

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## YOSEMITE LODGE NEWS

The YL has its complement of snow bunnies — lead by Inge Stevens and Holly Kenney. They're at Badger when the lifts start and report for work in the restaurant pink cheeked and panting. Gary Wilt, another ski buff, is the wildest — in his Gary-designed, Gary-made ski hat. Diane Vincent, "Miss Snowflake of 1967", tends our winter sports desk and after an extended European visit, gives it a right continental touch.

Joe Joseph, head houseman, gets his snow-kicks at the tiller of the small snow plow with which he polishes our walks.

Kit Whitman, like a homing snowbird, arrived at the Lodge recently, awaiting the arrival of the girls from Anna Head School, and the group from St. Matthews Episcopal School. Fresno State College's Newman Club added to the group list. On the same front, we recently had 300 Boy Scouts for meals in the cafeteria. The leaders said the meals there were a good deal more orderly than a scout chow line.

The Mountain Room Broiler is being discovered as the after-ski spot, especially on Tuesday and Thursday nights when the steak dinners are served to the accompaniment of the Yosemite Trio.

We were honored recently by the presence of Princess Asipan of the Wallis Islands, a tiny part of Polynesia.

Millie Torres, who did the locks of the local ladies while Virginia Halliday was on vacation is now at the gift shop.

Congratulations to Jane Manchester, former maid, now assistant housekeeper.

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## ROAMIN' THROUGH RESERVATIONS

The battle ribbon which has hung so faithfully by the Camp Curry desk for many months has been removed. Expressing honors for bravery in battle with doubtful desk clerks, tearful telephone operators and cringing city offices, it gave courage to those who endeavored to support the cozy cabins by the Firefall. But, alas, with January mid-week housecounts ranging anywhere from 1 to 5, Max Rowland decided to save face and removed the ribbon until the summer push begins.

In preparation for that busy year ahead, pretty and pleasant Diane Bayless has joined us as the first of fifteen telephone operators. These girls will handle the long distance reservation requests normally processed through San Francisco city office which closes in February.

Among us also is Pat Taylor who brightens Mr. Otter's corner in the traffic department. She is taking the place of Shirley Hallcom who decided to join Mr. Ewing's harem in personel.

Amid the sawdust and paint of a changing business office, frustration appears, as maintenance crews strive faithfully to sound-proof noisy areas and still maintain a breezeway against summer's heat. Workers look in every corner, under their desks, in Mrs. White's orientation room for that missing item so desperately needed. Jack-hammers grind the cement just outside the door as telephonists plug their ears and speak with patience to those customers waiting to visit our Winter Wonderland. Supplies are moved and removed — but with all this, the most popular and concerned

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To: Sentinel Editor

Your insistence on a news article regarding the penultimate days of the San Francisco Reservation Office is commendable—and since our days are numbered—I suppose we should have our final say.

Now, if everybody has returned from their dictionaries.

It has been a pleasant marriage, but now the honeymoon is over and it is time to see who gets custody of the kids.

Ruth Tennis will move her typewriter and teacup to 209 Post Street along with the undersigned. Dorothy Carroll plans a rather devious route to her home in England (would you believe Paris and Rome?) Barbara Edelhoff, Roberta West and Judy Salmon have various plans for the future but plan on staying to the "bitter end."

The writer assumes — from overhearing comments about card and tea leaf readings—that any proposals of matrimony would be the preferred answer to their future unemployment problems.

I will miss, among other things, my oak paneled office—the pigeons in the window box—and the constant ringing of the phone. My doctor probably will miss my visits for tranquilizers to see me through the summer. I leave this business to Mr. Morgenson.

I leave all my tours to Mr. Otter, and all the changes and eventual cancellations to the wonderful chart gals in Yosemite.

I am sure we have established a record for telling the most people that they can cook in the tent cabins at Camp Curry or have a tent along the river in Housekeeping Camp—or keep their dog with them at The Ah-

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# YPC CO. REORGANIZATION: INTERIM STAGE AND UL

Last October, YPC Co. President Oehlmann presented to the Board of Directors two proposals involving the reorganization of the Company. These proposals are the product of a year-long examination by YPC Co. staff members of how the Company could be reconstructed toward a more efficient, possibly leaner, operating force. Concurrently, a similar study was being done by the Harris, Kerr, Forster accounting firm. Following an exchange of ideas H.K.F. firmed up the two proposals which Mr. Oehlmann presented to the Board, and which the Board approved.

First, shown in Chart A is the "interim" (present) shape of the Company's organization. The principal change here was the creation of four Vice Presidential positions: Vice President, Administration; Vice President, Commercial; Vice President, Finance; Vice President Operations. To these positions were elected respectively: Mr. Harold Ouimet, Mr. Charles Proctor, and Mr. Sterling Cramer. The duties of each remain the same. The fourth Vice Presidency has not yet been filled.

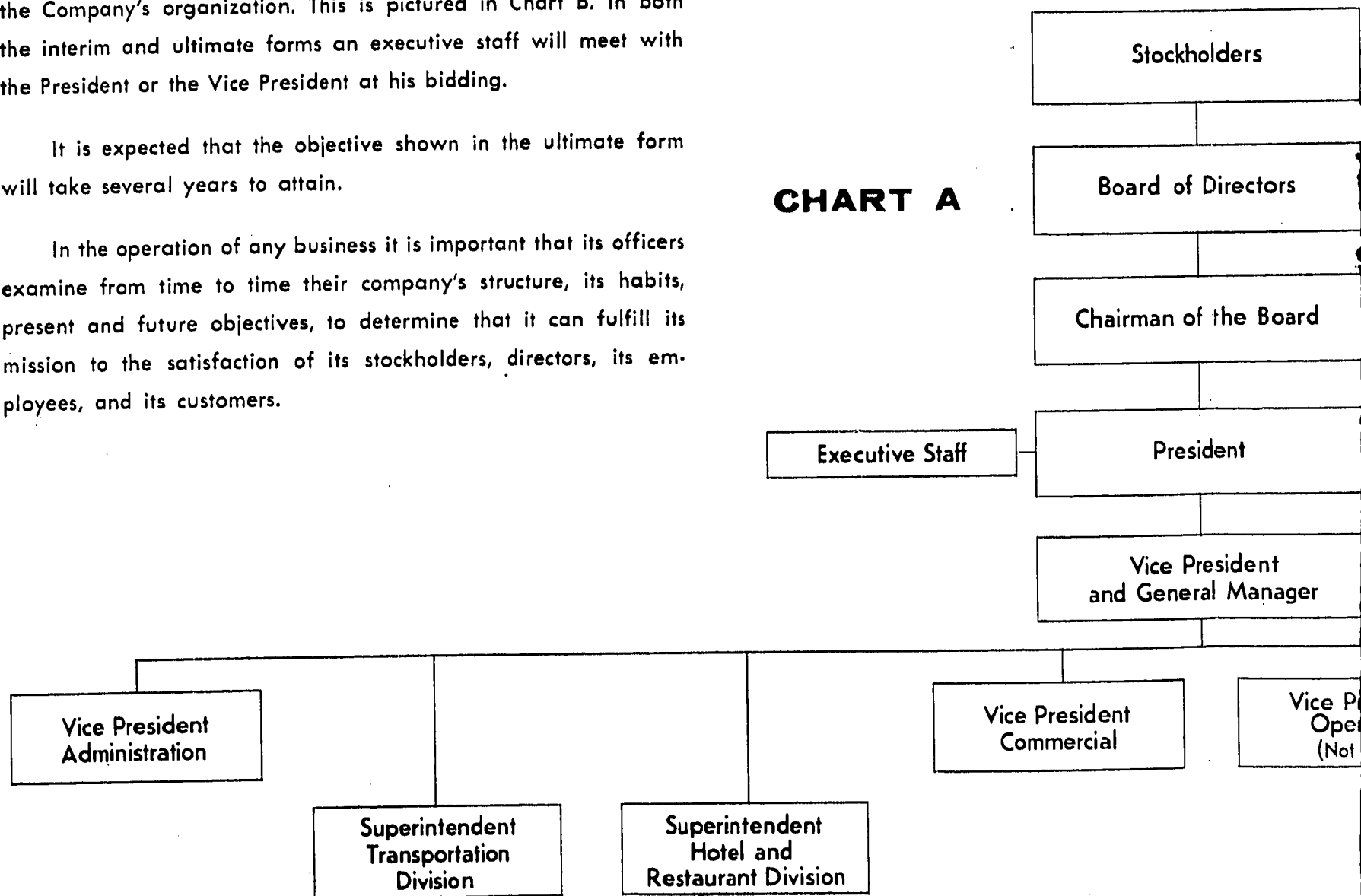
In addition, Mr. Stuart Cross' responsibilities as General Manager were expanded to include supervision of all YPC Co. operations.

The second action dealt with a proposed ultimate form for the Company's organization. This is pictured in Chart B. In both the interim and ultimate forms an executive staff will meet with the President or the Vice President at his bidding.

It is expected that the objective shown in the ultimate form will take several years to attain.

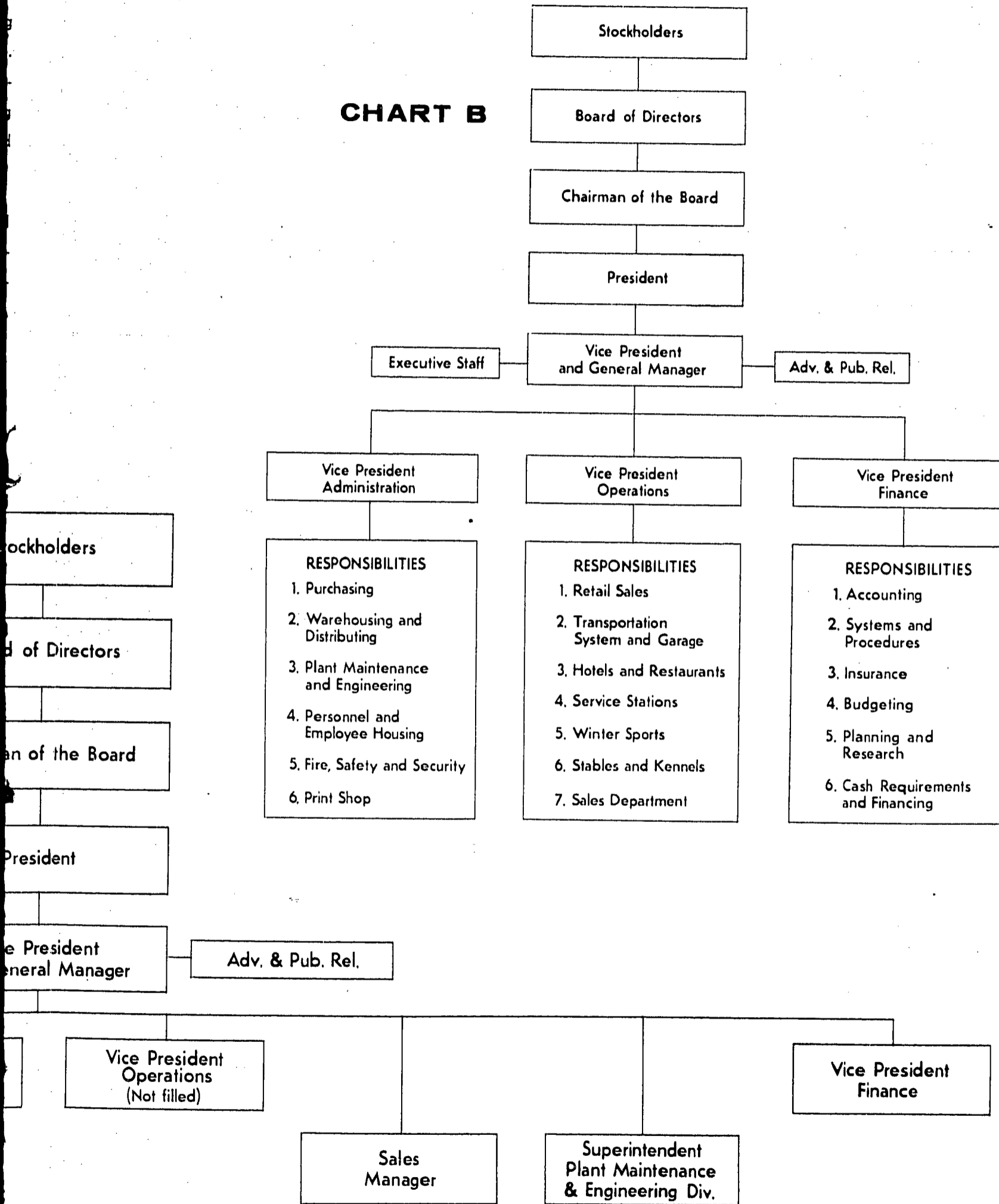
In the operation of any business it is important that its officers examine from time to time their company's structure, its habits, present and future objectives, to determine that it can fulfill its mission to the satisfaction of its stockholders, directors, its employees, and its customers.

**CHART A**



# AND ULTIMATE GOAL

**CHART B**





The Yosemite Junior Ski Team on the day of its tryouts. Left to right Russett Jones, Debra Jones, Allen Berrey, Tom Harry, Lucy Parker, Tom Berrey, Tom Cross, Rob Woessner, Anne Woessner, coach Bob Traversaro. Not available co-coach Leroy Rust, Louie and Allen Parker and Rick McElligott.

**JUNIOR SKIERS COMPETE IN  
DODGE RIDGE MEET**

Thirteen members of the Yosemite Winter Club's junior ski squad competed in the Skimeisters slalom race held last Sunday at Dodge Ridge. There was some doubt about there being any race, after the wild storm of Saturday. But, with Sunday's more endurable weather the meet was held with only minor delays occasioned by the necessity of finding the courses, then packing them.

Of the thirteen youngsters competing, nine brought home medals, all did well under the circumstances of rather difficult snow.

Junior groups I, II, III ran a 36-gate course with a 300' vertical drop; the course for groups IV and V had 24

gates, 200' drop. Ray Patton, former Yosemite ski instructor and presently ski school head at Dodge, set the courses which would have been faster but for the soft snow.

On the longer course, Steve McKinney of Reno, a group III, had the fastest time, :48.5; Tom Cross, Y.W.C. skied an outstanding race and his :52.8 put him second in group III and in a tie for third best of the I, II, III groups. Among the IVs and Vs, Rob Woessner turned in a :37.9 for fastest time, followed by Tom Berrey with a :40.0.

The results below show fastest times, by age groups, followed by place and time of our skiers.

**Group I**

Fastest time: 55.6; L. Parker, 2nd place :56.2.

**Group II**

Fastest time: 49.2; A. Parker, 3rd place :54.3. Rick McElligott, 9th place 1:07.9.

**Group III (Girls)**

Fastest time: 1:00.7; A. Woessner, 2nd place, 1:07.7; L. Parker, 7th place 1:54.3.

**Group IV (Boys)**

Fastest time: 37.9; T. Berrey, 2nd place :40.0; T. Harry, 5th place, 43.8.

**Group V (Girls)**

Fastest time: 52.0; D. Jones, 2nd place 1:07.2.

**Group V (Boys)**

Fastest time: A. Berrey 43.8; R. Jones, 2nd place :44.0.

Accompanying the youngsters were parents Harrys, Joneses, Crosses, Parkers, Woessners plus coaches L. Rust and R. Traversaro and H. Berrey

**AFFAIR RECHERCHE**

Yosemite Women's Group—Tuesday, January 31—The Ahwahnee. Program at 12:30, Luncheon at 1:30. An introduction to wine tasting. MC Jack Ramirez of Chas. Krug Winery. Reservations by January 30 — 372-4421.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

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wahnee—or that they could park next to their cabin at Yosemite Lodge.

Farewell to the San Francisco Reservation Office at 55 Grant Avenue — You will be discussed, accused and perhaps praised a little in years to come—so rest in peace.

A. J. Scarbrough

**ROAMIN' THROUGH RESERVATIONS**

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question of them all is, "But where is the coffee pot going to be?"

As in most areas of our park, the busy seasons create trying times for those who work to maintain the 'job well done' approach. There is a grand and rewarding contrast, however, for those who make Yosemite their home, for where else can one look out from the business of a commercial world and see the majestic Yosemite Falls as it roars across the mountainside and crashes exuberantly to the

meadows below. When the tiring business of the day is done, how relaxing it is to look up to the grandeur of Half Dome and see it crested with a painting of sunlight. In what other place can one step outside the office to a snowless valley and look up to see the feathery winter snow as it blankets the mountains around us.

From spring's first budding flower to the stately El Capitan laden with a covering of white, there is truly a special feeling about Yosemite.

D. S.



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## BOWLING TEAM

YPC Co. is sponsoring a bowling team this season. The team bowls at Snowline Bowl in Oakhurst every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. and is presently in third place. Team members are: Forest Wass, Joe Joseph, Jim Laughter, Paul Miller, and L. L. Branscum.

Last week the squad entered the Madera tournament at Firebaugh and finished 9th in a field of 49. Jim Laughter and Paul Miller took 6th in doubles play out of 70 entries, and in addition Jim won the all-events title. In league play Jim and Paul bowled a 244 and 246 respectively

Spectators are welcome!

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## US SKI TEAM DAY

February 18 has been designated as "US Ski Team Day", and funds are being solicited to support the team development program. This being a pre-Olympic year additional training and preparation are required for next year's Grenoble Winter Games.

Last year the far west ski areas contributed more money than all other US areas, and the Far West Ski Association has 4 girls and 4 boys now in Europe with the US team.

The Yosemite junior racing team, directed by Bob Traversaro, will solicit funds at Badger, in the ski house, parking lot, and in lift lines.

Raffle tickets — \$1.00 — are available for a chance on a pair of standard Head skis.

Contribution cans will be strategically located, but if you can't find one, drop by the Yosemite Winter Club office where your donation will be accepted happily.

## OUR MAN AMOS OF ARABIA

If you've called The Ahwahnee recently and been addressed "saba al kahir" (morning: the light) it's Amos Neal brushing up on his Arabian. Neal, stalwart member of the desk crew, soon will be off to Kuwait for a three month period as "consultant on community services" for the Getty Oil Co.

When queried as to his duties, Neal stated he would be concerned with all phases of community life aside from getting the oil out of the ground.

Amos is no newcomer to Arabia, having spent 8 years, from 1948 to 1955, in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia as housing supervisor for ARAMCO. There he was in charge of employee housing, both American and Arabian, guest accommodations, the club house and store facilities.

Have a good trip Amos — and please write!

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## LMH NOTES

The newest arrival in the Park is Janna Utterback, weighing in at 6 pounds, 10 ounces, who presented herself to parents Winifred and Donald on February 6.

In mid-January a new nurse joined the staff: Karen Eickhoff of South Dakota.

On the social calendar the 'big day' is February 18 for nurse Helene Givens who will be marrying Arthur Steeley of the NPS.

Dr. Roger Hendrickson attended a Winter Sports Injuries conference in Madison, Wisconsin January 27-30. Subjects of discussion were the Nature and Epidemiology of Ski Injuries, the Prevention of Injuries and Illness Among Skiers, the Future of Research

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## NEW BUDGET SECRETARY NAMED

On January 27 Michael Johnson joined YPC Co. as secretary to the budget committee.

Mike is a native Californian, raised in Hollister, and received his BS degree in 1962 from California State Polytechnic College in San Luis Obispo. From there he went on to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, taking a MS degree in 1964. Following a stint with the Army MPs at Fort Ord and Fort Benning, Georgia, Johnson was office manager of Shell Chemical Company's Yakima, Washington regional office.

The duties of the budget secretary are three-fold: to assay capital expenditures, maintain budget control, and make feasibility studies. Working with departmental heads, the secretary ascertains the expenditures they wish to make. The committee after studying the secretary's findings allocates money for projects, and the secretary then becomes the committee watchdog, seeing that the expenditures stay within the budgeted fund limits. In addition, profit and feasibility studies — where best to spend money — for future development are another phase of the job.

Johnson states, with enthusiasm, that he has already embarked on a 'learn-to-ski' program. When summer rolls around Mike thinks he might like to take up fishing, a sport he has had little opportunity to pursue since his Boy Scout Explorer days.

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## LIONS CLUB JR. RACE

The Lions Club Junior Slalom will be run at Badger on Feb. 19. As this is an F.W.S.A. sanctioned competition, race cards are required. See H. Berrey about acquiring a card.

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### THE SILENCE IS BROKEN

Your Ahwahnee correspondent, having found his lost pencil, hastens to bring SENTINEL readers up to date on hotel happenings.

In November Mexico's gross national product spiraled upward as Ahwahnee-ites poured across the border to spend their dollars and gain a suntan. For a time Mazatlan was 'little Yosemite.' Many of us partook of the fun and games at El Shrimp Bucket restaurant, owned and hosted by Carlos Anderson, himself a former Yosemite employee. Carlos also is the editor and publisher of one of the most bizarre newspapers we've ever run across.

Vacations over we returned to find two new supervisors. Hans Lang from Switzerland has taken the helm as sous chef. Calla Bodden is Miss Bernad's new assistant in housekeeping. If her face is familiar, you may recall she and her husband managed the Camp Curry Boystown in 1963.

We also found, on re-opening, Bob Maynard, Hotel Division Head, and his secretary, Sharon Stillwell, in their new offices on the mezzanine floor.

Advocates of the active life, bell staffers Randy Rust, Tom Keitgas and Bill Whitesel, follow six days of luggage toting with a day off swooping down Badger slopes.

### SKI TEAM TRIP

Five younger members of the Yosemite Ski Team, R. and D. Jones, A. and T. Berrey and Rob Woessner, competed in the 'point meet' held last weekend at Alpine Meadows. The older members of the team, in Groups I, II, III were not eligible for this meet.

The tourney consisted of two downhill, each with a drop of about 600', with ten control gates. The courses were set by Luggi Foeger, formerly at Alpine, now skimeister at Incline Village.

In Saturday's race, Group IV, Rob Woessner clocked a :49.1; Tom Berrey a :50.1; fastest time :44.4. In Sunday's race Rob had a :50.3, Tom a 1:10.8; fastest time :46.1. (Tom took a spectacular spill!)

The Group V race on Saturday saw Allen Berrey with a :56.7; Russ Jones 1:00.2, Debra Jones 1:00.8; fastest time :50.4. Sunday's results: Allen :54.3, Russ :58.4, Debra :59.8; fastest time :50.6.

Bill and Darla Jones, Eileen Berrey, Chuck and Marian Woessner, Leroy and Jane Rust, Rick and Patty Anderson, Lenore and Tom Cross accompanied the group.

Luggi said to say "hello" to all the home folks.

### NORTH-SOUTH RACE

Mark your calendar! Due to a conflict of dates the 11th annual North-South Invitational Race at Badger Pass has been changed to March 11-12. Team captains have been named: Andrew Schaal for the north and Bub Heublein for the south.

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### FOR SALE

1965 Angelus Mobile Home. 10'x55'. Furnished. Call Joyce Moore, 372-4701 days, or 379-2317 nights and weekends.

El Portal — 2 bedroom house. Fully insulated. Guest room attached to garage. Call George Heath, 379-2349.

1962 Olds 4-dr. station wagon. Full power, AC, good condition. E-Z terms, \$1450. J. C. French spinet piano, like new, \$450. 40-lb. compressor, paint pot, and tire gauge, \$35. 3 bedroom home, clean, El Portal, \$6,500. Jim Simpkins, 379-2485.

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### LMH NOTES

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in Skiing Injuries, Safety in Winter Sports Equipment and Facilities, the Prevention and Management of Ice Hockey Injuries, and the Hazards of Various Winter Sports (including ice boating, skating, bobsledding and snowmobiling).

### YOSEMITE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL ST. VALENTINE'S DANCE AND LADIES NIGHT

The Yosemite Lions Club will hold its Annual St. Valentine's Dance and Ladies Night Friday, February 17, at

The Ahwahnee. A buffet dinner will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. Dancing will continue 'til 1:00 A.M.

Dinner will be \$3.60 including tax and gratuity. Bring your Valentine and join the fun!

## Warren Miller's "SKI ON THE WILD SIDE"

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11 - 8:00 P.M. - YOSEMITE LODGE - \$1.00 ADMISSION

Wild, indeed, is the word for Miller's latest, 90 minute, color movie! A melange of on-the-slope activity, you'll be transported from Russia to Vermont, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, California and on to Japan. The action ranges from the Russian National Ski Championships at Itkol, to the Five Way races at Sun Valley, to US Ski Team member, Sue Chaffey, training at Mammoth Mountain, and Stan Tomlinson demonstrating the French technique at Squaw Valley. There are also the madcap antics and acrobatics of Art Furrer, trick skier, executing the "queersprung." Then, it's on to Japan, which offers some of the world's greatest alpine skiing (down volcanoes) and the World's Falling Contest Championships at Mt. Zao. An exciting evening for bunny or buff.

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Friday, March 10, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## FOUR-FOOTED BANDITS ABROAD

"Strangers in the Night" has been the latest theme song around E Dorm. But the strangers we're speaking of are the ring-tailed wild life in our area. It seems that these clever little cats have discovered those people on the third floor who are too lazy to walk down a couple of flights to the refrigerator, and prefer to stock their groceries on the balcony . . . or should we say, preferred. It was Julie Story who first missed her cheese cake, only to discover that the footprints made the remainder a bit unappetizing. Dorothy Slagle was the smart one, who decided that all the boxed and canned goodies were safe from such tiny paws and teeth. Then, a couple of days later, her neighbor, Melba Smith, stopped by with what was left of a chewed and shredded box of cake mix, which she had discovered on the connecting balcony. Quickly Melba commented, "I didn't eat it, honest!" Our only consolation is that our chubby, little friends don't complain about the cooking.

The busy year in reservations is well on its way now and eight new employees have come to share the

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## ST. PATRICK'S DANCE

**March 17** — The second annual "Irish Night" will be held at the Camp Curry clubhouse, with dinner from 7 to 9 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music by the Carl Bruno band. Hosted by Our Lady of the Snows parish, the proceeds will go to the area recreation fund. Tickets are now on sale for \$3.25 per person. If you can't make it over for some of that fine corned beef and cabbage, but would like to dance, tickets at \$1.50 will be available at the door.

## PAW PRINTS

Last week's fine, sunny weather brought out a preview of the Easter Bonnet Parade, as Badger slopes were dotted with strawhat wearers. Individualist, Nancy Maynard, was seen sporting a tennis hat.

As much as we appreciate good weather, stormy days are a necessity, and loud cheers ring out when snow-laden clouds drift in. Fresh powder is always a delight—more so when it comes down on the smooth slopes groomed by Dean Conway and his slope maintenance crew. Dean's boys won't permit a mogul or a sitzmark to remain overnight.

Badger business continues to move upward, with new records being set for Nic Fiore's ski school, the food service, watched over by Keith Whitfield and Bill Germany with the assistance of those Very Important Persons, Cordy and Howard Layne, our cooks, and in Pauline Wright's ski shop.

Intrepid snomobile driver, Buffalo Bill Black, is undaunted by snow storms. However, a recent patron re-

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## H. J. DOUCETTE RETURNS

Howard Doucette, who was last with YPC Co. nine years ago, has returned to Yosemite. Prior to his leaving here for Oroville, Calif., Doucette managed Wawona Hotel and Yosemite Lodge.

Though he reported initially to the hotel division, he was put on a temporary assignment out of the personnel department doing special employment interview work. As this requires his absence from the valley most of the time, you mayn't have encountered him. When you do, you'll find Duke hale, hearty and enthusiastic as always.

## SKI CARNIVAL SCHEDULED

On Monday, March 27, YPC Co. employees are sponsoring a ski carnival. Ski stunts and skits will be presented by Badger instructors and patrolmen. There'll be 'fun' races, including obstacle courses, slaloms, and downhill, with trophies and pins awarded to contestants.

Following the ski events will be a buffet dinner in the Ski House and dancing to The Ahwahnee Trio. Capping the evening will be a torch-light ski parade.

Yosemite guests will be invited to participate in the fun day.

The planning committee consists of Bill Wismer, Bob Traversaro, Georg Eisenstecken, Earl Huish, Steve Hurd, Diane Vincent, Dave Hanna, Bill Cooper, Cheryl Haines and Toni Mindel.

Circle March 27 on your calendar and watch for further announcements!

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## MOVIES AT THE SCHOOLHOUSE

Helen White, YPC Co. director of training, Jack McLaughlin, school principal, and the Yosemite Parents Group, working in concert, have made it possible for feature films to be shown at the local elementary schoolhouse at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m. on Fridays, with matinees at 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

On the schedule are: Mar. 10 & 11 — "Houdini"—Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh. Mar. 17 & 18 — "Black Spurs"—Rory Calhoun, Linda Darnell. Mar. 24 & 25 — "Wonderful World of Brothers Grimm." Admission for most films is 50c adults, 25c elementary school children. Exception, "Bros. Grimm" 50c for all.

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H. Berrey ..... Advisor

EASTER WEEK AFFAIRS

Badger Pass, the Lodge and The Ahwahnee have a schedule of ski and non-ski events planned for Easter Week (March 19-26) which locals may enjoy and to which they are invited.

Skiing Events

- (of greater than usual interest)
- Mon., Mar. 20: 2 p.m.—Dual Slalom (2 runners on 2 parallel courses)
  - Tues., Mar. 21: 2 p.m.—Boy-Girl Team Slalom
  - Thurs., Mar. 23: 2:30 p.m.—Slalom racing instruction
  - Fri., Mar. 24: 11:15 a.m.—Rail Creek run (if all's well on course)
  - 2:00 p.m.—Cross-country tour conducted by Ranger Naturalist.
  - 2:00 p.m.—Special Slalom. Set by French instructor. Chamois awards to qualifiers.
  - Sat., Mar. 25: 11:00 a.m.—First event Yosemite Jr. Trophy race (for 16 year olds and under).
  - 2:00 p.m.—Second event, slalom.
  - 2:00 p.m.—Cross-country tour, as on Friday.
  - Sun., Mar. 26: 11:00 a.m.—Easter egg hunt (for 7 yr. olds and under).
  - 1:00 p.m.—Easter Bonnet Parade
  - 2:00 p.m.—Yosemite Winter Club Slalom Championships. Sr. & Jr. event. Race cards. Points.

Other Events

- Mon., Mar. 20: 7:30 p.m.—Family buffet supper — Ahwahnee
- Thurs., Mar. 23: 6:30 p.m.—Easter Bonnet Buffet—Ahwahnee. Fun and games. Prizes for most original bonnets.
- Sat., Mar. 25: 5:15 p.m.—University of Pacific choir. Ahwahnee.
- 8:00 p.m. — University of Pacific choir — Yosemite Lodge.
- Sun., Mar. 26: 10:00 a.m. — Easter Sunrise Service — Mirror Lake.

CHURCH SPECIALS

"Parable" — March 16, 8 P.M.  
in the Chapel.

"Parable" is a 35-minute color motion picture produced for the New York World's Fair by the Protestant Council of New York City. You are invited to see this striking film, which uses many of the modern film techniques to dramatize life and man's religious response.

This film is not "traditional" in any sense, and yet its symbolism is rich and its meaning vivid and concrete. There will be no admission charge.

Sacred Dance Presentation—March 21,  
8 P.M. in the Chapel.

A "Sacred Dance Choir"? Yes, you heard right! We are privileged to be hosts to the Sacred Dance Choir of San Diego. This company is composed of 25 young men and women who attend colleges and universities in the San Diego area.

The purpose of the choir is to express worship in movement through the interpretation of Scripture, poetry, sacred classics, hymns, spirituals, and folk hymns. The choir seeks to revive some of the early forms of ritual and, in addition, to contribute contemporary expressions of religious ideas.

You are encouraged to attend this unusual presentation which will prove to be most illuminating. There is no admission charge, although an offering will be received to help cover the choir's expenses into Yosemite.

Donald L. Baldwin  
Resident Minister

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LIONS CASTING PLAY

Saroyan's "The Cave Dwellers" has been selected by the Lions Club theater group for its May 11, 12, 13 presentation, according to Sterling Cramer.

Those interested in trying out for the play should either come to the YPC Co. training room at 8 p.m. on March 13 or 14, or call Mrs. Don Baldwin, who will direct.

The play takes place on the stage of an abandoned theater, which is home to a conglomerate assortment of neglected people. There are nine roles for men, four for women.

STRIKES AND SPARES

It is with considerable pride and pleasure that we announce the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s bowling team has moved into the number two spot in the Pioneer league at Snowline. Much of the credit for the successful climb from eleventh to second place was due to anchorman, Jim Laughter. Jim carries a respectable 167 average.

The entire team has been bowling rather well, but Jim is the boy who always gets the big 'pin count' in the close games.

As mentioned previously, spectators are welcome. Last week we had our biggest following. Bill Germany, enroute to Fresno, stopped by to cheer us on — for twenty minutes! Thanks, Bill.

L. L. Branscum

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Women's Group Luncheon

March 16—There'll be bridge and bingo following the 12:30 p.m. luncheon at The Ahwahnee, with gifts for all players. And, a chance to display your millinery creativity. Prizes for the prettiest, and funniest hats. Reservations by March 15, please. Call 372-4421.

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FOUR-FOOTED BANDITS ABROAD

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load. Liz Cook is the first to be a junior reservation clerk. With the booming business of Yosemite Lodge, Liz is now a full time assistant to Phyllis Ihry. Charlene Burrue and Phyllis Schaffer are working on the tower of typing: Lisa Wells, Sharon Edwards, Cindy Neuneker, and Sue Christie are busy on the telephones, while Cathie Andrews has become Miss Efficiency as mail girl. Needless to say, each of these ladies is a welcome addition.

Arleene Day of Ahwahnee reservations received the letter of the week. Following a multitude of questions, the writer stated, "If I've forgotten any questions, just answer them anyway." How's that again?

Dorothy Slagle



Yosemite ski  
Tom Berrey  
Russ Jones.

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Yosemite skiers collected most of the trophies in the Levi's Ski Rodeo. Lined up and beaming, are l. to r.; Lanette Bagley, Lucy Parker, Anne Woessner, Tom Berrey, Allan Parker, Tom Cross, Mike Harrison, Rob Woessner, Louis Parker, Allen Berrey, Coach Bob Traversaro, Debra Jones, Marci Hackett, Russ Jones. Suzy Maynard is behind Russ.

**OLYMPIANS SIGNED FOR**

**NORTH-SOUTH RACE**

Ski teams representing the northern and southern parts of the state will do battle on the Badger slopes March 11 and 12 in a continuation of the 10-year old squabble over which part of the state produces the better racers. The score now stands at 6 to 4 for the north.

Co-sponsored by the Yosemite Winter Club and the SAN FRANCISCO EXAMINER, there will be two slalom races on Saturday, one on Sunday. Each team enters 10 men and 5 women.

Skiing for the south this year is Pia Riva, 1960 Italian Olympic team member. Wearing the blue of the north will be Beverly Anderson Brockway, 1960 U.S. team member and Lilo Ramseyer of the 1960 Swiss squad.

Last year's event ended with total team scores unbelievably close: north, 2043.1 sec.; south 2036.8 sec.

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**FOR SALE**

El Portal—2 bedroom house. Fully insulated. Guest room attached to garage. Call George Heath, 379-2349.

**G. EWING'S SCOPE INCREASED**

Gene Ewing, by a memorandum from Mr. Cross' office, has been appointed Employment Manager and his responsibilities expanded. He now is in charge of all personnel recruitment, employee orientation and recreation, single employee housing, general office mail, janitorial and gardening services.

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**LODGE CIRCUIT**

If you've been only a luncheon visitor to the Lodge lately, you might think business was slow, but you'd be mistaken. Everyone (well, most everyone) is at Badger. Comes dinner or breakfast time and our cafeteria, restaurant and Broiler Room facilities bulge with families and school groups, all of whom seen to have hollow legs.

Keeping the hungry hosts happy and well fed are sous chef, Louis Smith, and staff. In the restaurant, manager Jan Roscoe is back on the job following an illness. Mountain Broiler Room host Adrian Harders welcomes hearty eaters to his establishment, where chef Bill Hill broils those marvelous steaks that are served with style by Miles Fleming, Tom Bartley, Alan Dirksen and Tom Tange. The Broiler Room was given a fine

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**PAW PRINTS**

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ported that instead of the 360 degree panoramic view he received only an intimate close-up of thousands of falling flakes. A 'snow check' for him.

Many new names, including seven locals, have been added to the "Flying Fifty" board this season, displacing names and times that have stood for 8 years or longer. And, our Thursday ski school slaloms, Sunday slaloms, and special races have had a splendid turn-out. Credit for these polished and pleasant affairs goes to Bob Traversaro and Doug Coe.

On the evening of March 10 we will have a repeat of last season's spectacular 'torchlight race' for the benefit of the Woodwork Institute convention.

There's still plenty of good skiing ahead, and we'd love to see more locals on the scene. If you don't ski, drop in for lunch and some porch-tanning. The Badger might even write again—and mention your name.

**THE BADGER**

P.S. to Editor. Could you type with four left feet and 20 claws? Editor's note. Though the identity of The Badger is known to us, we hesitate to divulge it without permission. Wouldn't want to make the critter gun-shy.



**55 Grant, No Longer Is**

After some fifty years on the San Francisco scene, YPC Co. closed its reservations office there and has reduced its forces to two — Andrew J. Scarbrough assisted by Ruth L. Tennis. Andy is now Special Sales Representative and his office is located at 209 Post.

Andy says that despite the somewhat modest quarters, locals are welcome to drop up for a chat or to deposit their shopping bundles (small ones.)

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**EXPRESS SERVICE OFFERED**

YTS now offers express package service between Merced, Mariposa, El Portal and Yosemite Valley. No shipments will be accepted originating in Mariposa and destined for El Portal or vice versa, and they cannot be in excess of 100 pounds. Packages may be taken to and picked up from YTS at the Southern Pacific depot in Merced, Union Oil station in Mariposa, Standard station in El Portal, or the YTS dispatcher's office in the valley.

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**NEW WAWONA FIRE PHONE**

A new fire alarm system for structural fires, similar to those operating in Yosemite Valley and El Portal, is now in operation in the Wawona area. To report a fire or request assistance from the fire brigade call 375-6333.

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**LODGE CIRCUIT**

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review by WESTWAYS magazine recently and we must concur with their findings.

In the storeroom Joe Paquette keeps all the comestibles at the ready, but spends his off duty hours listening to his extensive collection of opera recordings.

Vacationers now returned to the fold are Jerry Love, head bellman, sporting a tan acquired at Miami Beach, with stopovers at Las Vegas and N.Y.C. and Holly Keney of the restaurant, who covered 1750 miles through the western states.

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**NEW YPC CO. FIRE TRUCK  
DELIVERED MARCH 1**

Or

**Who Set The Fire  
in Mr. Hackett's Chimney?**

On Wednesday, March 1, YPC Co. fire department took delivery of a shiny (red) new fire truck, and Red Davis, lieutenant of the fire department, was pleased immediately with its appearance and—the next day—with its performance.

The fire fighting rig, installed by P. E. Van Pelt Co. of Oakdale, mounted on a one-ton, GMC, V-6 truck, can deliver 250 gallons of water per minute (big truck, 500 g.p.m.); it has an electric hose reel, 200' of 1½" hose, 2 anti-smoke inhalation outfits, two salvage covers for protecting goods from water, and an electronic siren that wails or yelps at a most arresting level. It cost \$6,800.

Next day, (mind you) the valley fire siren wailed at about 6:30 p.m. announcing a fire—in the chimney of the Coyt Hackett residence. Bill Smith plus volunteer firemen raced to the scene in the new machine and squirted 250 g.p.m. through 200' of 1½" hose, extinguishing the sparks in the stack and wetting-down the shingle roof. The local laddies take pride in having answered the call ahead of the NPS squad. Little damage from either smoke or water occurred.

Prime reason for purchasing the smaller truck is its ability to reach, quickly and easily, the tent and cabin areas where the big truck can't go and where the smaller fires seem to occur.

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**CHANGES IN Y.T.S. ORGANIZATION**

The Merced office of Yosemite Transportation System, and the transportation affiliations at Fresno and Lake Tahoe, have been placed under the YTS division, according to a memorandum from Mr. Cross' office.

At about the same time, Leroy Purcell, who has been YTS agent in Merced since 1956, transferred to Yosemite, where he is an auditor in YPC Co. accounting office.

Replacing Leroy in Merced is James Staples, who recently retired from the U.S.A.F.

**RANDY MORGENSEN TO INDIA  
WITH PEACE CORPS**

Randy Morgenson, son of the Dana Morgensons, has left for India, along with 50 other Volunteers for India, a segment of the Peace Corps. He will be assigned to the western state of Maharastra, where he will become involved in improving the agricultural methods in the small villages.

Prior to departure, Randy spent 13 weeks at U.C. Davis studying the Marathi language, Indian culture and agricultural methods.

Congressman Johnson said in a letter to Morgenson, "You are to be commended for your contribution to the peace effort. It is only through services such as those performed by the Peace Corps that we can ever achieve peace throughout the world."

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**NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR YPC CO.**

The P. T. & T. people have installed an automatic P.B.X. (private branch exchange) in YPC Co. general office and, according to Bill Harris, chief of the project, it will be in operation March 13. The job took about a month.

The basic number for all YPC Co. offices will be 372-4611: calls coming in to that number will be routed by an operator to the individual offices. Along with this service, there will be a two-digit intercommunication system, which will provide service between offices without going through a switchboard.

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**HOSTESS FOR AHWAHNEE**

Aldine Farrier, who hosted at Camp Curry last summer, worked in the Badger Ski Shop this winter, has signed on as hostess at The Ahwahnee, according to Wayne Whiteman. Aldine, from Oregon, attended O.S.U. and prior to coming to the Park last year was a buyer for the Consolidated Millinery Co. in San Francisco.

At press time, Miss Farrier was unavailable for comment about her new post.

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**Hospital Benefit**

March 11 — The John C. Fremont Hospital Volunteers of Mariposa are sponsoring a luncheon fashion show.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Friday, April 14, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

The program of rebuilding the general offices, started three months ago, is virtually complete and only occasionally does the smell of wet paint waft by. Those who have lived through several GO revampings are sure that the pause is temporary. The GO is rather like the Winchester House in San Jose\*, whose eccentric millionairess owner had building going on continuously for 30 years.

It was all a bit wild and wearing. Were those essential files in the ceiling high cabinet, in that green box under the desk, or maybe in the training room? (The 'central warehouse' during reconstruction.) The last time the phone rang you found it in the bottom desk drawer, but where is it now? (PT & T has struck again. They'll be back shortly with a new model.) A visitor in the office: do have a chair, sir. I think you'll find one under that tarpaulin, or perhaps it's there 'neath that set of ledgers. (You prefer to stand. Can't say that I blame you, sir, with that bad back of yours.) And, those ghostly mumblings and knocks were only electricians in the attic and telephone men in the base-

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## OPERA IN FRESNO

Martha Miller, who is production assistant with the Fresno Opera Association, writes that Smetana's three act opera, *The Bartered Bride*, will be presented at the Concert Hall, Convention Center, on April 21 and 22 at 8:30 p.m. Performed in English, the opera will also feature the Fresno Civic Ballet group. Tickets are available at the box office for \$2.00 and \$3.00.

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE TEACHERS GONE?

It's sad, to us, for the ski season to end. Though skiing is an individual sport, it's much more fun to ski with someone else—someone who's enjoying the snow, the sun and the frosty air. One makes friends at Badger; but too often the friendships end with spring and the ski season's ending. So it is with the ski school staff.

According to our Badger scout, Ginger Johnson, most will be going hither and yon, with some staying on in Yosemite. Dan Hyche packed his skis, unpacked his surfboard and is heading for the wild waves. Chuck Beck, after a trip home to Utah, will be working in Los Angeles. Bob Trimble, too, will be in Southern California. Bob Traversaro, just out of the hospital after surgery, soon will go back to his home town, San Francisco. Jan Peterson is working at Harrah's at Lake Tahoe, though we didn't learn at what. Joanne Cross will continue her graduate work at Fresno State, but mostly be 'at home' in Yosemite. Kim Schmidt claims he's going to climb El Capitan, which feat he's partially accomplished already. George Eisenstecken will return to his native Austria, where he will sell Mustang cars. Jean Pierre Gasset, Francois Jeangeorges, Albert Giraud will be homeward bound after a trip to Hawaii, Washington, D.C., New York and Canada. Yves Bonnett plans to go directly back to France.

Staying with us are Val Churchouse, who will be on The Ahwahnee switchboard, John Gebel will be in the central warehouse, Bill Cooper and Bill Wismer will be in the Hotel Division, as will Nic Fiore, who will supervise the High Sierra Camps.

## SYMPTOMS OF SPRING

This seems to be a year of years for California poppies on the slopes of the Merced River canyon. Such is the consensus, over several weeks, and the baby-blue eyes between Indian Flat and El Portal are also fine. The golden brodiaea, or golden stars as they are often known, are coming out in profusion above the road banks. "Blue Dicks" (*brodiaea capitata*) are in bloom in Cathay's Valley and around Mariposa.

However, the redbud is a loiterer this spring, whether because of last year's dryness or the changeable weather we have been experiencing through March. Above Park Line the bushes are well in bloom, but elsewhere they seem slow to develop.

The bush lupine on Briceburg and elsewhere is also late, but the banks above El Portal are thick with a smaller species. (For this information, thanks to Carl Stephens.)

Dogwood on the floor of Yosemite Valley has been in the green, pin-head-button stage for a couple of weeks, and has shown few signs of developing the bracts, which, pale green, sprout from the edges of buttons at first, later encircle the buttons with white, petal-like flowering, and make a fairyland of the evergreen forests in which they thrive. The dogwood does not look as if it would be in full bloom until almost the first of May.

Stems of the creek dogwood bushes on the Valley floor, whose flowers coming later are quite different from the tree dogwood, have turned mahogany red in many places, notably the moist spring areas in the lower

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H. Berrey ..... Advisor

M. SMITH RETIRES

or

You've Been A Peach, Melba

On March 10, Melba Smith retired, ending a 31-year career with YPC Co. Originally from North Dakota, Melba was a teacher in the San Bernardino schools before coming to Yosemite as a transportation auditor in August, 1935.

Her immediate plans call for a housemother's job in a San Jose State College fraternity, and this summer, a three-month freighter cruise to Hong Kong with her sister.

A large gathering was held in the general office with speeches, cake and coffee, and a money gift was presented to Melba, to be used on her trip. Several Ahwahnee luncheon and dinner parties were also held in her honor.

Although not definite at this time, Melba may return for a few months of work each year. She will be sorely missed for her quiet efficiency and unflinching good humor.

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WINTER OF OUR DISCONTENT

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Well, the anguish is over and many new employees have reported to the new and larger offices - not, one hopes, in response to Parkinson's Law. Starting at the Paymaster's office a clock-wise tour introduces Nanci Smith and Alice Long, payroll clerks. Sandy Hartzie operates one of those monstrous bookkeeping machines. Jerry O'Connor, who we suspect doesn't care for winter since she took a six-week vacation, is back at her post. Rounding the building corner, one meets Shirley Hallcom, formerly with

NEW ASSIGNMENTS ANNOUNCED

Howard Doucette has been named Manager of Wawona Hotel for the 1967 season, effective April 1.

Mr. Doucette was employed by YPC Co. from 1946 until 1958 as a unit manager in the Hotel Division. At one time or another he has managed almost every hotel operation we have and spent six summers at Wawona. He resigned in 1958 to manage Prospectors' Village in Oroville.

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Charles Davenport was appointed Manager of the Yosemite Lodge cafeteria.

Mr. Davenport was employed for the 1964 summer, and then permanently from June, 1965. His most recent assignment was as manager of the Badger Pass cafeteria.

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Robert Mathews has been appointed Gift Shop Supervisor, effective March 16. He is responsible for the general supervision of all of our gift shops.

Mr. Mathews has been employed seasonally since 1958, and permanently since May of last year.

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MUSICALE

The Yosemite Women's Group is sponsoring a recital by Mrs. Robert Eno, coloratura soprano, at 3 o'clock the afternoon of April 20th. Tea and cakes will be served. Reservations by calling 372-4421 by the 19th.

Sales and then Personnel, now Mr. Cramer's secretary. Martha Middleton mans the utilities desk and Ted Depew is a new accountant. Cliff Jackson, another non-snow bunny, has returned as an auditor, and Hugh Merritt has transferred from The Ahwahnee. Margaret De La Mare, hotel auditor, and Lyn Willingham, operator of the photo copier, round out the crew. It might be well to mention here, long overdue, that Bob Cunningham replaced Geryl Smith at Chief Auditor.

Bypassing the Commercial Division (status quo) brings us to Sales. In their sound-proofed room are Ruth Hanson, master of the auto-typist, and Ricki Schauerte on the TWX. Leslee

YPC CO. PHONE SYSTEM CHANGES

The basic daytime number of YPC Co. general offices, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., is 372-4611. However, when the switchboard is closed, between 5:30 p.m. and 8 a.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, certain offices have direct lines that don't go through the switchboard. These are: Auditing Dept.-372-4771; Bookkeeping Dept.-372-4241; Commercial Div.-372-4573; Executive Vice President-372-4291; Finance Office-372-4521; Personnel Dept.-372-4863; President's Office-372-4713; Security-372-4561.

So, it is suggested that these numbers be placed in your phone book in the event you want to call one of these offices at night or Saturdays or Sundays.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On January 16, 1967, the Yosemite Community Television Association filed application with the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C. for permission to operate a new translator station at Glacier Point. This new translator will pick up programs from station KTVU, channel 2, in Oakland, California and rebroadcast these programs into Yosemite Valley on channel 6 frequency. The translator will transmit with one watt of power. On March 11, 1967 the FCC assigned file number BPTTV-3062 to this application.

Morris and Lyn Stork have been added to the typing crew, Diana Fritz and Kelly Wincote to the telephone battery. Kathy Wells is the new assistant on the Camp Curry reservation desk.

Up front in Personnel, Suzanne Andre and Kathie Stephenson are the pretty faces behind the windows and Connie Sexton fills a dual role as receptionist and PBX operator.

\*Little known facts. When Harold Ouimet's family first came to California they bought a farm next to the Winchester property. The caretaker's son was a pal of the Ouimet children and the house was well investigated by them. HKO reports that the house, then furnished, was even more fascinating than in its present empty state.



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Photographed during the Ski Day carnival were Tom Cross, the skier on snowshoes, Karen Warnock, negotiating the inner tube obstacle and Barbara Burden, running through the lowered flags.

**LAST SKI DAY**

The last school ski day was held April 5 during a one-day lull in last week's weather. Instead of the usual instruction, the youngsters ran slalom races, obstacle races, had a hare and hound chase and the littlest took a snomobile ride.

The outdoor activities were followed

by an awards presentation in the Ski House; Bill Jones and Doug Coe presented emblems to those passing proficiency tests, to those with perfect attendance at ski days, and to the winners of the day's events. Following, children and parents gathered for a hot dog dinner.

Among the memorable bits of the

evening were Don Baldwin's guitar playing and group singing, and young Tom Harry's very funny costume.

Bill Jones and his volunteer ski teachers, the bus mothers, the (patient) bus drivers and the Badger people are to be commended and thanked for the excellence of this year's ski day program.

**LUCY OR LUCIDITY**

We don't know for a fact that TV station KQED took their call letters from "quod erat demonstrandum" but we think it appropriate.

If you're bored with 'I Love Lucy' you might try the 'I Love Lucidity' programming on KQED, channel 11 on our local dials. Some upcoming events in April are:

**Of Greater Than Casual Interest**

- Apr. 15—10:00 — China, Today and Tomorrow
- Apr. 16— 7:00 — What Mess in Berkeley?
- Apr. 18 & 25—11:00 Gov. Reagan's Press Conference.
- Apr. 24— 9:00 — Germany and Its Shadow. The German right wing.
- Apr. 26— 7:00 — Europe: The Shifting Scene. Future of Europe.

**Drama/Ballet**

- Apr. 15— 9:30 — U. S. A. Theater. "Whatever Happened to Off-Broadway?"
- Apr. 16— 5:30 — Sunday Showcase. Protest in the theater. Shaw, Brecht, and Baldwin.
- Apr. 16— 8:00 — Sponono — Paton's music drama about contemporary South Africa.

**HELP WANTED**

CLERK for stockroom and sales desk work, from April to October and possibly holiday periods other seasons. Involves heavy lifting, accurate record-keeping, and meeting the public. Prefer mature person. \$2.05 per hour during main season; \$1.60 per hour other seasons.

SALES CLERK for sales desk in the Valley Visitor's Center. \$1.60 per hour. Apply to Marie Duncan, Yosemite Natural History Association, Box 545, Yosemite National Park, or at the Museum. Phone 372-4441.

Apr. 21— 9:00 — Williams' "Ten Blocks on the Camino Real." Repeated Apr. 23 — 8:00.

Apr. 28— 9:00 — "Orpheus in the Underworld." Sadler's Wells performs Offenbach's opera.

**Music**

- Apr. 18— 8:00 — Joseph Schuster and Artur Balsam perform Mendelssohn.
- Apr. 21—10:10 — Boston Pops Orchestra. Repeat Apr. 23—2:30.
- Apr. 25— 8:00 — Abramowitsch, piano, performs Schubert.

**BOOK COLLECTORS**

Six mint copies **First Edition** of **The Big Oak Flat Road** by Irene D. Paden and Margaret E. Schlichtmann. \$20.00 per copy. Yosemite Natural History Association at the Museum. These are being offered first to Park residents at the same price charged book stores. The offer is for a short time only.

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**SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MAIL**

Effective April 1 the main post office and the Yosemite Lodge branch extended Saturday service. Regular mail will then close at 4:30 p.m.; air mail and special delivery at 5 p.m.

The Camp Curry branch office will open May 13 and on the next day all three offices will resume the delivery of Sunday mail.

**SYMPTOMS OF SPRING**

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Valley just above Bridal Veil on both sides of the river, and in the Yosemite Lodge patio.

Whether the azalea will be late in blooming also is hard to forecast; weather prospects are too uncertain.

M.C.T.

**CAUTION: MEN AT WORK**

Painter Duke Hayes has been ill for the past month, suffering a respiratory ailment. And, Clark Martin is at home recovering from an operation for the removal of a spinal disc.

Lew Yancey has a crew of four painters at Wawona who have five weeks work ahead of them freshening up the place which will open May 12.

At Camp Curry the carpenters are putting doors and clothes rods in 55 tents; 20 others are being converted from flap entrances to proper doors. Also at CC, the cooks' restrooms have been completely refurbished.

At the Lodge, several cabins are getting new front porches, and the railings and porches on the five newest buildings are getting a coat of paint. Doug McElligott's machinists have installed a new conveyor belt in the dish machine and have rebuilt its motor. At Wawona, they've rebuilt the golf course pump and engine.

Several emergencies in the employee housing area have arisen. In the Tecoya apartments the steam, hot and cold water pipes collapsed, and the boiler that serves the 'Y' apartments and 'E' and 'F' dorms broke down, necessitating sudden replacement.

Tree crewmen Jerry Dougherty and Manuel Enos have a continuing project of removing hazardous limbs and trees, as designated by the NPS.

Tom Fisher retired last week after twenty years with us. He and Vi have moved their trailer to Mariposa. From there they will travel, rest and fish.

Elmer Graham is our new custodian. Elmer's from Merced where his wife and children are yet. When school's out, the family will reunite in El Portal.

The heavy snows—heavy in weight as well as depth—have kept Syd Ledson's crews hopping. They were obliged to remove the snow from the tents at Camp Curry, the Lodge and Camp 6 before the canvas split. The work cost some \$1,400.00 and set back the tent erection program more than a week.

**HOTEL HAPPENINGS**

The Ahwahnee is happy to welcome back Karen Johnsen to the front desk switchboard—all the way from the serving line at Badger Pass. Sharon Stilwell will be terminating her position as Hotel Division secretary on April 28. She will be leaving May 17 for a three-week vacation in Tahiti, Moorea and other islands. (Too bad about you, Sharon.) Late summer she will be in Washington, D.C. for a six-week orientation program, after which she will be assigned as a secretary to a U.S. Embassy in Europe. (Really a pity). Lately Sharon has been a 'Jack of all Trades' in and around the hotel: waitress, beer server, baby sitter, secretary. We'll miss you, Sharon. Best of luck!

The California Grape and Tree Fruit League held its conference here March 29 through April 2. All present seemed to enjoy themselves including Baron, the Saint Bernard, who occupied a cozy room at the YL kennels.

One member purchased a brass bell from India in the Gift Shop to hang on his fishing rod. It seems he is a sleepy fisherman. His wife had a better idea; she tied it around his neck.

As a grand finale, Ted Kosinski seated tout ensemble for dinner on Saturday night. After which, he was last seen applying for a bellman's position.

We were very happy to have the group at the hotel and doubt that many conferences are as well organized as their's. The League's ex-V.P., Harold Angier, and his assistants, Alan Mills, and Evelyn McCloskey had things well under control.

Good news on the home front—Pat Salcedo and husband Julio, dining room waitress and bartender respectively, are expecting their first baby in July.

Aldine Farrier

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FOR SALE—Viewlux 35 mm slide projector model V-33 with slide changers for both single slides and Airequipt magazines, plus carry-case. Permanently mounted for simple projection. Excellent condition. A steal at \$25.00. Call Mrs. Otter—372-4790.

**WHO PAYS YOUR HOSPITAL BILLS?**

(Editor's note. This is the first in a series of articles explaining insurance benefits available to YPC Co. employees, and proper steps for employees to follow.)

If you are enrolled in the Travelers major medical group insurance plan, and confined to Lewis Memorial Hospital due to illness or accident not connected with your job, you should:

1. Obtain a State Unemployment Compensation Disability form from the nurse, or, prior to hospitalization, from the Personnel Office.
2. Complete and sign the U.C.D. form.
3. Return the U.C.D. form to the nurse, and authorize the state to make payment of this benefit direct to the hospital.
4. Present your hospital bill to the Personnel Office and a claim will be filed for you with Travelers Insurance Company.

Remember—The \$12.00 a day the hospital will receive from the state U.C.D. is applied to your hospital charges for room and board **before** Travelers major medical group insurance takes effect.

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**AIR FORCE MEDAL AWARDED**

Word has been received that Staff Sergeant Ronald F. Williams, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bob De La Mare, has been awarded the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at a ceremony in Duluth, Minnesota.

Young Williams received the medal for meritorious service as an aircraft equipment technician at the Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Vietnam. He was cited for his outstanding professional skills and initiative, which contributed to the successful missions of the Air Force in Southeast Asia.

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FOR SALE—2 bedroom house with garage, El Portal. Fully furnished including appliances. \$4,500.00 cash. Call Carrol Clark 379-2651 or 379-2256.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Friday, May 5, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## TURKISH PRESIDENT IN PARK

Cevdet Sunay, President of the Republic of Turkey, arrived by helicopter at noon, April 9, and was greeted by several hundred spectators gathered in the chapel meadow. Following the official welcome, the Presidential party went on to The Ahwahnee, where, later in the afternoon, the President received an unexpected delegation of Turkish students. The 23 men are employees of Topraksu, the Turkish soil conservation service, and are completing a five-week course at Cal Poly in San Luis Obispo.

○ Saturday evening there was a special firefall.

Sunday morning the official party was escorted to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, an area Pres. Sunay specifically requested to see. Due to the deep snow on the ground, inspection was somewhat limited.

A buffet luncheon, catered by The Ahwahnee, was served at the Wawona Hotel (now closed) before the distinguished group boarded the Marine helicopters for the return flight to Castle AFB.

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## MIKE ADAMS TO USAF

Michael Adams, son of Virginia and Ansel Adams, has been awarded a rotating internship in the U.S. Air Force, to follow his June graduation from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.

○ Mike started with YPC Co. in 1951 as a Camp Curry desk clerk. In succeeding years he held positions at The Ahwahnee, Big Trees, Tuolumne Meadows, and in 1963 was Wawona Hotel assistant manager. This past summer Mike worked at Lewis Memorial Hospital.

## THE FOREST GROWETH

The three newest additions to the Yosemite Lodge forest of buildings, Aspen, Tamarack, and Dogwood, are nearing completion. According to manager, Glen Power, the sound of hammers is still to be heard occasionally, but very shortly the painting, papering, carpeting, and furniture installing shall begin, and the 24 rooms should be ready for guests by May 20.

The construction of the more prosaically named Annex employee quarters is proceeding fairly close to schedule, although there were delays due to the inclement weather. Originally due to open by May 15, it may be June 1 before the three dormitories and recreation room are ready for occupancy.

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## FIGURES AND FORMS

With the closing of the SF office this winter, the local reservation office anticipated a substantial increase in business, and this expectation has been fully borne out.

According to figures supplied by Assistant Sales Manager, Dana Morgenson, the volume of mail increased 25% in February over 1966, and 29% in March. As this is written April figures are incomplete but appear to follow the trend.

Although many San Franciscans, who formerly called the city office toll free, have resorted to the use of the mails, many others continue to use the telephone. In March there was a whopping increase to 4,504 calls this year compared to 889 last year.

Part, although certainly not all, of the increase in calls may be traced to the expanded service. Whereas there were three girls in the battery during

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## LODGE NEWS

The NEW YORKER magazine does get around. John Taussig, editor of the MERCURY newspaper in Hobart, Tasmania saw The Ahwahnee ads we ran last year and was quite taken by them. During his recent stay in the Park, he investigated the hotel thoroughly. His opinion: our ads did not exaggerate the charms of the hotel one bit.

Another guest, Miss Juanita Gerlach, was one of the most delightful ladies to have been encountered in a long time. While a student at Stanford University, she worked in the Camp Curry pantry during the summer of 1908. At that time a housecount of 500 burst the CC seams. Undaunted by age or the daily snowfall, Miss Gerlach took a walk to the bottom of Yosemite Falls every morning.

Wayne Merry and family were here last week from their present station in Glacier National Park. Wayne was a ranger here, and wife Cindy was a mainstay on The Ahwahnee switchboard.

Tripping out of the valley to Southern California were Mary Dehlmair and Millie Baisch from the front desk, who returned with sun tans.

Into the valley have come Lester King, Ernest Mora, Robert McGuire and Gailann Campbell, all on the front desk. Charles Davenport is the new cafeteria manager, and Dave Foreit is the new checker.

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ANGLING OPENS

Somehow it just didn't seem possible. But, there it was, blue sky and sunshine, for the opening of the fishing season last Saturday!

Last week the PG&E and NPS folks took something of a dim view of opening day prospects, as well they might, with all the heavy, and late, spring snow.

The Merced River, however, was still relatively low. Quizzed several days before opening, our local expert, Sonny Whitfield, saw good prospects in the canyon from El Portal to Briceberg.

Once the weather warms up and the Merced River rises and roils, the fly fisherman can retire 'til mid-summer. At least, that is the opinion of another expert, Miles Cooper.

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THE FOREST GROWETH

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the spring of 1966, and the hours were 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., six days a week, there are presently seven telephonists on duty from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

The end result of all these statistics, aside from increased service to our customers, is that, seemingly, the sales office adds a new face daily, and subsequently has become the Mecca for the 'girl watchers' in the office.

THE AHWAHNEECHES

A warm welcome to Ginger Johnson, new Hotel Division secretary, Toni Mindel and Elaine Wilson, switchboard operators. Ginger and Toni, late of Badger Pass, feel very much at home, what with all the snow on the ground.

Al and Joanne Cava, along with Marty Olachea, have returned to lend an air to the Indian Room. Al plays the guitar, trumpet, and sings, Joanne plays the drums (yes, drums) and sings and Marty tinkles the piano keys.

The Don Beam Trio Plus One have gone their separate ways. Don presently is in the hospital minus an appendix, but should be back at the laundry warehouse soon. Charlie Sloan is teaching music in Hawaii. Bruce Paulson is in San Francisco with a new band. Pete Smith has quit his moon-lighting and spends his days in the accounting office.

The Company's new direct-dial intercommunications system was supposed to speed operations but, at first, served only to slow them down, due to the variety of names lavished upon it - direct dial, bulls-eye, target, etc. - and the switchboard operator's subsequent confusion.

Former front desk man, Amos Neal, has arrived in Kuwait, where he is a Community Services Supervisor for the Getty Oil Company, working with the government in arranging for housing for company employees. Amos is actually located fifty miles south of the city of Kuwait in the 'neutral zone' in a camp called Mina Sa'ad, and is also responsible for camp Wafra, 30 miles inland.

Quotes from a recent letter: 'Have attended one typical Arab dinner so far, which the Englishman sitting next to me called a 'lamb grab.' There are just 18 Americans in this camp and Wafra. The rest are Lebanese, Syrians, British and Arabs. Mostly Arabs. I really look forward to coming back to Yosemite. Miss the bicycling. Would appreciate a letter from any who

THE ENEMY WITHIN

At approximately 4:45 a.m. Friday, April 28 pantryman Lloyd Price, busy at work in The Ahwahnee kitchen preparing the day's box lunches, was surprised to note the entrance of a brown bear, 2-year-old size. Grabbing a chair, Lloyd attempted to induce said bear to return to his more natural habitat, the out-of-doors, but friend bear took flight in the wrong direction. Heading down the back hall, brownie pushed open a swinging door, and entered the lobby area. Emergency reinforcements, in the form of night porter Alex Kowleski and Ranger Russell Cahill were called in.

The ensuing chase led through the Great Lounge, and before the skirmish ended furniture was upset, lamps and tables knocked about, and the battlefield littered. The action closed with bruin booted out a side door. When last seen Ranger Cahill was in hot pursuit of the enemy - or was it the other way around?

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FIORE FLIES AGAIN

Nic Fiore is fast becoming a member of the jet set! Last November Nic flew off to France to attend a five week course conducted by the French National Ski School. Returning to Yosemite, Fiore was off to Denver in January for a meeting of the Professional Ski Instructors Association, where he was made a Trustee for the multi-nation Interski to be held in Aspen in April, 1968. Then in April, away went he to the Far West Ski Instructors convention at Mammoth for the certification trials. Nic, treasurer and the senior member of the group, has not missed a meeting or a clinic in 19 years.

This week Fiore is flying again; this time to North Conway, New Hampshire for the convention of the PSIA. Among his titles in this group are: Director, Foreign Instructor Exchange Officer, and Chairman of the 1968 convention site selection committee.

would care to write. Address: Amos Neal, % Getty Oil Company, P.O. Box 187, Kuwait.

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**BP VISITOR USE**

Coyt Hackett, N.P.S., supplies some interesting figures on Badger Pass for the ski seasons of 1940 to 1965-66. There were 2,638,804 visitor use days in this 16-year period.

The earliest closing date was April 5, 1958; the latest May 2, 1948. The earliest opening date was November 14, 1964, and the latest February 14, 1963. Remember THAT winter! Badger was open a total of 45 days!

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**WORM DIGGING RESTRICTED**

Bait fishermen should take note of a new regulation in the Inyo National Forest for when Tioga Pass opens and they head for the east side lakes and streams.

The digging of worms is now prohibited in the meadows of the Lee Vining Canyon and in the June Lake Loop, among other areas. Seems extensive vegetative and soil damage has resulted from this practice, causing siltation of streams and destruction of fish life.

From now on, dig your worms in your garden. Or, nice, fat, red ones are available by the carton at the Village Store.

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**REX HICKOK DIES IN TUCSON**

Rex Hickok's many friends were deeply saddened to hear of his sudden death on Monday, March 27th, in Tucson, Arizona.

Madeline and Rex were residents of Wawona and avid golfers for several years after his retirement from Shell Oil Company in 1956. In the fall of 1966 they moved to Tucson, where their son Darrel is the golf professional at the Tucson Country Club. The elder Hickok's address is 5000 E. Grant Road, Space 96.

Rex leaves his wife Madeline and married son Darrel of Tucson, and married daughter Janice Barker of Fresno. Deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

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**WANTED TO BUY** — Ladies bicycle. Recent model. See Annette in Personnel or call 372-4611.

**IF WINTER COMES IN APRIL,  
SPRING CAN BE FAR BEHIND**

Not inordinately fond of winter, the 4½ feet of snow that fell upon the valley during the month of April depressed me at first. Upon reflection, a pleasant prospect presented itself. Spring can't possibly arrive much before the 4th of July this year, thus cutting back the gardening season by three months.

Now I like to garden. There's something so elemental, atavistic perhaps, about digging about in the sun-warmed earth. And, I've learned to accept the facts that I have the brownest of brown thumbs, and that my yard is a haven for homeless moles.

What I object to is the 'garden expert.' Not only the ones writing in the house and garden magazines (they can be ignored), but the neighborhood variety (who can't be). "You must remove the banana bugs from the Virginia creeper before they reach the larva stage." Are you kidding? Without all those bugs chewing and munching away, the creeper would long ago have wrapped the house in an airtight cocoon. "See those pin-head-size, black spots on the underside of the dogwood leaves? That's the gluttonous thrip. You've got to spray with a mixture of 10% DDT, 70% Rx 007, and 20% LSD." I do, huh? Well, if the dogwood at Fern Springs can survive without my help, so can those in my yard. "Those white spots in your lawn are caused by the ravenosis lawnae mothid. You must cut through the sod to a depth of five feet to get rid of them." Why? So they won't spread to your lawn?

The ridiculous lengths to which a garden doctor can go is illustrated best by a story of a friend, who sought advice from the Oakhurst 'Mountain Gardener' regarding her lagging geraniums. "Decomposed granite is hardly rich in minerals," said he. "Feed your geraniums a mixture of iron, phosphorous and magnesium." Looking through her garden medicine chest, she located some phosphorous, mixed it with a bucket of water from Iron Springs, but lacked

**ROAMIN' 'ROUND RESERVATIONS**

Reservations has its glory,  
Starting with Miss Julie Story.  
High camps filled to overflowing,  
Questioning phone calls ever growing.  
Troubles arise as snowflakes fall;  
This lovely white has covered all.  
They're positive Tuolumne's there,  
But from a plane they're not sure where!

The phone girls beam with great elation,  
When charts are all "For Confirmation."  
Every day there's someone new.  
Now Donna McCain has joined the crew.

And on the desk with Max at Curry,  
Kathy Burkhardt's in a flurry,  
Charting space where guests may thrive.  
(Housecounts grown to three times five.)

Yes, winter's gone! It's spring, you see!  
So listen to this melody.  
For Spring has sprung, the grass is riz,  
But underneath the snow it is.  
D.S.

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**FOR SALE** — 1959 MG-A Roadster. See Randy Rust or call 372-4475.

the magnesium, until, harking back to high school chemistry I, she remembered that Epsom Salts (available at the Village Store) was sulfate of magnesium. Quipped her husband, as she poured in the salts, "I want them to grow, not go."

I've never won an argument with a garden expert nor can I convince one of the wisdom of my point of view. "After all," say I, "we live in a national park and we should settle for the native plants that can get along without our assistance. I'm not going to be responsible for upsetting the ecology."

"True," say they, "but the nauseous, night-eating nit is making inroads on your azalea and you should . . ."  
P. Thomas

## LETTERS FROM INDIA

Randy Morgenson left the US in January on his way to a Peace Corp position in the Indian state of Maharashtra, on the western side of the sub-continent. Quoted here are some of his most descriptive observations of the Indian life and land.

"We left Delhi for a 24-hour, very dusty train ride to Bombay. Two days there, then we boarded a train again for a 12-hour journey to our working area. Most of the engines are steam, coal burning, British type of course. The countryside could be any of 100 places in the American southwest — no red-rock cliffs, but very much like those wide open, semi-desert flatlands. Even the vegetation seems similar at first glance but for the three foot palm trees. Soft golden light for the early morning hours, cloudless days, brilliant sky at sunset, and extremely bright stars.

Indian driving is an experience: swift, with half attention, and an attitude that everyone and everything else has the responsibility of getting out of the way. This includes cows and trucks, although these are yielded to at the last minute if no results can be gained with the perpetually blowing horn. I swear, if Indians didn't have horns they would be unable to drive one meter.

On our way to Aurangabad, we paused to visit a state bajra (millet) seed farm. Then on into the city to find that the officials weren't around. We spent the rest of the morning sitting in the office of a secretary, mostly listening to him and our superintendent talk in Marathi: Went to visit the famous caves at Ellora. These are not natural caves, but were cut between the 6th and 13 centuries A.D. out of a basalt cliff. The 34 caves represent three Indian philosophies: Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain. Really exciting. Beautiful sculpture, huge low-ceilinged rooms with ornate pillars left in the center, and sculptured representations of the gods around the sides.

Later in the afternoon we did meet top officials in the Ag program here, neither of whom knew much about us. Both were surprised to learn that

we would be here for two years, uncertain as to what exactly we were to do, unaware we had studied any language, and wondering how we would be able to do anything without being able to talk to the people.

We have begun to learn some of the meaninglessness of time and schedules. Everywhere we go, we wait. Sometimes one party won't show up for an appointment at all; sometimes we don't. Everything takes time, and nothing takes place on time.

Today we shopped in a different section of the bazar: very fly infested and odoriferous. All food sits in open pans on the ground or on shop floors, upon and about which thousands of flies crawl and swarm — so many I had the feeling I must keep my mouth closed. In view of all the animals in the streets they are remarkably clean, seldom much but a trace of droppings. There are street cleaners equipped with one, short-hair broom. There is enough available labor in India for all jobs, no matter the scope. In fact, mechanization would be a disaster.

About everyone here (Jalna) is genuinely friendly, interested and helpful. We sure can gather crowds. Tomorrow we leave this town and its officialdom and move into our house, which looks to be very nice, in the small mud and stone village of Golopangri.

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## FWSA MEET

A delegation to the Far West Ski Assn. meeting in Lake Tahoe this week.

The Yosemite Winter Club has grown in the past two years from a membership of 105 to 227, of whom 107 are also FWSA members, thus swelling our allotted delegates to 12. Many matters will be under consideration, including the 1967-68 competition schedule.

Thanks to the special studies made by Arnold Fawcus this winter, as well as new ideas of staff members, plans are already afoot for expanded YWC activities next winter.

## LIONS PLAY DATES CHANGED

Peggy Baldwin, play director, writes from Italy that the dates for "The Cave Dwellers" have been changed to May 25, 26, and 27, due to the Baldwins' unexpected European trip. The leading roles in Saroyan's play have been cast. Vince Gordon plays an aging clown, Carl Stephens, an ex-prize fighter, Vera McDonald, an aging actress, Connie Sexton is 'the girl.'

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## MORE NEW APPOINTMENTS

Keith Whitfield has been appointed Administrative Assistant in the Hotel Division, responsible to the Superintendent for regular and special assignments in the administration of division operations. Keith has been with the Company since 1948, and has been Director of Standards since 1962.

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Ray Wilson, most recently Pastry Chef at The Ahwahnee, has been designated Kitchen Steward, in which capacity he will assist the Chef in the over-all supervision of the kitchen. In the absence of the Chef, Ray will be responsible for the entire kitchen operation. Ray is well qualified for the position, having worked in the kitchen in diverse capacities since 1949.

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Bill Wismer has been appointed as a Hotel Division Management Trainee, and assigned to Yosemite Lodge for his initial training in general hotel management. Originally from Tasmania, Bill is a graduate of Penn State University, has worked for 10 years as a civil engineer, and spent the past winter as a Badger Pass Ski instructor.

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Sonny Whitfield, Central Warehouse Supervisor is now also responsible for the Print Shop and Laundry Service.

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Tom Thomas, Special Agent and Supervisor of Security, Fire and Safety, has taken on the supervision of a single employee housing, and of the general office building, its custodians and grounds keepers.



# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Wednesday, May 31, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## CSPC MEETS AT WAWONA

The California State Park Commission, of which Sterling Cramer is Vice Chairman, met May 18 and 19 at the Wawona Hotel.

In addition to dealing with matters on the group's agenda — the granting of easements across state parks lands, acquisition of land for park use, whether dogs should be allowed overnight in state parks — a workshop was held to study federal concessions management policies as defined under P.L. 89-249. This law sets forth the policies to be followed by the Secretary of the Interior in writing and executing concessions contracts in National Parks.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation is studying its concessions policies to bring them more in line with those of federal agencies.

During the workshop, Supt. John Davis presented the NPS point of view of the law. Stuart Cross, YPC Co. Executive Vice President, discussed it from the concessioners' standpoint.

The next day, Asst. Supt. Condon and Cramer then escorted the commission, including Wm. Mott, State Director of Parks and Recreation, in a tour of all YPC Co. facilities in Yosemite Valley.

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## YES PICNIC

The annual Yosemite Elementary School picnic will take place on Tuesday, June 6, at 6:00 p.m. on the school grounds.

Chairman Nancy Maynard, and committee members Marian Woessner and Bill Jones, are working out the details, and very shortly will be in contact with the parents regarding the comestibles — entree, salad, dessert, etc. — that they will bring.

## DOGWOOD BLOOMS AT LAST

The dogwood is coming into bloom on the floor of Yosemite Valley at long last, a month or so later than usual. The petal-like bracts or rays are still greenish-white, but they are opening out all through the Valley, from the dam in the Merced River at the junction of the Big Oak Flat Road and the All-year Highway, past the Pohono Bridge and Fern Spring, where they are especially in their glory, to Happy Isles and Tenaya Creek, and in scattered favorable spots.

The leaf-buds of the maple are opening, too, from tight little green clusters to the typical five-pointed leaves, with their green-winged samaras which, in autumn, take the seeds flying in the wind. The Kellogg oak opens its red-bordered leaves, which gradually fade into soft green, and its drooping tassels wave softly in the afternoon breeze.

Above and below El Portal the green leaves of the buckeye have opened out, but their creamy spikes of blooms are slow in developing.

Along the river road there are still lupine and poppies, golden stars, Ithuriel's spear, scarlet Indian paintbrush and equally, or even more intense, scarlet Indian pink. Low-growing, yellow Mariposa lilies are out and their purple-shaded cousins are to be found here and there.

On rocky ledges, one of the stone-crops, a large version of the hen-and-chickens type of succulent, clings, with its pink to yellow to orange heads of flowers rising several inches from the fleshy basal leaves, very decorative against the red-brown rocks.

Highway 49 and its environs, around Hornitos, Coulterville, and Bear Valley are a flower-lover's joy,  
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## REUNION AT WAWONA

According to Rosella Armstrong, Wawona Chief Clerk, the snow melted off the grounds just in time for the May 12 opening of the hotel and golf course.

The following weekend, saw Wawona bursting at the seams, with a head on every pillow, including the upstairs WOBs. At this time the hotel is manned primarily by 'old-timers,' headed by Howard Doucette, manager. Helen Lais, dining room manager, has returnees Irene MacDonald and Dorothy Donoho as waitresses. Housekeeper Addie Martin has only two maids to do all that sheet changing: long-time employee Amy Rhoan and recent arrival, Dora Harrison.

In the front office, Rosella has woman-of-all-work, Coletha Jones, and new man Louis Guise as desk clerks. Paul Jones is chef this year, heading up what Rosella calls a grand crew. She notes, however, that should they get out of hand, Paul is big enough to handle any situation.

Chuck Dias has returned as head bellman, and Dale Findley is doing  
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## NEW ROOMS AT YL IN USE

The first guests to occupy one of the new, just-opened rooms at Yosemite Lodge were Mr. James Short and family of Los Angeles. The Shorts stayed in room 1108, Aspen Cottage.

Of the twenty-four rooms, 16 were put into service on May 20 as scheduled; the remaining 8 were occupied May 26.

The names of the new cottages are Aspen, Tamarack, and Dogwood. There are now 225 hotel-type rooms among the Lodge's guest accommodations.

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with lupine, fairy-lanterns, a myriad of gilia and mimulus (monkey-flower), larkspur, and several species of brodiaea.

In the foothills the wedge-leaved ceanothus is in bloom with its creamy heads of flowers, while farther up the river the more plummy ceanothus, commonly known as California or mountain lilac, is coming out.

From the air, one sees a mantle of snow still cast over the range, from the peaks down to about 6,000 or 6,500 feet. The higher of the High Sierra Camps, May Lake, Vogelsang, and Sunrise, are still covered deep with few traces of their buildings. The Tuolumne River is still a mere line through its canyon almost as far as Glen Aulin, and bursts out again at Le Conte and Waterwheel falls. What a summer this will be for them.

Day by day, the flower population changes, speeding up, as if to compensate for the month that has been lost in this late season.

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REUNION AT WAWONA

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his usual magnificent job of prettying up the grounds. Right now he is in the middle of a gigantic planting program.

Newcomers include Cliff Jackson, night auditor, Sue Harris, dorm matron, and her husband Cliff, store-keeper.

On the golf side of the operation, former staffers Homer Armstrong, Ralph Diefenderfer, William MacDonald, and Ron Argall are back with pro, Charlie Eagle. New this season are John Knickerbocher and C. C. Van Valkenburgh.

NEWS FROM THE MEZZANINE

Welcome back to slim, trim John Loncaric, who has been enjoying the sunshine in Laguna this winter. John will be with Hotel Division through the summer.

Chet Hubbard and Bill Germany have come down from Badger Pass to assume respective roles of Manager and Assistant Manager at Camp Curry. John Burden also will be at Camp Curry for a brief time, before taking up his new assignment as Manager of the El Portal Motor Inn.

YPC Co. has a contract with the Secretary of the Interior to operate El Portal Motor Inn, effective July 14. The agreement was signed May 14; however, a 60-day 'waiting period' must elapse, before the contract becomes binding.

New to Yosemite, but certainly not new to the resort field, is Derek Bishop, most recently from Dorado Beach Hotel in the sunny Caribbean. Derek will be with us this summer as Manager of Big Trees Lodge.

Arvi Dorsey was back in the valley, patiently waiting for the snow to melt so he could start managing Glacier Point Hotel, which he did on May 26 after Homeric efforts on the parts of himself, John Loncaric, and others.

Ed Armistead has been promoted to Yosemite Lodge Assistant Manager.

K.W. & G.J.

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CSAA OFFICE OPENS

Last week the California State Automobile Association opened its office for the summer season in the NPS Headquarters. This is the earliest opening date on record, and the office will remain in business longer—until September 8. Hours are 9 to 6 Tuesday through Friday, 10 to 7 on Monday.

Last year's representative, Terry Farinha, is in for two weeks to train newcomer, Mary Ann Wagner. Mary Ann has been with the CSAA in Modesto for 4 years.

On June 12 Susan Ottonello, back for her third summer, will report as Mary Ann's assistant.

OF CHEFS AND GRAPES AND JUMPING FROGS, OF HOSTESSES AND SINGS

Maitre D' Ted Kosinski is debarking the good ship Ahwahnee after five years at the helm of the dining room. Ted will spend the months from now until Labor Day piloting one of the food service facilities at Curry or the Lodge, after which he will weigh anchor for his Santa Cruz vineyards for the fall and winter. Thereafter, we can expect him to heave in sight each spring and summer. Sounds like a good life. Sort of having your grapes and eating them too.

Thomas Hambleton is taking over the stewardship of the dining room. Tom trained at the Dorchester Hotel in London and was restaurant manager of the Waterloo Hotel in Wellington, New Zealand. Also included in Tom's dossier are stints at the Torquay Hotel in Durban, South Africa, the San Francisco Whitcomb, and most recently the Salishan Lodge in Glenview, Oregon. Wife Margaret is working in the Lodge restaurant.

Also new on the scene is chef Benny Barron, who comes to us from the Stockton Inn, and Sacramento's Neptune's Table restaurant.

The front office has two new employees, Bruce Malone, desk clerk, and Lew Ellingham, transportation agent. During the summer of '65, Bruce worked at the Curry bike stand, and during Christmas vacation, he was a ski patrolman at Badger. Last winter he majored in skiing, and minored in food service (waiter) at Mammoth. World traveler Lew has lived in Europe and the Middle East for four years, and visited 43 of the United States. Formerly, Lew was an editor for Sierra Club publications and he knows Yosemite inside and out.

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Stewart of San Rafael were among those attending the California Medical Association meetings. Mrs. Stewart is the former Jeannette Coakley, daughter of Judge Thomas Coakley, and was Yosemite Lodge hostess in 1959 and Wawona hostess in 1960. The Stewarts met many old friends while they were here.

The nightly frog chorus can be heard a quarter mile distant, and our

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**PARENTS GROUP ELECTIONS**

At its last meeting, the Yosemite Parent's Group heard nominations from the floor for a slate of officers for the coming year. Nominated for Chairman were Bob Maynard, Nancy Maynard, and Roland Johnson; for Vice-Chairman, Dick Marks, John De-gan, Vince Gordon, Bryan Harry, and Marian Woessner.

The election will take place at the next meeting, which is tentatively set for June 6.

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**WHO PAYS YOUR HOSPITAL BILLS  
WHEN YOU ARE INJURED  
ON THE JOB?**

(Editor's note. This is the second in a series of articles explaining insurance benefits available to YPC Co. employees; the following treats industrial accidents.)

An industrial accident is one that happens to an employee while on duty. An employee is on duty during the period shown on his daily time card. Ordinary illness is not an industrial accident.

If you are injured on the job, report the accident to your supervisor or manager immediately, regardless of the seriousness of the accident.

The supervisor or manager will prepare a referral slip and send you to Lewis Memorial Hospital. The referral slip authorizes the hospital to treat you under arrangements made for the handling of Workmen's Compensation cases.

Your medical bills for an industrial injury are paid by YPC Co.

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**FOR SALE**

House—El Portal. Two bedrooms, carpeted living room, breezeway, garage. \$6,000. \$1,500 down. Call 379-2415 or 379-2496.

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1959 Pontiac Bonneville station wagon. Factory air, full power, excellent tires. Call 372-4700.

reflection pool is so full of frogs this spring that they have invaded the lobby. The bellmen have several good prospects in training for the Jumping Frog contest in Calaveras county.

Aldine Farrier

**LUAU AT AHWAHNEE JUNE 30**

Those who plan ahead may want to save June 30 evening for a grand luau around The Ahwahnee's pool. The event will be sponsored by the Yosemite Womens Group in support of its Save the Children Federation activity. Details will be presented later. But, from Jan Briggs' and Ti Shackleton's description of the plans, nothing as gala ever has been offered, and nothing should stand in the way of locals attending.

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**PVT. STURM REPORTS FOR DUTY**

Dan Sturm left Yosemite recently for his military service. Thinking — and having been told — he would go to Ft. Ord, he was surprised when he was clapped aboard an airplane bound for Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He reports that things are moist at Ft. Polk — with swamps underfoot and very high humidity in the air. His address is Pvt. Dan Sturm, USA 56668618, Co. "G" 3rd Bn., 1st Training Brigade, Ft. Polk, Louisiana 91459.

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**CHRISSE JOHANSEN HONORED**

Christine Johansen, daughter of Ernie and Helen Johansen, has been elected Assistant Editor of the WACADEMY WORLD, student newspaper at Wasatch Academy, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.

Christine also will work on the photography staff of the 1968 Wasatka, a three-times winner of NSPA's coveted "All-American" yearbook award. Recognizing her leadership abilities, her class has elected her to represent them next year on the Student Council.

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**FAIT NON ACCOMPLI**

Yosemite has hosted many a foreign dignitary, but Edward Neilan, writing in the USC ALUMNI REVIEW, brings up a titillating thought. According to Neilan, Communist China Chairman Mao Tse-tung once said his retirement wish was to visit Yosemite National Park. What a coup that would be, if we could bring it about! The publicity department is working on it.

**EX-EMPLOYEES VISIT YOSEMITE**

Dick Connett, on a short leave from his post office duties in Cloverdale, sailed in last weekend and was busy catching up on the news with friends. He reports life in a small town has its compensations — especially one only an hour from San Francisco.

Earlier in the week, Bill Meacham, on a short leave from the Camp Parks Job Corps, sailed in. Bill's an instructor there and claims that his work is deeply interesting, and that the Job Corps. 'graduates' have had better-than-average success in finding work related to the training received in the Corps.

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**LETTERS FROM INDIA**

(Continued from last issue)

Tomorrow we leave this town and its officialdom and move into our house, which looks to be very nice, in the small mud and stone village of Golopangri.

Only two people speak English so there will be much language to learn. Today was spent on the farm and in the orchard of a wealthy farmer, one of the village leaders. After the usual tea with two of his brothers and friends, Sri Pandithras Kishanrao More drove us to his 33-acre farm on his tractor. Obviously he is very wealthy, for he owns a large gas pump for his well in lieu of the more normal bullock-drawn irrigation water, and 16 acres of mangoes and oranges. We sat in the shade of the orange grove sampling delicious, juicy oranges from the trees. As to his farm, even I can see how it can be improved. Only four acres are under irrigation. He raises two types of jowar (sorghum) and two of wheat. With proper irrigation and crop management, I think his farm could be very productive.

Our lives are governed by people, their comings and goings, their whims and wishes. They come in anytime, unannounced, or if the door be bolted, rattle until 'tis opened, and sit down sometimes just to look or jabber amongst themselves. Never is a visit's purpose stated. Yet there is one. This is how we must live.

Randy Morgenson

**LMH**

Two new nurses reported for duty this week: Jackie Garrett of Oregon, and Judy Williams of San Francisco.

Checking in on May 1 was Cheri Sibley, 8 lb. 4½ oz. daughter born to Jo Ellen and Jerry Sibley. On May 6 Shawna Rae presented herself to parents Leslie and Alan Dierksen. Shawna checked in at a husky 8 lbs. 12 oz.

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**THEN AND NOW**

A copy of the 1914 Superintendent's report recently came to light, and a little research led to some interesting comparisons.

During the 1914 season there were 32 concessioners, offering services and products varying from guide, photographic studio, curios, delicatessen, meat market, livery stable, garage, and hotels.

Camp Curry had 5,305 guests for the season. It's closest rival, the Sentinel Hotel, had 3,031 guests, and all hotels and camps combined served a total of 11,972 guests. In 1965-66, YPC Co. hosted 352,235 persons.

Fifty three years ago most visitors came by public transportation, and YTS carried 10,889 passengers; last year, 127,411.

But, the automobile was coming into its own. With the opening of the Wawona and Big Oak Flat roads to autos, 739 chugged up the highways. Twelve states and 28 foreign countries were represented in the total visitor count of 15,145. California had the largest delegation, followed by Illinois. England, with Germany close behind, led the foreign field. Last year Yosemite received 1,817,060 visitors, driving 519,160 automobiles.

The Superintendent's report lists 1,985 campers, and proudly notes the construction of 40 new water closets for their convenience. The NPS estimates 376,459 used the campgrounds last year, for a total of 1,505,836 camper days. (No information is readily available concerning water closets.)

Costs, too, have risen. In 1914 45c a day would feed a horse. According to stable manager, Bob Barnett, the rock-bottom price today, 80c, and

that is hay, not oats. Supt. Daniels states that the Big Oak Flat Road was rebuilt and made safer by the 'placing of a guard wall along the outer edge of the road to prevent vehicles from falling down the cliffs.' Cost: 27c per foot. Park engineers estimate the present-day cost of building a road to be \$50.00 a foot!

"On July 1, 1914 a new 30 line telephone switchboard was put into service." The Yosemite phone book lists today 686 subscribers.

Many of the regulations would be applicable today; others have a quaint ring, "No drinking saloon or barroom will be permitted." "Riding or driving at night is forbidden." "Persons are not allowed to bathe near any of the regularly traveled roads without suitable bathing clothes." "Interference with or molestation of any bear in the park in any way by any person not authorized by the superintendent is prohibited." (Which sounds as if you could molest a bear, provided you were authorized.) "No one is allowed to throw anything into Mirror Lake, thereby causing ripples and disturbing the reflection, which all are entitled to behold." "All campers shall first report to the Superintendent for assignment of camping sites, and will not change camps without permission." "Blankets, clothing, hammocks, or any article liable to frighten teams must not be hung near the road."

The automobile was subject to 65 different rules, including a maximum downhill speed limit of 6 MPH, uphill 9 MPH, and straight-aways, 15 MPH. An elaborate check-point system was in effect: "no inbound automobile shall leave El Portal after 4:08 p.m." Fines were imposed for arriving early — \$1.00 per minute up to \$25.00 — more than that, you were ejected from the park. No doubt this was the reason the report states, "Automobiles should check their watches with the clock at the checking station." (A pretty good trick for an auto.) The fastest allowable time from Wawona to Yosemite Valley was 2 hours and 27 minutes. The run is now clocked at 45 minutes.

**CHILDREN'S SWIMMING LESSONS**

Red Cross swimming lessons for Yosemite and El Portal children will be given at the Lodge Pool, June 12-23, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The program is directed by Jan Haag and Joanne Cross. Instructors are Babs Albert, Paula Krisco, Ruth Harry, Nancy Maynard, and Patti Anderson.

To register your child, please call Jan Haag, 379-2384, on Monday or Tuesday, June 5 or 6.

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**VILLAGE STORIES**

The VS has a loyal crew! Returning for their third summer season of service are Wally Gilbert, in charge of the fishing counter, Evelyn Adams, checker, Vernon Friesen in hardware and Molly Coan in the clothing department.

Office clerk, Vaughn Huggins, was hospitalized in Fresno with a spinal disorder. She is due home shortly, but will have to stay in traction for several weeks.

Checker Hazel Smith is still on the job, but suffering from an undiagnosed knee ailment. It is hoped that they will mend quickly.

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**APRIL-MAY HOUSECOUNTS WAY OFF**

The over-long winter and the spotty spring weather took a serious toll in YPC Co.'s guest occupancy for April and for May, to the 22nd. Between April 1 and May 22 of 1966, total housecount was 73,352, for the same period, 1967, housecount was 47,766.

It should be remembered that Easter in 1966 occurred in April, in March this year. This holiday accounts for a relatively high occupancy figure during the month in which it falls. However, the wide gap between this year and last can be attributed only slightly to this occurrence.

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**DAVE DURAN**

Those employees who date back to the 1950s will remember Dave Duran, chief clerk at Housekeeping Camp. The SENTINEL has received word of Duran's ordination as a Roman Catholic priest in Fresno on April 29. Fr. Duran is now ass't. pastor at St. Anne's Church in Porterville.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Thursday, June 29, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## GETTING ESTABLISHED

The recently opened Girls' Annex has become quite popular with its residents and its residents have become quite popular with the boys who have commandeered the old Girls' Annex next door (the annex, not the girls).

Millie Baisch, hostess-cashier at the Yosemite Lodge restaurant and the first of seventy girls to move in, explained, "The rooms are happier, quieter, with more sunlight, more privacy, and closer to my job."

This appears to be the general consensus, for Marjorie McQuaid, who managed the old Girls' Annex and began at the new one on May 20, spoke for the majority of the girls.

"We call it 'color city,' because of the different decor, either blue, yellow or coral, in each room. The girls are so enthusiastic," she continued, "that some even refer to it as the 'Yosemite Hilton,' due to the color, quietness and cleanliness."

Some of the girls, she stated, do miss the porches of the old Annex, but the central heating of the new versus the oil stoves of the old makes up for it.

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## NEW PRIVILEGE CARDS

"There are too many to list," said Mrs. Cromer of personnel.

She was speaking in reference to the number of delinquent YPC Co. employees who have yet to exchange their old privilege cards for the new ones.

The ultimatum is this: NO privilege cards will be honored at ANY unit after June 30.

The new privilege cards are now being honored at all units.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

In charge of summer recreation for the children of Yosemite residents as Youth Activities Director is Art Cunningham.

There are two general groups at present with which he will work, sixth through eighth graders and ninth through twelfth graders.

Some of the programs Art has in mind are hikes, treasure hunts, barbecue-picnics, dances, High Sierra campouts, culture classes and possibly a trip to San Francisco.

"We'll try arts and crafts classes, major sports, folk singing, guitar lessons; just whatever the group seems to like," he explained. "We will be using employees who have special interests to assist with the program."

Art was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, raised and educated in Wichita, Kansas. He graduated from the College of Emporia, Emporia, Kansas, with a major in sociology and minors in physical education and education. He lettered four years in varsity football.

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## MIKE HARVEY DIES IN VIET NAM

Warrant Officer Michael Harvey, son of Mrs. Lee DeSandres and husband of Mrs. Catherine Crumb Harvey, died June 23 of wounds received in action the previous day.

Harvey was a helicopter co-pilot attached to the 48th Assault Company stationed at Tuy Hoa in central South Viet Nam. His squadron evacuated wounded military, civilian women and children, and was on a combat resupply mission when young Harvey was hit. Wounded in the thigh, it was thought that he was in no danger, but he had lost too much blood, and

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## GOING TO THE LUAU?

There may be neither roast pig nor poi at Friday night's luau at The Ahwahnee, but the menu will be replete with other fare as befits the hotel's reputation gastronomique. Sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group for the benefit of the Save the Children Federation, tickets are \$5.00 each and may be purchased from Mrs. Lee Schackelton. The party commences at 7:30 p.m.

A collection of Yosemite's outstanding hula dancers — of which sex was not disclosed — will provide part of the entertainment. However, it is predicted that the main divertissement will be speculations over who will be first to fall into the pool. Okolema-luna!

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## VISITOR CENTER DELAYED

According to Bryan Harry, Chief Park Naturalist, the visitor center, which had been planned for initial opening in May, will not be fully operative until next summer.

"Although we will open the information counter during the second week in July," he stated, "the exhibit wing will not be opened until sometime next summer."

There have been two major holdups in the construction, the snow, and some design modifications which, together, forced a rescheduling.

"The snow lasted through the time the construction foreman had planned to pour the roof and paint and he couldn't because of the dampness. The changes in design were for economy, efficiency of operation, and public convenience."

The entire structure, which includes the old museum with remodeling, will house the U.S. District Commissioner, (Continued on page three)

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TIOGA ROAD IS OPEN

For the first-time traveler over Tioga Pass, the most spectacular time to go is now. Snow crisps the air and adds depth to the panoramic views over the top of Yosemite.

We were among those to cross the pass on Saturday, June 17, the initial opening for the road this year. Many people flocked there for the event and 318 cars were counted waiting at the Crane Flat end for the road to open at noon.

The weather along the route was excellent with the temperature in the seventies and summer sunshine nearly all the way to Mono Lake.

Many families had taken picnic lunches and some day-use areas were open at Tuolumne Meadows and Tenaya Lake. Fishermen were frequent along the road at Tenaya Lake, Tuolumne Meadows and Ellery Lake, but the majority of visitors were merely sightseeing and photographing the dramatic murals of nature.

Tioga Road was built originally as an access to the Great Sierra Consolidated Silver Mine, which, despite a \$300,000 investment, failed to produce an ounce of silver. Stephan T. Mather, then assistant to Secretary of the Interior Franklin Lane, headed a committee to purchase the road through private subscription and donate it to the U.S. Government.

The route was once a nightmare to motorists, but the 21-mile stretch in Yosemite was replaced in 1961 and last year was widened and realigned from the pass to Lee Vining.

Crane Flat campground is now open, and the NPS expects to have Tuolumne Meadows and Tamarack Flat open by the weekend. Tenaya Lake, Smokey Jack, and Porcupine Flat are still under snow or water.

- Sentinel Scout

CHURCH SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

The Yosemite Community Church will hold its Vacation Church School from Aug. 7 through 18, Monday through Friday mornings at the Chapel.

Classes are scheduled for kindergarten through junior high grades. Teachers and non-teaching helpers are urgently needed. If sufficient volunteers are available, classes will be held for three and four year olds also. Anyone willing to help please call Peggy Baldwin at 372-4885.

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EMMISARY TO ARABIA RETURNS

Amos Neal is back at The Ahwahnee after a three-month leave of absence in the Middle East.

Amos was employed by the Getty Oil Company as a consultant for community services, but, as he puts it, "ended up doing the whole job, because there was no one there to consult in the first place." His duties included supervising everything in the way of housing and feeding arrangements.

The area, southwest of Kuwait and northeast of Saudi Arabia, is called the "neutral zone," as neither country owns it, though both claim it. It became a hot-spot for Americans immediately after the Arab-Israeli war began.

"The feeling was running high against Americans because it was felt that the U.S. caused the war," Amos stated, "The first reports said America was actually involved, but we didn't believe it."

Amos said there were no instances of violence in his area, although there were only 19 Americans among 931 Arabs and Lebanese.

"I'll only say I'm glad to be back without any stoning marks," he quipped.

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INFORMATION PLEASE

YPC Co. advertising office has had installed a recorder-telephone machine, from which callers can learn of the guest activities for the day, plus the weather forecast and suggestions about what to see and do. Similar to the machine used in winter to provide ski information, the number of the new 'phone' is 372-4484.

WILLARD RETURNS

Glen Willard is back for his 16th summer season as YPC Co. Program Director. The programs, which have included concert violinists, folk dancers, magicians, semi-classical singers, and puppets are held nightly at units throughout the park. The dignity and quality of the programing is in keeping with the national park image.

Glen also directs the Valley Singers, composed of park employees. The group may vary in size from year to year, but their three summer concerts are always greeted enthusiastically by locals and visitors alike.

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SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission calls the attention of all high school graduates to the \$450 annual award to be made for the school year of 1967-68. Any graduate whose parents are employed on a year 'round basis in Yosemite National Park is eligible to apply. The scholarship of \$50 a month for nine months is supported by the Yosemite Community Council.

Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder offers two additional scholarships of \$50 per month, and applications for these are also received by the Scholarship Commission. One is for a college freshman, the other may be awarded to a sophomore.

The following matters are taken into account in making selections: scholastic ability, financial need, leadership, personality, health and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order nor does one qualification have special weight. The basic requirements for the two scholarships offered by Mrs. Tresidder differ only in that a 'B' average minimum in an accredited school during the preceding year is required. One of these, under special circumstances and with Mrs. Tresidder's consent, has been occasionally awarded to a sophomore.

Information on applications and procedure may be obtained from Leroy Rust at the Main Post Office or Dana Morgenson, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Reservations Office. Applications will be accepted until July 15.

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**NEW EMPLOYEE  
RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Taking over the position of Employee Recreation Director is Dick Anderson, a graduate student in music and religion at Yale University.

This will be Dick's first season with YPC Co. but he is already getting his plans underway, with enthusiasm and inspiration.

"I plan to begin right away with a regular intramural program of the major sports," he said in a recent interview at the Den.

His innovations, which he would initiate into this department, include a sports car rally, an employee-cast musical or dramatic production, and a photos-of-the-most-ridiculous-tourist contest. He also has some ideas for a bicycle marathon, aimed at a possible world record, and a pajama race, aimed at a hilarious time.

"Pajama races are really funny. Each leg of the race, which would be run with a baton in relay fashion, would have some obstacle, such as the river or a rock pile, for example."

Dick has, in addition, been considering holding the first annual "Yosemite Employee Olympics." It would consist of a series of farcical events, based on jobs with YPC Co.

"The housemen from the lodges could have a cigarette butt recovery race, or the girls in personnel could have a typing contest on typewriters with missing keys," explained Dick, "or the bus boys could have a table clearing race using their tee-shirts instead of carts, trays and sponges. We could even have a decathalon."

Dick has obviously mapped a wild program to follow this summer and it may be the most enjoyable one yet for YPC Co. employees.

**BLOOD BANK RESERVE UPPED**

The Lions Club-sponsored blood bank, in cooperation with the Fresno Blood Bank, received forty-three pints of blood from employees and residents of Yosemite in a three-hour period on June 16.

This now gives Yosemite a credit of forty-three pints whenever it is needed for emergencies or illnesses during the coming two years.

**THE DIESEL PIT PROJECT**

Some people may be wondering still about the hole which has foiled their shortcut behind the Yosemite Village Chevron Service.

The Don Fey Construction Company is building the pit to house a 12,000 gallon tank for automotive diesel fuel, but dug into some difficulties with the project.

Their shovels reached water at three feet in trickles and at eleven feet in torrents. This high water table is due to this season's unusually heavy rain and snowfall, which has melted and descended into the earth, raising the underground level considerably.

"We have had to put fuel in the tank for ballast before we are even completed," explained foreman Fey.

He said that the strange-looking beams, which are welded to the sides of the vessel, are called tie-downs. These will reinforce and fasten to the tank a concrete slab which will be poured soon. Fourteen inches of cement, 14 feet wide and 40 feet long and containing steel reinforcing bars, should do the job.

The construction crew has been keeping the water down to a workable depth by employing three pumps. They plan to have the project finished on schedule and are still maintaining their daily production goals, in spite of the trouble.

The target date for opening sales, according to Bob Bevington, Chevron Stations Supervisor, is July 1.

"Before we began this project," he related, "diesel fuel users had to go to Merced, for they were stranded if they ran out in the valley."

The fuel will supply some of the larger buses, as well as any diesel burning Mercedes-Benz automobiles which may be around.

**AA MEETING**

For the information of anyone who has, or has had, a problem with drinking, Alcoholics Anonymous holds meetings every Sunday night from 8:30 to midnight in the Yosemite Lodge cafeteria. For more information call Wayne Porter, 372-4431, ext. 110.

**RECENT ARRIVALS**

The Lewis Memorial Hospital reports that the last Yosemite census is now void, due to some late arrivals.

Mrs. Steve Hickman, wife of the ranger, had a boy on June 9. Mrs. Roger Hendrickson, wife of the doctor, had a boy on June 7. Mrs. Lloyd Goulter, wife of the maintenance man, had a boy on June 8.

It appears that the balance of power is now tipped definitely in favor of the males.

**MIKE HARVEY DIES IN VIET NAM**

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died the following day.

Mike went through the local elementary school, Sequoia High School in Redwood City, and College of San Mateo. He worked at Housekeeping Camp during the summers of 1961 & 1962, and as an electrician for the government during 1964.

He joined the Army a year and a half ago, received his wings at Ft. Rucker, Alabama, and had been in Viet Nam for 7 months. On July 1 he was scheduled for R & R leave in Hawaii.

Funeral arrangements are still pending, but burial will be in Mariposa.

**VISITOR CENTER DELAYED**

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the District Ranger Office, the Mariposa County Library, detention rooms, and general administrative offices.

The Yosemite Research Library is also being enlarged. It contains information on nearly everything that anyone may want to know about Yosemite's history, geology, natural history, conservation, etc. The facility is open to the public and its use, says Harry, "has greatly increased in the past few months."

The problem with the exhibits is that they are built in San Francisco, where the agency must handle orders from all over the western United States.

"There are just too many new visitor centers for these people to keep up with," explained Harry, "But we should be ready for display early next summer without much trouble."

**ESSAY WINNERS**

Eleven year old Sally Gordon, daughter of Harriet and Vince Gordon, recently took first prize in the Americanism Essay Contest sponsored by the Mariposa American Legion Auxiliary.

Sally's essay, entitled "What Is Patriotism," went on to take a third place in the five-county district contest.

Other local winners were Rod Whitfield and Rob Woessner, honorable mention, group I, and Ginny Harders, third place in group II.

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**GETTING ESTABLISHED**

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James "Tiny" Prentice, a houseman at the Yosemite Lodge, speaking for the boys about their new-hand-me-down quarters, said, "It beats the tents by a long shot."

Robert Pelto, Boys' Annex manager, tended to agree.

"I caught a terrible cold in Camp 6," he stated, "and didn't recover until we moved to the Annex. Over here it's warm and quiet."

There have been, however, a few misunderstandings between the male and female camps.

Apparently, the builders planned the new units so that they could be dwelt in by either males or females, specifically, in reference to the restroom. The girls had some extra bathroom fixtures they could not use, so they planted flowers in them. The plants are quite easily watered by a mere flick of the handle!

One complaint on the boys' side is that they are labeled "Peeping Toms" if they so much as gaze in the wrong direction on the way to their own bathrooms, which are adjacent to one of the girls' dorms. The girls, on the other hand, stroll through the very center of the boys' lodgings and remain totally secure in their innocence.

The boys have also observed one young lady who has evidently lost her key, as she consistently uses the window for exit and entrance.

One last note: Any girl who would like to claim some of the lost and found items which have been turned in by some of the boys upon cleaning house, may report to Mr. Pelto in the main Annex office.

**AZALEA TIME**

The azaleas are nearing a gorgeous peak these days. Two bushes in the meadow across the road from Camp Curry are as lovely as any I have ever seen. Those along the river and in wooded places are not quite so far advanced, but in another week the Valley should be filled with their fragrance.

Now the dogwood blossoms are hiding among their many leaves, so they are not as conspicuous as they were earlier, but on the slopes below Chinquapin and in the gullies near Crane Flat they are still fresh as the spring.

"Farewell to Spring," however, the rose-pink godetia is coming out in lower meadows on the Fresno and Big Oak Flat roads, and some of the later lupines are coming into bloom.

With warm weather the snow at higher levels is melting more rapidly. It will be mid-July before meadows along the Glacier Point and Tioga roads reach their zenith. Meanwhile, take a long breath when you pass an azalea bush in bloom!

The Merced River still pours its tumultuous white torrents down miles of rapids from the Pohono Bridge to a stretch of more peaceful water below El Portal, and the five great waterfalls of Yosemite wrap themselves in misty veils or shoot great snowy rockets downward against the gray granite.

This is the year of years for flowers and waterfalls in the Sierra Nevada, John Muir's Range of Light.

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**PACIFIC TRAVELER**

A note from Melba Smith written from the freighter S.S. CALIFORNIA enroute to Hong Kong says the water is fine and so is the sailing! She will be in Yokohama July 1st; Manila, July 10th; Hong Kong on July 14 to 27; arriving in Honolulu again August 16th. Being a great admirer of the "Hula," she plans to leave her freighter there and stay until her money runs out! Anyone wishing to send her a "hello" should address her c/o the S.S. CALIFORNIA at the port of call.

**FORMER SUPERINTENDENT  
RUSSELL DEAD**

Many of the services extended for the enjoyment of all who visit Yosemite were initiated by Dr. Carl Parcher Russell, who died June 20, of a heart attack.

Dr. Russell served as Chief Park Naturalist from 1923 to 1930 and Superintendent from 1947 to 1952. During this time he did much to help familiarize visitors to Yosemite with its human and natural history.

The Yosemite Museum, with displays to explain the park's wonders, was created by Dr. Russell and, in connection, the Yosemite Research Library, with its many volumes of literature on all aspects of the park.

He also led in the introduction of the Yosemite Field and School for Ranger-Naturalists, to educate and instill National Park concepts and ideas. He helped to establish the High Sierra camps and led hikes between them frequently.

Writing about Yosemite was another of his pleasures and accomplishments. He wrote and published Yosemite Nature Notes monthly from 1922 to 1961. He also combined this information with information from many sources to write "100 Years In Yosemite," an account of Yosemite's development since its discovery.

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**FOR SALE**

Stromberg Hi Fi amplifier, AM-FM tuner, Girrard turntable, coaxial speaker. Call G. Oliver, 372-4411.

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**YOUTH ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

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He then went on to teach psychology and sociology and served as head wrestling coach and assistant football coach at Junction City High School, Kansas. He is presently attending graduate school in Evanston, Ill.

Letters have been sent to all Yosemite parents which outline the program. Anyone wishing to volunteer their services or request more information may call Mrs. Charles Woessner at 372-4832 or messages may be left for Art at 372-4611, extension 7, and he will return the call.



# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Friday, July 14, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## BIZZ'S BUSY BUZZ-THROUGH

Harold "Bizz" Johnson, U.S. Congressman for the second congressional district, spent the night at The Ahwahnee on Wednesday, July 5. He discussed local problems over breakfast the next morning with Hilmer Oehlmann, YPC Co. president, Sterling Cramer, YPC Co. Vice President—Finance, David Condon, Asst. Superintendent, and Gene Watkins, the congressman's field representative.

Mr. Cramer said of the conversation, "It went very well. Mr. Johnson is very thoroughly informed. He went right down the line with the problems we have been facing."

Some of the topics of interest to area residents are the repaving and re-alignment of residential streets in El Portal, the procuring of federal funds to build a house for the elementary school principal, and the clearing of the Tioga road through combined efforts of the NPS and state crews.

Two related items of prime importance discussed were the bringing of electricity to Tuolumne Meadows facilities, which now operate on gas and oil, and the increasing of the electric supply for Yosemite Valley. "We have had numerous power failures this past winter and spring," said Mr. Cramer, "due to spots that were damaged when the trunk line was installed originally. We need to have this replaced so that we may be assured of power to heat and light whatever new buildings YPC Co. may build in the future."

The problems may not be immediately corrected, explained Mr. Cramer, but are being considered for the future.

## THE RESTLESS NATIVES

The Yosemite Women's Group luau held June 30 for the benefit of the 'Save the Children Federation' was, according to Ti Schackelton, a coordinator of the event, "a tremendous success."

The party, held in the Indian Room and at poolside at The Ahwahnee consisted of a Polynesian buffet dinner, dancing, and a "Miss Hawaii" contest.

Highlighting the festivities was the fashion show and costume contest. The 'winner' of the Miss Hawaii title was Don Baldwin. He was dressed in a Baldwin original — clambake-formal-evening-minigown — a three-piece affair of a grass skirt, plunging coconut top, and shower cap chapeau.

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## THE RETURN OF DR. WURGLER

Now a permanent member of the Lewis Memorial Hospital staff is Dr. James N. Wurgler, with whom many valley residents may be familiar as he served on the staff last summer.

He and his family moved here from Oroville where he had a private practice after leaving Yosemite last fall.

Dr. Wurgler received his M.D. from Southwestern Medical School, University of Texas and practiced at the Butte County (California) Hospital before coming to Lewis Memorial.

The Wurglers have four children, the last of whom is a native of Yosemite, born here last October before the Wurglers returned to Oroville for the winter.

There are now three permanent physicians at the hospital year-round, including Dr. Roger Hendrickson and Dr. Avery Sturm.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

While Yosemite children live in an area that a million people visit each summer, they have little to occupy themselves, being isolated from diversions that may seem common to most people, and which many are trying to avoid on their vacations. Movies, dances, sports events, drive-in restaurants, shopping trips, etc. are rare luxuries to these local youths.

This explains why some local residents formed the Youth Activities Group and hired Art Cunningham to create an activity program in which the children could participate.

There are two groups under Mr. Cunningham's direction, junior high and senior high groups. Some of the activities are coordinated, others separated. So far, the young people have had swimming, tennis lessons, hikes, a dance, wrestling classes, a cookout and ball games.

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## BUCKLEY MEMORIAL EXHIBIT AT TML

The bare canvas walls of the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge lounge and dining room are bare no longer. The magnificent mountain and meadow setting is mirrored inside the main tent, where a memorial exhibit of John Buckley's striking, black and white photographs now hangs.

Young Buckley, employed for four seasons at the Meadows, was drowned in Tenaya Lake last August.

Prior to the decision to close the San Francisco office, an exhibit there had been planned for this past spring. Former employee Dick Shields and manager, Marty Miller, arranged the printing, framing, and hanging of the photographs at Tuolumne; there will be 20 when the display is completed

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YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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They also have self-service projects to benefit the community, as well as themselves. Just completed is the "Shack," the building behind YP&C Co. firehouse. Each group contributed to remodeling and painting the interior. Anyone who would like to get the only and the best car wash in the valley should go to the "Shack" on Saturday, July 15. The groups will begin this date manning the wash rack on alternate weekends, with the money raised by the junior group to be used to finance a trip to Merced or Fresno and the money raised by the senior group for a trip to San Francisco or Los Angeles. The car wash committee is composed of Rob Johnson, chairman, Chuck Woessner, Sylvia Bagley and Sonja Hoie.

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LODGE PODGE

New faces on the Lodge front desk this summer are Californians Jay Skidmore, Ron Friedenthal, Bill Gray, and from Darien, Conn., John Lindars.

Hal Smith's transportation office is manned by Marvin Mulder, Allan Rohlf, Iowa, Bruce Salas, LA, Danny Herriman, Arizona, and Helge Grumstrup all the way from Copenhagen, Denmark.

Tom Keitges, head bellman, is spending two weeks at Uncle Sam's summer camp, as a member of the National Guard.

We watched with great interest a mama and poppa jay build a nest outside one of the cafeteria windows. The four scrawny nestlings are now so big we are taking bets as to how soon they will burst the nest's seams.

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FOR SALE

1963 red MG Midget. \$1,000. Call Clark Martin, 372-4590.

THE AHWAHNEECHES

It seems impossible that the 4th of July has come and gone already. Our guests had a safe and sane fourth, eating, drinking, putting, and swimming at a leisurely pace, here at The Ahwahnee.

The pace the previous Friday night was anything but leisurely, as our local swingers hula-ed and swam for the benefit of the 'Save the Children' fund. Manager Wayne Whiteman miraculously escaped a dip in the pool. Should the demand for luaus increase, we may have to institute a 'Save the Swimmers' fund.

Last week, the weather warmed up sufficiently to begin the buffet luncheons in the Indian Room and around the pool — a pleasant and relaxing way to dine. Everyone's welcome.

The Breakfast Rides and Firefall Barbecues have begun, and we credit the toilers at these events, especially when Rocky Point is under two feet of water. Chef Nels Nelson does an exceptional job behind the charcoal grill and the western entertainment is at its best.

Bingo has been abolished for the summer. Instead Glen Willard brings a variety of talent to The Ahwahnee on Sunday evenings, performing in the Indian Room or the Great Lounge. Frank Denke, concert pianist, gave a fine performance on July 2.

Before more time passes, and lest Al Cava bang me over the head with his electric guitar, I have an announcement to make. (Roll of drums, crash of cymbals, that's enough Jo Ann) — Al Cava made a hole in one!

The East Terrace will be the setting for the wedding reception of Marty Middleton and Jim Edeal on July 15.

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CURRY'S LAST STAND

The Camp Curry bicycle stand has now returned to its original spot, after a brief location at the warehouse behind the gas station.

The snows of the past winter brought a weight too great for two trees to support and, loaded with snow, they toppled over taking a major portion of the bike stand black-top with them.

It has now been repaved, however, and the stand moved back on July 1.

FAMILIAR FACES

In May, with snow on the ground instead of the more normal pine needles, Chet Hubbard and his assistants, John Burden and Bill Germany, opened Camp Curry.

As the snow melted, familiar faces began to appear. Cafeteria manager, Bill Cooper, and his assistant, Jay Bevan have returned to the fast pace of the popular 'meeting and eating' place. Larry Friedley is the new head chef.

The front office, busy as ever, has old and new faces this year. Dale Hammel is back as chief clerk with Mike Barganier as his assistant. Mary Watson, new to the front office, is the hostess. Heading the bellmen is Jay Fetters, who wintered at Badger Pass.

Frieda Lienert and Earl Huish, head housekeeper and houseman, are hard at work, as is the transportation crew under the direction of Judy Cleevely. Welcome back to Jim Santos, who once again is managing the pool after an absence of several years.

Welcome also to Curry Johnson, understudying John Burden, who will be moving down to El Portal.

Phyllis Hammel

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THE NEW ARMADA

Admiral Curly Dierksen has been modernizing his fleet lately. He and first mate Dusty Cloward steamed in from Pontiac, Michigan, with two 1967, 45-passenger General Motors coaches on July 4. The new coaches are glass-topped and air-conditioned.

The buses replaced two of YTS's ten glass-top 1949 Fixibles that were scuttled.

With the new coaches, there are sixteen capital buses in service, with a support flotilla including four eleven-passenger stretchouts, three Chevrolet taxis and one Cadillac limousine.

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FOR SALE

1954 Chevie. \$200. Contact Pat McGregor at Best Studio or Doug McEligott at 372-4686.

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1965 Volkswagen with radio, ski rack, in excellent condition. Call Stuart Cross at 372-4233.

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**FUN AT THE DEN**

Yosemite had what might be called its first "psychedelic exposure" on Thursday, July 6, when the "Wallpaper Jungle," from Fresno, played for a dance from 8:00 to 11:00 in the employee Den.

The band, composed of five boys and a girl, played the new San Francisco sound as the "Thomas Edison Fright and Power Company," also from Fresno, presented a light show, all to the amusement of a capacity crowd of dancers and watchers.

As the dance started, a few people wandered over from Housekeeping Camp, attracted by the music. The onlookers, of mixed ages, enjoyed themselves also, until a few tried to avoid the "Employees Only" rule by sneaking in the side door.

Sports Coordinator Dick Anderson, playing the hero role, shut the door, jarring loose a fire extinguisher which squirted the gate-crashers and our hero equally (he says it was planned.) Little Joe arrived and things settled down.

Later on, some smaller trespassers scaled a wall and climbed into a loft to get a bird's-eye view of the goings-on. They were quickly hustled out by Helen White.

Then, of all things, a fuse blew, and no one could find the fuse box. The band played on, plugging into another circuit, but the light show sat idle until an electrician shed some new light on the situation.

The gathering, when asked by the girl singer if they would like the band to return for another dance, shouted a loud "YES!" One enthusiastic fan even persisted in turning the wall clock to avoid the 11:00 deadline.

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**P.O. HOURS**

The Main Post Office in Yosemite Village is now open for the remainder of the summer from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday. During this time full postal window service is available.

Although the office is closed on Sunday, there is a stamp machine and mail drop in the lobby, which is open twenty-four hours a day.

**POINT-ED TALES**

The air around the rustic chalet atop the noted firefall point is buzzing as never before this summer. If a veteran of previous seasons were to return to Glacier Point, one of the first innovations he'd notice would be the appearance of the employee quarters. The long-awaited remodeling project increased the number of rooms and provided a new coat of paint.

However, not all is changed. Among the employees working at the Point, fifteen have returned from previous summers. Back for a second time are Chuck Ernst and Richard Chetkowski, desk clerks, Phil Hinkle, wine steward, Mike Patton, cashier, Maggie Puckett, server, Joe Craig, pantryman, Randy Cofer, utility man, his brother Jim Cofer, kitchen, our beloved housekeeper, Lily Peschke, Eugenia Bodine, server, Jim Bresnahan, watchman and Dianne Bachman, kiosk.

Feeling even more at home is pantryman, Jim Hickey, back for his third season, bellman, Chuck Zaloudek for his fourth, manager Arvi Dorsey.

Not to be forgotten in our happy group are the bears. Glacier has had two especially attractive ones thus far this season: Sylvan, the cinnamon one, and Blackie. But, alas, thanks to the cunning of our utility man, Joe Clancy, and head cook, Ray Kane, friend bears were bottled up and shipped to the higher Sierra — for how long, no one knows.

Dianne Bachman

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**FIREMEN'S BALL**

Carroll Clark, wearer of many hats in the El Portal community, put on his Fire Chief 'hard-top' to report the details of the July 8 Firemen's Ball.

Some 80 to 90 people nibbled, sipped, and danced away the evening. Door prizes, contributed by 13 Mariposa, Indian Flat, El Portal and Yosemite merchants, were given away. The YPC gift of fly rod and reel went to Roger Page.

The Ball, an annual affair, raises money in support of the volunteer county fire department. The net profit should run \$350, which will help retire the debt incurred by the purchase of a 535-gallon water tank, replacing

**PORTAL POST OFFICE**

The El Portal Post Office will be dedicated on Saturday, July 15, with the official ceremonies beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Park Superintendent John Davis will give the welcoming address and then turn the floor over to Emcee Claude Walton of Mariposa. Gene Chappie, state assemblyman from district 6 will speak and John Rotundo, Mariposa Parks and Recreation Director, representing Congressman "Bizz" Johnson, will present the flag to Postmaster Carroli Clark. Bob Delaney, organization specialist for the San Francisco Post Office Department, will uncover the cornerstone.

The new building has been described as "pagoda-looking," with 14"-thick concrete slab walls, faced with stone, and a four-paneled roof that comes to a shallow point. The structure has a total floor area of 2,400 square feet as compared to the former building which had only 609 square feet. The new P.O. also has four sizes of boxes available and a greater number of them.

The El Portal Post Office was commissioned in 1907 as a fourth-class office. In 1962 it was changed to a third-class office.

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**THANK YOU**

Mr. & Mrs. Louis DeSandres wish to thank all those persons sending cards and letters expressing sympathy for their recent loss.

the old 250-gallon tank. Other improvements include lining the firehouse walls and ceiling with plywood, and the addition of a gate-door. With the building enclosed it will be possible to keep the fire engine warm for faster get-aways during the winter months.

Not only does the 20-man force protect the El Portal community but they answer more distant calls of distress. Recently, the department's resuscitator was used, unsuccessfully, on a drowning victim in the Richardson Hotel area. And, they reached Foresta in record time on June 24 in response to a brush-fire alarm. The Foresta Improvement Association expressed its appreciation by sending along a donation to the department.

## 1ST/SGT. STEWART CRAMER, U. S. ARMY

Seventeen years ago, the SENTINEL reported that Pvt. Stewart Cramer, son of Sterling Cramer, had completed combat training at Camp Hale, Colorado, and was on his way to duty with a Korean war zone unit.

In December, 1966 1st/Sgt. Stewart Cramer reported for duty with a Special Forces Group in Vietnam.

From Korea, Stewart wrote his parents a number of colorful, often exciting, letters about his experiences. Parts of some were printed in the SENTINEL. Re-reading them, one feels the thoughts, descriptions and speculations to be those of a boy who has found himself in a strange land, surrounded by unnatural situations and unusual people, fighting a hazy sort of war. But through them, the drama, excitement and personal involvement shone through. Death, the dead, survival were mentioned often.

Sixteen years later, Cramer's letters seem to show that time, maturity and perhaps resignation have taken their toll. His point of view is now logical, realistic and detached.

### Korea

(Cramer was a mortarman during his Korean service.)

March 22, 1951. "We went through the 25th Div. yesterday, and I saw two G.I.s lying beside the road. You never 'get used' to this, no matter how much experience you have, like a paratrooper before his 100th jump. Before I saw any action, I was going to be the first man to go through a war without being scared, but it didn't take me long to learn differently. After 7 months, a certain amount of confusion disappears, but that's all. A shot in the night, and my bones start rattling."

April 2, 1951. "We can't be more than 5 miles from the 38th now. Yesterday, the 52nd FABN was firing over the line. Our firing platoons were up where the roads come to a dead end. Yesterday, we met endless convoys of British, Australian, Canadian and New Zealand forces. The most impressive sight of all was the Australian rifle troops being transported by U.S. trucks. The wildest collection of characters you ever saw. They were in their O.D.s with campaign ribbons, cartridge belts, bandoleers, a few G.I. fur caps, mostly sombreros, and armed with what looked like .03's. They were all smeared with mud, grease, and dust, and every truckload was too good to be true. Looked like the cast for a movie. I'm glad they're on our side."

April 6, 1951. "We've had a whole bunch of casualties lately. Four men badly hurt; one killed and two wounded on O.P. the other day, and two officers killed and two wounded yesterday when their jeep hit a tank mine." old platoon."

April 22, 1951. "I feel guilty, sometimes, being always in the comparative safety of a mortar position and being in an outfit that pulls out every time when the situation gets too tough, and knowing what the line com-

panies, the scared kids and the older men who have done their share time and time again, are going through. Riding along in our truck I can't look a worn out rifleman in the face, but thank the good Lord I'm not one of them."

May 16, 1951. "Well, I guess we're planning to hold a long time in this position. Last night we started digging our gun in. We worked till 10:00 p.m. and quit, then worked all day today. We fixed a hole for this gun, with sand bags all around it, and an adjoining dug-out for the ammunition. While we were digging in, the Engineers strung a double apron barbed wire entanglement across uphill, in front of our positions. One corner is about 20 feet from my tent. (I'm considering moving), and the whole thing will be mined. When the attack comes we will be the main line of resistance. Certain ROK, British and American units are posted in front as outposts and are expected to fall back when hit. They are to delay the enemy and give us time to get ready."

May 30, 1951. "We went over a pass in the rain at night and set up just 2 or 3 miles below the 38th. The next day we fired on a pocket of Chinese on a hill. During a lull, about a platoon of prisoners was marched past us. It almost scared you to look at their faces. They were pale and thin from starvation, all shot up and dripping wet."

July 10, 1951. "Anyway, if this is the settlement, we're only where we were over a year ago; but we are way ahead in one all important thing, and I don't care what the 'get our boys out of Korea' people say, we've made all the Communists in the world know that the rest of the world won't just sit by and watch them march. And I'm not too sure now that Red China is much less the great Communist power of the world than Russia. I know Mao Tse Tung doesn't think so, and I feel now that Stalin must sort of wonder about it too! And a no-settlement on this cease fire talk won't make our cause any less successful."

### Vietnam

(Cramer now is a Special Forces Group Advisor. His SFG people work with the local Montagnard forces, Civil Irregular Defense Groups.)

Dec. 14, 1966. "I think I wrote last from 5th SFG HQ at Nha Trang. I left Nha Trang on the 7th by C-130, made about 3 short hops and arrived at Pleiku where B Co. or Det. C-2 is located. From there I flew by C-130 to Qui Nhon and Det. B-22. The next day I flew by an Air America cargo plane to Cheo Reo and went by truck to Mai Linh where I stayed with Det. A-226."

Dec. 28, 1966. "I went on an operation Dec. 15 and came back Dec. 24. Two of us went with a 126 man Montagnard company to a blocking position 17km west and north of Pleiku. We tried to set up a line to cover 7km with our company, with another Montagnard company doing the same to our north and a Vietnamese unit on our south. Elements of the U.S. 4th Div. were pushing toward us from about 15km west. We were to stop anything coming our way trying to run from them. There turned out to be very little in the area. We received 60mm white phosphorus rounds and didn't see anyone. The biggest problem with trying to work with the Montagnards is that only about half of what you tell the interpreter gets across."

Jan. 14, 1967. "Tomorrow I'm taking a company across the river after dark and cover an area of about 30km for three days and come out at a bridge up north where we can be picked up. I've got my equipment down as light as I can and still get by. I also carry indigenous rations which are lighter than C rations. They contain dehydrated rice."

Jan. 30, 1967. "I came back off a 4-day operation 2 days ago. We captured 3 VC. We waded across a river and saw some run out of a little village and caught one VC trying to

hide his rifle. We kept all the villagers under guard all night so they wouldn't let the word out that we were there (they were getting crops in this abandoned village; they were from Calvi), and turned them loose next day."

"The next day we walked into 2 VC who had 8 women and children thrashing rice for them to take into the jungle. One of these was an agent or 'contact man' between the guerrillas and the villagers. He was having people make punji stakes for him. My Montagnards wanted to execute him but I wouldn't let them."

Feb. 18, 1967. "Two of us took the 256 Co. to Nha Trang. We drew extra ammunition and stayed overnight. We were to be flown into the mountains in helicopters and surround 4 VC companies and a North VN Major General. The B-52s were to hit them first, then as we got into position, elements of the 101st Airborne were to drive them out. There were 6 other CIDG companies, mine was smallest, 94 Montagnards, 1 interpreter. We loaded on C-130s and flew to Tan-Rai, there we got on 3 Chinook helicopters. We landed on a clear hilltop and had to run through grass while the area was under fire from the woods. I, with the Co. Cmdr., was on the 1st helicopter, the interpreter on the 2nd. We went to the edge of the woods to assemble the company but one helicopter was missing. I don't know why the pilot of the 3rd chopper didn't follow the 1st and 2nd but he took a third of the company to the wrong place. After they got off, he realized they were in the wrong area. He was able to grab another 'copter before it took off and bring the troops to our location. When they tried to land, they got hit by small arms but no one was hurt."

After we were 500 meters through the woods, we crossed a clearing and a sniper up front opened up. Our point drove him off and it took us a few minutes to find some of the people on the right flank. We stayed in same location for 4 days and sent out patrols. We saw C team Commander's 'copter get hit by VC. One person was killed and 2 wounded on the 'copter. The final score: KIA—US 4, CIDG 2, VC 2; WIA—US 2, CIDG 11, VC? Most of them got away—including the general."

"We returned to Duc Lop and there were aircraft for us next day to bring us home. Duc Lop is a new camp, their CIDG are not yet trained so we went down to pull their operations for them. Just over the border is a mountain which has SAM missiles, 20,000 VC and Red Chinese advisors. They are always having small terrorist activity. One week before, VC killed 6 workers running a tractor."

March 2, 1967. "I am now in Nha Trang. I don't know how I got chosen but I am now B Co. Liaison 'officer.' (I replaced a captain.)"

"This job is buying food from certain food contractors and having it loaded on planes to supply the CIDG troops at all the camps in the II Corps. area. About \$1,500.00 a week per camp; cows, pigs, vegetables, etc."

"Tonight I had dinner in a Chinese restaurant with a Chinese food contractor. I even had to buy some decent clothes."

"The last week I was in A-224 I did all the cooking. I wrote you that our 2 cooks turned out to be VC. A new cook started when I left; 1965 Women's Karate Champion of Vietnam."

"Well, I'll be safer here than I was on the A detachment as long as they don't blow up a restaurant I'm in, or something like that."

June 18, 1967. During course of VC attack on Dak To, Sgt. Cramer received wounds while helping evacuate his captain who had lost leg from mortar shell. Cramer spent balance night firing mortar. He received two additional wounds and was flown to hospital at Pleiku.

June 24, 1967. Cramer was released from hospital and, on June 27, returned to his special forces team at Dak To.

### HOW CAN I RECEIVE MONEY WHILE I AM ILL?

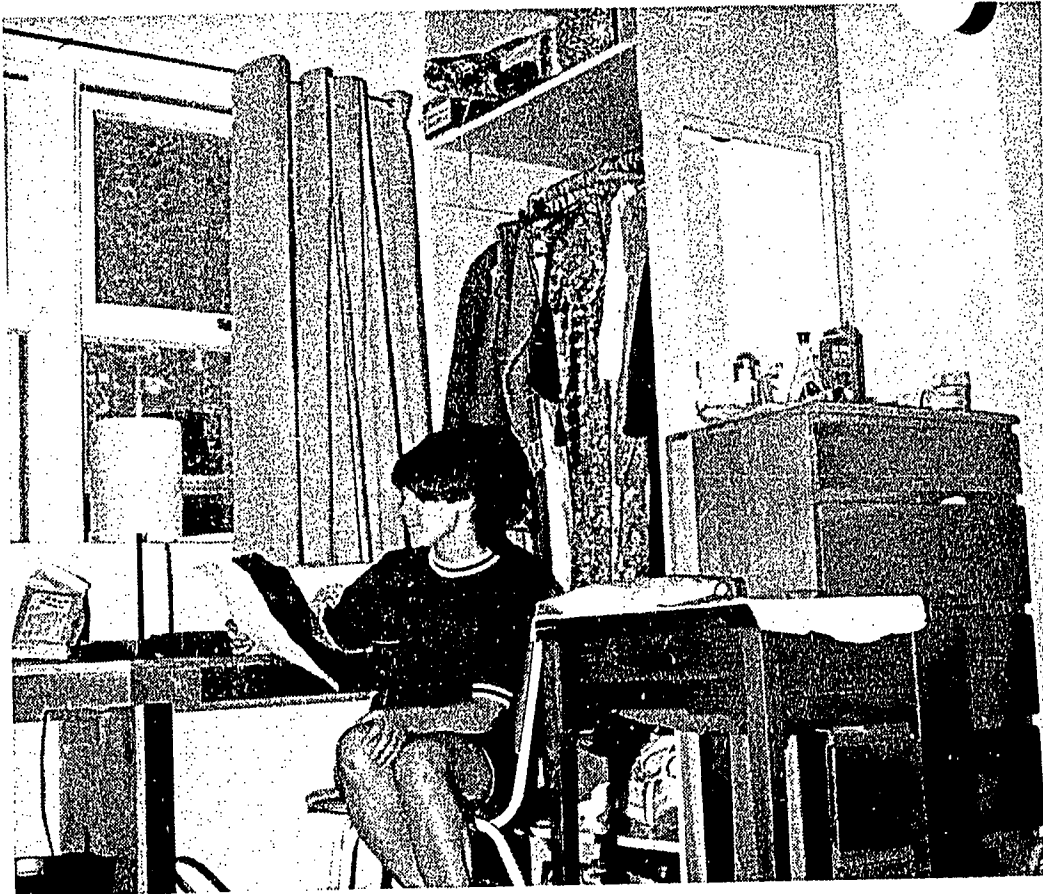
(Editor's note. This is the third in a series of articles explaining certain benefits and employee policies pertaining to YPC Co. personnel.)

If you are injured on the job and the doctor states that you are unable to work for a period of time, you are eligible to receive non-taxable Workmen's Compensation payments until recovery. Your claim for payments is automatically filed by the Personnel Office. If you are hospitalized because of the injury, your payments begin on the date you are admitted to the hospital; if you are not hospitalized, there is a 7-day waiting period before payments begin. Your payments are approximately 65% to 95% of your current salary.

If you have a personal injury or illness and your doctor states that you are unable to work for a while, you are eligible to apply for non-taxable State Disability benefits which are payable for each day beginning with the eighth day of disability or the first day of hospital confinement, whichever comes first. Your weekly benefit payment is based on your previous earnings and is computed by the State. You may obtain a claim form at the Personnel Office.

To add to benefits while you are ill, your Company has a Sick Leave payment plan which starts after a brief waiting period (if not hospitalized) of from 1 to 2 days depending on the circumstances. Sick leave is payable for either a personal injury or illness, or an on-the-job injury, if the employee has been continuously employed for one year and makes timely application for benefits. When State Disability or Workmen's Compensation is received, Sick Leave payments are combined with them, but the total cannot exceed the employee's regular rate of earnings. After returning to work, a claim for any Sick Leave payments may be made with the Personnel Office.

If a major illness or accident disables you for more than a month, and if you are eligible and have previously enrolled for Long Term Disability Insurance, a claim may be filed for such



Judée Reynolds, a maid at Yosemite Lodge, writes home to Arizona about her new living quarters.

### TALES OF HO

The new Yosemite Lodge Girls' Annex is trying hard, with the residents' shenanigans, to get its name changed to the Center of Attention.

Mrs. Marjorie McQuaid, manager of the annex, says that she has been "hearing screams in the night."

The place isn't really haunted by the (cedars) that were cut down to make room for the building. Actually, it's the girls' reaction to the nocturnal invasion of brown minifrogs.

"I don't know where they come from," said Mrs. McQuaid. "They're the smallest I've seen and they're the same color as the floor. I have to catch them," she continued, "because the girls are afraid to touch them. They must be coming through the drains, otherwise I don't know how they would get in."

Another dilemma with which the girls have been faced is the "hippies" from Camp 4 (for pets only) who keep

benefits with the Accounting Office. The LTD insurance, combined with any other benefits, guarantees you two-thirds of your monthly salary after a period of one month of continuous total disability.

coming over to ask if they can use the showers.

"At least they want a bath," said Mrs. McQuaid.

One note of happiness amid the confusion: Millie Baisch, YL Restaurant hostess, who was the lucky first tenant, said it was this good luck that inspired her engagement last week to a Park Service employee.

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### A BARBER POLE — AT LAST

In 1956, the Village Barber Shop opened, along with the Village Store. Paul Sylvest was the barber. After being in business a month or two, Paul said the shop was hard to find and that it should be identified by a traditional red, white and blue spiraled barber pole. Paul retired in 1962 without realizing that ambition.

Henry Maddux took over the shop from Paul and frequently was heard to express a wish for a barber pole, to help the hairy find his shop. Henry left in 1965; no pole.

His successor, Ted Halliday, has worked, hampered by polelessness, until last week. When, lo, a true blue (and red and white) barber pole — of discreet dimensions to be sure — was installed.

**ANIMALS, AGONY AND ANGLING**

By a nice coincidence, I had the good luck to be a member of the first party to plod into the high country for one of those fabulous three-day fishing trips to Merced Lake.

**RESTLESS NATIVES**

(Continued from page one)

The runners-up were Ed Deckelman, Miss Congeniality; Bill Schnettler, Miss Humility; Lee Schackelton, Miss Personality; Bob Dunnigan, Miss Flirtatious; John Simmons, Miss Cuteness, Joe Aranguena, Miss Sweetness.

"I was flattered and flabbergasted," exclaimed the winner, "and I want to extend my condolences and regrets to the other contestants."

In a crowd of over 200, one may expect to find some with uncultivated habits, and Amy Vanderbilt would never approve of the people, who by choice or design, had an evening swim.

A round of thanks is in order for the many contributors to the festivities. The committee women included Eileen Berrey, Jan Briggs, Lenore Cross, Zona Deckelman, Nancy Dunnigan, Aldine Farrier, Midge Fiore, Wanda Goick, Sandy Halloway, Margaret Hartman, Dorothy Johnson, Bonnie Lamaro, Dotty Power and Marian Woessner.

Another round of thanks goes to The Ahwahnee staff and Wayne Whiteman for the catering and the delicious menu of the affair. Never has a south seas buffet groaned so loudly with roast pig, pineapple, baked bananas and other delights.

Thank you also to Alvord Furgurson's Western Shop, Best's Studio, Degnan's, Indian Flats Restaurant, Rhode's Department Store, and YPC Co. for the door prizes.

The final thank you goes to the Al Cava Trio for their fantastic dance music. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful rhythms, the extended hours and the short intermissions.

The guesstimated profit from the Luau is, according to Jan Briggs, who served as financial chairman, "well over \$250."

Said Mrs. Schackelton, "People have been asking for another dance next month, but I think once a year is enough to handle."

After scores of mules, horses, burros and ponies trotted off in every direction, there remained 4 mules, which were to carry us for the eventful three days of riding, fishing and gazing in awe at the many spectacles confronting the person who journeys into the High Sierras.

Up past Twin Bridges, through Little Yosemite Valley and over the slick rocks we plodded steadily onward, until at long last we espied the fortress of tents and cookhouse which marked the end of our jaunt to Merced Lake.

Here we were greeted by Clyde and Sharon Deal, who manage the camp. After the usual greetings, I waddled delicately to my assigned tent and shed everything except my skin. It seemed only a moment that I had been snoozing when a loud clash from the cookhouse triangle brought me to my feet.

After a delightful repast of steak and all the trimmings, I hurried back to my tent, grabbed my spinning rod and hied myself down to the boat dock, (a dry spot of ground), and paddled furiously for ten minutes. When I discovered I hadn't taken off the mooring line I was amazed to find that the scenery did change once I was seated on a thwart.

Sometime later I found myself next to a large log, so I tied up the bow and stern and proceeded to rig my pole. My whole body was tingling with excitement as I made that first cast. That was all I made, for having done so from a standing position, I made one step the wrong way and ended up taking an evening swim. At any rate I would dry off soon enough, after I righted the boat and rowed back to the shore and to camp.

Next ayem, after breakfast, we rode to Washburn Lake. The others in the party might have ridden, but I was quite a picture standing straight in the saddle, not daring to sit down, and bracing myself on the saddle horn as my two legs were not amenable to holding up my mass of aching flab.

Somehow I managed to untangle myself from the stirrups and reins at Washburn and I sauntered wearily to the shore to commence some fishing.

After beating the limbs off a dozen trees on my back cast, losing 16 lures

**WILL NEELYS INJURED IN AUTOCRASH**

Will Neely and his family — wife Susan, and four children — were involved in a serious car crash near Paso Robles when en route to the park where Will was to have started another season with the NPS interpretive division at Tuolumne Meadows. Will has a broken leg, Susan a broken back, daughter Tessa, cuts and a broken ankle. The other three children, fortunately, only were shaken up.

The Tuolumne habitues will miss Will and his family sorely.

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**PROCTOR FIRST IN GOLF CONTEST**

Charley Proctor's low net of 134 took first place in the 4th Annual Doug Thomas Memorial tournament, completed last week. Proctor, playing to 12 handicap, had gross rounds of 79 and 79. He was followed by Vern Morgan, La Habra, 137, Guy Lamoreaux 138, took third, L. Rust and H. Ewing tied for fourth with 139, Bob Ringrose, sixth, 142.

The ladies' match, just ended, found Lurline Attardo, Fresno, in first with a net 140, gross 188; Muriel Ouimet, second, net 141, gross 187; Valerie Eagle, third, net 144, gross 180.

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**BUCKLEY EXHIBIT**

(Continued from page one) next week.

The views, both distant and close, reflect John's appreciation of the natural scene, and his ability with a camera. The pictures have received many compliments and even requests for purchase, according to Marty.

via snags on my front cast, falling in the water 9 times, losing about 60 feet of line on rat's nests, and cutting both hands on hooks, I did manage to stow two 5 1/2" trout into my big creel.

To be absolutely candid about the whole trip, it was one I shall never forget. The angler in search of real action will find it on this trip and I cannot say enough for the trip as a whole, but I can tell you the fishing was just short of excellent, and I did come home with a limit of 10 to 15 inch trout, mostly brown. And we had another limit for breakfast.

— Vince Gordon

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Wednesday, August 9, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## JOHN BURDEN TO EL PORTAL MOTOR INN

The El Portal Motor Inn, brought into YPC Co. operations on August 1, is headed by John Burden, most recently assistant manager at Camp Curry. Burden has been with YPC Co. since May, 1965 and has served as assistant manager at the Lodge as well as at Camp Curry.

The Burdens, Maureen, Barbara, Marry, Lynn have set up residence at the Motor Inn.

The Motor Inn has a capacity of 57 guests in the cottages, 18 in the hotel. While John has no firm plans for rejuvenation of the coffee shop and bar, he said he hoped to improve the quality and style.

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## COMMUNITY COUNCIL NEWS

The annual Yosemite Community Council fund drive will be held this fall from September 18 through October 31. Traditionally, the funds raised have been used to help support worthy causes within and without the community.

Organizations which feel they may merit receiving funds from the drive are encouraged to contact Dr. Roger Hendrickson by September 1. Any request will then be considered by the Community Council Board of Directors prior to the start of the drive.

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## SCHOOL LIBRARY OPEN

Because the county library was closed during the remodeling of the museum, the elementary school library has been kept open this summer for the use of the local children. Hours are 1:30-3:30 every Wednesday afternoon until school reopens. Librarian Ruth Harry is in charge, assisted by Midge Fiore and Lenore Cross.

## PARK TRAVEL FIGURES: A REASSESSMENT

The figures for park travel which were printed in the YOSEMITE NEWS for July 27 show this year's travel to the park to be 218,000 ahead of 1966, or 799,000, 1966 as compared to 1,017,000, 1967.

These totals were accumulated by two different counting methods and, thus, present no basis for comparison. A year ago, entrance stations record-

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## WOMEN'S GROUP ELECTS OFFICERS

The Yosemite Women's Group has elected new officers for 1967-68, and forged tentative program plans for its meetings.

Anne Hendrickson will steer the group as general chairman. Her cabinet is Evelyn Anderson, Vice-chairman; Judy Degan, Program Chairman; Sherry McLaughlin, Secretary; Kay Carter, Treasurer; Ruth Harry, Social Chairman and Audrey Ewing, Publicity Chairman.

Some suggestions which currently are being debated as program ideas are a folk guitarist in recital, a karate and judo demonstration and a ski fashion show.

A lecture on drug abuse, a program and demonstration on wigs, and a play with "after-theater dining" may also be up-coming.

Jan Briggs, by popular demand, will be chairman of a gala party scheduled for next June.

The Women's Group has two specific goals to achieve this year. First, to improve the baby-sitting situation on meeting days and, second, to expand its membership.

Membership is open to all women in the area. Meetings will be publicized.

## MISSING HIKERS

Ken Klein, 23, and John Gunn, 19, salesmen at Yosemite Lodge Chevron were considering a hike to Pinnacle Peak when they were last seen on Friday, July 28, at 10:30 a.m.

They had talked to a Seventh Day Adventist Minister who was also planning to hike and they agreed on a possible rendezvous at the top. In any case, the men were planning to return before dinner, as John had to work the late shift, beginning at 11:00 p.m.

When neither of the two reported in for work on Saturday, July 29, and their roommate, Greg Jackson, informed officials that they were not in the tent Friday night, a search party was formed.

Ken's car was parked behind the station, where he had apparently left it, taking his motorcycle. The cycle was found up the trail from a government woodcutting site, one mile west of El Capitan Bridge.

They were dressed in jeans and shirts and may have had a small, Marine-type pack, containing dehydrated foods, with them.

Organized searching ended last Saturday, with still no clue as to the fate of the pair. Individual volunteer searching will still continue. All parties should contact Steve Hickman in the Ranger office before undertaking a search.

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## AFFAIR RECHERCHE

On Thursday, August 17, The Ahwahnee will have an informal fashion show in the Indian Room and around the pool during the buffet luncheon. Clothes will be from the Nawasa Shop.

Two more shows are scheduled: dates to be announced. Everyone welcome.



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FROM THE GREAT STONE HOUSE

Aldine Farrier, Ahwahnee hostess, reports that her hikes to Snow Creek are more popular than ever since the addition of 'burro Fred' - or Fredericka, as the case may be. 'Fred' packs the hikers' lunches and - occasionally - joins in the singing.

Carl Barrow, a long-time guest, is an enthusiastic hiker, and his traditional flag ceremony was held for the 20th year on the east lawn. Mr. Barrow, high atop Half Dome, waved his red pennant and was answered by the flapping tablecloth wielded by Wayne Whiteman.

The Sunday evening piano concerts of Frank Denke, Richard Scott, and Betty Holman Young have been well received.

New faces at the front desk belong to Steve Chilton and John Kramer. Old hand Pete Hansen is back at transportation.

OFFICE SHUFLINGS

With the opening of the new Visitor Center and the refurbished Museum Building, some of the offices have been relocated.

The information desk, formerly in the administration building, has been moved to the Visitors Center and is now open 24 hours. The District Rangers' Office is also now located in the Visitors Center and is open 24 hours.

The California State Automobile Association is in the main lobby of the Visitors Center, and is open from 10.00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday and from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. It is closed Saturdays and Sundays.

The administrative offices have retained their locations, but with new hours. They are open 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The U.S. District Commissioner's of-

fice is now downstairs in the old museum wing of the VC. Directly across the hall is the Yosemite Branch of the Merced County Free Library. Mary Tanner, the librarian, will be there during open hours for advice and assistance in selecting books. The library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays, from 2:30 until 5 p.m.

The naturalists' offices are still in the same place, upstairs in the museum, but some of them have switched positions.

The Yosemite Natural History Association is right next door to the library and is open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The lobby of the administration building is vacant at present, but a number of plans are now under consideration for its remodeling and use.

SUPERWORKERS

Either Housekeeping Camp actually does have an outstanding crew, or Norma Wade, housekeeper, has about a hundred more children working for YP&C. Co. than anyone imagined. The way she brags about "beautiful maids, handsome housemen, debonaire janitors and suave laundry men," it makes one wonder. At least no amount of flattery will get them to perform their duties any better, for, according to Norma, they already have a "superhuman system."

The light-footed Housekeeping desk clerk, John Powell, is a celebrity in his own right. Not too many eligible bachelors can claim playing in a movie with Elizabeth Taylor. In "Cleopatra," which will be shown August 12 in the Den, John performed as an Afro-Cuban dancer in the scene where Cleo enters Rome the second time. In the trio, John is the dancer on the right.

THE KLEENEX KID RIDES AGAIN

The Inspiration Players, a professional touring repertory company, presented an excellent interpretation of "Cyrano de Bergerac" on Saturday, July 29, in the Yosemite Community Church.

The crowd of more than 100 followed the cast to the Masonic Hall after the performance for coffee and informal conversation.

MY CAMP RUNNETH OVER

Saturday, July 22, was a big day for the Camp Curry crews. A total of 1,607 persons occupied the accommodations, which means the desk clerks were running full speed ahead, selling rooms nearly pillow for head.

Chief Clerk Dale Hammel said that it was not predictable from the number of reservations that the housecount would be so high.

In 415 tent-cabins there were 1,096 guests, an average of nearly three per tent. All of the roll-a-way beds were in use.

Dale has high praise for the front desk staff under Assistant Chief Clerk Mike Barganier, for the day's achievement.

He related the proud fact that there were "several compliments, and no complaints, even in the rush of the day."

FINE ARTS GROUP FORMING

A number of local residents have expressed an interest in bringing cultural events to the park. It is felt these experiences would be particularly rewarding during the quiet fall and winter seasons. Programs might consist of theatrical or musical presentations or documentary films.

Anyone interested in the formation of such a program is invited to attend a meeting in the Winter Club Room at The Ahwahnee at 8 p.m., August 15.

THE GREEN SCENE

The winners of the Wawona Men's Club Best Ball Championship for 1967 are Frank Attardo and Herb Ewing, with a net 57.

The tournament ran through July, ending July 23. Scores were averaged for the game series to determine the champs.

Curly Dierksen and Vern Morgan were second with a net 60, while five teams tied for third with net 61's. Guy Lamoreaux, among the third place winners, had the highlight of the play, a hole-in-one on a pair of wild cards: he used his crazy eights, eight iron on hole number eight, on July 22.

Both the Men's and Women's Golf Clubs are now accepting qualifiers for their Club Championship Tournaments. Harold Bondshu and Isabelle Dierksen are defending.

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## FROM MAINTENANCE

The abundance of snow in the high country has delayed the camps' openings by some 3 weeks. But, despite all, Lloyd Hansen and his crew have gotten White Wolf, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Store, Vogelsang, Merced Lake and Sunrise into operation. The extra hours involved in the work added some 20% to the cost, of this, 10% was accounted for by the cost of shoveling snow from certain trails.

Carpenter foreman, Tom Rennels, and his crew have been at Tuolumne Meadows Lodge the past 10 days, constructing 10 new concrete and steel platforms. They were completed and in use last weekend.

The machinists, under Doug McElligott, have commenced their annual inspection and repair of all vehicles and equipment at Badger Pass.

Beverly McClure is our new 'Girl Friday.' Beverly's presently mastering our monster -- the switchboard.

Some 350 estimates for work to be done during the next fiscal year have been processed through our office under Bill Reid's direction. The foremen whose job it was to assemble these can get back to work now.

Our 'chimney sweeps' are busy cleaning the oil heaters in the valley residences preparing for (would you believe?) the cold weather that must come our way. Jim Corbin would like to thank the housewives for their cooperation.

Dick Ditton is slowly getting over a bout with pneumonia and is not yet up to par.

Bruce Williams, our canvas man, found the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow last week. He hit a good size jackpot at Lake Tahoe. And, it is said that Doug McElligott came home with a bundle, too.

A new hot water and steam supply system is being installed in the kitchen at Glacier Point. The existing lines there were heavily corroded and would not allow either steam to the heaters nor water to the faucets. Also at Glacier Point the employee's quarters have been painted, cleaned up, and new room and reading lamps installed.

—Lee Hansen

## TOPSIDE

In the singular, white, Mountain House, erected in 1872, began the fascinating history of Glacier Point. However, our employees in the Alpine Shop created a complete change of pace by turning back the years to the Ides of July, in true Roman tradition. Everyone debuted in white sheets, draped toga-style, wearing olive wreaths; they bore grapes and stuffed watermelons. Emperor Arvi, crowned all. The patricians in the Kangaroo Court who organized our banquet were Tom Witherspoon, judge; Sharon Bartel and Ginny Kane, witnesses; Mrs. Maxine Day, Sherry Cunningham and Ethel Weed as the jury. No one was prosecuted because everyone had a marvelous time.

Has anyone seen Christopher Price Robin? It isn't quite the same at Glacier Point with our expert outdoorsman confined to Lewis Memorial Hospital. Among Chris' conquests have been Mt. Florence, Grizzly Peak and Mt. Clark. In the jargon of the hiking world, Chris was rapelling from one of the ledges of the Four Mile Trail when his mishap occurred. Vince Holmes, a co-hiker of Chris', was with him at the time, but was not injured. There was solemnity hovering over the Point until the news arrived that Chris would be a little wiser for wear, but expected to be back with us in the near future.

At this time each month, people, for various reasons, are fascinated by the rising and passing of the full moon. This enchantment especially spurred some of Glacier's female employees who decided to capture it first-hand by camping atop Sentinel Dome in the iridescent moonlight. In the group were Nadine Williams, Candace Goodman and Cathy Mullins, cafeteria servers. Loaded with sleeping bags, pillows, sunflower seeds and mosquito repellent, the trio managed to find some soft rock on which to lie and watch the beauty of the moonlit night drift into the mist of morning.

Every so often, a familiar face from long ago will appear for a moment and then be gone like a butterfly. One such person was our food supervisor from last summer, Bill Gracie. The industrious Mr. Gracie is working to-

## RECREATION NOTES

In men's football, Government topped the league play with two wins, no losses, no ties. The Brewers and Boystown evened up with one win and one tie each. The Lodge Annex won one and lost two, while Camp 6 lost three.

The Church Key Coffee House will be open only Tuesdays and Fridays for the remainder of the season, from 9:00 p.m. until 12:00 midnight.

On Saturday, August 12, there will be a special showing of "Cleopatra" in the Den. The matinee is at 2:00 p.m. and the evening showing is at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the three-hour-long film epic is \$1 with a YP&C Co. privilege card.

Every Monday and Wednesday, employees may swim in the Yosemite Lodge pool without charge, as they may also do every Tuesday and Thursday at the Camp Curry pool. The offer is good only between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

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## MUSIC IN THE MOUNTAINS

Martha Miller, the Hurok of the hills, states that members of the Fresno Opera Company will put on a musical program 'round her Tuolumne Meadows campfire the night of August 12. Appearing in the group will be Charles Harshaw, one-time Badger ski instructor. Locals are invited to attend.

ward his Ph.D. in literature at Northwestern University. Sparing time from his studies, he stopped to renew memories and acquaintances, then was on his way. Another surprise was the visit of one of Glacier's most versatile employees last season, Jon Slomp, a native of Holland. Jon has been touring the United States for the past year and a half and is presently employed at Lake Tahoe.

Have you ever hiked to Waterwheel Falls? Well, recently, Glacier's assistant manager, Jonathon Mitchell, donned his old straw hat, slung his guitar over his shoulder and journeyed to Waterwheel, enjoying the many marvels of nature along the way. Enjoying music as he does, Jonathon is an especially great travelling companion. At Glen Aulin, he said hello to Glacier's favorite couple, the Hamiltons.

—Dianne Bachman

**PARK TRAVEL FIGURES:  
A REASSESSMENT**

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ed only those visitors who entered the park during the hours the stations were manned. To this tally were added the few who had entered the park when the station was closed but who had bought their permits at the ranger's office. There is no available figure showing the number of people who entered and left without being counted.

Since January 1, 1967, each car that enters the park through one of the four stations is recorded by a mechanical counter, whether the station is closed or open. Each car is calculated to be carrying the established average of 3.5 passengers.

After two years experience in counting visitors, or cars, by the same system, comparisons may be drawn accurately. Such a continuing record will provide useful information. However, no comparison is valid until then. And, as campground use is reported to be less than last year and as YPC Co. housecounts are down 7% since January 1, it may be assumed that in fact there have been fewer visitors to the park than a year ago.

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**CREW RECOVERS FROM  
PAYMASTER'S ILLNESS**

Paymaster Agnes Westfall has an efficient crew, for, although everyone misses her, they have managed to keep the payroll rolling and have almost managed to mask the absence of their chief.

Agnes left June 16, and was quite ill in Lewis Memorial Hospital for two and a half weeks. She is now home and reports that she is feeling much better. Now, paymaster office, here comes the bad news: she is on a three month leave of absence starting August 1, which means six more payrolls to compute and distribute without her!

In any case, everyone wishes her a speedy recovery, except her staff, who wishes her a speedier recovery.

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**WANTED**

Ride to New York City or the mid-west for two girls. Leave after Labor Day; must arrive NY by Sept. 26. Call Linda Logeland, 372-4585.

**THE FIRE HAZARD**

National Park Service Fire Chief Lee Shackelton reports that thirty-eight forest fires, eight of them man-caused, have blazed already this season; the first was on May 13. Twenty-nine of thirty building fires this year were also due to human mistakes.

Although thirty of the fires were lightning-caused, none was as serious as those man caused. The total damage and suppression costs thus far amount to \$10,500.

Mr. Shackelton said that from the present through October, the year's most hazardous conditions for fires exist.

"About this time last year we began having a rash of fires caused by park employees at their beach parties. Some of them were quite serious. In one case the responsible people were apprehended and ordered to pay for their carelessness. They had to split the cost of fire suppression crews and equipment at almost \$100. The usual cost is \$500 to thousands."

Camp and cooking fires should be built in areas established for this purpose and by permit only. They should never be left unattended, as it takes only a few seconds for fires to spread over dry branches and needles. Most important, make sure the fire is completely out, no smoke, no embers.

Employees should also be careful with fire in and around their living quarters. Electrical appliances, candles, camp stoves and lanterns must be carefully handled.

Just recently, two tents and their contents were partially destroyed. The cause of the blaze is under investigation.

The NPS would like to point out that it has been first at the scene of the last three fires, one of which, a grease fire at the Village Restaurant, was less than a block away from YP&C Co.'s firehouse.

Actually this competition is only a standing joke. Each fire department is only concerned with maximum safety traveling to and from the fire and maximum safety in fire extinguishing. They agree, also, that the most important job they have is encouraging fire prevention through common sense.

**HELP WANTED**

Marge Cromer, Personnel Interviewer, informs the SENTINEL that many positions are becoming available as summer employees leave for other activities. In most cases, these jobs are considered permanent.

In General Offices, there is an as-soon-as-possible need for an accountant (must have a degree), an accounting clerk, a night auditor, and a cashier.

Between August 20 and October 2, Yosemite Lodge will need maids, a room service waiter, housemen, bus boys, room clerks and a PBX-TWX operator.

Servers, maids, housemen, and a room clerk at Camp Curry may find jobs between August 10 and August 31.

The Ahwahnee needs a dining room captain, a wine steward, a store-room man, a room clerk and housemen and bellmen as soon as possible. Two gardener's helpers are needed on September 1, and eleven waiters or waitresses and seven bus boys are needed September 3. A bellman is required August 30 and another September 14. September 2, there will be an opening for a telephone operator and September 7, for a desk clerk.

Housekeeping could use one each: laundry attendant, janitor and maid as of August 10.

August 15, two waitresses will be needed at the Village Restaurant, and August 20, a hostess-cashier.

Three Chevron salesmen are needed as soon as possible.

One bicycle stand attendant will be needed August 15, and two on August 21.

Applicants for these jobs and others that will be available shortly should file with the personnel office right away. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until noon and 1:30 until 5:30, Monday through Saturday.

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**FOR SALE**

1965 Ford Galaxie 500 convertible. Good condition. Warranty in effect. Full power. Call 372-4585 or Oakhurst 683-4934.

Two pair boys' competition Head skis. 170 cm and 180 cm. Marker bindings. Call Berrey, 372-4898.



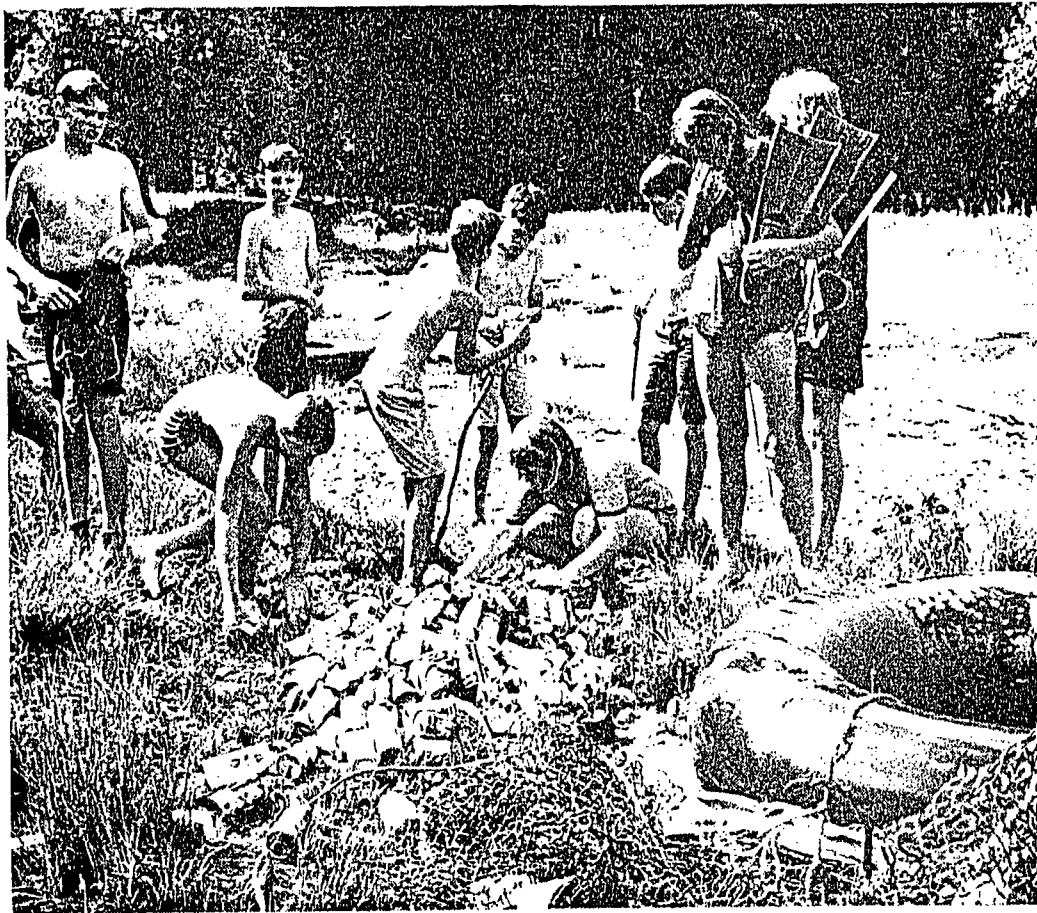
# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Monday, September 4, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California



Local youngsters involved in the 'clean up our beaches and river' campaign are shown with some of their loot. Left to right: Bob Keller, Dan Downing (kneeling), Tom Harry, Allen Berrey, Ken Smith, Suzy Maynard, John McPhaul, Stephanie Westmoreland, and Valerie Knowles.

## CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

The local young people who have been participating in the Youth Activities program had their second 'can gathering day' on Aug. 16. Some 15 of them dredged the Merced River from Camp 6 beach to Sentinel Bridge, collecting over 500 cans from the river bottom.

One camper-observer said, "After I saw those kids picking up beer cans, I started picking some up myself."

Art Cunningham, director of the Youth Activities program, led the clean-up campaign, which also netted three tee-shirts, one girl's blouse, one trash can and five bottles.

At one point in the project, the collecting net broke and the loot floated off down stream. A quick scramble saved the bulk of the haul.

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## AUGUST HOUSECOUNTS, BUSINESS IMPROVE

In the SENTINEL of August 9, it was reported that our housecounts for the period January 1-July 31 were down 7% from those of last year. Lost revenue as a result of this decline, plus a drop in other sales, left YPC Co. in a disappointing financial position, with all sales down 5% from last year for the seven-months' period.

However, starting about August 7, housecounts picked up markedly, and there have been 9 nights when they exceeded 4,900 (exclusive of El Portal Motor Inn). A very satisfactory summer housecount is 4,700. Last year's average housecount August 1-29 was 4,470, this year's, 4,775.

This increase in housecount has resulted, first from a demand for our beds, then, accurate processing of reservations, and, finally, proper attention to rooming.

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## COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO VIRGINIA PARKER

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission has announced that the scholarship for the 1967-68 school year has been awarded to Virginia Ann Parker, daughter of Ralph and Julia Parker.

The scholarship pays \$50 a month for nine months for a total of \$450 and is supported by funds from the Community Council. In making a selection scholastic ability, personality, leadership and general aptitude are taken into account.

Ginny will attend Diablo Valley College in Concord, California, majoring in music and pointing toward a career as a concert pianist.

## NEW TEACHER FOR YOSEMITE SCHOOL

According to Mariposa County Superintendent of Schools, Cleo Adelsbach, Miss Isabel Tinning has been engaged to teach grades 5 and 6. Miss Tinning has had both elementary and high school experience and most recently instructed at San Dominico School for Girls in San Rafael. According to Adelsbach, Miss Tinning said that she was looking forward to her Yosemite post with much enthusiasm.

Cornelius Kuhn, formerly on the local faculty, has accepted a teaching post in a New York State city.

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CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

To say that the first week of operation of El Portal Motor Inn was hectic would be an understatement. While we Burdens were moving in, the gas man, the light man, the key man, the telephone man, the bread man, the coffee man, and the laundry man arrived, all requiring attention.

Meanwhile, back in the kitchen, the dishwasher broke down, so in addition to helping the gas man, the light man, etc. we washed dishes, checked in guests, and attempted to find storage space for the reams of paper and forms that YPC Co. requires we fill out for the good of the outfit, and, we assume, God and country.

About this time, our first, huge order arrived from the warehouse, and John donned beige smock to unload and store the supplies. We just might be the classiest of all the hotel units, what with the dishwasher and houseman both wearing ties.

The next round in this drama came when a pipe split, pouring water all over the kitchen floor, making it as slick as glass. One might have expected that someone would slip and break something, but fortunately that scene was cut.

In our 'sparé time' we commuted between basement and house trying to find in which box we had packed the childrens' shoes, the aspirin, and John's bathrobe. The latter for answering the door at 2 in the morning, despite the "No Vacancy" sign.

A truly great kitchen and dining room crew is headed by Chef Pete Gonzales, from The Ahwahnee. Pete has been preparing delicious "specials" which are served up in the evening by Alex Cruickshank and brought to the tables by Lucille Elliott, Ellen Simpkins, Georgine Gray, and Reona Willingham. Brian Johnson is

a fine kitchen helper.

Our housekeeping department is made up of Imogene Andrews, Micki Willingham, and Naomi Griffin. Assisting in the office is Cheryl Lynn Hansen. The garden (jungle?) is being cleared, pruned, watered, and manicured by Tim Harvey.

Libations are dispensed in The Caboose by bartender Lester Longenbach.

Old Engine No. 6 may have thought the 'good old days' were back when, on August 4, the Camp Curry transportation crew held a surprise birthday party here for Van Valkenburgh in The Caboose. Some 35 persons attended, and a beautiful cake was served by Judy Cleevly.

On August 10 we served breakfast to Art Robinson, Bob Maynard, Keith Whitfield, and all the other unit managers. After a brief meeting, they toured the plant, and all promised to return when they could stay longer.

Comparative calm and quiet now reign. An ordering system has been devised so all supplies and servicemen don't arrive at once, the plumbing and dishwasher have been repaired, the aspirin has been found, and John's bathrobe is frequently in use. He found an extra "No Vacancy" sign. And, two signs seem to be no more convincing than one, particularly at 2 a.m.

- Maureen Burden

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AUGUST HOUSECOUNTS,

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Commercial Division retail units, too, are enjoying a better August experience than that of last year, with gross sales up about 4% in all operations.

Valley stables business, which accounts for considerable revenue, shows a slight increase, about 2 1/2%, for August.

While these increases won't result in a major improvement in the total financial situation, certainly it has helped.

Mrs. Tresidder, Mr. Oehlmann and Mr. Cross send their appreciation to all involved in accounting for the improvement.

It is hoped that the coming weeks' business will reflect the same careful practices.

FIRE AT TML

At 2 a.m. Wednesday, August 23, fire broke out in the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge kitchen range. Nightman Paul Conovar, discovered the blaze and rang the fire alarm gong. Manager Martha Miller, awakened by the gong, ran on bare feet and wrapped in a bathrobe toward the flames to find Conovar wielding a fire extinguisher. They were joined by Allen Moe and Jim Carragher, also with extinguishers.

While the three boys kept the flames from spreading, Martha went for the rangers, returning with Fred Kogler and Stan Preston and the fire truck. Kogler and Preston put out the fire, turned off the flamo tanks, and stayed until 5 a.m. to be sure there was no further danger.

Cause of the fire was grease in the ovens, which ignited when they were turned on early for the cooks. Fortunately, the range hood had been cleaned of grease the night before, or there might have been a larger blaze. Except for the range, no equipment or structural damage was done.

Several of the TML staff suffered slightly from smoke and CO2-gas inhalation which large doses of fresh air cured. Nightman Conovar tripped over the generator in his rush to the fire, hurting his leg, and was hospitalized overnight.

During what was left of the night, 10 employees scrubbed the smoke from the kitchen and dining room walls, cleaned equipment, washed each dish. With the flamo turned off the only hot water was that remaining in the tanks, which didn't make clean-up any easier. By 6:30 a.m. all evidence of the fire was removed, except for a slight odor.

When guests began coming in for breakfast the coffee urn was going, hot cereal had been prepared on the wood stove in the lobby, and an array of cold meats and sweet rolls put out for a continental breakfast.

Manager Miller has the highest praise for the assistance of Rangers Kogler and Preston, and for her staff who responded to the emergency so efficiently and willingly.

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**SALUTE TO THE OUIMETS**

Saluting soon-to-retire Harold Ouimet, the George Olivers hosted one of the biggest shindigs ever. At their "half done cabin" at Wawona, the Olivers saluted the "all done Ouimets" on August 26, the day beginning with a "beat the Ouimets" golf tourney. Sixteen of the 21 male participants managed to outscore Harold; 6 of the 15 lady golfers beat Muriel. Also scheduled during the golf day was a hole-in-one contest for those closest to the pin on the 8th hole. Winners here were Lurline Attardo and Muriel Ouimet, Everett Bagby and Guy Lamoreaux. The Blind Bogey Tournament, suggested by Dete, and details of which only Charlie Eagle could work out, was won again by Lurline and Everett, with Val Eagle and Ed Greenamyre coming in second.

Parking at the Oliver cabin is at a premium, so Dete scheduled a "Safari," wherein cars were left at the Wawona Hotel, and, led by white clothed and helmeted safari leaders Hazel Warren and Ellen Hall, they trekked through the dark, dark forest. Enroute they were frightened by wild, dark skinned natives (Dana and Esther Morgenson). When they came to the "water hole" all decided the trip was worth the hazards, as there was Jack Ring with liquid refreshments to carry them through to the cabin.

The 103 guests, including old timers Stan Plumb and wife, the Bill Browns, and Judge Tom and Mrs. Coakley from Mariposa, feasted while Marshall Hall acted as master of ceremonies, the ceremonies including a few "why did the chicken cross the road" jokes, and a serenade to the Ouimets with the chorus singing an original song composed by Herky Allcock.

Needless to say, Harold and Muriel and the other 101 guests enjoyed the whole day.

— Audrey Ewing.

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**FOR SALE**

Massage couch \$100, 2 tall maple chests \$75 each, 2 mirrors to match chests \$10 each, 35mm slide projector \$25, Dalite 40x40 screen \$8.00. Call Mrs. Otter, 372-4790.

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Two over-stuffed chairs, two-piece sectional. Call S. Ledson, 372-4270.

**OTTER HONORED**

Wendell Otter, who has been a faithful Lion since the local club's birth on December 4, 1948 was honored recently at a District 4A-1 cabinet meeting in Angel's Camp.

Following a speech by a fellow Lion, in which Wendell's long and valuable service to the organization was extolled, he was presented with a color television set, and a set of golf clubs, a bag and a cart. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy!

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**FROM THE LODGE**

"Where'd the summer go?" is a common question at the Lodge. Things got off to a snail's-pace start, but (finally) have livened up.

Some of the families who visit seem to grow each year. Notable among these are the Milestones of San Francisco who have ten little markers in the group.

With summer's end approaching, seasonal employees are getting organized for departure in anticipation of school or home. Millie Baisch, restaurant hostess, however, is packing in anticipation of a honeymoon. She will be Mrs. Royce Hogue after August 26, 1967. Friends of the bride gave her a shower on Aug. 14.

Aleda Christenson from the Camp Curry terrace, and Marjorie McQuaid from the Lodge girl's annex will catch a freighter November 15 for a five-month trip around the world.

Louie Smith, our sous chef, caught a large German Brown trout. Before Louie could work his culinary magic on it, his wife, Hazel, had it frozen as a display piece.

Transportation agents Marvin Mulder and Bob Cross can provide anyone with first-hand information about the trail between White Wolf and Tuolumne Meadows via Pate Valley and Harden Lake. They were awed by the spectacle of Muir Gorge. On their jaunt, they had a grueling 30-mile day.

— Flo Clow

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FOR SALE — Three-speed Schwinn ladies' bike. Needs minor repairs. \$15. Call 372-4764.

**SOUTH SIDE NEWS**

Although ex-manager Howard Doucette has departed for The Ahwahnee, it is the general opinion that he will return to 'first love' Wawona with some regularity to play his favorite game, golf.

New manager, Earl Pomeroy, wife Diane and daughter Leigh Anne are now in residence. Twenty-two month old Leigh Anne already calls the swimming pool home, happily splashing and paddling away the hours.

Golf pro Charlie Eagle reports the busiest August ever, with the links being utilized by locals as well as such long-time guests as the Boone, McDonald and Cassidy families. YPC Director, Eric Stanford, and family find the relaxing fine at Wawona and were here again this summer.

The Friday evening barbecues, an innovation this year, have been extremely successful. Chef in charge of the grill is Frank Conaty, and Paul Lucas heads the work force. Hank Reynolds, with guitar and song, has lent the proper western touch.

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**P.O. CITED**

Postmaster Leroy Rust and his department have been cited by Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brian for their efforts in beautifying the local offices, specifically in the matter of landscaping. The recommendation was made by the Modesto district inspector.

An August 18 letter from Congressman Bizz Johnson explained that the citation was for "maintaining the postal facilities in such a superior manner that it provided a clean, neat and pleasant place in which the public can conduct their postal business."

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**CHURCH SERVICES CHANGE**

Starting Sept. 10, Roman Catholic masses will be held at 7 and 9 a.m. in the Visitor Center, and at 6 p.m. in the Chapel. Daily mass will be at 7 a.m. in the Chapel.

Protestant services will continue at 11 a.m. in the Church Bowl on Sept. 10 and 17, but on Sept. 24 and following Sundays will be held in the Chapel.

**THE AHWAHNEECHES**

The Ahwahnee staff regretfully said its goodbyes to manager, Wayne Whiteman. Everyone extended his best wishes to Mr. Whiteman in his new career at the Sunnyside Country Club in Fresno.

We'd like to welcome Howard Doucette as the new manager, and the entire staff hopes that Mr. Doucette will feel at home in the hotel.

The August 17 poolside fashion show featured the latest in topless swimwear: the two topless models, Dick Anderson and Art Cunningham. Toni Mendel exhibited a beautiful suntan in several bikini outfits. Pat Shaw of the gift shop, Ginger Johnson of Hotel Division, and Nancy Smith of Paymasters were no less attractive in more covered-up styles. All fashions were from the Camp Curry Nawasa Shop.

Long-staying Ahwahnee guest Carl Barrow, and Yosemite resident, Dotty Power, appear to be competing for the darkest tan. Each has spent so much time on high country trails gathering tan, it may be a tied contest.

The Valley Singers gave an excellent performance in the Great Lounge on Sunday, August 20. This was their final appearance this season, and is, traditionally, held at the hotel.

— Aldine Farrier

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**SUMMER'S LAST STAND**

The Last Blast, closing event of the Youth Activity Group, was staged September 1 at Sentinel Beach picnic area and the Stuart Cross residence.

The invasion commenced at 1400 hours at Camp 6 beach, where the junior shock troops launched their various small landing craft, storming the Sentinel Beach at 1600 hours.

The mothers in the rear echelon arrived at 1630 hours via motorcade to prepare rations for the siege. The top brass fathers surveyed the battle and formulated strategy over the combined officers' and enlisted men's mess at 1800 hours. The enemy surrendered and the battle was finished by 2000 hours.

The special maneuvers included three-legged races, a gunny sack mar-

athon, a potato-spoon relay, tug-of-war, and volleyball.

In preparation for the battle, everyone feasted on hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, salad, potato chips, watermelon, cake and home-made ice cream.

At 2000 hours there was a victory dance celebration at the residence of General Stuart Cross for all the enlisted youngsters. Taps were sounded at 2300 hours.

Operation FUN was directed by Commander Art "Stonejaw" Cunningham.

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**SUPPORT KQED**

Members of the Yosemite Television Association were sent a letter recently concerning the support of KQED. The SENTINEL hopes that all TV viewers will assist in the support of the station's operation.

Memberships are available from \$12.50 to \$1000, and all include the monthly program guide, FOCUS, admission to the studio, voting privileges and joining the travel programs. A number of locals can attest to the benefits of the travel plans. All contributions are tax deductible.

KQED is sustained by community contributions, and every dollar given by members is matched by 25c from the Ford Foundation.

'Educational' television is neither dull nor dreary, but offers interesting and lively programs, an attractive alternative to the oft-times violent and fatuous programming of commercial stations.

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**A GOOD IDEA**

The following was among the guest questionnaires returned from Camp Curry recently.

"I think that the pool should be opened at 7:00 so that people could get rid of their kids in the morning and would be somewhat clean at the start of the day also, they would be more awake." Signed: 11-year-old.

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FOR SALE — Two pair boys' competition Head skis. 170 cm and 180 cm. Marker bindings. Call Berrey 372-4898.

**CURRY CLOSING DOWN**

The 'going-home' fever has touched a few brows among the Camp Curry staff. Those whose plans we know about are chief clerk, Dale Hammel, who reports back to his teaching job in Fresno; bellman, Mike Parker, from Memphis has accepted a teaching position in Riverdale, Calif. What could persuade a Tennessean to stay in California and in Riverdale, of all places? Assistant Manager Bill Germany will be going back to classes at Fresno State College soon after Labor Day.

Head Transportation agent, Judy Cleavelly, plans on wintering at the Arizona Biltmore. All her clerks hope to stay in Yosemite for the winter. They must have enjoyed their summer!

Head bellman, Jay Fetters, is indefinite about his winter plans except that they will involve skiing. Cafeteria manager, Bill Cooper, will also be skiing — as an instructor at Badger Pass. Bill's assistant Jay Bevan, hopes to travel in Europe.

Chet Hubbard moves his manager's desk to Badger Pass after he completes the job of buttoning down Camp Curry. Aiding him in this task will be Curry Johnson. Curry will be staying on in Yosemite, although his assignment is indefinite at this time.

— Mary Watson

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**PAUL AND HIS PISCES**

Paul Dettman, a laborer for the maintenance department, has succeeded in besting the biggest-trout record of ex-print-shopman, Hugh Parker.

A year ago last May, Paul mentioned to Hugh (foolishly) seeing a very large German Brown in a particular spot in the Merced River. Hugh, on his lunch hour, hooked the 5 lb., 2 3/4 oz. monster.

This year, Paul spotted another prize in the river near Yosemite Lodge but (this time) kept his own council until, on August 16, he pulled in the 5 1/2 lb. German Brown.

Paul stated that he battled 45 minutes to net the 23" giant, using 6 lb. test line. But, what he used in the way of lure or bait is still Paul's secret.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Tuesday, September 26, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## NEW VPS FOR COMPANY

President H. Oehlmann has announced the election of two YPC Co. Vice Presidents, effective October 1.

Arthur R. Robinson has been elected Vice President-Administration, to succeed Harold K. Ouimet, who is retiring. In this capacity Mr. Robinson will be directly responsible for all personnel-related activities.

Robert A. Maynard has been elected Vice President-Operations. Mr. Maynard will direct all park hotel and restaurant functions and, in addition, will supervise the hotel reservations office and the transportation operations. Direct operation of YTS will continue to be the province of C. D. Dierksen, Supt. of Transportation.

Keith Whitfield will hold the position of Assistant to the Vice President-Operations.

These changes represent additional steps toward the ultimate form of the Company organization which was proposed by the staff, recommended by Harris, Kerr, Forster & Company, and approved by the Board of Directors.

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## A MARK OF GROWING UP

The way the Personnel people tell it, it is a pretty exciting matter for the local kids to get their very own privilege card.

The dependent children of YPC Co., NPS, PO, and Hospital permanent employees are eligible for a card on their 10th birthday. And, it is reliably reported that many a youngster arrives still adorned with cake frosting and grape-punch mustache for the great occasion.

The Personnel office is open from 8:00 a.m. to noon, 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays.

## YOSEMITE ARTS GUILD

A group of local residents recently formed the Yosemite Arts Guild to study the possibility of bringing to Yosemite, during the winter months, professional artists, art films, and programs in all fields of the lively arts.

The Guild has now decided to offer such a program this winter for residents of Yosemite, El Portal, and Wawona. The program will probably consist of six artistic activities or events and a series of six art films during the November to April period.

The officers of the Guild are: Arthur Robinson, chairman; Mrs. Don Baldwin, Henry Berrey, Bryan Harry, and Robert Maynard, vice chairmen, Curry Johnson, treasurer, Virginia Johnson, secretary.

Details of the programs will be sent to all Yosemite residents within the next few weeks.

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## GOING FOR BAROQUE

If you're not a ruin-it-yourself type, or are and would like to change, you can participate in a creative endeavor, thanks to the Yosemite Women's Group, who are bringing Mr. Morehouse of Our Shop, Merced to Yosemite on September 27.

Morehouse will have with him a plastic-resin hobby kit for making lamp bases, trivets, grape clusters, and other object d'art and a feather flower making kit. He will demonstrate and assist the ladies in their efforts.

Everyone is welcome to come to the Masonic Hall at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Casual clothes, and an apron, are the mode o' day. A pyrex cup the only equipment needed.

## COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRIVE

Arrangements for our annual Community Council drive had not been completed last spring when the influx of seasonal employees was upon us, so it was decided to defer the solicitation until early fall.

As you know, the proceeds from the campaign go to the Yosemite Scholarship Fund, Boy and Cub Scouts, Badgers, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and International Services Agencies, and the solicitation for these worthy purposes takes place only once a year, this time from September 18 to October 31.

Employees of the Company traditionally have contributed generously, and it is my hope that the lateness of the drive will augment, rather than diminish, the total of receipts. Please give as liberally as you can afford.

— H. Oehlmann

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## PARENTS GROUP SELECTS OFFICERS

The Yosemite Parents Group has elected officers and appointed committees for the 1967-68 school year. Group chairman is Robert Maynard, John Degan is vice chairman, Jan Briggs, secretary, Bea Downing, treasurer, and Ruth Harry, librarian.

The fund raising committee is chaired by Ti Shackelton, with Shirley McLaughlin, Dotty Power, and Art Robinson as members. Annette Hubbard is a committee of one in charge of refreshments. Liaison (the local version of Welcome Wagon) is in charge of Dorothy Johnson and Lee Fleming is assistant welcomer.

Ski day chairman is Dr. Chas. Woesner, and wife Marian is the back-upper. Henry Berrey will be in charge  
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TEE TIME

The local golfing buffs are winding up the season with a 'swinging' September.

Over the Labor Day weekend the annual Club Championship tournaments were completed. In the men's division, Hal Bondshu successfully defended his 1966 Championship Flight title by defeating Ed Greenemeyer 2-1. In the First Flight, Bill Kruse won over Curly Dierksen 6-5. The Second Flight saw Bill Schnettler beating Frank Attardo 2 up. The consolation, 36 hole medal play was won by Everett Bagby with a 137 net, and Guy Lamoreaux was club medalist.

On the distaff side, in the Championship Flight, Pat Krause prevailed over Nita Bondshu 2-1. The consolation flight was won by Valerie Eagle over Lurline Attardo 1 up. Ida Morgan was club medalist.

On September 10 the Wawona golfers hosted the Fort Washington golfers from Fresno in the second half of the annual home-and-home series. The local men proceeded to overwhelm the visitors with a 32 to 7 score, and the ladies did almost as well winning 16 to 11.

The next weekend saw the playing of the annual open Mixed-Scotch tournament. Bob Cromer and Marian Pierson were the winners, and their names will be inscribed on the perpetual trophy. Last year's defending champion, Marge McNamara, and Guy Lamoreaux came in second.

Trophies were presented at the awards picnic following the play.

September 24 saw the close of the official competitive season with the second event of the Merced home-and-home match.

The men tied 15 to 15, but the Wawona ladies wrapped it up with a score of 10 1/2 to 1 1/2.

LODGE NEWS

Hats off to all our food service staff. On my job as hostess I hear many wonderful comments on how good our food is here at the Lodge. And, 3000 meals a day are served! Applause for Executive Chef Fred Pierson, who plans the menus, to Chef Lewis Smith and kitchen staff who prepare the food, to Cafeteria Manager Bill Cooper (late of Camp Curry), to Jan Roscoe, Restaurant Manager, and to Mountain Room Broiler Manager Ade Harders and their crews who serve the meals.

Farewell to Hank Reynolds, who delighted many a guest of an evening with his cowboy ballads and guitar playing. Hank winters at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix. See you next May, Hank.

Jerry Love, head bellman for many years and now retired, blew in the other day. Since his departure Jerry has been to Italy to visit his family, taken in Expo 67, and been from New York to Las Vegas. Said he had driven 5000 miles, but it couldn't have hurt a bit; he looked great.

Joe (head houseman) and Carolyn (housekeeper) Joseph have been busy. Carolyn's parents, the Edward Kleins, were in for a visit. And every Monday finds Joe bowling with the Yosemite team down at the Oakhurst lanes.

Stu Goode, who worked in the restaurant this summer, has been drafted. But if you see a familiar face, it is his brother Steve, who looks enough like Stu to be his twin. Steve just arrived from Tennessee and is working in the Broiler Room.

We are sorry to report that Broiler Room waiter, John Clifton, who broke his neck while diving a few weeks ago, has passed away in Fresno.

Lots of new faces in our lobby. At the front desk are Marty Goodrich, C. C. Van Valkenburgh, Frank Combs, Chuck Kollerer, and Donald Barnes. New telephone switchboard operators include Brenda Willis, Jeanne Bowler, and Birgitta Abrahamsson, the latter all the way from Sweden. John Bothwell and Mike Dumas are on the transportation desk.

With the crisp evening weather it won't be long before we have some lovely fall coloring in our patio.

- Flo Clow

BADGERS BATTER OPPONENTS - WIN OPENER 34 TO 0

On September 16, the Yosemite Elementary School Badgers, behind the quarterbacking of Kenny Smith, the running of halfback John Allcock, and the pass-snagging of ends Bob Keller and Rob Woessner, combined to humiliate the Greeley Hill-Coulterville team.

The game was played on the Yosemite field, where a good crowd gathered to watch the Badgers completely dominate the game, and to cheer them on to the final score of 34 to 0.

Co-coaches Tom Thomas and Jack McLaughlin stated they were pleased at the outcome.

Lodi Lambasts Badgers in Second Tilt

A sad but wiser, sunburned, tired and downcast group of Badgers returned to Yosemite last Sunday still smarting from the 34 to 8 trouncing handed them by the Lodi Raiders on the Raiders' home field at Lodi.

A blazing sun, three pass interceptions, and three "fluke" touchdowns were just too much for our team. As with last year's team, Lodi was heavier, larger, and more experienced than the Badgers. Without the three broken plays, the score might have been different.

The Badger touchdown came after a long drive with Kenny Smith running and passing the team down the field. Johnny Allcock plunged over for the score and Rob Woessner snagged a short pass for the PAT. The score at this point was Yosemite 8, Lodi 6. Besides the outstanding play of John Allcock and Kenny Smith, Bill Fleming and Bob Keller deserve credits for their outstanding efforts on defense.

It was a disappointing game for the local team, but there's always next week.

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YOSEMITE BADGERS FOOTBALL SKED

- Sept. 30 - Lodi Rams at Yosemite
October 7 - Lodi 49ers at Yosemite
October 14 - Lodi Rebels at Yosemite
October 28 - Mariposa at Yosemite
November 4 - Mariposa at Mariposa





**PARENTS GROUP SELECTS OFFICERS**

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of the follow-up committee assisted by Jack McLaughlin, Janice Robinson, Bill Jones, Stuart Cross, and Carol Guse.

The library committee is headed (quite naturally) by Ruth Harry; Midge Fiore and Lenore Cross are members. Ways and means head man is Bob Smith, with Glen Power and Bryan Harry to assist. Marian Woessner is chairman of the youth activities committee, and Don Baldwin, Art Robinson, and Jack McLaughlin are members.

Spokeswoman Jan Briggs stated that the annual membership drive will be kicked off on Sept. 25. She also said that plans are being made for the annual costume dance to be held this year in October. Exact date and details will be announced later.

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**CLASSIFIEDS****For Sale**

House in El Portal. Living room, bedroom, bath, sleeping porch, finished attic, basement. Call Scurrie Ringquist at 379-2354.

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Clothes washer. Best offer. Call Sue Goulter at 372-4611, ext. 43, Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Chevrolet II convertible, 1963. Good condition. Automatic transmission. Call Dan Sturm at 372-4810.

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**Services**

Will do your ironing. 25c extra for park delivery. Also will babysit in my home. Weekly, or emergency. Call Mrs. Don Wilson, 379-2454.

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*Christmas Comes to*  
**The AHWAHNEE**  
**November 15.**

*Watch for further details.*

**WORLD PREMIERE OF GOLDTOE**

Starring Robbie Johnson as Secret Agent Bond and Ken Metherel as Goldtoe.

Huge cast includes Glenn Martin, Joan Hubbard, Mike Harrison, Steve Shackelton, Eric Oster, Chuck Woessner and members of the Yosemite Junior High Youth Group.

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This action-packed spoof of James Bond marks a new high in the cinematic achievements of producer-director Cecil B. DeBaldwin.

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**DON'T MISS THIS EVENT OF THE YEAR!****Friday, September 29, - 8 p.m.****YOSEMITE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM****ADULTS 75¢****CHILDREN (Under 12) 25¢**

While this picture is a bit cold newswise (there wasn't room last issue) we're running it anyway. On the right is ex-Youth Activities Group director, Art Cunningham, now back in seminary in Kansas. The attractive bikini-clad lass is Toni Mendel, an Ahwahnee switchboard operator. They are shown modeling swimwear during an August Ahwahnee poolside luncheon buffet.

**ARE YOU BORED LADIES?**

Does the washing-ironing-vacuuming routine get you down? Does the conversation of your three-year-old pale? Do the coffee-klatchs and afternoon bridge games seem hollow?

Vary your routine! And, bring a smile to the lips of Personnel's Marge Cromer. Register with her for part time work. There are frequent occasions, on a wide variety of jobs, when Marge needs someone for an hour, a shift, a couple of days, a week. If you can't come in, call 372-4611.

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**AHWAHNEE NOTABLES**

The house is lively with conventions; 'tis the season again. The Ahwahnee recently welcomed the Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Wholesalers and the Pacific States Cold Storage Warehousemen's Association. (A prelude to winter?) We are seeing lots of Lois Smith of the sales department as she works diligently with our staff and the conventioners.

The crisp fall weather has been conducive to good tennis and golf, and the grounds have been alive with players. Every Tuesday the hotel sponsors a hole-in-one contest, and on Thursday there are tennis matches. To each champion goes a bottle of champagne.

We are happy to welcome back to The Ahwahnee as chef, Angelo Cozaglio. Old timers will remember Angelo. During the years away from Yosemite Angelo has worked in many areas of the United States and parts of Europe, ever increasing his cooking repertoire.

After five years of service, head bellman, Pat Garrard, is leaving The Ahwahnee in October to take a position with the AAA in the Bay Area. Pat will attend an insurance sales training program in Santa Cruz before assignment elsewhere.

Gift Shop Supervisor Bob Mathews has brought in a selection of Pre-Colombian figure reproductions. You may have seen the originals in the Jules Berman collection or the Kahlua advertisements. Drop in for this museum type showing.

- Aldine Farrier

**SHIRLEY WRITES AGAIN**

Local historian Shirley Sargent has brought out a new book entitled **MARIPOSA GUIDEBOOK**.

The seven tours describe the mining, ranching, lumbering and town developments of historical interest within the county. If you've ever wondered about that old apple orchard near the El Portal trailer park, how Mount Bullion got its name, about 'Whistling Billy,' the Porter locomotive that now stands opposite the Jeffery Hotel in Coulterville, or what the incline at Emory (Richardson's) was used for, you'll find the information in this nugget-packed little volume of 36 pages; handy to keep in the car pocket for Sunday drives.

**CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS**

EPMI is pleased to report the addition of Charlie Mulcahy, no stranger to the beverage business, as the new conductor of The Caboose bar.

Another addition to The Caboose—curtains — with trains on them, of course. We're hoping to be the first in the area offering "Beer and Skittles" but more on this later.

The exterminators were here recently and a bit later John found an 18" lizard, groggy from poison. We tried to save him, as he was the largest lizard we'd encountered since the Gila monster we had as a pet on the Arizona ranch. District Ranger, Bob Dunnigan, identified him as a Scale lizard, noted for its length. To John, for his humanitarianism, the Albert Schweitzer of El Portal Award.

At 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday you will find Chef Pete Gonzales in the kitchen making delicious doughnuts, and John The Jolly Innkeeper sampling same. The cafe doors don't officially open 'til 7 but if you're passing by after 6, drop in for doughnuts and coffee.

Your correspondent has been gardening — a source of great amusement to her room-mate who believes she doesn't know what she's doing. The Ahwahnee's Carl Stephens gave me a few pointers, such as the difference between plant and weed. We hope the cutting garden will provide

**MARIPOSA GRIDDERS WIN**

The Mariposa High School football teams have started their seasons with fine records.

On Sept. 16, the Cubs walloped the Bret Hart Polliwogs 27 to 0, and last Saturday swept to a 19 to 0 victory over Merced.

The senior men, the Grizzlies, opened by tying Bret Harte 6 to 6 in a well played, defensive game, and came back on Sept. 23 to smother the Merced J.V.s 25 to 0.

There are seven Yosemite-El Portal boys on the Grizzly squad and 4 on the Cubs. The remaining 'at home' games are: Sept. 29 against LeGrand, Oct. 6, Summerville, Oct. 27, Hilmar and Nov. 10 vs. Orestimba. Let's get out and root the boys to an undefeated season.

flowers for the restaurant tables, and the rooms, by next summer. It is a delight to learn about gardening. It would be a terrible thing to go through life never knowing our crepe myrtle from our flowering quince.

It was a pleasure, too, to entertain for four days the San Francisco British Acting Consul-General Alan Morgan and his wife.

Locals have been dropping in. Ginger Johnson and Curry Johnson roared in in Curry's new XKE. Former neighbors, Julia and Clark Martin, came in for dinner following the County Fair. The night Marge and Bob Cromer came to dinner a fuse blew, and of course John was away at the time. I am not electricity oriented. I shudder turning on a light switch, and changing a fuse is a traumatic experience. Bob gallantly offered his services, and the first fuse he touched sizzled a bit and the lights came on. What can he do for an encore?

Odd discovery by the upstairs maid. People use the bottoms of the night stand drawers to keep score on while playing cards.

Congratulations to clerk-secretary, Lynn Hansen, who took 5th place in the women's open barrel race at the County Fair. Lynn stated her mare is "real good on the turns but kind of slow in the home stretch." The same might be said of your correspondent.

- Maureen Burden

**H. K. OUMET TO RETIRE**

On September 30, 1967 Harold Oumet will retire, ending a 26 year career with YPC Co.

It all began on July 1, 1941 when Oumet became Personnel Director, but the story of how he got here, and why, begins earlier. Following graduation from San Jose State with a degree in education, Oumet did graduate work at the Stanford University School of Business Administration, where he met Bert Carr, now a Company Director. During the seven years Oumet was Vice President-Cashier of Pacific States Savings and Loan in San Francisco, he kept in touch with Carr (then General Auditor of YPC Co.) through the Controllers Institute, of which they were both members.

In 1936 Oumet moved to Modesto where he headed the Evening Junior College, the first legally formulated such school in the state. It was a good job, an interesting, exciting job, and he had no intention of leaving. Bert Carr thought otherwise.

Herman Hoss then handled the personnel work in addition to his Secretary-Treasurer duties, and to relieve his work load it was decided to create the position of Personnel Director. Carr suggested that Oumet apply. "Yosemite. Why would I want to come to Yosemite," said Oumet. Eventually, in the spring of '41, he came to the park and was interviewed by Hoss and Hilmer Oehlmann, then the Superintendent of Commercial Division. "They were most persuasive gentlemen." A few weeks later Oumet went down to Stanford to see Dr. Tresidder who, confined by illness, conducted the interview in his hospital room. "Dr. Tresidder was a dynamic, enthusiastic man, and his outline of progressive personnel policies sold me." So, with wife Muriel, Harold moved to Yosemite and took up his duties on July 1.

In the spring of 1942 it was generally felt that the impact of the war would necessitate the closing down of Yosemite facilities, and Dr. Tresidder urged the staff members to seek other jobs. However, a proclamation by President Roosevelt, outlining the need for parks as recreation areas during the war, resulted in the continued operation of facilities.

The war years were difficult for Harold. He was barred from recruiting employees in the Los Angeles and San Francisco metropolitan areas due to their need for defense workers. Wages were frozen here so that the defense factories were paying two to three times the wages we were permitted to pay.

We did have one edge in employee recruitment — Yosemite itself. Harold recalls that when interviewing a carpenter, for instance, the question of wages was brought up he attacked rather than retreated. "Wages? If you ask me about wages, you're not the man I'm looking for," he would say. "I can't pay you what you can get in war work. But if you want to live and work in Yosemite . . ." Frequently, this was exactly what the man did want, lower pay notwithstanding, and so competent workers were acquired.

During this period Oumet became Chairman of the OPA when a local board was established, and he, Sterling Cramer, and John Wosky had many a headache over gas rationing, tires, sugar and meat.

Harold's contributions to community life have been many and varied. He was clerk of the Yosemite School Board, a member of the County School Board, a member of the County Republican Central Committee, a Director of the Mariposa Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of the Yosemite Branch of the American Red Cross, the Charter President of the Lions Club, an organizer of the Community Council, and originator of the SENTINEL.

Muriel and Harold will be moving to Rossmore Leisure World in Walnut Creek, but their unit will not be ready until December 1. In the interim, they plan visits to Lake Tahoe and Morro Bay. When they are settled in their new home, they may journey to Florida and Nassau.

Severing ties with YPC Co. is a unique experience. Elsewhere, retirement means an end to the routine of office or plant, but your house is still your home, neighbors and friends remain close at hand. When you pull up roots from Yosemite it is a literal phrase.

The Oumets accept this uprooting



While HKO has other hobbies, such as water color painting, the above pose shows him on his true avocation — playing golf. When asked how many courses he has played on around the world, he stated, "untold."

as a challenge. "This will be an exciting, stimulating experience for us," said Harold. "We are looking forward to establishing an entirely new life."

The Company will continue to have the benefit of Harold's experience on special assignments, so the Oumets will be back occasionally.

It's not good-bye. Just so long for awhile.

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**P.O. HOURS CHANGE**

Postmaster Leroy Rust sends along the reminder that after September 30 there will be no late Saturday mail.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Friday, October 13, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## HISTORIC MOUNTAIN HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

On Sunday, October 1, the Glacier Point Mountain House, built in 1878 and one of the oldest buildings in the park, came dangerously close to destruction.

Security and Fire Supervisor Tom Thomas credits the cool-headed action of hotel employees for averting a major fire. An hour before the flames were discovered, houseman Joe Clancy smelled smoke, and investigated the kitchen, flue and roof areas to no avail. At last, smoke was seen coming through the floorboards in room 7. Clancy, using his head, laid out a hose before breaking through the floor and venting the fire that was burning horizontally between the kitchen ceiling and hotel room floors above. Thus, with hose in hand, Clancy contained the spread of the flames.

A call for help from manager Jim Hamer found both the Company and NPS valley fire trucks responding to the emergency, as well as the Chinquapin and Wawona fire trucks. The Wawona driver made the trip in a record 49 minutes.

The fire crews extinguished the blaze, but water damage to the kitchen ceiling was so extensive that it was necessary to close down the hotel and food operation.

Originally, it was thought that an electrical malfunction was the cause of the fire. However, it appears now that a rodent had built a nest between the floors and then brought in some type of ignitable material. Damage is estimated at \$3,500. Repairs should be completed in time to accommodate the ski touring fans this winter.

## CARNABY STREET WEST

The mad, mod world of Carnaby Street will replace the usual staid atmosphere of The Ahwahnee when the Yosemite Parents Group holds their annual dinner dance in the Indian Room on November 17.

Mini and micro skirts, lace stockings, hip high boots, swinging psychedelic jewelry, painted tattoos on the ladies. Men in silk printed shirts, ascots, skinny pants or hip-huggers, and fandango boots. This will be the night to get with the current fashion scene. "Local" hippies will be welcome; the imported variety will not.

Dinner will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. followed by hours and hours of dancing. Restoratives available. Tickets are \$2.00 per person — a bargain that comes but once a year.

Turn On. Tune In. Drop By.

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## V.F.W. TURKEY SHOOT

The El Portal V.F.W. post will hold its annual turkey shoot starting at 10 a.m. October 22 on the banks of the South Fork of the Merced River.

From noon to 1:30 p.m. a free pit barbecue of deer, bear, and beef will be served, accompanied by chili beans, green salad and garlic bread.

V.F.W. members are now selling \$1.00 tickets for chances on a vast array of prizes. The drawing will take place at 3 p.m. to give away a set of golf clubs, a transistor radio, flash camera, coffee pot, portable broiler and many, many more fine gifts.

Even if you're not much at trap shooting, you can enjoy the sport as a spectator, savor the free barbecue, and take a chance on a prize in support of the V.F.W.'s once a year fund raising affair.

## FESTIVAL 68

The following letter was sent last week to residents of Yosemite, El Portal, and Wawona.

"Because it is so far between our homes and urban centers, most of us find it difficult to attend worthwhile creative and artistic presentations. The Yosemite Arts Guild was formed to provide opportunities for members of the community to enjoy such activities by bringing to Yosemite professional people, films, and programs in all fields of the lively arts.

It is the plan of the Guild to present "Festival 68" between October, 1967 and March, 1968 offering one outstanding performance each month. In addition, there will be shown, once each month, a carefully selected award-winning motion picture.

When the program is appropriate and the visiting performer is willing, a special performance will be arranged by the Guild for the pupils of the El Portal, Wawona and Yosemite schools.

To insure a program of superior quality, the talents of the artists and the contents of the films will be reviewed by the Guild's Officers and Advisory Board.

As the films must be rented, a minimum admission charge will be made. No admission will be charged for the artists' performances.

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## MEETING DATE CHANGED

While the Yosemite Parents Group meetings are usually held on the third Monday of the month, October's date has been changed from the 16th to the 23rd.

All members are urged to be in the Yosemite Elementary School all-purpose room at 8:00 p.m.

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YOSEMITE STABLES, BIGGEST OF ITS KIND, STARTS SECOND 100 YEARS

No definitive statistics are readily available but it is a widely held belief that Yosemite runs the largest rental stable business in the country. With 150 head of horses, a like number of mules, and 100 burros and ponies, there can be few challengers.

It is a matter of record, however, that stable operations were begun in Yosemite by J. M. Hutchings in 1866, and in 1878 William Coffman purchased stable and stock from him. Coffman combined his operation with that of George Kenney in 1885 and headquartered in Kenneyville, a village that stood near the present site of The Ahwahnee. Coffman and Kenney were bought out by the D. J. Desmond Co. in 1916. This company was reorganized into the Yosemite National Park Co., and subsequently merged with the Curry Camping Co. to form the present Company.

The stables were moved to their present location in 1926. Manager Bob Barnett doesn't remember that far back, but he has been associated with the operation since 1931 when, at the tender age of 16, he joined the staff of his uncle Jim Barnett, then manager.

Bob now has some 50 guides, packers and cooks on the roster. Other employees long associated with the Yosemite stables include Wawona co-manager, Eddie Gordon. Eddie came to work at Wawona as a boy and is now in his eighties. Helmar Torgerson has spent 26 summers in the park and, as leader of the four-times-a-day valley rides, averages 730 miles a month on horseback.

A typical summer's day sees 236 persons on the two-hour rides, 25 happy youngsters jaunting down the valley trails on the burro picnic rides, and 60 saddle mules carrying riders

on the half-day and all-day trips.

When asked how long a saddle animal lasts, Bob stated that "animals are a lot like people. Some keep going longer than others." Saddle horse Duke was purchased by former manager Jess Rust back in 1945 and still makes the daily valley trips, and is a particular pet of the children.

In addition to the regularly scheduled valley and High Sierra trips and the special spot packs, Barnett's crew and stock supply everything needed in the five High Sierra Camps. One day each week Tuolumne Meadows stable manager, Rick Ponte, sends a pack train to Glen Aulin, Sunrise, May Lake or Vogelsang. These camps can be supplied on a one-day round trip. Merced Lake Camp, because it is larger and further away requires an overnight stay, and is supplied by Denzel Rowland and packers three times a week from the valley stables.

Each summer the maintenance men put up and strike the high camps, but they couldn't do it without the assistance of the pack trains that bring in the tent canvas, stoves, flamo, linen, blankets, food and firewood required to run a camp.

When the Company built Sunrise Camp in 1960, 15 mules were kept busy all summer bringing in cement, galvanized tin, plumbing pipe, lumber and rock for construction.

There have been other times when Company mules have been called upon for services beyond that of duty. Two new sinks had to be delivered to Glen Aulin the year the bridge over the Tuolumne River had been washed out during the winter. Forging the river below the falls the mule, a sink slung on either side, first started to float downstream and then to go under as the sinks filled with water. Quick action by the men brought the mule to the shallows where the sink plugs were pulled and the water drained. With plugs removed a successful crossing was made.

This past year a new washhouse was constructed at Glen Aulin and again the faithful mules packed in everything including a boiler and a cement mixer. The latter, although dismantled, necessitated some clever packing. The usual canvas slings



Stable manager Bob Barnett is shown here with one of his smaller, and younger, charges Black Coffee.

couldn't be used, for a vat slung on one side of the mule would list him too far to port or starboard. Consequently, the vat was placed smack on top of the mule's back, which must have been a sight to see plodding along the trail.

When business begins to slacken in the fall some of the stock are put on park pasturage, as they now are at Deer Meadow. This area is unfenced and, occasionally, the stock will leave the area. One day last week Barnett had to go to Chinquapin to pick up a truant. When the stables are closed for the season, the stock is hauled to Hornitos for winter pasturage.

Dean Conroy, Bob's assistant for 7 years, spends the winter months at Badger Pass, but Barnett stays on at the stables. Each piece of equipment is inspected, cleaned and repaired if necessary before being stored. In his workshop Bob makes all the pack and saddle blankets (using old company rugs and blankets), the canvas pack bags and slings, halters, bridles and pack saddles.

When Bob came to the stables in 1931 the revenue for the year was \$6,000. Last year the stables brought in \$82,995.70. A pretty good record for an old horse trader!

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BOY WANTED

For FRESNO BEE route in YPC Co. employee housing. Call 372-4518 after 6 p.m.

HOTEL DIVISION

The closing of the seasonal operation is a good management move.

Jim Hame is keeping the Curry winter operation on the same assistant manager as on the superintendent of the Lodge housekeeping. Bill Cooper is cafeteria manager, and Lodge manager over Cooper.

On October 1st Earl Pauley is Lodge assistant manager. October 20th manager C. C. lineup as assistant.

Also on the Harders, food of the Yosemite Rooms responsibility, restaurant, restau-

Bill Wismer, will be in charge of the transfers to manager.

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The Guild is seeking assistance. A party received

Please mail to Arts Guild, Treasurer, P. O. Box 100, National Park, California.

The Fresno concert on October 10th (see article) will be the Yosemite

The first of the films is tentatively scheduled for November 9th. Information on the films will be mailed to the Center, and the films will be purchased



**HOTEL DIVISION SHUFFLES THE DECK**

The closing down of certain seasonal operations has resulted in a good many managerial reassignments.

Jim Hamer transferred from House-keeping Camp manager to Camp Curry winter manager on October 1. On the same date Yosemite Lodge assistant manager Ed Armistead took on the supervision and coordination of the Lodge front office, bell staff and housekeeping department activities. Bill Cooper has been promoted from cafeteria manager to Lodge assistant manager, and on October 6 Big Trees Lodge manager Derek Bishop took over Cooper's cafeteria position.

On October 9 Wawona Hotel manager Earl Pomeroy again lined up as Lodge assistant manager, and on October 20 Camp Curry assistant manager Curry Johnson will join the lineup as another assistant manager.

Also on the first of the month Ade Harders, food and beverage manager of the Yosemite Lodge Tent and Mountain Rooms took on the additional responsibilities of supervising the cafeteria, restaurant and kitchen.

Bill Wismer, Lodge assistant manager, will begin learning the reservations game on October 18 when he transfers to that office as assistant manager.

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**FESTIVAL 68**

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The Guild does anticipate operating expenses and to defray these, it is seeking sponsors to give financial assistance. Any amount will be happily received.

Please mail your check to Yosemite Arts Guild, in care of Curry Johnson, Treasurer, P.O. Box 68, Yosemite National Park, California 95389."

The Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra concert on October 29 (see separate article) will be the first program of the Yosemite Arts Guild this season.

The first of six award-winning art films is tentatively scheduled for November 9 or 10, and complete information on the entire film series will be mailed to local residents soon. The films will be shown in the Visitor Center, and the six admissions may be purchased as a series subscription.

**THE SPORTING LIFE**

Having editorialized in the last SENTINEL on supporting our local football squads, this reporter took the road to Mariposa to catch the Sept. 29 games of the Cubs and Grizzlies. It was worth the trip. I'd forgotten what it was like to jump up and down, hear the crash of cymbal and boom of bass drum, enjoy the antics of the cute cheerleaders — in short, the total excitement of cheering on the boy next door instead of placidly watching John Brody perform on the TV screen.

The Cubs led off against the LeGrand Bullpups, and going by the statistics should have lost, but didn't, eking out a 7-6 victory. LeGrand pushed the Cubs all over the field until the final 50 seconds, when Mike Williams scored a TD on a 20-yard pass play from Rick Ringrose. This was one of two completed passes for the Cubs. Ringrose ran the conversion across to complete the score with 23 seconds left to play.

(At this point, your reporter was hoarse, and quantities of liquids were quaffed to ready the throat for the next game.)

The Grizzlies threatened several times in the first quarter, and the defense held the Bulldogs to a gain of 30 yards. But LeGrand came back in the second quarter to keep Posy behind their 25 yard line.

The Grizzlies made the scoreboard in the third quarter, starting their drive on their own 45. Five plays later Bob Reece went wide around end for the TD, but the conversion was NG.

In the fourth quarter the Bulldogs made a 73-yard pass play to Dennis Wood for a touchdown, also missing the extra point. Mike Power's interception and 53-yard runback put Mariposa in scoring position, and three plays later Mike went over for the second TD for the final score of 12 to 6.

While the touchdown carriers frequently get all the huzzas, it should be remembered that they didn't get across the goal line without help. Fine defensive and offensive performances were put on by Ty Wilcox, Greg Power, John and Mike Brocchini, and Gary Lamoreaux among others.



**SUPPORT YOUR BADGERS**

And, don't make the mistake of thinking these teams are 'little guys.' The Grizzlies average 166 pounds (with 4 over 200 pounds) and 5'10" in height (with 14 over that). They didn't grow 'em that size when I was in high school.

(The end of the second game found your reporter voiceless, and deaf and numb.)

Thus, a few suggestions for other neophyte game goers. If you want something more substantial than hot dogs and coffee during night games, bring it with you. A cushion for the hard wooden seats is a comfort, and most importantly, a pair of ear-muffs would come in handy should you be seated anywhere near Harold Schmidt, who has the loudest, most ear-piercing whistle it has ever been my discomfort to hear! — P.T.

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**RUTH BECKWITH RETIRES**

Ahwahnee gift shop manager, Ruth Beckwith, has retired from the Yosemite scene. Ruth first came to work for the Company in May, 1951 and worked seasonally at Big Trees Lodge and Glacier Point until April, 1957 when she became a year 'round employee.

For the past 9½ years Ruth ran the gift shop with skill and taste; five of those years she did all the buying, evidenced by an array of exquisite merchandise.

This winter Ruth said that she will be at home in her 'Hobby House' in El Portal, relaxing, sewing, gardening. She hopes to have some of her family with her for Christmas. Her plans for next summer are indefinite, but probably she will work, here or elsewhere.

Maxine Day is the new manager. According to Gift Shop Supervisor, Bob Mathews, Maxine did a splendid job at Glacier Point this summer, so we can look forward to a continuing excellence in the hotel shop.

## YOSEMITE ARTS GUILD BRINGING FRESNO PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA TO PARK

What may well be the first concert of its kind ever given in California will take place in Yosemite on October 29, when the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra presents an afternoon concert, at 3 p.m., on The Ahwahnee grounds. The concert is free, and all local residents (including children) of Yosemite, El Portal, and Wawona are invited.

The eighty-two member Fresno Philharmonic, under the direction of Thomas Griswold, is beginning its fourteenth season in Fresno and ranks high as a metropolitan orchestra.

The orchestral program will include Berlioz' "Roman Carnival Overture," Mozart's "Symphonia Concertante for Four Winds and Orchestra," Holst's "Three Movements from the Planets," and, particularly appropriate for the setting, Respighi's "The Pines of Rome."

The officers of the Yosemite Arts Guild are proud to sponsor this significant event, the first live symphony orchestra concert ever given in Yosemite, and urge everyone's attendance. The concert will be given on The Ahwahnee golf course, the orchestra facing the hotel and the audience seated on the ninth fairway. Warm clothing and blankets, for sitting on the grass, are recommended. The weatherman has promised a sparkling clear afternoon, but in the event he doesn't come through, the concert will be presented in the Camp Curry Cafeteria.

Immediately following the concert, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., The Ahwahnee will have a special buffet dinner honoring the members of the orchestra. The public is invited, and a special price of \$4.00 has been set for the buffet.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL DRIVE FAR

#### SHORT OF GOAL

Community Council Treasurer Roland Johnson reports that at the end of the first three weeks of the drive \$1,768.50 have been donated.

While this is a generous amount, it is little more than half way towards the goal of \$3,000. Those who have as yet to contribute to this once-a-year drive are urged to do so.

The proceeds from the campaign go to the Yosemite Scholarship Fund, Boy and Cub Scouts, Badgers, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and International Services Agencies.

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#### FWSA FALL FORUM HERE

The annual fall meeting of the Far West Ski Association, to be held at The Ahwahnee November 4 and 5, will bring together all phases of the Association's plans and programs, prior to the beginning of active recreational and competitive schedules.

Local members of the FWSA may be interested in attending the panel discussions. From 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday there will be meetings covering recreation (including ski touring), competition (both Alpine and Nordic), communications, finance and affiliates.

At 9 a.m. Sunday there will be an open Board of Directors' meeting.

Members are welcome to attend the luncheon buffet Saturday noon in the Indian Room, and the dinner dance there at 7:30 that evening.

### OAKHURST ART SHOW

Local painters are invited by the Oakhurst Artists of the Golden Chain to enter pictures in their show to be held during Mountaineer Days, Oct. 21 and 22.

There is a limit of two paintings per person, a fee of 50c per picture, and entries must be matted or framed and ready for hanging.

Paintings should be brought to the Gallery, located on Highway 41, before 3 p.m. Saturday, October 14.

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#### AND AWAY WE GO!

Locals with a hungry fireplace to feed will be pleased to learn that there is a good supply of pine, cedar, and oak in the government wood-yard. The park forestry crew helpfully has cut up a large number of logs into 18-24" lengths.

To reach the woodyard, drive 2½ miles west of the Village on the Merced road, and turn right on the dirt road opposite the El Capitan Bend picnic area.

Closer at hand, for the next few weeks, wood will be available at Camp 11 where road and forestry crews will be clearing for road construction. Any wood in short lengths may be taken. To avoid interfering with the work, please remove logs after work hours or on weekends.

Residents of the Wawona area have not been overlooked. The woodyard to the rear of the forestry warehouse holds an ample supply of dry wood for their use.

### TV REPORT

The change-over of Channel 2, from number 8 to number 6 on our dials, was delayed by unexpected difficulties experienced by the Jerrold Engineering people, and for some weeks channel 2 was operating under-powered.

Subsequently, lightning strikes further damaged the entire system resulting in the loss of channel 2, and deterioration of the other channels.

The Jerrold engineer will return, and new parts are expected daily.

In the meantime, in those time-honored words, no adjustment of your set is necessary.

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#### MODERNIZATION HITS P.O.

Two important innovations were announced this week by Postmaster Leroy Rust (at the direction of Washington, of course).

All first class mail will be air-lifted wherever possible whenever airlift space is available. Secondly, overnight delivery within the states of California and Nevada will become a reality.

For these reasons, the closing time for outgoing regular mail has been upped to 4 p.m. so that it will reach the Stockton Sectional Center by 9 p.m.

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#### CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE — One boy's, one girl's Schwinn bike. Boy's is Deluxe Sting Ray. Girl's Lady Fair, needs seat recovered. \$20.00 each. Call 372-4755, or after 6 p.m. 372-4518.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Wednesday, October 25, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## HELP SANTA

The mail from the North Pole recently brought a letter from Santa Claus confirming his arrival in Yosemite on Christmas Eve. In his sleigh will be gifts for all Yosemite, El Portal and Wawona children, from one year old to those in the third grade, who have a parent employed in the Park.

Santa's estimated time of arrival is 7:30 p.m. on December 24 in the Camp Curry cafeteria. Each child must be present to receive his or her gift, and parents are invited to join the festivities.

Please help Mr. Claus by letting him know if your child will not be present for the Christmas party. Call his secretary in the Company personnel office at 372-4611.

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## FILM FESTIVAL 68

As part of 'Festival 68,' a series of six films will be shown this winter at the Visitor Center at 8:30 p.m. on the dates shown below. A season ticket is available at \$6.00. To obtain a season ticket, mail your check to Curry Johnson, Treasurer, Yosemite Arts Guild, P.O. Box 68, Yosemite. Single admission tickets will be \$1.50 each at the door, if seats are available.

In selecting the films the officers and advisory board of the Yosemite Arts Guild choose some for their entertainment value and others for their thoughtful and provocative subject matter. Therefore, no person under 18 years will be admitted. It is hoped that the broad range of the films will give audiences unique and diverse cinematic experiences.

Nov. 9 — "The Luck of Ginger Coffey." Canadian film with Robert Shaw and Mary Ure. A warm, human comedy-drama about an Irish misfit liv-

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## TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Start saving your dimes, nickles and pennies. The children of the Yosemite Community Church Sunday School are going to trick or treat for UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, this Halloween, Tuesday, October 31.

UNICEF aids over one billion children in underdeveloped countries with drugs to control childhood diseases, food to improve diets, permanent health centers and social welfare services.

The aid is furnished only to countries requesting it, with the understanding that the countries receiving aid make a sizeable expenditure of their own.

The children collecting for UNICEF will carry the official orange cardboard box.

Children wishing to participate in the program should call Julie Martin at 372-4590.

A nickle will buy 30 glasses of milk or protect four children against TB, so please be prepared to support this important project.

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## NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Three important building projects are under way this fall. Regrettably none of them will be revenue-producing, but all are necessary.

The largest and costliest of these improvements consists of 32 more dormitory rooms at Yosemite Lodge. These will be in two one-story buildings generally similar and adjacent to the structures completed last spring. Each room is designed for regular occupancy by two persons, but a third employee can be accommodated if necessary during such short peak periods as Christmas—New Year and

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## THE HALLS WILL BE DECKED

Did you know that four out of five Christmas gifts are purchased by women, and that the average list has 18 names? Well, it's true. And, for you gals out there with 18 stockings (more or less) to fill, the purchasing department has brought, from the four corners of the earth, a line of colorful, exciting, exotic, rousing, inspiring, rare, and rapture-inducing merchandise to assist you in the yearly task.

This fabulous collection will go on display (and sale) in The Ahwahnee gift shop on November 15.

Those with champagne tastes and beer budgets will find all price ranges are represented. Do your Christmas shopping early this year — at The Ahwahnee.

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## IN THE STARTING GATE

There may be some Yosemite residents who are not looking forward to the first snowflake (after all, the last one fell in the valley on May 31) but not included are Badger Pass Manager Chet Hubbard, Ski School Director Nic Fiore nor the Yosemite Winter Club people.

Given six (packed) inches of snow, Badger will open for weekend business on Thanksgiving, November 23, and will go in daily operation December 15.

During the summer months improvements have been made at Badger and equipment added. A fresh coat of paint adorns the Ski House interior. Both number 1 and 2 runs have been widened, and Dave Downing reports that the lower part of the Rail Creek run has been brushed. A Tucker Snowcat has been added to the fleet of over-the-snow vehicles for better than ever slope grooming.

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NEW CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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Easter week. Completion of these two buildings, at an estimated total cost of \$172,000, will take care of our foreseeable needs for year-round single employee housing at Yosemite Lodge.

The second project is the construction of a fire stair in the southwest corner of The Ahwahnee. The smoke tower recently completed at the north end of the building represented a major protective measure for the hotel, but it still left the other end of the building without adequate escape facilities. Various suggested ways of improving the situation were considered and rejected, and it was finally determined that there was no satisfactory substitute for the provision of an interior stairway, which involves costly remodeling of several bedrooms and some slight impact on public space. The estimated cost of this troublesome but prudent undertaking is \$45,000. The work will begin immediately and is to be finished before the hotel re-opens for Christmas.

The third project, like the fire stair, is a protective measure. It is a dry standpipe to be installed at The Ahwahnee during the period when the hotel is closed between Thanksgiving and Christmas. The standpipe will go to the height of the sixth floor and its purpose is to insure adequate water pressure, which has been lacking particularly in the upper floors of the building. The cost of this installation will be about \$11,000.

Thus within a few months we shall have at Yosemite Lodge additional excellent housing for single employees, and at The Ahwahnee new safety devices that will relieve our concern and gratify our underwriters and the Park Service.

H. Oehlmann—

CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

New faces among us. Mary Thomas, Tom Thomas' perfectly delightful wife, is working for us now as waitress, clerk, bar maid, cigarette girl, paper boy, and wastebasket-liner-cutter. The Thomases recently moved to El Portal and we extend a hearty welcome to them. Tony Perry comes to us from Fresno and is our general handy man, relief bartender, dishwasher, relief clerk, repair man, linen picker-upper and sometime waiter. Seems EPMI is turning out to be an excellent proving ground for those wishing to learn all phases of the hotel business.

Pretty exciting times in the Caboose watching the Series on a color TV graciously loaned to us by Timber TV. Charlie, our bartender, worked up some baseball pools to keep things lively and they were won by Lucky Pierre Gonzales, Uncle John Brown from the Lodge, and Mary Thomas, to mention a few.

We have a 'new' old car in the museum back of the Inn — a seven-passenger White Motor Co. touring car, vintage 1917. The car was loaned to the NPS by the LA County Museum and the information card says, "Fourteen seven-passenger White Motor Co. touring cars were sent to the Desmond Park Co., Yosemite, in 1917 to take visitors on sightseeing trips."

We wanted to make a new hat rack for the Caboose out of railroad spikes and in the true tradition of EPMI whose motto is "do anything you want as long as you don't spend any money" we decided to get our own railroad spikes. Venturing forth along the old railroad bed last week we found a great deal more than spikes. Driving down to the Richardson place we stopped to explore several ruined buildings. We wondered who the owners were, why they settled there and what happened to them. We found old mining cairns amid piles of ferric looking rock and pentstemon blooms.

The newest member of the family, P.V. Ducet Burden, a very bright little dachshund who thinks she's people (and we're convinced), was on this outing with us and she stirred up a red-tail hawk, who scolded her at the top of his lungs from his perch in a

WAWONA'S LOSS

And the Company's and their many friend's too! After 17 year's service John Serles and wife Verle have retired.

In May of 1945 John first headed west from his home in Wisconsin to be near his brother Frank, a driver for YTS. He worked as a laundry truck driver until Feb., 1946 when he returned to the mid-west. After four Wisconsin winters, the Serles had an urge to see Yosemite again, and in Dec., 1950 John became the Wawona Store Manager and Verle the Wawona Postmistress, jobs they held until retirement on October 1.

Before leaving the Park, Verle received a letter from the post office district supervisor commending her job as postmistress. Jack Ring states that John did an outstanding job as store manager and will be a hard man to replace.

The Serles have bought property in Mendocino County adjoining that of brother Frank. Their plans call for the building of a house, and the harvesting of the walnut crop. The 'gentleman farmer' life sounds great, and we wish them every success and happiness.

Their address is Route 1, Box 444 CC, Redwood Valley, Calif. 95470.

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tree. It was a treat to see a hawk that close.

We had a drink from the inviting little spring at Richardson's and admired the truly wonderful rock work that went into the construction of the highway across the river from us. We also picked up some purple glass to add to our burgeoning collection which someday, hopefully, will be a mosaic.

By the way, we found 20 railroad spikes. Now if we can find 20 heads to go under the hats . . .

The surprise of the month was the marriage of our clerk, Cherlynn Louise Hansen, to Charles Wildt of Mariposa on the 14th of October. We all wish them much happiness.

Helpful hints from the upstairs maid — make it a point to allow your clerk to elope on her lunch hour. Then you won't miss your afternoon nap.

— Maureen Burden

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**CHURCH SCHOOL**

Rev. Don Baldwin has announced the selection of Julie Martin as the Church School Superintendent for the coming year. She will be assisted by Evelyn Campbell and Thelma Warnock.

Classes started last Sunday and are held at 9:30 a.m. in the Visitor Center. The teachers are: Haz Marks, 3 year olds; Margaret Sandberg, kindergarten; Berta Murphy, 1st and 2nd grades; Jan Robinson, 3rd and 4th grades; Carol Guse, 5th and 6th grades.

Paula Krisko and Dorothy Johnson will help with special events.

Those interested in Christian education are invited to attend the meetings held on the third Thursday morning of the month.

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**FILM FESTIVAL 68**

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ing in Montreal trying to make something decent out of his life. Keenly sensitive and realistic portrayals give the film a semi-documentary quality.

Dec. 7—"The Belles of St. Trinian's." An uproariously funny comedy starring Alastair Sim and a wierd collection of faculty and students in an English girls' school.

Jan. 11 — "Ikiru." Japanese film by famed director Akira Kurosawa. Considered a landmark of world cinema, it is the story of the last days on earth of an ordinary, modern Japanese man who wants to make something of his life before it is too late.

Feb. 8 — "Nothing But a Man." This American film, winner of several awards, is a moving drama of the struggle of a southern Negro to earn a livelihood and live in peace and dignity in Alabama.

Mar. 7 — "Nights of Cabiria." A Federico Fellini film starring Giuletta Masina as a streetwalker whose spirit is indestructible despite the situations she finds herself in.

Apr. 4 — "Oedipus Rex." Sophocles' Greek classic performed by the Stratford, Ontario Shakespearian Festival Players much as it was in the ancient Greek theater.

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**FOR SALE**

Girl's Schwinn Lady Fair Bike. \$20.00. Needs new seat cover. Call 372-4755, or after 6 p.m. 372-4518.

**WINE BIBBERS NOTE**

The Soroptimist Club of Mariposa invites everyone to attend a gala wine tasting, enchilada feasting, and art exhibition at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets are \$3.50 per person and cover all three events.

The proceeds will go towards the construction of tennis courts at the Mariposa County High School.

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**FROM THE AHWAHNEE**

What events took place at The Ahwahnee a year ago this week? For one, we had two conventions in the house, the Western Society of Periodontology and the California Conference on Teacher Education. For another, the staff was planning vacations for when the hotel closed on November 6.

This year the fall season will be elongated and the hotel remain open until November 26th. Thanksgiving dinner will be served to guests and residents for the first time in 12 years.

Another event coming our way on October 29 is the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Thomas Griswold. Our appreciation goes to the Yosemite Arts Guild for their efforts in the fine arts field.

The California Hospital Association is with us at present. Mr. Avery Millard, president of the Western Division of the American Administrative Assn., is in charge of all arrangements. For a meeting of this size (900 plus) all activities are running smoothly. The ladies were entertained at luncheon with a fashion show by Rhodes of Fresno.

— Aldine Farrier

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**TV REPAIRS**

Starting on November 1, all calls for television repairs and adjustments should be made to the maintenance division office, 372-4868.

And, if your set does break down, we hope it won't do so on Wednesday. You'll have to wait a week, as repairman, Luke Murphy, comes to the park each Tuesday.

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**BOY WANTED**

For FRESNO BEE route in YPC Co. employee housing. 372-4518 after 6 p.m.

**TWO 'TIMELY' REMINDERS**

One, set your clock back one hour this Sunday. Daylight savings time will be over.

Two, set your alarm for 3 p.m. Sunday for the Fresno Philharmonic Orchestra concert on The Ahwahnee lawn.

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**IT TAKES TWO TO TANGLE**

The Yosemite Women's Group are having a program that will help you unsnarl your hairpiece.

Mr. Manny, of Merced's 'Wigs by Mr. Manny,' will demonstrate the fine arts of how to wear, style and color a wig, fall or wiglet at The Ahwahnee on Thursday, November 2, in the Solarium.

Before the program the ladies will lunch in the dining room at 12:45 p.m. The price is \$1.75 and reservations should be made before November 1 by calling 372-4421.

All Yosemite women are welcome to this one affair, or to join the group permanently. Annual dues are \$3.00.

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**DOGS & CATS TO AID**

**OLYMPIC SKI TEAM**

**No Snow Job**

In what must be a first of sorts, the Friskies Pet Foods division of Carnation Company has started a campaign to assist in sending the U.S. Olympic Ski Team to the 1968 Winter Games in Grenoble, France.

The U.S. is the only country relying entirely on public subscription for support of its summer and winter Olympic teams.

For every Friskie label sent in, the company will match the purchase price and send to the U.S. Olympic Committee. To encourage participation in the fund drive, a grand prize of a trip for two to the Winter Games is being offered.

Of course, there are no resident pet owners, but one might consider laying in a can or two for the use of visiting relatives or friends who have pets, and thereby assist this worthy cause.

Or, better still, send a contribution directly to U.S. Ski Educational Foundation, The Broadmoor, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906.



**WHO IS LEAVING**

That's not a question, but a statement of fact. On November 1, Wendell H. Otter, familiarly called WHO, is retiring from a 44½ year career with the Company.

Wendell's length of service is surpassed only by Hilmer Oehlmann and Mrs. Mary Tresidder, and his list of job credits range from porter to desk clerk, auditor, manual writer, unit assistant manager, unit manager to assistant traffic and sales manager.

WHO first came to Yosemite in 1923 and spent four summers as a Camp Curry porter, while wintering at UC, Berkeley. Following graduation, he fulfilled part of a dream of sailing around the world by working as a deck hand on a freighter calling at China, Japan, French Indo-China, and the Philippines.

His wanderlust over, he returned to Yosemite in April, 1927 as a desk clerk at the Glacier Point Hotel, and that winter he spent at the old Sentinel Hotel, first as a room clerk and then in the kitchen and cafeteria learning the food business.

The next fourteen years Wendell alternated jobs with the seasons. Summers, he was a room clerk at Glacier Point and Camp Curry, associate CC manager under Mother Curry, and Big Trees Lodge, Tuolumne Meadows Lodge and Yosemite Lodge manager.

During the winters he was a Yosemite Lodge desk clerk and reservations manager, a food cost controller, hotel auditor, and wrote procedural manuals for hotel division.

During the thirties the Company offices were located on The Ahwahnee mezzanine. WHO stated that the balcony area of rooms 104 and 105 was canvased-over for the overflow of accounting office employees and used in the winter as well as summer. He noted, however, that a steam line was run out there to take off the chill!

In February, 1942 Wendell took Victoria Ward for his permanent valentine. Vickie came to the park in 1934 and worked in several capacities, although most recently as a housewife.

In October of the same year, he entered the service as a private in the Quartermaster Corps., and was

honorably discharged four years later as a captain in the Army Air Force.

The winters of 1946 and 1947 were passed as assistant manager of The Ahwahnee, and the summer of 1947 he was again Camp Curry associate manager. In March, 1948 he was appointed resident manager of Yosemite Lodge, a position he held for eight years, and since 1956 he has been assistant traffic and sales manager.

Under his managerial hand, Yosemite Lodge was the first Company unit to gross one million dollars. But, the record that gave him the most satisfaction was that during his last year at Yosemite Lodge not one written complaint about service or facilities was received.

In addition to his full range of Company activities, Wendell has participated in many community affairs. He was a charter member of the Lions Club, its president in 1952 and '53, and District Governor in 1955 and '56. He served on the School Board for a number of years, and held various positions on the Community Council.

Back in 1941 he helped organize, and was elected vice president of, the Employees' Council, an organization governing employee recreation.

And, in the same year, it was Wendell who suggested the name of this publication.

Vickie and Wendell have purchased a home in the Laguna Hills Leisure World, and after November 1 their address will be 943A Avenida Majorca, Laguna Hills, 92653.

Wendell says that his retirement plans include doing a bit of cooking, and playing some golf. ("Although I have never broken 100.") It is hoped that the Otters will return occasionally to Yosemite where their many friends will miss them sorely.

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**FOR SALE**

Kneissel skis. Blue Star, 210 cm. Austrian step-in bindings. \$75. Call Bill Wismer, Mon. thru Fri., at 372-4671.

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House in El Portal. Living room, bedroom, bath, sleeping porch, finished attic. Call Carroll Clark at 379-2256.



This picture of Wendell Otter is circa 1930, but who took it and why have been veiled by time. He appears to be standing on the 9th green of The Ahwahnee golf course but no clubs are in evidence. WHO stated he couldn't have been heading for the tennis courts because he always wore white trousers for tennis.

**IN THE STARTING GATE**

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Chet stated that employees will benefit by a reduced lift rate of \$2.00 this season, and that employees of 10 years' service and over are eligible for free lift tickets.

One price has gone up, however, Season locker rentals are now \$15.00. If you're interested in renting one, contact the commercial division soon.

Nic Fiore will spend the month of November visiting ski clubs throughout the state, winning friends and influencing people to visit Yosemite.

In addition, he will run the Dry Land Ski School in Fresno on November 14, 21, and 28, winding up with a session at Badger Pass on December 17.

Once again the Yosemite Winter Club is planning to give ski proficiency tests, run the Sunday Slalom, and the Flying 50 race on Fridays. New this year, will be a Giant Slalom on Wednesday, ski touring, and racing technique instruction. The ever popular Wednesday 'Happy Hour' will be continued.

Those wishing to renew their Club membership should contact the Company advertising department.



# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

Wednesday, November 15, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## TV PROGRESS

George Oliver sends along the following report on the state of local television.

"Channel 11 has now returned to the air waves (channel 13 on your set). The equipment was completely realigned and everyone seems to be getting an excellent picture on this channel.

Channel 2 still continues to give us trouble but we hope to have this corrected soon. So, if channel 2 (number 6 on your set) is acting up, it's probably the transmitting equipment at fault. We'll let you know when this channel is cleared up.

For the past few days we have been experimenting with FM radio and had hoped that we would have good FM pickup in the valley by now. However, technical problems have come up and we will have to await different equipment before we can proceed further. It looks as though we will have FM in the valley shortly.

The YPC Co. is financing the cost of running a TV cable from the Lodge Mountain Room to the new employees' recreation room in the Lodge Annex. This will bring in the five channels.

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## PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS JOIN FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel, Father Robert Thornton and Rev. Don Baldwin will conduct a special union Thanksgiving service.

Both the Resident Priest and the Resident Minister are sympathetic with the growing interest in understanding and cooperation across the lines which have divided Christianity.

This will be the first ecumenical service of its kind in Yosemite.

## S. CRAMER ADDRESSES COMMONWEALTH CLUB

Sterling Cramer, YPC Co. Vice President-Finance, spoke before the Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Study Section of the San Francisco Commonwealth Club. The audience, numbering some 25 persons interested in the future of the nation's wildlands, heard the talk.

Cramer spoke principally to the subject "Mass Recreation vs. Selective Use of Wilderness and Parks," which is the study topic for the aforementioned section of the club, and which is focusing its interest on Yosemite.

Presenting the view of the concessioner, Cramer described, among other matters the disruptive results of the bad press Yosemite has received at the pens of over-zealous conservationists and aggressive, but often misguided and ill-informed journalists. He developed, also, the beneficial results to Yosemite of proper Park Service management and outlined plans for future changes which will reduce the summer overnight visitor popula-

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## CARNABY STREET WEST

The 'turned on' crowd will gather at The Ahwahnee this Friday, November 17, when the Indian Room will be turned into a bit of merry, mod England. Carnaby Street is the theme of this year's Yosemite Parents Group costume dinner — dance.

Dinner will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and dancing will continue to 1:00 a.m. You can 'tune in' to the entire affair for \$2.00 per person. And, restoratives will be available, so you needn't 'drop out' before the wee hours.

For an added fillip, there will be a door prize consisting of an overnight stay at The Ahwahnee, dinner, breakfast and lunch.

## FRESNO CONCERT SUPERB

The October 29 performance of the Fresno Philharmonic on The Ahwahnee lawn was a rare first for Yosemite. Some 500-600 locals and out-of-towners were in the audience for the concert. The blend of the setting and the music kept them captivated, even during the latter part of the program, when the air became a little nippy. The orchestra's rendition of "Pines of Rome" seemed particularly enchanting when the full notes of the brasses rolled across the area and the reverberations from the percussion section echoed off the valley walls. The musicians, who played under certain handicaps — their scores fluttered in the breeze, their toes and fingers must have been cold — performed beautifully under the direction of Thomas Griswold. Griswold, young and strong, had his musicians in hand from the first note to the last. Mr. Don Cummings, the orchestra's manager, did a fine job with logistics and arrangements. With these, he was aided materially by YPC Co.'s maintenance people who set up the somewhat massive shell and the risers.

As the program indicated, the expenses for the concert were borne by Berven of California, First National Bank, and American Transfer Co. YPC Co.'s contribution, specifically, amounted to transportation of orches-

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## PARENTS GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Yosemite Parents Group will be held on Monday, November 20, at 8:00 p.m. at the local schoolhouse, according to R. Maynard, group chairman. All parents are urged earnestly to attend.

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FRESNO CONCERT SUPURB

public for their interest in the Giant tra, instruments and props, the reception and dinner for the musicians and orchestra administrators.

Yosemite Arts Guild

If the future presentations of the Yosemite Arts Guild can (even) approach the quality and value of its first offering, Yosemite people can look forward to a winter and spring of highly enjoyable programs. It seems plainly indicated that the Guild is worthy of the support, financial and moral, of each member of our community.

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MEN AT WORK

One would think, during these more-or-less quiet days, that the maintenance people would be performing at something less than flank speed. Seems not so. They're busy as the proverbial ants.

Working from west to east around the shops, we report that Lew's brushmen are re-doing the exteriors of the bungalows with bath at Yosemite Lodge, repainting the T-Bars for Badger and the floors of the Wawona store and the manager's home. Also, they will have painting to do at Glacier Point Hotel when the carpenters finish their fire-damage work.

Tom Rennels' carpenters are repairing the \$3500 Glacier fire loss, building 35 tent frames and platforms, as part of the annual replacement program. And, they're finding and repairing the leak in the ceiling of the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee. At Badger, they have installed a new freezer box.

At El Portal Motor Inn, the plumbers are installing new pot-washing sinks and — in their spare moments — are putting in a new sewer line at Glacier Point.

You'd never guess it, but Bruce Wil-

liams is swathed in canvas tents which seem to arrive in a never-ending quantity.

Syd Ledson, labor foreman, is vacationing in Colorado, so Lloyd Hansen is in charge of the crew dismantling tents (and giving them to Bruce!) in Camp 6 and Yosemite Lodge.

McElligott's machinists have the fixed and mobile machinery at Badger all but ready and promise Chet Hubbard it will be in first class shape by the time snow comes.

The electricians have the wiring ready at the ice rink, they've put in the electrical fixtures for a new freezer at Badger, and repaired assorted faulty fixtures.

Among the major works, was the installation, with the Petrolane Co., of the huge tank, dispensing equipment, concrete slab and fence at the Yosemite Lodge Chevron station. Camper and trailer visitors now may refill their tanks in the valley instead of being obliged to drive to El Portal.

Our maintenance is overseeing the painting jobs, contracted with Cunnings and Cunnings, at The Ahwahnee and Camp Curry. At the former, all the exterior doors and window frames are being refinished (\$6000) and at Curry the tent frames and floors are being repainted (\$5000). On the YL dormitory job, contractor Chivers is being given a hand when needed by all our trades.

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FIORE TO TEACH TEACHERS

Nic Fiore, ski school director, will conduct a course in ski instruction for aspiring ski teachers. The 25-hour course will extend over five successive Sundays Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4.

The curriculum will major on the American technique. However, according to Nic, pupils will get good exposure to the French and Austrian methods, as well.

There is a shortage of ski instructors, full or part time, and Fiore is hopeful that his course will make available additional competent ski teachers.

The total cost is \$50.00; everyone 18 or over who is a good skier (parallel turns) is eligible.

55 YEARS AGO

The SENTINEL recently came into possession of a document that it thought of sufficient historical interest to quote without further comment.

Palo Alto, Cal.  
Nov. 14, 1912

"Dear Madam:

Camp Curry annually receives hundreds of applications for positions as waiters, waitresses, chambermaids, pantry help and porters. About 50 such help are required at the height of the season. All porters and male help must begin work about May 1st, and in general remain till September 1st, or 15th at the wish of the employer. Some of the female help can begin May 1st, others May 20th and all others about June 1st. Such help begins to leave July 20th, to August 1st.

The wages are \$25 per month with travel expenses deducted, about \$17.50 total to Yosemite and return from a distance equal to that of San Francisco. Ample opportunity for sight seeing is given every employee to see the valley. Hours of labor for women not over eight. For men not over ten.

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WHOOPS !

The linotypist and proof reader goofed last issue. The number to call for TV repair is 372-4686.

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LOST

Ladies prescription sunglasses at Lions Club Rummage Sale Oct. 19. Reward for return. Call McDonald, at 372-4737.

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FOR SALE

Two pair boys' competition Head skis. 170 cm and 180 cm. Marker bindings. Call Berrey at 372-4898.

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1960 Thunderbird convertible. Call George Oliver at 372-4411 or 372-4251.

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1963 Corvair Monza convertible. Red with white top. Radio, heater, new white - wall tires, 4 - speed transmission, ski rack. \$575. Call Don Baldwin, 372-4831 or 372-4885. Also good guitar, \$20.

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**CHRISTMAS COMETH AT OPEN HOUSE**

It was reported previously in these pages that Christmas is coming early this year. Specifically, Christmas is coming to The Ahwahnee — coming to The Ahwahnee Gift Shop — coming to The Ahwahnee Gift Shop November 15 — coming to The Ahwahnee Gift Shop at 8:00 a.m.

Spies report the merchandise collected from near and far by the purchasing department has so much 'aye' appeal that further incentive for a visit seem unnecessary.

Nevertheless, the shop management is holding an Open House on Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. wherein hot cider and brandied fruitcake will be offered to browsers and buyers alike. (It is hoped that all will wipe, lick, or otherwise cleanse their fingers before handling the merchandise!)

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**GIANT BARGAIN SALE BIG SUCCESS**

Another Giant Bargain Sale and Raffle is past history and the local Lions Club wishes to thank the general public for its interest in the Giant Bargain Sale, both in buying and selling.

Lion President Arlis Carter and Bill Smith, general chairman, were gratified by the excellent co-operation they received from everyone who took part.

Both Carter and Smith had high praise for YPC CO. which donated many fine gifts for the White Cane Raffle. The NPS also comes in for its share of the plaudits for making the Visitor Center available to the Club for this annual affair.

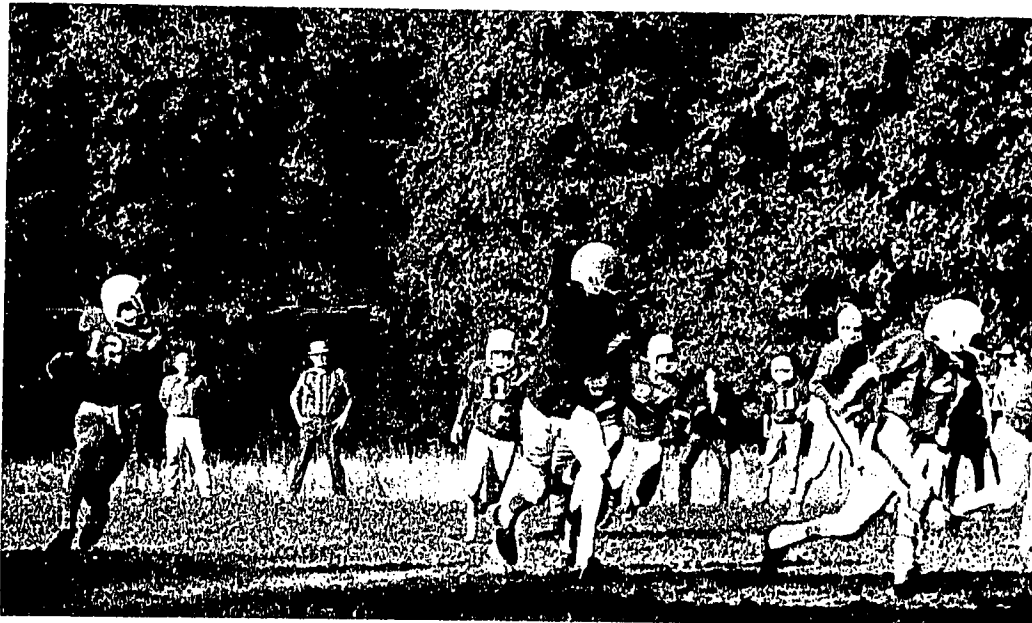
Whereas all proceeds are not in, a net of \$300 plus is assured the Club. The White Cane Raffle upped the sight conservation fund by \$95.75.

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**S. CRAMER ADDRESSES COMMONWEALTH CLUB**

Along with NPS actions, he described the contribution YPC Co. has made, not only to the improvement of its facilities here, but as well to park service-concessioner relations. In closing, he described the effect of Public Law 89-249, which put into law the policies under which the Secretary of the Interior had performed since 1916.



Badger quarterback Ken Smith breaks loose for a good gain in the first Mariposa encounter.

**BADGERS END SO-SO SEASON**

The Yosemite Badgers football team gave the Mariposa squad a good scrap on October 28 in the home game, but dropped the decision 7-0. The boys seemed more alert on defense than when in possession of the ball, forcing the visitors to kick frequently. In the third period, they put together a sustained drive but lost the ball on downs short of the goal line. Several Badgers were sidelined with injuries, giving Mariposa an edge in the final quarter, when the visitors scored.

The "B" Squad reversed the situation winning its encounter 7-0 against a well-matched Mariposa team.

At Mariposa on Nov. 4, things got worse, with the home team scoring on a pass play early in the first quarter. The Badgers again seemed aggressive on defense, but failed to connect their offensive actions. By the end of the first half, Mariposa had

rung up 21 points. In the third period, after taking over on downs, the Badgers sprung Rod Whitfield loose for a 50-yard scoring run. The PAT was successful. Mariposa scored again in the fourth quarter on a pass play, failed to convert and the game ended 27-7.

The "B" boys opened their game with a TD by Ashley McPhaul following two good gains by Rod Whitfield, which netted 25 yards. A penalty spoiled a successful try for the extra point. The Badgers thwarted several Mariposa threats, but were unable to score themselves.

With 25 seconds left on the clock, Mariposa made a last ditch try from the 45. Alert Badger defenders broke through and dropped the ball carrier for a 25-yard loss. The game ended with the local boys on the winning end of a 6-0 score.

All the boys tried hard. There were bloody noses and banged-up knees. But, somehow, their efforts didn't jell.

**HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS**

The El Portal and Yosemite population figures have been upped by one apiece. Patty Laughter of El Portal presented husband Jim with a 7 lb., 14 oz. baby boy on Oct. 20. Michael Allen is the first for the Laughters.

Vera McDonald of Yosemite had a 6 lb., 15 oz. girl on Oct. 30. Little Ellen makes it two girls for Jim and Vera.

Dr. Roger Hendrickson and wife

Anne are back from a flying, two and a half week trip to Germany and France.

Nurse Fran Tassone of Grass Valley joined the hospital staff two weeks ago.

And, Inky Petersen is busy these days with plans for her Dec. 2 wedding, in Solvang, to Bob Ringrose. Inky stated that she plans a small wedding, but for every guest list deletion she makes, mother adds two!

**AHWAHNEE DANCING  
IN NEW LOCATION**

Ahwahnee manager, Howard Doucette, has moved the nightly dancing from the Indian Room to the Underlounge, the south end of the Great Lounge.

The atmosphere is a good deal cozier than the Indian Room, he states, and besides, where else can a three-piece orchestra fit in a fireplace? Refreshments, of the customary nature, and coffee are available.

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FIORE ON TOUR**

Nic Fiore, loaded with Yosemite folders, posters and motion picture paraphernalia, left the valley Nov. 6 for his annual "on-the-road" tour.

Visiting ski clubs and shops between San Diego and Santa Rosa, Nic spreads the word about the joys of Badger's skiing. He will be gone until Nov. 30 (unless there's snow at Badger Pass: in which case he will drop everything and come home).

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55 YEARS AGO**

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Teachers and students help from schools and Universities have done this work for many years. It is a waste of postage for anyone from a distance to apply unless they make a strong appeal with photograph, testimonials of character, experience, hustling ability and intention to please both employer and guests.

Camp Curry can't employ more than 10 or 20 per cent of the applicants and will seek to choose only the best. Make your application convincing and definite stating your age, state of health, when can begin, when you must leave. Testimonials from employers are best for experience testimonials.

If you wish a reply enclose enough postage to cover return of your photograph and testimonials.

Personal interviews can be arranged in Palo Alto or San Francisco.

Very truly,  
David Curry"

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HOUSEWIVES FIRE SCHOOL**

Housewives are invited, encouraged as well, to attend a special home hazard fire school to be conducted by

**FILM SERIES LAUNCHED**

The Yosemite Arts Guild presented the first in its winter film series last week in the new Visitor Center. The film, "The Luck of Ginger Coffee", was a not-too-heavy story of an Irish immigrant in Montreal whose fortunes moved between bad and rotten. Coffee, portrayed by the excellent actor Robert Shaw, is the typical hair-trigger, mercurial Irishman with whom one (this writer, at least) could quickly associate. In his moments of immature foolishness, he had one's sympathy and understanding. His wife, played by Mary Ure, likewise an accomplished performer, we felt reached the end of her patience somewhat prematurely. (She must have known the sort of man she'd married before they left home.) But, despite the bleak prospects and the even bleaker setting, the film ended on a hopeful note.

Preceding the main film, a short on photographer Ansel Adams was shown. The best thing about this were the passages of Adams at the piano.

The Visitor Center auditorium seems quite a satisfactory theater, though there were noticeable, but correctable faults in the sound and projection. The machinery had not been used before, and, we are told, the flaws will be eliminated before the December 7 showing of "The Bells of St. Trinian's", a very funny British-made comedy in which Alastair Sim performs with rare timing and humor. Along with the "St. Trinian's" film, the unusual experimental short "Help, My Snowman's Burning" will be shown.

As one film in the cycle of six is past, the cost for the remaining five, on a season ticket basis, is now \$5.00. There will be no further reduction in season tickets. However, this represents a saving over the \$1.50 single admission price. Collateral rewards to the viewer of the Art Guild films are the absence of commercials and the coffee and cake during intermission!

acting NPS fire chief Jim Olson at the NPS fire house at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 28. Particular attention will be directed toward the

**MARTIN, DE LA MARE TO HOSPITAL**

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# SENTINEL

Wednesday, November 15, 1967

Yosemite National Park, California

## TV PROGRESS

George Oliver sends along the following report on the state of local television.

"Channel 11 has now returned to the air waves (channel 13 on your set). The equipment was completely realigned and everyone seems to be getting an excellent picture on this channel.

Channel 2 still continues to give us trouble but we hope to have this corrected soon. So, if channel 2 (number 6 on your set) is acting up, it's probably the transmitting equipment at fault. We'll let you know when this channel is cleared up.

For the past few days we have been experimenting with FM radio and had hoped that we would have good FM pickup in the valley by now. However, technical problems have come up and we will have to await different equipment before we can proceed further. It looks as though we will have FM in the valley shortly.

The YPC Co. is financing the cost of running a TV cable from the Lodge Mountain Room to the new employees' recreation room in the Lodge Annex. This will bring in the five channels.

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## PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS JOIN FOR THANKSGIVING SERVICE

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, at 10 a.m. in the Chapel, Father Robert Thornton and Rev. Don Baldwin will conduct a special union Thanksgiving service.

Both the Resident Priest and the Resident Minister are sympathetic with the growing interest in understanding and cooperation across the lines which have divided Christianity.

This will be the first ecumenical service of its kind in Yosemite.

## S. CRAMER ADDRESSES COMMONWEALTH CLUB

Sterling Cramer, YPC Co. Vice President-Finance, spoke before the Parks, Recreation and Wildlife Study Section of the San Francisco Commonwealth Club. The audience, numbering some 25 persons interested in the future of the nation's wildlands, heard the talk.

Cramer spoke principally to the subject "Mass Recreation vs. Selective Use of Wilderness and Parks," which is the study topic for the aforementioned section of the club, and which is focusing its interest on Yosemite.

Presenting the view of the concessioner, Cramer described, among other matters the disruptive results of the bad press Yosemite has received at the pens of over-zealous conservationists and aggressive, but often misguided and ill-informed journalists. He developed, also, the beneficial results to Yosemite of proper Park Service management and outlined plans for future changes which will reduce the summer overnight visitor popula-

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## CARNABY STREET WEST

The 'turned on' crowd will gather at The Ahwahnee this Friday, November 17, when the Indian Room will be turned into a bit of merry, mod England. Carnaby Street is the theme of this year's Yosemite Parents Group costume dinner — dance.

Dinner will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and dancing will continue to 1:00 a.m. You can 'tune in' to the entire affair for \$2.00 per person. And, restoratives will be available, so you needn't 'drop out' before the wee hours.

For an added fillip, there will be a door prize consisting of an overnight stay at The Ahwahnee, dinner, breakfast and lunch.

## FRESNO CONCERT SUPERB

The October 29 performance of the Fresno Philharmonic on The Ahwahnee lawn was a rare first for Yosemite. Some 500-600 locals and out-of-towners were in the audience for the concert. The blend of the setting and the music kept them captivated, even during the latter part of the program, when the air became a little nippy. The orchestra's rendition of "Pines of Rome" seemed particularly enchanting when the full notes of the brasses rolled across the area and the reverberations from the percussion section echoed off the valley walls. The musicians, who played under certain handicaps — their scores fluttered in the breeze, their toes and fingers must have been cold — performed beautifully under the direction of Thomas Griswold. Griswold, young and strong, had his musicians in hand from the first note to the last. Mr. Don Cummings, the orchestra's manager, did a fine job with logistics and arrangements. With these, he was aided materially by YPC Co.'s maintenance people who set up the somewhat massive shell and the risers.

As the program indicated, the expenses for the concert were borne by Berven of California, First National Bank, and American Transfer Co. YPC Co.'s contribution, specifically, amounted to transportation of orches-

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## PARENTS GROUP MEETING

The next meeting of the Yosemite Parents Group will be held on Monday, November 20, at 8:00 p.m. at the local schoolhouse, according to R. Maynard, group chairman. All parents are urged earnestly to attend.



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Yosemite Arts Guild

If the future presentations of the Yosemite Arts Guild can (even) ap- proach the quality and value of its first offering, Yosemite people can look forward to a winter and spring of highly enjoyable programs. It seems plainly indicated that the Guild is worthy of the support, financial and moral, of each member of our community.

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MEN AT WORK

One would think, during these more-or-less quiet days, that the main- tenance people would be performing at something less than flank speed. Seems not so. They're busy as the pro- verbial ants.

Working from west to east around the shops, we report that Lew's brush- men are re-doing the exteriors of the bungalows with bath at Yosemite Lodge, repainting the T-Bars for Bad- ger and the floors of the Wawona store and the manager's home. Also, they will have painting to do at Gla- cier Point Hotel when the carpenters finish their fire-damage work.

Tom Rennels' carpenters are repair- ing the \$3500 Glacier fire loss, build- ing 35 tent frames and platforms, as part of the annual replacement pro- gram. And, they're finding and re- pairing the leak in the ceiling of the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee. At Badger, they have installed a new freezer box.

At El Portal Motor Inn, the plumb- ers are installing new pot-washing sinks and - in their spare moments- are putting in a new sewer line at Glacier Point.

You'd never guess it, but Bruce Wil-

liams is swathed in canvas tents which seem to arrive in a never-ending quantity.

Syd Ledson, labor foreman, is va- cationing in Colorado, so Lloyd Han- sen is in charge of the crew dismant- ling tents (and giving them to Bruce!) in Camp 6 and Yosemite Lodge.

McElligott's machinists have the fixed and mobile machinery at Badger all but ready and promise Chet Hub- bard it will be in first class shape by the time snow comes.

The electricians have the wiring ready at the ice rink, they've put in the electrical fixtures for a new freez- er at Badger, and repaired assorted faulty fixtures.

Among the major works, was the installation, with the Petrolane Co., of the huge tank, dispensing equip- ment, concrete slab and fence at the Yosemite Lodge Chevron station. Camper and trailer visitors now may refill their tanks in the valley instead of being obliged to drive to El Portal.

Our maintenance is overseeing the painting jobs, contracted with Cun- nings and Cunnings, at The Ahwahnee and Camp Curry. At the former, all the exterior doors and window frames are being refinished (\$6000) and at Curry the tent frames and floors are being repainted (\$5000). On the YL dormitory job, contractor Chivers is being given a hand when needed by all our trades.

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FIORE TO TEACH TEACHERS

Nic Fiore, ski school director, will conduct a course in ski instruction for aspiring ski teachers. The 25-hour course will extend over five successive Sundays Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 and Feb. 4.

The curriculum will major on the American technique. However, ac- cording to Nic, pupils will get good exposure to the French and Austrian methods, as well.

There is a shortage of ski instruc- tors, full or part time, and Fiore is hopeful that his course will make available additional competent ski teachers.

The total cost is \$50.00; everyone 18 or over who is a good skier (paral- lel turns) is eligible.

55 YEARS AGO

The SENTINEL recently came into possession of a document that it thought of sufficient historical interest to quote without further comment.

Palo Alto, Cal. Nov. 14, 1912

"Dear Madam:

Camp Curry annually receives hundreds of applications for positions as waiters, waitresses, chambermaids, pantry help and porters. About 50 such help are required at the height of the season. All porters and male help must begin work about May 1st, and in general remain till September 1st, or 15th at the wish of the employer. Some of the female help can begin May 1st, others May 20th and all others about June 1st. Such help begins to leave July 20th, to August 1st.

The wages are \$25 per month with travel expenses deducted, about \$17.50 total to Yosemite and return from a distance equal to that of San Francisco. Ample opportunity for sight seeing is given every employee to see the valley. Hours of labor for women not over eight. For men not over ten.

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The linotypist and proof reader goofed last issue. The number to call for TV repair is 372-4686.

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Ladies prescription sunglasses at Lions Club Rummage Sale Oct. 19. Reward for return. Call McDonald, at 372-4737.

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FOR SALE

Two pair boys' competition Head skis. 170 cm and 180 cm. Marker bindings. Call Berrey at 372-4898.

1960 Thunderbird convertible. Call George Oliver at 372-4411 or 372-4251.

1963 Corvaair Monza convertible. Red with white top. Radio, heater, new white - wall tires, 4 - speed transmis- sion, ski rack. \$575. Call Don Baldwin, 372-4831 or 372-4885. Also good guitar, \$20.

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**CHRISTMAS COMETH AT OPEN HOUSE**

It was reported previously in these pages that Christmas is coming early this year. Specifically, Christmas is coming to The Ahwahnee — coming to The Ahwahnee Gift Shop — coming to The Ahwahnee Gift Shop November 15 — coming to The Ahwahnee Gift Shop at 8:00 a.m.

Spies report the merchandise collected from near and far by the purchasing department has so much 'aye' appeal that further incentive for a visit seem unnecessary.

Nevertheless, the shop management is holding an Open House on Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. wherein hot cider and brandied fruitcake will be offered to browsers and buyers alike. (It is hoped that all will wipe, lick, or otherwise cleanse their fingers before handling the merchandise!)

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**GIANT BARGAIN SALE BIG SUCCESS**

Another Giant Bargain Sale and Raffle is past history and the local Lions Club wishes to thank the general public for its interest in the Giant Bargain Sale, both in buying and selling.

Lion President Arlis Carter and Bill Smith, general chairman, were gratified by the excellent co-operation they received from everyone who took part.

Both Carter and Smith had high praise for YPC CO. which donated many fine gifts for the White Cane Raffle. The NPS also comes in for its share of the plaudits for making the Visitor Center available to the Club for this annual affair.

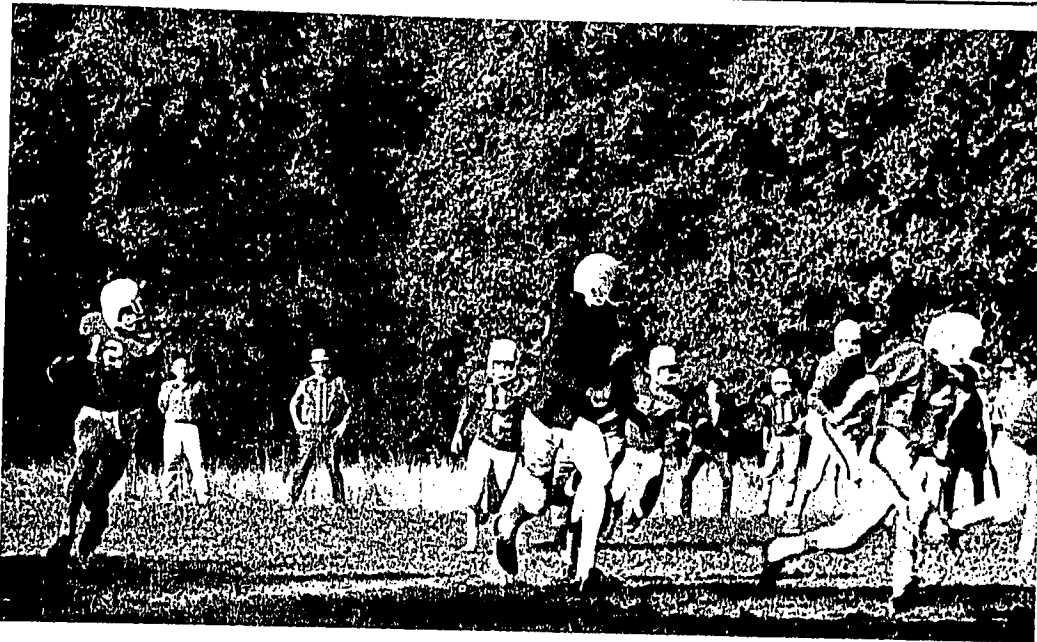
Whereas all proceeds are not in, a net of \$300 plus is assured the Club. The White Cane Raffle upped the sight conservation fund by \$95.75.

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Along with NPS actions, he described the contribution YPC Co. has made, not only to the improvement of its facilities here, but as well to park service-concessioner relations. In closing, he described the effect of Public Law 89-249, which put into law the policies under which the Secretary of the Interior had performed since 1916.



Badger quarterback Ken Smith breaks loose for a good gain in the first Mariposa encounter.

**BADGERS END SO-SO SEASON**

The Yosemite Badgers football team gave the Mariposa squad a good scrap on October 28 in the home game, but dropped the decision 7-0. The boys seemed more alert on defense than when in possession of the ball, forcing the visitors to kick frequently. In the third period, they put together a sustained drive but lost the ball on downs short of the goal line. Several Badgers were sidelined with injuries, giving Mariposa an edge in the final quarter, when the visitors scored.

The "B" Squad reversed the situation winning its encounter 7-0 against a well-matched Mariposa team.

At Mariposa on Nov. 4, things got worse, with the home team scoring on a pass play early in the first quarter. The Badgers again seemed aggressive on defense, but failed to connect their offensive actions. By the end of the first half, Mariposa had

rung up 21 points. In the third period, after taking over on downs, the Badgers sprung Rod Whitfield loose for a 50-yard scoring run. The PAT was successful. Mariposa scored again in the fourth quarter on a pass play, failed to convert and the game ended 27-7.

The "B" boys opened their game with a TD by Ashley McPhaul following two good gains by Rod Whitfield, which netted 25 yards. A penalty spoiled a successful try for the extra point. The Badgers thwarted several Mariposa threats, but were unable to score themselves.

With 25 seconds left on the clock, Mariposa made a last ditch try from the 45. Alert Badger defenders broke through and dropped the ball carrier for a 25-yard loss. The game ended with the local boys on the winning end of a 6-0 score.

All the boys tried hard. There were bloody noses and banged-up knees. But, somehow, their efforts didn't jell.

**HOSPITAL HAPPENINGS**

The El Portal and Yosemite population figures have been upped by one apiece. Patty Laughter of El Portal presented husband Jim with a 7 lb., 14 oz. baby boy on Oct. 20. Michael Allen is the first for the Laughters.

Vera McDonald of Yosemite had a 6 lb., 15 oz. girl on Oct. 30. Little Ellen makes it two girls for Jim and Vera.

Dr. Roger Hendrickson and wife

Anne are back from a flying, two and a half week trip to Germany and France.

Nurse Fran Tassone of Grass Valley joined the hospital staff two weeks ago.

And, Inky Petersen is busy these days with plans for her Dec. 2 wedding, in Solvang, to Bob Ringrose. Inky stated that she plans a small wedding, but for every guest list deletion she makes, mother adds two!

**AHWAHNEE DANCING  
IN NEW LOCATION**

Ahwahnee manager, Howard Doucette, has moved the nightly dancing from the Indian Room to the Underlounge, the south end of the Great Lounge.

The atmosphere is a good deal cozier than the Indian Room, he states, and besides, where else can a three-piece orchestra fit in a fireplace? Refreshments, of the customary nature, and coffee are available.

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**FIGORE ON TOUR**

Nic Fiore, loaded with Yosemite folders, posters and motion picture paraphernalia, left the valley Nov. 6 for his annual "on-the-road" tour.

Visiting ski clubs and shops between San Diego and Santa Rosa, Nic spreads the word about the joys of Badger's skiing. He will be gone until Nov. 30 (unless there's snow at Badger Pass: in which case he will drop everything and come home).

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Teachers and students help from schools and Universities have done this work for many years. It is a waste of postage for anyone from a distance to apply unless they make a strong appeal with photograph, testimonials of character, experience, hustling ability and intention to please both employer and guests.

Camp Curry can't employ more than 10 or 20 per cent of the applicants and will seek to choose only the best. Make your application convincing and definite stating your age, state of health, when can begin, when you must leave. Testimonials from employers are best for experience testimonials.

If you wish a reply enclose enough postage to cover return of your photograph and testimonials.

Personal interviews can be arranged in Palo Alto or San Francisco.

Very truly,  
David Curry"

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**HOUSEWIVES FIRE SCHOOL**

Housewives are invited, encouraged as well, to attend a special home hazard fire school to be conducted by

**FILM SERIES LAUNCHED**

The Yosemite Arts Guild presented the first in its winter film series last week in the new Visitor Center. The film, "The Luck of Ginger Coffee", was a not-too-heavy story of an Irish immigrant in Montreal whose fortunes moved between bad and rotten. Coffee, portrayed by the excellent actor Robert Shaw, is the typical hair-trigger, mercurial Irishman with whom one (this writer, at least) could quickly associate. In his moments of immature foolishness, he had one's sympathy and understanding. His wife, played by Mary Ure, likewise an accomplished performer, we felt reached the end of her patience somewhat prematurely. (She must have known the sort of man she'd married before they left home.) But, despite the bleak prospects and the even bleaker setting, the film ended on a hopeful note.

Preceding the main film, a short on photographer Ansel Adams was shown. The best thing about this were the passages of Adams at the piano.

The Visitor Center auditorium seems quite a satisfactory theater, though there were noticeable, but correctable faults in the sound and projection. The machinery had not been used before, and, we are told, the flaws will be eliminated before the December 7 showing of "The Bells of St. Trinian's", a very funny British-made comedy in which Alastair Sim performs with rare timing and humor. Along with the "St. Trinian's" film, the unusual experimental short "Help, My Snowman's Burning" will be shown.

As one film in the cycle of six is past, the cost for the remaining five, on a season ticket basis, is now \$5.00. There will be no further reduction in season tickets. However, this represents a saving over the \$1.50 single admission price. Collateral rewards to the viewer of the Art Guild films are the absence of commercials and the coffee and cake during intermission!

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Yosemite National Park, California

## BADGER OPENS

Badger Pass ski facilities went into high gear daily operation Friday last. The two previous weekends found a fair number of skiers on the slopes, enjoying the excellent snow conditions.

Snow depths remained steady, the cold weather preventing much melting. And the storm of Dec. 18 put another 10" on the slopes.

Chet Hubbard again is the Manager assisted by Dave Downing. Elsewhere, we find Earl Pomeroy in charge of food service, Jay Fetters managing the cafeteria and, on its opening on December 26, the Snowflake Room will be managed by Mary Watson. Earl Huish supervises the rental and repair shop. Pauline Wright is in charge of the sales shop. Outside, Dean Conway is responsible for slope maintenance and lift operation, Steve Hurd directs the Ski Patrol and Nic Fiore commences his tenth year as Ski School Director, his nineteenth season with the school.

New on the School staff this winter are: Bernard Achiardy, Philippe Giraud from France, Jean Pierre Crettaz from Switzerland, Lewis Barber from Australia, Malcolm Matthews from New Zealand, Shirley Branes from Canada, Barry Healas from Scotland, John Fekete, Randi Tonnessen, Audrey Trimble, Sharon Smith, Herbert Swedlund, Charles Kollerer and Blain Baum, all from the U.S.A.

Returning instructors are: Albert Giraud from France, Gunther Hohlweg from Austria, Valery Churchouse from New Zealand, Robert Trimble, John Gebel, Tom Shellenberger, Charles Beck and Joanne Cross.

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE MANAGEMENT

Last Christmas it was our good fortune to celebrate the most successful fiscal year in our Company's history. Lacking that privilege in 1967, let us still be grateful that we are sound as ever, that our plans are materializing, and that the early months of fiscal '68 have been most gratifying.

To our fellow-employees, whose fine attitude and excellent performance are so largely responsible for the Company's success, we express our sincere appreciation.

May you and yours have a joyous holiday season and a very Happy New Year.

Mary Curry Tresidder  
H. Oehlmann

## SKI TEAM TRYOUTS

Aspirants to the Yosemite Junior Ski Racing Team will try out on December 27 and 28 at Badger Pass, according to Dr. Charles Woessner, Team Supervisor. All local, El Portal and Wawona youngsters are invited to try for a place on the squad. There will be ten on the "first team," backed up by five alternates. On the two try-out days, youngsters will be provided with free lift tickets. Leroy Rust has accepted the head coach position; he will be assisted by a member of the Ski School instruction staff.

The team is sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club and Yosemite Winter Club. Those racers who qualify will be given training during the Wednesday afternoon ski day periods and on Saturdays and Sundays.

Coach Rust and Supervisor Woessner have selected certain away-from-

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## DON'T BE LATE FOR SANTA!

Santa Claus will arrive at Camp Curry at 7:30 Christmas Eve, his pack bulging with presents for Yosemite children. Don't be late — you might miss him. He will deliver the gifts personally so if you can't be there, please call Santa's helper at 372-4611.

## SUPERINTENDENT DAVIS RETIRING

Announcement has been made by the NPS Regional Office of the retirement of Yosemite Superintendent John M. Davis, effective January 12, 1968. Mr. Davis has been Superintendent here since early 1966.

Mr. Davis first entered the National Park Service in 1926 as a Ranger at Mt. Rainier National Park, and also served there as Chief Park Ranger. His next assignment was as Assistant Superintendent of Zion and Bryce National Parks, after which he moved to Grand Canyon in the same capacity. From there he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico, as Assistant Regional Director of the Southwest Region, and eventually to Globe, Arizona, as General Superintendent of the Southwest National Monuments. From that position, he went to the Washington Office as Chief of Conservation and Protection and later as Chief of Ranger Activities. In 1959 he returned to the field as Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and served there until coming to Yosemite.

The Davises plan to make their home in Fresno.

YPC Co. employees wish Mr. and Mrs. Davis a long and happy retirement.

**DANA MORGENSON  
IN NEW POSITION**

Dana Morgenson, who has managed the Central Reservations Office for 10 years, is moving into a new position, that of Director of Guest Activities. In this role, he will arrange a number of new guest programs aimed toward helping guests enjoy and understand the Park.

At the outset, Dana will conduct camera walks to Park places ordinarily not known to the casual visitor, present slide talks on the changing seasonal enchantment of Yosemite. He is planning, too, to present these talks before outside camera or other clubs.

While he has not developed the entire scope of the assignment, he feels the possibilities to be almost without end.

In this new capacity, Dana's wide knowledge of the Park, his warm treatment of guests and his fine photographic abilities, will be put to good and rewarding use.



**ON THE CHRISTMAS BILL OF FARE**

From among the many activities at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee, there are a number that locals may enjoy and to which they are welcome.

The Bracebridge Singers will be in the lounge at Yosemite Lodge at 8 p.m. on December 24 and 26, and will sing at the Protestant religious service in the lounge at 10 p.m. on Dec. 24; they will sing for the Roman Catholic Midnight Mass in the Visitor Center December 24.

At The Ahwahnee, between 5 and 7:30 on each afternoon but Christmas, there will be after-ski dancing, beer, hot spiced wine, hot hors d'oeuvres. The customary Indian Room dancing is offered each evening but the 24th and 25th between 9 and 11:45 p.m.



**THIRTEEN ON THE THIRTEENTH**

If your knees rattled last Wednesday they had every reason to. The thermometer dipped to thirteen degrees, which, according to one weather watcher, was the lowest December temperature in a decade.

**ADELE LAUX DIES IN CANADA**

Adele Osborne Laux died December 4 in Fauquier, B.C., according to word received from her husband, Bill, by Sterling Cramer. Her death was the result of a massive septicemic poisoning.

Bill and Adele had lived in the Canadian province since 1962. They had completed their home last fall and were settling in to enjoy the fruits of their homesteading in the remote country.

The Lauxes were expert in creating fine batiks, a Maylayan method of executing color designs on fabrics with waxes and dyes. During the long winters, they made their batiks, coming out in the spring to sell them to decorators on the Pacific coast. Their work was remarkably fine and they were building a strong clientele among interior decorators.

Adele worked in the YPC Co. accounting office for 9 years, 5 years back. Bill had been a forestry assistant with the NPS, and later, head gardener for YPC Co., working with Wes Conner on the landscaping of the Village Store and Yosemite Lodge.

According to Cramer, Bill says he will stay in B.C. and make the spring display trip — alone.



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home meets for which members are eligible. In addition, there are races at Badger in which the team will compete. The tentative out-of-town schedule is shown below, along with the local races, dates of which are firm.

Jan. 13, 1968	GS	Sierra Ski Ranch
Jan. 14, 1968	DH	Alpine Meadows
Feb. 4, 1968	SL	Fresno Bee
Feb. 18, 1968	SL	Lions Club
Feb. 25, 1968	SL	American Legion
March 16, 1968	GS	Boreal Ridge
March 17, 1968	GS	Tahoe Bowl
March 31, 1968	GS	China Peak
April 13, 1968	SL	Yosemite Jr. Trophy
April 14, 1968	SL	Winter Club
	SL	Championship

**STEWART CRAMER CITED**

SFC Stewart Cramer visited Yosemite for three days recently, enroute between Vietnam and his home post, Ft. Bragg, N.C., following a year's military duty with the Special Forces troops. He will report to his headquarters at Ft. Bragg and rejoin his family at Fayetteville.

As a result of heroic performance of duty in June near Dak To, Cramer was awarded the Army Commendation Medal. According to U.S. Army General Orders No. 4721, the events were as follows: Cramer was, at the time, assigned as a Special Forces advisor to a Vietnamese army unit. The camp came under heavy enemy mortar attack, with a round disabling the crew of a friendly mortar emplacement. Cramer exposed himself to incoming fire to aid the wounded gunner and soon himself was severely wounded. He refused to be evacuated and continued to direct fire on the enemy. The order ends with "Sergeant First Class Cramer's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."



**CO-OP PLAY SCHOOL**

A cooperative "Play School" for local youngsters started November 10 with fifteen pre-schoolers in attendance. Children from three years to school age are welcome. Parents interested in participation may obtain more information by calling Charlotte Wilson at 372-4741 or Anne Hendrickson at 372-4250.

Donations of used toys, books, puzzles, records, art supplies, hand puppets and the like would be appreciated. A call to Mrs. Wilson or Mrs. Hendrickson will bring an eager mother to your door to collect your cast-offs.

Also most welcome would be a contribution of a little time and/or talent. So, if you'd care to lead a song, tell a story, teach a craft, or just push a swing, there's an opportunity for participation on the part of anyone who enjoys children.