHALL—ROTH

Off to Glendale to attend the wedding of Barbara Roth and Charles Parshall, on August 26, went Dete and George Oliver. Barbara worked in the YPC Co. General Office several summers. The newlyweds will return soon to Davis where the groom attends the University of California.

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WANTED!

A ride to New York, Chicago or east coast; leave Sept. 6. Will share driving expenses. Contact John Peterson, YPC Co. Cashier's Office.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Children's Library Committee reports that the time has come! Book Roundup time is here! Look around the house for those books for children and young people that have use left in them for the school library.

In order that the collection be the best possible and most useful for the children, the Committee must reserve the right to make choices among donations. At least two outlets have been formed for the books not used in our collections. They are schools in Liberia and the Philippines.

Bring your books to the school multipurpose room soon, between 9 and 12 on any school day (week day).

Call the school, FR 2-4791, if there are any questions.

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MISSING SENTINELS

The research librarians at the Yosemite Museum are desirous of obtaining certain back numbers of The Sentinel in order to complete a file to be bound. If you have any past issues which you would care to contribute, will you please check the following list of numbers needed?

For 1959—Feb., Apr., June, Nov.; 1958—Feb., Mar., May; 1956—July, Nov.; 1954—Jan.; 1953—Feb., Oct.; 1951—June; 1949—Oct.; 1947—Nov., Dec.; 1946—Dec.; 1943—June; 1942—Sept.

For a duplicate set which is desired if possible the following are needed:

1959—Feb., Apr., June, Nov.; 1958—Jan., June, Oct.; 1956—July, Nov.; 1954—Jan.; 1953—Feb., Oct.; 1952—Mar.; 1951—all 12 months; 1950—Jan., Sept., Nov., Dec.; 1949—Mar., Apr., June, Aug., Oct., Nov.; 1948—Jan., May, July, Dec.; 1947—Jan., Feb., Apr., July, Sept., Dec.; 1946—Apr., Sept., Dec.; 1945—Aug., Sept.; 1944—Feb.; 1943—May, June, Jan., Mar.; 1942—Sept., Oct.; 1941—Oct., Nov.

The first number on hand is for Oct., 1941. If you have any number preceding this or any of the above that you would like to contribute to this permanent file, call Keith Trexler at the Museum, FR 2-4611.

**CONCERNING BARBECUES
OR
WHO'S BEEN TO GAYLOR MEADOWS
LATELY**

Last Monday night - well bless my hide -
Folks came round from far and wide
No, not a fire, don't you see?
'Twas the barbecue at Tuolumne.
The employees all were there you
know
And some from the Valley, too, did go.
Indeed, there was so many a strange
face
Made you ask - is this the right place?
The food was tops, the chefs even
better -
Cooked those steaks right to the letter,
Not to mention corn on the cob
Topped off with watermelon - a
thorough job.
Not to be lacking in anything
Our piano along with us we did bring.
(Though some may not agree
We got that piano legally)
Pianist plenty also went.
Music provided by Di and Dent,
Not to mention guest stars too
Nadine took over, right on cue.
As if this wern't enough for all
The net went up for volley ball.
Stars aplenty, but little light,
So Coleman lanterns brightened the
night.
The others, contented with an easier
pace
Sat and chatted around the place,
While others still their voices lifted
In songs of joy - this group is gifted!
The eats all over, but not the fun,
A roaring bonfire had begun
Supervised by an experienced hand
Belonging to NPS Ferdinand.
Guitars there were to add some flavor,
A scrub board too that caught our
favor.
And for those scientifically bent
A satellite high overhead was sent.
At Gaylor Meadows where the rocky
road bended
Our fun-filled evening too soon was
ended
And once more back at Tuolumne -
auberge
We resumed our positions of maiding,
portering, waitressing, dishwashing,
desking, mule packing, and hauling
gauberge.

by Dianne Struck and Dent Denke

YOU CAN VISIT THE PIONEERS

If you have not yet visited the Yosemite Pioneer History Center but wish to do so this summer, you will have to hurry, for the interesting old buildings with their fascinating relics of early day life in Yosemite will be closed right after Labor Day.

Perhaps most interesting to most visitors is the two story log cabin known as the Hodgdon Homestead cabin. It is filled with artifacts and furnishings of the 1890 period, many of which were collected by Margaret Schlichtman, co-author of "The Big Oak Flat Road". The cabin was built in Aspen Valley in 1879, by Jeremiah Hodgdon. It was occupied by the Hodgdon family for many years and used by detachments of cavalry during part of the army administration of Yosemite. Hodgdon ran a saddle stopping place on the old Tioga mine road, at which time there was a small village in the valley. It had all disappeared except this one cabin. Taken apart and moved carefully to its present site, all original materials possible were used in its erection. Where necessary, new logs were fashioned to resemble the old; a new roof was put on and the old shakes replaced over the top. The outside stairway to the second story is a fine example of the care taken in fashioning new parts to resemble the old.

The old Yosemite jail, a fieldstone building with wooden doors, is one of the more recent additions to the History Center. It was moved from the Old Village in the Valley. It had had many uses, first as a powderhouse, then as a jail, and finally as a morgue. Who built it is not known, but it is probably one of the oldest structures in Yosemite.

Yet to be moved to the "Village" is the cabin built by artist, Chris Jorgensen, which is the most southerly of the two houses standing in the curve of the road near Sentinel Bridge. It was built near the turn of the century and used by the artist until 1918, after which it served for a time as the first museum in Yosemite National Park. Its most recent use has been as a residence, its last occupant, Father James Murphy.

MAN SENTENCED FOR THEFT

Kenneth C. Nimey, 22, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was sentenced to 30 days in a Federal jail by U.S. Commissioner Gene J. Ottonello at Yosemite National Park. A charge of theft against the man was a result of the removal of a purse from a car parked at a Park beach, according to Superintendent John C. Preston.

Nimey was observed loitering on the beach by an off-duty Park Ranger who kept him under surveillance for some time and later saw the man remove an article from a parked automobile. The owner substantiated that a lady's handbag was missing.

Apprehended a short distance from the scene, Nimey at first denied having taken the handbag. Under questioning, he later admitted theft of the purse and directed the Park Ranger to the spot beneath a bridge where he had disposed of the purse after having removed a small amount of money.

According to ranger Ted McVey, approximately 200 person a day have visited the "Village" and the Wagon Shop across the river.

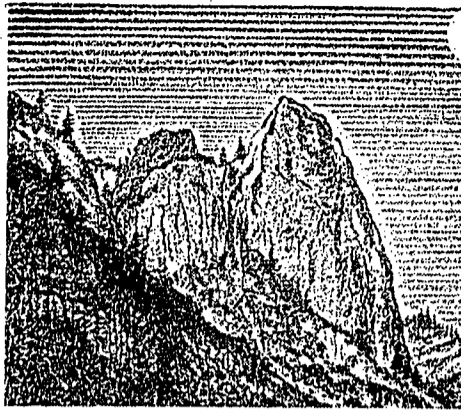
Talking labels, activated by visitors, tell the history and uses of many of the buildings and the Tioga machinery. Many believe that the talking label in the covered bridge, narrated by Ed Siriani, sometime Yosemite bit-player, is the most effective and 'Folksy' of all. In the Cuneo Cabin at the History Center, visitors may see a taped slide presentation telling the early history of Yosemite. Six exhibits on such subjects as "Stagecoach Days in Yosemite," "Holdup," "Fit the Shoe," and "The Jehu," constructed in the NPS Western Museum Laboratory in San Francisco, have been installed in the Wagon Shop. Two horse-drawn vehicles, an old stage coach and a chuck wagon were recently presented by YPC Co. to the NPS. They are now being rehabilitated.

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DID YOU REALIZE?

The time is drawing near! The annual Giant Bargain Sale (held during October) is coming. Are YOU making preparations?

YOSEMITE



N.P.S. SENTINEL

Friday, September 8, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

BACK TO SCHOOL

In many Yosemite homes, certain members of families are anticipating (we hope) the return to school which comes in late August or during September. Over 40 of these young people are leaving home for college or prep school, some to go far, some to enroll in schools nearby.

Beginning the exodus was the group which left for Wasatch Academy in Utah the week end of August 26 and 27. They were Bill Breckenkamp, Sharon Conner, Maynard Moe, Susan Ottonello, Wyatt Kowski and Pete Hansen. Among new enrollees there was former Yosemiteite, Jeannie Evans from Crater Lake.

Far across the nation early in September went the Bob Branges family to take Gregory to Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. This will be Greg's first year there. Alan Zachwieja will return for his second term. They are two out of only four or five Park Service students attending Phillips on scholarships.

Michele Hackett goes to Rowland Hall, a girls preparatory school in Salt Lake City.

The state of Colorado claims Peggy Proctor who is a senior at the Univ. of Colorado, Boulder; and Malcom McGregor, for his second year at Western State College in Gunnison.

Leaving this week for Arizona are Mary Lou Sturm, a junior at the Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, and Randy Morgenson to enter Arizona State College, Flagstaff, as a freshman. Danny Sturm will enroll at Judson School near Scottsdale, on Sept. 22.

Within the state, Bob Eckart will begin an arduous course at Hastings

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The pilot tent erected in Housekeeping Camp as a sample of possible improvement in guest accommodations.

CHURCH SERVICES

Beginning next Sunday, September 10, there will be one Protestant service of worship in the Valley. That service will be in the Chapel at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. The Sunday Church School will get underway for the fall on next Sunday also. It will meet at the schoolhouse at 9:30 each Sunday morning. There are to be classes for kindergarten through senior high school ages.

During the eleven o'clock worship each Sunday, a nursery will be provided for pre-school children in the all purpose room at the school.

There will be Roman Catholic Masses in the Pavilion at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Christian Science service is at 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel each Sunday.

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MISSED

The birth of Vickie Ann Hamilton in Lewis Memorial Hospital last June 17 was somehow overlooked by Sentinel reporters. To her parents, Beverly and Bill Hamilton of Wawona, we wish to express regret for the omission, and belatedly extend a welcome to Vickie Ann.

YOSEMITE TRAVEL FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND AND YEAR IS UP

Travel to Yosemite National Park over the four-day Labor Day weekend totaled 37,859, according to Superintendent John C. Preston. During the corresponding weekend last year, the number of visitors was 33,978.

In both years, Saturday was the biggest day, the 1961 figure being 13,415, only 32 more than for 1960. For the calendar year through Labor Day, 1,039,126 persons have been checked through the four entrances to the Park. This is an increase of 46,403 or 4.6 percent, over last year.

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RANGER SCHOOL TO BE MOVED

Congress has appropriated \$700,000 to move the ranger school to the south rim of Grand Canyon National Park. The move was indicated by the need for expansion, and the Grand Canyon site was chosen for its location near several national parks, monuments and recreational areas.

Initiated at Yosemite in 1959, the school is expected to open at the new site in late 1962. Dormitories, library, classrooms, workshops, administrative offices, a pistol range and other special features will provide room for 40 students.

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DR. ELDRIDGE DIES

Friends of Dr. Bill Eldridge were shocked and saddened to hear of his death two weeks ago in Maryland where he was in practice. He died of pulmonary edema according to word received from his wife, Betty, who is now in Richmond, Virginia with her family.

THESE ITEMS ARE FOR THE INTEREST OF PARK EMPLOYEES AND ARE NOT FOR PUBLICATION

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SUGGESTION AWARD

An award of \$15 has been made to Ronald Ortega of Central Warehouse for suggesting that the curbs in the parking lot at Camp Curry be painted white to make them more visible at night.

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BIG TUESDAY

On a Tuesday night, August 22, Yosemite Lodge broke its own previous all-time record, housecount-wise, and it was the biggest night of the last two summers throughout Company units. The Lodge counted 1439 registered guests that night and the Monday preceding and Wednesday following were almost as remarkable with housecounts of 1435. On the same Tuesday, Company accommodations throughout the Park, exclusive of High Camps, had a total housecount of 4733. Housecounts for Labor Day week end (Sunday night) were 159 ahead of the same night last year.

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NEW HOURS

The Village Barber Shop is now open Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Beginning Sept. 9, the beauty shop will be open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

Effective Sept. 10, the Village Store will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 6:15 p.m., daily and Sundays.

The Village Coffee Shop is now open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

After Sept. 10, firefalls will be regularly each Wednesday and Saturday through October.

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SWAP TALK

For Rent: Furnished, 1 bedroom house in El Portal. Call FR 2-4864.

WHO'S NEW?

Judy and Bill Johnson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a baby girl, Gretchen Danee, born at 6:45 p.m., Sept. 1. She weighed 4 lb., 12 1/4 ozs. Detained by Gretchen's arrival, Judy was unable to attend a party that had been scheduled in her honor several nights later. Although they missed her, her friends had fun anyway!

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FINAL PUTTS

The 1961 club and hotel golfing season finished with a bang on Sunday, September 3rd with the Fifth Annual Wawona Open Mixed Scotch Championship and "Aloha" picnic hosted by both golf clubs. One hundred twelve attended the final picnic where awards were made and home-cooked food was relished.

The following members of the women's club received trophies for the 1961 championship tournament:

18-hole Division—

Winner for the second year - Nita Newland

Runner-up and medalist - Mary Proctor

Consolation Winner - Isabelle Dierksen

9-hole Division—

Winner - Marge Cromer

Runner-up - Ruth Culver

Consolation Winner - Jane Rust

The men's club recorded for their 1961 championship:

Winner - Fred Vinson

Runner-up - Rex Hickok

Medalist - George Oliver

Runner-up Medalist - Jerry Fee

The women's group announced the winners of additional tournaments:

1961 Honey pot—

A Group: Nita Newland, Isabelle Dierksen and Anita Bondshu

B Group: Armida Anderson, Sophia Kaeser and Valerie Eagle

August Eclectic—

A Group: Nita Newland, Mary Proctor and Isabelle Dierksen

B Group: Sophia Kaeser and Dite Oliver

The merchandise orders can be

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HIGH COUNTRY WALKING TRIPS

So popular have been the seven day walking trips this summer that, since the first one started around the High Sierra Camp loop on July 1, the only spaces available have been cancellations. Walking from camp to camp and spending the nights in the comparative luxury of the High Camps, the trips have been guided this year by Carl Sharsmith, a man who probably possesses more concentrated information about all aspects of the Sierra than any other living person—its flora, fauna and geology.

For many years after the war, during which the walking trips were suspended, the YPC Co. provided the guides. Previously this had been the responsibility of the NPS. Now, again, the Park Service has funds with which to hire a ranger naturalist as guide. Close cooperation between the concessioner and Park Service has been necessary in order to offer these walking trips to the public since 1923 when the "first organized party to use the camps left the Valley on July 20 under the guidance of a NPS naturalist. During the next two months other small nature-guide parties went to the camps, and something of a pattern of interpretive service in the high country was set."

So said Carl P. Russell who was Yosemite's Park Naturalist in the mid 1920's.

The results encouraged expansion of the system. Director Stephen T. Mather took an interest in the development from the standpoint of the interpretive responsibility owed to the public.

As the Yosemite Park Naturalist, Dr. Russell was given the responsibility of making recommendations regarding new camp sites. He traveled the mountain tops, the meadows and lakes at the headwaters of the Merced and Tuolumne Rivers, and recommended sites at Little Yosemite, Merced Lake, Boothe Lake, the Lyell Fork, Tuolumne Meadows and Tenaya Lake. ". . . in 1924, five of these sites were occupied by 'Hikers Camps'. . . ."

Dr. Russell states, "On June 24, the first back country nature guide party, a group of ten, set out from Camp

Curry for the Hikers Camps. Thereafter, at two week intervals, the six day trips were offered throughout that summer, and so continued during the remaining six years of my tour of duty as Yosemite Park Naturalist."

In Yosemite Nature Notes for April, 1925, Dr. Russell comments as follows concerning the opening of Yosemite's back country:

"The National Park Service feels that the opening of the wild back country of Yosemite is a development of the greatest importance.

"... A year or so ago the concessionaires of Yosemite unselfishly expended a considerable amount in an experiment with high-country camps, the idea being to provide accommodations far from the beaten paths at a price so low that any and all vacationists might take advantage of them. Before the event of these remarkable facilities, any lover of the wilds who desired to leave the crowd behind found it necessary to pack his equipment with him. There are few who, like John Muir, can start on an extended trip into the mountain fastnesses with but a blanket and a small sack of bread and tea. And there are not many with sufficient strength and enthusiasm to pack upon their own backs all of the paraphernalia necessary to the success of a high mountain trip In the past most excursions have been made with pack outfits . . . the several hundred dollars that it costs to so journey, for even a week, has been a barrier to the great majority who love the mountain tops.

"... a guide is not necessary . . . trails are well marked . . . and . . . safe"

"... If you would like to make the trip with a naturalist who will explain what is seen, it is only necessary to plan to start at the time the Nature Guide trip is scheduled."

At another time, concerning the increased interest in the back country, Dr. Russell says, "Probably the backpacker and the lover of the pack-trains will not change their ways greatly, but the ever-increasing number of people who want to go light will make new demands upon the High Sierra Camps."

NPS FOUNDERS' DAY

The National Park Service celebrated its 45th birthday - - called Founders' Day--on Friday, August 25, according to Superintendent John C. Preston. On that day, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson signed into law the Congressional Act that established the National Park Service, a bureau of the Department of the Interior. Frederick Law Olmsted, an early California conservationist and the landscape architect for New York City's Central Park helped draft the language of the bill. When the ink was dry, the National Park Service was forever charged with the responsibility to manage and protect the National Parks and

to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

In order to accomplish the provisions of the Act, Congress appropriated \$19,500 for the first year. Today the operation of the National Parks requires an annual budget of more than 105 million dollars. A part of this expense is offset by the entrance fees collected at the park entrance stations.

Preston paid tribute to those early citizens who were far-sighted enough to realize that only a single agency of the Government could preserve for the American people the priceless heritage of our National Parks and Monuments. Because of this concentration of responsibility for National Parks in one agency, increased specialization has provided improved public service. And the recreation-minded American of today not only appreciates top-notch management of the National Parks, but demands it.

Today, more than 190 areas are assigned to the National Park Service for management, and each is becoming increasingly popular with the public. Although the population of the United States is rising, the number of visitors coming to the Parks is rising at an even faster rate. To meet the needs of this increased visitation while

A MESSAGE FROM GLACIER POINT EMPLOYEES

The beauties of Yosemite are no longer seen, but will always be remembered by the employees who have left Glacier Point. The summer was completed by a party given by managers Ned English, Mary Fenner, Mel Najarian, and Win Lewis, consisting of a steak dinner, hayride to the Valley and show "Can-Can."

Memories such as climbing Half Dome, swimming at Illilouette Fall, hayrides, wiener roasts, birthday parties, and the first anniversary party for Ned and Amy English will remain in their minds, never to be forgotten.

A perfect summer is now at an end, but the employees at Glacier Point are already looking forward to next summer when they will again come to Yosemite.

We want to take this space to publicly thank our managers, Ned and Amy English, for leading us through the summer and to congratulate them and wish them well in their new jobs in the Valley. They will be missed at Glacier Point next year.

by Gerry van Konynenburg

FM RADIO MULTIPLEX SUCCESSFUL

Recently the FCC approved an FM Multiplex system which enables FM fans to enjoy true high fidelity stereo programs from a single FM station. Multiplex adaptors are available and will function with any good quality wide band FM tuner.

THANKS

The Jimmie Law family, all five of whom were seriously injured and hospitalized after an automobile accident in San Francisco on August 19, are recovering satisfactorily. They wish to thank all their friends who sent help and encouragement.

still preserving the Parks, the National Park Service in 1955 launched its MISSION 66 program, with approval of the President. MISSION 66, scheduled for completion in 1966, the golden anniversary year of the National Park Service, is providing more rangers and naturalists, better lodgings, and improved campgrounds, roads, and trails to better serve the public.

TELEPHONE NUMBER CHANGES

The following changes should be made in all copies of the local telephone directory:

Add:

Gebler, Charles J. Ofc. FR 2-4236
Res. FR 2-4318
Henning, William Res. FR 2-4830
Schnettler, William A. Ofc. FR 2-4760
Res. FR 2-4448

Change:

Howe, Wayne R. Res. FR 2-4772
Johnson, Odin C. Res. ES 5-6229
Jones, Bill Res. FR 2-4352
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
Accounting Dept. FR 2-4258
Auditing Dept. FR 2-4245

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FINAL PUTTS

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picked up at the Wawona Pro Shop.

The Fifth Annual Wawona Open Mixed Scotch Championship resulted in the following:

First Place Winners (tied with net 29 $\frac{3}{4}$):

Nita Newland (Fresno) and Dr. Jack Greenwell (Tulare)
Alice Hanson (Firebaugh) and Keith Kaeser, Sr. (Monterey Park)

Second Place Winners (net 30 $\frac{1}{4}$):

Marge Cristy (S.F.) and Leroy Rust

Third Place Winners (tied with net 30 $\frac{1}{2}$):

Sophia Kaeser (Monterey Park) and Dr. Lowell Rantz (S.F.)
Audrey Ewing and Rex Hickok

Fourth Place Winners (Net 31 $\frac{1}{4}$):

Rhesa Bagby and Guy Lamoreaux

The Wawona Hotel's July 4th Gold Pan Tournament was won by Robert Ireland (Los Altos), 65-3-62, and Mrs. Edgar Munter (S.F.) 85-20-65. The winners' names and scores are inscribed on the gold pan retained on display in the Pro shop.

Pro Charlie Eagle's winter golf circuit for Wawona club members will begin with a junket to Merced some time the first part of December. The complete calendar of events will be announced later.

The Pro shop will soon lose the cheerful and efficient services of shop attendants Pete Von Gelder and Jim Orrock, leaving Charlie Eagle to finish

COMING OCTOBER 12, 13 & 14: THE LIONS CLUB GIANT BARGAIN SALE!**BACK TO SCHOOL**

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Law School in San Francisco, and Bill Cooper will return to the Univ. of California at Berkeley for his last semester in business administration.

In Oakland, Marilyn Savage goes to Oakland City College; Roberta Castro and Susanne Blommen to the Kaiser Foundation School of Nursing for their second year.

To Stanford the last week in September will go Ginnie Ann Sturm for her last year at Stanford School of Nursing, and Walter Gammill (Wawona), a senior civil engineering student.

Margaret Melton is enrolled at Bethany Bible College in Santa Cruz. Returning to Modesto Junior College is Gary Bagley, and beginning her first year there, Judy Ditton.

Nearby Fresno attracts both college and high school students at several schools. Attending Fresno State College are Mike Adams, Ray Warren and Nancy Moe; Fresno City College, Joyce Westfall, Randy Rust and Jim Landy. Chet Miller attends high school there; Rosemarie Byers and Sandy Allcock are at San Joaquin Memorial High School.

Jim Byers and his family have moved to Stockton where Jim will enter Stockton College.

Returning to Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose, Sept. 6, were Timothy Berrey, a senior, Henry Berrey, junior, and Bob Ewing, also a junior.

At El Capitan High School in Merced will be Cheryl Cottrell and Ingrid Johnson (Wawona), and at Merced High School, Julia Johnson.

Juniors at nearby Sierra Joint Union High School, Tollhouse, are Karen Blossom and Linda Johnson.

the season. The golf course crew comprised of Greenskeeper Homer Armstrong and helpers Ralph Diefenderfer, Leroy Cardella and Andre Badaeux, will remain on the job to repair summer damage to the course and prepare it for the winter snows and next season's heavy play.

WAWONA WIND-UP

Under the capable management of Agnes and Cy Wright, Wawona Hotel is winding up another successful season.

As before, Wawona has been popular this summer with family groups. There have been weekly swim contests for the children, directed by Bob Lattimore, and special children's luncheons held on the porch with games afterward, supervised by hostess Pat Pruess. Pat also served tea under the trees near the swimming pool several times a week.

Of course there was golf as well as horseback riding and swimming in either pool or river.

Fun for everybody were the stage-coach rides, an innovation this year. Appropriately, the stage left from the stables, crossed the old covered bridge and circled around the hotel. Even more appropriate, the driver was Eddie Gordon, one of Yosemite's real old-time stage coach drivers. Many years ago he drove for the Washburn Company, early-day operators of Wawona Hotel.

Within the hotel itself, the new cocktail bar with its potted palms, marble-topped tables and authentic period furniture, has elicited much favorable comment from guests.

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CAR TAMPERER GIVEN HEAVY FINE BY PARK COMMISSIONER

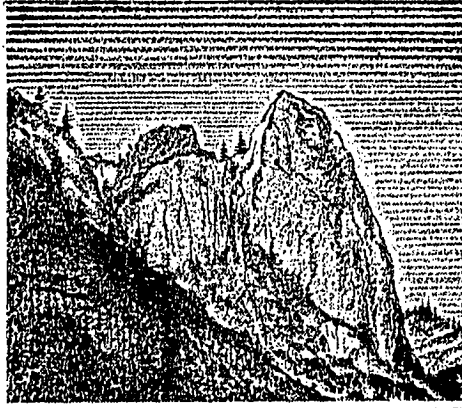
Dick Livingston, Marin County, was fined \$150 on a charge of tampering with a parked motor vehicle.

Livingston, with a record of arrests dating from 1925, was observed by a Park Ranger as he reached through the open window of a car parked at a beach in the Park and opened the unlocked glove compartment. He then returned to his own car and drove off, managing to escape the Ranger who, in plain clothes, had been watching the beach where several cars had been burglarized.

The license number of Livingston's car was posted at all entrance stations, and when the man later drove into the Park, he was apprehended near headquarters.

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YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

Friday, September 22, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

FIRST MEETING YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

Tuesday, October 3 is the date for the first fall meeting of the Yosemite Women's Group. The time will be 2:00 p.m., in The Ahwahnee Solarium. Bridge and bingo will be the entertainment. Tea will be served at 3:45, 50 cents. All women of the community are invited. Come for tea if you cannot come earlier.

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SEPTEMBER WEDDINGS

Summer's end continues to bring weddings.

On September 9 Patty Walker and Rick Anderson returned to be married in Yosemite where their romance began.

On the same Saturday afternoon, Pat Hansen and Bob Righter surprised many of their friends with a quiet wedding. (A busy afternoon for Bill Henning!) Pat has worked in Yosemite during school vacations since 1956 and Bob since 1955 in various of the hotel units. The past summer, both were at Tuolumne, Pat in the Refreshment Stand and Bob at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

Rose Jim became the bride of Thomas Libby at 7:00 last Saturday evening, Sept. 16, at his brother's home in Fresno. Rose is from Gallup New Mexico, attended Sherman Institute in Riverside and has been employed as a maid at Yosemite Lodge since May of 1958. Libby works for the YPC Co. Maintenance Department. From Yosemite, Flora Antone attended the wedding. The newlyweds will spend their vacation in their home in El Portal.

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY



CAN YOU TOP THIS?

A 26" German Brown trout weighing 9 lb. was caught at the bottom of Vernal Fall on Sunday evening, August 27, by 13 year old David MacDonald of Santa Barbara. Using natural bait and a size 8 hook, he took 15 minutes to land the two foot two inch fish. It is said to be the biggest catch of the season.

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PRIZES

Ruth Cordner recently won second place in a photographic contest sponsored by the professional magazine, "Journal of the California Optometric Association," and the winning picture, a color slide of Betsy Woessner, small daughter of Marian and Chuck Woessner, was used on the cover of the August-Sept. number of the magazine.

Ruth also won honors at the Merced County Fair. In the slide photography division, her picture of a new born

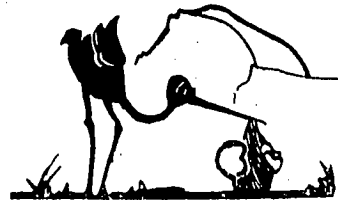
ADDITIONAL GUEST UNITS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT CAMP CURRY

Construction of eighteen rooms with bath in the old dance pavilion at Camp Curry was started on Sept. 5.

The job is under contract to Hedahl Construction Company with Mr. Robert Chivers as construction foreman. Sub-contracts for electrical heating and plumbing work are being handled by the YPC Co. Maintenance Department.

The rooms will be of Lodge type. They will have individually controlled steam heat. Fourteen rooms will be for double occupancy and four rooms will be equipped for three to four persons. Present date for completion of the project is Dec. 15.

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WHO'S NEW?

For Jim and Vera McDonald of Midpines, it was a girl, Gwen Marie, weighing 7 pounds. She was born on Sept. 8 in Mariposa.

On Sept. 12, a 7 pound 5½ ounce boy arrived for Linda and Jim Paisley of El Portal. They named him James Fredrick, Jr.

Beverly and Hugh Parker of Yosemite welcomed a daughter, Teresa Lynne, weighing 8 pounds 9 ounces, on the morning of Sept. 20. Teresa's brothers, Hugh J. and Bobby, awaited the news at the home of their grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Parker of Midpines.

fawn won the grand prize, and a picture of a welder at work took third place for best overall slides.

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HERE AND THERE

Marguerite Radigan left the Park last week anticipating a five to six weeks trip with Ann Hansen beginning on Oct. 5. They will visit Florence Morris in Oregon, go across Canada, see Niagra Falls, tour New England and return home. Marguerite says there will be no one night stops on this tour; they are going to have plenty of time to see everything.

Dorothy and Bill Bompreszi are looking forward to moving into a home of their own sometime in Oct. They have two houses and two acres of land near Hyatts on Highway 140.

The Yosemite and El Portal elementary schools with 119 and 63 pupils, respectively, are the largest in the county except for Mariposa itself, 337. Mariposa County High School has an enrollment of 238, 20 less than last year.

Mike Waldron, Dennis Parrish and Frank Carter were listed on the starting line up for the Mariposa High School Grizzlies first football game of the season played against the Downey High School Jr. Varsity, Sept. 16 in Mariposa.

Shirley Sargent, of Foresta, has written another teen-age novel, "The Heart Holding Mountains," which will be published this month. The plot is laid in the Yosemite area.

In looking through a number of old Sentinels, one was discovered dated October 10, 1055. That was ten years before the Battle of Hastings! Has anyone found an older one?

Jacquelyn Overton, of Lemon Grove was a summer house guest of Julia Johnson's at Wawona.

The new Arch Rock Entrance Station looks quite modern, and its air conditioned!

STABLES ROUNDUP

Who would think there might be 200 horseback riders on Yosemite Valley's bridle paths in a day? With up to 50 people leaving the stables four times daily for two hour rides and a dozen or two going on the breakfast rides, it was not unusual during the summer, according to Bob Barnett. This necessitated keeping about 70 horses in the Valley.

Mules were always used for trips off the Valley floor. On the half day trips to Vernal and Nevada Falls there were often a dozen or more riders and another 8 to 15 on the trips to Half Dome, Glacier Point or Yosemite Falls. Nine to a dozen riders left the Valley three times weekly to make the High Sierra Camp loop. A six mule pack train made three trips a week to supply Merced Lake Camp. (The other High Camp were supplied from Tuolumne.) All this packing and riding required 75 mules.

Also working on the Valley floor were about 90 burros and seven ponies. (Non-workers were five baby burros, this summer's crop of blessed events at the stables.) The ponies were led around the pony ring for very young equestrians to ride, but the burros, or donkies, had many uses. They could be led along the bridle paths carrying small persons who were slightly more venturesome than the pony riders. They were also rented to hikers for carrying up to 75 pounds of duffel. Several dozen burros carried a crew of happy children on the "Burro Picnic" every day.

To keep all these horses, mules, burros & ponies fed, watered, curried and saddled took about 30 people: 17 stablemen, 6 guides, 2 blacksmiths, 2 pony boys, 2 office workers and the manager, Bob Barnett.

There are things other than animals and people necessary to keep a stables in operation. Hosted by Bob Barnett one day last summer, we visited the blacksmith shop, an unusual experience in this atomic age. There we observed Lawrence Skaggs shoeing a mule. (Some moderns think of "shoeing the mule" as something one does on the dance floor!) Well, this

A MORE ENLIGHTENED AFRICA

Awareness of the growing "one world" in which we live today is sharpened by hearing of the experience on which a young couple, one of whom grew up in Yosemite, has recently embarked.

Jane Glass Kimball comments in a letter concerning their "first" home, in Kampala, 4,000 ft. high in the hills near Lake Victoria, Africa. Her husband, Dick, is "one of 160 Americans and Britishers preparing to teach in the secondary schools of East Africa. TEA (Teachers for East Africa) is a project initiated under the governments of East Africa (Kenya, Tanganyika, Uganda and Zanzibar), Great Britain and the United States. The governments have given the contracts to Makerere College, London Univ., and Columbia Univ., who work in cooperation to prepare teachers to fill, at the request of the East African governments, the gap in the secondary schools of East Africa. The College—atop Makerere Hill—is the oldest and most outstanding college of East Africa. The students are primarily African, with a substantial number of Asians and a few Europeans

"Dick is enrolled as a student in the Institute of Education at Makerere. It is a six month academic course to be followed by 10 weeks of practice teaching in the 'bush'."

mule wasn't dancing a bit. The blacksmith seemed to have just the right touch, although he said that occasionally a mule will get fractious and have to be tied fore and aft. However, the modern approach in such cases is to use tranquilizers. (Tranquilizers for mules! "Wot next?") This makes it possible for the blacksmith to stay calm as well as the mule. He says those iron shoes the animals wear sometimes last only two or three weeks. We hope they cost less the kids' shoes!

The harness shop also presented some interesting sights with all the same tools, magnified in size, that any leather craftsman would use, and an outsized Singer sewing machine.

A YOSEMITE VISITOR SINCE 1921

"Good afternoon, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver."

"Who's that? Who IS that?" whispered Dete to George.

They were at Sunrise Camp when a lady whom Dete knew she had seen before spoke to them. Conversation revealed that she was Miss Alysee Allen of San Francisco, a frequent Yosemite visitor and one who had been part of the very first organized saddle trip ever made around the High Sierra Camp loop.

Her first trip to Yosemite was in 1921 over the old Inspiration Point Road from Wawona. That trip was so miserable that she felt she never wanted to return. It was in late August, over a road so rough that the car springs broke; the weather was hot and Yosemite Falls dry.

Persuaded against her better judgment to return the next summer, she had a wonderful visit and completely changed her mind, becoming one of Yosemite's most frequent visitors. In fact she came so often that, as a sales promotion gimmick, the Yosemite Park Company, in the late 20's, gave her a big picture of herself entitled "Yosemite's Most Frequent Guest."

One of her early visits brought her to the Valley the same day that the first saddle trip was scheduled to begin. The Yosemite Lodge hostess persuaded her to join the party. She says they went to Merced Lake, Tuolumne Meadows via Rafferty Creek, Glen Aulin, Tenaya Lake and back to the Valley.

Becoming enthusiastic about the back country, she has made other saddle and hiking trips in Yosemite and other mountains, including a burro trip into South American back country.

She was captivated by Sunrise Camp and plans to return many times. Dete asked her what she thought were the greatest improvements in the camps since that first trip. She smiled and said, "You've no idea what a change there has been in the plumbing."

FROM THE YOSEMITE NEWS

If everyone who drives a car
 Could lie a month in bed,
 With broken bones and stitched up
 Wounds or fractures of the head,
 And there endure the agonies
 That many people do,
 They'd never need preach Safety
 Any more to me or you.
 If everyone could stand beside
 The bed of some close friend
 And hear the doctor say "NO HOPE"
 Before the fatal end,
 And see him there unconscious
 Never knowing what took place,
 The laws and rules of traffic
 I am sure we'd soon embrace.
 If everyone could meet
 The wife and children left behind
 And step into the darkened home
 Where once sunlight shined,
 And look upon the "Vacant Chair,"
 Where "Daddy" used to sit,
 I am sure each reckless driver
 Would stop and think a bit.
 If everyone that takes the wheel
 Would say a little prayer,
 And keep in mind those in the car
 Depending on his care,
 And make a vow and pledge himself
 To never take a chance,
 The great crusade for Safety
 Would suddenly advance.

CORRESPONDENCE

From Jim Barbour (Yosemite, 1927-1934) a note tells of a delightful Labor Day week end that he and his wife, Alice, spent at Sunrise Camp. There he "had nostalgic memories of having camped with Bill Kat in that very meadow thirty years ago." The Barbours are presently at 1336 Lake St., San Francisco, 18.

From Berkeley, Florence L. Scribner writes of a 47 day trip beginning on Sept. 20, which she will take to Vancouver, through Canada, up the St. Lawrence, through New England, Washington, Richmond, Williamsburg and back to California in November. She also told of a freighter trip taken a year ago to Seattle, through the Panama Canal and as far south as Ecuador.

From George S. Bailey, 5631 N. Burton, San Gabriel, came the sad news of the death of his wife, Lillian, on Sept. 8. She worked for a number of years at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria under her maiden name of Lillian Reed, before being married to George in 1943. Bailey was employed by the NPS as a janitor at the government office building and was for ten years treasurer of the Yosemite Credit Union.

Lion's Giant Bargain SALE

OCTOBER 12, 13 and 14 — AT THE LOST ARROW

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BRING YOUR MERCHANDISE TO THE LOST ARROW ON
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 11 — 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m.

EMPTY YOUR CLOSETS FOR CASH AT CHRISTMAS TIME!

Sale Minimum — 50 cents per item.

COMMENTS ON THE ORIGIN OF THE HIGH SIERRA CAMPS

Writing on the origin of the High Sierra Camps, Carl P. Russell, who was Yosemite's Park Naturalist in the mid '20's and later its Superintendent, says that the forerunners of the present camps were "Mountain Lodges" at Merced Lake, Tenaya Lake, and Tuolumne Meadows. They were instituted in 1916 and 1918 by the Desmond Park Service Company, then owners of the Sentinel Hotel group, the Glacier Point Hotel, Big Trees Lodge, and Yosemite Lodge.

Saddle parties as well as hikers favored the camps, and they became known as "High Sierra Camps."

"... Glen Aulin became an actuality in 1927, and a few years later the Boothe Lake Camp was abandoned in favor of a new camp, "Vogelsang," just near the junction of the Rafferty Creek and Lyell Fork trails and, in 1940, on the banks of Fletcher Creek. In 1938 the Tenaya Lake Camp was given up, and in its place another was established amidst the mountain hemlocks at May Lake under the ram-parts of Mt. Hoffman. This left the Tuolumne Meadows Camp the only one on a road.

"Since 1925, the High Sierra Camps have been owned and operated by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Any comments regarding the trials and tribulations encountered in conducting this unique public service on the mountain tops should come from the men who have met the problems and solved them. I shall say only that the camp program is, and always has been, marked by the altruism of those concerned with the business aspects of the camps. Users of the Yosemite back country are fortunate, indeed, because, generally, they have enjoyed the offerings of the camps at something less than cost. "From the standpoint of the NPS, I believe it can be said that Yosemite has in these camps, one of its most important assets—an asset which in nowise has reached its full potential. It is unthinkable that any camp shall become so popular as to render it a saturated center over-

BEAUTY SHOP

The Village Beauty Shop is now open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Sunday through Thursday. The shop will be closed on Fridays and Saturdays.

run by people. Heavy use, of course, would ruin the atmosphere which distinguishes the favored spots and actually would destroy some of the natural attributes which make the High Sierra Camp experience so delectable. Generally the lack of 'entertainment' at the camps, the very simple accommodations offered, and the necessity of expending a good deal of physical energy in reaching them serves to cut down the numbers of visitors. Yet, some expanded developments may be justified in order that a greater number of discerning people may use the camps—and at an average price more nearly commensurate.

"... The Yosemite high country is receiving more attention than ever before and it stands to reason that the High Sierra Camps, also, shall get greater use.

This, I feel, is promising and entirely in keeping with the purposes projected in 1923 and 1924 when the camps were planned. Resumption of interpretive work in the camps and on the trails between camps is a sagacious move... the great advantage of placing a competent naturalist with the same individuals day after day amidst superlative high country surroundings outweigh most of the arguments of would-be efficiency experts.

"It is good to know we are not stalemated by lack of understanding of NPS objectives.

"Ultimately, perhaps the world will know that Yosemite Valley is not all of Yosemite National Park.

"... only a few hundred of the thousands leave the Valley floor to visit the wonderland above the 'rim'. Yosemite Valley comprises but a few square miles of the 1925 square miles within the Park, and above this much frequented spot are wonders undreamed of by the average tourist."

QUARTERS K-9

There is a hotel down in the orchard by the stables which has been remodeled and upgraded for this season. Its capacity is 30 and an average summer housecount runs 15 to 18 with an occasional full house. Rooms are single and well ventilated with open, screened sides looking out under the trees across the meadow toward Half Dome. Canvas curtains have been hung to provide the privacy required by excitable guests who might otherwise become noisy.

Rates are \$1.25 a day, American Plan, no showers or tub baths, (although baths have been requested). Beds are on clean board floors. There is a generous fenced-in area in front of the rooms so that if any roomer should wander from his private quarters, he will not go far. (This also keeps spectators at a distance.)

Under the direction of Bob Barnett, Rula Skaggs is desk clerk, bellman, cook, maid and bus boy. She says that her clientele is most interesting, many of them well bred, some having been in show business.

If you are wondering about reservations, they are for canines only, and a few felines.

Fresh air, shade, cleanliness, marvelous scenery, all the food one can eat, what more would any doggie want?

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

Overheard, somewhere about the Valley, from the radio of an NPS patrol car, "Kids shooting rabbits in Bridal Veil Meadow area."

A crackling radio silence followed.

Then - apologetic voice, "Correction. Kids shooting rapids, not rabbits."

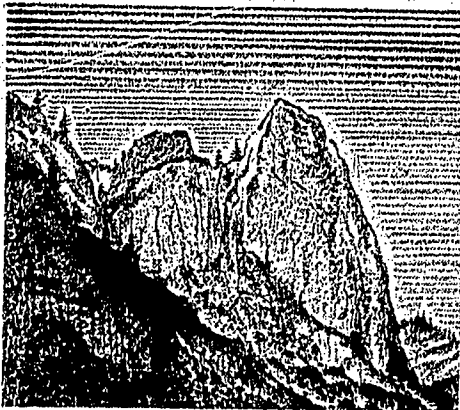
Johnny Hansen says the only rabbits in Yosemite are the "snow bunnies" found at Badger Pass in winter.

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SWAP TALK

For sale: 1/2 ton Pickup truck. '49 model chev., completely, overhauled, new motor, new tires, white Naugahyde Canopy top. \$400: Ph. Fr 2-4584

YOSEMITE



Park Service

SENTINEL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

CAMPING IS FUN

by Mary Curry Tresidder

Monday, September eleventh was a bright and shining day when Mrs. Butler, Bob Barnett and I set out from Tuolumne Meadows for a week of camping at Mattie Lake, above Glen Aulin. Bud Shannon spot-packed us in from the Meadows, to pick us up the following Monday. We had an ideal site for our camp near the north end of the lake among lodgepoles not yet blighted by the needle miner, surrounded by carpets of bilberry ranging in color from summer's green to autumn's scarlet in the sun and faded rose or crimson in the shade, with some smooth granite boulders conveniently located for storage of pots and pans.

We filled the first few days with the delightful puttering about of setting up camp, scouting around the edges of the lake, and climbing a few ridges and domes to look down the Tuolumne almost to Pate Valley, across it to the slopes of Tuolumne Peak, with its sweeping east north-eastern slopes where I had always longed to ski some spring, and southward up the river to the lower Tuolumne Meadows and the rampart of peaks from distant Lyell with its glacier to the Cathedral Range, Tresidder Peak. We tried out a couple of lakes in the vicinity, had some nice fat Eastern Brook trout done in the Dutch oven one night, and were looking forward to assembling a goodly mess of them on the weekend to take home.

The weather continued pleasant through the week until Friday, when clouds began to drift across and the winds blew in changing directions, (Continued on page two)

LOST ARROW REOPENS

A doughnut and coffee party opened the newly decorated Lost Arrow last Monday night, October 2. Approximately 125 employees enjoyed ping pong, pinochle, records and chatting before the fire in the fireplace.

After having given up The Den and waiting for the Lost Arrow to be repainted and redecorated, everyone voiced pleasure to be back in the familiar surroundings of the Lost Arrow.

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BADGER FOOTBALL

Thirty-one candidates turned out Saturday, September 30, for the first formal practice of the Yosemite Badgers' 22nd football season.

Drafted from retirement was coach Sterling Cramer to assume once more active guidance of the team. "After three years of the soft job of Director of Athletics, I thought I was through with all this," Sterling was quoted as saying, "but if the kids can take it I can. However, I do not intend to become the Alonzo Stagg of Yosemite!"

This year's Badger squad, though it has only four returning lettermen, promises to be heavier and faster than the 1960 team. A four-game schedule for both varsity and junior varsity teams is planned. The Menlo School will come to Yosemite November 18. Home and home games are planned with the Mariposa Cougars, but dates have not been formally set. The Mariposa team is now under the sponsorship of the County Recreation Department and began its practice also on September 30.

The Badgers will feature a wing T attack, with concentration on an aerial game backed with speed and deception.

NOW ITS OURS!

The Mountain Room at Yosemite Lodge was the scene Sunday night, October 1, of a happy occasion.

John Curry, the manager of the Lodge, together with his department heads and assorted Company executives, celebrated the occasion of the burning of the mortgage on Yosemite Lodge. Mrs. Mary Tresidder, as president of the Company, formally signed the document to the flames.

The central buildings of Yosemite

FINANCIAL NOTE \$600,000.00

San Francisco, California, October 18, 1956.

In installments as herein stated, for value received, the undersigned promises to pay to the order of

AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY

464 California Street, San Francisco, California, the sum of \$600,000.00 Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 4 1/2 percent per annum from the date hereof payable monthly, both principal and interest, in full payment of the United States of America. Principal shall be paid in installments as follows: \$120,000.00, commencing September 15, 1957, and continuing each year thereafter until the entire amount of principal and interest has been paid.

Interest shall be payable on the last day of each month and shall be at a rate per annum equal to one-half of the percentage per annum above the prime rate of interest on unsecured borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank but not less than 3 1/2 percent per annum.

This note is subject to Loan Agreement between borrower and Bank dated July 16, 1956.

If any installment of principal or interest is not paid when due, the undersigned promises to pay interest thereon at the rate of ten per centum per annum from the date of such default and until payment in full is received. The undersigned promises to pay all reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the holder hereof in enforcing any right or remedy hereunder. All payments shall be made hereunder, if more than one, shall be joint and several.

YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO.

By: *Mary Curry Tresidder* President (Mrs.)

By: *J. H. Curry* Assistant Secretary

Lodge, including the attached Cedar Cottage, were formally opened as a unit in June of 1956. Construction cost approximated \$1,250,000. Almost half of this, \$600,000, was financed by a five-year installment note with the final payment due September 30, 1961. Payment of the last installment was fit subject for celebration.

"It's All Ours Now!" was the subject of John Curry's speech to his assembled guests. He concluded his remarks with the pious hope that five years from this occasion there would be a similar mortgage burning at the Village Store, when Dad Ring hopes to have his note paid off and have clear title to the facilities.

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SUGGESTION AWARDS

R. A. Lawson of the Yosemite Lodge kitchen has received an award of \$15. Mr. Lawson suggested that hot and cold water faucets be installed on the main ranges in the Lodge kitchen. Sometimes it is necessary for cooks to carry heavy pots of hot water which is hazardous on slippery floors. By having faucets on the ranges, accidents could be greatly reduced.

Milton Nelson, who has left his summer job in the Village Store to return to his regular position in Berkeley has received an award of \$10. Mr. Nelson suggested that a water hydrant at Camp Curry be boxed-in to prevent water run-off which causes slippery and dangerous paths in front of some of the guest tents.

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CHANGES IN HOURS AND SERVICE

Taxi service is now from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Sundays through Fridays; Saturdays from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The General Offices are now closed on Saturdays and Sundays, except for the Personnel and Reservation Offices which are open for telephone services from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturdays only; closed Sundays.

The Big Trees Lodge and Souvenir Shop will close for the season at the end of business Sunday, Oct. 15.

Effective Thursday, September 14th meal service at Glacier Point Mountain House will be on the following basis: Breakfast a la carte 7:30 -- 8:30 a.m. Luncheon, Cafeteria style 12:00 -- 2:00 p.m.

Snack Bar 2:00 -- 4:00 p.m.

Dinner, Family style, 7:00 p.m.

Reservations necessary. Family style dinner \$3.00 plus sales tax.

CAMPING IS FUN

(Continued from page one)

not just the daily up-and-down canyon changes of morning and night. There were a few sprinkles that night, and Bob put up a big polyethelene square he had brought along. Mrs. Butler had brought a small lightweight lean-to tent she had had made to order, her pride and joy for shelter-plus outlook, so we thought we were set for what might come. However, the winds rapidly worsened, and a gust ripped the polyethelene from its grommets as we sat having breakfast. Fortunately we had a heavy canvas fly as well, so we set that up and moved our stores under it before the rains came too strongly. Mrs. Butler went fishing, but the water was too rough and the wind so chilling that she came back before long. Then, alas, came four intruders in our former Paradise, backpackers armed with spinning rods. As purist fly-fishers, we resented every "plonk!", particularly since the fish responded from the depths where they had not been rising to the fly. The storm grew more violent but they continued to hold their posts at various points and coves until late afternoon.

Meanwhile, Bob and I attached the plastic sheet around and over Mrs. B.'s tent (we fortunately had plenty of twine) and anchored the edges with rocks as it threatened to give way under the onslaughts of the wind. The bolts of lightning whose flashes seemed to come nearer and nearer didn't actually approach too closely, judging by the time between lightning and thunder. Finally the sharp patter of rain ceased and the wind seemed to die down, but when after a restless night of wondering whether our crackling balloon might take off into orbit, we looked out toward the lake, our threshold and the rocks beyond were covered with peaceful-looking snow that creaked in the cold when we stepped into it!

It was an off-again, on-again day of snow and fog and wind. In the early afternoon Bud appeared with his train of mules; we had wondered whether he would make it, with three to six inches of snow, and ceiling and

YELLOWSTONE TRIP

Eileen and Henry Berrey, with sons Tom and Allen, recently returned from an enjoyable trip to Yellowstone and the Tetons. They report being especially impressed with the beauty of the Tetons. Sadly Henry has spent most days since his return in the hospital and is being missed by his co-workers (especially Sentinel reporters who feel the loss of his 'sharp pencil'). We hope that he will return very shortly from the Stanford Medical Center in Palo Alto.

visibility zero a good deal of the time. The question then was whether to pack up, wet ropes, canvas, and all, and head for the Meadows, but we decided to hope for clearing and await the next day. Cooking was done under some difficulties, but the Mulligan stew with everything in it but the dish-rag emerged very successfully from the faithful, old black Dutch oven, the frozen biscuits popped up, brown and beautiful, in the reflecting oven, and the smoke from the very welcome warming fire didn't blow into our shelter all the time, only now and then.

The night seemed blissfully quiet after the very disturbed one preceding it, and we finally looked out at stars, twinkling and beautiful - Orion's Belt high overhead in the very early hours and then, at dawn, a thin scud of cloud that made us wonder whether the storm was really over, followed by a bright blue morning in a wintry, white world.

We breakfasted and packed up, taking our time, and reluctantly started up the hill. At the pass we looked eastward to a dazzling Conness with snow banners, and the granite summits of a few days before were glittering, their flute cliffs streaked with snow, while the hemlocks and red firs under which we rode showered us occasionally. By the time we reached Glen Aulin the snow was gone underfoot, but it still was a mantle for the peaks as we rode up the river to the incongruity of a car with 360 horses under the hood.

WHO'S WHERE

Chet Hubbard is now managing the Glacier Point Hotel until the winter season begins.

Ned English has been transferred from the Hotel Division to the personnel Department. Among other duties he will have charge of housing.

Wayne Whiteman spent some time at the end of summer in the high country with Bill Meacham in preparation for assuming the duties of supervising the High Camps next summer.

Bill Meachman is now in the Commercial Division as Badger Pass Supervisor.

Keith Whitfield is working in the General Office (Hotel Division) as assistant to the manager, doing special research on food purchase specifications.

Tom Swan, recently at The Ahwahnee desk, is now at Yosemite Lodge as assistant manager.

Earl Pomeroy will be at Yosemite Lodge during the fall and winter in charge of the food operation.

Jim Wiggins will continue his supervisory training at The Ahwahnee through the winter.

Nick Fiore will finish his duties at the Lodge on October 8, after which he and his family will vacation in the Pacific Grove area. In November he will begin his yearly visitation of ski groups throughout the state in preparation for the coming ski season.

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STOCK DIVIDEND

On August 26, 1961 the Yosemite Park and Curry Company Board of Directors declared a stock dividend of one share for each ten shares of stock of the corporation outstanding at the close of business November 27, 1961, payable December 15, 1961 or as soon as feasible thereafter, with the provision that fractional shares will be paid in cash at the rate of \$5.50 per share.

Payment of this stock dividend is conditional upon authorization by the Interstate Commerce Commission, to which body application for approval of the Directors' action is being made.

LIONS PLAY GOLF, TOO

Last Sunday the local Lions roared out on to the Wawona Golf Course and teed off in a bitter struggle for team supremacy. It was rumored before tee-time that President Harold Breeding was going to give a pink Cadillac with eight keys to the winning team so there was a show of exceptional enthusiasm as each member stepped up and faced the ditch.

The Proctor team consisted of: C. Proctor (7); H. Bondshu (14); L. Rust (19); S. Culver (17); W. Schnettler (22); R. Bevington (24); F. Kowski (28) and G. Ottonello (40). The team led by Guy Lamoreaux (9 handicap) was comprised of G. Ewing (13); H. Ouimet (17); L. Shorb (18); W. Otter (35); W. Fitzpatrick (40); H. Breeding (22) and C. Hill (22).

The winner of the match was the team with the combined lowest net total less handicap. The results showed the Proctor team to be the winners with 592; Lamoreaux had 603.

Strict PGA rules governed the play including the maximum of 14 clubs! It was stated also, before the match, that the following equipment would be handy although not particularly necessary: chain saws, hand mashies and snake kits.

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ALOHA, BEA

Our paripatetic Swiss Stenographer, Beatrice Stern, who came to Yosemite from the offices of the United Nations in New York, is on her way again. After working eighteen months in Yosemite in the Accounting and Personnel Offices, Bea decided to continue her world tour. On Wednesday, October 11, she sails from San Francisco on the Lurline for Hawaii.

At some future date a visit to South America is planned and then home to Zurich, Switzerland via the Far East.

All of her friends in Yosemite will miss her constant good humor and high efficiency. We wish her the best of everything.

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WHO'S NEW

Stan and Melinda Whitfield welcomed a new son, Mark Spencer, on Oct. 2 Mark weighed 6 pounds 2 oz.

YOSEMITE SCHOOL NEWS

School is now moving forward under a full head of steam according to Principal Erik Bruun. Enrollment stands at 117 which shows some decrease over last year. There are 70 boys 47 girls presently attending.

Miss Trabucco looks forward to a stimulating year with her 13 kindergarteners. Mrs. Leedy has her 32 young people eagerly ready for growth this year. Mrs. McGregor's class of 30 is at work developing their skills. Mr. Bruun's 27 boys and girls have begun with several projects in geography and history. Mr. Stalvey's 18 people have settled down to further serious preparation for high school.

Mr. Bruun and Mr. Stalvey are working as a team with the fifth through eight grades in the basic skills of math, Mr. Stalvey's emphasis, and English, Mr. Bruun's area. Mr. Bruun is working with Miss Trabucco on art with these grades. He is also taking the responsibility for upper grade music. Mr. Stalvey is in charge of the physical training program. The Chalkboard Chatter, school paper, is being sponsored by Mrs. McGregor.

Elections have been held for the first semester. Bill Mc Phaul was elected Student Body President; Rick Thomas, Vice President; Pam Leedy, Secretary; Chris Buzzini Treasurer.

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SQUARE DANCE TONIGHT

The Gate Swingers are presenting a square dance tonight, Friday, Oct. 6, at 8 o'clock in the Community building, El Portal.

Ray Gillim of Modesto and Bill Patterson of Merced will be the callers. Women may bring any refreshments they desire. A donation of \$1.50 per couple will be welcome in order to help defray expenses.

All square dancers in the area are invited.

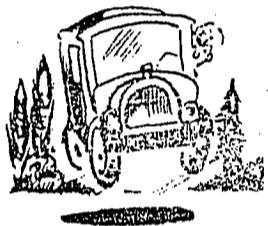
And don't forget — now that the Lost Arrow has been reopened, square dancing will be resumed there every Wednesday night.

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SEE BACK PAGE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON LIONS GIANT BARGAIN SALE.

LIIONS CLUB

GIANT BARGAIN



COME ONE, COME ALL

SALE



TO THE LOST ARROW

CHECK IN DAY IS OCT. 11th FROM 1 to 5 P.M. AND 7 to 9 P.M. AT BOTH THE LOST ARROW AND AT THE EL PORTAL COMMUNITY BUILDING

SORRY-NO ITEMS UNDER \$.50 VALUE AND NO UNDERCLOTHES OR SOCKS (EXCEPT SKI SOCKS), DIRTY LINEN, TROUBLESOME CHILDREN, DIFFICULT WIVES OR WORTHLESS HUSBANDS

NO MORE THAN ONE ITEM \$10.00 OR OVER
AND NO MORE THAN ONE EACH ITEM UNDER \$10.00

OCT. 12 and 13 - 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.

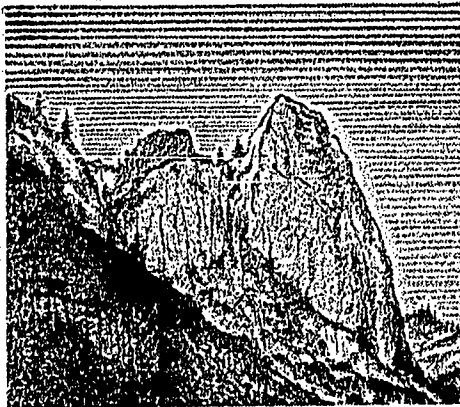
OCT. 14 - 10 A.M. to 1 P.M.

AT THE

LOST ARROW

Profit is for charitable purposes and is in no way used to support club operations

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

THE LIONS GIANT BARGAIN SALE

While Lions Club accountants and auditors continue to labor diligently in a determined effort to discover what really happened in the boiling holocaust of the Giant Bargain Sale days, word has leaked from authoritative, but not necessarily reliable, sources that a great deal of money plus a few hands were caught in the till. Receipts are estimated at \$2600.00 or \$3400.00 depending upon the soundness of an \$850.00 check that a visitor issued for Gordon Beck's 1959 Volvo. Profits from the sale, which are used for charitable purposes, will exceed \$600.00

Winner of the turkey raffle was Park Superintendent, John Preston. Bert Strome, an Ahwahnee employee won the Santa Claus. Swift & Company donated the turkey, and Mrs. Ann Hulme of El Portal donated the Santa Claus.

The Lions Club wants to publicly thank all of those who participated in the sale. Without the cooperation of workers, buyers, sellers, shoppers, coffee drinkers, doughnut eaters, raffle gamblers, and time passers, everyone would have missed a lot of hard work and good fun.

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STRANGE AS IT MAY SEEM

Addressed to Usimity Park and Curry Co., Usimity National Park, came a request from the Board of Education in Ortonville, Minnesota, for a film on "Usimity High Sierre Trails."

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HOW COME?

At a certain front desk one day a visitor queried. "Is this American Plan?"

"No," answered the clerk, "This is Yosemite Park and Curry Co."

IMPROVED ROADS IN THE TECOYA RESIDENTIAL AREA

Promptly at 0800 on Monday morning October 9, United States Government forces entered the Tecoya Residential Area. Quickly and effectively, all entrances and exits were sealed off. Encountering only token resistance from employees who had not removed their cars, men armed with axes and shovels occupied the high ground between Ahwahnee Meadow and Indian Creek. Within minutes, their mission was clear--- they would improve the roads.

Soon lucky Tecoya residents will have wider roads with new pavement and, hopefully, surfaced parking areas defined by bumper logs. The Park Service will also improve drainage through the Indian Creek by increasing its gradient. The Indian Creek phase of the project also includes replacement of the existing bridge at the south end of the creek with a new box culvert. The location of the culvert will eliminate a sharp turn just before the main road junction.

The overall cost of this Mission 66 project will be approximately \$20,000. Certainly, the improvements provided by this work will be enjoyed with gratitude by all of us.

by Ned English

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VIVE LA FRANCE

"Long Live France", but from now on she will have to make out somehow without one of her illustrious sons. On October 10th Michel Nollet, after long and arduous effort and preparation took the oath in San Francisco which made him a fullfledged Yankee. Citizen of the United States! Welcome and congratulations, Mike!

PRESTON HOTCHKIS

The Sentinel has been running pieces about the Directors of our Company. When we asked Director Preston Hotchkis about his past he responded with a copy of the biography published in "Who's Who", which he refers to as his "dog tag", and enclosed it in a letter which your Editor found so interesting as to warrant publication in full. The letter and biography follow. Mr. Hotchkis has served on our Board since 1948.

Dear Hil:

I am glad to send you any material that you think may be useful to augment my "dog tag". To that end I am enclosing a summarized biography taken from "Who's Who" which supplies answers to most of the items listed in your questionnaire except No. 4 "Summer Work" and No. 5, "Early business experience".

Summer work was just a postman's holiday for me, as I worked my way through high school and college, and when summer vacation came, I merely changed the location of my work from Berkeley to Los Angeles. Each summer after my Freshman year, I sold life, accident and health insurance for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, pounding the pavements of downtown Los Angeles for countless miles and knocking on thousands of doors. You know how welcome an insurance agent is in the average office when the boss and everybody else is busy, but this training for four summers furnished invaluable experience to me all through my later life. More important at the time, it provided needed sustenance for my widowed mother and sister.

After receiving my A. B. degree at

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FIRE IN FORESTA

Tragedy struck in Foresta on Wednesday afternoon, September 27, when Carl Stephen's cabin suddenly burst into flames and burned to the ground. Cause of the fire seemed to be an explosion, heard by Shirley Sargent, a neighbor, who said flames immediately shot many feet into the air. She frantically reported to headquarters. Fire crews from Crane Flat and the Valley were able to contain the fire with loss of no more than an acre of ground. It is suspected that the explosion was from an overheated refrigerator motor.

The Community Council, The Lions Club, co-workers, friends and neighbors of Carl's all rallied to the worthy cause of trying to help him replace some of the many things he lost. In sincere appreciation Carl has written the following letter:

"To the many people who extended their hands in friendship and sympathy, I say thank you. I only hope that some day I may repay these expressions of generosity and friendship."

(Signed)
Carl Stephens

JAPANESE HOTEL GROUP
AT YOSEMITE LODGE

Touring the United States to study hotels from San Francisco to Washington, D. C. recently was a group of nine Japanese hotel men with interpreters and a representative of the C.I.A. Two nights of their five weeks in this country were spent at Yosemite Lodge.

One member of the group is a former Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employee, Ichiro Inumaru, who worked at the Wawona Golf Shop ten years

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PRESTON HOTCHKIS

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Berkeley in 1916, I returned to Los Angeles and continued my law at the University of Southern California Law School in early morning and evening classes and resuming selling life, accident and health insurance during normal business hours. A year later our country was in World War 1, and I entered the Navy as a blue-jacket and was sent to Officers' School in San Pedro. In those days it took nine months to make an Ensign against ninety days under modern assembly-line education techniques. My class was commissioned as Ensigns at Mare Island Navy Yard and some of my more modest classmates were later heard to say that it was highly significant that in three months after we received our commission, the Kaiser threw in the sponge.

As soon as I got out of the Navy, I returned to Los Angeles, and Mr. Lee Phillips, who was then an officer of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company and who had been instrumental in my decision to sell insurance as a summer-time job, gave me a job in the office of California Delta Farms, a company organized by him which owned and developed many thousands of acres of farming land in the San Joaquin Delta near Stockton. While working for this company, I renewed my study of law by taking a night quiz course in preparation for the Bar examination. Luckily I passed and then the boss gave me a host of legal chores as well as business jobs. However, all during my business life, in spite of the fact that I at no time engaged in the private practice of law, my legal education and my early legal experience has proved a most valuable tool.

I think this fills in whatever the attached biography omits, but if there is anything else you need, don't hesitate to let me know.

Cordially yours,
Preston Hotchkis

Biography as published in Who's Who
Preston Hotchkis, insurance executive and lawyer, is vice chairman of the Board of Founders' Insurance

Company of Los Angeles. He and associates founded it in 1946. He is also President and Director of the Fred H. Bixby Ranch Company.

Born in Los Angeles he received an A. B. degree in 1916 from the University of California, Berkeley, and studied graduate law at the University of Southern California College of Law the following year. In 1920 he was admitted to the California Bar Association.

After serving in World War 1 as an Ensign, he entered legal business training with California Delta Farms, Inc. in Los Angeles, later becoming secretary. He assisted in founding Pacific Finance Corporation in 1920, Pacific Indemnity Company in 1926, Consolidated Steel Corporation in 1929, Central Business Properties in 1929.

In 1954 he was appointed by the Honorable Herbert Hoover to the Hoover Commission Task Force on Federal Lending Agencies and served until its termination the following year.

President Eisenhower appointed him as the United States representative to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in February 1954 until he resigned in 1955 to return to business.

Hotchkis received honorary Doctor of Law Degrees from Pepperdine College, June, 1955, and Whittier College, June, 1957.

He is a director of Founders' Insurance Company, Fred H. Bixby Ranch Company, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, also a member of Executive Committee, Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. of San Francisco, and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. of Yosemite National Park, and Consolidated Lumber Company; President and Director, College Shopping Center, Inc.; Vice President and Director, Rossmoor Business Center, Inc.

He is a Graduate Member of The Business Council of Washington, D. C. (Formerly Business Advisory Council).

Also he is a director of the California State Chamber of Commerce (president 1942 and 1943); director and treasurer of the California In-

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A REMARKABLE BEAR STORY

Late in the summer season the electrical department received a puzzling call. It was reported that the bears were attacking one of the landscape lighting fixtures at a bungalow in Camp Curry. We were requested to do something, please!

With some skepticism, we arrived at the scene and discovered that a mother bear and her first year cub were performing a sort of dance ritual around the small ground light. The little cub would stand back with an intent or delighted look on its face while mother moved up slowly and touched the fixture with her paw. Apparently there was no sensation to her touch. Then she would slowly touch her wet nose and tongue to the fixture and then bounce back about three feet. She would then get behind the cub and give it a little shove toward the light. The cub would cautiously repeat the mother's performance while mama bear looked on with the same intent look. With short rests in between, the routine was repeated over, and over and over again.

Reluctantly, we chased the bears away and inspected the light. The circuit had been left energized and the wiring was partially grounded giving the fixture enough charge to produce a sharp "tingle" when touched by a person. We corrected the faulty condition, and by this time the bears had left the area.

The next day the landscape crew reported that the mother bear had returned to give the fixture one quick sniff and then turned away, not to return.

It is a matter of conjecture as to whether the bears thought that they had a new beehive or whether they just liked the "tingling" sensation.

by Oscar Maddox

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SWAP TALK

1958 Triumph TR3 Roadster. Very good condition; new top and side curtains 29,000 miles; \$1395.00 Contact: Wayne Whiteman, Ahwahnee Hotel.

VILLAGE STORIES

Just prior to October 4, Dad Ring received a long distance call from Cincinnati from vacationing Fred Stocker. Fred, who was visiting his family in that city, screamed into the receiver, "Jack, my Grandmother is very ill and I have to stay here for another week at least--is it OK?"

Old Dad, being pretty sly and quick on the uptake, replied "OK Freddie, stay as long as your dear Grandmother needs you; and by the way, all of us here at the Store hope you and Betty enjoy the World Series."

Friendly Freddie, who is an avid baseball fan and ardent Cincinnati rooster, did see the World Series, but apparently did not root hard enough to jinx the Yankees. The last report from Cincinnati, after the debacle, is that Fred is now sicker than his Grandmother.

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THE GREAT BOOKS

At the last meetings of the first and second-year Great Books' discussion groups, it was decided to combine the two sections for the remainder of the readings.

Any persons who are not planning to continue with the Great Books Program are urged to bring their books to the Hotel Division office, so that they may be made available to others who are pursuing the work. Also, if you know of sets of books in the community which are not being used, it will be helpful if this information could be given to Mr. Cross so that it may be passed on to those who are interested in borrowing or acquiring the books which they do not have.

The next meeting of the Great Books Discussion Group will be held on Thursday, October 26, and the discussion will be Rousseau's "On the Origin of Inequality", reading number 13 in the second-year series.

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AHWAHNEE CLOSING FOR RENOVATION

The Ahwahnee will close for renovation after lunch on Thursday, November 2. The hotel will reopen for business for dinner, Friday, December 22.

YOSEMITE BROWNIE SCOUTS

From all outward appearances the Brownies are going to have a busy, happy year. Twenty-one girls are very actively participating in the Brownie Scout program this year ably assisted by Dixie Thompson, Pat Hansen, Bonnie Bagley, and Maryann Danz. They are preparing for the investiture of the new Brownies to the troop which is scheduled for October 23.

The Yosemite Brownie Scouts will participate in the National UNICEF trick or treat program on Halloween. The "treats" of coins they will collect will help the Children's Fund to chase the ghost of hunger, disease, and fear of the future from the lives of many of the world's children.

On Saturday, October 14, twelve Brownies and five mothers enjoyed a picnic lunch and hike around Mirror Lake. They hiked part of the way, relished their individually packed lunches, played games, and then continued with their three mile hike. Late in the afternoon everyone returned to her home, exhausted but happy.

Ranger Bob Smith gave a talk at the last meeting in connection with Fire Prevention Week which was very much appreciated by all in attendance.

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LETTERS

From Meredith Ellis, veteran of several seasons work in Yosemite:

"Dear Mr. Ewing,

My sister, Julie Ellis, worked at Yosemite Lodge as a server during the summer of 1959. The following summer she was employed for a few weeks as a server in a cafeteria in Stockton, our home town. When the first meal was over, Julie industriously started cleaning and scrubbing everything in sight, including counters and shelves. Her fellow workers and manager were surprised and pleased, and mentioned that they did not usually keep things as orderly and clean.

"Where did you learn to do that?" they asked, and of course she replied, "Oh, I received my training at Yosemite Lodge with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co."

Julie is now in the Peace Corps, training for service in the Philippines."

PRESTON HOTCHKIS

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stitute of Technology Associates; trustee of Mills College, Good Hope Medical Foundation, Southwest Museum, and member of the American, California, and Los Angeles Bar Associations.

He has served as Regent of the University of California, president of the California Alumni Association, chairman of the Navy Relief Campaign for Southern California, and the War Chest Campaign for Greater Los Angeles Area, and member of training within Industry Committee of War Manpower Board for Southern California, State Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission of California and War Finance Committee for the Treasury Department of the State of California.

Citations were awarded him for performance in: Navy Relief Campaign, War Bond Campaign, Training Within Industry Campaign, and organization on the Executive Branch of the Government.

He married Katharine Bixby of

DO YOU BELIEVE IN SIGNS?

Here are some reports which certain believers think may indicate the type of winter we may have.

A pet turtle in the Mammoth area that hibernates each winter has burrowed down to a depth of five feet. During the heavy winter of 1952 he only got down to four feet.

Bears are prowling the El Portal area.

Five large bucks were seen recently in the orchard at Camp Curry.

And then there is the Indian wood-chopper who, when queried by a passing tourist as to the signs of winter, heavy or light, replied, "Heavy."

"How do you know?" asked the tourist.

"Cause Company and Government cut lots of wood"! Well, we can dream, can't we?

by Dick Connett

Rancho Los Alamitos, Long Beach, California, on December 11, 1923. They have four children: Mrs. M. F. Allende of San Francisco, Mrs. Robert W. Foster, New York City, Preston Bixby, and John Finlay.

JAPANESE HOTEL GROUP

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ago. He is now manager of the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo.

While here, the group inspected the hotel facilities and discussed operational methods with hotel and Park officials. The general objectives of their tour are to improve both plant and services of their hotels so as to be better able to cater to the demands of foreign business people and tourists. There were in 1960, 114 western style hotels in Japan with 8,938 rooms. There has been great increase in tourism resulting from jet plane travel, the widespread use of credit card systems and the large increase in international conferences.

Some of the items in a long list of study objectives were: hotel organization and management, training of employees, labor saving devices, organization for service of a large number of meals (in preparation for the Olympic games), automobile parking problems, the "taste" of Americans in food and beverages, finances, and labor-management relations.

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Football Schedule

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 2:00 PM

MARIPOSA AT YOSEMITE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 8:00 PM

MARIPOSA AT MARIPOSA

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 9:00 AM

MENLO AT YOSEMITE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 9:00 AM

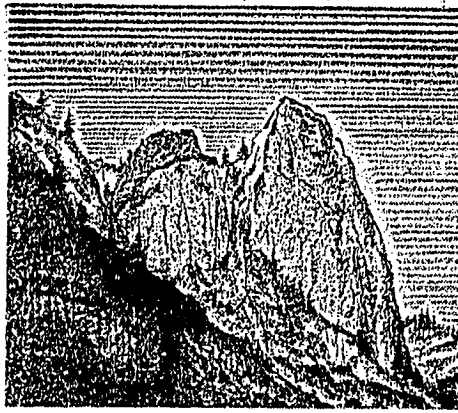
MENLO AT MENLO

*The
Yosemite Badgers*



*Yosemite National Park
California*

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

REMODELING AT BADGER PASS

Some early snowflakes have fallen at Badger Pass and there is a beehive of activity by men equipped, not with skis and poles, but saws, hammers and anvils.

Badger Pass Lodge is undergoing some major interior changes. The discriminating, returning skier will discover that many refinements have been added. Like the Volkswagen owner knows, his basic design is unchangeable but each year he discovers improvements which are not startling at first glance.

The old upstairs dormitory is being remodeled into a large dining area. A buffet luncheon will be served daily. The food will be catered from The Ahwahnee. Guests taking the buffet luncheon may either eat inside, or step outside on to the new split level sun deck to enjoy the sweeping vista of the slopes in the distance or peer down on the deck below.

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MESSIAH SINGERS WANTED

A choir composed of residents of Yosemite Valley and El Portal will begin rehearsing Handel's *Messiah* on Wednesday, November 8 at 8:00 p.m. in the Yosemite Chapel. The hope is to be able to present, during the week before Christmas, a performance of this great musical statement of the meaning of Christmas. This choir is being organized for the express purpose of singing the *Messiah*. If you enjoy singing with a choir and would like to take part in this ambitious musical undertaking, you are urged to attend the *Messiah* choir's first rehearsal at 8:00 p.m., November 8, in the Chapel. Bill Henning will direct the chorus and Fran Hubbard will be the accompanist.

NEW POSTAL SERVICE HOURS

There is now no service on Sunday or holidays.

Monday through Friday, window service is from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Money orders, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Mail closing for ordinary and registers 4:30 p.m.

Special delivery and air - 5 p.m.
Saturdays, window service - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Money orders and postal savings 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Mail closing, ordinary - 11:30 a.m.
special delivery and air - 12 noon

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BACKGROUNDS OF THE BIBLE

On Tuesday, November 7, the fourth in a series of six studies on *Backgrounds of the Bible* will be held at the Yosemite School at 8:00 p.m. These studies are being led by Bill Henning and deal with the origins, historical contexts, and general contents of the various Biblical writings. Each session is over by 9:00 p.m., and the three remaining discussions will deal with the background of the New Testament writings.

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VACATIONS

On Nov. 1, Nancy and John Loncaric left Los Angeles by train for a tour of the East. They will travel via Chicago to Williamsburg for a ten day stay, returning after several days in Washington, New York and Boston, to their home in Laguna Beach.

Agnes and Cy Wright are on an extensive trip to the East Coast.

Madge Fitzgerald, Ahwahnee Gift Shop, sailed from Los Angeles on the *Orcades*, Nov. 2. England is her goal but she will be at sea seven weeks as the *Orcades* stops in Japan, Australia.

F.C.C. APPROVES YOSEMITE TV APPLICATIONS

Climaxing a wait of many months, the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D. C. sent notice through Congressman Harold T. Johnson on Wednesday, October 25th, that four of the five applications for additional VHF TV channels had been approved. This is indeed good news according to Geo. Oliver, chairman of the Yosemite Community TV Association, who has been making every effort to make it possible for the community to get more and better TV programs. Channel 4, NBC, Channel 5 CBS and Channel 9, the educational station in San Francisco will now be picked up at Sentinel Dome. Channel 7 ABC is the additional channel we hope to receive. Clearance from ABC in New York is expected in the near future after which the F.C.C. will also grant clearance for this station. Channel 8 in Salinas will be dropped but our application to rebroadcast will be retained at least for the time being.

Engineering work on the new set-up has been completed and the new equipment should arrive in about two weeks. Meanwhile a new cable between Sentinel Dome and Glacier Point is to be installed at once. This will take the place of the present cable which will be used for standby service. With luck and fair weather conditions all of the new channels should be in operation by Christmas.

By switching to VHF instead of UHF, it will be possible for everyone to get a better picture and without the UHF converter. Maintenance will also be reduced and generally a much better coverage of the valley is expected.

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REMODELING

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Replacing the old circular stairway that led to the second floor will be a new full width staircase.

For the "man on the go" thirty new lockers are being built for daily and weekly rentals. For our neophyte skier the rope tow has been moved adjacent to the Number One Lift.

To achieve the ultimate in communications, an Information Bureau is being added that will become the nerve center of Badger Pass. All public address system announcements will be made from there; there will be direct phone connections to each lift; guests may have their questions answered; and employees will find an increasing use for the Bureau.

To relieve the backaches of our devoted snow shovelers, the Company is purchasing a Snow Blast machine guaranteed by the maker to throw snow and skier fifty feet into the yonder powder.

With the increasing demand for back country ski touring and sight seeing, the Company has ordered a new snow limousine, the Muskeg Bombardier. This is a track-driven vehicle that will seat about 16 persons and deliver them to Ostrander or Glacier Point.

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FCC APPROVAL

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The old UHF antennas will have to be discarded. In most cases the new VHF signals can be received on inside antennas. However, a small outside antenna will be available if needed. Progress on the new installation will be reported in the Sentinel so everyone will have sufficient time to prepare for the new programs.

CONGO CITIZEN VISITS YOSEMITE

Marcel Bahizi, Assistant Director of Albert National Park in the Congo, who has been on a 10 months tour of European countries, the United States and Canada, finished his tour with a three day visit to Yosemite.

The aim of his travels in this country, which were by invitation of the United States government in conjunction with the Congolese government, was to study the organization and administration of our national parks with particular emphasis on wild life management. He is the first Congolese to have had such an experience and expects to take home a vast amount of information with which the Congo National Park system may be improved. Arriving in the United States April 21, he spent two months at Georgetown University to learn English. He handled our language very well for such a short time of study.

Starting his tour on July 6, he has seen almost all of our national parks including Alaska's Mt. McKinley, and many wild life refuges.

Since he spoke French fluently, Nick Fiore helped as translator during his visit here whenever English failed him. With Nick's help, we were able to converse with Mr. Bahizi and learn a few things about his own country and his reactions to ours.

The Congo has only three national parks. Albert National Park is larger than Yellowstone, comprising two and one quarter million acres, and ranging from 2,000 feet elevation to over 16,000 feet. It possesses great variety including animals, fish, volcanoes, hot springs, high mountains and snow. Albert National Park came into being because, sometime before 1925, when the Congo was still a Belgian colony, King Albert visited Yosemite. Because of what the King saw and learned here he decided the Congo should have such a park, and so their first national park was set aside and patterned after Yosemite in organization.

On a visit to the Big Trees with Nick and Del Armstrong, Mr. Bahizi observed the deer and asked if they

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WOMEN'S GROUP ATTENTION!

Individual card notices will not be sent of the meeting to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 8, at Yosemite Lodge. THIS IS IT!

Mrs. Marie Kilpatrick, from Oliver's Nursery in Fresno, will present a demonstration on flower arrangements.

The meeting will be preceded by a buffet luncheon at 12:45 in the Redwood Room. Lunch is \$1.50 a person and reservations are necessary. If your name begins with A through K, call Fr 2-4890; L through Z, call FR 2-4244 for reservations, by Tuesday, Nov. 7. If unable to come to lunch, come to the meeting at 2 p.m. All women are invited.

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WEDDING BELLS

Several weddings occurred in October, or almost October.

It was the last day of September when Mida Osife, from Casa Grande, Arizona, became the bride of Leslie James, Signmaker Helper for the NPS. The ceremony was performed in the Oakhurst Community Church. A graduate of Sherman Institute at Riverside, Mida has worked for YPC Co. since 1956. The couple is living in El Portal.

Also on September 30 was the wedding of Henry Stark and Ellen McQuiston, in Carson City. Stark has been a butcher in The Ahwahnee kitchen for four years, and his bride teaches in the Mariposa school system.

Karen Hayes and Fred Cox were married in the Village Chapel, Thursday, October 5, at 7:30 p.m.

A complete surprise to their many friends in Yosemite was the marriage of Kay Reinhart and Bud Heller on October 14, in Yuma, Arizona. Now at home in Ramona, the newlyweds expect to leave in mid-November to spend two weeks in Hawaii.

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TELEPHONE BOOK CORRECTION

Under Pacific Telephone, please cross off El Portal Office, FR2-4397. The Pacific Telephone has no El Portal Office and FR2-4401 is the number to call to report telephone troubles in El Portal and Yosemite.

SOME HAVE GONE AND SOME HAVE COME

The comings and goings of Company personnel have included more than vacation trips recently.

Stewart and Evelyn Campbell and new daughter, Debbie, packed their belongings and went over the hill to Nevada last month. Having spent most of his time in Yosemite since he came to the United States from New Zealand, Stewart decided it was time for him to find out something about living "on the outside." He came to work for YPC Co. in October of 1947, first as a janitor in the General Office, then as Transportation Clerk at Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge. He returned to work in the General Office ten years ago, has been Senior Auditor, Accountant, Chief Clerk and Research Assistant.

Evelyn, before the advent of Debbie, was the Commercial Office Secretary.

Ernie Janiga, another valued employee of the Accounting Office, terminated on Friday, Oct. 13, and with his wife, Kitty, and year old son, Alan, moved to Fresno where he hopes to find employment. Ernie came to the office in May of 1957 as an auditor, was made a Senior Auditor after four months and became Chief Clerk in April, 1959.

Oscar Maddox left the Maintenance Department which he joined as electrical foreman in Feb. of 1960, to become electrical consultant for Ferrero Electric, Inc. of Merced.

A few new faces fill in for the missing ones.

Maggie Harrison, from San Francisco, has just completed her first two weeks as Sales Office Stereographer.

Marilyn Keating and Jeannette "Jan" Hayford, from Santa Cruz, checked in as accounting clerks last month. They had both been working in Hollywood where they were roommates.

Lynne Yancy, of Fresno, is the new clerk in the Personnel Office, replacing Kay Reinhart.

Reporting for duty Monday, Oct.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

The Yosemite Children's Library, a community effort co-sponsored by the Yosemite Parent Group and the Lions Club of Yosemite, is in the final phase of preparation for its opening November 10 during American Education Week. Two functions to herald the opening have been planned: a special Lions luncheon meeting November 2, and the formal dedication November 9. On Thursday, November 2, the Yosemite Lions had their regular luncheon meeting at the school. Funds for the Library were obtained from a community drive for sponsors coupled with a sizeable lump sum from the Lions.

Formal dedication of the Library will be held November 9, 1961, during American Education week, as a major event in that week. Yosemite School will hold open house in the evening from 8:00 to 8:45 with the brief dedication program following in the multipurpose room where the library is housed. Included among the speakers will be Cleo Adelsbach, Superintendent of Mariposa County Schools, Stuart Cross, Education Committee Chairman for the Lions, Coyt Hackett, Past Chairman of the Yosemite Parent Group and Bill Mc Phaul Jr., President of the Student Body.

Honored guests will include the members of the Library Committee:

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EMIL ERNST DIES SUDDENLY

Death came suddenly to Emil Ernst, 57, on October 16. He had been a Yosemite resident for 28 years, was Park Forester at the time of his transfer to Philadelphia in 1957. Since retirement in 1958, his home has been in Fresno where he was land purchasing agent for the county. Friends unite in extending deep sympathy to his wife, Christie, and sons, Fred and Timothy.

30, was Earl Morey, Electrical Foreman. He comes from Michigan with his wife and three children, and they have taken up residence in the Indian Creek apartment formerly occupied by Oscar and Henrietta Maddox.

MARIPOSA 6, YOSEMITE 0

A desperation last minute pass gave the Mariposa Cougars their first victory over the Badgers since 1955.

Only moments before, the Badgers had been inside the Mariposa 10-yard line with a first down. This had been a hard-fought, scoreless game, and the local fans had relaxed, believing that Daryl Cottrell's interception of a Mariposa forward which carried the ball deep into Mariposa territory had insured a Badger victory. It was the first big break in a game which seemed destined to go to the team obtaining that first big break.

However, on first down the Cougar defense threw the Badgers for a loss, and on second down Ronnie James, who was back to pass, was red-dogged so hard that an interception on the goal line brought the ball back to the twenty-five. On the next play Steve Kenmore, Cougar fullback, pulled in a pass at midfield and ran all the way for the game's only score. The fact that the conversion was blocked was anticlimax, as was the Badgers' own frantic effort to pull the game out of the fire, even though they moved the ball past midfield.

Both teams displayed a rugged defense, and the Badger forward wall, though giving away 15 pounds a man, consistently contained its heavier opponents. Both teams showed ability to move the ball but were unable to mount sustained drives.

A return game is scheduled for Saturday, November 4, as a preliminary to the Mariposa High School game.

The Badger JV's were completely outmanned and though fighting back gamely, were overwhelmed 34 to 0.

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Charles Woessner, Don Button, Pauline Shorb, Barbara Morris, Dorothy Conner, Thelma McGregor, and Pauline Trabucco. Also honored will be Harold Morris, whose determination initiated this project. Master of Ceremonies will be Erik Bruun. Both pupils and teachers are eager to begin using the nearly 500 volumes that form the beginning collection.

LIONS CLUB DONATES TO CHURCH AND SCHOOL

The Board of the Yosemite Community Church has announced the receipt of a check for \$676 from the Yosemite Lions Club, to be applied on the purchase of a Baldwin organ which, it is hoped, will be installed before Christmas.

The generous gift, in addition to cash which has been collected over a period of some five years from interested persons, locals and visitors, make possible the realization of a dream for which many members of the church community have worked faithfully.

Last week, on behalf of the Lions Club, who donated \$150 for the purpose, Harold Breeding and Harold Schmidt installed the first of two radios to be purchased for the El Portal School in order that the children there may have the advantage of many special educational programs which are broadcast to supplement the curriculum.

The radio installed is specially designed for receiving programs in fringe areas. If it proves satisfactory, another of its kind will be purchased.

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CONGO CITIZEN VISIT YOSEMITE

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ever became a problem. After explaining the problems of having more than a normal amount of deer in the park, Del asked, "And what are your problems?"

"Our problems are hippopotamuses. We have 18,000 in the park, and each hippo eats 600 pounds of grass a day."

"How can there be that much grass?" he was asked.

"That's the problem."

"And what are you doing about it?"

"We are studying it, and we send hippos to zoos if they request them. We sent two to the Portland zoo recently, two babies. But that doesn't make much impression on the 18,000."

He repeated several times that both officials and the people he met in the United States had been very good to him and that he holds a very high opinion of the people of this country.

HERE AND THERE

Henry Berrey is reported to be making satisfactory progress after a back operation which was performed on Monday, Oct. 30. He will remain at the Presbyterian Medical Center, Clay and Webster, San Francisco, for the next two to three weeks.

Staff Sergeant Stewart Cramer, with his wife, Eiko and children, visited several days this week at the home of his father, Sterling Cramer. The youngest of the five children is Helen Eiko, just seven weeks old. The Cramers were on their way from Texas to Monterey, where they will reside during Stewart's tour of duty with the Army in Nurnberg, Germany.

Keith Whitfield and John Loncaric were the fortunate winners of two TV sets when they attended the recent Restaurant Show at the Sports Arena in Los Angeles. These sets were two of eight door prizes presented. There were 40,000 people in attendance!

Back again to her home and many interests in San Francisco went Virginia Adams last week. She had spent several weeks in the Valley to relieve Ernie Johansen of the management of Best's Studio while he and family vacationed in Santa Fe. Virginia and Ansel have broken ground for a new home on the coast south of Carmel.

Cashier Melba Smith keeps track of her alumni. Recent letters from Jane Lord are full of interesting items concerning her experiences as a student at 482 year-old University of Copenhagen where she, along with a group of other American students, is studying this semester. She says that the Danish people are as warm and friendly as they can be.

Bernie Adell, who worked one summer in the Cashier's Office, and has been a law student in Edmonton, Canada, won a Rhodes Scholarship for two years at Oxford, England.

Dorothy and Bill Bompreszi completed the task of moving into their home at Midpines last Monday.

Because of an illness which struck her in Sept., Alice Hewitson, former Personnel secretary, has been forced to take a three months leave from

WEATHER PREDICTIONS

Hoping to secure some happy prediction of a heavy winter ahead, the Advertising Department has made inquiry of the Weather Bureau and has been given the following assurance.

Any weather forecast for thirty days or longer is not dependable.

Five day predictions are reasonably accurate.

Furthermore, through some mathematical procedure mysterious to the layman, the frequently maligned weathermen have reached the conclusion that, if on any given day a weather forecaster predicts that the weather tomorrow will be the same as today, he will be right 75% of the time!

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LETTERS

A letter from Ed Sirianni (of Yosemite Drama Group fame) tells of the interest and perplexities of life in Hollywood. Among other things he says: "When, in the course of the manifold discouragements of trying to crash the gates of 'Show Biz!' I am overcome by a wish to 'run home to Mama', it's significant that the place to which I am thinking of running is not Palo Alto, where my family lives, but Yosemite, where I seem to have left a small but indispensable part of myself."

He has moved and his address is now: 1439 N. Curson St., Hollywood. More from his interesting letter, later if we find room.

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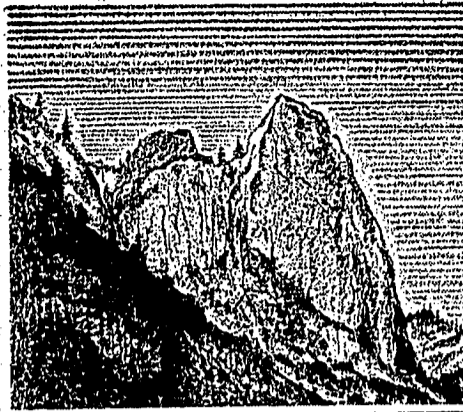
THANK YOU

We are grateful to Eleanor Hamilton and to all who assisted her in keeping the press rolling recently while your chief reporter went on vacation.

We are also glad that Jim Parker has been preparing for weeks for his emergence as a full-time printer, in order that brother Hugh might take a well earned vacation. The convenience is so much greater than last year when we had to send the Sentinel to Merced to be printed.

her work at Capwell's Department Store in Oakland. After being bed-ridden for several weeks, she is once again able to be up and around.

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

SPECIAL FOR THANKSGIVING

A special Thanksgiving dinner will be served at Yosemite Lodge: in the Cafeteria from 12 to 2 and from 5:30 to 8 p.m., price, \$3.25 plus tax; in the Coffee Shop from 4 to 9 p.m., \$3.50 plus tax.

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BASEBALL DINNER DEC. 9

Walter Mails (a famous baseball player in his day) of the San Francisco Giants Public Relations Dept. will be guest speaker and Stu Miller and Jim Davenport, of the Giants, will be special guests at a baseball dinner to be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 7 p.m. in Bldg. A, Mariposa Co. Fair Fair Grounds.

Admission for adults will be \$2.75 and for children \$1.75. The proceeds are to be used for construction of a new athletic field at Mariposa Co. High School. The current field at the Fair Grounds is inadequate and not convenient to the school.

If 25 or more persons are interested in attending, round trip bus transportation may be had at \$1.00 each.

Tickets may be obtained in Yosemite from Dick Ditton, Charlie Eagle, Yosemite Lodge front desk, Dick Klein, or Wayne Howe; in El Portal from Carroll Clark, John Walliser, Bob Ringrose, or Parkline Motel.

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC

The "Messiah" chorus will have its third rehearsal Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. This chorus is preparing appropriate portions of Handel's "Messiah" for presentation in the week before Christmas. If there are any who have not yet rehearsed with the chorus, who would like to become a part of this undertaking, they are urged to attend this next rehearsal.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

On the morning of Thanksgiving day, at eight-thirty, there will be a Protestant service of Thanksgiving worship at the Yosemite Chapel. A baby sitter will be on duty in the Masonic Hall during the period of worship.

Following the service, at 9:15, an informal breakfast of coffee and rolls will be served in the Masonic Hall. All in the community who would like to share in this time of worship are cordially invited to do so.

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HAPPY "SPOOKS"

The Brownie and Girl Scouts collected \$85.50 for UNICEF on Halloween and seemed to have more fun than anyone while doing it, according to Barbara Morris, neighborhood chairman. After Trick or Treat for UNICEF, there was a party for the girls at the Masonic Hall where they counted their capital gains.

Last year the young "spooks" in the nation collected \$1,750,000 in small coins for UNICEF.

The Brownie and Girl Scouts want to remind us again what the organization is. UNICEF cooperates with "other UN agencies to help governments undertake long-range programs for their children. Self-help is the keynote of the whole enterprise. UNICEF provides the supplies to control and eradicate mass disease, improve nutrition and equip maternal and child health centers. Aided countries provide, on the average, an equivalent of \$3.00 in matching funds for every \$1.00 allocated by UNICEF."

Although 55 million needy children and mothers in 100 countries have been reached by UNICEF, 750 million still need help.

SOMETHING NEW AT THE CHAPEL

The village chapel is the oldest building in the Yosemite Valley. In its eighty-two years, it has seen many changes and weathered many storms. At various times it has been re-decorated, re-located, made smaller, and enlarged. It has outlived generations of worshippers and outlasted a number of musical instruments.

If "music is," as Thomas Carlyle once wrote, "the speech of the angels," then certainly a variety of angels has spoken in the old chapel. An ancient organ, whose probable shell has recently been discovered in the post office attic, was once grandly played in the chapel by Sir Arthur Sullivan, of Gilbert and Sullivan fame, at a memorial service upon the occasion of the death of President Grant. In recent years, an electronic organ, introduced to the chapel with a recital by Nancy Loncaric, has seen service also at the church bowl and annually at the Bracebridge Dinner.

The need for a new organ has been apparent for sometime. Almost eight years ago, Doug and Fran Hubbard worked on an organ fund, and about \$400 was secured as a hearty beginning. About two years ago, the music committee of the Yosemite Community Church revived the effort. Through the tireless efforts of this committee and its chairman, Thelma Warnock, and with the help of the entire community and many outside, the job has now been completed. The receipts from the recent Bargain Sale, sponsored by the Lions Club, put the organ fund over the top; and a beautiful new, two-manual, Baldwin organ now graces the quaint old chapel as a permanent fixture.

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"MILESTONES"

Death came to Joseph Groschup on Oct. 31 in San Francisco. Groschup was a butcher at Yosemite Lodge from 1937 to 1958 and was one of the first Company employees to be retired under the pension plan. He is survived by his wife, Doris, who also worked for YPC Co. from 1934 to 1951.

Herman Greenwald died Oct. 24, in Hawthorne, California. He was the head baker at Camp Curry having worked there from 1947 to 1961. His wife, Gertrude, who worked in the Camp Curry Cafeteria during the same seasons, will be remembered as sponsor of the employee art exhibits held there during recent summers.

Elmer Gibson, former YTS dispatcher and night watchman, was found dead in his wrecked car at the bottom of a cliff on Briceburg Grade, Tuesday morning, Nov. 7. He had been missing since Oct. 20.

From her son, Ray Olive, has come word of the death of Mrs. Mae E. Olive, 78, on Oct. 25 in San Fernando. She was dietician at Lewis Memorial Hospital from 1931 to 1943.

FRENCH CLASSES

Would you like to speak French? If so, you may study conversational French on Wednesday or Thursday nights in the Training Room, YPC Co. General Office. Classes will be from 8 to 10 p.m.; charge, \$1.00 per person; instructor, Robert Faure. Two sessions a week may be held if there is enough interest. In order to determine the best meeting night, contact Robert Faure, P.O. Box 732, or leave a note for him at the Personnel Office.

BADGER PASS OPENING

The Badger Pass Ski Lodge will open for the season on Friday, Dec. 15, snow conditions permitting. For the first week it is planned to have two lifts operating in addition to the Ski School and the Lodge facilities. Complete operations are scheduled to commence Dec. 22.

TAKE A CHANCE!

Do you know how to DO-SI-DO, ALLEMANDE THAR or RE-SASHAY? No, it's not Greek, but good old American Square-Dance lingo. So, if you feel the urge to trip the light fantastic, take a chance! Come to the Arrow Wednesday night.

Promptly at 8:30 you'll start off swinging your taw or mother-in-law, and then the fun begins, 'cause you never know who you'll wind up with. She may be blonde, brunette or the one you've been dreaming about. But, wait a minute, the caller just crossed you up with a half-sashay, and who's your partner now - you sister! Anyway be sure to bring her next Wednesday and don't forget to bring your taw, and who's this telling you?

Your Grandma!

SOMETHING NEW AT THE CHAPEL

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In plenty of time for Christmas, the new organ is already in use at services in the chapel; but it will receive its first thorough workout when Fran Hubbard accompanies the community's "Messiah" chorus during the week before Christmas.

Just as the chapel itself was financed by pennies donated by Sunday School children throughout the country in the 1870's, so in the 1960's the new organ was financed by gifts, large and small, from countless residents and friends of Yosemite. Its acquisition and installation mark a milestone in the life and worship of the people who live in Yosemite Valley.

ENGAGED

On Nov. 6, in a candle-light ceremony at Baker Hall, Fresno State College, Nancy Moe announced her engagement to Robert Echart. No date has been set for the wedding.

Nancy, daughter of Nell (Accounting) and Les (NPS) Moe attended Wasatch Academy in Utah and is presently a student at F.S.C. She plans to transfer to IBM School in San Francisco in Feb. Bob, son of Else and H. Oehlmann, attended Wasatch Academy, Univ. of the Pacific, and is now a student at Hastings Law School, San Francisco. Both graduated from the Yosemite School.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Christian Science Thanksgiving service on the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

JORGENSEN CABIN TAKES A RIDE

It wasn't easy, says Doug Hubbard, to dismantle and move in sections the old log cabin which stood for many years near Sentinel Bridge. Its new location is to be the Pioneer Yosemite History Center at Wawona where it will be "reassembled to take its place beside other historic structures in the new interpretive center."

"The cabin, with its unusual stained glass windows, was built by Chris Jorgensen, one of the most noted of several fine artists who depicted the Yosemite scene on canvas. At Wawona, the structure will house a display of Jorgensen's works, as well as paintings and photographs by other artists who found their inspiration in the lofty granite spires and the forests and meadows of the Sierra.

"Extreme care was necessary in dismantling the log structure to minimize damage. The last element to make the 27-mile trip over the Wawona Road was the 20-ton stone fireplace, intact and carefully wrapped and bound with steel straps before being raised to the truck bed with jacks."

QUEEN FOR A DAY; QUEEN FOR LIFE

When Linda Barnes won a "Queen For A Day" contest shortly before last Christmas, little did she know of what fate had in store for her. She didn't dream that the grandest prize of all was to be a summer romance in Yosemite that would culminate in her marriage last Saturday afternoon to Chuck Howell. A beautiful wedding ceremony in the Yosemite Chapel, Nov. 10, made Linda Chuck's queen for a lifetime.

They met last August 11 when Linda came to Yosemite for the delayed week end trip that was one of her prizes, delayed because she, a school girl, could not come during the school term. Fatefully she joined a saddle trip to Yosemite Falls. Chuck was one of the cowboy guides on that trip and he and Linda found much to talk about as they rode up the trail. The next day on the nine-hour trip to Half Dome, Linda and Chuck had time to get better acquainted, and they ended the day with a date in the evening. When Monday morning came and it was time to leave, Linda found herself so in love with Yosemite (!!) that she could hardly bring herself to leave. However, duty won and she returned to her summer job on Catalina Island, leaving behind her an application for work in Yosemite.

On September 16 she returned to be a waitress in the Village Grill, and very soon thereafter Linda and Chuck became engaged.

Now, after a wedding and a week end honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Howell in true Yosemite style are "at home" in their trailer in El Portal. They will both be working during the winter Linda at the Village Grill and Chuck at Badger Pass. He is from Fresno; Linda's family lives in the San Fernando Valley.

The story has a sequel which concerns Linda's motive for entering the "Queen For A Day" contest and how her winning brought joy to another. She wanted to win an electric guitar as a Christmas present for a friend. That was her special request and it was granted. Her friend is a 13 year old boy who became paralyzed by a rare virus infection and is no longer

WHO'S NEW?

The second day of November was a mighty big day in the maternity ward at Lewis Memorial Hospital as the staff officiated at the birth of three babies.

Born to Mary and Luther Verhaar was Mary Lou, 7 lb., 14 oz.; and to Joan and Marcel Barel, a daughter, Rachel, 9 lb., 3/4 oz. Then for variety came Mark, 8 lb., 4 oz. His parents are Janet and Ben Twilight.

Too late for the big day, but just as heartily welcomed by his parents, Helen and Lynn Bawden, was Douglas, 7 lb., 15 oz., born on Friday, Nov. 10.

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YOSEMITE LODGE

All hands were agape over the appearance at Yosemite Lodge, about two weeks ago, of a 1930 Rolls-Royce Phantom II. The beautiful, black vintage car was being driven by Frederick E. Pearson, of London, England, on a two-month tour of important cities in Canada and the U.S. he had as passengers two attractive English girls one of whom is the great-granddaughter of the Alice about whom Lewis Carroll wove his famous tales of "Alice in Wonderland." The chief purpose of the tour is to promote the personal car and guide service offered to overseas visitors by Take-A-Guide Ltd., of London, England.

Wayne Hildebrand, front desk, is taking a two-month leave to camp and climb mountains (including Popocatepetl) in Mexico.

Irene Anderson is on a motor trip to Alaska.

Marian Pierson is vacationing - hunting and fishing with Fred in their camper, and re-decorating their house in San Jose.

Tony Freitas is gone and Charlie Eagle has taken over the transportation desk for the winter.

Janie Dean is wondering again, with Florida and Europe in her sights this time. Janice Roscoe is supervisor of the Coffee Shop now.

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able to attend school. She says that he is talented and she is sure that the instrument will add some cheer to his restricted life.

YOSEMITE BADGERS

BADGERS 32, COUGARS 19

In a complete reversal of form, Yosemite defeated Mariposa in a return game at Mariposa Fair Grounds on November 4, 32 to 19. The game was played under the lights as a preliminary to the high school game.

The game played at Yosemite was a battle of defensive lines, with the game's only score coming from a 75 yard pass in the last minute. The return game was a free-scoring encounter in which the lighter Badgers wore down their heavier opponents until toward the end the Badgers were scoring almost at will.

Yosemite scored first by taking the opening kickoff and marching to a touchdown. The two teams traded touchdowns, leaving the field at half time with the score 13 to 13. It had been an individual duel between the two fullbacks, Ronnie James of Yosemite and Steve Kenmore of Mariposa, each accounting for two touchdowns.

To open the second half, Kenmore scored on the first scrimmage play by receiving a sleeper pass and going all the way. The Cougars then led 19 to 13 and seemed to be pulling away, for they had made two successive touchdowns to come from behind and go ahead. However, the Badgers rallied to send James into the end zone with the go-ahead touchdown to lead 20 to 19.

In the fourth quarter Mariposa was unable to move, while James scored again and in the closing minutes passed to Clark Martin for the fifth Badger touchdown. It was a real team effort, though Ronnie James was the game's individual star, scoring four touchdowns and passing for a fifth.

The Little Badgers were overwhelmed, 27 to 0

YOSEMITE BADGERS

Starting Lineup

- FB Ronnie James
- RH Allen Moe
- LH Clark Martin
- QB Daryl Cottrell (Capt.)
- RE Gary Simmons
- RT Mike Power
- RG Bill McPhaul (Co-Capt.)

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SWAP TALK

For sale— Youth bed, complete; very good condition. \$20.00. Call FR2-4328 after 5:30.

Slim Belt Reducer and Rowing Machine Exerciser, both for \$50.00. Call FR 2-4631 during day.

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YOSEMITE BADGERS

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- C Rick Thomas
- LG Randy Cromer
- LT Gordon Howe
- LE Jody McElligott

YOSEMITE	7	6	7	12	Total	32
MARIPOSA	7	6	6	0	Total	19
CUBS 34, BADGERS 7						

A game, but undermanned Badger team went down under the superior power of the Menlo School Cubs, 34 to 7. This was the first of the annual home-and-home series with the Cubs and was played on the Yosemite field November 11. A return game will be played at Menlo Park Nov. 18.

The first half was hard-fought, and the Cubs soon found they could not penetrate the center of the Badger line. Once the Cubs took to the air, the floodgates opened and the fleet Menlo receivers romped to touchdown after touchdown.

The Badgers' only score came late in the third quarter on a sustained drive. James passed to Cottrell from a spread formation for 35 yards. A series of running plays, with Moe and Cottrell alternating, brought the ball to the Menlo 12-yard line, from which James passed to Clark Martin in the end zone for the touchdown. It was a beautifully executed series, going 65 yards in six plays.

YOSEMITE	0	0	7	0	Total	7
MENLO	7	7	13	7	Total	34

The Junior Varsity showed considerable improvement, while losing to the Cub JV's 20 to 0. An early injury to Captain Terry Conner disorganized the Badger attack, and another injury to Arnie James weakened the center of the line. However, the Little Badgers put on one drive of their own, sparked by a long run by Bobby Ringrose after receiving a pass from Keith Thomas.

LETTERS

More from the pen of Ed Sirianni who left Yosemite to seek his fortune in the theatre world:

"I've been plugging away for nearly a year now."

"I made my (non-paying) Hollywood stage debut as a supporting player in "The Man Who Came to Dinner," Since then I have been cast in productions of Sartre's "The Flies," and Anouilh's "Thieves Carnival," (also non-paying engagements.) I make the rounds of agencies and such casting offices as will see me, with no results to date. There is a very bright side to all this gloom, however, in that I have made a host of new friends, "in the business," and have met a number of people whom we have all seen - for years - in films and on television. Through these people I am learning a lot of valuable "ins-and-outs" of the show trade . . .

"As for my Actors' Workshop group, it is very informal. We each pay a small monthly stipend, which goes to pay the rent on our "theatre," to which we have constant access for rehearsals. Each Wednesday night, we have a general meeting, and usually a presentation of scenes on which the different members are working. (Each scene is an independent venture. We pick a scene from a play, revise it in order to make a continuous "story" of it, cast it, and rehearse as we can get the cast together.) About once a month we present a program of "finished" scenes for an invited audience to attend. Last Week, one of the scenes was a short sketch which I wrote, and in which I appeared. Next week, some of the younger members of the group are doing a scene from "West Side Story," with singing and dancing, and I will be doing a speaking walkon with them. We choose our material for workability, usually, rather than sheer timeliness. We set ourselves no limits, picking such roles as will give us a chance to sharpen our skills - or to develop skills in new areas. I have found it very rewarding - and have got a great deal more from the experi-

ODDS

Roger Hall, a thinking young man in the Personnel Office, has come up with the following statistic: Odds that two of our Company employees at the recent Restaurant Convention in Los Angeles would walk away with TV sets (assuming the choice of the lucky numbers was **absolutely** random) were 1:1,00,000,000. There were 40,000 people in attendance to compete for the four TV sets awarded as door prizes.

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MOSTLY PERSONAL

"Miss Pat" Davidson left Yosemite early this month to spend several months with her sister, Ida Hueneryager of Pasadena, before returning to her home on the Stanford campus.

Coletha and Paul Jones packed up their trailer and moved it to Palm Springs where they expect to settle down after a vacation trip in Oregon.

Marian and Roy Dimock have joined the ranks of property owners at Midpines.

Sally Rathsack has taken a leave-of-absence along with her vacation to enjoy a long awaited family reunion in Nebraska and a visit with her son in Rochester, Minnesota.

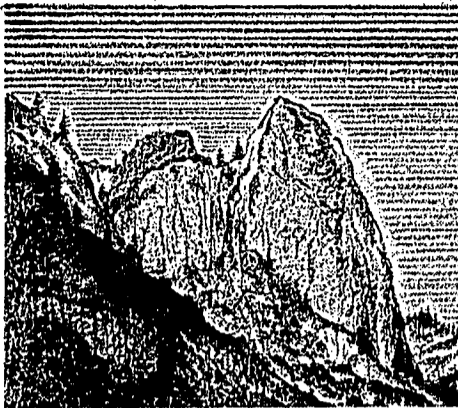
Edith Wiggs, The Ahwahnee, is off on a flying trip of six weeks to visit her sister in Japan. Her itinerary includes Saipan, Thailand, Hong Kong, Formosa and Hawaii. She planned an identical trip ten years ago only to have it canceled by the Japanese government.

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ence than I would have done taking formal classes in acting.

"One last note about our group, or rather, our theatre - because it has a touch of **glamour**, I think. The theatre is exactly that, as it is, in fact, the "private" theatre in Ramon Novarro's former home, but it's still a wonderful old house. One of our directors has an apartment directly above the theatre, and the rooms are wonderful, with damask wallpaper and hand-pegged hardwood floors. Talk about shades of the glamorous past!"

YOSEMITE



National Park Service

SENTINEL

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1961

Yosemite National Park, Calif.

CHRISTMAS EVE 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 the gifts personally and insists that each child be present himself to receive it.

This year he will call the names in alphabetical order (by last names), beginning in the middle of the alphabet, or the letter "L". By doing this, those whose names are at the end of the alphabet won't always be last. Santa Claus hopes all the children will be at Camp Curry at 7:30 Christmas Eve when he is welcomed by a short program and makes his appearance. One of his helpers will have the gift for any child arriving after his or her name is called and will give it to him. 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 the 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

SKI SHOP OPEN AT YOSEMITE LODGE

The Ski Shop at Yosemite Lodge will open for the weekend of Dec. 9 and will be open on weekends until further notice.

MARIPOSA HIGH MUSICIANS TO PRESENT CHRISTMAS MUSIC HERE

Under the able direction of Richard Fiester, a group of approximately fifty high school musicians from Mariposa will present a program of Christmas music for the Yosemite Community on Thursday, Dec. 14, in the Chapel. The time is to be announced later. Those who heard the group last year will remember them for their fine performance of some difficult selections.

NOVEMBER WEDDINGS

Jessie D. Mayes and Bert Strome were married on Nov. 10, in Reno, Nevada.

Jessie has worked in Yosemite since 1954, at Yosemite Lodge, Camp Curry, and now at the dormitories. Strome was a seasonal cook at Camp Curry when, in 1946, Fred Pierson left there to become Chef at The Ahwahnee, inviting him to go along. He has remained there since.

The newlyweds expect to remain in Yosemite.

Sally Lopez, of Arizona, was married on Nov. 12 to Courtney Mack in the Lutheran Church at Ventura. Sharon Linder of Yosemite was a bridesmaid, and James Mack was best man. Also attending the wedding from Yosemite were Marsha and Lee Toman; Lee gave the bride away.

Sally is a server at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria, and Mack, employed in Yosemite last summer, is now Seaman first Class on the USS Bryce Canyon. Presently stationed at Long Beach, his ship will be moved to Pearl Harbor in January.

"The only cure for rumor is factual information."

EARLY SNOW MAKES SURPRISE OPENING OF BADGER PASS POSSIBLE

Skiing conditions were excellent for the opening of Badger Pass on Friday, Nov. 24, for the Thanksgiving weekend. Twenty inches of snow, falling early in the week made possible, for the second time in two years, the opening on the day after Thanksgiving. Sixteen hundred people visited Badger Pass during the very successful three days.

Lifts No. 1 and No. 4 were in operation, as was the Refreshment Stand and the Rental and Repair Shop.

Limited operation will continue on Saturdays and Sundays only for the first two weekends in Dec., with several additional services.

On Dec. 1, the sales room will be open on a limited basis, and Ski School will start with two instructors, Robert Faure and John Hansen in addition to ski-meister Nick Fiore. The school, according to Nick, will be in full swing by Dec. 15, with 15 instructors. Weather conditions permitting, there will also be scenic weasel rides during these two advance weekends. Lifts will operate each day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The cafeteria, buffet, and baby sitting services will not be offered until the full opening on Dec. 15.

Several seasoned members from Badger Pass crews of former years were on hand to assist with the early opening, preparations for which went into high gear after enough snow fell to make the operation possible. There were Dave Downing as Superintendent of the Lodge, Addie Martin and Lois Carter at the Refreshment Stand, Trudle Clark selling tickets, Buck Martin and Sid Carter

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CIVIL DEFENSE

Here in the peaceful quietness of Yosemite Valley, it is hard to realize the concern over protection from radioactive fallout and the shock and heat of an atomic bomb. Here we are in a protected and favorable situation as far as blast damage is concerned. There is however, some danger from radioactive fallout in the event nearby military targets are hit. These are a few simple precautions we should all take to protect ourselves against such a situation.

1. Everyone should have on hand at all times at least two weeks supply of food.
2. Fresh water to provide at least 1/2 gallon per day per person for at least one week should be available. (Our water source might be contaminated by radioactive fallout for a few days).
3. Remain in your home for at least four days with all doors and windows closed, or until you are advised that conditions are safe.
4. Yosemite Park and Curry Company employees who live in dormitories should go to the place designated for them as soon as the warning is heard.
5. There is no need for panic or even great haste. If, for example, Castle Air Force Base were hit, there would be a lapse of time from 1 1/2 to 3 hours before radioactive material would start falling in Yosemite Valley if it falls here at all.
6. In the ranger office a radio tuned to civil defense wave length is monitored 24 hours every day.
7. If information is received about an attack which might affect Yosemite, an alert signal will be sounded. This will be a long, continuous

SUGGESTION AWARD

Gerald Roberts, Head Dishwasher at Yosemite Lodge kitchen, received an award of \$10.00 for the suggestion that a cabinet with a lock be purchased for the dishroom so that all dishwashing supplies could be kept together and locked in it at night.

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BARNSTORMING

The month of November was a busy one for Winter Sports Director, Nick Fiore who showed movies and talked to people in ski clubs and ski shops from Los Angeles to San Francisco including coast and central valley groups.

Except for Thanksgiving day which he spent with his family in Mariposa and the opening weekend at Badger Pass, he was on the road from Nov. 1 to Nov. 30. He ended his tour with visits to Roos Bros. in San Francisco and San Mateo, making his last talk before the Carmel Ski Club in Monterey on Nov. 30.

The aim of his efforts was twofold: to promote skiing in general, and to create interest among skiers in the weekend group plan offered at Badger Pass. This is a special rate effective from Jan. 5 through April 8 (except for the weekend of Feb. 9-10) for groups of 12 or more, which includes lodgings Friday and Saturday nights, three meals Saturday and two on Sunday, two ski lesson each day, plus unlimited use of the ski lifts. All for \$20.50 per person.

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NEWELL D. CHAMBERLAIN

Newell D. Chamberlain, 81, passed away at his home in Midpines on Nov. 16. A resident of Mariposa County since 1926 and an authority on its history, he was author of the book, "Call of Gold," and had been active in many civic organizations in the county.

blast on the fire siren of three to five minutes duration. The "Take Cover" signal will be a series of short blasts on the siren. The alert signal will always be sounded first.

8. Tune your radios to 640 or 1240 to pick up current information.

DATES SET FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC

There will be two presentations of selected Christmas Choruses from Handel's "Messiah" during the week before Christmas. The first will be on Sunday, December 17, in the Community Hall at El Portal, at 8:00 p.m. The second will be at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21, in the Yosemite Chapel.

The choral presentation will be made by a thirty-five voice choir directed by Bill Henning and accompanied at the organ by Fran Hubbard. Texts from the scriptures that link the seven choruses together will be given in dramatic reading by a speech chorus, under the direction of Joyce Wise.

Residents of both communities are invited to hear this fine musical statement of the meaning of Christmas.

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BASEBALL DINNER

Tickets may still be obtained for the Baseball Dinner to be held on Dec. 9 at the Mariposa Fair Grounds, featuring Walter Mails of the San Francisco Giants as guest speaker. Stu Miller and Jim Davenport, also of the Giants, will be special guests. The proceeds are to be used for construction of a new athletic field at Mariposa County High School.

For tickets contact Charlie Eagle, Dick Ditton, Dick Klein, Wayne Howe, Carroll Clark, John Walliser, Bob Ringrose or the Parkline Motel. Adults, \$2.75; children, \$1.75.

BADGER PASS OPENS

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as lift operators, Jim Paisley Jr., Ken McLaughlin and Monte Wolford as trackmen, and of course, all under the eagle eye of Charley Proctor and Bill Meacham.

Nick Fiore took a few days from his state-wide travels to be on hand.

The ski patrol, consisting of Robert Faure assisted by Jim Imperatrice with a group of National Ski Patrol volunteers from Fresno, helped immeasurably in the success of the weekend.

WORK STARTED ON THE NEW BIG BIG OAK FLAT ROAD

Clearing of alignment for the new Big Oak Flat entrance road and parking areas within the Park has been started.

The work is being done by Wallace E. Reiswig of Chico under a subcontract awarded by A. J. Diani Construction Co. of Santa Maria, the principal contractor on the \$369,067 job. The subcontract calls for clearing and removal of trees and brush within the right-of-way for the new road between Crane Flat and the vicinity of Hazel Green Creek. Work will proceed from Crane Flat down the 3.8 mile alignment. Merchantable timber, including small trees suitable as Christmas trees, will be removed from the right-of-way for sale by the subcontractor under an agreement with park officials. Slash and trim will be piled and burned under rigid control measures.

Weather permitting, it is expected that considerable clearing and rough grading will be accomplished before winter snows close down the work. Completion of the contract is scheduled for next fall.

Relocation of the Big Oak Flat Road was decided upon when it was determined that improvements to the existing road, including some realignment to straighten out dangerous curves, could not be made without damaging specimen trees in the Tuolumne Grove of immense sugar pines and giant Sequoias. The new route in its entirety will be along the western boundary of the park connecting with State Route 120 in the vicinity of Carl Inn. Eight parking areas of 10 to 15 car capacity will also be built.

Visitors will still be able to see the big trees in the Tuolumne Grove. The present historic road will be retained as a down-grade, one-way road out of the Park from Crane Flat.

The state has completed two sections of Route 120 outside the Park. They include five miles extending from near Hardin Flat to below Cliff House and an approximate three mile portion between Buck Meadow

ABOUT PEOPLE

Jean and Dave Sutton and family have moved to Death Valley where he will be Park Engineer.

Ginny and Dale Devine and sons will soon leave Yosemite for Grand Teton National Park where he will be Property and Procurement Officer for the NPS. Dale has been in Yosemite since 1946 and has worked in several departments of the YPC Co., including landscape, ski patrol, and as a ski instructor. He has been a weekend ski instructor since his transfer to the Park Service in 1953. Before their marriage, Ginnie was also employed by both YPC Co. and NPS.

Two Yosemite girls were chosen as attendants to the Queen of Homecoming festivities at Mariposa High School, Linda Logeland by the freshman class and Carole Ann Ball by the sophomores.

Lee Toman, who has been on a two-month leave of absence in order to undergo a foot operation for arthritis at Stanford Medical Center, is expected to return to the Valley early this month.

Martha and John Bingaman are now settled in their Mobile Home in Ramona Trailer Park, Palm Desert. Of interest to Yosemiteites would be John's recently published book, "Guardians of the Yosemite." The book deals with early days in Yosemite, growth of the ranger force, and problems faced and overcome. Autographed copies may be obtained by writing to John at Box 95, Palm Desert, Calif.

On a recent trip to the Los Angeles area, Jim Taylor contacted Truman Emerson at his home in Long Beach. "Emmie" who carried the company's inter-office mail for a number of years before his recent retirement, wished to be remembered to his many Yosemite friends.

and the Groveland Ranger Station. The new bridge crossing high above the Tuolumne River about 300 yards downstream from Cliff House is nearing completion.

DATE SET

Saturday, January 27 has been named by Nancy Moe as the date for her marriage to Robert Eckart. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Bill Henning in the Yosemite Chapel at 1:30 in the afternoon.

After their marriage the couple will live in San Francisco where both will attend school.

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STATE PARK COMMISSION

Sterling Cramer, who, as a member of the State Park Commission, serves on two of the Commission's committees tells of a few of its functions. The two committees with which he is concerned are the Park Classification Committee and the Policy Committee.

Recent legislation concerning state parks has added the new classification of recreational areas. This is a new conception with emphasis entirely on providing places for recreational activities outside of exceptional scenic areas. The new areas will be in addition to and not in conflict with scenic and historic sites. They are to provide space where "Joe Citizen", who belongs to no rod nor gun club, may fish or hunt. State parks now fall under five classifications:

- 1 - state parks
- 2 - scenic or scientific reserves
- 3 - historic sites
- 4 - beaches
- 5 - recreational areas

There is at present only one area in Mariposa County under State Park Commission administration - the roadside rest near Midpines on Highway 140. This is one of the first developed under state legislation setting up roadside rests. The other two are provided out of county funds.

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MORE WATER FOR BADGER PASS

The Badger Pass water system is undergoing reconstruction by the NPS. A new 100,000-gallon bolted steel water tank is being installed, increasing storage capacity to about 120,000 gallons. The 6-inch cast iron supply line between the tank and ski lodge has been completed.

DOGS AND CATS

The following is reprinted from the Yosemite News at the request of the Park Service:

"Office Order No. 31 which is based on General Rules and Regulations made, approved, and published by the Secretary of Interior, stipulates that: Dogs and cats are not permitted in dwellings provided for employees under any circumstances. Enough said?"

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A LONG DISTANCE COMMUTER

Spending summers in Yosemite and winters in Munich is becoming a pattern for living to Ludwig Raisig. He surely commutes further to his job than any Yosemite employee although his trip is made, not daily, but annually. He works a long summer at Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge then returns to Germany for the winter.

Since 1927 when he emigrated to the U.S. and became a citizen, his trips have not always been so regular, but, when he left this country on Nov. 13, it was for his seventh return to Germany.

Reasons for the numerous trips have been varied. He now goes to comfort his aging mother and visit other relatives, including a son who is with the Air Force in England. His first return, in 1928, was to be married. The next he and his wife made together with a new baby to show the grandparents. In 1946 he was sent to Germany with the American Army of Occupation.

Ludwig Raisig feels that America has been kind to him, and expects to return next May to work a third summer in Yosemite. He says, "This country is still tops in the world, where a laboring man can save enough in six months to make a trip like that."

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WINTER GOLF

The first winter golfing date for the Yosemite golf club members will be at Merced Golf and Country Club on Sunday, December 10th.

Pro Charlie Eagle must have advance reservations no later than Wednesday, December 6th. Please contact him at the Yosemite Lodge Transportation desk.

MRS. CAROLINE NELSON

Friends of Mrs. Caroline Nelson, 79, were saddened to hear of her passing in Mariposa on Nov. 20. Funeral services were conducted on Nov. 22 in the Mission Chapel of Ivers and Alcorn with burial in the IOOF cemetery.

Caroline was the wife of the late Billy Nelson, old time Ranger who started his career in Yosemite National Park on June 1, 1917. She was a native Illinois and spent over 30 years in Mariposa County.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Florence Kenney of Merced and a brother Jack L. Freeze of Arlington, Texas.

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MAINTENANCE

Recent maintenance and refurbishing activities in various Y.P.C. Co. units have been as follows:

At Badger Pass, 31 new ski lockers have been built, 27 in the old locker room and 7 in the new room. A new tower has been added to the No. 4 lift which is now expected to give beginning skiers a smoother ride.

At Wawona Hotel, Washburn, Moore and Sequoia Cottages have new roofs. In the main Hotel building, the front steps, back porch and breeze-way have been replaced. In re-aligning the front porch, an interesting discovery was made, according to Dick Ditton. The slant of the porch was not a manifestation of age but was part of the original design for some reason, perhaps concerned with drainage. In the manager's house a new fireplace has been built and electric heat installed. At the golf shop a catch basin and drain line have been built so that excessive water may be carried away without eroding the putting green.

At Yosemite Lodge there are new floors in 39 non-bath cabins and in the employee annex.

The Ahwahnee dormitory bedrooms now have new light fixtures.

An additional pay-off is expected from the seemingly expensive remodeling of the Camp Curry boiler room two winters ago. It will now provide both heat and hot water for the new accommodations to be ready for occupancy before Christmas.

**SKI FASHIONS TO BE SHOWN
WOMEN'S GROUP**

On Wednesday, Dec. 13, there will be a showing of Ski clothes and winter fashions in the Main Lounge at Yosemite Lodge, at 2:00 p.m. The show, courtesy of Yosemite Lodge Ski Shop and the Village Store, will be open to all interested persons including Park visitors. Preceding the fashion show, luncheon will be served to the Women's Group in the Mountain Room at 12:45, followed by a business meeting. Luncheon is \$1.50 and reservations are necessary. Those whose names begin with the letters A to K, call FR 2-4809; L to Z, call FR 2-4244. by Tuesday, Dec. 12.

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RADER K. CROOKS

Word has been received of the death of old-timer Rader K. Crooks, on Nov. 24, at his home in Sunnyvale, California. Crooks worked in Yosemite for approximately ten years before W.W. II, holding various jobs with the hotel Dept.

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ICE SKATING

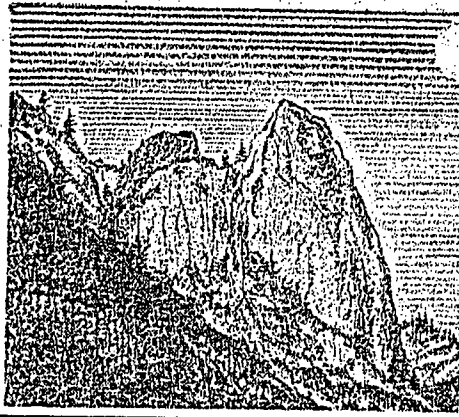
Jack Frost willing, there will soon be ice skating at Yosemite's outdoor ice rink.

Under the general direction of Bob Bevington and the direct supervision of Lowell Willis, the crew, presently consisting of James Mills and Bill Crawford, is working hard to build ice. The same snow storm which made the opening of Badger Pass possible provided the wherewithall to surround the rink with generous sized snow banks.

To ease the traffic between warming room and rink, the board walk has been widened. A few new lights have been added to the decor. As in recent years, there will be a refreshment stand, a bonfire and for the Holiday Season, a Christmas tree.

Everything is ready for those freezing nights! Supervisor Willis transferred from Central Warehouse where as a butcher, he worked in and out of the deep freeze box. Perhaps his experience there has provided him with some special knowledge of freezing techniques! Everybody hopes so.

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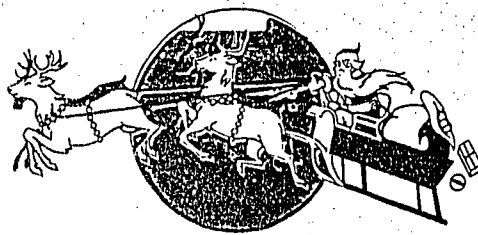
Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS IN YOSEMITE

(Written by Mrs. Tresidder some years ago, this sketch shows that Christmas is observed in our small Valley in much the same way it has been for a long time.)

For Christmas Eve itself we will schedule a light snowfall, just as Santa Claus' sleigh comes jingling over the snow to Yosemite Lodge or The Ahwahnee, laden with toys and candy for the youthful visitors. Later that evening we have our own community Christmas tree, a high point of the celebration. Some of us look backward to those Christmas Eves when we all crowded into the old Sentinel Hotel which is no more, with a couple of dozen children as the center of attraction. Now there are a hundred or more youngsters (217 this year) waiting eagerly for Santa's arrival at the big fireplace in the Camp Curry dining room. They come up shyly to see Santa Claus and get their presents, some of them half afraid of such a bowtiskered gentleman (since we don't have one on every street corner for a month beforehand), others flitting nimbly. Nancy wheels her doll buggy up and down; Joe, a little Indian boy, goes into silent ecstasy with his eyes practically bulging out of his head over his big red wagon; Jimmy, who only yesterday was in line for the wooly bear or dog of the yearlings, now is

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SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The children of the Yosemite School will present a varied Christmas program to the community on Wednesday, Dec. 20. Curtain time will be at 7:30 p.m.

The primary children will give the symbols of Christmas.

Music of a spiritual nature will be presented by the third and fourth grades.

"Las Posadas," as celebrated in Mexico, will be given entirely in Spanish by the fifth and sixth graders.

The program will conclude with an original play written, cast and produced by members of seventh and eighth grades under the guidance of Erik Bruun.

All children of the school will participate in this program, approximately an hour and half in length, to which every member of the community is invited.

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SPORTS BANQUET

The annual Sports Banquet will be held in the Yosemite School all-purpose room on Monday, Dec. 18, at 6:30. At that time Badger awards will be made for football, track and skiing.

BADGER PASS OPEN FOR THE WINTER

Badger Pass will open for the winter season on Friday, Dec. 15, with ski lifts, ski lodge, rental and repair shop, ski shop, cafeteria and scenic weasel rides in operation. Bill Meacham will supervise, with assistance from Winter Sports Director Nick Fiore, Syd Ledson as Supervisor of Ski Lifts, and Dave Downing, Lodge Supervisor.

The Ski School staff under the direction of Nick Fiore, includes several old-timers as well as instructors new to Yosemite. Returning as a Senior Instructor and assistant to Fiore will be Chet Hubbard. Marcel Barel will also be on the slopes as a Senior Instructor. Andre Badeaux will supervise and direct the races and ski events of the Yosemite Winter Club.

Other returning instructors are: Tom Adams, Martha Miller, Robert Harris, Robert Lattimore, Leo Maier and Robert Faure. John Gee, a patrolman of last winter, and Gary McCully, a summer employee, will also be on the teaching staff.

New additions to the staff will be Sigi Klein, who worked with Tom Adams at Banff last summer; Curtis Thompson of Fresno; Alain Bertrand, from France who has recently been working in Washington D.C.; and Herbert Potter who has instructed at Hunter Mountain Ski School at Hunter, New York, and at Otis Ridge Ski School, Otis, Mass.

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CHRISTMAS EVE 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 the gifts personally and insists that each child be present himself to receive it.

This year he will call the names in alphabetical order (by last names), beginning in the middle of the alphabet, or the letter "L". By doing this, those whose names are at the end of the alphabet won't always be last. Santa Claus hopes all the children will be at Camp Curry at 7:30 Christmas Eve when he is welcomed by a short program and makes his appearance. One of his helpers will have the gift for any child arriving after his or her name is called and will give it to him. 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 the 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



GRAPEVINE

From the land of poinsettias and bougainvillaea to a land of snow and ice came Dorothy and George Mayer last week end to begin their winter seclusion at Glacier Point. They had left their home in San Miguel, Mexico, only a week before arriving in the Valley, and reported having been swimming in the warm surf only a few days before.

The Mayers relieved the Pattersons of their duties at Glacier Point, and the Pattersons left for a short vacation. They will be back to work at Wawona Hotel when it opens on Dec. 22. Agnes and Cy Wright will manage the hotel again this winter.

Coyt Hackett has just finished a very large oil painting, a view of the Valley from Wawona Tunnel, on which he has worked in his spare time for eleven months. It is to be sent as a gift from the Park to the USS Yosemite, a destroyer tender commissioned during WW II.

Joan Toniatti of San Leandro, YPC Co. reservations clerk in the San Francisco Office, played the leading role in Alameda Little Theater's recent production "Roar Like a Dove," an English comedy presented several weekends at the Altarena Playhouse in Alameda.

Joan worked for several years in the Accounting Office here in Yosemite before going to San Francisco. Interested in acting since childhood, she has made several appearances with little theater groups in recent years.

From Lois Valk, a Sentinel "subscriber" who was Personnel Secretary five years ago, comes word of her life in Hawaii where she has been with Texaco Inc. for the last two years. She also spoke of Dona Belz who works for the U. S. Gov't. out of Washington D.C. She recently finished a two-year assignment in Hawaii, a month in Brazil, and returned to Washington.

The Lewis Memorial Hospital reports that 40 pints of blood were given by Valley residents to the Central Valley Blood Bank on Friday, Dec. 1.

ELECTRIC SNOW MELTING

"An experiment," says Gordon Warren, "the first time it's been done!"

Therm wires, encased in a protective covering of tar, have been set in the wood floor of the new sun deck at Badger Pass. Using the diesel electric generators at night when other demands of the lodge are not great, these wires will carry an electric load of 45 watts of electricity per square foot - enough to melt snow from the deck.

The deck floor has been built with cracks in it so the melting snow can run through into a catch basin on the roof below. Through a down-spout, in which there have also been thermal wires installed, to prevent freezing, the water will be carried into the sewer.

This last innovation is an invention of the local maintenance men born of the knowledge of what happens to drain pipes in freezing weather.

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grown up enough to rate a pair of skis.

There is a Midnight Mass in the little chapel. By that time the storm is over and the stars are out. "Silent night, holy night . . ."

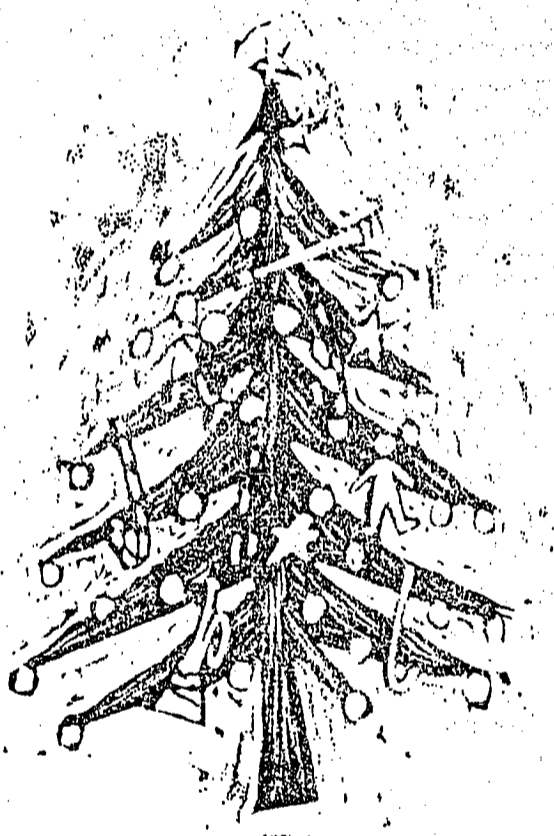
We have the fun of our tree on Christmas day in the morning, after the carol singers have passed with their "Joy to the World". Neighbors drop in with holiday greetings, while the Yule log burns on.



The families with children have each a tree of their own, and after breakfast time the entrances and lawns are full of children tumbling in and out in snow suits, with gay caps and mittens, ducking among the trees outside with snowballs for the quarry, or building up a marvelous snowman, or trying out the new red sled.

by Mary Curry Tresidder

★
Christmas
New Year
HOLIDAY PROGRAM



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Yosemite
1961-1962

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Badger Pass—

Ski Proficiency Tests, open to all, morning and afternoon.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Badger Pass—

Slalom instruction and practice, given by our top racing instructor.
Open to all: 10:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

FIREFALL—9:00 p.m.

Badger Pass—

Giant Slalom Race for juniors, morning.

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's Story Hour—5:30 p.m.; Children's Movies—6:30 p.m.
Scenic movies—7:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Children's Party—Punch and cookies. 8:00 to 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

CHURCH SERVICES—

Choruses from Handel's "The Messiah". Thirty-five voice community Choir. At the Chapel—8:00 p.m.

Badger Pass—

Demonstrations of ski technique given by Yosemite Ski School instructors—12:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's Movies—6:30 p.m.—Lounge
Scenic Movies—7:30 p.m.—Lounge
Bingo—Prizes and refreshments—8:30 to 10:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Badger Pass—

Flying Fifty Races, open to all, 4:00 p.m.

The Ahwahnee—

Children's Story Hour—Colonial Room—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Park Naturalist Illustrated Talk—8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Dancing, Indian Room—9:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's Ice Skating Party—2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Meet hostess at Ice Rink (Weather Permitting).
Children's Story Hour—5:30 p.m.
Scenic Movies—7:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Bridge Party—8:30 p.m. Sign up with hostess in Lobby.
Dancing—9:00 to 11:00 p.m. Cafeteria. Recorded music.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

FIREFALL—9:00 p.m.

Badger Pass—

Ski Proficiency Tests, open to all, 2:30 p.m.

The Ahwahnee—

Tea Dance—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Children's Movies—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Special Movie—Olympic film—"Flame in the Snow"—9:15 to 10:00 p.m.
Dancing, Indian Room—9:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Pizza Party—5:00 p.m. Mountain Room.
Children's Party—5:00 p.m. Refreshments. Lounge.
Special Movie—Olympic film—"Flame in the Snow"—7:30 to 8:15 p.m.—Lounge.
Ranger Naturalist—8:15 p.m.—Lounge.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

FIREFALL—9:00 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES—

Roman Catholic Masses—6:45 and 9:00 a.m. Yosemite Pavilion—
Confessions before each Mass.

Protestant Services Morning Worship—11:00 a.m. Yosemite Chapel
Christmas Eve Service of Holy Communion—11:15 p.m.—Chapel

Christian Science Service—8:00 p.m. in Yosemite Chapel.

Badger Pass—

Sunday Slalom—1:30 p.m. Santa Claus will race.

The Ahwahnee—

Yule Log Ceremony and arrival of Santa Claus. 5:00 p.m. Main Lounge.

Yosemite Lodge—

Christmas Carols—Everyone welcome. 5:30 p.m.
Yule Log and arrival of Santa Claus—6:00 p.m.
Bracebridge Singers—9:15 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

FIREFALL 9:00 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES—

Roman Catholic Masses—6:45 and 9:00 a.m. Yosemite Pavilion.
Protestant Services—11:00 a.m. in the Yosemite Chapel. The Bracebridge Singers will participate in the service.

Badger Pass—

Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Race, open to all—afternoon.

The Ahwahnee—

Bracebridge Dinner—5:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. (Advance reservations required).

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's movies—6:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Scenic movies—7:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Popcorn around fireplace—8:00 p.m.—Lounge.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

The Ahwahnee—

Tea Dance—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Children's Movies—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Scenic Movies—8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Bracebridge Singers—Main Lounge—9:10 p.m.
Dancing—Indian Room 9:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's Story Hour—5:30 p.m.
Children's movies—6:30 p.m.
Bracebridge Singers—8:00 p.m.
Dancing—9:00 to 11:00 p.m.—Cafeteria. Recorded music.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

FIREFALL—9:00 p.m.

Badger Pass—

Clinic on Ski Technique, given by Nick Fiore, Winter Sports Director.
Meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Ski School Hill.

The Ahwahnee—

Children's Story Hour—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Dance for High School guests and local girls and boys—Indian Room
7:30 to 10:00 p.m.
Park Naturalist Illustrated Talk—8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Informal Bridge and Canasta—California Room—8:30 p.m.
Dancing—Indian Room—10:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Pizza Party—5:00 p.m.—Mountain Room.
Children's movies—6:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Bingo—8:30 p.m.—Lounge.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Badger Pass—

Ski Proficiency Tests, open to all, morning and afternoon.

The Ahwahnee—

Children's Movies—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Scenic Movies—8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Informal Bridge and Canasta—California Room—9:00 p.m.
Dancing, Indian Room—9:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's Story Hour—5:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Children's Movies—6:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Scenic Movies—7:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Popcorn around fireplace—8:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Ski Fashion Show—9:00 p.m.—Mountain Room.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Badger Pass—

Flying Fifty Races, open to all, 4:00 p.m.

The Ahwahnee—

Children's Story Hour—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Park Naturalist Illustrated Talk—8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Informal Bridge and Canasta—California Room—9:00 p.m.
Dancing—Indian Room—9:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Pizza Party—5:00 p.m.—Mountain Room.
Children's Story Hour—5:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Scenic Movies—7:45 p.m.—Lounge.
Ranger Naturalist—8:15 p.m.—Lounge.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

FIREFALL—9:00 p.m.

Badger Pass—

Slalom instruction and practice, open to all, afternoon.

The Ahwahnee—

Tea Dance—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Children's Movies—6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Scenic Movies—8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Informal Bridge and Canasta—California Room—9:00 p.m.
Dancing—Indian Room—9:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's Story Hour—5:30 p.m.—Lounge
Children's Movies—6:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Scenic Movies—7:45 p.m.—Lounge.
Ski Fashion Show—9:00 p.m.—Mountain Room.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31—NEW YEAR'S EVE

FIREFALL—9:00 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES—

Roman Catholic Masses—6:45 and 9:00 a.m. in Yosemite Pavilion.
Protestant Services—11:00 a.m.—Chapel.
Christian Science—8:00 p.m.—Chapel.

Badger Pass—

Sunday Slalom Races—open to all—afternoon.

The Ahwahnee—

Children's New Year's Eve Party, and Dinner—Indian Room—6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Special Children's Movies—Tudor Lounge—7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
New Year's Eve Dinner Dance—Main Dining Room 8:30 p.m. (Reservations required).

Yosemite Lodge—

Children's Movies—6:30 p.m.—Lounge.
Refreshments, noisemakers, hats. Lots of fun around the fireplace.
8:00 p.m. for children.
New Year's Eve Party Dance—9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. Orchestra, cocktail service, noisemakers, hats.
Food service in Coffee Shop until 2:00 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1962

FIREFALL—9:00 p.m.

CHURCH SERVICES—

Roman Catholic Masses—6:45 and 9:00 a.m.—Yosemite Chapel.

The Ahwahnee—

Television—various bowl football games, Indian Room.
Scenic Movies, Tudor Lounge—8:15 to 9:00 p.m.
Dancing, Indian Room—9:00 to 11:45 p.m.

Yosemite Lodge—

Television—various bowl football games—Mountain Room.
Scenic Movies—7:45 p.m.—Lounge.

OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED

SKATING—Camp Curry open air rink, daily.

MOVIES—Tues., Fri., Sat.—7:45 p.m.—Matinee Saturday 2:00 p.m. Village Pavilion.

See Bulletin Boards at The Ahwahnee and Yosemite Lodge for additional announcements.

MENLO 26, BADGERS 6

The Menlo Cubs again defeated the Yosemite Badgers in a pair of return games played on the Menlo Junior College field November 18. Though the varsity lost 26 to 6 and the junior varsity 20 to 6, in both games the Badgers improved their showing on the Yosemite field by one touchdown.

The Badger varsity found itself in the hole when Menlo fumbled the opening kickoff and in the ensuing scramble the loose ball was picked up and carried 85 yards for a Menlo touchdown. Shortly after that, the Badgers lost Captain and Quarterback Daryl Cottrell for the remainder of the game and Co-Captain Bill McPhaul for the rest of the half as a result of injuries. Cottrell cut his chin, and McPhaul was shaken up.

Behind 20 to 0 at the half, a determined Badger team held the Cubs even for the remainder of the game. Fullback Ronnie James led the comeback by effective use of the shotgun spread formation, as the Cubs were unable to solve his use of the option play. The Badgers were continually on the move, until finally Ronnie plunged over for the Badgers' only score. Besides James, McPhaul stood out in the Badger lineup, leading the interference and getting in on almost every tackle.

The little Badgers put up their best game of the year and scored their first touchdown. The score came in the third quarter, after Keith Thomas ran 40 yards with a screen pass from Mike Odell. On the next play, Clark Martin took a swing pass from the spread and scampered over from the 15-yard line before the Cub secondary realized he had the ball. Thomas's running and Odell's passing brought the Badgers deep into Menlo territory on other occasions but they did not have the power to score again.

In the afternoon following the games the squad took in the Stanford - Washington State game. All in all, it was a successful outing. The squad was in the charge of Dale Devine and Claude Cottrell. YTS

WINTER GOLF

Golfing Holiday No. 1 of the 1961-62 winter season for the Wawona golf club members was held at the Merced Golf and Country Club on Sunday, December 10th.

Twelve ladies participated in an 18-hole medal play tournament. There was a tie for first place with nets 78 between Ingrid Peterson and Madge Hickok; Muriel Ouimet and Valerie Eagle tied for the next place with nets 80.

Twenty-four men played an 18-hole 2-ball tournament at handicap with blind partner draw. The winners were: 1st place - Ken Coburn and Ralph Blossom (net 148)

2nd and 3rd place tie with nets 149 Bob Bondshu and Ben Turbeville Les Shorb and Harold Bondshu 4th and 5th place tie with nets 151 Curly Dierksen and Bob Keller Corky Corbett and Dan Kleiman Dinner for the group followed at the Tioga Hotel.

The next tournament has been tentatively scheduled for the Madera Golf and Country Club on January 14th; the men's tournament chairman Doug Thomas has scheduled a match play vs. par for this date.

MORE ON DOGS AND CATS

There may have been some misunderstanding in regard to the notice in the last Sentinel on the keeping of dogs and cats in the Park. The Ranger Office advises that this long-standing rule applies to concessioner residents as well as NPS residents.

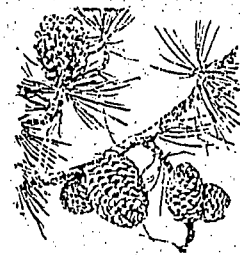
ABOUT GARBAGE

Scavenging animals are still about! Garbage which is placed in an outside can in the evening will be outside of the can in the morning. There is no garbage pickup on Monday or Tuesday, so residents are requested not to place garbage outside on these mornings.

operator Corbett reported it was the best behaved group of boys he had ever taken on one of these football excursions.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Residents of the community who would like to assist in making Christmas wreaths for the Yosemite Church are asked to meet at the Lost Arrow on Friday evening, Dec. 15, at 8 o'clock. Materials will be available for making wreaths for home use after the needs of the church are filled.



SKATING

The Skating Rink, which opened for the season Friday, Dec. 8, will operate on the following schedule, weather permitting: afternoons - 2 to 4, evenings - 7:30 to 10:30.

In addition there will be a morning session on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon.

BADGER PASS

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Heading the Ski Patrol is Gary Charlson, a patrolman of last winter. The other patrolmen will be Herb Swedlund, Roger Threlkeld, Stephen Moss and Richard Van Rozeboom. Old time Constam operators Homer Armstrong and Buck Martin will be on the job assisted by Syd Carter who is new only to Constam operation, but not to Badger Pass.

In the cafeteria Bob Rohweder will again be the Head Cook with much the same crew assisting, including Addie Martin with her many years of experience in the serving line. Trudle Clark will be back as Senior Clerk in the ski shop. Ski repair work will be in the hands of Erik Peterson who has worked in several different YPC Co. hotel units.

Dec. 23 will see the beginning of the buffet service, with food catered from The Ahwahnee. On Saturday, Dec. 16, Delya Sears will begin the baby-sitting service. With the exception of the kiddie's room and some lighting fixtures, all the remodeling started at Badger Pass this fall has been finished for the opening date.

VILLAGE STORIES

by Andy

As each decade rolls by many of us old-timers wonder if Ole Dad Ring will start to lose some of his uncanny wisdom, or if he will begin to slip because of the added heavy burden that life seems to be heaping upon most of us year after year.

"Shucks," says the old gent as he relaxes in his rocking chair. "Tain't nuthin' to it. I take my lessons from only one person on earth - Santa Claus. Now there is real spry fellow for his age, and I remember him from



back since we were - well, it's been a long time. Now take my friend Santa, for instance; he is far more sensitive than the rest of us because he is filled with the spirit of Christmas and love for his fellow man throughout the whole world. To bring happiness to all the little children in every country is really and truly a big job, and a lesser man would have given up a long time ago. And in this busy world of ours Santa would have been merely a legend recorded in some dusty book in a dim and dark old library.

"But instead, every year Santa comes bouncing out full of cheer and happiness and delivers far more presents than he can afford to everyone in the world who believes in him. Now that's some job considering how difficult it is getting to be to make deliveries in some countries, and it's not all because of the nasty weather either. But he is always lumpy, never thinking of himself. In fact, do you realize Old Santa is still wearing the same suit of clothes he had when he started on his career, and that, I would say, is a little old fashioned.

"Every year after Santa makes his trip around the world he usually stops in at my place just to talk about old times, and he always says, 'Dad, I had a wonderful time. I can just picture tomorrow when all the

THE "MESSIAH"

Choruses from Handel's "Messiah", linked together with dramatic readings by a speech chorus, will be presented in the Chapel on Thursday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m.

On the previous Sunday, Dec. 17, the same program will be given in the El Portal Community Hall at 8 p.m.

Residents of both communities are invited.

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CHURCH SERVICES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Roman Catholic Masses - 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. Yosemite Pavilion. Confessions before each Mass.

Protestant Services - Morning Worship and Holy Communion - 11:00 a.m. Yosemite Chapel.

Christmas Eve Services of Holy Communion - 11:15 p.m. - Chapel.

Christian Science Service - 8:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Roman Catholic Masses - 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. Yosemite Pavilion.

Protestant Services - 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. The Bracebridge Singers will participate in the service.

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CHRISTMAS MAIL

Postmaster Fitzpatrick announces that there will be a special mail service on Sunday, Dec. 17. Although not allowed to give window service, the local office will receive and dispatch mail on that day.

However, residents are reminded that on the day before Christmas, Sunday, Dec. 24, the office will be closed all day, and there will be neither incoming nor outgoing mail service.

little children awaken and see all the wonderful gifts I left them. It will be my happiest day of the year.' With that he jumps onto his sleigh and heads for home to Mrs. Santa Claus, shouting as he leaves, 'Merry Christmas, Dad. See you next year.'

"Yes, we all have a lot to learn from Old Santa. He is the jolliest person I know, and yet every year he gets left holding the bag - but he loves it!"

YOSEMITE LODGE

MEAL HOURS

The Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop will operate on the following hours during the holidays:

Dec. 21 to Dec. 30 inclusive - 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve) - 2 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The Cafeteria will remain on its present schedule.

SKI SHOP

With Tony Freitas again in charge, the Yosemite Lodge Ski Shop will be open daily from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., beginning Saturday, Dec. 16.

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WHO'S NEW?

At the home of Laurie and Jim Ouimet in Sunnyvale, a couple of birds got their cues mixed on Thanksgiving Day, and it was Mr. Stork instead of Turkey who arrived at noon with a 7 pound 15 ounce bundle of baby girl. She has been named Andrea Susan. Her grandparents in Yosemite are Muriel and Harold Ouimet, and Muriel has recently returned from a welcoming visit during which she helped with cooking, washing and tender-loving-care of the little Miss Ouimet.

On Nov. 30, Marianne and Bob Smith welcomed the arrival of Glenn Allen, an eight pound eleven ounce boy.



ANOTHER NOVEMBER WEDDING

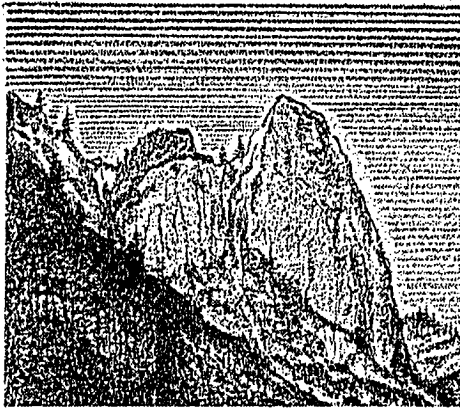
Although a bit late, we wish to report the marriage of Diane Shewbert, Paymaster's Office, to Jim Tackett, on Nov. 4 in San Diego. Jim, who was Assistant Manager of Standard Station Y-3, reported to Ft. Ord on Dec. 11 for basic army training.

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POST SCRIPT

Any communication placed in the inter-office mail addressed to "Yosemite Sentinel" will be received by the Sentinel staff with gratitude.

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Friday, December 29, 1961

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THE SNOWFLAKE ROOM

Christened the "Snowflake Room," the indoor-outdoor dining area at the Badger Pass ski house is a beautiful place to lunch. The decor features a snowflake device in the interior lighting fixtures, and prominent three-dimension snowflake designs on the exterior wall of the ski house.

A ski supper-type luncheon, prepared at The Ahwahnee by Fred Pierson's staff, is sent up daily and served between the hours of 12 and 2 p.m. under the direction of Jim Wiggins. Draft beer and wine in carafes are available with lunch.

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TV PROGRESS REPORT

Due to the early and heavy snows in the Sentinel Dome—Glacier Point area, work on the new VHF TV set-up has been slowed up a little. Most of the equipment now has been installed and on December 22nd, one new channel was put on the air for Valley viewing. For the present, channel 8 in Salinas will be carried via UHF, as in the past. In addition, channel 5 (CBS San Francisco) can now be picked up at channel 9 on your TV dial. On account of FCC regulations it is necessary to convert every channel before it can be rebroadcast. Indoor antennae usually can be used to pick up the new station and the best pictures will be received by trimming each rabbit ear to approximately 16 inches. By rotating and trial a clear picture should be received.

New outside antennae will be available before January 1st, and these will pick up all the new stations as they are put on the air. Cost of the new antennae will be about \$5.00 each and may, in some cases, improve reception.

NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS

On the occasion of this holiday season our sincere greeting to all of our associates in the Company.

Your loyalty and performance have brought us another successful year, and the satisfaction of a job well done adds to the enjoyment of the year-end festivities.

For all of you we wish the happiest of holidays and much enjoyment in the year ahead.

Mary Curry Tresidder
H. Oehlmann

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ENGAGED

The engagement of Jean Falk and Michael Adams was announced to their Yosemite friends at a party given in their honor by Virginia and Ansel Adams on December 27. Jean is the daughter of Mr and Mrs. Fred Falk of Orinda. Having been graduated from Fresno State College last June, Jean is now doing graduate work at Stanford University. Mike, also a graduate of Fresno State College, returned to Fresno this year to finish his pre-medical studies.

The couple plan a summer wedding in Yosemite.

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SWAP TALK

For Sale: Kitchen dinette set, table and four chairs - \$25.00. Call Stan Whitfield, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. FR 2-4651 after 5 p.m., FR 2-4806.

Work will be resumed on the new installation after January 1st. Some technical problems have come up which may delay reception of all four channels (NBC - CBS - ABC and Educational) for a short while. As additional progress is made your TV committee will keep you informed.

COMPANY OPERATIONS IN 1961

Executive Vice President Oehlmann recently reviewed with staff and supervisory personnel the experience of the Company in the fiscal year which ended September 30, 1961.

The year turned out very satisfactorily in spite of some uncertainty in several periods. Gross revenue was \$8,502,538, which exceeded the previous year's volume of \$8,397,000. Net profit after taxes was \$430,139, as against \$395,394 in 1960. The goal was \$400,000, which is considered a minimum of final earnings to provide for dividends to owners and substantial reinvestment for improvements. Federal and state income taxes totalled \$509,323, and property taxes paid to Mariposa county were \$123,801.

The number of shareholders has continued to grow, and on September 30, 1961 there were 1034, of whom 88 were employees of the Company.

In the meeting Mr. Oehlmann reminded the group that the fiscal year had begun with excellent business in October, 1959, partly from individual travel and partly from exceptionally heavy bookings of group meetings. The winter began auspiciously with early snow and continued to provide good skiing conditions at Badger Pass in spite of a very low total precipitation. May was an unusually good month, so for the entire off-season period from October 1, 1959 to May 31, 1960, the cumulative net loss was only \$60,166, the lowest in the recent years of the Company's experience.

June and early July produced slight increases over the previous year's operations, but from mid-July to mid-

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August there was a notable decline, attributable in part to the adverse publicity on forest fires in the area. There was a tremendous upsurge in travel during the latter half of August, and September turned out approximately as well as in the preceding year.

In commenting on Company improvements Mr. Oehlmann noted the favorable reaction to the continuing program at Camp Curry and stated that the conversion of the dance pavilion to rooms with bath would be completed in time for occupancy during this holiday season. He said also that the new mezzanine dining room and enlarged deck space at Badger Pass would be operative by Christmas.

Mr. Oehlmann told the group that the Company's negotiations for a new 30-year contract and a long-term loan to accelerate the building program were progressing and that he expected favorable results within the next few months.

In closing the meeting Mr. Oehlmann drew attention to the fact that the present fiscal year had not begun as auspiciously as 1959-1960, mainly because of fewer bookings of group business and stressed the need for encouragement of winter and spring travel and for efficient and economical operation during this period, if the off-season loss was to be kept within manageable limits.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effective Saturday, December 23, the Beauty Shop will be open on Saturdays.

The Laundercar will be closed until further notice.

THE MISSING "LOCK"

Louis Morley, alias "Louie the Lock," that popular man you had to see when you lost your car keys or locked yourself out of your house, packed up his household goods and moved himself and wife to Fresno on December 21.

Louie had been locksmith for the YPC Co. for twelve years. In Fresno, after the first of the year, he will work for Fresno State College where he will have charge of all the Master Key Systems.

HERE AND THERE

Virginia and Roger Hall, who have been with us since last spring, (Roger working in the Personnel Office and Ginsie here and there) say they are very sorry to be leaving all the good friends they have made in Yosemite. They will soon move to Denver, winter office of the Mesa Verde Company, until the summer season opens at Mesa Verde National Park on May 1. Roger will be associated with his father Ansel Hall, in the operation of the company.

To Badger Pass, where he was formerly a ski instructor, Karel Bauer was sent by the San Francisco Chronicle a few days before Christmas to do a photographic story on ski fashions for the Bonanza section. After graduation from Art Center School in Los Angeles, Karel opened his own studio in San Francisco. His work has appeared frequently in the Chronicle. He has also done photographic assignments for Harrah's Club, photographing such celebrities as Ella Fitzgerald, George Burns, Liberace and Rosemary Clooney. He has worked on several projects with Chuck Eckart, also a graduate of Art Center and who is now an advertising director for McCann Erickson Inc. ad agency of San Francisco. Karel and his wife Cate were Yosemite residents for several years prior to his resignation to attend school.

Several service men had holiday leave to visit their families and friends in the Yosemite area. On leave from navy duty were Don Neubert and Tom Christensen from San Diego, and Jay

JUNIOR ATHLETES WIN LETTERS

At the annual Badger Sports Banquet held at the Yosemite School on December 18, awards were made to those who participated in skiing, track and football during 1961.

The following skiers, coached by Leroy Rust, received letters: Frankie Carter, Dennis Parrish, Randy Armstrong, Danny Armstrong, Doris Ihlenfeldt, Diana Ihlenfeldt, Leslie Rust, Randy Rust, Rick Sharp, Todd Sharp, Jeff Sharp, Kathy McLaren, Jeanie Evans.

Participating in the Junior Olympics last May were: Christopher Buzzini, Danny Armstrong, Kenneth Melton, Daryl Cottrell, Paul Aranguena, Keith Thomas, David Hackett, Rick Thomas, Jeff Sharp, Ronnie James, Allen Moe, Terry Conner, Daniel Cottrell, Randy Armstrong, Mike Power. Coached by Erik Bruun, they were also awarded letters. Thirty-four boys received letters for football. The Junior Varsity, coached by Dale Devine, included Chris Buzzini, Bobbie Ringrose, Danny Cottrell, Ricky Ringrose, Tim Harvey, Ed Walliser, Dan Hayes, Don Hayes, David Devine, John Clark, David Simmons, James Rosander, Louis Parker, Alan Parker, Lester James, Steve Schneider, Cliff Corn. Lettermen on the Senior Varsity, coach, Sterling Cramer, were: Daryl Cottrell, Captain, Bill McPhaul, Co-Captain, Ronnie James, Allen Moe, Clark Martin, Gary Simmons, Mike Power, Rick Thomas, Mike O'Dell, Terry Conner, Arnie James, David Hackett, Randy Armstrong.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY DANCE

There will be a gay New Year's Eve Party Dance, with orchestra music, in the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission will be 90 cents. There will be cocktail service in the Cafeteria, Tent Room and Mountain Room.

Vaughn from Moffatt Field. Phil Gann, navy, is expected home from San Diego for the New Year's weekend.

On army leave were Don Haag from Virginia and Larry Morgenson from Fort Ord.