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SENTINEL

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Yosemite National Park, California

NEW SUPERINTENDENT NAMED

Appointment of John M. Davis, Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, to succeed John C. Preston as Superintendent of Yosemite was announced recently. Mr. Davis' successor at the Parks to the south will be Frank F. Kowski, who has headed up the Albright Training Center at Yosemite and Grand Canyon.

The new Yosemite Superintendent was born at Tacoma, Washington, and was graduated from Washington State. He began his park career as a Ranger at Mount Rainier, later becoming Chief Ranger there. He served as Assistant and Acting Superintendent at Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks when those areas were administered jointly. He was also Assistant Superintendent at Grand Canyon, and General Superintendent of the Southwestern National Monuments with headquarters at Globe, Arizona. Before moving to Sequoia-Kings in 1959, he was chief of Conservation and Protection in the Washington Office.

SLED USE RESTRICTED

Parents are urged to instruct children against the use of sleds on roads in the residential and utility areas on which vehicular traffic poses a hazard. Following the recent storm it was necessary for Park Rangers to impound a number of sleds which were returned only after parents had been called in and warned of the danger of their use on roads on which motorists might find it difficult to stop in time to prevent serious accidents.

KAREL BAUER TO ADDRESS WOMENS GROUP

Karel Bauer, one time Yosemite ski teacher and now a successful San Francisco photographer, will address the next meeting of the Yosemite Womens Group at its meeting at The Ahwahnee on January 25. The program will start at 2:00 p.m., following lunch at 12:45.

Bauer's program is entitled "You Can Still Discover the Old Japan". His interest in Japan began about 7 years ago with a chance exposure to Bonsai, the Japanese art of miniature tree cultivation. He became adept at the art and now has a collection of 35 prime specimens, some purchased on his recent trip to Japan.

From this beginning, his appreciation of Japanese culture and tradition has led to an extensive knowledge of ancient Japan and her arts and crafts. He has fine collections of Netsuke (miniature carvings) and ceramics, some of them dating back to the 16th Century. When time permits, Karel enjoys the practice of Kendo, the feudal art of swordsmanship.

On his recent trip to Japan he spent six weeks studying and photographing the architecture, Zen gardens, temples, palaces, countryside, and all the other aspects of the "Old Japan" that have intrigued him. He lived for a week in a temple compound; was a guest at several tea ceremonies; attended a traditional geisha party; and learned enough Japanese to communicate quite well. He returned with several hundred slides, an even greater enthusiasm for things Japanese, and warm memories of good friends he made while there.

Local women are cordially invited to the luncheon and to Bauer's talk, which should be highly interesting.

CAMP CURRY RENOVATION MOVES ALONG

A tour of the Camp Curry renovation project conducted by manager Keith Whitfield revealed that, while the interiors of the dining room, gift shop, cafeteria areas give the impression of chaos and disaster, work in fact is on schedule and what seems to be destruction is indeed a proper part of the plan.



Above is shown Camp Curry Manager Keith Whitfield experimenting with the "radar" cookers which are planned for the new Camp Curry "snack bars".

As SENTINEL readers are aware, an entirely new concept in food service will be presented to our May visitors. The dining room is being transformed into what will be a fine cafeteria with a broiler station for steaks, chops, etc. at dinner, for hotcakes at breakfast. The gift shop will occupy a part of the old cafeteria and will include a greatly expanded sports shop, offering camping gear, hiking equipment, fishing tackle, etc. At the east end of the cafeteria (old) will be a meeting room with a seating capacity of 250 persons.

Whitfield is most interested in the
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FROM THE N.P.S. NEWS

Dave Huson participated in a 3-day winter survival and mountaineering school at Sequoia and Kings Canyon January 5 through 7. Waxes, climbers, pup tents, and all the special paraphernalia were utilized in the training session.

A new travel record was set in 1965 — with a total of 1,635,400 or a 5.7 percent increase over that of 1964.

Precipitation from July 1 to December 31, was 8.91 inches above a normal of 13.17 inches for the Valley.

Dave Roach suffered another ski injury at Badger Pass on January 4, fracturing the ankle again — at the same point of injury of a year ago. Dave, who is a patient at Lewis Memorial Hospital, is progressing satisfactorily, and expects to be back on the job around February 1.

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Small table for use as sewing table. See Sue in Accounting, 372-4245.

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CAMP CURRY RENOVATION

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two "snack bars", the one on the north side designated as the Meadow Snack Bar; the one on the west side, the Mall Snack Bar, facing, as it does, an expanded boardwalk, landscaped area. From these will be dispensed "take away" breakfast, lunch and dinner items. The "instant-ovens", magic boxes that heat food from a near-frozen state to sizzling hot in a matter of seconds are being tested now by Keith and Fred Pierson in anticipation of operating them in the "snack-bars".

FROM THE LODGE

All hands seem to have withstood the storms and general merriment of the holiday season and have settled down to taking care of our ski-guests, which, we're happy to state, are in somewhat greater number than a year ago.

Reflecting on our Christmas, Jan Roscoe was the only employee with two Christmas trees. One was presented to her, all decorated and hung with gifts, by her restaurant crew. Mother Nature presented her with a second one, but through the roof of her cabin. It missed Jan and her valuables, but the inside climate was cool until the roof was repaired.

Linda Rice, telephone operator stopped the Christmas show when, looking especially ravishing, she appeared on stage chomping a cigar.

The Hildebrands, Wayne and Linda, have left, bag, baggage, Avanti and Sprite, for Fresno, where Wayne's connected with an organization aimed at helping high school drop-outs. Not sure of the details, but the job sounds important. Best of luck to them.

Wayne's replacement as chief clerk is Ed Armistead, who moved from the transportation desk, just across the hallway. Charlie Eagle, winter-time transportation agent and summertime golf pro at Wawona, is on a leave of absence 'til tee-time. Charlie's in Arizona examining the pro circuit. Hal Smith, husband of Lois in Gen. Office Accounting, came up from Mountain View to take Charlie's spot. Chris Jarrett will leave transportation shortly to return to Chico State College.

The Whitemans, Wayne, Barbara, Karen and Burton have completed their vacation, this time family-style. Their itinerary included visits to their respective families, and San Francisco's city lights.

An almost entirely new crew is holding down the Restaurant. Mike Flynn, the only old-hand, now works alongside Mary Watson, Susie Fisk, Jose Carracedo, recent imports. On an exceptionally quiet afternoon with only Jan Roscoe and Mike on duty, a lady asked in the Restaurant if her party could be accommodated. She

LODGE FLICKS

Wayne Whiteman, proprietor of the only motion picture theater in Yosemite, announces his schedule for the month.

Jan. 19 — "Magnificent Obsession"

Jan. 21 — "Good Sam"

Jan. 26 — Requiem for a Heavyweight

Jan. 28 — "Rhapsody in Blue"

Admission, 2 pins; show starts at 9 p.m.

Wayne Whiteman announces that in addition to providing films, as above, he also welcomes locals to his Tuesday night dances in the Mountain Room. For these, he imports the very enjoyable Ahwahnee Trio.

was told, of course, it could, of course. The party numbered seventy-three, which caused Jan to draft Jerry Ernst, Jim Hamer, Bill Germany and Judy Smith for a frantic hour.

We have a raccoon story — two, in fact. One night last week, a baby was hit by a car. He lay in the road bleeding and making those funny, pathetic raccoon noises while his family, or friends, watched and carried on anxiously from a nearby snow-bank. As we watched, the family became braver and more concerned. Three descended the snowbank and, with their teeth and their claws dragged, the injured one up the bank and off into the dark forest. The other story is simply that the 'coons have found a way into the cafeteria's dish conveyor machinery and occasionally ride the belt to the dish room for a snack. A moving sidewalk!

One of our New Year's guests was a handsome, elegantly appointed single lady who, in a magnificent gown and fur cape, attended The Ahwahnee's dinner dance — alone. During the afternoon of January 1, she appeared at the hostess's desk, somewhat diffident and possibly embarrassed. Seems she'd been driven back to the Lodge after the party by a gentleman in whose car she'd left her shoes. Her problem was, she knew the gentleman only as "William". The hostess put in a good deal of research to find a single man whose first name was "William". This mission was accomplished.

—Judy Smith



Ski School Director
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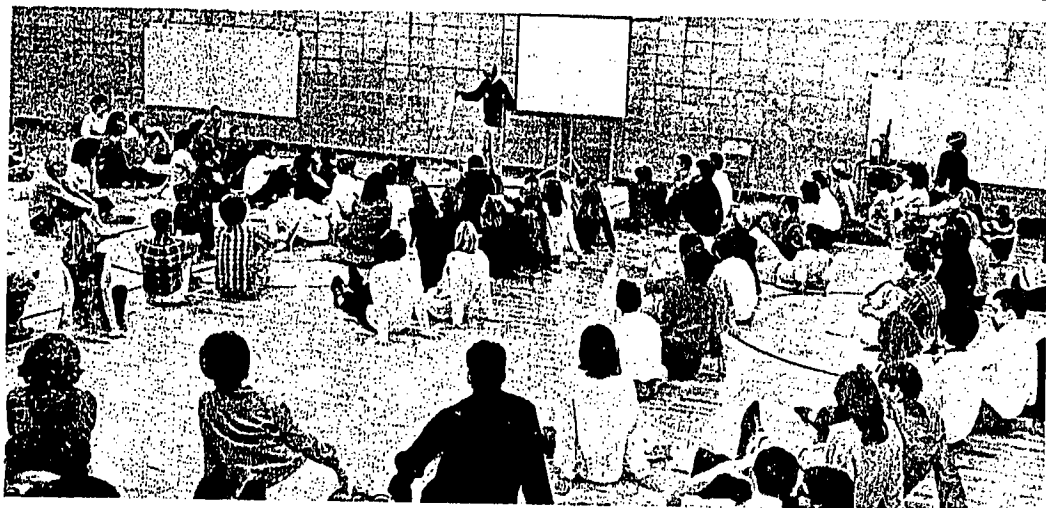
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Ski School Director Nick Fiore is shown here during one of the "Dry Land Ski School Sessions" held in Fresno in cooperation with the FRESNO BEE

Fiore spends the month of November and part of December touring ski clubs, sports shops, etc., explaining the joys of Yosemite's winter sports.

FROM THE AHWAHNEE

Glen Power, Ahwahnee assistant manager, in the absence of a proper Ahwahnee correspondent, provided the following facts about Ahwahnee people.

Anne Oney, darling of the dining room, has commenced a leave of absence which will extend until the Easter season. Anne is presently in Southern California.

Valeria Bernadt has started her month's holiday which she will spend in the Monterey area. Tony Palmeri, garde-manger (which we find translates as "pantry") is off for Phoenix and Tamarisk Country Club. Amos Neal, of the front desk staff, underwent surgery at Lewis Memorial Hospital January 2, is now afoot and recuperating.

Glen reports that Ski Suppers are enjoying better-than-usual patronage with the guests admiring the new buffet equipment, responding to the tunes of The Ahwahnee Trio and generally staying around until closing-up time. Ski Suppers will be held this month on Monday and Thursday evenings; from every indication they will be held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays beginning about February 1.

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CREDIT UNION MEETING

According to Gene Ewing, President of the Yosemite Credit Union Board of Directors, the annual meeting will be held Wednesday, January 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the YPC Co. training room.

The directors have voted a dividend of four and one-half percent for the year 1965.

PARENTS GROUP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Bill Jones, Parents Group Chairman, has announced that the annual Parents Group membership drive will be held between January 17 and 21.

The Parents Group is hopeful that this year's membership solicitation will be the most successful of any undertaken. From the membership dues, \$1.00 per person, certain equipment for the school's use will be purchased on the recommendation of the school faculty. Such purchases may include books for the library, projection equipment, etc., things not available through the regular county channels.

It is clear that parents of school-age youngsters will support the program totally. Locals who have no youngsters in school can readily understand the importance of providing all school pupils with facilities to aid in their education. For, it seems, a well-educated child is perhaps the best prospect for an enlightened society.

According to Bea Downing, Group Secretary and membership drive chairman, memberships in the Parents Group will be sold by the school children during the week of January 17-21. Bea hopes that locals will respond enthusiastically to the salesboys and salesgirls.

Committee Formed

At the January 17 meeting of the Parents Group a committee was appointed, to be headed by Stuart Cross, which would act as a fact finding body to reasearch and report to the Parents Group on the general quality of education in the local school and the reasons for frequent teacher turnover. The committee aims to be of

MIKE POWER IN MAMMOTH COMPETITION

Mike Power, along with father Glen and coach Leroy Rust, made the long trip to Mammoth Mountain for a Far West Ski Association junior point race. Mike, a Class A Junior 1, was invited to the competition on the basis of his performance as a racer during the last several winters.

Mike was competing against 125 other youngsters. In the Downhill, which was approximately one and one-half miles long with a vertical descent of 2,200 ft., Mike finished 25th. The winner's time was 99 secs., Mike's 109.2 secs. As anyone knows who has followed junior competition, the racers classed as "A's" probably represent the best competitors, generally superior to the adult classes.

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FRESNO BEE PRESENTS

The FRESNO BEE'S public relations activities include frequent musical and theatrical presentations which are presented throughout the year. We show those below for the interest of local families.

Feb. 4 — Pearl Bailey, Memorial Auditorium

Feb. 6-7 — Philharmonic — Young Artist Auditions

Feb. 7 — Feis Eireann, Memorial Auditorium

Feb. 22 — Ballet of Canada, Memorial Auditorium

Feb. 25 — All Gershwin Concert — Philharmonic, Memorial.

assistance to the local and county school administrators.

TAKING ACTION FILED ON WAWONA PROPERTY BY INTERIOR DEPT.

The United States Department of the Interior has initiated action in the United States District Court in Sacramento to acquire by condemnation a tract of approximately 160 acres in Section 36 at Wawona near the south entrance to the Park. The land was formerly owned by the Juniper Land Company of Bakersfield. A declaration of taking with an order of immediate possession was filed against the property on December 13, 1965, and a check in the amount of \$175,000 covering estimated just compensation has been deposited with the court.

Park officials pointed out that it is the policy of the National Park Service to eventually acquire all alienated lands within the National Parks and Monuments in order to facilitate management, visitor use, and the achievement of the purposes for which the natural areas were established. The Juniper Land Company holdings, located on Wawona Dome, represented only a portion of the privately-owned lands in the south corner of the Park. The development of these lands for home sites would create additional problems of administration, officials said.

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JR. RACING TEAM

Leroy Rust, backed up by Chuck Woessner, Ralph Parker, the Lions Club, Yosemite Winter Club and others, has posted the local Junior Ski Team list, following a weather-troubled tryout and a Sunday Slalom performance of the aspirants. Under arrangements between YPC Co. and the local Lions organization the following youngsters will be provided free use of Badger lifts on Saturdays and Sundays when training under the supervision of an authorized coach.

Group I - Mike Power; Group II - Jeanine Ditton, Louie Parker, Greg Power; Group III - Tom Cross, Ann and Charles Woessner; Group IV - Tom Berrey and Robbie Woessner; Group V - Allen Berrey. By accepting a position on the team, the youngster obligates himself to be on hand for

ACCOUNTING, AND OTHER NEWS

The new year is now in full swing. Resolutions has been made, and most have probably been broken by now. Oh well, there is always next year! In the meantime, the General Office people extend best wishes to all park people for a prosperous and happy New Year.

The fallen snow brought grace and charm to the outdoors. Each season has its attraction, each is eagerly awaited. Yet snow is magic since it creates a whole new world. It has a fascination and it means snow games are here. Office - type people can be seen wandering around with skis, ice skates, toboggans, or whatever, in their hands. Conversation centers around Badger Pass and the ice rink. The air is filled with words such as; shush, moguls, mulled wine, spins, spread eagles and the Tent Room. Snow has caused a change of scenery in the general office. Ski pants can be seen in any direction you look. They look great! It could be the reason the male force is now showing up to work (?) on time. It has even led to more politeness. More and more gentlemen can be seen opening doors for the gentle sex — always willing to let them go first.

Gossip and Rumors

Eva Murphy, Head Filing Clerk, recently returned from a two week vacation. She visited her children and grandchildren in Southern California. Sue Penson, statistical typist, is now sporting a diamond on her third finger, left hand, that is. Maybe the Saturday and Sunday training sessions.

It is hoped that the team will be able to participate in one or two of the scheduled away-from-home meets. Those coming up are: February 5-6 - China Peak Point Race; February 26-27 - Alpine Meadows Point Race; March 27 - Yee Tong Race - China Peak. At home, the first race will be the Levi Ski Rodeo slated for January 30. This will be followed by the FRESNO BEE Silver Ski Race on February 6, the Lions Club Giant Slalom on February 13.

Bird of Paradise will give us more information about this before the next article is written. The Bird of Paradise must be a parakeet. At least Tony Lindy, Reservations, must think so. It seems he didn't fare too well at bowling during a recent match. He can have a rematch whenever he finally finds the "right" ball. Melba Smith, Head Cashier, has a saying, "there goes Sundays". This takes a great deal of explaining. It would be better if you ask her about it. It's worth the trouble. Darrel Aslin, accounting supervisor, finally took a vacation. We're not sure where he went, but, perhaps, he should have stayed another week. Bill Smith, office manager, is gone for the week and this means Darrel has to perform two jobs. Lot's of luck! Robert Cunningham has joined the auditing staff. He has been a night auditor at The Ahwahnee for almost a year. He got tired of working nights and wanted to see what everything looks like in the daytime. Bill Smith, accounting office manager, recently received his key to the executive washroom. Sterling Cramer made the presentation. This means Accounting office status symbols have to be reviewed. The key means Bill probably heads the list. Anyway, we'll have it all straightened out as soon as possible. Sally Rath-sack, statistical typist, returned after a month's vacation. She visited friends and relatives in Southern California. The Aisle Thinkers are not sure what to think about Batman. For each of those who admits they saw the show, there is a different opinion. Perhaps the song title "How Long Has This Been Going On" merits thought concerning Batman. Maybe, Dick Kein, cost control, gets credit for figuring out the drinking man's diet. It seems you should drink enough to pass out just before dinner.

Well, gang, this should be a year of plethora for one and all. It may be a nice year for Republicans. It won't be a year for the querulous, so, remember what my grandpappy used to say, "If you can't bite, don't growl!"

-Carl Strickland

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Yosemite National Park, California

WOMENS GROUP LUNCHEON MEETING

According to Evelyn Anderson, the Yosemite Womens Group will meet on Friday, February 25 at The Ahwahnee.

In addition to the usual meeting, there will be bridge and bingo, with prizes. Reservations may be made by calling The Ahwahnee, 372-4421 by Wednesday, February 23. All women of the community are invited.

LIONS CLUB PLAY CASTING

According to Sterling Cramer, the Lions Club will present Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians" as its spring play on April 14, 15 and 16. Tryouts for the cast will be held the evening of March 1 in YPC Co. training room. For additional details, see Sterling Cramer or Bill Smith.

FOR BIRDWATCHERS

There will be a meeting at the Yosemite Elementary School All Purpose Room at 8 p.m. Thursday, February 24 for anyone who does or would like to learn more about bird watching.

An informal program has been planned which will include the showing of an excellent Walt Disney movie "Nature's Half Acre" and a discussion by one of the naturalists about the park facilities and opportunities for birding which are available for us to use. The desirability of having a Yosemite bird club will be discussed.

Everyone is invited to attend whether you are a novice, amateur or professional ornithologist. More information about this meeting can be obtained by calling Larry Knowles 372-4550.

GET YOUR 1966 PRIVILEGE CARDS

New privilege cards can be obtained at YPC Co. Personnel Office now. After February 28, the 1965 cards will be void.

SING OUT '66

"Sing Out '66" promises to be an exciting evening of entertainment. It has just been learned that this famous group of over a hundred students from America and several foreign countries will be in the Park on Wednesday, February 23, and that they have offered to present a program (singing, music, entertainment) for everyone in Yosemite.

These young people have received "rave" notices while on tour — "Singing out" for a better world. They have sung for the G. I.s in Vietnam, Germany, Japan, Korea; at bases in this country; for Congressmen and the Consular Corps in Washington; for enthusiastic audiences at whistle-stops across the country, on numerous college campuses, and at the New York Worlds Fair. Some of their clippings report that in this modern world they hope to equip a hundred million young Americans with an aim and purpose strong enough to influence people all around the earth. "Vibrant with the color and pace of the 'GO' generation and manned by a new, tough student breed they are resolved to present a new prototype of American youth. . . . They constitute "a company of dedicated youth as young America's first expeditionary force in the war of ideas".

The Sing Out program will be given at The Ahwahnee at 5:30 p.m. and in the Main Lounge of Yosemite Lodge at 8:30 p.m. this coming **Wednesday, February 23rd**. There will be no charge. We are sure you will enjoy the evening.

A brief program will be presented Thursday morning at 9:15 a.m. at the Valley School for the students there.

CHRIS KUHN, STUDENT SPEAKER VICTOR

Chris Kuhn, 14 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Kuhn, won the Lions Club student speakers contest held at the club's meeting Thursday, February 17. Young Kuhn, a freshman at Mariposa High School, competed against Denise Seeley and Christine Bridges, speaking on the assigned subject of "Law and Liberty". He received a handsome pen set and is eligible to compete in the Lions Zone Competition to be held at the Sierra Sky Ranch, March 16. The three student speakers were accompanied by their speech coach, Bob McMahon, of the high school faculty.

Chris recently was named a member of the California Honor Society for his academic accomplishment at Mariposa High.

LOCALS STAR IN SKI COMPETITIONS

In the two most recent ski meets held at Badger, local juniors carried off a fair share of glory.

In the Fresno Bee Silver Ski Race, Jeannine Ditton and Frank Carter, an almost-local, won in the overall scoring ahead of Anne Woessner and Randy Rust; Ditton, 122.2 secs.; Woessner, 141.0; Carter, 107.8; Rust, 107.9.

These times represent the totals for a giant slalom and two runs of a slalom. In the qualifying giant slalom, Carter was .5 sec. behind Malcolm McGregor and Rust, who tied with 40.0. Carter's 67.3 for the two slalom runs gave him a scant .1 sec. overall margin ahead of Rust. Among the younger age group, Kathy Metherell & Rob Woessner took firsts in Grp. IV.

The Lions Club Slalom competition held February 13 found Mike Power, 73.9, and Jeannine Ditton, 81.0, overall winners among a field of some 35

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FROM THE BIG BUILDING ON THE HILL

The central warehousemen, eyes fixed on approaching spring, are sweeping, dusting and generally setting their cavernous building in shape.

Following inventory next month, will start the influx of some 2½ million pounds of just about anything you can think of needed for the use of the visitors and YPC Co. Seems everything that helps make life worthwhile flows in and out of our three huge doors.

A quick look at the books reveals there are some 5,200 items in stock, stored horizontally and vertically over the 200,000 square feet of floor space. It requires a summer crew of 35 men—good men—to check all this in, put it where it belongs—then check it out to the two dozen stores, restaurants, etc. where it is used, or sold to the 12,000 daily park visitors.

Studio Warehouse is a division of the Central Warehouse operations, and its people are anticipating the arrival of some 4,500 cases of diverse merchandise, which on arrival, must be opened, contents checked, items priced and readied for trans-shipment to the several gift shops. Word is out that a fine position—Chief Price Tag Sticker—is open. So far, no applicants!

Having learned that all work and no play make Jake a dull boy, Whse. Chief Whitfield encourages participation in the annual end-of-the-season beach bash, designed to relieve the summer tensions. Generally the affair is held on short notice to confuse gate crashers and the authorities; the fire permit is secured under a nom de plume—like the Sunday school or Cub Scouts. With the warehouse's great resources, the food and refreshments—everything that makes life worthwhile—flow in abundance.

OSTRANDER SKI TOURING HUT OPEN

The Heaths, George and Margaret, are now in residence at the Ostrander Lake ski hut and welcome locals of ski touring persuasion. This is their first winter in the snowy world. Those with too little time and/or flabby muscles may arrange for Snomobile transportation with Chet Hubbard at Badger Pass; arrange for bed and board with Dana Morgenson at the central reservation office.

LET US RETURN TO MOTHER'S OATS

News Item: "The Trademark Trial and Appeal Board must decide if WHEE and GEE will get confused on the supermarket shelves". Having written before on the hazards of housewifery, I was prompted to initiate a bit of market research. So, with some CHEER, I WISKed out into the WHITE RAIN, and COLD POWERed my way through the DRIFTED SNOW to the Village Store in QUEST of further information. I made CONTACT with the TOP BRASS in the form of HUNGRY JACK Ring, and stopped for some CHIT CHAT. HANDY ANDY Koller was setting up a CASCADE of HI HOs and YUMYUMS from which to CHOOZ. With a word of PRAISE for his FAULTLESS NIAGARA, I left my PAISANO, and followed the SPIC N SPAN aisle to the broiler, which was FINISHing in a JIF a FRESH batch of chickens to STA-PUFFed in the warmer below. Butcher Russ Herrington was keeping a SKILful eye on his goods lest the supply SLIP O'WAY. Vern Fuhrman in vegetables surely must be a GENIE with a HALO and DEEP MAGIC to keep his department so CLEAN N CLEAR. What seemed at first a FROLIC, and then a RAID, took place OFF to my left in the cereal section, where it was POP, SMACK, ZOOM, CRUNCH, & KIX until the WACKIES TEAMed up with the CHARMS to SUBDUE the CHEX and everything was TOTALy OK. Things were much TAMER and less FRISKIE in cosmetics, where a HEADS UP MAN POWER kept up their RIGHT GUARD, and didn't BAN SECRET SWEETHEARTs, BON-AMIs, COFFEE-MATEs, or PARDs. Here there was a HEP ZEST for the NEW DAWN, KOOL BEL AIR, SEA BREEZEs wafting through the GLADE, where the LARK, the DOVE, the BLUE JAY, and the OLD CROW ALL Live together with a marvelous CONCORD. In canned goods CHEF BOY-AR-DEE was in his ITALIAN KITCHEN, whipping up a TANGy, STARKIST creation. His TENDER TOUCH with ingredients produced such a KITCHEN BOUQUET as to make you give up the HUNT for the CUP O'GOLD at the end of the RAINBOW. Hazel Smith was at her station in LIFE, handling the TIDE of check-outs. HEAD

SKI COMPETITIONS

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racers. In groups I, II and III first place finishers were: Girls Grp. I—Virginia Parker, 94.9; Boys Grp. I—Mike Rower, 73.9; Girls Grp. II—Jeannine Ditton, 81.0; Boys Grp. II—Allen Parker, 81.6. In age Groups IV and V, the Y.W.C. team did less well, with Linda Huson, Group V bringing up the only first place.

Several of the younger racers and their families are planning to participate in a junior race this coming weekend at Alpine Meadows.

AND SHOULDERS above us was Jesse Camp, who DASHes about and DUZ everything. A trip around the store can take the place of more expensive travel, as you see ROMA, WINSTON-SALEM, MANHATTAN, the SPICE ISLANDS, Stonewall Jackson's OLD HERMITAGE in TENNESSEE, the Mexican state of TABASCO, the French province of BURGUNDY, take a ride on a CAMEL or stop at the RITZ. Before leaving the LOG CABIN I made a LUCKY STRIKE in Lucille Cooper's clothing department, picking out a DOWNEY ADORNment. If you have to DIAL operator for the time, Ellen Whitfield up front can PLEDGE you satisfaction on a BOLD new timepiece. While keeping TABs on my friends, and MUM on their DIPPITY-DOs, I was THRILLED to run across a VICEROY, the DUKE of KENT, the WHITE KING, KING SANO, FALSTAFF, a GRAVY MASTER, a BURGERMEISTER, a GOLD MEDAList, PHILIP MORRIS, BRER RABBIT, and the jolly GREEN GIANT. Placing a CARNATION in Bob Cromer's buttonhole, I gave the Village Store a BRAVO, and with a GLEEM in my eye, this SNAP-E-TOM pulled her STRIPed parka QUICKly over her HAIR SO NEW and ANGEL SKIN and headed homeward. I'm sure that the admen in their IVORY tower take PRIDE in their work and are unlikely to pay attention to this SALVO, but it would bring JOY to my heart if they STOP this TREND.

Patricia Thomas

FOR SALE

A new 21" Heathkit color TV, no cabinet, \$450. Call Bill Stethan at the garage, 372-4215 after 1 p.m.

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WOMEN'S GROUP PLANS MUSICAL AFTERNOON

Paul Vermel, conductor of the Fresno Symphony Orchestra, will be featured at the March 29 Womens Group program at The Ahwahnee. He will discuss the music of such classical composers as Bach, Brahms, Hayden and will illustrate them both at the piano and with record selections.

The Womens Group business meeting will be held at 2:30 p.m. at which time the forthcoming benefit for the "Save the Children's Federation" fund will be discussed.

Mr. Vermel's program will commence at 3 p.m., following which, tea will be served. The cost for the afternoon is 75c per person. Please reservations with The Ahwahnee.

LODGE NOTES

(Ed. Note) The Yosemite Lodge's new hostess, Flo Clow, sent along the following piece. We especially enjoyed her introduction.)

Joining the YPC Co. staff is like coming into a family as a new bride. So many new faces and people to know. I must admit it was frightening for the first few hours, but then a wonderful experience. Everyone is so kind and helpful I feel in one week as if I have belonged for years.

The main desk is a very international place with Ed Armistead, a true Southern gentleman from Virginia, as our head desk clerk; Giuseppe Boccalatte comes from Naples, Italy; Gabor Kubsy is a Hungarian; Ravanda Jain is from India, Jerry Love, our head bellman, is Italian and Danny DuBois is Louisiana French. Linda Rice, who is on the switchboard, tells me she is English, Irish and Cherokee Indian. Sharon Pelto, a Wisconsinite, also on

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ST. PAT'S DANCE

The O'Tooles, the O'Rourkes, the O'Hara's and other members of the Green Gang invite all locals, their friends, friends' friends and visitors to the first-ever community St. Patrick's Party, to be held, needless to say, on Thursday, March 17. The committee promises favors, dancing to the music of Carl Bruno's Orchestra — imported at great expense from Killarney — and a midnight buffet breakfast. Refreshments will be available.

Fr. Thornton, pastor of Our Lady of the Snow parish and prime organizer of the party, states that the proceeds, after expenses, will go into the general fund of the Yosemite Chapel. Despite the fine renovation the chapel has received, there likely will be bills to pay for things not anticipated.

The party will be held at Yosemite Lodge and will start at the reasonable hour of 9:30 p.m. continuing until 1:00 a.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

The Yosemite Community is encouraged to revere St. Patrick, great spring have an enjoyable evening put money in the chapel fund by attending this historic affair.

Tickets are available from committee members or at the door.

MARY TRESIDDER IMPROVING

Mary Tresidder, injured in an automobile accident on March 4, has been in Palo Alto Hospital undergoing X-ray treatment for facial lacerations. Her condition is reported as being good, and it is expected that she will return to the park this week.

Mrs. Tresidder has written and asked that her thanks be extended to all her well wishers. She comments further that the fact her car seat belt was secured saved her from more serious injury



Vergena at work.

VERGENA KOLLER SHOW IN S. F. OFFICE

Vergena Koller, Yosemite painter, will have twenty oil paintings on display in YPC Co.'s S. F. Office starting March 15.

Vergena received her art degree from U.C.L.A. and immediately pursued a creative career. She taught painting, mainly to interested amateurs, off and on over the following eight years, conducting as many as five classes a week. Along with her teaching, which was done principally at night, she decorated wooden ware. World War II forced her employer to close his business whereupon Vergena turned to doing delicate paintings on neckties, handpainted ties then being the Vogue. She had notable success with several firms on whose ties she created a corporate "symbol".

Vergena moved to Yosemite and in 1953 married Andy Koller. With Andy as a dependable provider, Vergena, as she put it "was able to paint for the pure enjoyment of it."

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FROM N.P.S. NEWS

Deer Safe - For Awhile

Shooting of deer in the Park has been discontinued, pending the outcome of hearings on a request for public hunts outside the Park this fall. The California Fish and Game Commission will act later this spring on the request to authorize hunters to harvest 1500 animals as they migrate from the Wawona and Tuolumne areas to winter range.

More Snow Than Usual

Snow depths at four courses surveyed at the end of February were generally above the average, promising a generous flow into the Merced River drainage this spring. Herb Ewing, Lew Albert and Bill Schnettler, who took part in the surveys, came up with the following figures: Snow Flat, snow 98.3 inches, water content 36.3 inches; averages 97.6 and 32.1. Gin Flat, snow 72.6, water content 26.3; averages 75.7 and 29.2. Ostrander Lake, snow 94.1 inches, water content 33.6 inches; averages 50.5 and 27.9. Perogy Meadow, snow 80.5 inches, water content 23.7 inches; averages 68.2 and 24.1.

Dan Armstrong on Nat'l Jr. Ski Squad

Danny Armstrong, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Armstrong, former Yosemiteites, will compete in the Junior National Downhill and Slalom at Winter Park, Colorado, this year. Danny made the Intermountain Alpine Team as a result of a second-place finish in the slalom qualifying event. Father Del, who has been Chief Ranger at Zion and is being transferred to a similar post at Olympic, told

VERGENA KOLLER

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Locals are urged to visit the Yosemite "gallery" at 55 Grant Ave. in San Francisco for an examination of Vergena's paintings. Looking at them is like meeting an old friend, as the locales are the favorite places of many of us. This is the more enjoyable for the fact that she makes no effort to dilute or change the scene through a style. Certain of the qualities of her work are reminiscent of the Impressionists to the extent that she strives to record the marvelous Yosemite light and nuances of its atmosphere.

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FOR SALE

2 bedroom house (former owner, Hugh Campbell) in El Portal. Completely furnished, including linen and dishes, garage. \$6,500. Also, Zenith Stereo console, 2 months old. AM and FM. Dark walnut finish. \$75 worth of records included, \$295.

1965 Honda 150, 2,600 miles, all the extras. \$395. Tom Keitges, 372-4723 or 372-4421.

Baby Stroller, sterilizer. Westmoreland: 372-458.

Vespa Scooter, Excellent condition. \$195.00 Melton 372-4843.

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Y. L. FILM SKED

Darryl F. Whiteman, the Lodge's film magnate, reports that two dandies will be on his free-film schedule: on March 20, "Kidnapped" - most recent version, and on March 27, "Topper" - the only version.

Yosemite Coach LeRoy Rust that although neither of the boys had done much skiing this year, he felt that the background and training they had received here was largely responsible for Danny's success.

Farewell to Metherell

Jake Metherell was offered, and, after due deliberation, accepted the Park Biologist position at Yellowstone. Jake being from Missouri decided to check out the fabulous stories all have heard from Dave Condon. Jake, Connie and the children will depart Yosemite early in June, after school closes.

AHWAHNEE WINS STARS IN MOBIL GUIDE

The Ahwahnee was one of 26 resort hotels in the U. S. to have been awarded four stars for excellence in the yet-to-be published 1966 edition of the Mobil Travel Guide. Published by Simon and Schuster for the Mobil Oil Co., the guide books are patterned somewhat along the lines of the internationally famous Michelin Guides to European hotels and restaurants. The main difference seems to be that the Mobil investigators rate more heavily on a hotel's provision of certain utilitarian equipment, i.e., television, air-conditioning, etc., than on the quality of the food, the service, the attitude of staff, the hotel's decor and its environment.

FROM THE LODGE

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the switchboard, is of Scandinavian descent.

Ruth Ann Earle is lending charm, bounce and sales talent to the ski desk in the lobby. In fact, she has become known as "Miss Snowflake of '66".

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith enjoyed having Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Paul of Oakland visit them. Mrs. Paul tells how she used to chaperone her daughter and friends in Yosemite the summer of '38. Hal was in charge of the bicycle stands during college summers. Hal and Lois started wheeling around that summer and are still going strong.

Jan Roscoe, the pretty restaurant manager, tells me that Monica Siemone is back from her vacation in Germany. Seems she gained a few pounds on all that good German food.

There seems to be a gentle breeze of spring housecleaning in the air. Fresh paint everywhere and everyone most interested in the great job of window washing going on. Those window washers' hands are faster than a blink of one's eye.

Who am I?

I am Flo Clow who owned Apple Knoll Ranch, for children at Nipinawasee, just below Yosemite on Highway 49. I am the new hostess here at the Lodge, taking Judy Smith's place, who has retired while awaiting the stork.

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NORTH-SOUTH SKI CLASSIC RUN AT BADGER

The tenth North vs. South Invitational ski races were held at Badger Pass March 5 and 6, with the South team victorious. The team standings are now six wins for the North, four for the South.

The event consists of three separate slalom races, two run on Saturday, the finale on Sunday.

Each team consisted of 10 men and 4 women with scores computed from the times of the fastest six men and the fastest two women. At the completion of the first event, the scores (in seconds) were: South, 740.1, North, 758.4; two events totaled: South, 1397.1, North, 1421.2. In the summing up, after the third slalom, but 6.3 seconds separated the two teams. This is the narrowest victory in the race's history.

Turning in the best total times for the three events were Mark Draugel, Phoenix, Ariz., skiing for the South, and Georgine Bihlmann, Bakersfield, South, with 242.1, and 262.6 respectively.

A number of locals competed, with Jacques Pitte of the ski school winning the second and third races; his disqualification in the first race eliminated him from consideration as overall champion. Jacque DuPont, ski school, won the first race.

Other locals competing with varying success were the father and son team of L. J. and R. R. Rust (R. R. skied somewhat faster), Bob Traversaro and Mary Lou Boyrie, of the ski school.

MRS. FRANK LUKES

Old-time friends of Mrs. Frank Lukes will regret to learn of her death on February 18, after a short illness, in Belmont, California where she had been living with a daughter. She was 82.

The Lukes lived in Yosemite for many years, during which time Frank was a night auditor at Yosemite Lodge. He passed away several years ago.

INVENTORY CLOSING

Housewives, who may not shop ahead, are advised that the Village Store will be closed for inventory on Thursday, March 31.



Julia Parker and two admirers during one of her basket-weaving demonstrations, formerly held in the Museum gardens.

PARKER BASKET TO NORWAY

Byron Nishkian, formerly a Yosemite Winter Club president, now U.S.S.A. president, recently attended the FIS Nordic Championships in Oslo. He took as a gift to the Norwegian Ski Association a magnificent Indian basket woven by Julia Parker. Mrs. Parker devoted some 350 hours to the basket's creation, weaving it from native grasses. Nishkian said, "Mrs. Parker refused any reimbursement and was pleased that she could contribute a part of our country's heritage to our friends in Norway."

The Parkers have four skiing youngsters, Louis, Allen, Virginia and Lucy.

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FROM L.M.H.

The SENTINEL has been neglectful in reporting the arrivals of babies at Lewis Memorial Hospital.

Way back on January 24 Charlotte Wilson presented Danny with a sister and father Ray with Becky Bayley who arrived weighing 8 lbs. 7 oz.

A sturdy young son, (8 lbs., 6 ozs.) Dean Weldon, was born to Vickie and David Tucker on February 3.

Most recent addition to Yosemite was Eve Suzanne Baldwin, born to the Don Baldwins on March 1. Wee Eve weighed 6 lbs., 5 oz.

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FOR SALE

Head skis, used. \$50.00. 7' long slalom. An early model Head ski with soft flex. Ski-free toe piece, lift cable and heel release included. Try them before you buy them. See Bill or Darla Jones or call 372-4611 days or 372-4889 evenings.

FROM BADGER

With spring in the air, Badger employees seem to develop a strange wanderlust and start thinking ahead to summer plans. Among the ski school staff we have people returning to many varied positions. Jerry Shaughnessy builds swimming pools during the summer months, this year he may take Bob Traversaro along as an assistant. Pete Weld, who besides instructing, helps coordinate winter sports, is a house builder in Toronto. Ray Gallagher is returning to his job as a golf pro in Canada. Bill Cooper will be working at the new food unit at Camp Curry. Steve Hurd is planning on marrying Judy Crane the end of April and then returning to the NPS. Danny Hyche will give up skiing for surfing and return to work as a free-lance commercial artist.

We find that the lift crew is undecided about the summer ahead, but we had reports from a few people. Ed Murczek is returning to the Lava Beds National Park as a naturalist. Wim Fischer, our wandering Dutchman, is off again for points south of the border on his trek around the world. Paul Jones, a recent addition to the slope maintenance crew, will probably be returning to Alaska for another season aboard a fishing boat. Bob Mooney, Leonard O'Brien and Chuck Ponusky have already departed for the East Coast and then possibly Liverpool.

John Gebel may have a date with Uncle Sam soon after Badger's closing date. Dick Edstrom, head of the patrol, will be returning to Hood River Oregon and Mt. Hood. Chuck Mook is planning on going back to the Los Angeles area as a fire fighter and Bob Trimble is headed for Michigan and boat building for the summer. Pete Vollmer is headed for Canada and will probably spend next winter there, also.

With all these plans for travel and seeing far away places, one can really develop itchy feet. Let's hope everyone's summer will be as nice as these promise to be.

FROM THE HOUSE ON THE HILL

Greatly enjoyed piece in last Sentinel by Pat Thomas. Great article about contents of Village Store. Must go to Warehouse liquor cage, to see what Spirits say for like story. Tried breakfast food section, too dry. Also much too noisy. Figure New Year's Eve good time to talk to Spirits.

Tilton Phillips, head Expressman, played host to a visiting Railway Express auditor last week. Francisco Garcia, who just returned from vacation in Phoenix, is helping Tilt until summer duties call him elsewhere.

Tom Weinzaphl has a houseful of new furniture that calls him home to El Portal promptly at five each day; this encourages Tom to fill orders and deliver merchandise with much gusto. David Tucker also sets fire to the road to El Portal about five P.M. Reason. . . his three months old son Dean, who wears size 8½ shoes.

Garry Robinson cordially invites all carpenters who can saw a board, or pound a nail to assist in finishing his new home in El Portal. Saw Ken Larson, of Midpines, pricing bus seats for the back of his pickup, to haul these crew members up and down the hill to El Portal. Only problem, bus must leave promptly. Sometimes foreman Larson can't leave duty just because clock says five P.M. Cannot leave half-empty coffee pot.

Now that the Ice Rink is closed, we have Don Crawford back, filling in for Les Tollete, who injured his back this winter. Ron Telshaw, who helped at the Ice Rink, is getting rested up in preparation for a strenuous summer in Studio Warehouse. Ron moonlighted at the rink all winter to pay for his Volkswagen.

Red Davis, Larry Behymer, and Bob Jacobs represented the Y.P.C. Co. Fire Brigade at a recent Oil and Gasoline Fire Suppression School in Turlock. Jake wound up the course in bed.

Now that the snow and ice are gone, up here on the hill, it's time to get permission to plant that lavender bulb my Grandpappy sent from Ireland, and see what comes up. It might be an orange and green Easter Lily.

—Bob Jacobs



Junior racers at Alpine Meadows were, left to right, Linda Huson, Allen Berrey, Rob Woessner, Tom Berrey, Kathy Metherell and Kent Huson.

YOUNGSTERS RACE AT ALPINE

Five Husons, two Metherells, six Woessners, five Parkers, two Andersons and four Berreys attended or participated in the FWSA junior point ski race Feb. 26-27 at Alpine Meadows.

Among the youngsters, Linda and Kent Huson, Tom and Allen Berrey, Rob Woessner and Kathy Metherell were eligible to compete in Junior Groups IV and V. The balance were ineligible, as only Class "A" juniors in Groups I and II could enter. Patty and Rick Anderson were along to participate in the North Shore attractions and to coach the youngsters, respectively.

Meeting the Division's best competi-

GOLF NEWS — (So Soon?)

Wawona club golfers happily escaped from their snowy surroundings on March 6th and dug the Merced Country Club course to a near-victory over their "home-n-home" opponents. Ten local women won their matches 8 to 7; 26 men lost, 21 to 18.

The Mariposa group was represented strongly at Merced, including the Aloha Kids, Nita and Hal Bondshu, fresh from the lush fairways of Hawaii. Conspicuous by their absence were Gene Ewing, Harold Ouimet and Fred Pierson, all in sunny Arizona. Deeply sun-tanned and hearty was Pro Charlie, back from a month in rainy

tion, the local youngsters fared acceptably, with Linda Huson's 4th place in the girls' Group V, nearest to the top Tom Berrey and Rob Woessner were somewhere in the middle of their Group IV events, in which there were 33 racers. Kathy Metherell turned in a good account of herself in Group IV. The two event meet, slalom and giant slalom, was sponsored by Lake Tahoe Ski Club, with Luggi Foeger setting the four courses.

The Parkers skied at Heavenly Valley as well and Marian Woessner drove her Betsy, Anne and Chuckie to the Levi Ski Rodeo at H. V. on Sunday, where Chuckie won a fine trophy in Class II.

Arizona and anxiously awaiting Wawona's opening.

The men's golf club recently elected the following new officers: President, Herb Ewing; Secretary-Treasurer, Harold Sener; Tournament Committee, Guy Lamoreaux, Herky Allcock and Gene Ewing; Handicapper, Ned English; Rules Committee, Chaley Proctor, Charlie Eagle, Curly Dierksen and Harold Ouimet; Social Chariman, Gordon Warren.

Club members should make note of the coming "home-n-home" match dates: April 24th, Fort Washington at Fresno; June 5th, Fort Washington at Wawona; Sept. 11, Merced here.

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Yosemite National Park, California

PARK CLEAN UP TIME

Occupants of YPC Co. residences are encouraged to tidy up their grounds, in accordance with Park Superintendent John Davis' designation of "Park Spring Cleanup Time".

Rubbish may be deposited in the big brown refuse bins; leaves, etc. can be piled near the road where they will be picked up.

The summer season will be here shortly, along with the visitors, without whom we would perish. Let's present the park to them free of our clutter.

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COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE

As of March 29, \$600 had been received by the Community Council Fund Drive according to James Edeal, Treasurer. The 1966 goal is \$3,000.

YPC Co. employees received a payroll deduction authorization form with their March 22 paychecks. Deductions may be authorized from the April 7 or 22 checks. If the response to the drive appears to be satisfactory, no other solicitations will be made. However, if pledges are slow coming in, a reminder may be distributed.

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PAINTING, SKETCHING CLASSES

Under the auspices of the YPC Co. Employee Social Club, sketching and painting classes are being held Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Personnel Office Orientation Room.

All employees, and their spouses, are welcome, and a group of some twenty turned out for the last session. Whether or not one has had any experience in this sort of thing, is not important. Interest and effort are the only requirements, plus a pot of paint or a pencil.

Del Lambert, Central Warehouse
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"AND THEN THERE WERE NONE!"

"Ten little Indian boys going out to dine,

One choked his little self, then there were nine".

Agatha Christie's indestructible mystery "Ten Little Indians" will be presented by the local Lions Club players for their spring play on April 14, 15 and 16.

The classic cliff-hanger, plotted around the old jingle, will leave you guessing who done it — or them — until the final moments. One by one the cast is disposed of by a clever and diabolic murderer, until there is but

"One little Indian boy, left all alone

He went and hanged himself, then there were none".

The cast, working nightly in rehearsals, includes Bill Smith, Geryl Smith, Ingrid Petersen, Dick Klein, Viki Haag, Don Cross, L.L. Branscum, Carl Stephens, Larry Knowles, Dorothy Johnson, Sterling Cramer.

Mark your engagement calendar now for April 14, 15 or 16. Bring the children.

WOMEN'S GROUP BENEFIT

For its annual Save The Children Federation benefit, the Yosemite Womens Group is planning an "Early California Night" on May 5, at The Ahwahnee. The evening will include games of chance, dancing — with appropriately attired dance hall girls to encourage reluctant males to participate—and a fine Ahwahnee supper.

With the National Park Service celebrating its 50th Anniversary it was thought fitting by the planners to take this backward look for its theme.

While costumes won't be a requirement, Levi's, string ties, drooping mustaches—bustles and bows and
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YPC CO. ENDORSES COUNTY SCHOOL TAX INCREASE

At the March 21 meeting of the Mariposa Unified School District Trustees, Stuart Cross, YPC Co. general manager and vice president, stated that our company is strongly in favor of the proposed 50c school tax increase. As the largest taxpayer in the county, 1965 \$138,000 (property, hotel and sales taxes) the increase, if approved by the voters, will cost YPC Co. about \$16,000 per year. This, Cross explained, would be paid cheerfully as YPC Co. is deeply interested in the quality of education throughout the county.

Cleo Adelsbach, County School
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METHODS STUDY FOR YPC Co.

Certain business methods employed by YPC Co. will be studied this spring and summer by a team from the Harris, Kerr, Forster and Company hotel accounting firm. Mr. Henry Maschal, a partner in the firm, and Mr. Richard Rhoades are here now to outline the study procedures.

Broadly, all YPC Co.'s "paper work" will be surveyed, with particular attention to accounting systems, food costs, inventory procedures and processing of reservations.

Mr. Rhoades will return April 18, accompanied by Mr. Harold Dittmore to get the study underway.

It is probable that the study's results will indicate the installation of more sophisticated business machinery to process the enormous amount of paper work more promptly and economically.

The Harris, Kerr, Forster firm will be retained as YPC Co.'s auditors commencing with the fiscal year 1966-'67.

Sterling Cramer will be the project coordinator.

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SCHOOL TAX

Superintendent, explained at the meeting that the teacher turnover in the county was approaching 40% each year, attributable mainly to the poor pay scale. The present elementary teacher pay scale in Mariposa County Unified School District ranks about mid-way among the unified districts in the state. However, it is well below the average for the state as a whole. If the voters pass the increase in the June election, the Mariposa wage scale will be a good deal more attractive. In addition to improving salaries, the new tax would provide funds for four additional teachers and four new classrooms, plus a District contribution to an employee health insurance plan.

When the proposed increase was explained to the YP CCo. Board of Directors during its March 19 meeting members were unanimously enthusiastic about supporting its passage.

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MRS. L.B.J., HARRY O'BRYANT AT BIG BEND N.P.

Harry O'Bryant, of the Yosemite ranger staff, attending the current session at the Horace M. Albright Training Center, Grand Canyon, will be among six trainees (out of some 30) who will assist during the visit of Mrs. Lyndon Johnson to Big Bend National Park in Texas. Similarly, he will assist later at the dedication of the Fort Davis National Monument in Texas.

Good for our Harry!

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WOMENS GROUP

mesh stockings—will add to the fun and color.

Additional details will be announced in the SENTINEL and the N.P.S. News.

Women interested in helping are asked to call Eileen Berrey 372-4898.

FOR SALE

Complete dbl. Duo-bed, small desk, small armchair, small couch bed with bolster, Magnavox 24" TV. Also the following high fidelity equipment: Altec Lansing amplifier (monaural) and AM tuner, Garrard changer with Shure cartridge (monaural), James B. Lansing 12" speaker and tweeter in cabinet, and Stromberg Carlson 15" coaxial speaker in cabinet. Call 372-4233.

EASTER'S ON ITS WAY

The Lodge, The Ahwahnee and Badger Pass have scheduled Easter Week events to which locals are welcome.

Skiing

On Tuesday, April 5 the Yosemite Winter Club is sponsoring a picnic ski tour (or ski picnic tour) to Tempo Dome. It's only a step from the top of the chair to Tempo; if you are disinclined to ski, a Snomobile will take you. For lunch, John Curry will spread an extraordinary mountain-top meal. Please make arrangements Monday afternoon. Cost \$2.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children.

The local American Legion Post will sponsor its annual race April 6, at 11 a.m. This event is sanctioned by the F.W.S.A. Entry fee is \$2.00, including lift ticket. Please sign up by 10:30 a.m.

On April 4, 6 and 8, a park naturalist will conduct a ski tour between 12:30 and 3 p.m. The trip's an easy one, and the guide will point out the attractions, near and distant. You'll need a lunch.

The Yosemite Junior Trophy Race, two events, slalom and giant slalom, will be run on Saturday, April 9; first event at 11 a.m., second at 2 p.m. Racers 16 years and under welcome. No entry fee.

Jacque DuPont and Andre Gauci will sponsor a slalom on April 8 at 2 p.m. This race will be conducted in the manner of the French National Ski School, and the qualifiers will receive the handsome Chamois awards.

Windup of the competition season will be the Y.W.C.'s Slalom Championships at 2 p.m. Easter Sunday.

Down in the Valley

Outstanding among the evening activities will be The Ahwahnee's Easter Bonnet Buffet planned for 6:30 p.m., April 7. While guests aren't

CALIFORNIA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION DINNER

The Mariposa County Division of the California Teachers Association is sponsoring the annual C.T.A. Community Dinner on Saturday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mariposa County Fair Grounds.

The guest speaker of the evening will be Dr. Max Rafferty. An honorary award will be presented to an outstanding citizen of the county. A catered dinner featuring Cornish game hen, will follow the social time at 6:30 p.m.

Those who have received the "Outstanding Citizens Award" to date include Mrs. John Menzies of Mariposa, Mrs. Ramona Eckern, former Mariposa High School Home Economics Teacher, Mr. J. L. Spriggs, former Mariposa High School Teacher and Principal, Mr. Douglas Hubbard, Ranger Naturalist of Yosemite National Park, and Mr. Winifred Williams, Mariposa owner of the Mariposa Barber Shop.

The Mariposa C.T.A. invites interested citizens from all parts of our county to request tickets and join us in this county wide community affair. Tickets are available at \$2.50 each from each school principal's office.

REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION

June 7 is the date for the primary election. Please register by April 14 with either Marge Cromer or Helen Ledson in Yosemite; Olive Kirk in El Portal.

ART CLASS

Butcher Shop, has offered to instruct beginners in basic design and sketching. Pauline Trabucco has promised to discuss water color techniques, and Vergena Koller has been invited to demonstrate and discuss her approach to oils.

Ted Holliday, local barber, a most enthusiastic class member, claims he's encountered nothing so rewarding and consuming as painting.

obliged to wear Easter bonnets, they do add to the fun and color. Price, \$3.25; Dancing follows.

The University of Pacific A Cappella Choir will sing in the Lounge at The Ahwahnee on Saturday, April 9, 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. and at Yosemite Lodge at 8:00 p.m.

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YOSEMITE JUNIOR SKI TEAM IN CHINA PEAK RACE

Eight members of the Yosemite Junior Ski Team competed in the China Peak Junior Meet Sunday, March 27.

Competing in Class II, Allen Parker took first place with a time of 1:56.4 secs.; Louis Parker and Chuck Woessner, in the same group, spilled near the start, lost their skis and did not finish.

In Group IV Linda Huson took a first with a 1:33.0 sec. over a shortened course. Rob Woessner also took a first with 1:31.8 sec., Tom Berrey a 2:07.4 (with a fall). In group V, Allen Berrey took a second with 1:43.7 sec., Kent Huson a third, 1:44.9 (with a fall).

The giant slalom course, one-half mile long with a vertical drop of 800 ft., had 45 gates; it was icy-hard for the upper three-quarters, only the last quarter being otherwise.

The team was accompanied by Bob Traversaro of the Yosemite Ski School, who coached, Chuck Woessner, who officiated as starter, Dave Huson and Ralph Parker, gatekeepers; Nick Fiore served as race referee and coach, Henry and Eileen Berrey who, respectively; timed, gatekept and cooked for part of the group. Mike Harrison went along with the Woessners just to ski.

This was the last out-of-Yosemite meets for the junior team. It is hoped by interested parents and the Yosemite Winter Club that the junior team will take shape again next year.



Yosemite juniors did well in a recent China Peak giant slalom competition. Above left to right, are Mike Harrison, who skied for fun, Rob Woessner, Tom Berrey, Coach Bob Traversaro, Chuck Woessner, Kent Huson, Louis Parker, Alan Parker, Allen Berrey and Linda Huson; Nick Fiore, race referee and co-coach, in front.

LODGE NEWS

Everything is "green for go" at the Lodge these days. Spring's right on our doorstep.

John Quirk has been unearthing all kinds of tender, green plants from their winter blanket of leaves, and buds are bursting forth all over in the patio. Everything will be in good order for our Easter Egg Hunt come April 10.

The raccoons have been eyeing everyone eating popcorn in the mountain Room at night. They stand like

little beggars at the windows. In fact I have given up popcorn; I haven't the heart to eat in front of them.

Speaking of the Mountain Room, Ade Harders and Tom Tange seem to keep a very nice congenial atmosphere there and everyone has been enjoying The Ahwahnee Trio when they visit us. I find we have some sharp talent among our Lodge employees. Our cafeteria manager, Roy Harland, can tell you a lot about blowing

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RELIGIOUS SERVICES

SUNDAY, April 3, PALM SUNDAY
Roman Catholic Masses, 8 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Protestant Service — 11 a.m.
Skiers Outdoor Worship, Badger Pass 1:30 p.m.

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
April 4, 5 & 6

Roman Catholic Mass at 5:05 p.m.
THURSDAY, April 7
Roman Catholic Mass, 6 p.m.

Protestant Service of Holy Communion 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 8 GOOD FRIDAY
Roman Catholic Service at 12 Noon
Protestant Devotions 12 Noon to 3 p.m. (Service conducted in 30 min. worship periods).

SATURDAY, April 9
Roman Catholic Mass, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, April 10 — EASTER
Roman Catholic Masses at 8 and 10 a.m., 6 p.m.

Sunrise Service — Mirror Lake, 9:15 a.m. University of the Pacific A Cappella Choir under the direction of J. Russell Bodley.

Protestant Service, 11:00 a.m. University of the Pacific A Cappella Choir
Skiers Outdoor Worship, 1:30 p.m., Badger Pass

All Roman Catholic Masses held upstairs in Degnan's Restaurant; confessions before each Mass.

Protestant services held in Old Village Chapel.

LAST SUPPER

The season's last ski supper will be held at The Ahwahnee on Monday, April 11, according to John Curry, Ahwahnee manager. Ski Suppers have provided a social activity for residents as well as guests and all locals are invited to this last affair.

CHOIR'S SILVER ANNIVERSARY

The Mirror Lake Easter Sunrise Service commences at 9:15 a.m. This year will mark the twenty-fifth appearance of the University of Pacific's A Cappella Choir at Sunrise Service conducted by Dr. J. Russell Bodley. We and Yosemite's visitors, are indebted to the choir and Dr. Bodley for their lovely and inspiring musical programs.

LOCAL SMOKE EATERS ATTEND FIRE SCHOOL

Seven members of the two local fire protection organizations participated in the fourth California Oil Fire Control School, March 17-19 in Turlock. Five-hundred professional fire-fighting men from the western states registered on opening day. By the third day of school, this number had grown to over 700, as volunteer departments throughout the area sent their chiefs and instruction officers.

The purpose of the first two days of the school was to relay information developed by the Western Oil and Gas Association, through the California State Department of Education, to the firemen who would come into intimate contact with highly volatile and flammable liquids and gases. Some 16,000 gallons of various gasoline, fuel oils, diesel oil, butane and propane were burned and extinguished, re-ignited, burned, and re-extinguished during the last day of instruction and participation.

Perhaps the importance of this operation can be best illustrated by the attendance of four men from Kuwait, a small state of Saudi Arabia, half-way around the world. Kuwait, being the second most valuable oil reserve area in the world, could lose much of its production, (fourth most valuable in the world) through an uncontrolled oil and gasoline conflagration. These four men will instruct the local fire control agencies when they get home.

Another interesting highlight was the presence of 74 "Bomberos" from Mexico, many from as far as 2,000 miles south of the border. These Mexican firefighters were guests of the City of Turlock during the three day school, and a more eager bunch of smoke eaters you have never seen. The Bombero's password was "bomba", shouted at the top of their lungs, which means "pump". The fact that they were pumping fuel oil on a blazing fire, for them added spice to the situation, clouds of black smoke for the rest of us to grope through.

Your reporter and the six other local firefighters were appalled at the prospect of extinguishing a blaze of a simulated 5,000 gallon gasoline

"ANDY" ANDERSON

A famous personality of Yosemite recently completed fourteen years of service in the Park — since May 1952. Cecelia Cathrine, more affectionately known as "Andy" Anderson has retired and gone to Southern California to live with an elderly aunt. Her mailing address is c/o Mrs. Mabel Swensen, 1215 West Alameda, Burbank, California, 91506. Chatty letters keeping her in touch with the Park and her "boys" will mean much to Andy.

For many years she has scolded, bossed, mothered employees in the men's dormitories: former roommates Ned English and Wayne Whiteman, Jack Ring, as well as Fred Pierson — to name a few. Many of the present employees will miss her colorful bawlings-out, her tales of former employees and of years in the Valley, but there is no question but that all wish her Godspeed.

tank truck fire, but somehow, this was accomplished. Creeping up to a tank of butane and shutting off a valve while the whole thing was engulfed in actual roaring fire also did something to our breakfasts. Somehow we got through these two nasty details, plus three others too mild to mention, and then came the capper!

A "spill" as the pros call it, was created by pumping 600 gallons of fuel oil into a 500 gallon tank. Naturally, the thing spilled over, covering the ground with oil for 20 ft. around. Then, they set fire to this mess and let it burn until the 500 gallons in the tank were boiling away, whOOooshing blazing oil 20 feet into the air through the vent pipe. The fact that oil was still being pumped into the tank by the Bomberos added the Mexican coup 'd grace to this particular set-up. We seven then formed two teams, and took turns with 1-½ inch hoses,, creeping in to shut off the supply valve, squirting water on the hot tank to cool the boiling oil, and flushing away the flames from under the tank.

We did it, and your reporter has pictures to prove it.

—Bob Jacobs

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club with the assistance of the Boy Scouts will be held on Easter Sunday, April 10, at 2:00 p.m., on the Yosemite Elementary School grounds.

Chairman George Murphy said that there will be separate hunts for pre-school youngsters, kindergarten and first graders, and second and third graders.

Children of all Park residents are invited to participate, including those living at Wawona and El Portal.

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THE LODGE

a good trumpet.

The girls in the gift shop were all excited over seeing a baby bear out back last week. He is very light with a dark spot on his back and we predict he will grow up to be a golden bear.

Kit Whitman flew in and out of the Valley last week and paid a short visit to her many friends here at the Lodge. She's a real breath of spring.

Florence Settle, our housekeeper, has been on a short vacation to recuperate from the flu and we have missed her. Caroline Joseph, her assistant, has kept things well in hand.

Sue Earle has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Earle. She is one of the Chadwick School group who have been skiing during their spring vacation.

Seven of our cafeteria and restaurant staff (boys, that is) have new cycle transportation for summer. They claim there are two reasons for this; one, easier parking and two, cheaper transportation.

Gladys Golden in the gift shop, visited her granddaughter in Berkeley who is soon to make Gladys a great-grandmother. Looks to us as if great-grandmothers are getting younger every year.

The pizza parties we have been having in the Mountain Room have been tremendously successful, mainly because our executive chef Fred Pierson makes what is probably the world's best pizza.

—Flo Clow

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

APRIL FLOWERS

In the dark ages of the early thirties I began keeping rather casual notes of the seasonal appearance of flowers and sometimes of birds. The only year when I saw dogwood coming into bloom as early as the present one was 1932, when I recorded it as of the first of April. I have been away on my travels at times, so I can't vouch for it that these are the only two, but certainly it is rare to see these blossoms from fairyland lighting up green forests so early.

At the end of the second week in April or sometime during the third week they are likely to show up, but I have known them to delay until the first of May. 1938 was one such year when I remarked on May 6 that the greenish bracts were opening out. May 3, 1940: "Dogwood is magnificent now;" May 5, 1959: "Dogwood at peak at Happy Isles and Fern Springs." So it goes.

This means, I suppose, that azaleas will be early in turn, they follow the dogwood by about a month, ordinarily, except for a few bushes in such favored spots as outside the sunroom at The Ahwahnee, where the great glass windows act to force them, or near the foot of Royal Arch Falls and other places on the sunny north wall of Yosemite where sun and water may help. There is a difference in their timing, too, between the azaleas in the meadows and those along the Merced River itself. They bloom better in the open than in shady woods where the growth goes to stems and leaves rather than flowers.

One of the plants I watch for is the lavender-flowered low-growing phlox, on the upper side of the road where there is a great curve above the

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NPS PITCHES IN DURING LODGE EMERGENCY

A vital part of Yosemite Lodge's water supply system failed April 21 at 9:30 a.m. To make repairs it was necessary to cut off the Lodge's entire system for a period of five hours.

In addition to the efforts of the YPC Co. Maintenance plumbers, National Park Service plumbers, with their equipment, worked feverishly to repair the broken 6" line.

According to Gordon Warren, YPC Co. Maintenance head, the down time would have been increased materially had it not been for the willing and talented assistance of the N.P.S. men.

ELMER FLADMARK DIES AT GRAND CANYON

Elmer Fladmark, who was Yosemite's Chief Ranger for almost seven years, died April 18 at the Grand Canyon Hospital. Fladmark had been assistant superintendent at Grand Canyon since leaving Yosemite in July 1965.

Joining the NPS in 1931, Fladmark served at Glacier National Park, Joshua Tree National Monument, Yosemite and at his recent post. From 1942-45 he was in the U.S. Coast Guard.

He is survived by a son, Bruce, and his wife, Margaret. Funeral services were held at Kalispell, Montana, Saturday, April 23.

We knew Elmer not well, but more than casually. To us, he was a "ranger's-ranger", a man who preferred being among the mountains, in the sun and rain, rather than within the confines of an office. Totally honest, he had the respect of all the community. Elmer said what he had to say in as few words as possible, except when he told stories, then he used a few more. . . .and they were great stories.

WOMENS GROUP DANCE SITE MOVED TO CAMP CURRY CASINO

Latest news about the May 4 supper dance sponsored by the Yosemite Womens Group is that it will be held in the new meeting hall at Camp Curry — named "Curry Casino" for the occasion. The Curry location had been under discussion early in the planning but it was feared that the new room would not be ready in time for the party. Carrying an Early California theme, the dancing, dining games-of-chance evening will "fit" well with the room's decor. The "Curry Casino" is undergoing considerable renovation.

Despite the new location, the refreshments and the 11:00 p.m. supper will be prepared and catered by The Ahwahnee kitchen. And, in addition to the authentic games of chance, acquired from certain Reno Casinos, there will be many door prizes — a

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PARENTS GROUP MEETS

The Yosemite Parents Group monthly meeting was held at the Elementary School Monday evening, April 18. Chairman Bill Jones being absent (skiing) John Curry, Vice-Chairman presided.

Of more than routine interest were the following: As instructed by the membership at an earlier meeting, Treasurer Roland Johnson announced that \$500 of the organization's funds had been deposited with the Fresno Guarantee Savings and Loan at 4.85% interest.

A nominating committee composed of former group chairmen was appointed by acting-chairman Curry. They are: Charles Woessner, Lee Shackleton, Coyt Hackett. The committee will propose officers for the 1966-

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CAMP CURRY CASINO

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weekend at the Disneyland Hotel, tickets to Disneyland, merchandise orders, etc. Entertainment will be presented during the evening - the "Go-Go-Girls Review" doing typical dances of the times from the 1860s through right now!

For Charity

Net proceeds from the Supper Dance will go to the Save The Children's Federation toward the support of the French family sponsored by the Womens Group. The Gueho family, father mother and children Daniel and Annick live near a farming village in Brittany where the soil is poor, the rocks countless and the weather miserable.

From Mme. Gueho: "We use (your gifts) every day and we think of you every time. I bought shoes for Daniel

BOY SCOUT NEWS

The local boy scout troop has been active of late, fifteen of them having camped out with the 500 Merced scouters who were up here over a weekend. Their mothers are still trying to get their uniforms clean.

Last weekend twenty scouts journeyed to San Francisco for a couple of days on the town. The Army put them up at the Presidio and fed them a big breakfast, Army style.

On Wednesday, April 20, a Court of Honor was held. The following scouts were awarded their class or merit badges: Tenderfoot scout to Rod Whitfield and Allen Shanes; 2nd Class Scout to Mike Metherell and Bill Fleming; 1st Class Scout to Tom Duncan, David Hubbard and Gary Sharpe; Star Scout to Carl Biastoch; Merit Badges to Bill Murray, Carl Biastoch, Chuck Woessner, Ken Metherell, David Hubbard, Eric Oster and Rob Johnson.

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HAVE MOWER, WILL MOW

Scott Earle and his power mower are available weekends. Please call 372-4549 evenings.

and books for Annick with the money" (another letter) "I wish you a very good year, here we are fine. The weather is very cold, the skies are grey and it will snow soon. We have picked the food for the cows for the winter and now we have to keep them in".

"The weather is now wonderful and the cuckoo sings every day and the birds are nesting. This week we will plant the potatoes we will need to feed the pigs. Next week we will do the cabbage and the beet roots. We have had five training meetings for the housewives, one to learn how to use the tools we have, another how to bring up the piglets. We are about ten at each meeting".

"We have been able to build our pigstye, thanks to you. We have a pig who had six little ones and they are all fine."

Tickets at \$5.00 each, will be on sale shortly and can be bought from Womens Group members.

NEW BABY ROSTER

The stork has made five stops at Lewis Memorial Hospital since the month began. In order of arrival: Sharon Nicole Wyly, 7 lbs., 3 oz., born to Mr. and Mrs. William Wyly on April 6. Tenaya Marie Peschiera, 9 lbs. 2 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Peschiera on April 16; Flint Edward Wass, 7 lbs., 13 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wass on April 19; Edward John Curry, 7 lbs., 1 1/2 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. John Curry on April 21. Also on April 21, but a while later, Frank Jeffery Conway, 7 lbs., 5 oz., to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Conway.

LIONS CLUB SPEAKER TO TALK ON TAX HIKE

Lions Club President Miles Cooper announced recently that William Conway, Mariposa High School Science and Business Education teacher will give a presentation on the 50c school tax override which involves the parents and children of Mariposa County. This will be voted on by the eligible voters of Mariposa County in the June 7 primary.

Mr. Conway's presentation will commence at 12:45 p.m. May 5 after the Lions luncheon in The Ahwahnee Indian Room. All interested persons are invited.

GEORGE CHRISTOPHER TO SPEAK IN YOSEMITE

Former San Francisco Mayor George Christopher and now seeking the Republican nomination for governor will speak at The Ahwahnee on Thursday, May 19. All locals, regardless of their political affiliations are welcome to attend.

APRIL FLOWERS

Wawona Tunnel; it was out on April 17 in 1957, April 18 in 1954 and April 28 in 1953; It was still in bloom there on May 19th, in 1953.

Ceanothus prostratus, the low-growing lilac-flowered shrub that drapes itself over the rocks around Chinquapin should be due by the end of April at the latest; it is often out before Badger Pass closes, and the manzanita along there is usually even earlier. My dispute with a P. ponderosa has kept me from my usual surveys.

-M.C.T.

Frieda the Sweeting at tw... assisted University Shop Pat... there is t... surely lun... spring. T... just right... Charley tennis col... Charley's Beam, Al... ical style... guests sw... Robert Pa... Barbara... steward... phone of Karen Joh... "man" th... Pat Ge... crew of... (looking... Tom Keito... Wisconsin... Greece... keep Pat... Severa... Room ov... Peter Gu... Beedler o... summer i... had a w... hurricane... were kille... injured. A... room on... will clim... Dept. of Mountain... and her... wild life... the rattle... bellman... continues... degree a... Carl S... pendix, I... this early... tricks wi... And, t... a really... the servi... A beaut... spared

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Frieda Adams is back managing the Sweet Shop after a winter working at two jobs in Hollywood. She's assisted by Francine Nedier of the University of Santa Clara. The Sweet Shop Patio is as beautiful a spot as there is to have breakfast, or a leisurely luncheon this very early lovely spring. The swimming pool, heated just right, is doing big business.

Charley Sloan says the golf course, tennis courts all going full blast; and Charley's clever combo with Don Beam, Al Bellrose with their fine musical style and versatility keeping guests swinging in the Indian Room. Robert Parrish formerly of the Santa Barbara Miramar is the new wine steward. A "brace" of beautiful telephone operators, Alicia Walker, and Karen Johnsen both from Phoenix now "man" the switchboard.

Pat Garrarde has a hard working crew of bellmen. Paul Peschiera (looking pale, he's a new father), and Tom Keitages, from Iowa, Bill Whitesel Wisconsin; doorman George Capos, Greece and Randy Rust, Yosemite, keep Pat right on his toes.

Several familiar faces in the Dining Room over the holidays: Ann Oney, Peter Gunther, Penny Stewart, Don Beedler and Jo Clement, back for the summer is glad to be alive, he says. . . had a wild race to escape the mighty hurricane in Jackson, Miss. 75 people were killed right there and many more injured. Marie Saruiquet, in the dining room only til June 5 when again she will climb the steps to the top of her Dept. of Agriculture lookout at Music Mountain. Just Marie, her dog, cat and her gun. Dog and cat keep the wild life away; the gun takes care of the rattlesnakes. Marie also reports ex bellman Gary Walrath, her son-in-law, continues getting B-pluses toward his degree at S. F. State College.

Carl Stephens, lately minus an appendix, looking fit as a fiddle, admits this early summer weather is playing tricks with his garden routine.

And, the N.P.S. has almost finished a really wonderful parking area at the service entrance to The Ahwahnee. A beautiful, old oak tree has been spared and stands stately for all of



Rob Woessner with trophy awarded by Kiwanis Clubs for high point score in Midget Group, Division III in Merced Junior Olympics.

LOCAL TRACKSTERS SCORE

The Yosemite Elementary School's track squad, coached by Cornelius Kuhn, 5th and 6th grade instructor, competed in the Kiwanis Junior Olympics held in Merced, Saturday, April 23.

Competing in Division III (small schools) the Yosemite boys took a third place, behind first place Ballico and second place El Nido. There were eight Division III schools entered.

In the Midget class of the division, the team was high point, with 26 points to El Nido's 14 and Ballico's 13.

Rob Woessner was high point man in the Midget class; Rob Smith broke the intermediate standing broadjump record with a 7' 1" jump, 3" longer than the record.

BOYER-BEHYMER WEDDING

Geraldine Elaine Boyer of Riverside, a Lewis Memorial Hospital staff nurse, and Larry Behymer, manager YPC Co. Chevron Station Y-1, were married in Riverside at 6 p.m. on April 23. The wedding took place at the Riverside Mission Inn Chapel. After a short trip up the coast the newlyweds will reside in the Indian Creek Apartments.

us to drive around. . . right in the center of the lot. Lots of room for everyone now.

—Kit Whitman

FROM THE LODGE

On Easter Sunday, telephone operator Linda Rice became the bride of Thomas Wettstone of Maintenance in Reno, Nevada. Linda's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rice, attended the young couple.

We have several new people on our desk staff. David Warda is a new desk clerk, Marve Milder is the new assistant at the transportation desk. Marve is just out of the Army where he served with the Military Police. Dave Ets is back from Manhattan Beach to be on the bellman staff and Sharon Pelto is our new and lovely lady desk clerk.

Mary Begay from housekeeping was called to Arizona where her brother was banged up in an accident. Sharon Davis, Danny Keil, Jerry Ernest, Tim Lindgren and Frank Ferriole of the cafeteria have all been on the sick list the past two weeks. Hope they are all on their way to recovery by now.

Ed Armistead, our head desk clerk, took one of his rare days off and communed with nature at the top of Yosemite Falls.

More on Monida Siemone; she was unhappy with me for reporting her having gained a few pounds while in Germany. She is now losing weight like mad and looks lovely. I think I'll start charging for my inspirational service!

Jeanne Harris will be back at the Lodge Post Office soon. Saw her and Ann Reynolds exchanging post office gossip at lunch the other day.

Last but not least, I'm proud to announce my son Robert and his wife Cheri presented me with my first grandson the day before Easter. His name is Kenneth Robert Clow. Hooray, at last I am a grandma!

—Grandma Flo Clow

CHURCH FILM

The Yosemite Community Church announced last week that a new motion picture "The Lord's Prayer" would be shown Tuesday, May 3 during the annual congregational meeting at the elementary school. The program starts at 6 p.m. with a potluck supper. The film, made in Sequoia National Park, features Rev. Ralph W. Stockton and the Westminster Choir.

AT CAMP CURRY

Keith Whitfield, a few years older and a few hairs grayer since the Camp Curry renovation program began, reports that the project is going into the stretch under the whip but will make the finish line by April 29, not the entire job, but the Pavilion Cafeteria which is committed for the use of a junior college educational group. Following that weekend, more work will be done until May 9, when it will be opened to the public.

The Nawasa Shop, too, will be ready for use April 29, the new gift shop on May 13.

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TRAVEL ITEMS

Clare Duval, YPC Co. Executive Office, enplaned April 22 at Los Angeles on a Far West Ski Association trip to circle the globe. She will stop at Paris, Athens, Cairo, Beirut, New Delhi, Bangkok, Hong Kong and Tokyo. She is accompanied by her sister Mildred Tuckerman.

Sterling and Alice Cramer left from San Francisco via TWA Friday, April 29 for Amsterdam on the first leg of a thirty-day European motor trip. Their itinerary will include the Rhine, the Black Forest in Germany, Switzerland's lakes, topped off by ten days in Paris. They are members of a KQED charter flight.

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LIONS PLAY A SUCCESS

Receipts from recent Lions Club play, enjoyed by all who attended, accounted for \$206.50 in ticket sales and \$1,400 revenue from the sale of advertising in the playbill. Dick Klein says there were about \$200 expenses, the remainder going into the Lions Club general fund.

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BOB DE LA MARE SUFFERS INJURY

Bob De La Mare who has been with YPC Co. Maintenance as a carpenter for 17 years, lost the first and second joints of the two middle fingers of his left hand in a bout with the routing machine in the carpenter shop. He seems in good spirits and good health, aside from the damaged hand. He will return to work about the middle of May.

BAKE SALE MAY 14

An outstanding array of baked things will be on sale on Saturday, May 14 at the Village Store. All the proceeds will be used to pay for ski racing helmets bought by the Yosemite Winter Club for use by this and future years' Yosemite Junior Ski Team.

At a pre-season meeting the parents agreed to repay the Winter Club for its purchase of the six helmets at \$16.00 each. Connie Metherell and Marilyn Huson are the co-chairmen, helped by other ski team mothers and interested volunteers, such as Leroy Rust, team coach and baker extraordinary.

THE CLIMB

Ski instructors Jacques DuPont and Andre Gauci started their ascent of the "nose" of El Capitan Monday morning, April 25. As this SENTINEL went to press, there was every indication that their climb to its 7,569 foot summit, 3,000 vertically from the Valley floor, would be successful and should be accomplished Saturday or Sunday. Each man is a member of the French Alpine Club. On the ground watching the climb are instructors Jacques Pitte and Henri Meyronnet.

El Capitan, according to Sierra Club's rock climbing records, "has been climbed no more than 9 times". According to local rock climbers, it has been climbed 12 times.

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FOR SALE

1965 V.W. Camper, split front seat, awning, luggage rack and hammock; Honda 50 with rack; Sony TV with antenna. \$2,795 complete, camper only \$2400. Call Virginia Halliday, Village Beauty Shop, 372-4834.

One pair child's skis, 5 ft., bindings and poles \$5.00. Call Allen Berrey, 372-4898.

House for sale in El Portal. See Toney Freitas at El Portal; call or write 342 W. 20th St., phone 722-1612 in Merced.

LOST

Somewhere, sometime this winter Tom Berrey left a rust colored quilted ski parka. He'd be pleased to get it back if anyone knows its whereabouts.

GEORGE MAYER RELEASED FROM L.M.H.

George Mayer was released April 26 from the hospital following treatment (including a body cast) for injuries sustained from a fall on April 11 from the roof of the Mountain House at Glacier Point where he was shoveling snow. He suffered compressed vertebrae and a fractured wrist.

At present, the Mayers are living in a Camp 6 trailer where they will be until George can be moved to their home in Santa Cruz or San Miguel Allende, Mexico.

The Mayers have been winter caretakers at Glacier Point since 1954.

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PARENTS GROUP MEETS

67 year, to be voted on at the next, May 16, meeting.

Virgil Mullis, C.T.A. representative for the county will attend the next meeting to explain and discuss the details of the proposed property tax-override measure to increase the school districts budget to be presented to the voters on the June Ballot.

Stuart Cross, Chairman of the Parents Group Fact Finding Committee, reported on the progress of the body, summarizing certain results of the former-parents, former-teachers survey. Cross indicated a complete report would be presented at the May 16 meeting.

The School's annual picnic outing is set for June 6. Acting Chairman Curry appointed Bob Bevington picnic chairman who, in turn, appointed John Curry, Dorothy Johnson, Larry Knowles, Connie Metherell and Marian Woessner as committee members. There is some doubt as to whether the picnic may be held on the school grounds, as in the past, hence its location will be announced later.

Larry Knowles, chairman of the landscape committee, stated that he had prepared plans for school grounds plantings which would be presented at the next meeting. After adjournment, coffee and cakes provided by Mrs. Bagley and Mrs. Duncan, were served.

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

IN MEMORIAM

ENID AND CHARLES MICHAEL

Only a few of us old-timers still in Yosemite remember the twenties and thirties, when Enid and Charley Michaels gave us the beginning of what knowledge we have of our birds and flowers. Charley was the assistant postmaster for many years, and did not wish to advance from there, as he could schedule his time for his daily early morning walk in quest of birds, usually with a little band of devotees following him. Della Hoss and I were often among them, and later Walter Fitzpatrick, who followed Charley as unofficial Mr.-Yosemite-Bird-Man. Enid was a ranger-naturalist, and selected and arranged the wild-flowers for the garden behind the museum where the archaeologists are now prowling before the Visitor Center is begun. At one time she kept up a table with the current wild flowers at Camp Curry, a custom that I wish could be continued at the Museum or at Tuolumne Meadows.

After Charley's death a number of years ago Enid remarried, but still spent much of the summer in Yosemite with Mr. Benson, her second husband,

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EL PORTAL SPRING CARNIVAL

The El Portal Parents Group is planning an evening of family fun in the shape of a Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 21 at 6 p.m. in the El Portal Community Hall. There is no admission charge and there will be games of chance and fun for all, including the cake walk, a kind of musical chairs, with the winner taking away a home-baked cake. Dinner will be available.

The funds raised at the Spring Carnival will help toward the cost of providing a proper school playground.

PARENTS GROUP

The last of the school semester's Parents Group meetings was held Monday, May 16. Unanimously elected as officers for the next school year, starting with the fall semester were John Curry, Chairman, Bob Smith, vice chairman, Roland Johnson, treasurer, Jan Briggs, secretary, Midge Fiore, librarian.

Virgil Mullis, Mariposa High School principal and C.T.A. district representative, discussed the necessity for the voters' approval of the forthcoming property tax increase to supplement the district's school budget.

Stuart Cross, head of the Parents Group Fact Finding Committee, presented possible methods for the improvement of the local school.

Copies of the report were distributed to Parents Group members present at the meeting. Additional copies are available at YPC Co. Hotel Division office. They may be picked up there or will be sent by mail on phone request. . . . 372-4656.

It was announced by Chairman Bill Jones that the school picnic will be held on the school grounds on Monday, June 6 at 6 p.m. It was also announced that Mrs. Don Cross will be in charge of the Red Cross Swimming program at Yosemite Lodge Pool, to be held Monday, June 13 through Friday, June 24. Darla Jones reported on the children's ski program.

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FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

The Yosemite Womens Group will hold its final meeting of the year on Friday, June 10, at The Ahwahnee.

The feature of the afternoon, following a 12:45 p.m. luncheon, will be a fashion show at 2:00 p.m. sponsored by the Nawasa Shop of Yosemite.

MAINTENANCE MEN ON THE MOVE

A visit with Lee Hansen in YPC Co. Maintenance office is as informative as it is pleasant. We learned that the department's craftsmen have been active on all fronts.

Brush Wielders Frank Dominques, Frank Reedy, Harold Jacoby and Anthony Martin have the Glacier Point Mountain House spic and span after a seven day push there. They painted all fifteen rooms, plus the public facilities. Howard Lane did the cooking for them.

Carpenters Danny Boughton and Carl Ruddle spent two days in the general repair of the Glacier Point Hotel including replacement of doors and walls ripped apart by an anxious bear.

Rose (Mrs. Cornelius) Kuhn is now in the office as the "order-taker". She and Lee encourage all who phone in service orders to give the information to one of them, rather than directly to the shop. Orders placed with the shop sometimes go astray without the proper job number assignment. Also new in the administrative end is George Willers who does the estimating for Maintenance. With the June 1 deadline for capital expenditures, George's lot will be a busy one.

Dick Ditton, Lloyd Hansen, Nick Fiore, a crew and camp managers will depart May 30 for a three-week trip around the High Sierra Camps getting them in order for the season's opening which, hopefully, will begin with Glen Aulin on June 13.

On the personal side, Joe Liskey is confined to the shop while a twisted knee mends beneath a cumbersome cast. Doug McElligott is back after a late bout with the flu. Bob De La Mar's injured hand is improving and he

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A SARGENT STORY

(Shirley Sargent emerged from Flying Spur at Foresta recently and handed the following piece to the SENTINEL staff, for which the staff thanks Miss Sargent).

BREAD AND BUTTER NOTES
by Shirley Sargent

After summer houseguests have left my mountain home, the inevitable bread and butter letters arrive. "Dear Shirley: Thanks for a wonderful time in a marvelous place. If you can stand us we'll be back next year. The children have talked of nothing except Flying Spur and Yosemite since we left. . . ."

Last year several children expressed their pleasure in spontaneous notes that delight me, although the ending on the first one was disconcerting.

After spending Memorial Day weekend at Flying Spur Patty, age eight, printed her thanks.

"I had fun at your house. You our nice. Thank you for letting us stay. I hope God will bless you. I said 10 Hail Marys and 10 our Fathers for you: XOXOXO Love, Patricia."

In June a citified mother exposed her civilized self, Lorraine, 10, and Kenny, 8, to my subdued wilderness. A howling coyote frightened her so much, the first night she slept outside with her children, that she woke them and moved all beds inside. While she never overcame her fears and complained that my mousecatching cat left smelly prey on Kenny's sleeping bag, her youngsters turned into engaging junior "rangers." "That's a Steller jay, Mom, not a blue jay! Rattlesnakes hate sun, stop worrying. Bears don't eat people, just garbage!"

Lorraine's thank you note was to the point.

"I had a nice time at your caben.

UNITS OPENING

Big Trees Lodge opened last weekend to a full audience with Leon Le Clair as manager. Mr. Le Clair is new to YPC Co.; he has had a good many years experience in the area of food service having owned and operated restaurants and catering businesses.

Meanwhile, at Glacier Point, which has been open for partial operation for sometime and scheduled for full operation May 27, Arvi Dorsey is serving as acting manager.

Jim Hamer is getting Housekeeping Camp organized for its May 20 opening. Tuolumne Meadows Lounge, scheduled to open June 11, again will have Martha Miller as its chief.

The thing I liked was clearing the little cabin. I like to hike now. P.S. My Mother got tired on the way home."

Kenny's printed words amplified that.

"My Mother said to Dad that she was glad to be home. Thank you for the nice time at your cabin. My dad likes the bark."

Their mother's letter explained that she was not quite a stretcher case but glad to be home where there are no bluejays and no coyotes, rattlesnakes, or bears.

Her postscript is in my scrapbook along with the children's notes.

"P.S. When I picked up Ken's sleeping bag, the man at the cleaner's said, 'No wonder the bag smelled, lady, when I took it out of the machine out fell feather and legs - there was a bird in it! Try feeding your cat more!'"

My theory is that Tiger left his catch on top of the bag and that sleepily in the dark, Kenny shoved it in with an insensitive foot, but no defense of mine will ever satisfy my friend.

The last and most imaginative note for this year, was handed to me by eleven-year-old Janet, who I prophesy will go far in this world. It read succinctly:

"Just so I won't have to write you a thank you note when I get home, I'd like to say I had a wonderful time here at F. S. Thanks."

JACK RING ADDS NEW RESPONSIBILITY

As announced by the YPC Co. Executive Office, Jack Ring is now supervisor of all stores and shops.

CAROLYN PETTIT - BAND SOLOIST

From notes supplied by Kit Whitman of The Ahwahnee, the following item was assembled.

Carolyn Pettit, presently working in the Gift Shop and as relief switchboard operator, will add the role of soloist with Charley Sloan's Combo (in the Indian Room) at The Ahwahnee.

Carolyn is 21 years old, a graduate of the Pasadena Playhouse, (sometimes) did summer stock at Catalina, in the Theater in the Round, a tent Carolyn has made two TV commercials, has sung at the Bonne Villa in Los Angeles, had the lead for four months in "Louisa" with the "Fantasticks" at the Las Palmas. Carolyn is now one year from graduating from L.A. Theater Arts. Her home is in El Monte.

In addition to which, we have heard Carolyn sing, in fact she sang very well for the recent Womens Group Charity Party at Camp Curry and recommend her highly.

LETTERS

In a letter to Mrs. Tresidder upon hearing of her accident, Mrs. Peter Kat writes from El Cerrito that Bill Kat, a former Yosemite-ite, will be 91 years old next month, is well and happy, and presently visiting a son and family in Panama.

WILL BABY SIT

Baby sitting done on a daily basis or hourly, at my home. Mrs. Dean Conway, 372-4581.

FOR SALE

1964 Chevelle Conv., R/H, auto. trans., P/S, V-8 eng. Call or see Brad Zollars at Y-3 Station, 372-4551.

Trailer, 8 x 28' for \$700. Call Woodland 6-3437, Dukey Hays.

Motorola TV and two stands. Call Hilda Beckett, sales ofc., 372-4411.

Portable Washer - hooks up to faucet \$75.00. El Portal Trailer Park Space A-1 or call David Tucker at 372-4651.

1966 Volkswagen, sunroof. Factory guarantee. Driven 3,000 miles in Europe. Douglas Whiteside, 379-2325.

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FROM ACCOUNTING

To the chirp of the robins and the roar of the Falls, the accounting office provides the discordant racket of the Marchants, the Burroughs and the IBMs. These monsters are tamed into productivity by a number of newcomers, to whom we extend a welcome.

First arrivals were Donna Kolstad and Margaret Burns, both of Milwaukee and, though friends at home, arrived separately. Donna will be replacing Maurine Harris on the Special Journals. Maurine will be relieving Eva Murphy in Files, when she retires this fall. Margaret will be backing up Mildred Hickok on the Comps. Arlene Snyder is going to assist Dick Klein on Statements this summer.

Steve Hallgranson is our Arthur Anderson representative this year. Jim Digua (pronounced Dee-long a) will be holding down the Accounts Payable desk this year. Agnes Lascy is back again this year, and will be helping Pat Reece on the Transportation Desk. Hal Wright, fresh from Badger Pass will also be giving Pat Reece a hand. Coordinating the inventories with Jim Edeal will be Ed Blasi. Faye Davis took over Posting while Helen Unitus was in the hospital. Good to see Helen back.

We hope non-accountants understand the local vernacular, because we have things like comp. statements, accounts payable, etc.

Harris, Kerr, Forster & Co. has been retained by YPC Co. to do a survey on our accounting and hotel systems. Richard Rhodes is in charge of the team of analysts. Their surveys are expected to cover a period of six months.

The Lions Club would like once again to extend a big thanks to Sterling Cramer for his role in the Lions Club Spring Play. This year Sterling Cramer produced, directed and took a leading role in Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Indians". This was reported to be the best Lions Club production ever.

A secret ballot was taken in the Accounting Office this week and Jim Edeal was unanimously voted Yosem-



First through the Camp Curry Pavilion Cafeteria line on opening night, Friday, May 6, were Hilda Beckett, YPC Co. Sales, left and Larry Cleeland, 3rd from left, of the NPS sign shop. Camp Curry manager Keith Whitfield and Earl Pomeroy look on.

TV SAFE-DRIVERS TEST

The nationally televised safe drivers test will be broadcast (again) over CBS network, Channel 5, San Francisco (our Channel 9) on Tuesday, May 24 between 9 and 10 p.m. Copies of the test will be available in the YPC Co. Personnel office, the Arrow and NPS.

Tom Thomas, YPC Co. safety director, dug up the following statistics regarding accidents to employees. Last year, on Highways 41 and 140, there were 167 automobile accidents. Of this number, 18 Valley employees were involved in accidents sufficiently serious to require their hospitalization.

ite's answer to Batman. Everyone in the Office welcomes back Mary Watson from her extended tour of Canada. Mary's now a checker in the new Camp Curry Pavilion Cafeteria.

We are all glad to see Gerry O' Connor's smiling face back after her vacation. She must have had a good time because she wouldn't tell us where she went.

We accounting-types can hardly wait for Jim Digua to learn another movement of Rachmaninoff's Piano Concerto Number 2. We have enjoyed the first for about a month. No, Jim doesn't play the piano. . . he hums this lovely melody.

-L.L.

FROM THE LODGE

Yosemite Lodge could out-do Grand Hotel, Hollywood Hotel and all the rest for glamour, excitement and romance. Even a little intrigue. . . if you were to think of the hostess (also known as the lost and found dept.) wondering how she was to find the diamond ring the guest from Belgium lost in the river.

Roy Harland and Jerry Ernest are leaving us to see the wide wicked world. . . watch out Vegas and Reno here they come.

Jan Roscoe tells me. . . Gary Wilt is back after a five month leave to take over room service again. Madeline Lopez and Lynn Nunn are also back from a winter in Mexico City where they attended school. After looking at all the lovely ladies in our cafeteria and restaurant I cannot help but say "Under our portals pass the prettiest waitresses in the Valley".

New at our transportation desk is Ray Middaugh from Southern Calif. Ray is a writer and has written scripts for TV, such as "I Spy" and "Route 66". He will be working on an article for Holiday magazine in October.

Gertrude Stewart, Manager of our gift shop, says even "Batman" can't keep up with the changes in her department. Winona Copeland, gone to Camp Curry to open the Nawasa Shop, took along Jennie Bradey. Mabel Falkner has left for the Big Trees for the summer. Gladys Golden is now at Glacier Point. Gertrude's new girls are: Retha Small, from Merced, Sandra Vallelingo from San Francisco, Helen Patterson from Apache Junction in Arizona and Judy Wong from Fresno.

Do not say girls can't replace boys because the girls have just taken over the Annex in the big summer move. Marjorie McQuaid will be the girls Counsellor and Meg Saber is the new matron.

If the number of snapshots the visiting landscape architects took of our patio is an indication of their approval, we're well-liked. They took scores.

Our maids, now decked out in new blue uniforms, look like jays flitting through the forest. Candy Cooper

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CHAPEL DEDICATION

The restored Yosemite Chapel will be dedicated at 6 p.m., May 24 in an interfaith service conducted by The Reverend Warren W. Ost, Director of "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks".

Prior to the dedication, between 4 and 6 p.m., there will be an open house.

Following the dedication, there will be a banquet at The Ahwahnee at 7 p.m. at which The Reverend Alfred Glass will be the featured speaker.

Cost of the Banquet is \$4.50. Arrangements may be made through The Reverend Donald M. Baldwin, Box 456, Yosemite.

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GEORGE CHRISTOPHER TO SPEAK IN YOSEMITE

Former San Francisco Mayor George Christopher and now seeking the Republican nomination for Governor will speak at The Ahwahnee on Thursday, May 19. All locals, regardless of their political affiliations are welcome to attend.

MAINTENANCE MEN

returned Friday, May 13.

The newlyweds, Tom and Lynda Whetstone are at home in the El Portal Trailer Village. Last report, Tom was relaxing at home while Lynda won the family bread. Clark and Julie Martin celebrated their 20th anniversary with a short holiday.

A bath house has been installed in Camp 6 providing eight new showers and washrooms. Fred Arson, Sherlon Cox, Oskar Illig and Howard Savage performed the plumbing operations.

The canvas is all up at Camp Curry, the Lodge and at Housekeeping. Syd Ledson foremanned the work, with Bill Wyly's crew supplying the furnishings as fast as Lloyd Hansen's set up the tents.

Bob Chivers has crews at work remodeling Houses No. 129 and 117, with work scheduled for completion by July 15.

As we finished this SENTINEL, we learned that Mrs. Joe Brandauer had been sent from the local hospital to St. Agnes in Fresno for observation. We wish her well.

WOMEN'S GROUP DANCE PROFITABLE

The May 4 buffet supper dance at the "Camp Curry Casino" netted the Women's Group about \$190.00, according to Eileen Berrey.

In addition to the fine dance music, the excellent buffet supper, the games of chance, the performance of the Go-Go Girls was most enjoyable. Dancing were Alicia Walker, Polly Hocevar, Leslie Louke and Carol Fisher. Carolyn Pettit sang several delightful numbers and Hugh Merritt, appearing for the last number, was an excellent Batman.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUNDS ALLOCATED

At the May 17 meeting of the Yosemite Community Council Board of Directors, it was concluded that funds raised during the recent campaign would be distributed thusly:

Federal Joint Crusade	\$100
American Cancer Society	400
Heart Association	300
American Red Cross	300
Salvation Army	350
C.G. Thomson Scholarship	450
Boy Scouts	200
Yosemite Badgers	225
March of Dimes	200

Collectively, these represent a total of \$2,525; at the close of the drive there were \$2,796.69 in the fund, thus an emergency balance of \$271.69 has been retained. Previously, the March of Dimes by its regulations, could not accept community contributions. However, the organization this year sought a donation from the local fund.

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FROM THE LODGE

Penny Radcliff and Millie Groom make up our switchboard squad. . . their tones are pear-shaped and dulcet.

Jim Hamer is betwixt and between with his dual duties of assistant-managing here and getting Housekeeping into operation by May 20. Phil Crapo will be his chief clerk, Luke Bradshaw on the desk.

Chet Hubbard has shed his longies and Bogners and has taken over as Wayne Whiteman's assistant.

—Flo Clow

BAKE SALE RAISES \$ \$ \$

Last Saturday's bake sale in the Village Store raised \$114.82. The six ski racing helmets secured by Yosemite Winter Club for use of local competitors will be paid for. These cost about \$95.00. The balance will be kept in the Winter Club fund as a start towards the cost of team sweaters for the racers next winter.

Marilyn Huson was bake sale manager and to her the YWC extends its thanks.

ENID AND CHARLES MICHAEL

and continued to take interest in the Museum Wildflower garden.

I was never more flattered than when the Michaels invited me to go with them, one August day on a trip down Tenaya Canyon. For me it was indeed a day to remember. We stayed overnight at the Tenaya Lake Camp, which was still located on the upper shore of the lake and strolled down in the morning through the flowery glades and meadows to the mouth of the canyon. We looked up at the glacier-sculptured rim, and recalled John Muir's "Geologist's Winter Walk". At the steep, bare granite slope beside Py-we-ack Fall (or Tenaya Fall) they each took one of my hands and ran me down it, breathless, to the limpid pool at the foot of the fall. We traversed a slope of five-finger ferns, which kept breaking away beneath our feet, took note of an unexpected clump of Gentian calycosa, picked our way through the rocks of the box canyon, where the water was low enough to permit our passage and looked for the empty nest of the black swift which they had found several years earlier and often came up from below to check on.

Enid died in Pasadena February 11th; Mignon Augsburg sent me the notice of her death the other day. The Augsburgs and the Michaels were constant companions when time permitted, looking for birds and flowers to identify and photograph and John Augsburg had a fine collection of slides.

I owe the Michaels a debt of hours of pleasure, both then and since.

—M.C.T.

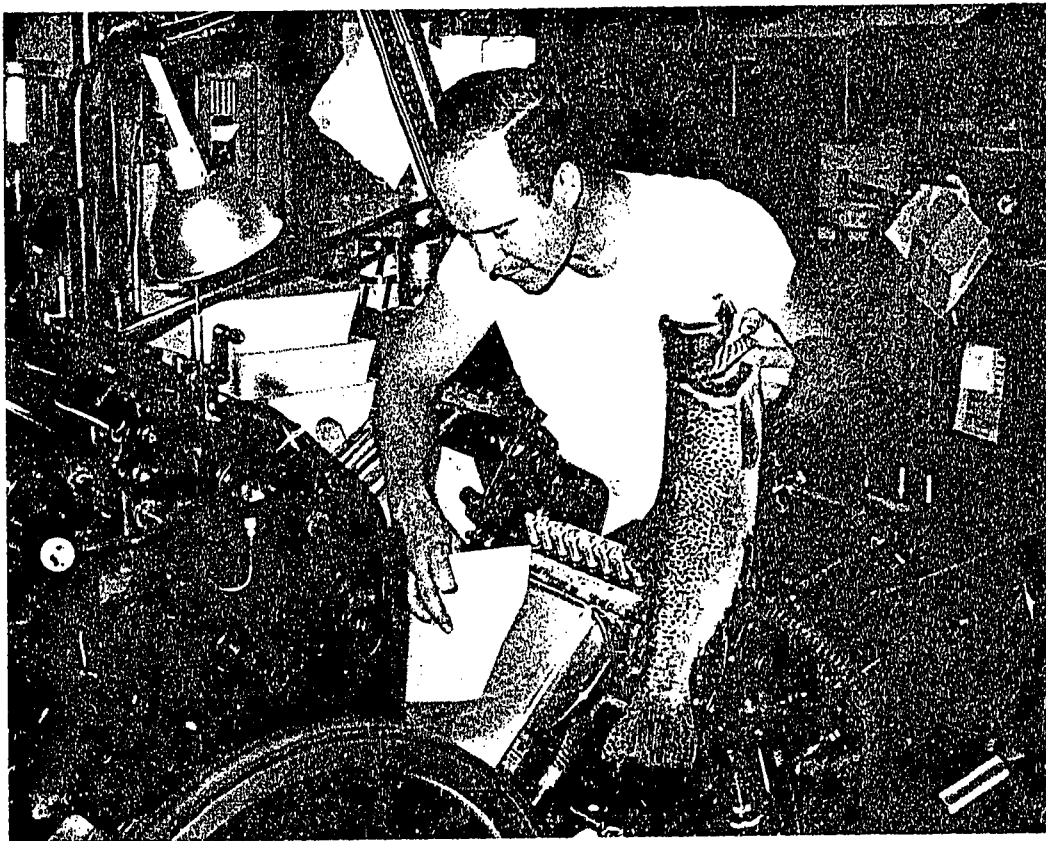
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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California



Hugh Parker, YPC Co. print shop head, caught a magnificent fish on May 27. Parker, properly proud of his catch, takes no chances on its getting away. The German Brown trout, taken near Sentinel Bridge, measured 24 $\frac{1}{4}$ " , weighed 5 lbs., 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs., made his fatal error when he attacked Parker's lure, a Finnish minnow known as the "Rapala". Actually, the Finnish minnow belonged to Lowell Willis, the rod Parker used belonged to his brother, the fish was landed in Willis' net, but the prize beauty is in Parker's freezer.

FAREWELL TO SPRING

Azaleas have replaced dogwood as the flowers' main theme on the floor of Yosemite, the azaleas of the meadows have been blooming for one to two weeks, and their perfume haunts the Valley air. The azaleas among the woodlands tend to height of bushes rather than to wealth of flowers, and a few of them are still coming into bloom, as are those along the cold waters of the river.

There is still some dogwood in bloom in the gullies near Crane Flat on the Big Oak Flat Road and Chinquapin on the Wawona Road, and the sharp, shiny green of oak leaves has

emerged from the crinkled red, like the skin of a newborn baby, which they have as they first come out from their tightly packed buds. The broad-fingered maple leaves, too, are bright green against the dark conifers along the roads.

Wild California Lilac (*Ceanothus intergerrimus*) is in bloom from the Valley upward, and the less profuse and less frequent *C. Parvifolius* (*C. cordulatus*), as well as the mounds of creamy snow bush, is blooming along the roads near or above Chinquapin.

Several kinds of lupine are in bloom

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CAMP CURRY UNDERWAY

As reported earlier, the new Camp Curry Pavilion Cafeteria opened on Friday, April 29 and, since, has ticked right along, to the joy of Keith Whitfield, Earl Pomeroy, Dave Hanna and Bill Cooper.

New menu boards were installed last week, handsomer and far more practical than the old boards, which required tedious type-setting. On the new boards, each menu item is pre-printed and slipped into a slot.

The Meadow Deck Snack Bar opened for Memorial Day and, save for a few unimportant bobbles, functioned as planned. Hanna and Cooper dashed between the cafeteria and snack bar, advising, managing and working. The Mall Snack Bar will open towards the end of the month, or sooner.

Glen Willard, Curry's perennial program director, will commence his 18th season on June 25.

The new gift shop-sports shop area is working out splendidly, according to John Earle. What a transformation the architect and decorator have created! The sports shop, not so long ago the cafeteria kitchen, is spacious, bright and handsome; the merchandise includes about everything needed for camping, hiking or fishing. The gift shop, as well, represents a striking improvement, with the woodland

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SCHOOL TAX MEASURE HEAVY CHOICE IN YOSEMITE VOTE

Voters of both Yosemite East and West precincts cast 232 votes for, 23 votes against the county school tax measure. Total county results show 1,654 yes, 870 no, for a resounding victory. Cleo Adelsbach school district Superintendent stated "We can look for better things."

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POOLSIDE STYLE SHOW

What's the up-and-coming idea in ladies fashions? Paper dresses, what else. They will be displayed and modeled at the champagne-luncheon fashion show the Yosemite Womens Group will present at their final program of the year on Friday, June 10 around the pool at The Ahwahnee.

The luncheon will be held at 12:45 p.m., followed by the fashion show at 2 p.m.

Seven local women, Sue Earle, Ruth Ewing, Vicki Haag, Darla Jones, Alice Macris, Diane Pomeroy and Ti Shackleton, will parade the summer sport-wear from the Nawasa Shop at Camp Curry.

Men's fashions are to be modeled from the new Curry Sport Shop.

Evelyn Anderson, Alice Macris, Lorna Condon, Julie Martin and Jan Briggs will assist Ruth Ann Earle, who will comment. Musical background will be furnished by Al Bellerose, pianist with The Ahwahnee Trio.

Four door prizes, a blouse, swim suit and two dresses - one a paper dress, will be contributed by the Nawasa Shop.

Reservations may be made by calling 372-4421.

SAN FRANCISCO CHECKS IN

Andrew Scarbrough, S.F. office head, sends along these two bits of "guestionaria".

A lady, planning a repeat visit with her dog to the park, phoned to state that her doggie very much disliked the bill of fare at the kennels, so she hoped it would be O.K. to keep him in her room.

A gentleman felt he should be allowed to use his Green Stamps to pay his bill at The Ahwahnee - over the 4th of July.

IT STARTED WITH RUTHIE

The spring tides of reservation office employees have been inordinate in their ebb and flood the past few months. First, our office jester, Ruth Tennis, transferred to our SF office. Her place was taken by Jinx Story, who, in addition to her YPC Co. duties, is working with the museum on a dried-wildflower process. Jeri Johnson was the next crew member to sign on. Jeri had some trying times, first having her auto smashed (though she wasn't in it) and then being involved in an accident, receiving facial cuts. Fortunately, she wasn't off work too long. We couldn't survive long without her snaking out miles of continuous-form typing each day.

Ann Wheeler finally left us to await the arrival of the stork. Time after time we asked Annie to stay just a bit longer, almost to the point of setting up a layette in the TWX room.

A number of girls were with us for short periods: Vicky Black and Lois Smith transferring to The Ahwahnee, Sharon Stillwell to Hotel Division, and Polly Hovever called home to Montana on a family emergency.

Elaine Barker, Marcia Biernat, Pauline Wright and Brooke Vanderkar are returnees from last season, and Helen O'Bryant from two summers ago. Time out for a baby, and a trip home, "Down Under", for Helen. Arlene Day and Phyllis Ihry arrived from Grand Canyon, and next (I think) Dorothy McGiven left for our LA office.

Reporting aboard ship for a tour of duty are Phyllis Digua whose husband works in accounting, Dorothy Slagle, Margarita Morris, Carole Converse, Rebecca Sorenson, Marcia Perry, and Katie Humphrey. Little happy heart, Berdeite Alcalay, left us after receiving extensive injuries in an auto accident. Get well quickly, Berdie.

Our chuckle of the week came in a letter that opened, "My wife and I and our small dog are arriving. . .", went on to say, "enclosing \$10.00 check and stamped envelope", and closed with, "If the dog is not acceptable, please return it in the enclosed envelope". We would have liked to reply, but didn't; Dear Sir: We are unable to comply with your request to return a dog, since none was en-

FROM THE AHWAHNEE

The fact that convention season is over is apparent in the happy, relaxed faces of the dining room staff. Congratulations to that hearty crew who kept The Ahwahnee tradition of good service in spite of the numbers that streamed to the dinner tables.

During this busy time we were honored by the presence of two well-known gentlemen. Dr. DeBakey, the famous heart specialist, addressed the California Medical Association. Dr. DeBakey has made medical history in developing an artificial heart. Also, George Christopher, a member of the California Dairy Association, took time off from his busy schedule to give a speech to Yosemite locals. Mr. Christopher is a candidate for the governorship of California.

Although Miss Bernadt was happy to see the landscape display taken out of the lounge, Jim McDonald experienced a sharp pang in his stomach as the ice cream box was removed from the lobby.

With the opening of Tioga Pass, members of the Big Stone Teepee are making plans. Randy Rust has his skis, silver wax and bathing suit all set for a trip to Mammoth this week. Bob Pillow, Robin Bowen, and Dave Mattson are making preparations for the first ascent of Mt. Hoffmann of the 1966 summer season. Leslie Sears has her fishing rod in readiness for a five pound golden trout.

The sales office has been most generous to lend us Lois Smith to be acting hostess until a permanent girl arrives. Welcome to The Ahwahnee, Lois!

-David Mattson

P. O. HOURS

Starting Saturday, June 11, 1966, the Main Post Office will remain open on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. All branches and stations will close at 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

closed. Had a dog been sent to us, we still couldn't have returned him or her to you as the postage was insufficient and the wrapper too small. Instead we are returning your check, with a recommendation you read Bernstein's The Careful Writer.

-P. T.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GRADUATES

In the 1966 graduating class from the Yosemite Elementary School are Michael Lee Harrison, Sonja Hoie, Robert Cushman Johnson, Susan Mayes Keller, Ellen Rose Kuhn, Michael Frederick Martischang, Kenneth Charles Metherell, Eric Alan Oster, Allan Richard Parker, Constance Joan Smith, William Keith Whitfield, Jr. and Charles Addison Woessner, Jr.

Congratulations to them, and best wishes for continued educational careers.

FAREWELL TO SPRING (continued)

at various levels — pink and yellow harlequin lupines are in sunny, sandy places, with an occasional Mariposa lily and many pink pussy-paws, so appropriately named. The Mariposa lilies now are very plentiful in the Mariposa region. The gray-leaved bush lupine is giving way to the greener long-leaved variety, and at Wawona the lower-growing *L. formosus*, strongly violet in color, scents the air. Indian paintbrush, godetia, or Farewell to Spring, pale lavender or yellowish Sierra iris, purple milkweed, orange wall-flower are highlights along the roads. In the upper meadows, except the highest such as Pothole Meadows, early blooming marsh-marigold has passed from the picture and shooting stars have taken over, with blue camassia beginning to open after the sun gets well above the hills. Along the meadow borders mountain bluebells (languid ladies) are in bloom, and the more vivid mountain forget-me-nots (Lappula), pink or blue, line favored road-edges.

The spectacular compound leaves and stout towering stems of cow parsnips decorate the moist places and their flattish umbels of white flowers are beginning to appear, from the Valley floor on up into the roadside glades and meadows.

—M. C. T.

AA MEETING

Any Park employee who has or has had a drinking problem may be interested to learn of a meeting of Alcoholic Anonymous on Saturday, June 11. Call Wayne P. for the time and place, 372-4431, ask for the kitchen extension. Please call between 8:30 a.m. and Noon.

FROM THE LODGE

The hue and cry of "wait until you see the people on Memorial Day!" Memorial Day has come and gone and the Ol' timers were right. Lots of people, everyone having a wonderful time.

Early summer making quite a few changes at the Lodge. . . . the swimming pool is open with Hank Reynolds, Robin Etz, Kathy Bramlett and Jan Bond seeing that everyone is taken care of. We see some familiar faces from the ski slopes, sun bathing and swimming, among them Mrs. Don Cross and her cute little daughter, Lynn.

Michael Ruth and Don Brown are keeping the wheels rolling out of our bicycle department. Jerry Love has moved his scenic movies out of the lounge to the patio theater and it is a most colorful sight to see our guests enjoying themselves under the stars. Ranger Naturalist Sterling Mummert gave a most interesting lecture our first night outdoors.

Mama Jan Roscoe (as all her young people call her, and she loves it) tells me she claims the international spot of the Lodge now. There are. . . Patrick Wanyee from Kenya, Africa, who is here for his third year. Lovely Carolyn Gabbard from the Samoan Island, starting her second year in Yosemite. Tadao Izuma from Japan, has been going to school in San Francisco in the winter; this is his 2nd year. Diane Bayless is back for her third year. Last but by no means least is Velma Whittaker with a beautiful new engagement ring. This is her 4th year and she has brought her young sister, Nadine, with her.

Our gift shop has been so busy that the other day Gertrude thought she had lost little Ruby Dean, but the girls found her hidden behind mountains of boxes unpacking some of the pretties we have for sale.

Sorry to hear Danny Keil was in a car mishap. We are told he will be alright and hope he will be back in the cafeteria soon.

Hal Smith's transportation desk is really popping. Chuck Johnson is his new helper. Hal's men always look so sharp when they meet all the tour buses.

LL's COMMENTS

Two very important people of the accounting office were left out of our last story. We would like to apologize, but space did not permit justice to be done to them.

First, we have Melba Smith and her cage of cavaliering cashiers. These are the people who gather, count and disburse the money for the company. Melba is assisted by Stu Campbell who has returned after a 5 year absence. We accounting-types are happy to have Stu back.

The hay fever kid (better known as Lee Yancy) says she is ready for summer after purchasing a case of Dristan. For those of you who haven't seen her

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It's nice to see so many of our cowboy friends from the stables having dinner at the Lodge. Bob Barnett, the stables manager, and the rest of his boys have just had their big spring horse drive, which we made a special effort to see, and what a sight! Don't miss it next year everyone. While visiting the stables the other day with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Meyers, guests from San Diego, Bob told us that his stables were where the "Sidewalks meet the West."

Red Woelbing, our breakfast cook, is attempting to form a "potbelly" baseball team. I hear he has his eye on the "soft touch" boys on the front desk, to challenge to a game later in the season. The boys in the kitchen are betting their second cups of coffee that the office crew has left all its talent in "file 16".

Wayne Porter's night cleaning crew is doing a great job keeping our place beautiful. So nice to arrive in the morning to see things shining. . . .we know the gremlins didn't do it.

Rev. Don Baldwin stopped by our desk recently with a very nice young man by the name of Jack Wylie who has just arrived with his wife, Carolyn. Jack is to be the director of the Coffee House this summer. Don is now having his church services at the Church Bowl.

We will all be happy when Bill Germany finishes his finals at school and can stay for the summer. He thinks this weekend commuting is for the blue jays!

—Flo Clow

THE NEW ONES

Lewis Memorial Hospital reports that it has been the arrival place of: Johanna Lee Wheeler, 7 lbs., 1 1/2 oz., May 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wheeler. Jon Spencer Haag, 9 lbs., 1 1/2 oz., May 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Haag. Deborah Gail Brantley, 7 lbs., 5 oz., May 26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brantley.

Welcome to the world.

L. L.'s COMMENTS (continued)

yet, it is our pleasure to announce that Sue Kipnis has returned from a short vacation in Arizona. The vacation wasn't exactly her idea. She was in rather a serious car accident last winter, but she looks great and is still her bubbling, effervescent self. Rounding out Melba's crew is recently acquired Gene Waters as Security Messenger.

It might appear that Agnes Westfall is lining girls up for a Miss Universe Pageant in her Payroll Office but believe it or not, they work there. Sharon Plemons (Yosemite's Playmate of the month) has returned from a cold winter at Badger Pass. Margie Haralson, fresh from Concord, has livened up the office with her most inviting smile. Susan Mangum has joined Agnes' aggregation for the summer. She is the kind of girl we would like to take home to father.

Meanwhile back in the accounting office, we have two new additions. Anita Waldron, who will help with the filing this summer and Sarah Williams direct for Smogville, U.S.A. will be giving a helping hand on the comps.

Sterling Cramer and his lovely wife Alice have returned from their vacation. The Cramers spent a month in Europe. Mr. Cramer said most of their time was spent hiking and soaking up sun rays. It's good to have our leader back.

The girls in Reservations feel that a very important member of their unit was slighted on the Batman contest voting, so we held another contest and yes, you guessed it, Tony Lindley was picked as Yosemite's answer to Robin, the Boy Wonder, and believe me, it is a wonder that he gets anything done as much time as he spends in the accounting office.

RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

Red Cross swimming lessons will be given at Yosemite Lodge Pool from June 13th until June 24th. All Yosemite Valley and El Portal children may participate, provided they are at least five years of age or will enter kindergarten in the Fall.

Lifesaving classes will be conducted in the evenings for those who are eligible. To register for classes, please call Joanne Cross, 372-4556, on Wednesday, June 8th, or Thursday, June 9th. Instructors will be Babs Alberts, Jan Briggs, Eileen Berrey, and Ann Hendrickson. Norm Bishop, Jan Haag, and Joanne Cross are in charge of the program.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

Matt Gagan has returned to the fold as plumber foreman after a two year absence. Matt's on a 3-day-a-week schedule; Mrs. Matt will remain in Merced, where they have their home.

Another returnee, George Ledson, will be on the wagon, the water wagon, this summer. George lives in Cathey's Valley with his best friend, a shaggy dog.

We're happy to report that Mrs. Joe Brandauer is at home in Midpines recovering from a near-fatal bout with a botulism poisoning. In San Francisco and Los Angeles there was only sufficient botulism anti-toxin to treat but one person. Had any other members of the Brandauer family been stricken, treatment would have been most difficult.

The big drive in Maintenance at the present is toward the erection of the High Sierra Camps. In process now are the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Store. Lloyd Hansen, ten laborers, carpenters Danny Boughton and Carl Ruddle, plumber (trainee) Fred Arnsen and "stove-man, Johnny Crocker are involved. Next, come Glen Aulin, White Wolf, Vogelsang, Merced Lake, Sunrise and May Lake, in that order, to be completed by June 28.

George Willers, estimator, and the foremen, are up to their ears in the flood of estimates for Maintenance work to be done during 1966-67 fiscal year.

RICK THOMAS PICKED FOR BOYS' STATE

Rick Thomas, former Yosemite resident and son of Mrs. Doug Thomas, was chosen a delegate from the Calistoga High School to Boys' State. Thomas was one of 560 high school students chosen from the state to attend the week-long program to be held at the Davis Campus of the University of California.

Rick has served as Athletic Commissioner, Class President and participated in football, basketball, baseball and track. He won all-league honors in football as a line-backer on defense and center on offense. Rick is also treasurer of the Interact Club, and has been a member of the California Scholarship Federation for three years.

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CAMP CURRY (continued)

mural, the unusual lighting treatment and the beautiful floor. It's worth a trip there, to look at the room.

In the front office area, Dale Hammil, back only for weekends until his high school teaching duties end (next week) will be chief clerk again; Steve Cohen, U. of Michigan, last year a cone stand dispenser, is now a desk clerk. The value of a college education! Jerry Sorenson, a U.C. Dental College student, is back as head bellman.

The Memorial Day holiday brought little in the way of surprises or crises. One Camp Curry guest, who was assigned to tent 59, wandered down to Stoneman Section's tent 59. He and his family were well ensconced, when the proper occupant, assigned by the Housekeeping desk, came along. This caused a minor mystery until Jim Hamer straightened it out.

Camp Curry, to the eyes of many, has never looked better. It seems to present more of its old character — green, cool, clean and calm.

Off-season maintenance work on all Badger Pass facilities is underway. Machinists Tom Whetstone and Glenn Savage are now going over No. 4 T-bar lift; they will overhaul all five lifts and the ski school rope tow.

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

SUMMER SEASON, 1966

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, CALIFORNIA

A Message from Yosemite Supt. John L. Davis

In this, its 50th Anniversary year, the National Park Service welcomes you to Yosemite National Park.

We hope that your visit will be a most enjoyable experience, and we are sure that it will be if you will but take the time to explore its many wonders.

While you are in Yosemite Valley, visit the Yosemite Museum and the Happy Isles Nature Center. Spend at least a day in the high country around Tuolumne Meadows, hiking or riding on the many trails that emanate from there, or fishing in one of the nearby lakes and streams. Drive up to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias at the south end of the Park, visiting the Pioneer Yosemite History Center at Wawona en route. As you return, make a side trip to Glacier Point for a spectacular view of Yosemite Valley and across into some of the High Sierra beyond.

This is your National Park. Use and enjoy it, but please leave it as you found it so that those who come later may share its beauties.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MARKS 50th BIRTHDAY

The National Park Service welcomes the people of the nation to visit their parks during 1966, the 50th Anniversary of the Park Service. You may enjoy your visit more if you know of the history and the objectives of the National Park Service. The 226 areas administered by the Service include 32 national parks,

77 national monuments, 6 national seashores, 4 national recreation areas, as well as historic sites, battlefields, parkways, and other areas. This System embraces a vast variety of areas ranging from the rock-bound coast of Maine, to the Olympic rain forest in Washington, to Hawaii and Alaska.

The National Park Service was established on August 25, 1916, to manage the national parks and monuments which had been established by the Congress and by executive action of the President. They were then being administered by a number of bureaus throughout the Government, some by the Department of

the Army, some by Agriculture, and some by the Department of the Interior.

HIGH STANDARDS SET

Stephen Mather, the Park Service's first director, created the conceptual framework of the Park Service. He established the code and criteria of the high standard of service which has marked the National Park Service as a key Bureau of the Federal Government since its inception in 1916.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall has identified three principal categories
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EARLY DAYS

Camp Curry, opening this season its new and improved food service and expanded gift shop areas, has a history that began before the turn of the century. Through the years, the functional aspects of Camp Curry have been changed to keep pace with the increase in visitors and the "changing times" in general, though the attitude of friendliness and relaxed com-

fort spreads through Camp Curry as it did in earlier times.

The following account of the early days is from a piece written by Jennie Foster Curry prior to her death in 1948.

"In the summer of 1899, we, my husband David A. Curry and myself, both In-

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of areas now included within the National Park System. They are: Natural; Historical; and Recreational Areas.

NPS CATEGORIES

The first category includes the national parks and monuments which were created because of their outstanding natural values -- geological, biological, and scenic. The second includes these units of the System which were created to preserve historic and archeological structures and sites. The possibilities of the third major category, recreation areas, are myriad and include not only recreation based on nature and appropriate to it, but is being extended to include many kinds of wholesome outdoor recreational activities.

From parks of history and prehistory, Americans young and old can gain a deeper understanding of the great events which have influenced the history of the United States. In natural parks, visitors are inspired by the superlative beauty and scenic grandeur of the land, and in the recreational areas of the park system there are growing opportunities for healthful outdoor recreation.

Working with the Service in providing for the needs of the more than 117 million visitors expected in the National Park System in 1966,

Stephen T. Mather, Parks' First Chief

In 1915 there were 13 national parks - or preserves - in the United States but no central bureau existed to administer them. Army troops were stationed in them, but only as protectors, to keep out miners, woodchoppers, cattle and sheep raisers. Washington had made several unsuccessful attempts to create a national park bureau, but the preserves were regarded somewhat as orphans and federal attention was badly lacking.

Meanwhile, out west, Stephen T. Mather, a Californian, U. C. graduate and Si-



Sketch of the 'gift tree' and mural decorations in the new Camp Curry Gift Shop.

there are 195 concessioners who have invested more than \$73 million of their private capital to provide for food, lodging, and other visitor services.

The national parks can be established only by congressional enactment. The national seashores, the national riverways, and national monuments have been established by the Congress and also by the President through Presidential Proclamation.

CLARIFY GOALS

Sometime a confusion arises on the difference between the recreation areas and the national parks administered by

the National Park Service. The national parks are set aside primarily to preserve a part of America's scenic and scientific heritage. The National Park Service has a mandate from the Congress to make them available for use and to leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations. This poses some very delicate decisions from time to time as to what public use should be allowed consistent with preservation.

Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane in 1916 set out the management principles for national parks:

1. The national parks must be maintained in an unimpaired form for use of future generations as well as those of our own time;
2. They are set apart for use, observation, health, and pleasure of the people;
3. The national interest must dictate all decisions affecting public or private enterprise.

On the other hand, the national recreation areas are set aside and are managed for outdoor recreation, including public hunting, consistent with the maintenance of a quality natural environment. Quality is the key word. . . the National Park Service does not want a recreational area to become a natural slum, in a manner of speaking, because then it



STEPHEN T. MATHER

erra Club member, after numerous pack trips into the Sierra, Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon regions, complained to his college friend Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, that things were badly run in Yosemite and Sequoia. To which Lane replied "Steve, if you don't

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NEW CAMP CURRY GIFT, SPORTS SHOPS

As a part of the renovation program at Camp Curry, there are two fine new shops, a new gift shop and a sporting goods shop. These are located on the meadow side (north) of the boardwalk with access, as well, through the Nawasa Dress Shop to the west.

As interesting as the assortment of souvenir merchandise, in the gift shop, is its decoration, particularly the mural on the south and east walls. Adding to the attractiveness is the indirect ceiling lighting, the suspended spherical lighting fixtures and the "gift tree", a section of an old oak tree placed in the center of the shop.

Adjoining the gift shop is the sports shop where campers' supplies, sleeping bags, lanterns, stoves, etc. are displayed. Also available are fishing tackle, camping clothes and shoes.

The Nawasa Shop, while in its same location, has been refurbished and offers selections of women's sportswear, bathing suits, beach togs.

does not contribute to continuing outdoor recreational opportunities. There is considerably more flexibility in the management policies and the kinds of development that would distinguish a recreational area from a national park. But both kinds of areas serve the broad purposes of preservation and recreation.

Men of vision are coming to believe that necessary progress does not require the destruction of every last vestige of the natural world. Or as President Johnson said in his landmark message on Natural Beauty, February 8, 1965: "The beauty of our land is a natural resource. Its preservation is linked to the inner prosperity of the human spirit."

The National Park Service extends to you a cordial invitation to visit your National Park System -- whether it be the natural, historical, or recreational areas.

MATHER

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like the way those parks are run, run them yourself". "Mr. Secretary, I accept the job", Mather replied. With these brief preliminaries, Mather assumed the directorship of the parks and was instrumental in establishing a system of parks, monuments and historical sites, that sees more than 100 million visitors each year. He long had envisioned a plan to weld the parks into a great system and to make them accessible to all the people.

PERSONAL FUNDS USED

Many of the existing parks were difficult to get to and provided few or no facilities for the accommodation of visitors. Government red tape stood in the way of action. This Mather cut resolutely. When government appropriations couldn't meet the situation he produced "appropriations" of his own — for when he accepted public office he possessed a considerable fortune from mining interests. Little by little, Mather's convictions, vision and determination convinced the congress of the value of his efforts and larger appropriations were made available.

In Yosemite, during Mather's fourteen years of service as Director, much progress was made toward providing proper roads and trails, accommodations and transportation and other visitor facilities. He was responsible for formulating the policy, still effective, whereby government contracts were arranged with well-operated and financed park concessioners rather than with several of shaky caliber. The Tioga toll road was purchased from the

Great Sierra Co. and made a public road (Mather paid half the bill). The first part of the John Muir Trail was undertaken, the Cascades power plant was built, Highway 140, the first auto road into the park, from Merced, was completed.

When Mather assumed the directorship of the national parks in 1916, he determined at the outset to provide park visitors with the information on the natural and historic features which they wanted. Educational endeavors were made a part of his projected program even before a staff had been organized.

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

Mather, on a trip to Lake Tahoe, was fascinated by the interpretive work instituted and financed by Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Goethe of Sacramento. He persuaded the Doctor (and shared his expenses) to transfer their activities to Yosemite. Park Service money eventually became available, and an interpretive program was developed here. The success of the Yosemite installation developed into a national program that carried interpretive activities throughout the park and monument system.

Yosemite's Mariposa Big Trees

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around the State-administered lands as a means of conserving the adjacent Sierra wilderness. The new park was placed under the guardianship of the U. S. Army. The Cavalry came in the spring and left in autumn. During the winter, two civilian rangers patrolled the area as best they could.

The dual administration of the adjoining State and Federal areas created many problems. It was the feeling of many Californians that the lands which had been granted to them would better be administered as a part of the National Park. Others were resentful of that attitude, but eventually their opposition was overcome and in 1906

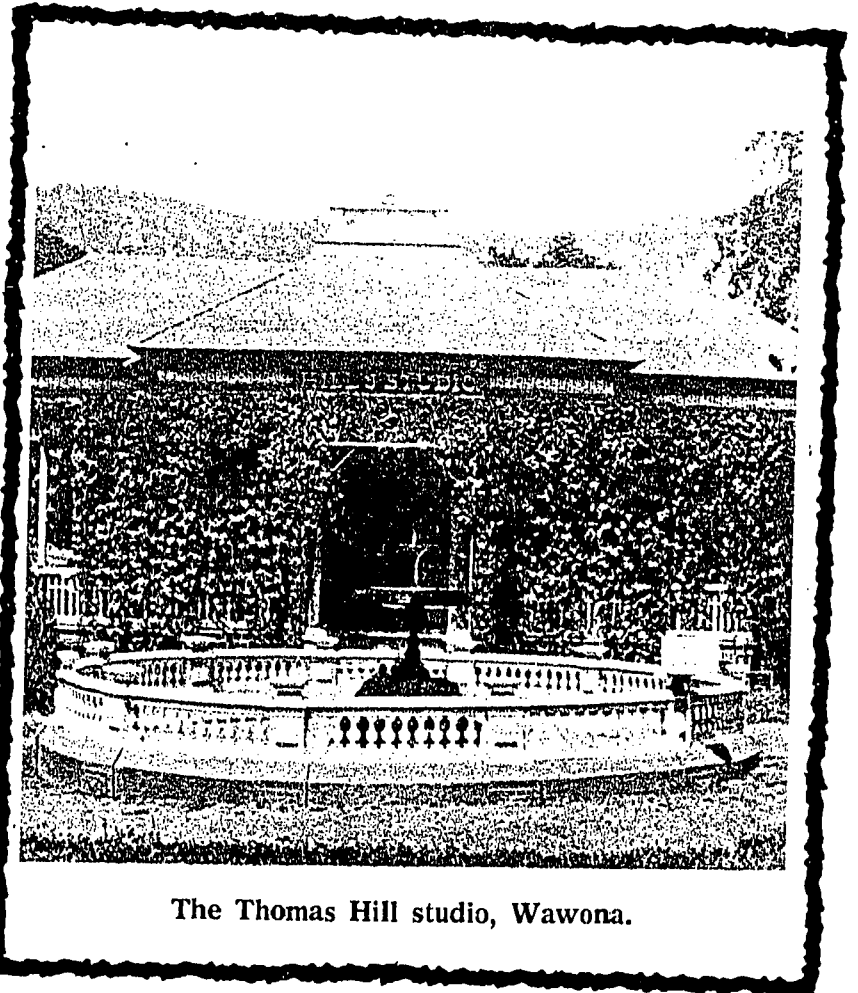
the grant lands were receded to the Federal government.

Civilian supervision over the combined areas became effective in 1914, and two years later, when the National Park Service was established, Yosemite National Park became a part of the National Park System, along with other established areas.

YOSEMITE OPEN ALL YEAR

While Yosemite receives its heaviest visitation during the summer months, more and more Californians, particularly, are finding it just as attractive in the months of

spring, fall and winter. Highways 140 from Merced and 41 from Fresno as well as the Big Oak Flat Road 120 from Manteca on Highway 50 are kept open year 'round.

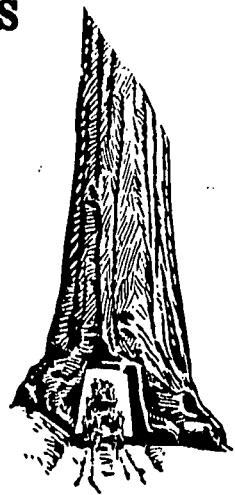


The Thomas Hill studio, Wawona.

WAWONA OFFERS RICH HISTORY

In the Wawona area, 30 miles from the Valley on the Fresno Road, the Wawona Hotel, the Pioneer History Center, the Thomas Hill Studio represent interesting historical features of Yosemite. The hotel once was a stage stop, in the 1860s. Thomas Hill, among the best-known Yosemite painters maintained

a studio there which is now being reconstructed to its original condition by the National Park Service. In the History Center, there are several authentic early-day buildings, a display of stages and carriages, typical of the type used for horse-drawn transportation to Yosemite.



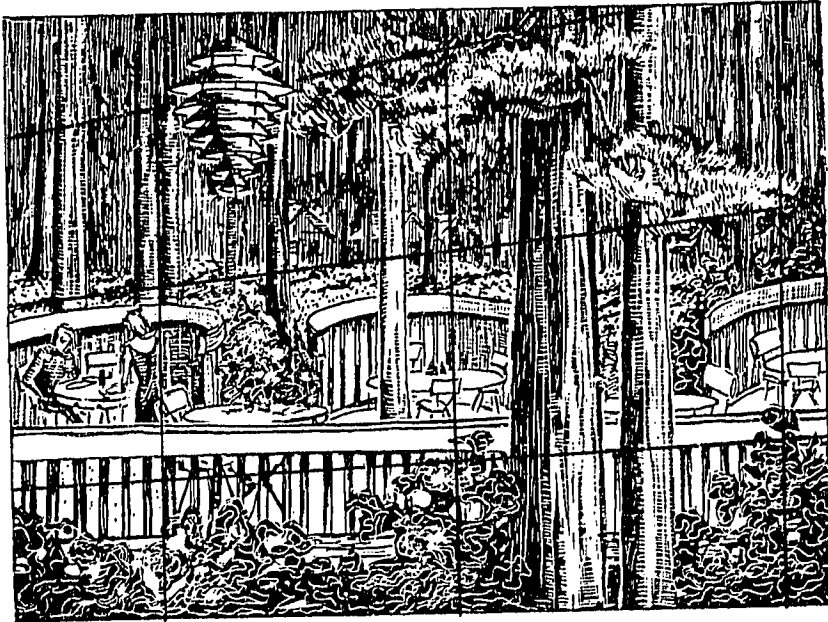
NEW CAMP CURRY EATING FACILITIES

Camp Curry is "home-in-Yosemite" to a good many thousands of park visitors. Over the 67 years of its operation, Curry has gained the reputation for extending a warm and friendly welcome to all vacationers, tourists and sightseers.

This season, park visitors are especially invited to Camp Curry to see the extensive improvements to the shops and eating facilities completed in June at a cost of \$400,000.

PAVILION CAFETERIA

Of first interest is the new Pavilion Cafeteria located within what was formerly the dining room. In addition to the cool and spacious interior dining area there is, on the south side, an outdoor section, the tables arranged with in a series of screened al-



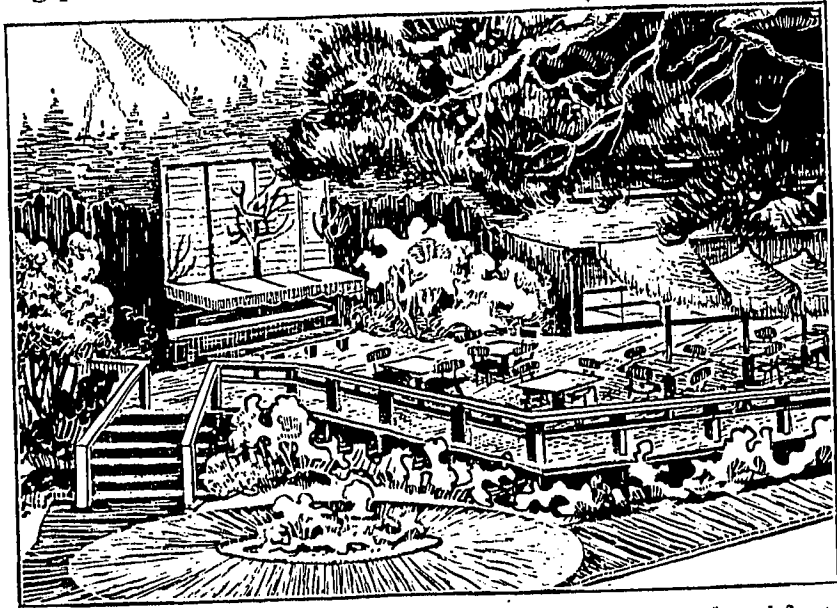
View through window of the new Camp Curry Pavilion Cafeteria toward the outdoor dining patio.

coves.

The all-new and spotless food service counters provide a great variety of dishes at each meal, be it breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Breakfast service commences at 7 a.m. and runs until 9 a.m. In general, and depending on one's appetite, of course, breakfast will cost between about \$.55 for juice, roll or toast and coffee to about \$1.50 for a hearty ham-and-egg breakfast.

For lunch, served between 11:45 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. there's a wide choice of cool salads, an assortment of cold sandwiches, plus hamburger sandwiches or hamburger steaks from the broiler, the latter a special feature of the cafeteria. Hamburgers are



The new Mall Snack Bar at Camp Curry serves breakfast, lunch and dinner; meals may be eaten on the terrace or can be packed 'to go'.

\$.60, hamburger steaks, \$1.35; a soup and salad lunch will cost about \$.85, one with hot entree, about \$1.50.

There is, for dinner, served between 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. a variety of entrees, chicken, chops, turkey, etc.; soup, salads, desserts. An average dinner check for a full meal will run about \$2.50. Children's portions are served at half rate, and the youngsters are, of course, most welcome. And, from the broiler, steaks cooked to order are available at reasonable prices; a New York cut is \$3.00, a top sirloin is \$2.75, a hamburger steak \$1.35.

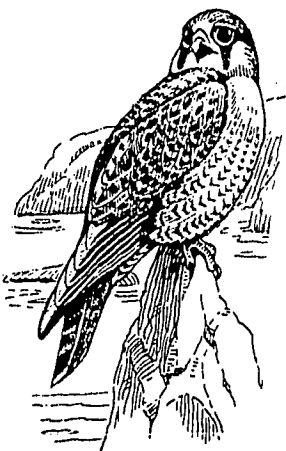
OUTDOOR SNACK BAR

Other additions to the Camp Curry eating facilities are the two outdoor snack bars -- the Meadow Snack Bar on the north side and the Mall Snack

Riding Popular

With 420 head of stock, the four park stables comprise the largest livery operation in the U. S.

From the Valley stable guided rides around the Valley, trips to Vernal and Nevada Falls, Half Dome and Glacier Point are offered daily. For the youngsters there are the pony ring, the Burro Picnic, and donkeys to be lead on the bridal paths. The Valley stable is located near Camp 12. Others are at Wawona, Tuolumne Meadows and White Wolf.



Camp Curry, 1904. David Curry standing in center.

Bar opposite the lounge building.

The Meadow Snack Bar provides hamburgers, milk shakes, ice cream cones, soft drinks, etc. between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. A continental breakfast . . . juice, rolls, coffee is served at the Mall Snack Bar throughout the morning; between 4 and 10 p.m. it offers hot, freshly roasted chicken, fried potatoes, salad, hot biscuits and honey for \$1.80. The chicken dinner can be packed "to-go" or may be eaten on the tree covered dining deck.

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission wants to call the attention of all high school graduates to the award of \$450 soon to be made for the school year 1966-67. The scholarship of \$50 a month for nine months, sponsored by the Yosemite Community Council, is open to any graduate whose parents are year round employees in Yosemite National Park. Two similar scholarships are offered by Mrs. Mary Curry Tressider, one for a college freshman, the other for either a freshman or a sophomore.

Taken into consideration for these awards are scholastic ability, financial need, leadership, personality, health, and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order, and no one qualification has special importance. At least a "B" average in an accredited school during the preceding year is required for the Tressider Scholarships.

For information, see Leroy Rust at the Main Post Office or Dana Morgenson at the YPC Co. Reservation Office. Applications for all scholarships should be received by the Scholarship Commission before July 15.

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FOUR STARS TO C.C. CHICKEN

After sampling the fare at Camp Curry's new Mall Snack Bar, the SENTINEL's restaurant reporter assigns it a four-star rating for its fine fried chicken dinner. The dinner, consisting of excellent fried chicken, potatoes, salad, biscuits, honey and beverage is served either to be eaten on the pleasant outdoor deck or to be taken out. Either way, it's a great chicken dinner and worth every penny of the \$1.80. Hours of service are between 4 and 10 p.m.

STUART CROSS WORKS FOR BETTER RECREATION

On a recent trip to the East, Stuart Cross attended a two day session of the Task Force on Leisure in Princeton, N.J. This group, associated with the National Council of Churches and composed of both clerics and laymen, is studying the ways that people use their free time. The Task Force believes that the development of an industrial society has given men for the first time a vast amount of leisure; which they are unprepared to use fully. This is a religious as well as a social problem, as it is a result not only of inadequate material facilities but of confused values. Among other goals, therefore, the group is attempting to construct a "Theology of Leisure" as a guide to constructive recreation. The Task Force on Leisure grew out of Warren Ost's A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, which tries to bring the influence of the church directly into vacation areas. Although the meeting was far from conclusive, some of the ideas presented, according to Mr. Cross, were the possible expansion of the National Park system and the use of church-owned lands during the week for recreation as well as theology.

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INFORMATION, PLEASE

The Yosemite tradition is indeed strong. Some of our visitors still think there's a fish hatchery at Happy Isles, that snakes are displayed at the Museum, and still search for the stagecoaches and the art gallery. Several employees have courteously directed them to these sights. Maybe it's time you wandered back over to the museum and the nature center—they have changed!

NEW COMMERCIAL ASSISTANT

A new arrival this summer is Gary Lemkuhl, an assistant on a permanent basis to Mr. Proctor, head of the Commercial Division. Born in 1939 in Milwaukee, he moved to Colorado in 1957 as an undergraduate in the school of architecture at the University of Colorado. He resigned dissatisfied two years later and worked as a traveling salesman and service representative for Monarch Range Company, where he developed a strong interest in consumer reactions to hotel and restaurant services. Gary then went back to business school at the University of Colorado, receiving his Masters Degree in Business Administration this June. While working towards this degree, he wrote an independent study entitled "Behavior in a Selling Group."

Gary's first objective here is to work closely with Mr. Proctor to learn about the YPC Co. operation. He has ideas of his own, however, and will try to coordinate more effectively the services here with the desires of the guests. Summer employees, Gary feels, would be especially useful in this, as their first reactions to YPC Co. would often be the same as those of the visitors. Above all, he hopes for strong personal relations within the Company and between the Company and the guests; as he puts it, "Productivity is a function of people's sentiments."

RANGERS BATTLE FIRE

Rangers Lee Shackelton, George Goick, Jay Johnson, Bob Lake and Doug Warnock assisted recently in the suppression of the Santa Barbara fire. We understand from Lee that the extinguishing of the fire was a substantial undertaking and that the men are glad to be back in the relative peace of the Park.

A LATE FLASH FROM WINTER

An occasional article gets lost on its way to the SENTINEL desk—this is one of them. We apologize to those grammar school students in the Valley and at El Portal whose achievements in passing the Third and Fourth Class ski tests are finally being recognized in the swimming season and we shall try to do better next year.

The Fourth Class test requires that the skier show proficiency in skiing on level terrain, side slipping, the kick turn, traversing, breaking speed, the herringbone, and in executing snow-plow turns and four linked stem turns. The more advanced Third Class demands ability in linked stem turns, four linked stem christies, and slalom racing. From the more than a hundred pupils given lessons each week at Badger Pass, the following passed both the Fourth and Third Class test: Karl Biastoch, David Curry, Ronette Goick, Mike Harrison, Ken Huson, Scott Huson, Russell Jones, David Lake, Ken Metherell, Kathy Metherell, Dale Savage, Paul Van Buren, and Bill Whitfield. Those who passed the Third Class test this year, after having passed the Fourth Class test last year, were Sylvia Bagley, Allen Berrey, Tom Berrey, Tommy Clark, Marci Hackett, Robbie Johnson, Susan Keller, Rick McElliott, Randy Schmeller, Dave Shackelton, Anne Woessnor, and Anne Worthington. All these students were awarded certificates.

EMPLOYEES RECREATION STAFF

In order to plan and carry out an extensive employee after-hour recreation program, James "Skip" Black, graduate of San Jose State and with the San Jose Recreation Department for five years, has been appointed Coordinator of Recreation. Intra-mural sports are being planned and soon will be in operation. Skip also will be assisting at the movies, dances, and special activities.

For information, get in touch with Skip, or leave a message at 372-4631.

A. A. MEETING

There will be an A. A. meeting every Saturday night at 9 p.m. in the cafeteria patio. If you have an alcohol problem, call Wayne Porter (372-4331 Ext. 110, 8:30 p.m. to midnight).

LOOK UNDER THE BED

According to the results of the book inventory of the Yosemite Children's Library as conducted recently by Midge Fiore and Leonore Cross, 100 of the 1200 books in the library have been lost over the past semester. As the average price of the books is between three and four dollars, they will be very expensive to replace. The librarians urge us strongly to see if we have any of these books—they are all clearly stamped, "Yosemite Children's Library."

YOSEMITE DRAMA GROUP

The "Bear Stagers", the YPC Co. employees' drama group, plan to produce three one-act plays this season. They will be *This Property Is Condemned*, by Tennessee Williams, *Twenty-Seven Wagons Full of Cotton*, a comedy, and *The Sand Box*, by Edward Albee.

These plays will be produced, for employees only, in the Den at dates and times to be announced later. Anyone interested in helping with props, setting or costumes is urged to contact Mrs. White at 372-4631.

S.O.S — SOAP — S.O.S.

An urgent appeal has been made to the Yosemite Community Church by the Church World Service for bar soap for people in poverty-stricken countries. It is hard for us to realize that SOAP could be considered a luxury. We cannot provide the 1,000,000 pounds they hope for, but if Valley residents would give a few bars, we could give the people in these countries a chance to be cleaner and healthier.

Soap boxes will be placed inside the Lost Arrow and by the Coke machine in the rear of the office building.

BIG TREES REPORTS

The employees and guests of the Big Trees Lodge joined around a roaring campfire one night recently and consumed a banquet of frankfurters, baked beans, potato salad and toasted marshmallows. In addition to the food and the moonlight through the trees, the company enjoyed the fine singing of Gary Hathaway, accompanied by Norman Elarth on the guitar.

MORE ON CAMP CURRY

Camp Curry is swinging to the tune of "Help!" In answer, we have back with us some of the people who make Camp Curry an organized operation.

Returning for his third season at Curry as Chef is Paul Clifford Jones, with his second cook, Simon Acema, who has been with us, off and on, for many summers.

Minding the Storeroom for another year is Leo O'Sullivan, who refuses to disclose exactly how many years he has been returning to Yosemite. However, the real "old timer" in the kitchen is Henrietta "Frenchie" Dillon, here for her 19th season. A fruit basket for Henrietta.

Back in the Dishroom is Caesar Gregori, who for the first time in his nine years, has a brand new dishroom. Ora Martin, whose name is synonymous with "Pantry", is back for the 16th season — turning out delectable salads for the cafeteria.

With all of the changes in the kitchen, Chef Jones, and all of his crew have done a splendid job of getting Camp Curry off on its 67th Season.

Dorothy Brady and Winnifred Copland are back and aim to double the figures in the Gift Shop. Judy Cleevly is back from Arizona to run the Camp Curry Transportation kiosk for her second summer. Kiddy Kamp and its little train are running smoothly under the guidance of the Chief Engineer, Mrs. Whitiker.

In charge of the largest Department at Camp Curry and, back for her 19th year, is Frieda Linert and her two assistants Norma Wade and Esther Boxall. Keeping the grounds neat and tidy is Joe Rohde, on his 10th round.

Tom Fallon, a new member of the Camp Curry front office crew, is a second generation employee. Tom related some interesting stories about when his father and Wendell Otter were bellmen at Mother Curry's Camp.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

The maintenance crew hopes to welcome back Joe Liskey sometime next week; the knee which he injured carrying lumber last April is out of the cast and supported only by an ace bandage. Also off work for medical reasons is Joe Brandauer, the painter, who is being operated on for a contracting tendon in his hand. We wish him well.

Jerry Sibley and Tom Fisher are off on vacation; Tom and Vi plan to visit Howard Schneider, a former foreman in the Labor Shop, and his wife Isabel. Eddie Plemons will be taking Tom's place while he is away.

Not so lucky was Doug McElligott, machine shop foreman. His vacation started Monday, but the Maintenance Department had to call him back Wednesday when the 60 KW generator at Tuolumne Meadows broke down. He, Danny Grieve, Glen Savage, Tom Wetstone, Tex Wyly and Clark Martin worked from 8 a.m. until well into the night to get the 60 KW out of the way and to replace it with the 40 KW from Badger Pass. Because of their speed, there was very little loss in stored food from the failure of the generator.

The maintenance crew was also busy this week in completing the new bathhouse in Camp 6 and in setting up the remainder of the High Sierra Camps. These were finished on schedule on June 28th.

George Willers went to Los Angeles Thursday to attend his son's high school graduation. Also active in education, Rose Kuhn's husband Neil will spend six weeks this summer on a fellowship with the National Science Foundation at De Pauw University in Indiana.

We are sorry to note the passing away of Hobart Boughton, a custodian here at Yosemite for ten years. His son Danny is now a carpenter in the Maintenance Department.

A reminder from Lee Hansen, who kindly provided the material for this article: unit managers, please try to get your requests for estimates in as soon as possible.

FLO CLOW WRITES

So many of our old friends and guests are returning, and it's nice to see them again. Mrs. Celia Bear who has been here many years is with us again for three months. Mr. and Mrs. John Furtado from Tiburo are enjoying their twenty-fourth anniversary—they met in Yosemite.

With the warm days, the swimming pool is really splashing. The new suits which the ladies are wearing are so pretty and colorful—they really catch the eye! Bob Brindley is now managing the pool, and is also the chief lifeguard. Robbin Etz runs the refreshment stand at the pool and is very popular with the young ones; he has a drawing game that keeps all the moppets busy while they are drying. Reynolds has left the swimming pool and will be entertaining in different spots around the park again this year.

I saw a man at the pool and thought "Who is this?" To my surprise it was Dave Downing—I didn't recognize him without his ski clothes! Dave has charge both of the bicycle stand and of the refreshment stands; he is a man of many talents.

Jan Rosco has again done so much with her restaurant. Dining in the patio at the Lodge is a delight and of course the food is "par excellence!" Phil Dunell from Hawaii and Finn Berner from Norway are back, and new hostesses Barbara Wright and Dottie Rider have arrived. Stuart Good is Jan's Assistant Manager this year. The restaurant is now open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Louis Smith, our head chef, was most pleased with the good report he received after the government inspection of his kitchens. Everyone in the cafeteria, restaurant and kitchens takes great pride all year in maintaining this outstanding record.

Happy birthday this last month at the Lodge to: Grace Ewing in our post office, Jan Rosco of the restaurant (her crew gave her a lovely party with a beautiful Ahwahnee cake), and Chuck Jackson of the Transportation Department.

Glen Willard and program will be back at the Lodge in the evenings before our scenic movies, starting this

AHWAHNEE NEWS

Ambassador Braj Nehru and his lovely wife recently visited us. Jim Phillips from Hyderabad, India was on hand to serve afternoon tea when the Ambassador and his entourage came to the sweet shop—how could you better live up to the Ahwahnee tradition of making guests feel at home?

After nine years of basking in the Puerto Rican sun at the Hotel Dorado, Clar' Johnston became homesick for California. She is now a hostess at the Ahwahnee and brings some of the island sunshine and charm into our lobby.

For many years "Digger" So'ora has been trying to discover an easier and faster dishwashing method. He has just drafted a design for a new machine, the "Prince Scullion", which he thinks will work. The problem now is parts with which to built it.

Alex Fay, the wine specialist, has a new post by the swimming pool during the buffet lunches on the pool terrace. He says he likes it, but rumors still persist that he has had his suit waterproofed.

More Ahwahnee facts, fiction and folly next time.

—David Mattson

Friday.

Wayne Porter, our chief maintenance man, reports, "We are very proud that we have so many fine guests. It gives us great pleasure to see the Lodge sparkling clean when we leave in the morning. We have three newcomers on our staff, Timothy and two Louis".

Gladys Golden, who has charge of the gift shop at Glacier Point and spends her winters at the Lodge gift shop, was married to Orville Akins of Jolly Construction Co. of Fresno Saturday June 18 in Reno, Nevada. Gertrude Stewart, Ray Granke and Thelma and Steve Mattux were in the wedding party.

Here is a little note of interest sent in to me by Mrs. Meg Saber and Mrs. Margorie McQuade, the counselors at the Girls' Annex here at the Lodge. They are writing a book and I'm sure it'll be a success—they have great senses of humor!

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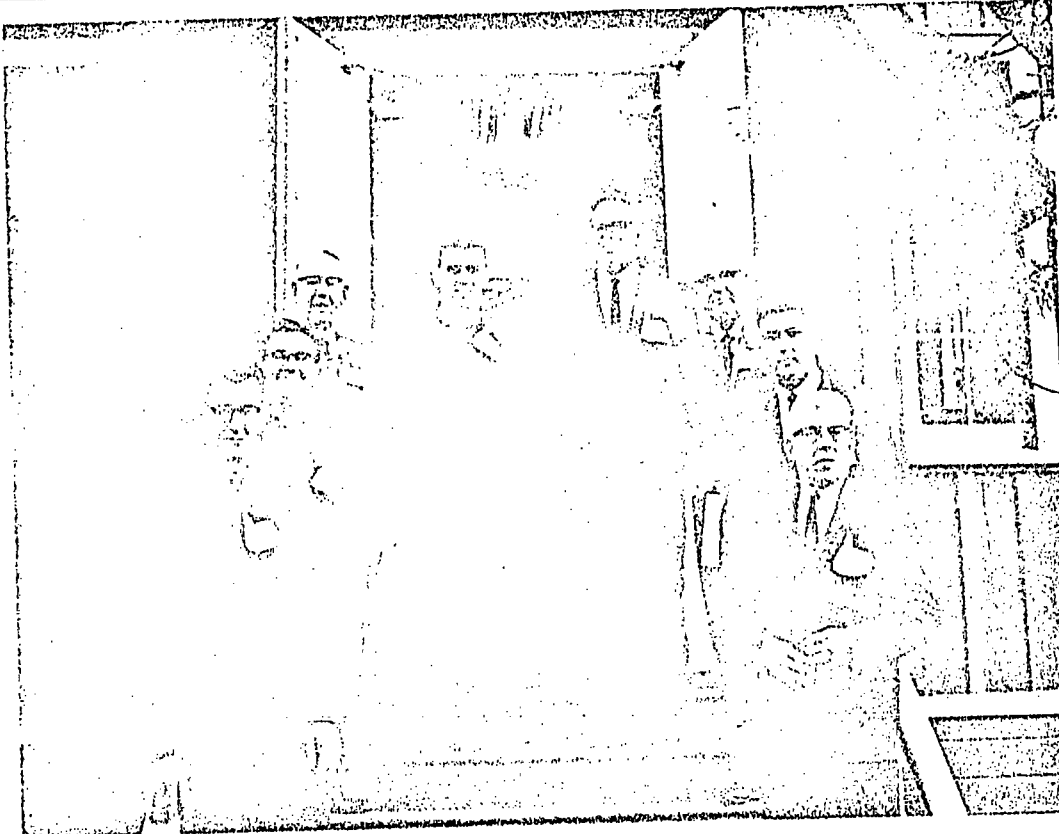
At another meeting, this one in N. Y. C., Mr. Cross helped make plans for the American Hotel and Motel Association's program on conservation to be produced at its national convention in San Francisco next December. The title of the program will be, "Is There a Beer Can in Your Swimming Pool?"

New Chairman of CNPC

Stuart Cross recently replaced Don Hummel as chairman of the Conference of National Park Concessioners. His duties include acting as the representative of the various companies operating in National Parks to the National Park Service, the Department of the Interior, and possible Congressional Committees, and serving as a clearinghouse for information among the membership. Mr. Cross has already attended a meeting in Washington in his new role.

WOMEN'S GROUP

A charming letter from M. Ficquelmont of the Save the Children Foundation informs us that the efforts of the Yosemite Women's Group have been an important help to "their" family in Brittany, France—the Guehos. The money contributed by the women, used to buy equipment for self-help projects, enabled the Guehos to clear and plant an additional 300 meters of farm land. Additional contributions helped the other farmers of Melac build a shed to store their farm machinery. The projects, M. Ficquelmont reports, have aroused the people of Melac from their apathy; "they are beginning to realize that in helping themselves and each other, it is possible to improve their way of life."



At the dedication of the new chapel, May 24th, from left to right, Father Robert Thornton, Resident Roman Catholic Priest, Rev. Warren Ost, Director, A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, Supt. John Davis, Rev. Donald Baldwin, Resident Minister, Rev. Duane Murphy, former Resident Minister, Rev. Fred Morrison, former Chaplain, Rev. Jack Wylie, Assistant to the Resident Minister, and Rev. Alfred Glass, former Resident Minister.

JACK VACCA RITES HELD MAY 21st
IN MARIPOSA

Masonic funeral services were held May 21st in the Tiscornia & Ivers Chapel in Mariposa for Jack G. Vacca of El Portal.

Vacca, 68, was born in Oklahoma Territory and his family later settled in Missouri. He had made his home in El Portal since retiring from the Naval Annex in Stockton as Inventory Supervisor. He was an employee of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. from 1928 to 1942, where he was employed as a head baker at the Lodge prior to his enlistment in the Navy in the fall of 1942. He was also a veteran of the 1st World War where he served in the Navy.

He was a member of the Modesto F & AM Lodge, Scottish Rite Bodies of Stockton, Disabled American Veterans of World War II and a member of World War I Barracks 266, Stockton.

He leaves his wife, Syme Vacca of El Portal, two sons, John and Harry, of Modesto; two sisters, Hester Baitto, of Missouri and Livia Gralie, of Indiana; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. His wife, Syme, also worked for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. from 1928 to 1945.

TRAVELING STENO.

An unusual summer employee in the YPC Co. offices this year is Margarita Morris, Mr. Otter's new stenographer. Born and raised in Argentina, she was able to learn English, both in school from relatives, so well that she taught it for a year before she came to the United States in 1956. She worked as a stenographer in the Los Angeles area, taking night courses at UCLA, and arrived in Yosemite on May 9th of this year.

YPC Co. is only a temporary stop-over for her; Margarita leaves in September for Saigon. Attracted by the idea of being paid to travel, she wanted to work for the State Department and applied for work in Vietnam (officially a "hardship post") because it is far away and because, she says, "I had only been a citizen for a week when I applied, and I wanted to be sure they'd take me." She will be there for at least eighteen months as a secretary in the Agency for International Development, which co-ordinates economic aid for the country. Eventually, Margarita hopes to return to South America with the State Department, where she feels her background will make her very useful.

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WINTER POLL SALUTES EMPLOYEES

The results of a survey studying the reactions of winter visitors to the Park, Badger Pass and the YPC Co. operation in general have just arrived in the advertising office. The survey, conducted by Marplan, the research agency for McLan-Erickson Inc., distributed two thousand questionnaires at The Ahwahnee, Yosemite Lodge, Camp Curry, and Badger Pass during January, February, and March of this year. Of these, over six hundred were returned, an unusually high percentage.

Visitors' Reactions

The reactions of the visitors were highly favorable. No category, from the length of the ski slopes to the meal facilities, received an average rating of as low as "Average" on the scale "Excellent—Very Good—Average—Fair—Poor". Two aspects of the operation which over half the visitors rated "Excellent" were the ski school and the courtesy of the employees. This is noted in the conclusion of the survey, "The fact that ski instructors and all other employees were more frequently cited as 'best liked' than were the physical facilities of the Park indicates that the personal value of the visit is derived in no small measure from the contact visitors have with the employees."

Unsolicited Comments

The enthusiasm of the visitors also showed itself in the number of unsolicited comments written on the forms. These ranged from suggestions for a better system of half-day tickets and for a toboggan run to outbursts of appreciation, "Nowhere have we ever encountered such excellent food, service, and people."



Campground children greet Ranger Jim Leonard and his horse Clown.

Horsepower For Rangers

The horseback ranger patrol which started June 19th may have made the real old-timers here feel even more at home, but they were quite a surprise for many of the visitors and summer employees. The object of the new patrols isn't to look quaint or traditional (although the horses do have the favorable effect of raising the rangers above the level of ordinary police officers in the eyes of the public)—they are a practical innovation. A ranger can control the crowds more effectively while elevated above them on a horse, and he can penetrate the campgrounds and get to know the campers more easily than in a patrol car. In addition to entertaining the younger campers, the mounted rangers answer a barrage of questions, assist campers whenever

possible and enforce park regulations. Patience, experience in dealing with people, familiarity with the Park, and a strong love of animals are the requirements for a mounted ranger, and his job demands them constantly.

The idea of rangers on horseback started with the mounted police who patrol the parks in Washington, D.C. The efficiency and economy of the system (a horse costs only \$2.75 a day to maintain) encouraged its spread first to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and then here.

The wide public acceptance of the patrols combined with the other advantages make the program a success: horses are back to stay. Who knows, with the mounting traffic problem, daily stages from El Portal might be the next to be reactivated!

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CURRY TO JOIN DISNEY

John Curry has accepted a position with the Walt Disney organization and will be assisting them with their planning of the hotel and restaurant aspects of the Mineral King development in the Sierra and of the Disney World in Orlando, Florida. John has lived here nearly fifteen years, in addition to a number of summers.

MOUNTAIN ROOM BROILER

The Mountain Room Broiler at the Lodge, scheduled to open August 7th, will fill a gap in the present food service, offering quality broiled foods in relaxed and luxurious surroundings. Among the delights planned for the menu are Half Australian Lobster Tail and Small Fillet Mignon, and Special Mountain Climber's Sixteen Ounce T-Bone Steak. Additional new furniture (including red tables) and distinctive new uniforms for the waiters and busboys are being ordered. Cocktails will be served both indoors and on the outdoor terrace with a fifty-cent order of food.

MUSICALS OPEN

The curtain goes up on the third season of the Fresno Music Circus on Friday, July 22. Five musical comedies, all starring Hollywood and Broadway personalities, will be presented, including **Oliver!** July 22-31, **Camelot**, August 1-7, **How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying**, August 8-14, **Carousel**, August 15-21, and **Show Boat**, August 22-28. Shows start at 8:30, at the Fresno Music Circus on Bullard just east of Blackstone, rates are from \$1.50 for a single show, and from \$6.00 for the season.

AVON

Judy Smith is the new Avon distributor in the Park. Interested parties are invited to contact her at 372-4864.

FIORE

Nick Fiore, director of the ski school at Badger Pass, has been invited to the French National Certification in Chamoix, France, this year. He will be there from November 15 to December 15. The National Certification, held annually by the Syndicat National des Moniteurs du Ski Francais, officially qualifies ski instructors to teach in France. Fiore will try for one of three classifications, Capacitaire, Auxilliare, or Diplome. The latter usually takes five years to attain. Nick hopes that the experience will give him much to bring back to skiers in this country.

In May of this year, Fiore was elected to the board of directors of the Professional Ski Instructors of America. This group works to aid skiing in the United States through the development and teaching of good ski techniques. Nick assisted the P.S.I.A. this spring in inspecting the site for the 8th Interski to be held in Aspen, Colorado in 1968. The Interski, the "Olympics of Ski Teaching," brings skiers from thirty nations together to compete and to demonstrate ski techniques.

MAYER RECOVERS

We are happy to note that George Mayer, caretaker for 17 winters at Glacier Point, has recovered from his April eleventh accident, and will be able to go home to San Miguel de Allende. George and Dorothy plan to spend the summer tending their art gallery there.

He sends his thanks to the hospital for the excellent care and attention he received, and to all his well-wishers.

TREND UP FOR SNACK BARS

Business is beginning to bustle over at Camp Curry's Meadow and Mall Snack Bars as more and more discover that they can get an inexpensive and attractive meal without going through the cafeteria line.

Some of the new activity comes from employees, who stop by at the Meadow snack bar for half 'n half Mr. Frostys, a different sort of lunch, or just an hour for old time's sake on the old cafeteria deck. The Mall Snack Bar's offerings of a late ('til eleven) day off breakfast and of half of a two-pound chicken from four to ten are also finding more customers.

L. L.'s CORNER

Karen Hoffman, Margaret De La Mare and Jeff Harris are our latest additions to the Accounting Office. Karen attends the U of C at Berkeley while Margaret can be found at Bakersfield Jr. College. Jeff is majoring in Business Administration at L.A. State College. While we are welcoming these new people, I think it would be a good time to say a few words about one who is leaving. Eva Murphy (better known as Murph) started as a Seamstress in the Laundry in 1938. She was there until 1952 with a four year absence in 1943-47 when she moved to Stockton. From 1952 through 1966 Murph was a very familiar face in the Accounting Office. She has been responsible for the filing of all the accounting records that are kept in the office. The departure of Eva saddens us all, and we wish her the best of luck.

The greatest crisis our office has been faced with this summer is where to seat Handsome Steve Holgrimson. It seems we have reached our limit in seating capacity and poor Steve is literally left standing. The acquisition of a dollhouse size desk appears to have pacified his immediate wants, but if we have need for one more person Steve might find himself perched precariously on a windowsill.

It has been said that men can move mountains. We believe this to be a truth, but Margaret Burns will tell you that they don't use a 1966 Lemans Pontiac to do the job. For her toil she completely demolished the front of her 3 week old car. Margaret should keep in mind that only men can do these miraculous feats.

L.L.'s predictions: "Little Red Riding Hood" will become the number one song in the nation; The Hell's Angels Corp. will appear on the New York Stock Exchange; The L.A. Dodgers will win the National League pennant and defeat Baltimore in four straight; Ronald Regan will defeat Pat Brown for Governor; Wayne Whiteman will return popcorn to the Tent Room.

FOR SALE

Blue nylon covered sofa and matching chair. Almost new. \$60.00 Tel. 372-4237.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

Nature presented the Maintenance Department with an unusual problem this week—how to fix a cabin with a tree through the roof. Weakened by root rot, a tree at the Lodge toppled last Saturday and crashed into Cabin 31 C. The cabin had been rented, but luckily the occupant was at the swimming pool when the tree hit. Because only the plumbing fixtures were worth salvaging, the Department decided to rebuild it from scratch. The new framework was put up in record time and 31 C should be back in operation by the end of the month.

Hugh Parker, the YPC Co. printer, lent his diving equipment and experience to the Maintenance Department last week. He plunged into the icy water of Vogelsang Lake to fix an underwater valve. The new restrooms at May Lake are nearing completion.

George Willers is snowed under right now with over three hundred requests for estimates, ranging from repainting a Coca-Cola scooter to repainting The Ahwahnee. He threatens to head for Honolulu if any more come in.

Clark Martin is starting the second week of his vacation in his secret hide-way in Yosemite—speculation is wild over his location, but so far no luck. Bob De La Mare's brother, from Utah, whom he has not seen for some years, is currently visiting him.

With the infection on his hand clearing up, Joe Brandauer is back at work painting. There were no new injuries in the Department this week, continuing an extraordinary safety record for a dangerous occupation. Lee attributes this both to better equipment and to the really great crew this year in the Labor Department, the area which last year had the most injuries.

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NEW BIKE TRAIL

Trail crew personnel have been working on a new bicycle path on the south side of the road leading from Stoneman Bridge to the Village. The cost of the path is estimated at \$3,000. Funds for the project were donated by Mary Curry Tresidder.

MAY LAKE WEEKEND

A trip to May Lake over the weekend of July 15th to 17th brought quite a treasure trove of flowers in bloom.

From the trail's end at the road to the summit of the pass on the old trail which led from May Lake into the watershed of Cathedral Creek and the Tuolumne there were more than forty species and along the road from the Valley to the May Lake junction were some of the same and a dozen or so more.

In the first group were at least four lupines — the lovely pale blue *L. corvillei*, the woody-stemmed Brewer's lupine, with its hairy keel, and the pale pinkish-white *L. danaus* of timber-line near the pass itself, and also the red-stemmed lupine that makes such a show at the little stream over the hill from Raisin Lake, on the trail from May Lake to Glen Aulin. Shooting-stars in moist places, *Mari-rosa lilies* in dry ones (the *Calochortus leichtlinii* of the medium high regions, its petals pure white) two kinds of *Senecio*, the triangularis of moist places and the *S. Lugens* of forest hillsides, blue whorled pentstemon and magenta *Pride of the Mountain*, rosy *Sierra heather*, but no white heather to be seen; I will merely list them, for the most part. Pussy-paws, sulphur flower and the nude buckwheat, white yarrow, golden *chrysopsis*, *mimulus* or monkey-flower, both yellow and pink, knotweed, a stray white violet, lavender asters galore, the lemon-yellow wallflower, mountain forgetmenot, Labrador tea, *holodiscus*, golden *brodiaea*, *sedum* (hen and chickens) with a reddish stem, *spiraea*, owl's clover, ranger's button (its botanical name of *sphenocladium* is a wonderful mouthful), dandelion, mountain mint, several species of *potentilla*, a *phacelia*, thistles, *Queen Anne's Lace* and another of the parsley family, a few corn lilies by the pool near the road, mouse's tails and *gayophytum*, shield-leaf small *bluelarkspur*, everlasting a few more that I couldn't identify even in this casual way.

Additional flowers along the road were scarlet *gilia* under the red firs, a splendid stand of scarlet pentstemon

T.V. CHANGES

A recent poll of the television owners of the Valley, of which 85% replied, favored relaying channels 2 and 9 from Sentinel to the Valley alternately on the same equipment, although a third strongly wanted to keep channel 9 as we now have it. The solution proposed by the T.V. Committee was to relay the channels alternately during the balance of the summer, when channel 9 has infrequent programs, and then to introduce channel 2 on a separate system in the fall, keeping the others as they are. Costs for the new system will be around \$2,000, of which \$600 is for unavoidable replacement of the main cable. A Jerrold engineer will be here in a couple of weeks to look over the plans and explore other T.V. possibilities.

on one of the open domes beyond Smoky Jack Creek, a vivid bush of blue penstemon, and the tiny pink *gilia* in the triangle at Crane Flat, cone-flowers and sneezeweed and golden rod in gilded profusion in the meadows there, blue gentian in the White Wolf Meadow, an occasional tall *Frasera* in the distance, framed among pines and firs, a sudden splash of fireweed color, elderberry bushes, both the usual one and the low scarlet elderberry of the higher stretches of the road, one lone Washington lily some little distance below Crane Flat, the golden ear-drops (in the bleeding heart family, but so unlike their relatives) just above the first tunnel on the Big Oak Flat, the showy blue lupine of the road beyond Gin Flat — I'm sure I have missed some, but these we did see.

As for birds, there were white-crowned sparrows, juncos and chickadees in numbers, Clark's crows, blue jays and robins, woodpeckers and flickers, a ruby-crowned kinglet, I think, darting, through the hemlocks beside May Lake, a hummingbird, heard but not seen at the camp. Marmots were out on the rocks, and a bear came into camp at 4 a.m. or so and knocked over the garbage can.

—Mary Curry Tresidder

FROM THE AHWAHNEE

Our 4th of July weekend went over with a noiseless bang—over 57,000 visitors in the Park and The Ahwahnee filled to capacity, but everything went smoothly. With that many people on the roads, I left my new Turbo Jet right in its parking stall; one main purpose in coming here was to get out of traffic jams.

Many distinguished visitors and old friends have stopped by recently. Mr. Georges Apedo-Amah, Prime Minister of the Republic of Togo, Africa, and his escort were here July 16th—the red carpet for him! R. E. Thomas, President of Western Electric, and the S. F. Chronicle's Wells Smith were also with us for a while.

Last Wednesday we had an informal showing of some very pretty outfits assembled from the Camp Curry shop, with accessories from The Ahwahnee. Four talented young models put the show across to a record luncheon crowd—a big hand to Diane Bayless of the Lodge, Brook Loomis of Camp Curry, and our Caroline Pettir and Alicia Walters.

Adios amigos (until next time.)

Clar' Johnson

VALLEY CAMPGROUND STAY CUT

The increasing demand for campground space in the Valley campsites during the summer months has necessitated the reduction of the maximum length of stay from ten to seven days. In the campgrounds outside the Valley, the limit is fourteen days.

The off-season (September 16 to May 31) limit remains at thirty days, as does the maximum total stay in a year. The rangers notify us that camping equipment, house trailers, or other personal property left unattended for more than 48 hours without special permission will be removed at the owner's expense.

RANGER'S NEW BOOK

Former ranger John Bingaman's new book, **The Ahwahneechees**, based largely on his close personal knowledge of many individuals of the Yosemite Indians, will be out soon. Autographed copies may be obtained by sending \$3.12 c/o T. V. Allen, 207 West Elm Street, Lodi, California.

PIONEERS IN PETTICOATS

Shirley Sargent's new book, **Pioneers in Petticoats**, is an entertaining account of the women of Yosemite's early days and the part they played in its history. She is to be congratulated on the results of her researches in a difficult and little-explored field.

Her story begins with some of the Indian women who survived the invasion of the white men. It includes such figures as Isabella Leidig of Leidig's Hotel, tomboy Floy Hutchings, Elizabeth McCauley Meyer of Big Meadows, Wawona, and the Washburns, a succession of "schoolmarms," rounding out the century with Mrs. Brigget Degnan and "Mother" Curry. Not the least of the book's charms are the pictures of the heroines.

The book, published by Trans-Anglo Books, is on sale in several of the gift shops in Yosemite.

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VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The Yosemite Community Church announces its Vacation Church School, July 18 to July 29—Monday through Friday at the chapel from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. All children four years old through the eighth grade are urged to attend. The theme will be the relationship of a Christian to his neighbors at home and around the world.

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HUBBARD PROMOTED

Douglass Hubbard, Jr. of Yosemite, a graduate of Mariposa County High School, has been promoted to Sergeant of Administrative Operations in the Fresno State College Student Police Unit for the fall semester, 1966. The unit, designed to provide criminology students with experience in the field, controls traffic on campus and supervises student activities.

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\$50 A TOSS

Litterbug Michael Ward of Paso Robles was fined \$50 and given a 10-day suspended sentence recently for tossing an empty soft drink can into a roadside meadow here in Yosemite. The Rangers have started the new policy of getting tough towards litterers in an effort to cut the \$25,000 spent each year to clean up the roads and trails.

NEWS FROM THE LODGE

A distinguished visitor here at the Lodge this week was Senator Harrison Williams of New Jersey, who brought Mrs. Williams and their three children on a tour of Yosemite. They loved the chance to get outdoors and even stayed in a tent in our "Arab village." Many of our friends have come back to the Lodge this year, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Deck from Monterey, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Prinz from San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Rodger Sherman of Newport Beach. Even Dr. Stuart Fuller, who just returned from a trip around the world, came back this year to recover from a touch of pneumonia he picked up in India!

I stopped by the swimming pool the other day and Bob Bridley, the pool manager, filled me in on the pool happenings this past month. Camp Curry and the Lodge had a swim meet here on July 4th—there was quite a crowd and everyone had fun. Curry won the meet 38 to 25, but the Lodge did win the diving. The members of our team, Keith Rasey, Kathy Bramlett, Gary King, Marcia Iverson, Kathy O'Rourke and Bob Brindley, all hope to have another meet later in the year. This group also hiked all the way to the top of Yosemite Falls a few nights ago for a weiner roast! Bob asked me to mention that there is free swimming for all employees here at the pool from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Smith (our transportation chief) are entertaining Mrs. Smith's brother and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Paul for a few days. While they are here, the Smiths will celebrate their twenty-eight anniversary.

Mrs. Jan Rosco and Mrs. Don Baldwin gave a lovely surprise baby shower for Mrs. Gerald Smith, who used to be the hostess here at the Lodge. The wonderful gifts she received will really give the baby a good start!

Arvi Dorsey is back from Glacier Point and is again our head waiter. A very happy birthday to Mary Houston in the cafeteria, Jeanne Harris at the Post Office, Leigh Morris in the restaurant, and Mrs. Albert Prinz.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California



Ranger Robert Fry leading the Bridalveil Nature Walk

A WALK IN THE MEADOW

Yosemite's park naturalist nature walks often bring out a better picture of human nature than does the cafeteria line, or even the firefall. A walk is invariably led by a pack of children who run eagerly ahead, and then glance back to be sure that the ranger is still there. At a more sedate pace, the adults cluster behind the ranger.

On a recent walk in Bridalveil Meadow with Ranger Robert Fry this formation was a good clue to the sort of pleasure the two groups found. The adult group was varied, including two birdwatchers (one with a sleep-walker husband who carried the binoculars case and the bird book), a young couple with a canteen in a plaid case, an old man with a camera, a man with a transistor radio which he resisted turning on, and a middle-aged woman in thick glasses carrying a folded piece of paper and a golf pencil. But their attitudes were almost identical. They asked vague questions and smiled without listening when the ranger answered, cautiously advanced pet theories ("I hear another

ice age is coming?"), but seldom really looked at the things they passed. The only exception was the lady with the pencil and paper, who occasionally slipped a wildflower into her purse. The adults enjoyed the walk, but they acted as if they were watching a nature movie; they were observers, never participants.

The children, at least when their parents gave up trying to hold them back, were exact opposites. They listened intently to the ranger, but never spoke to him; one little girl finally got up the nerve to look up at him and point to a wild flower. Whenever the ranger talked about something, they would cluster around it, poke at it, and if possible climb on it. Two almost fell in while climbing across a brook on an old log, another stayed on top of a lichen-covered rock until long after the rest of the group had passed by. As the walk drew to a close, several of the children had to be carried by their parents, but their interest was still the most intense and the most fruitful.

N.P.S. COMMEMORATIVE SUPPER

The National Park Service is observing its fiftieth anniversary on Thursday, August 25th. In Washington, D.C., a formal banquet is being held with some 1,000 guests expected, including former park service directors, Secretary of the Interior, Congressmen, Senators, et al.

Coincidentally with the Washington dinner, the N.P.S. is planning a potluck supper in Yosemite, Superintendent Davis has announced. The local affair is for all employees, permanent or summer, and their families.

The supper will be held at the Elementary School playground and will follow the same pattern as the school picnics. A committee of park service women employees will announce soon the plans for the meal. However, according to Bill Schnettler, N.P.S. coordinator, local families very likely will be asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. Single employees are invited and those without access to cooking facilities may pay \$1.00 for dinner.

Everyone is cordially invited to participate in the Golden Anniversary celebration of the National Park Service's founding.

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FAREWELL TO THE HUBBARDS

Chief Park Naturalist Doug Hubbard left Yosemite last Friday for Washington, D.C., where he will be Chief of Visitors' Services in the Washington office of the National Park Service.

NEW TEACHERS

Cleo Adelsback, County Superintendent of Schools, announces that Jack McLaughlin Jr. has been appointed Principal of the Yosemite Elementary School.

Another new arrival will be Mrs. Hazel Cavanagh, who will teach the third and fourth grades. She got her B.S. at California State Polytechnical Institute.

YPC Co. Formulates Aims

Among the activities of YPC Co. staff members during the seminar with Dr. John Turner has been the preparation of a statement of the aims, or goals, of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Now, in its final form, the document will be printed in YPC Co. Print Shop. Methods of distribution to YPC Co. employees are being studied.

While statements of corporate aims are not uncommon to business firms, neither are they usual and, so far as we know, YPC Co. is the first park concessioner to prepare such a statement.

Though a good deal of thought went into setting down these aspirations, that act was fairly simple compared to the wisdom, vision, honesty and dedication that must be called upon to carry them out.

The 64th Congress of the United States passed on August 25, 1916, Public Law 39, establishing the

LODGE EMPLOYEE DROWNS

John Ignatius Buckley Jr., a cook's helper at Tuolumne Meadow's Lodge, drowned last week in Lake Tenaya in an attempt to recover a rubber air mattress.

John, twenty-eight at the time of the accident, had been a seasonal kitchen employee here since 1959, and had worked at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge for four years.

National Park Service. A part of this Bill reads as follows:

"The Service shall conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and 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."

Yosemite Park and Curry Co., recognizing its collateral responsibilities as principal concessioner in Yosemite, dedicates itself to these aims:

To operate in conformity with the broad policies of conservation and use established by Congress and administered by the National Park Service and to strive toward the highest attainable standards of design, quality and service in harmony with the outstanding natural beauty of Yosemite.

To recognize the corporation's need for consistent, satisfactory earnings, and to keep in mind that we as employees have the responsibility to protect our stockholders' assets, and to produce a proper return upon their investment.

To observe fair, considerate, non-discriminatory employment policies, manifested in salary and wage scales, group insurance, medical, hospital and pension plans, and to provide optimum working and living conditions consistent with our financial ability and the land-use restrictions of the National Park Service.

To be aware at all times that Yosemite National Park has been set aside for the use and enjoyment of the people and to express such awareness in our rendering to park visitors unfailingly courteous, cheerful, and efficient service in all our facilities.

To remember that we are only temporary custodians of the corporation's welfare and that we have the responsibility to preserve for those who follow us sound physical properties, competent personnel, forward-looking policies and sensitivity to the natural beauty of the park.

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YOSEMITE'S CRITICS

This summer has seen the growth of an attitude in the press toward Yosemite, an attitude which was first clearly formulated in an article in the **Wall Street Journal** and which has spread to West Coast newspapers and television stations. The attitude is strongly critical of conditions in the Park and of the failure of the National Park Service to improve them; it attacks in particular the growth of "Yosemite City." Problems persistently noted are the crowding, especially in the campgrounds, the traffic congestion and the resulting noise, confusion, and smog, and the behavior of the people who come to the Park.

To a large extent, this criticism reflects a sincere but perhaps superficial concern for the well-being of Yosemite. The increasing flow of visitors has brought problems which will take time and careful planning to solve. However, there is an air of horror and of immediate crisis in the articles which is not justified by the conditions. A group of motorcyclists is viewed with a degree of shock which would be more appropriate if they were snorting through Arlington Cemetery, and Terrell Drinkwater's (C.B.S.) prediction that there will be nothing left worth seeing in ten years surely represents a somewhat pessimistic view of the fragility of an area whose principal attraction is granite.

The disproportionate nature of the response is based on a failure to see the conditions in the larger framework of the purposes of a National Park. These were defined by Stephen Mather, first director of the National Park Service, as to open areas of great natural beauty "for rich and poor alike." The beauty of Yosemite would be preserved more perfectly by closing the Park to all but a few, but this would deny it to a group which enjoys it the most, city-dwellers who have little chance to see the mountains. Distaste at the way the visitors choose to enjoy the Park, in their jumbled campsites, their hair curlers, and their capris, is not a valid reason for keeping them out. It is clear from the number who return year after year and from the

L. L.'s COLUMN

We in the accounting office would like to give Gene Ewing a big round of thanks for the talented and good-looking women he has found for us this summer. His latest contributions were Sue Christie in payroll and Christen Crane in accounting. Sue, from Balboa Beach, announces that she plans to stay the winter, while Chris will leave on Labor Day to return to the University of California at Santa Barbara.

Congratulations to Hal Wright and Judy Weinzapfell! Hal has been promoted to special assistant to the Controller, replacing Enrico Gnasse who is moving to Evanston, Illinois. Judy, filling in for Helen Unitus while she is ill, runs our bookkeeping machine.

Exchange student Theo Schmitz has joined our ranks from Germany. Theo, with a degree in Business Administration, will be working in the auditing section.

The people of the accounting office extend their thanks to Office Manager Bill Smith and Joyce Moore for the four new air coolers just put in. These have been a life-saver this summer.

L. L.'s Predictions: Cassius Clay will lose his next title fight after developing lockjaw, Geryl and Judy Smith's new son will become the President of the YPC Co. in 1998, Sandy Kofax will win 30 games this year, the Beatles will cut their hair and Bill Smith will smile on Monday mornings.

relaxed atmosphere in the campgrounds that living outdoors in the mountains is an attractive and enjoyable change from their city lives. The critics might keep in mind that Yosemite is a National Park and a recreation area, not a national shrine.

The problems still exist, but seen in their proper perspective they are a result of the enjoyment of the Park, not of its shocking misuse. A more balanced picture of Yosemite would have been presented had the critics devoted some space to the efforts of the National Park Service and YPC Co. to improve conditions without resorting to the panicked expedient of closing the park to those who find the greatest pleasure in it.

FROM THE LODGE

Welcome to Mr. and Mrs. William D. Ranken who have returned to Yosemite for their eighteenth year. Mr. and Mrs. Ranken are very popular summer visitors who have many friends who are delighted to see the happy Pasadena couple again. They will spend a month with us en route to Hawaii and Tahiti.

The Lodge is in high gear for the summer, and everything seems to be going fine. The breakfast ride has been unusually successful this year, with Nels Nelson and Gary Tenaeff preparing a wonderful breakfast while Hank Reynolds and Tony Keroff provide real Western entertainment. This is only matched by Glen Willard's early evening entertainment, which recently featured a clever puppet show by the Mitchells. Behind the scenes, the twelve men under head dishwasher Milton Hiatt turn out thousands of pieces of sparkling dishware and silver every day; they are the vacationing housewife's unsung heroes. Another department doing a really great job are the fruit basket makers of Yosemite Lodge; Victor Wong, Noma Rosson, Karen Holmes, and our famous "Peanuts" Handin.

One of the most exciting announcements this time is the coming marriage of Jan Roscoe and Emmet Swanson—the manager and cook in our restaurant! The date has been set for late August. Joan Telbow (restaurant waitress) plans to marry Jim Murenz from Idaho about that time, and Phil Durnell (waiter in the restaurant) has announced his engagement to Jeanne Crossley from San Francisco. The restaurant's going to be empty!

Chet's mother, Mrs. Louise Hubbard, will be spending several days at the Lodge, along with her two grandchildren. Flo Clow's son's wife Cheri and her mother and son will be staying here for a week also. Meg Sabor's son David was in the park a few days—he sang in the coffee house during his stay.

—Flo Clow

FOR SALE

1962 Kelvinator automatic washer \$50.00 — Call 372-4740.

Mr. Ewing has four good used 700-13 tires. The price is right.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

Lee Hansen, just back from vacation, reports that the Maintenance Department has been active preparing Badger Pass for the winter season. All the hazardous trees have been removed and are being cut up for wood. New grading of the slopes is delayed until the stumps have been blasted out and heavy grading equipment arrives.

The new fencing at Sunrise Camp has been completed, mainly the work of Bud Williams and Bill Lee. This finishes the new stock corral there.

Cabin 31C at Yosemite Lodge, which was smashed to bits by a falling tree less than a month ago, was bulldozed to the ground; even the foundations were removed. Maintenance men have worked diligently reconstructing it and it should be ready for occupancy by week's end.

Rose Kuhn is spending two weeks at San Luis Obispo with her husband, Neil, who is taking a teacher's course in physical education. During her absence, Bobby Peters is handling the switchboard.

Dick Ditton and Lew Yancey are in San Francisco for a day or two getting some technical instruction on the maintenance of plastic floor coverings.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

The Camp Curry Registration Desk has lost Bob Carter to the bellmen, but gained John Gleyle from Pasadena, who will stay on through January at the front desk. We are happy to see Chris Jarrett back at his post at the Transportation Desk after a week in Lewis Memorial.

The Camp Curry Terrace Terrors, our powder-puff phenomona, walloped the Annex Garbage Girls in one of the most exciting games of the year. The Camp Curry Bruisers, third in the male league, may soon face a challenge from the Terrors.

The new grounds beautification program planting is now complete with an electrically controlled irrigation system.

We are saddened by the sudden termination of Ronnie Benson of the Camp Curry Cafeteria, who has been called away by Uncle Sam.

—Aldine Farrier

FROM THE AHWAHNEE

A former telephone operator, whose cheery voice used to be "at your service" in the Valley, returned to Yosemite and to The Ahwahnee for her wedding. Brenda Hass chose the velvety lawn outside the Great Lounge for the garden ceremony when she married Robert Nyland Saturday afternoon, July 30th. The sight of the young couple with their attendants against the backdrop of Half Dome and Glacier Point was really heart warming.

Ray Smith, of our dining room staff, is flying to England for two weeks — not on a happy note, as his father is ill. We all hope he will be back soon bringing good news.

Ed Bjornestad has come down from Glacier Point to work in our dining room. We hope he likes it here.

Pete Newell, that good looking bellboy at The Ahwahnee slipped off to Tahoe the other day and brought back a bride — Joanie Newell.

With Pete Hansen and his new assistant, Dave Kroopnick, on the Transportation Desk, the young ladies at The Ahwahnee are lined up three deep in front of it!

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YOSEMITE SPORTS

The successful season of the Yosemite Football League is drawing to a close. All members of the five teams had a great time releasing their pent-up energies, as did the crowds of fans who filled the sidelines at each game.

The Lodge Annex steamroller was unstopped with a 4-0 record. Government was second with 3-1, Camp Curry Bruisers third (2-2), Village Stompers fourth (1-3) and the Kacks-men last with 0-4. An all-star team now being formed will take on the champs Thursday, August 11th (game time is 6:30).

Softball and basketball teams are now being formed. Events will take place at the Yosemite school field at 6:30 (baseball on Mon., Wed., Fri.; basketball on Tues., Thurs., Sat.). The ex-football teams will field new teams for both these, and new players and teams are welcome.

WAWONA REPORTS

Wawona has its usual summer look again this year. Cy Wright, in his inimitable way, has his staff pulling together like Coach Willsey's football squad — an occasional fumble, but always a swift recovery by a quick-witted player.

Coach Willsey and his lovely Barbara were guests at the "California Alumni Annual Houseparty," which proved to be the social event of the season.

A young guest mistakenly called Wawona "Romona" — a likely error with all the romance lurking about. The true victors, Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, who met at Wawona 54 years ago and have seldom missed their annual return visit. Hats off to them!

The Old Pro fairly beams these days, and why not, with one of his early progeges, Al Geiberger, winning the P.G.A.

The tennis court is buzzing this summer with expert Michael Barnes and his sparring partner, Barry Hincks. We welcome competition from the Valley: please call the social hostess for such arrangements.

"Deck the halls with boughs of holly. . . ." That's just what the employees did for their annual July Christmas Party. The tree, a perfectly shaped white pine, was decorated with strings of gum drops, animal crackers, colored marshmallows, and popcorn. Hill's Studio was literally transformed into a 19th century drawing room. The mood, however, was broken by the arrival of Santa—in a golf cart!

AWARDS TO ADVERTISING

The advertising office recently received two certificates of award for certain of their advertising efforts over the past year. Yosemite's general folder was given a national award by the Printing Industries of America. The folder was designed by Dean Smith and printed by H. S. Crocker Inc. An advertisement for The Ahwahnee designed by Nicholas Sidjakov, Jerry Leonhart, and Valerie Joyce, through the McCann-Erickson agency, won a certificate of merit from the Art Director's and Artist's Club of San Francisco.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

ONE, TWO, THREE, SHIFT

The reservation office has had a great turnover in personnel in the past few weeks to add to the usual hectic summer tempo. Kay Allen moved off the Curry desk and Marcia Biernat slipped into her place. Kay has been running the TWX machine for us, and will soon leave for New England, in time, she hopes, for the fall coloring. Following a months vacation she expects to train for computer programing.

Phyllis Ihry replaced Arleene Day on the Lodge desk and Arleene moved to Pat Thomas' Ahwahnee position. Pat is going down the hall to advertising.

Jeri Crapo of the High Sierra desk is training Phyllis Digua. Jeri and husband Phil, chief clerk at Housekeeping Camp, are off to Santa Barbara, where Phil is enrolled in City College this fall. Phil is pointing toward a career in the hotel business, so perhaps we may see them back in Yosemite in the not too distant future. Their address will be 303 El Alta Loma Drive.

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VISITOR NUMBERS DROP

Statistics from the Park Service reveal that the visitors totals for the month of July and for the first fifteen days of August are down from 588,461 for last year to 577,753. This seemingly minor drop is more significant in the light of the rising total for the first part of the year; for the entire period January 1 to August 15, the total is up 11,294 from last year. The housing totals for all units have also dropped about one percent.

Many causes are possible explanations for this, including the unusually

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SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission is pleased to announce the following awards:

The Jennie Foster Curry Scholarship to Juanita C. Aranguena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Aranguena, who will attend the University of San Francisco.

The David A. Curry Scholarship to Jane Ann Christensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Christensen, a second year student at Sacramento State.

The Yosemite Scholarship, supported by the Community Council, was awarded to Dorothy E. Melton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Melton. Dorothy plans to attend San Diego State.

A special award for the 1966-67 year only, to Clark Martin, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Martin, Sr., who will attend Fresno City College.

Each scholarship pays nine monthly installments of \$50 or a total of \$450. Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder established the first two in memory of her father and mother, co-founders of Camp Curry.

Our congratulations and best wishes to these four young students.

SAND TRAPS

To start wrapping up the Wawona Golf Club season is to say that this summer brought the largest play ever to traverse nine sporting holes, and, Isabelle Dierksen won the women's club championship. Inky Petersen was runner-up.

The ladies' finals also include play-offs between Dete Oliver and Ruth Ewing for the President's Flight trophy and Anita Potts and Valerie Eagle for consolation. Valerie was low gross and net medalist of the tournament.

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HOTEL DIVISION HAPPENINGS

After 2½ years with the Grand Teton Lodge Co. as assistant to General Manager Raymond Lillie, Bob Maynard has returned to YPC Co. as Hotel Division Superintendent. He had been with YPC Co. some 15 years prior to accepting the Grand Teton position in 1964.

Wife Nancy, and daughters Katy and Suzy, all Yosemite born, are settling right in, and we are happy to welcome them back to the community.

Following the resignation of John Curry as Ahwahnee manager, Wayne Whiteman was appointed Ahwahnee chief. Joe Thomas, formerly with YTS, will serve as assistant to Whiteman. Joe had been head bellman for 12 years before the YTS assignment.

Glen Power, who worked as Ahwahnee assistant manager for four years under former managers Bob Maynard and John Curry, has taken the reins as Yosemite Lodge manager, assisted by Chet Hubbard and Bill Germany.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY HERALDED

Operation Clean-Up

As part of the NPS 50th anniversary observances, 85 girls from the Bay Area Council of Girl Scouts descended upon the valley on August 24. The girls were from Camp Timberloft, near the Westfall Ranger Station on Highway No. 41, and came to "scout out the litter." YPC Co. supplied one of the buses used.

Five huge bags of trash were picked up at Happy Isles, Mirror Lake, and the Camp Curry orchard. It was hoped that the sight of the scouts picking up other's trash might encourage all visitors to keep their park litter-free.

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Mr. Otter's secretary, Jinx Story, is departing that position and in her stead we have Shirley Halcom. Margarita Morris leaves for a three week indoctrination course in Washington, D.C. before flying on to her State Department assignment in Saigon.

Office Manager, Tony Lindley, is returning to his family in Dardenella, Arkansas. His plans call for two years at Arkansas Tech, with a major in agriculture, and an eye to joining his father in the poultry raising business. Entering the hen business seems a perfectly logical step in view of Tony's long experience in working with an office full of women. In case anyone is interested, there is a bright orange pickup for sale.

New man on the job is Don Wiecks, who has behind him a wide range of job experience. Originally haling from Minnesota, where he was in charge of an automobile agency, Don took his degree in economics at Occidental College. Since then he has worked in the insurance claims field, spent 12 years in the Marine Corps, and, what we find most fascinating, was VP and general manger of three detective agencies, simultaneously, in Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Atlanta, Georgia. With Don's knowledge of people, experience in marshalling forces, and ferretting out information, he should do well in reservations.

August 24 will be the occasion of our annual Cry and Goodbye party, the pain of parting being mitigated by hilarious entertainment and succulent comestibles, if the parties of the past are any guide.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

The water pump for the Ahwannee Golf Course gave up the ghost recently—after thirty-five years on the job, what can you expect? Emergency measures were used to keep the greens green until the new pump was installed.

Work on the High Sierra Camps goes on at full speed. Because of the late season last year, many repairs were hastened to get open this season. Lloyd Hansen and Bud have finished the fence and hitch rack repairs for Merced Lake and are moving on to Tuolumne.

Doug and his crew are still at work on Badger Pass, now with the aid of Syd Ledson and his boys.

The hazardous trees are disappearing from White Wolf, under the saws of Gerry Dougherty and Manuel Enos. Harry "the Lock" is busy rekeying the units, as well as with carpentry work on the side. The department is right on schedule, with only 1% of the work for 1966 carried over into fiscal 1967.

Fred Arnson and Frank Domingues are leaving us, Fred for boiler school in Michigan and Frank for the Park Service. Sorry to see them go, and lots of luck to both. Rose Kuhn is back from vacation, and thanks Bobi Peters for the fine job she did while here.

Matt and Marie Gagan celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary last week with a surprise dinner given by Matt. Congratulations from all of us.

VILLAGE BARBER KILLED

Dan Jones, an employee of YPC Co. for two years as a barber in the Village Store, was killed in an auto accident just outside El Portal last week. Dan lived in Kingsburg and had attended Fresno City College and a year of Barber college.

GLEN AULIN ANNIVERSARY

On August 30th, Margaret and George Heath, managers of Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp, will celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. They were married in 1941 in Gordon Square Church in London. Their two sons, Roger and Andrew, have worked in the Yosemite High Sierra.



Over-all winners of Park Panic No 1, the July 20 car rally were Dick Williams and Clare Karnbach.

MUSICAL WAWONA

It was Music Week here at Wawona, as musical personalities drifted in from San Francisco and the Valley. With us were Phillip Boone, president of the San Francisco Symphony, Lyle Bardo, well known conductor and arranger, and Stan Noonan, soloist for YPC Co. Camp Curry program. They all had a great time, and Stan's concert was magnificent. Charles Diaz, the "Wawona Tenor", is now studying under Richard Bonelli.

Under the expert direction of Miss Lais, the dining room staff is drawing an unusual number of enthusiastic comments from guests.

A Christian Ministry in the National Parks, under Wawona director Gary Wehrwein, sponsors a coffee house held every Tuesday evening for our employees. Held in Hill's Studio, the coffee house is really gathering steam. It seems the young people are recovering "the lost art of conversation!"

FOR SALE

Twin beds — Maple \$30. for the pair, Large G.M. Refrigerator - old but a goodie \$50. Formica top table & 4 chairs — red \$25. Beige tweed rug with pad. Approximately 16 x 20 ft. \$50. Telephone 372-4516 eveings or 372-4631 daytime. Coletha Jones.

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CHAPEL DRAWING CONTEST

The Yosemite Community Church recently announced that the winner of the Chapel Drawing Contest is Barbara Kosinski. Fourteen drawings, by eight artists, were submitted.

The final selection was difficult, and the choice of a pen and ink drawing, rather than one done in charcoal or pastel, was dictated by the need to reduce the drawing in size and still have a clear reproduction, according to Rev. Baldwin.

The winning drawing was used first as a Church Bulletin cover for the Rev. Baldwin's ordination service, and will now be the regular cover.

Barbara was an art major at San Jose College, and works in several media.

CAMP CURRY CAPERS

The front office is saddened by the departure of Steve Cohen and Lloyd Dennis, the Front Desk room clerk and transportation agent. Michigan State has gobbled them up for another winter. This marks the beginning of the end of the summer for the Front Office people.

The Nawasa Shop is holding its final clearance for the fall days. Cartons of wool sweaters, all sizes and colors, have arrived, as have woman's sample size sweaters and co-ordinates.

The Camp Curry Cafeteria Annual Busboy-Manager Sweepstakes is coming soon. It's a contest between the busboys and the manager in the art of setting up and busing tables, and will be held on Wednesday at 2 p.m. Contestants will be Doubtful Dave Hanna (U.C.) Mop-up Maitzfield (Denver) Carle Carsrud (Denver) and Clutter Cooper (U.C.) Judges for the match will be "Easy Touch" Chan, "Honest John" Chiu, and Jim "Libelous" Liu. Contestants will be judged on the basis of speed, efficiency, and orthodoxy of procedure.

The object of the Sweepstakes is to observe management perspective and perception at work on an actual problem. Come, cheer or boo, and see a realistic demonstration of the Colorado and California schools of thought.

—Aldine Farrier

CURRYS LEAVE

John Curry and his family left Yosemite this Sunday for Southern California. As announced in an earlier Sentinel, he has joined the Walt Disney organization and will be assisting them on several important projects.

Before leaving, John sent us a short note, "It is very hard to leave Yosemite and all the good friends which we have found in fifteen years and several summers in the Park. They have become very much a part of us, and our memories of Yosemite both as a place and as a group of very fine people will remain with us. We hope to be back to visit often."

The Curry's new address is 10514 Whipple, North Hollywood.

CHICKEN IN A TUB

The number of people who wanted chicken but not the whole dinner at the Mall Snack Bar has made Curry manager Keith Whitfield come up with a new angle—selling the parts of the dinner separately. Now you can buy tubs of chicken, pints of cole slaw, orders of French fries, hot rolls, and make up your own dinner. Whitfield reports that sales are up, as campers who do not want to bother with the whole dinner are buying the chicken to avoid cooking.

An unexpected area of sales: beach party groups who find a tub of chicken easier and tastier than hot dogs. The chicken dinner is still available, at the old price of \$1.80.

FOR SALE

Beige 12 x 15 carpet, drapes with rod. Contact Phil Crapo at 372-4872 or after five at 372-4780.

A fine 1959 MG roadster for sale call 372-4795.

1962 Oldsmobile Fiesta Wagon. Full power and air. Clean 379-2485.

Royal Aristocrat portable typewriter w/carrying case. New condition used only one week. Winnie Grieve, El Portal. Ph. 379-2405.

Wood heater, thermo control and two speed electric circulating fan. Used only 4 months. Load evening, will last all night! \$50. Ph. 379-2227. H Parker.

WE THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW

75 lbs. of soap have been contributed our soap drive.

CHAPEL NEWS

A Service of Ordination was held Saturday evening, August 20, for the Rev. Donald Baldwin, raising him to an Elder in the Methodist Church. Participating in the service were Bishop Donald Tippet of the San Francisco diocese, Rev. H. Clay Ballard and Don's father, Rev. Donald Baldwin of Napa. Rev. Ballard is a long time friend of the Baldwins, and introduced Peggy and Don.

The Valley Singers sang with Ron Barham as Soloist, Rick Mattson as organist, and Vicki Cochrane, pianist. Following the service a reception was held at the Ranger's Club.

On Sunday, Bishop Tippet, assisted by Don's father, baptised the Baldwin's infant daughter Eve Suzanne.

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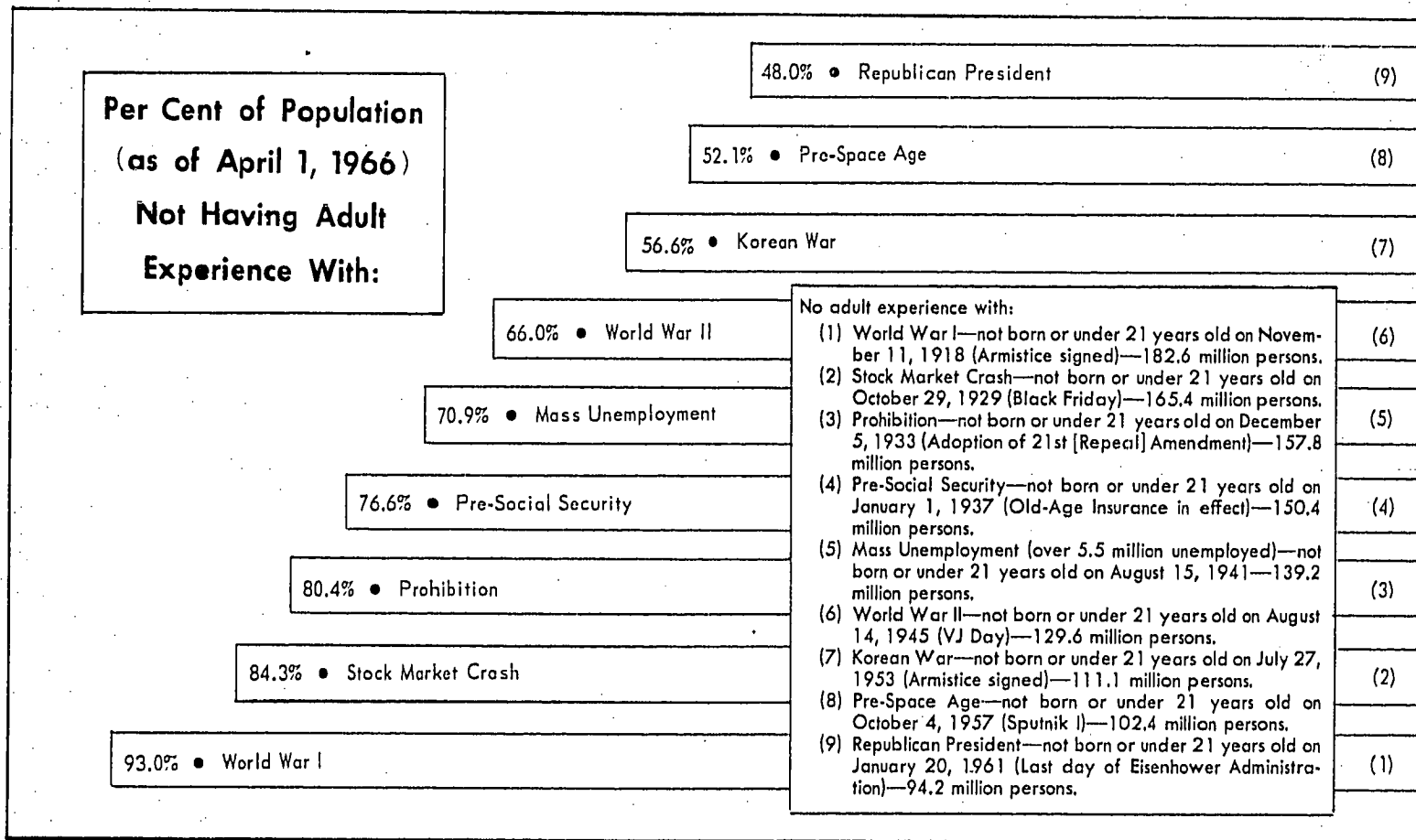
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The women are scheduled to play in the Annual Doug Thomas Memorial competition from August 27 through September 4.

The men's club is going into semi-finals of their annual battle. In the Championship Flight Vern Morgan defeated Charlie Proctor; Harold Bondshu zeroed in on Herky Allcock; Gene Ewing took Guy Lamoreaux and Ned English won over Curly Dierksen. Lamoreaux medaled the tournament. First round winners in the following flight were Lowell Bondshu, Harold Ouimet, LeRoy Rust, Dan Lincoln, Tex Cook, Bill Krause, Ed Greenmeyer and Bill Schnettler.

There is still more big competition and fun coming. The Fort Washington Home-n-Home will be played on September 11 at Wawona, directly preceded on Saturday by the Annual Wright Mixed Scotch and award picnic. On September 18 Wawona will meet the Merced Club in that Home-n-Home.

After all this, Pro Charlie will wrap up his tenth summer at Wawona. Ron Argall, Gary Baird and Dale Findley his top-notch crew — will take leave. The finest golf course in the Sierra's will gradually turn golden from cold while underneath it all, green life will be preserved by Greenskeeper Homer Armstrong and his hearty group.



But Sputnik was only yesterday. The above chart would appear to substantiate our contention that we are not getting older; the world is getting younger.

FROM THE LODGE

The departure of John Curry, former manager of The Ahwahnee, for his new Disney job has had repercussions over here in the Lodge. Wayne Whitemen has been transferred to take Curry's place and in return Glen Power, assistant manager of The Ahwahnee, will begin his new duties as our manager. We welcome him, and wish Wayne the best of luck. Others new at the Lodge, Lynn Olson from Curry is a new waitress in the restaurant, and Mary Leaming has joined us from New York.

A lovely shower was given for Jan Roscoe in the Mountain Room on August 18th. Meg Sabor and Margorie McQuaid, matrons at the Annex, cooked up a shower for Nellie Castillo, maid supervisor of the tent annex, before her marriage to Thomas Hicks of Merced on August 14th.

Myron Baldwin and his friends flew in to Mariposa last week and surprised Patti Baldwin, our telephone operator. Myron took her to lunch at The Ahwahnee and flew back the same day.

The Valley Singers directed by Glenn Willard gave a concert at the Lodge on Aug. 10. An excellent performance!

—Flo Clow

BIG TREES FIESTA

Laughter and singing replaced the usual evening silence here at Big Trees last Wednesday night. The upper deck, usually jammed with visitors, was transformed into a dance floor and stage. Festivities began at eight with charcoal broiled steaks and the main entertainment soon followed—Sing Out '66.

Wednesday night's party marked the last night that Leon LeClaire would be our manager—he leaves soon to begin preparation for the Roman Catholic priesthood. His duties were assumed on the 19th by Bob Matthews.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

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Following their good works, the girls held a program at the NPS headquarters, and presented Mr. Davis with a large cake - which they later helped to consume.

A large gathering was held the next evening when the NPS invited all locals to a potluck supper at the school grounds. An estimated 300 persons were present, and brought vast quantities of food with them.

Superintendent Davis, Frank Donahue of Degnan-Donahue, Inc., and Stuart Cross of YPC Co. made short speeches honoring the occasion.

LODGE'S BROILER ROOM OPENS

Food Excellent, Appearance Stylish

With neither ceremony nor major hitches, the Lodge's new Mountain Room Broiler opened last Thursday night for a comfortable number of patrons. The total aspect of the new broiler equipment glows purposefully, the white-hatted chefs bob back and forth at their work. Outside, the tables, black and red and generously spaced, are lighted by the warm flicker of candles sheltered by clear glass bowls on brass holders. Before darkness the area is bathed in pinkish dusk. Waiters and bus boys wear black and red uniforms; with ample space separating tables they move easily.

The steaks, chops and lobster tails, cooked to order, arrive sizzling, the salads, likewise prepared individually are cold and crunchy.

Adding its proper share to the scene is the great north wall of Yosemite Valley high overhead.

VISITORS

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hot weather and dryness, which has reduced the falls to trickles. Particularly noteworthy in this period, however, was the flood of unfavorable press mostly rewrites of the Wall Street Journal article of June 24.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

TV PROGRESS REPORT

The plans to bring in TV Channel 2 are progressing. The translator is on hand, and the Jerrold engineer expects to have the new equipment here shortly. In addition, the Jerrold man will tune up all present equipment.

If everything works out as expected, the line-up will be as follows; Channel 4, NBC San Francisco, will be Channel 7; Channel 11, ABC San Jose, will be Channel 8; Channel 5, CBS San Francisco, will be Channel 9; Channel 9 the San Francisco educational station KQED will be Channel 11; Channel 2, Oakland, Independent will be Channel 13.

In the event there is trouble with the adjacent Channels 7, 8, and 9, it will be necessary to use Channel 6. This will require an additional transmitting antenna, and possibly, now receiving antennas, but it is hoped this change will not be required.

A new "low loss" cable was installed from Sentinel to Glacier Point last month. The improved signal resulting in better quality pictures on Channels 5 to 9 is attributable to this cable.

It is hoped that all the above work will be completed by October 1, pointing toward good TV viewing during the winter months.

HAMILTON DEATH

His many friends were saddened by the passing of Marion (Ham) Hamilton. Death came peacefully September 17. Ham would have been sixty in October and first started to work here in '28 on a seasonal basis. He had been with YTS for more than 25 years. He is survived by a brother, Robert. Funeral services were held in Merced September 21.

VISITORS CENTER CONSTRUCTION COMMENCED

Work on the visitors center began last week with the demolition of the Lost Arrow Studio, removal of boulders, etc. The \$600,000 building, designed by E.T. Spencer of Spencer, Lee and Busse architectural firm of San Francisco, is being built by Lewis C. Nelson and Sons construction firm of Selma. In addition to the new plant, the present museum will be remodeled to house certain administrative offices, particularly for park naturalists.

The principal structure will be 13,000 square feet; this area will contain two auditoriums, an exhibit area, and a visitors information desk. Adjacent, will be seen open roofed areas and courtyards, which will resemble the courtyard areas at Yosemite Lodge.

The two auditoriums are planned for duplicate motion picture or slide presentations; while a program is in progress in one auditorium, the other can be emptying and refilling. And, the two are designed so that they can be made into one large meeting hall.

THE CLUBHOUSE OPENS

During the fall and winter season The Clubhouse at Camp Curry will be the recreation center for employees. The large meeting room at the east end of the old cafeteria has been transformed into a club room. There is a quiet corner for the library (additional books would be most welcome), a screened-off pingpong table, the two pool tables again are available, and tables for discussion groups and refreshments. The fate of the TV is undecided, but is being considered from the standpoint of reception.

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COMPANY DIRECTORS CHANGE

At their meeting August 27, 1966 the Board of Directors of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. accepted with regret, the resignation of Director Walter A. Starr, whose health would no longer permit his attendance at meetings in Yosemite.

Mr. Starr, a successful businessman and nationally known conservationist, had served on our Board, with distinction, since 1937 and for many years was its Chairman until Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder succeeded him in that position in 1963.

To fill the vacancy left by Mr. Starr's resignation the Directors unanimously elected Mr. James J. Uhle, a well-known and highly reputed public accountant in Merced. Mr. Uhle has manifested his interest and faith in our Company by having become one of its largest stockholders over the years, and he and Mrs. Uhle are frequent visitors to the park. His long business experience and wide acquaintance in the San Joaquin Valley will add further strength to our outstanding roster of Directors.

—H. Oehlmann

YPC Co. CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PLANNED

Two YPC Co. building projects are reported as being in the final planning stages and N.P.S. approval is now being sought. One, the construction of employee quarters in the Yosemite Lodge Annex area will involve an outlay of \$150,030 and will provide three dormitories with eight rooms in each, a recreation room and a caretaker's cottage. At the present YPC Co. maintenance is removing employee tents from the area to make room for the new buildings.

Also at the Lodge, plans are active

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SUE EARLE TO SWISS SCHOOL

On September 13 Susan Earle, 17 year old daughter of John and Ruth Ann Earle, jetted off to Switzerland to attend the American School in Leysin for a year. The school has an enrollment of 150 students, 90% of whom are American children of families working overseas. The ratio of teacher to student is one to ten, providing individual attention. Sue, a near straight A student, is in her last year of High School and will major in French.

There will be many opportunities to practice her French on weekend jaunts to Geneva and other nearby cities.

Leysin School has a ski team, and what better place for an enthusiastic skier such as Sue than smack in the middle of the Alps?

One sobering fact. If Sue gets a bit lonesome for family and friends, it will be pad and pencil time; no quick trips home, and no picking up the telephone.

CONSTRUCTION

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for the construction of 23 guest rooms in three separate buildings, eight rooms in two, seven in another. Twelve of the rooms will accommodate two guests, eleven will accommodate three. The new buildings will be in the area presently occupied by bungalows without bath, which are being moved to the tent section. From that section, tents accommodating 57 are being removed.

The guest unit construction has been budgeted for \$256,000. E.T. Spencer, F.A.I.A., of the San Francisco architectural firm of Spencer, Lee and Busse is doing the design.

It is planned that each project will be completed for use in the spring of 1967.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Sunday, September 11 the former Leslie Louke of San Francisco was married to Alan Dierksen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Dierksen, in Hawthorne Nevada. They were attended by Alan's brother Denny and his wife Carolyn.

Leslie will continue working in the Personnel Office, and Alan is employed at Yosemite Lodge. The young couple are living in the El Portal Trailer Park.



HELP WANTED

The Yosemite Community Church is making an urgent request for a Church School superintendent and three teachers. There will be no classes for the pre-school, third and fourth, fifth and sixth grades unless volunteers come forward.

Due to the unpredictable weekend schedules of many families, the Church is considering having its Christian Education program on Monday afternoon, following school, rather than on Sunday morning. Those persons interested in teaching, who could not do so regularly on Sunday morning, might be able to assist under this program. Volunteers, and those with ideas and suggestions, please contact Rev Don Baldwin at 372-4885 (Home) or 372-4831 (Chapel)



CLUBHOUSE

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Movies are planned for Tuesdays and Saturdays — a complete schedule will be available soon. Dances will depend upon the desire of employees coming to The Clubhouse — to the Juke box most of the time, or to a live band for rock-n-roll, ballroom, or folk dances — wherever there is the greatest interest.

Drop in soon to visit with Peggy Barrington, Dottie Rogers, and Margie McQuaid, and express your desires for The Clubhouse. The passing of the Lost Arrow has saddened many, but the new Clubhouse will be a warm spot for employees this winter.

FORMER LOCAL NPS PEOPLE ON MANAGEMENT TEAM

Among those on the Park Service's management study team recently in Yosemite were Harthon L. (Spud) Bill, former Yosemite Assistant Superintendent, now NPS Deputy Assistant Director, and Wayne Bryant, Assistant Park Naturalist here in 1956. Wayne's now regional chief of interpretation and visitor services in the Western Region.

Spud commented that his old stomping grounds looked pretty good to him, and that it was pleasant to greet old friends in the familiar surroundings. Wayne was pleased at the recovery of the land in the areas where roads and buildings stood when he served here ten years ago.



THESPIAN TIDINGS

A stage play reading of "The Sign of Jonah" will be directed by Peggy Baldwin for performance later this fall in the "Church Key" Coffee House.

The play is by a German clergyman, Guenter Rutenborn, and is concerned, through the form of a mock trial, with finding the party or parties responsible for the sins of humanity, especially those of World War II.

A cast of eleven includes the Judge, three Archangels, Average Man and Woman, The Queen of Babylon, and the Stage Manger. Anyone interested in participating in this play reading may contact Peggy Baldwin at 372-4885. No past dramatic experience is necessary!



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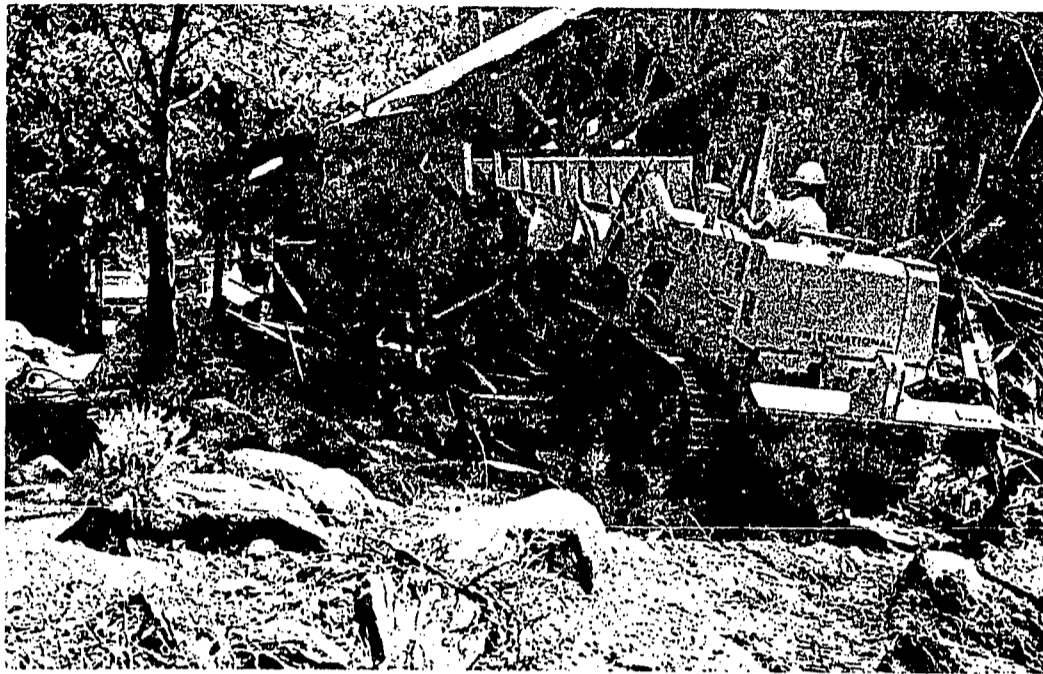
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BRANSCUM BANTER

It is that time of the year when we say good-bye to our summer help. We hope these people have enjoyed working in the office and will want to return next year. Though some leave, others join us. Carol Rogers is our new addressograph clerk in payroll. Carol does not smile much, but we have a cure for that. York Smith is Bill Smith's special assistant. Dale Godsey is replacing Jack Hambleton in the auditing section. Pete Smith, a transfer from the stables, will be joining our inventory team under the direction of J. Edeal.

Last week the staff members of the accounting office attended a Burroughs demonstration of the E 4000, the latest in accounting computers. Two similar models will be installed this fall.

Sterling Cramer and Dick Rhodes have put the final touches on our new accounting manual, a very important part of the new system we will adopt this coming fiscal year.

For the benefit of you Giant fans whom might have been under the impression that they would win the National League Pennant, Dick Klein has purchased a car-load of crying towels.

Predictions: Aldine Farrier and Jeannie Harris won't last the winter. Margaret Burns, Sharon Pelto and Donna Kolstead will never leave Yosemite. Joyce Moore and Tommy Thomas will coach the Yosemite Badgers to a perfect season. Jack Ring

MAINTENANCE NEWS

We were all saddened to learn of the death of Helen Rennels, wife of carpenter foreman Tom Rennels, on Tuesday, September 13. While she had been ill for sometime, her passing was most unexpected and shocking. Funeral services were held September 16 in Mariposa. In addition to Tom, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Joan Zollars and three grandsons. We all send our sympathies to Tom and his family.

The High Sierra Camps have been struck and Lloyd Hansen and a crew of eight next will dismantle the Tuolumne store and Lodge.

Plumbers Oskar Illig and Frank Ellis are installing new wash basins in E and F dormitories. Working along with them is new carpenter Dave Carroll. Dave's been with maintenance about a week. From Fresno, he and his wife now live in El Portal.

Welcome to Fritz Frynaut, a Netherlander, who is now with maintenance as an electrical trainee.

Bruce Williams, the noted tent-maker, is surrounded by acres and mounds of tents, sent down for repair from the High Sierra Camps. See you next spring, Bruce.

Tom Wettstone and Glenn Savage are working with Mr. Ferguson, cable-splicing expert with the Broderick and

will buy a Mustang and become the new president of The Yosemite Mustang Club.

-L. L.

Lost Arrow Razed. The former Pillsbury Studio opened in 1925 as part of the "New" Yosemite Village-post office, museum, administration building, and the Best, Boysen and Foley studios. In more recent years, it has been an employee recreation center, a refreshment stand, and the office of Gene Ottonello's local banking facility. The Credit Union is going, going, gone! in this gulp by the bulldozer.

CHURCH KEY COFFEE HOUSE CLOSED

The Church Key Coffee House at the Masonic Hall has been closed for the time being. Future plans for reactivation will be announced later this fall.

Bascom Co., shortening and resplicing the cable on the chair lift and replacing the cable on lift No. 3. Jack Sumner, trainee, is in on the task too.

Howard Savage is with the High Camp dismantlers, preparing the plumbing for frosty weather.

Tex Wyly and his boys are engaged storing the furniture from Valley tent accommodations. When they finish that chore, they'll commence dismantling the tents.

Hal Wright has transferred from accounting and now is a part of the maintenance office team, handling daily work cards under our revised accounting system.

Doug McElligott is warily planning his vacation — for the second time. Last month he was packed to leave when something went askew with an Ahwahnee pump. He returned to repair it. After one false start, he's not discussing his plans.

Soon, to everyone's delight, we will start inventory — counting every nut and bolt in the place!

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

BADGER FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 24 — Lodi at Yosemite
October 1 — Mariposa at Yosemite
October 8 — Lodi at Yosemite
October 15 — Lodi at Yosemite
October 22 — Open
October 30 — Lodi at Lodi
November 5 — Mariposa at Mariposa

The Lodi City recreation league supports four teams, representing different areas within the city. Formerly they have played pre-or post-season games. This year the Badgers will play each team in the league, and could itself become a league member. Lodi also plays against the Mariposa team. The names of the Lodi teams will be announced later.

HOURS AND PLACES CHANGE

The Yosemite Credit Union office is now located at the west end of the Post Office building in the quarters formerly occupied by the Western Union. The hours are 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Postmaster Leroy Rust announces the following changes in service. Window service at the Main Office and Yosemite Lodge Branch will be 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and the mail will close at 11:30 a.m. starting on Saturday, October 1. Sunday mail was discontinued on September 11.

Church Services at the Yosemite Chapel are now on the following schedule:

Catholic Masses: Sunday - 6:30 and 8:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. Daily - 7:00 a.m.

Protestant Services: Sunday - 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

FROM L.M.H.

We can't report the arrival of any babies as none was born during the last month. Otherwise, however, Michael Adams, summer medical student, has returned for his last year's schooling at St. Louis University. Dr. James Wurgler will remain on the staff through October. Dr. Hendrickson and family are vacationing in the US by motor, and should return shortly. Dr. Sturm, meanwhile, keeps all the pills rolling and, in off-hours, is harvesting the fruits of his toils at his Mariposa ranch.

LEISURE WORLD

Two of our favorite people are going into semi-retirement. For nineteen years, ten year 'round plus nine summers, Coletha and Paul Jones have been Yosemiteites. Paul has been employed in The Ahwahnee kitchen, working gastronomic magic, and this past summer was Camp Curry Sous Chef. Coletha's smiling face has been seen for some seven years behind the Personnel Office window, as well as at the Post Office for two summers.

No rocking chairs for this pair. Paul will work part time at the El Mirador in Palm Springs, a city where they have often wintered, and Coletha will make those lovely cards incorporating pressed flowers and leaves. They haven't decided, as yet, if they will buy a trailer, or build on their lot in the high desert country of Yucca Valley.

We hope Paul and Coletha have a splendid winter, and we will look forward to seeing them next year when they return for the summer season.

WAWONA CLOSES

Labor Day has come and gone, and with it have gone many Wawona employees. While most left to return to colleges scattered throughout the land, there was one notable exception to the rule.

The former Janet Philp, a waitress for several seasons, was recently married to Robert Olsen, a former cook at the Yosemite Lodge restaurant. The nuptials took place in the College Community Congregational Church in Fresno, and the couple are now living in Redwood City.

We sigh "only a few more days 'til closing", quickly followed by the wail of the old Brooklyn Dodgers, "Wait until next year".

MARTY, FAREWELL

Fred Martischang, assistant chief ranger, pulled out Tuesday for his new assignment at Rocky Mountain National Park. He will serve in the same capacity there. Fred, his three nice youngsters, Mike, Lisa and Steve will be missed in the community and we wish them well.

EXCHANGE PROGRAM

A little noted facet of the Company's activities is its participation in an exchange program with a group called AIESEC an international organization of economics and business administration graduate students.

The purpose of the union is to give graduate students practical, on-the-job training in other countries. With the enormous increase in international trade, this program widens the horizons of the student, greatly increasing his value to future employers. The student and the company each benefit from the exchange of ideas and methods, and, since the program is not unilateral, our participation enables US students to travel to other lands for instruction in their business systems.

The State Department coordinates the program, but this is no free ride. All costs of transportation, meals and lodgings while enroute, and other expenses are borne by the student. Once here, the trainee is paid only a uniform stipend.

This is the third year the Company has had a foreign student from this organization, and the incumbent is Theo Schmitz of Germany. Last April, Theo received a Masters degree in Business Administration from the University of Muenster. Before coming to this county he worked in Europe with US AIESEC trainees. He has worked with German firms and was a trainee with a firm in Helsinki, Finland.

In addition to his native tongue, Theo speaks English, French, and Swedish, and has traveled in Great Britain, France, Sweden and Russia.

Theo's work here in the accounting office has been so mutually satisfying that the Company has asked for an extension of the usual three month period to permit his staying on to April 1. The installation of automated accounting equipment will start on November 15, when the first computer arrives. It is planned that Schmitz will assist Sterling Cramer in the implementation of this system, and in so doing acquire additional skills in this relatively new field.

YOSEMITE



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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

EXODI

Several YPC Co. employees have left or soon will leave Yosemite. Each has contributed to the operation of our company and to the community. Each will be missed. YPC Co. wishes them success and satisfaction in their work and happiness in their new environments.

One

The Ned Englishes left Yosemite last week for their new home in Fresno, where Ned has accepted a position with E. F. Hutton Co., a nationally known securities firm.

Ned has been with YPC Co. perman-
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DITTON, BERREY IN SCHOOL BOARD RACE

Dick Ditton and Henry Berrey have declared themselves candidates for election to the Mariposa School Board from District 5, which includes the Yosemite east precinct. Bob Cromer, former board member, has chosen not to run.

Ditton and Berrey have lived in Yosemite about twenty years, each has had children in the local school, and each has been active in school-parent activities.

(Ed. note. That's about as equal-time a statement as could be concocted!)

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DEATH TAKES BOB UPTON

Following a lengthy illness death came to Bob Upton on October 14. Bob started with the NPS on a seasonal basis in 1930, and was with the Yosemite museum for eight years. He was an active member of the church and the Lions Club. Our sympathies to wife, Bee. Burial took place October 20 in Evansville, Wisconsin.



In a recent Badger vs. Lodi ballgame, ball carrier Jim Whitfield No. 18, made a good gain behind the blocking of Rod Whitfield No. 55 and Steve Lake, out front.

The Lodi broom seems to be turning into a vacuum cleaner for the Yosemite Elementary School Badgers. The first "tangle" with Lodi ended in a 20-6 loss for the Badgers. Last week, even though the final score was 25-0, the Yosemite Badgers could hold their heads high as they were outmanned and outgunned, and but for a few breaks, could have come close to the powerful Lodi eleven.

The story was not so bright for the Badgers this week. They finally met a team near their own size and lost 20-0. The only bright spot in the dismal effort was the continued hard play of Jim Whitfield and Johnny Allcock. The "new spirit" looked like

the "old gloom" as the Badgers played erratic and lazy.

Several Monday Quarterbacks searched for the answer and came up with a medical report: "They forgot to take their mean pills."

Nevertheless, don't give up. The Badgers have two whole weeks to rest before traveling to Lodi for a Sunday game. Coach Tommy Thomas plans to feed the team their mean pills for breakfast.

The spirit of the Bee and Cee team, was tremendous. The "others" on the Badger football team gave Lodi all they wanted. Several have complained about the size of our mighty monsters, but they'll see the results in a few years. Keep it up, boys.

WOMEN'S GROUP PLANS THEATRE EVENING

A play entitled "Seven Nuns in Las Vegas" will be presented by the Yosemite Women's Group — Thursday, October 27 at 8 p.m. in the Yosemite School Auditorium.

This delightful comedy directed by Guinevere Keyes, features the Sierra

Players from North Fork and has brought enjoyment throughout the foothill and Fresno areas.

The program offers entertainment for the whole community and visiting guests. A donation type ticket will be sold during the preceding week and at the door. \$1.25 for adults and .50 for children.

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ently since 1960; earlier he worked seasonally since 1951. In the past six years Ned has performed a number of administrative duties connected with budgeting, housing, safety and has most recently compiled profitability studies for the company's major capital projects.

Two

Commercial Assistant Gary Lemkuhl resigned recently and plans to return to Colorado. For the past four months, Gary has been working on problem areas within the division, and coordinating services with guest desires.

Gary has taken a position as Administrative Aide to the district forster in Routt National Forest, headquartered in Steamboat Springs. There he will work with the businessmen and stockmen who utilize the forest products—grazing, lumbering, mining—as well as with the developing tourist use of forest lands.

Three

The printers Hugh and Jim Parker, are printing the SENTINEL for their last time, for at month's end the brothers will move to Merced where they have bought the Davis Printing Co. Their shop, Hugh says, is equipped about the same as the YPC Co. shop, but with more linotype and hand-set faces, plus a camera for producing offset negatives, and mailing, office and accounting equipment.

Four

John Earle, Studio Supervisor for the past three years, wife Ruth Ann, and son Scott left Yosemite October 7 for a new life in the north. John is now the General Manager of the Northern Commercial Company's Fairbanks, Alaska store—a block long complex

PARENTS GROUP DANCE

Chairman Bob Smith announces the Parents Group will hold their annual fund raising costume dance at Camp Curry Meeting Room November 1. Hours 9 p.m. — 1:00 a.m. Buffet at 11 p.m. Music by Ahwahnee Trio.. Prize for best costume. Tickets go on sale October 24 — \$2.00 per person.

AHWAHNEE HIGHLIGHTS

Groupwise, The Ahwahnee has enjoyed, first, the Nurserymen's magnificent flower displays. Seeing exotic plants so seldom here, the big, bright blooms seemed almost other-world. Then came the Business and Professional Women, who helped us reach an all-time housecount—263. Last were the ski people here for the Far West Ski Association's annual Fall Forum. The weather was bright and warm, which made winter and skiing somehow remote. Among other distinguished guests was Bob Beattie, U.S. Ski Coach. Beattie spoke at the banquet, discussing the recent French victories at the F.I.S. games at Portillo, Chile.

Former superintendent John Preston and Mrs. Preston were in for the Sturm wedding, as were the John Currys.

The Ahwahnee has been host to a number of distinguished guests recently. Mr. B. Nimmanheimin, Deputy Governor of Thailand, and Mr. Al Jarrah of Iraq were here. Relaxing after a San Francisco opera appearance were Joan Sutherland and her husband Richard Bonyng.

Dr. Peter Asher of England is resting here while his wife, opera star Amy Shuard, prepares for the opening of "Elektra".

Dr. Marius Holtrop, head of the World Bank and a resident of the Netherlands, was here on his honeymoon.

employing 200 persons, and but one of 24 operated by the company through-out Alaska. The company has been in business for 120 years—before the US purchased Alaska from the Russians in 1867.

Following a week of orientation in Seattle the Earles flew on to Fairbanks, leaving the family car and household goods to follow by ship.

JOHN LONCARIC TO RETIRE

Early next month, John Loncaric will complete 29 years of service with YPC Co., and will head south to Laguna Beach, Nancy, and to savor the good life of retirement, which will end a 39 year national parks hotel career which began in 1927 at the El Tovar Hotel at Grand Canyon.

John and Nancy arrived in Yosemite in April of 1937 in a 1928 Chevrolet, John to go to work as summer manager of Yosemite Lodge, having been engaged by Dr. Don Tresidder, company president. Miss Lou (Louisiana) Foster was the permanent Lodge manager but moved to take summer command at Wawona.

The Loncarics were housed in cabin 30c at the Lodge. (There they stayed until 1943 when the upper Tecoya houses were built.) John has a number of recollections about life in 30C. The clearest, he says, was upon returning to the Valley one morning from Merced to find water lapping at the eves; 30C was one of the many victims of the '37 flood, more devastating than any since, with the high water measured at 14.8' at Sentinel Bridge. The same morning, Dick Connettt and Amos Neal, he remembers, were on the Lodge roof hanging mattresses out to drry.

The winter of 1937-38 John spent at Badger, managing the ski house. That winter is in the books as one of the severest, with 12 feet of snow to contend with. John learned little about skiing, but claims to have become accomplished with a shovel.

The lives of the Loncarics swam along - with the usual summer ups and winter downs. John, in 1941, moved from the Lodge to assistant superintendent of YPC Co.'s Hotel Division under the late George Goldsworthy. During Goldsworthy's absence from 1943 to '45, John supervised the hotel operations.

With Pearl Harbor and the war, the resort business quickly went to pot. In Yosemite, all the outlying hotels were closed, leaving the Lodge, Camp Curry and Housekeeping Camp operating. (The Ahwahnee soon was to become the USS Ahwah-

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FROM THE LODGE

This fall, the Lodge has had a number of varied groups. One of the most delightful were the Aramco Annuitants Reunion.* The Clark Cyphers of Menlo Park were the official hosts, with some members coming from Saudia Arabia.

John Potter, our former front desk clerk, is now with Uncle Sam at Fort Ord. His letters to us are very sad, he misses Yosemite, and asks all his old friends to write.

Dennis Chew of the desk crew and Kathy Norris of the accounting office were married October 15 at the little Chapel. All of their friends wish them much happiness. They will live in El Portal. Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Chew of New Jersey, Dennis' folks, arrived for the happy event.

Soon Sharon Pelto will be leaving us to visit her home in Wisconsin. Sharon has been our lady desk clerk since last spring. We will all miss her. Hurry back Sharon.

Transportation agent, Marvin Mulder, has proven to be mountain climber-photographer extraordinary. He had an exciting experience this fall when some hunter took a potshot at him. Must have thought Marvin a mountain goat.

We welcome Earl Pomeroy as our new assistant manager. The bell-like tones you hear on the switchboard are our pretty new operators Mary Dehlmar and Millie Basich.

*(An Aramco Annuitant is one who has retired from the Arabian American Oil Co.)

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FOR RENT—House in El Portal. Call Toney Freitas. Merced. RA 2-1612. Write c/o El Portal.

BOX SOCIAL

Ring the date on your calendar. October 28 — 7:00 p.m. El Portal Community Hall. The festive occasion a Box Social. No admission charge.

There will be a "cake walk", a country store", and games for the children.

All proceeds will go toward purchase of equipment for the Community Hall.

MAINTENANCE MAKES NEWS

Syd Ledson has had a crew of five going hammer and tongs preparing the site for the construction of the three new guest accommodations buildings at Yosemite Lodge. A contract (\$233,000) has been let to the Robert Jolly Construction Co. of Fresno for the basic construction; an additional \$310,000 covering other costs and furnishings has been budgeted. Jolly's people began work October 17. Each of the buildings will be two-story, four rooms on each level. In addition to these, there will be also a separate building to house better facilities.

Sixteen bungalows without bath were removed from the site to the tent section, where twenty tents were removed, to be used as replacements at Camp Curry.

Somewhat in the nature of an experiment, 400 square feet of a new poly-urethane product has been laid on the floor of the central warehouse office. The material is liquid and applied by trowel. Lew Yancey and Dick Ditton have taken instruction in its application. If it is found properly durable, maintenance may recommend it for other flooring jobs. The same product has been sprayed on Ahwahnee dining room chairs, where it has been found to have a longer life than varnish and to have smoothed out corners that have been known to shred ladies' stockings.

At Badger, the deck outside the main building has been resurfaced; new roofing has been put on a part of the new building (where a persistent leak has defied location.)

The Ahwahnee's sixth floor roof has been redone—or at least 6,000 square feet of it. The \$12,000 job is being done by Cross Lumber Co. and New England Sheet Metal Co.

When The Ahwahnee closes November 2, maintenancemen will pounce on the 12 bungalow rooms, remodeling them in the fine fashion of those done earlier. This project, budgeted at \$50,000, will complete for the present the renovation of sleeping rooms.

SKI RACE OFFICIALS SOUGHT

The Yosemite Winter Club, sponsor of the ski competition at Badger Pass, has announced that Marian Woessner is arranging with the Far West Ski Association for materials and information to conduct a "race officials certification" clinic soon. Under the program, individuals will be trained to serve as timers, starters, gate keepers, referees, etc. Upon completion of the course, they will be certified by the FWSA in their respective categories.

As soon as the instructional materials, is received Marian will announce the details of the program.

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NEW EL PORTAL POST OFFICE

Congressman Harold (Bizz) Johnson wired Postmaster Carroll Clark on October 17 that the contract for the new El Portal post office has been let to the Wilco Construction Co. of San Francisco for a low bid of \$82,000.

Construction will begin the first of November and must be finished within 180 days. The 2,400 square feet provides for a service lobby, boxholder area, rear work room, and rest-rooms. The exterior will be faced with stone, to blend with the surroundings.

The new site is approximately 200 yards west of the present building, between the Community Hall and the Standard Oil Plant.

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STURM-GARDNER WEDDING

Did you ever see a dream walking? Well, we did. Saturday afternoon, October 1, at The Ahwahnee, when Mary Lou Sturm Gardner entered the hotel on the arm of Clifford Gardner, her husband of about a half hour duration.

Mary Lou and Cliff were married at high noon in the Village Chapel. Father Robert Thornton officiated.

The reception was held on The Ahwahnee lawn. It was a magnificent autumn day; a perfect setting for the great occasion for Mary Lou and Clifford, their families, and the many friends who came to rejoice with them and to wish them a happy marriage.

Julie Hoffman

JOHN LONCARIC TO RETIRE

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nee, a naval establishment, an occurrence destined to raise John's blood pressure on more than one occasion.)

Gasoline rationing all but eliminated vacations by car and further complications were added with food rationing. John kept the company's ration book and soon found that the allotments, which had been based on the very lowest moment of visitation, were far too scanty to take care even of the few mouths to be fed.

As the nose of rationing grew tighter, the bills of fare at the Lodge and Camp Curry became skimpier, particularly in the meat line. John found himself, at one time, able to get only lamb for an extended period. Lamb was served in every possible fashion - in stew, as chops, in patties and as steaks. The regulars at the Lodge cafeteria made impolite sheep noises when they spied John. Later when ration stamps were needed for lamb as well, poultry became the mainstay. John recalls one disaster when a truckload of chickens failed to arrive. In the cafeteria, spaghetti, macaroni, rice, rice macaroni and spaghetti appeared monotonously.

Earl Pierson was the only cook at the Lodge, and according to John, not only worked 'round the clock but became adept in creating fairly filling dishes with the judicious use of cereal and bread as entree-stretchers.

Being in debt to the butcher for ration points was more serious than owing him money. John recalls that one of the company's meat suppliers plainly stated "pay up your ration points or no meat!" Once the shock of the war had been dulled by its daily presence, a few motorists, having saved their gas stamps, began to trickle into the park. Others came by train and bus and the military from nearby bases arrived by trucks in great numbers.

While business could scarcely be called brisk, it did improve, John says, making the ever-growing shortage of help more vexing. Competent, or even sober, male employees were impossible to find. The hotels operated with bare-bones crews, mostly

women and child labor. Laws were changed permitting youngsters to work, but only for a minimum number of hours a day. There were as many as fifty young boys in the Curry dishroom, John recollects, and they smashed about as many dishes as they washed. John wasn't forced to do dishes, but he plugged many a hole at front desks, at kitchen ranges and at serving tables.

Harold Ouimet, John remembers, set out in a company bus to recruit men from the nearby communities to dismantle the tents at Curry and the Lodge (Whether the men were recruited or shanghaied, only Ouimet knows.) However, Harold arrived one early morning with a busload of men. As they stepped, bleary-eyed, from the bus John heard them ask, "Well, where are the grapes you want picked?"

In July of 1943, the U.S. Navy landed to take command of The Ahwahnee, to be used as a convalescent hospital. The matter of inventorying the hotel's contents fell to John and Sterling Cramer. For three months they counted, tagged, and prepared for storage outside the park the thousands of chairs, sheets, rugs, etc. Meanwhile, several navy chiefs, with eyes for comfort, had to be discouraged from rerouting easy chairs and inner-spring mattresses to their quarters. When the landing operations were completed, Capt. Edmiston, USN took charge.

John's first defeat at the hands of the navy came when Capt. Edmiston had a bowling alley built in The Ahwahnee's wildflower garden, an area of great beauty which took many years to recover.

His next engagement was no less successful. The first patients at USS Ahwahnee were veterans of naval encounters near Okinawa. Despite their convalescent status, they were a lively lot, and upon release from duty at 4 p.m. were wont to take a little cheer at the Lodge bar which had about 30 stools. A hundred fifty bluejackets arrived one 4:05 p.m. and, as boys will, hoisted a few too many. When the situation became explosive and the jolly tars commen-

ced smashing the furniture, the Lodge manager sent out a distress call for John. There was no shore patrol, so Loncaric took on the mob. The fracas ended with two bartenders hors de combat, the place demolished and the bottled booze going out by the armsful. John escaped with minor bruises.

In the better times that followed V-days, John and Nancy lived quiet lives in their Yosemite home. Nancy gave piano lessons to local boys and girls and surely scores of youngsters now grown, got their first exposures to serious music under Nancy's guidance. John, an accomplished do-it-yourself buff, built radios, hi-fi gear, repaired televisions and tested vacuum tubes for every resident in the Valley at one time or another.

Over the years, John has been involved with many Valley activities community council, the Red Cross, the credit union (as a board member). He helped organize a camera club which flourished until his darkroom was repossessed for a souvenir shop. A member of the conversation club since 1943 he delivered many a provocative paper and seldom was silent during the evening's meeting.

For the past several years, Nancy has spent much of her time at their fine home in Laguna Beach, which sits on a hillside and has a magnificent view of the blue Pacific.

John says his post-retirement plans are centered around "catching-up"-on travel, his color slide collection, assembling electronics gear and gardening. Should these lose their fascination, he may become involved in some aspect of the hotel or restaurant business.

Retiring from Yosemite, it seems to us, represents a greater change in habit and certainly environment, than from other jobs in other places. However, while the immediate differences may be felt more strongly, perhaps the absorbing task of creating a new life in a new place makes the challenge and enjoyment, greater.

To the Loncarics - we wish every happiness and send along our thanks for their friendship and appreciation for their contributions.

YOSEMITE



SENTINEL

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

FIORE IN FRANCE

Nic Fiore, in Chamonix, France to attend the French National Certification Course for ski instructors, reports that winter weather is underway in most areas there. Even in Paris, where his plane landed, it was snowing heavily, and the flight was almost rerouted to land at Marseille.

Nic left Paris by train for Chamonix with Jacques Pitte, who was one of the French instructors at Badger Pass last winter.

French ski instructors must attend the Ecole National Ski Alpiniste for four or five years before they are awarded their final diploma. The course is said to be highly demanding, and runs from November 15 to December 15.

Before beginning the course, Nic had time to make a short trip to Zermatt, Switzerland. The trip by train, from Chamonix, lasts six hours and Nic compares the journey to descending the Leevining canyon and coming back up the other side via electric train.

In Zermatt, Nic met Othmar Kronig, who taught skiing at Badger two years ago. Zermatt had just received three feet of new snow from an unusually early storm.



EVA MURPHY RETIRES

Eva Murphy, mainstay of the accounting office filing department for 14 years, and a 25 year employee, retired October 28.

Eva first started to work in the laundry in 1938 and was there until 1943. Following a three year breather, she returned to the laundry and remained there until its closing in 1952, when she transferred to ac-

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BADGER POISED FOR OPENING

Chet Hubbard, never one to get caught with his skis down, claims that Badger is ready to go at a moment's snow. He states that should as much as 6 (full-sized) inches fall before November 19, he'll be open for business. For the opening weekend the chair lift and T-bar number 4 will be in operation; the ski shop will be open and there will be snack service available. Beginner's ski school classes will be held.

The locker rooms will be open for those wishing to store their ski gear.

Hubbard further reports that the following ski instructors have been engaged: Bill Cooper, Steve Hurd, Darla Jones, Joanne Cross, Dan Hyché, all returnees. New instructors are John Gebel, an apprentice on last year's ski patrol organization, Val Churchouse and Phil Davis, Australia, Bruno Engle, Zermatt, Robert Trimble, on last year's ski patrol, Michigan, and Toni Eisenstecken from, would you believe, Tasmania? Four instructors from la belle France may report. If they do they'll be Jean Georges, Daniel Velletaz, Yves Bonnett, Albert Giraud. Bob Traversaro, of last year's ski school will be the coordinator of special events.



GRADUATE COURSE MAY BE OFFERED

Efforts are underway to form a study group in Yosemite which will offer to Valley residents an opportunity usually not available in isolated communities. If the plans work out, the group will be able to take courses which will give credit toward obtaining an elementary teaching credential.

Those who already hold a teaching credential should find these courses

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GUEST, EMPLOYEE

HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

At its October 29 meeting, YPC Co. Board of Directors approved the expenditure of \$570,000 for three construction projects.

Underway are the three guest accommodations units at Yosemite Lodge, which will provide 24 additional hotel-type rooms furnished to sleep 59 guests. These will cost some \$310,000; Robert Jolly Co. of Fresno is doing the construction.

Site preparation by YPC Co. Maintenance is in progress in the Yosemite Lodge Annex area for three twelve-room dormitory buildings and a recreation hall. These will provide quarters for a maximum of 72 employees, though this number may be reduced if any rooms are used as singles. The recreation building will have television viewing area, pool tables, library, etc. While this addition will be used principally to house Lodge employees, in winter employees from other units may be assigned quarters there. Chivers Construction Co. of Mariposa is doing this \$205,000 job.

The third project, yet to be started, is one staff residence to be built in the Upper Tecoya area. The Lewis Nelson and Sons Company of Salinas is in charge of the \$54,000 project.



WOMEN'S GROUP LUNCHEON

The November meeting will be held Tuesday, November 29, at Yosemite Lodge. Mrs. Helen White will speak on "My Days in the White House." Lunch at 12:45 (\$1.75); program at 2:00 p.m. Make reservations by the 28th by calling 372-4431.



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YOSEMITE CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES AT NY MEETING

At the meeting of "A Christian Ministry in the National Park"—Commission on Leisure-Recreation — both Rev. Don Baldwin and Mrs. Helen White gave reports on Leisure and Recreation in Yosemite Valley.

Following the Commission meetings, Mrs. White flew to Washington for a taped interview with Ray Henle, well-known radio commentator.

Returning from Washington, Mrs. White visited her daughters — Mrs. Fred Arnson in Big Rapids, Michigan and Mrs. Robert Fitch in Riverside, California.

NOTARIES

For those who may require the services of a Notary Public, Paymaster Agnes Westfall and Mr. Cramer's secretary Joyce Moore are both licensed.

TO AND FRO IN THE R.O.

Hilda Beckett, GHO's secretary for three years, has retired to the warm desert country of Palm Springs.

George Oliver had a working vacation — getting his Wawona cabin completely enclosed before the onset of winter.

Dana Morgenson made a quick trip to his Arizona retreat.

Alma Breckenkamp, and husband Bill, took a month's swing around the middle west. They report Chicago living up to its reputation as the Windy City.

Phyllis Ihry is off to Hope, North Dakota for a visit, and states that, "you can't get there from here."

OVERSEAS CHRISTMAS PARCELS

Postmaster Rust sends along the following information for those with friends or relatives in the Armed Forces overseas.

First Class mail, voice letters, and parcels weighing five pounds or less and measuring not more than 60 inches in length and girth combined, will be air lifted on a space available basis between the US and all military post offices overseas.

Second Class publications, daily or weekly, will be air lifted from San Francisco to the forces in Vietnam.

To speed up separation and delivery for these smaller parcels, they should be marked clearly S.A.M. (surface airlift mail).

The main office and branches will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

MAINTENANCE REPORTS

Lee Hansen, from whom all maintenance news flows, is now shackled to the PBX machine, which she refers to as the 'monster'.

Biggest undertaking has been at the Lodge where seventeen bungalows were moved from the site of the new buildings to the tent section.

Tom Rennels and crew are working feverishly on the remodeling of ten Ahwahnee bungalows, to be finished for the hotel's reopening December 22.

Welcome to Ray McCubbin, who recently joined Lew Yancey's crew of brushmen.

We send our best wishes to Matt Gagan who has been on the sick list. He says he's improving and plans to return to work next Monday.

Dick Ditton and Pearl are off on a week's holiday while Syd and Helen Ledson have departed for a month's vacation.

If Gordon Warren takes to wearing a bowler, drinking his Scotch without ice, and carying a bumbershoot it's because he and Hazel just returned from a corking fine trip through the United Kingdom.

GILL HALL LEAVES

Gill Hall, friend on the ski slopes, has departed the Yosemite scene. Gil accepted a transfer to Wupatki-Sunset Crater National Monuments in Arizona.

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HOME BEAUTIFICATION

Superintendent John Davis announced that with the coming of the fall rains the fire danger is past and it is time to clean up all those fallen leaves. In the past most burning has been done on weekends with a resultant pall of smoke on days when we have the most visitors. It is requested that leaf burning be confined to Sunday through Thursday evenings. Burning should be done in small piles away from buildings or grassy areas, and not under trees. Keep the hose handy, and never leave the fire unattended.

NPS Landscape Architect Larry Knowles has made arrangements to acquire native plants, at a reasonable cost, for those who want to add to the beauty of their yards. A list of available plants is posted at Park Headquarters, and the Village store. All orders must be placed by November 30.

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PARENT'S GROUP DANCE

The November 1 Parent's Group dance was a smashing success, according to dance chairman, Glen Power, with the school coffers enriched by \$320.00.

Some 160 gaily, or madly, clad people danced to the tunes of The Ahwahnee Trio Plus One, and partook of a late buffet. The Camp Curry meeting room was decked with pumpkins, ghosts, and goblins, and festooned with orange and black crepe paper carrying out the Halloween theme.

Judges for the Best Costume prizes were Mr. & Mrs. Hil Oehlmann, Superintendent and Mrs. John Davis, and Assistant Superintendent and Mrs. David Condon. Don and Peggy Baldwin took first prize for their Beatnik costumes, Lee and Tee Shackleton took second prize as Trick and Treat, and Glen and Dotty Power received third prize as Identical Clowns.

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FOR SALE: Small refrigerator; Best Offer. Contact Sue at 372-4245 8-5 or at "E-dorm" Room 303.

SUCCESS STORY

It is probable that everyone, at some time or another, has said, "What can I do about that situation." Here's a tale about one man who took action.

Joe Minton worked this past summer in the YTS garage. During the balance of the year Joe is a teacher in the Bagdad, Arizona High School. Bagdad is a small, one-industry town, where grandfather was a miner, father is a miner, and son expects to be a miner. Joe heard that the Ford Motor Company was donating equipment for educational purposes to high schools, so wrote to Dearborn to see if his school might qualify, in the hope that an automotive shop might give some boys an opportunity to do other than follow in the footsteps of father.

It might have appeared to be a futile act, as the donations were to schools with an enrollment of 2,000 or more, and Bagdad has only 130 students. However, Ford did send their representative to talk to Minton about his program. "I wish all schools could make as good use of equipment as you can," said the Ford man, and at the end of May along came a 289 HP V-8 engine, a differential, a three-speed transmission, plus wall charts and manuals.

Joe writes, "Now all I have to do is mount them on a stand and let the boys tear them apart and put them back together."

We doubt that it is quite that simple, and salute Joe in his effort to improve the lot of the Bagdad young people.

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WOOD AVAILABLE

The NPS Forestry Section reports an ample supply of wood is available at the Valley woodyard for all local employees to use in the Park or the El Portal Administrative Site.

For those not familiar with the location of the woodyard, proceed 2.5 miles westerly on the Merced road, and turn north on the dirt road opposite the road to El Capitan Beach.

The dry logs have been set aside and signs indicate their location.

WINTER AROUND THE CORNER

With Badger at the ready, Doris Henry and Chet Hubbard are off on fall promotional trips, spreading the word about Yosemite.

Doris, a childrens' and novices' instructor for several seasons, will be speaking at various ski clubs throughout the state. She will also be in attendance at the San Francisco Ski Show, and will distribute ski folders and posters to sports shops, Chamber of Commerce offices, and automobile clubs.

Chet is speaking at some ski clubs, and is the instructor for the Dry Land Ski School sessions in Fresno during November.

Both Doris and Chet will be showing our new film, "Winter Holiday in Yosemite" to the groups. Those who have seen the film report the photography is spectacular, and Yosemite people will find the players of interest. Many locals, or former locals, have parts: George and Dete Oliver, the Metherells, John Curry, Greg Power, Nic Fiore, Bob Traversaro and Gill Hall to name a few.

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EVA MURPHY RETIRES

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counting.

The office feted her with a cake and coffee party, and presented her with two pieces of luggage. She was also entertained at an Ahwahnee dinner and several luncheons.

For the time being she plans on keeping her El Portal home. Presently, she is visiting her two daughters, and their families, in Redding and Long Beach.

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GRADUATE COURSE MAY BE OFFERED

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useful and informative, and may benefit from the additional credits. Others, who might, at some time, chose to teach, will find this an opportunity to work toward obtaining a credential without leaving home for a fifth year of college.

Generally, it is felt that participants should have a B.A. degree, although those with two years of college would be eligible to enroll.

BEAR TALES

Recently the girls in the general circles were vastly amused by the antics of a pair of bear cubs, apparently out on their own, as Mama Bear did not put in an appearance. They wrestled and slapped at each other gaily, and, finally, one of them climbed a small maple at the corner of the building, though the girth of the sapling seemed too small to support his weight. He stayed there fifteen or twenty minutes, pulling at clusters of samaras (those winged seed-pods which are such a lovely pale green in the spring) and breaking them off or chewing at them while the cub below pawed them and nibbled at the seeds. Finally, the cub in the tree reached over to a young dogwood close by, also hardly strong enough to sustain him, and began on the heads of tiny red seeds. At last he came down and frolicked a little longer, then went his way.

Another of the girls reported seeing a large bear pawing the ground under an oak tree looking for acorns, while a cub up the tree lunched on such morsels as he could reach, or knocked down others down to the mother bear below.

I knew they ate acorns, but I had never seen them eating maple or dogwood seeds before. I was reminded of a mother bear who used to bring her cubs to the Lamon orchard near the stables, and send the cubs up the tree to shake down apples for her. If the cubs tried to come down, she gave them a hearty slap and sent them back up the tree.

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**LEONARDO DA VINCI:
ON VACATIONS**

"Every now and then, go away, have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work your judgment will be surer, since to remain constantly at work will cause you to lose power of judgment . . . Go some distance away, because then the work appears smaller, and more of it can be taken in at a glance, and a lack of harmony or proportion is more readily seen."



Cheerleaders Nanette Bagley, Katty Maynard, Ann Woessner, Ginny Harders, Luey Parker, Silvia Bagley, and Ronette Goick did a splendid job of spurring on the Badger Team this season.

BADGER WRAP-UP

The Yosemite Elementary School Badgers played their best game of the season Saturday, November 5 in Mariposa. Inspired by a large group of well-wishers, the small, young but highly spirited Badgers looked like a million dollars. Down 12-0 on two 'fluke' plays, the Badgers, led by Jim Whitfield, drove 80 yards for a score ending the third quarter. Jim scored both the touchdown and the conversion on hard running, head-butting end sweeps.

Yosemite kicked off to start the fourth quarter and held the Mariposa team and forced a punt. With 5 minutes left, and behind 12-7, Yosemite had the ball on their own 35 yard line. With only a minute left, JJim Whitfield faked a punt and sprinted around end, sixty yards for a T.D.

There was some confusion caused by an over-zealous official, but both the Mariposa and Yosemite coaching staffs felt the final score to be in favor of Yosemite.

Th Yosemite Bees, behind the running of Tom Cross, squashed the Mariposa Bees, 14-6. Inspired by the fine catch and long run of Ashley McPhaul, our Bees were too much for the heavier, older Mariposa boys.

Words cannot express by appreciation for the fine cooperation and backing of Yosemite parents and friends. The boys played extremely hard and made themselves proud. The Berreys, Crosses, Woessners, Whitfields, Smiths, Allcocks, Shackletons, Bevingtons, Flemmings, Kellers, McPhauls, Lakes, Clarks and all the rest, can be proud of their sons.

Jack McLaughlin

MORE TALES

Not long before The Ahwahnee closed it was necessary to eject an "unacceptable" guest from the lobby. Mr. Bruin apparently thought the hotel just THE PLACE to spend the winter.

Amos Neal, night guardian of the hotel while it is closed advises the bears just love the swimming pool.

Seems a mama and two cubs come almost nightly for a dip; papa bear sticks to Saturday nights only.

Twin siblings attempted to enter the open door of the reservation office one recent warm afternoon, and the door was slammed practically on their noses. Dana Morgenson opined that they were in search of accommodations: nothing fancy, mind you, just the bare essentials.



To All From The Sentinel

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1966

Yosemite National Park, California

CHANGES IN G. O. BUILDING

Two actions of YPC Co. have resulted in planning for major changes in the general office arrangements. First, it was decided, after thorough studies, that a more complex and modern machine accounting system would allow Finance V-P Cramer to provide YPC Co. management necessary figures on the company's financial picture more promptly. The machinery will require a good deal more floor space than presently occupied by paymaster-accounting areas.

Then, it was recently decided, and again both internal and external opinions were given, to close YPC Co.'s San Francisco office (on February 6). To process here the reservations formerly handled in SF, it will be necessary to increase the reservation office by ten employees and to add half-dozen telephones. The office hours, incidentally, will be extended to 8 a.m.—10 p.m., seven days per week.

Thus, with these two departments requiring additional office space, other changes evolved. The hotel division office has moved into one small room and the former beauty shop at The Ahwahnee. The cashier's office will move into what was the hotel division superintendent's office; the advertising department will move into John Loncaric's former office. This will free the present advertising office for the expansion of the sales and reservations office.

These changes will necessitate some mainly carpentry work which probably will begin after January 1.

SANTA'S MESSAGE TO VALLEY YOUNGSTERS

Santa Claus will be visiting the children of the Yosemite area on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. in the Camp Curry cafeteria. He will have a gift for all children one-year old and those up to and including third grade students who have at least one parent in the employ of YPC Co., other concessioners, NPS or other government agencies in the Yosemite area.

Santa will begin by calling the children whose last name starts with the letter "M" so be on time.

And a Note to the Parents

Please help Santa deliver the correct number of gifts. If your child will NOT be present at the Christmas party, please call the YPC Co. Personnel Office, 372-4631 and leave a message.

MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Again our Company has experienced an active and successful year which should gratify the owners of our business when they receive our Annual Report.

To our fellow-employees whose performance contributed in such large measure to this satisfactory result we express our warm appreciation.

And for all of you and your families we wish a happy holiday season and the best of all new years in 1967.

Mary Curry Tresidder
H. Oehlmann

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Among the holiday activities at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee, there are several events, mainly musical, to which valley residents are welcome.

The Bracebridge singers will be at Yosemite Lodge on Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. and again on December 26. Also, they will sing at the Protestant evening service at 10 p.m. in the Lodge Lounge, and at Roman Catholic midnight mass, to be held at Degnan's.

In the Lodge cafeteria there will be dancing between 9 and 11 on

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SKI TEAM TRYOUTS

The second tryout for the Yosemite Junior Ski Team will be held Monday, December 26 at 11 a.m. according to Dr. Charles Woessner, ski team coordinator. Last Sunday's first tryout was well-attended by Yosemite and El Portal aspirants.

Any youngsters wishing to try for a place on the team is welcome and may call Dr. Woessner for detailed information. Bob Traversero, a member of last season's ski school, is the junior coach, aided by Leroy Rust.

SKI DAY TO BEGIN AFTER JAN. 1

Ski-Day program for 1967 will be getting underway again at Badger Pass after the year-end holidays. Bulletins explaining the activity are being distributed to the school students. Anyone interested, but who has not received a copy, may call Bill Jones (372-4724) or Marian Woessner (372-4832). In El Portal, call Carroll Clark (379-2256).

**RETURN OF THE
(ALMOST) NATIVE**

Arthur R. Robinson, who was assistant personnel manager between Mar., 1949 and Dec., 1956 returned to YPC Co. as Director of Personnel on Dec. 6.

In the 10 years between departure and return, Robinson was with Westinghouse Corporation in Utah and with American Savings and Loan Co. in San Jose.

The Robinson family, Janis, daughters Nancy and Mary and Son, Joey are still in San Jose, where they plan to remain until the end of the next school semester.

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AROUND THE G. O.

The latest cheerful item in the reservation office, besides the crooked Christmas tree, is the "Thought For the Day" which hangs, appropriately, near the coffee pot. With assurances such as "Money isn't everything—it isn't even plentiful", how can anything else go wrong.

Two more welcome additions to the office are Maxine Roland, who previously worked with us for four years, and Lynn Wilmot who gave up the serving sojon in the Lodge cafeteria to keep our typewriter busy.

Phyllis Ihry has finally returned from the wilds of North Dakota. Last year she visited her horse before her family; this year she reversed the procedure.

We knew for sure that the holiday spirit was with us as we overheard Arleene Day, chief tabulator for the Bracebridge Dinner, singing "Tis the season to be jolly—ha-ha ha-ha ha-ha."

Dorothy Slager

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SNOW PHONE OPERATING

The snow report phone in the YPC Co. advertising office is now functioning & thanks to the speedy help of the Ranger's office, has the recorded message ready by 8:45 a.m. daily. The number again is 372-4484.

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V.S. OPEN XMAS, NY's

Village Store manager Bob Cromer announced recently that his emporium will be open both Christmas and New Year's days between 9:30 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.



WILLIAMS-SELF ENGAGEMENT

Mr. & Mrs. Robert T. Williams, Jr. of Manila, Philippines announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Robin Curry Williams, to Mr. Kenneth G. Self, son of Mrs. Kenneth G. Self and the late Mr. Self of Boise, Idaho. Mr. Williams is a member of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Board of Directors.

Miss Williams has been an employee at Yosemite Lodge, Badger Pass and the Ahwahnee during her college years.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Stanford University and is at present attending Stanford Graduate School.

Mr. Self is a graduate of Twin Falls, Idaho High School; attended Cornell University, New York; Stanford University, Palo Alto; Stanford in Austria; at present he is attending Stanford University Graduate School of Industrial Engineering.

Miss Williams is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Williams of Honolulu and Manila; Mrs. Williams is the former Marjorie Curry. Robin has been a frequent visitor of her great-aunt, Mrs. Donald B. Tresidder.

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AUDREY E. BACK IN EXEC. OFF.

If you drop by the executive office and think you see a new face, take a second look. Back in the fold but with a brand new, short haircut, is Audrey Ewing, substituting for Pat Peigne, who has taken a leave of absence. Audrey comments that the job of Stuart Cross' secretary is "a nice way to spend the winter".

We're all happy to have Audrey around again, if only for three months.

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YL BROILER REOPENED

The delightful and popular Yosemite Lodge Mountain Room Broiler reopened last week, to the pleasure of steak and lobster enthusiasts. Hours are 5:30-10 p.m. Ray Harlan is in charge.

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FOR SALE

1957 Champion Mobile home. 8' x 50'. Three bedrooms, fully carpeted, washer and dryer. Buy equity and assume payments. See at site A21, El Portal Trailer Village or Call Jack Peay at 379-2393.

HIGHLIGHTS

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Dec. 23, 24, 26, 28, 30.

At The Ahwahnee, the Indian Room's Trio will resume its nightly schedule commencing Dec. 22, except for Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

In addition, there will be dancing—of a more informal swinging variety—each evening except Sundays between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. when draft beer, hot hors d'ouvres are served. All are welcome—in casual clothes or ski togs.

At Badger Pass, Chet Hubbard, Nic Fiore and Bob Traversero have daily skiing events planned. Of particular interest to local fans will be "Flying 50" races on Dec. 23 & 30. On Christmas day, Santa Claus will arrive by snomobile and give rides to youngsters to seven years. The afternoon of January 1, the "Old Year" will race against the "New Year" in a slalom competition.

Social Club Activities

At the employee's Clubhouse at Camp Curry, the newly formed "Yosemite Trio", a dance group, will debut on Thursday, Dec. 22 at 9:00 and play 'til 1 a.m. It will be a Merry Christmas evening—no charge, refreshments on the house.

Friday's film will be "Rio Conchos", described as a western in color; Richard Boone wears the white hat. Curtain goes up at 9:15.

There is no special dinner planned Christmas day, as Yosemite Lodge has a splendid dinner arranged. Clubhouse will be open.

Films are featured for Dec. 27 and 30 with "Rhapsody in Blue" & "Kid Rodelo" on the schedule respectively. Robert Alda and Oscar Levant appear in a story of Geo. Gershwin's life in "Rhapsody".

Old, tired 1966 will be given a fine farewell on Dec. 31 at the New Year's Eve dance. Howard Courtney's Trio from San Francisco will supply the music. There will be food, favors and drink in addition to the music—all for \$2.00 each.

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COOPER-WOLFE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Cooper are announcing the engagement of their daughter, Bobbie, to James Steven Wolfe of Madera.

The young couple are planning an early spring wedding.