

YOSEMETE SENTINEL

Tuesday, January 28, 1969

Yosemite National Park, California

FESTIVAL '69

An Evening of Cinema

Next up on the Film Festival calendar—February 6 at 8:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center—will be "The Knack and How To Get It". Described as a wacky, riotous British farce on the fine art of seduction, the film was directed by Richard Lester of 'Beatles' fame and was judged 'Best Picture of 1965' in the Cannes Film Festival. Also shown will be a short called "I Can't Get No" with music by the Rolling Stones.

Single admission tickets of \$1.50 will be available at the door, for those 19 years old and up.

An Evening of Theater

On Saturday, February 8, also at the Visitor Center at 8:30 p.m., the Los Altos Foothill College drama group, under the direction of Dr. Doyne Mraz, will present a program especially prepared for Yosemite residents.

Those who saw the three one-act plays presented by this group last February will recall the excellent quality of production by these college young people. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

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LOCAL BOYS MAKE GOOD

It's a fine thing that two of YPC Co.'s employees are illiterate. If they could read their press clippings, they might get swelled heads. Horses Bud and Red, who pull the sleigh, have been written about and pictured in several dozen newspapers and probably will appear in additional publications before the winter ends.

During the Christmas-New Year holidays, the boys with Dean Conway at the reins, worked daily and carried 623 happy sleigh riders. Added to the 156 passengers over Thanksgiving and the 300 so far in

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AHWAHNEE GEARING FOR TODAYS TRAVELLER

From American to European Plan

The Ahwahnee first opened its doors in July, 1927. During the 41 intervening years, the hotel has served its guests three elaborate meals a day as, on the American plan, meals were included in the rate. On January 6, The Ahwahnee changed to European plan, thus allowing guests to choose for themselves how lavishly or frugally to dine.

The decision to change the mode of operation was not lightly made, and the matter was studied by members of the Operations Division for many months. The conclusion reached was that todays guest does not sit around the hotel lobby, waiting for the breakfast, lunch and dinner gong to ring, but is more likely to be out skiing, bicycling, horseback riding or hiking to the top of Half Dome. He is younger, more active, and more conscious of the need for exercise and dietary restraint. According to manager Glen Power, the guest reaction to the change has been quite favorable.

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HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Mariposa High School principal, Virgil Mullis, recently released the honor roll for the first quarter. At the top of the list was senior Jeanine Ditton with a 4.00 grade point average. Other local youngsters on the list were: Mary Ann Robinson with a 3.86, Thomas Allcock, Sylvia Bagley, and Sonja Hoie in the range from 3.71 to 3.14.

The 42 student honor roll represents better than 10% of the school's total enrollment.

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LA CANTINA A HUGE SUCCESS

The **Ojos de Dios** that decorate the wall of La Cantina have looked down on some pretty swinging evenings since the gathering place opened on December 21.

Manager Tom Keitges reports that 600 gallons of beer and 50 gallons of wine have been quaffed, and some 4,000 servings of tacos, etc. have been consumed in the intervening period. Tom also stated that tacos were the best seller, followed by enchiladas, with pizza and the combination plate tied for third place.

Inge Stueven, rather startlingly dressed in ski pants and Mexican headdress on Wednesday nights (ski movie night) and more appropriately costumed other evenings, is the lone waitress, dispensing the food and spirits. Steve Diser, in white suit and sombrero, assists Inge three hours a night. The cook, who makes the salsa, salads and the rest, is Harry Crane.

It's a great place to spend an evening, with much table hopping, "waitress, bring another cup for my friend", juke box blaring. On Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday nights, Doug Hammond, using his Mexican alias, "Herschel", plays honky-tonk piano from 6 to 9 p.m. Inge doubles in soprano, singing German songs, and Tom occasionally lends his baritone, bolstered by the microphone, to the Sing-alongs. This week, Keitges says, they will have printed song sheets for those not familiar with certain lyrics. Itinerant musicians/singers are welcome to lend their talents.

On Wednesday nights, Nic Fiore shows movies extolling the joys of

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A NEW BAND IN TOWN

There's a brand new trio playing for dancing and listening at The Ahwahnee and the Lodge. Joe Andrini is the leaderman and pianist, with Don Moralez playing the guitar and singing, and Ken Campagna on the drums. In addition to playing tunes for dancing, the trio has a number of group involvement schemes up its sleeve. They're all fun and you may find yourself doing a Greek dance with someone you never laid eyes on before.

The Trio's at the Lodge on Tuesday and at The Ahwahnee Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The band takes Sundays off, but the sound of music still rings through The Ahwahnee halls. Guitars Joann and Peter Allen stroll through El Dorado Diggin's and the adjacent mezzanine from 5:30 to 7:00 and 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., singing and playing folk songs from many nations.

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CLICKS FROM THE SILENT RAILS

Well, we managed to survive 1968. It was pretty exciting and eventful for awhile. Especially during our summer fires. And, we still are wondering if Bob Dunnagan had a burning permit for the Canyon fire.

Then, there was our paint job. Yes, our face was lifted in the cafe. Freshly painted walls and ceiling in off-white and turquoise greeted us upon our return from Disneyland. I don't think the ceiling was part of the original bargain, but John sort of accidentally fell through it while checking something in the attic so there was no alternative but paint it. At least I think it was an accident.

We had a memorable outing to the north-side operations of the

NO SECRET

Each year some ten billion capsules and tablets of narcotics and dangerous drugs are produced and traded. More than one half of these find their way to the public through illegal channels.

Parents of teenagers, indeed, anyone interested in the problems of drug use and abuse in today's society, will find a copy of "No Secret, A Compilation of Information on Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs" provocative reading.

Put together by the San Diego City Schools Curriculum Services Division, the booklet doesn't preach. It states simply and succinctly the dangers of amphetamines, barbiturates, glue sniffing, marijuana, LSD, and opiates. The psychological and physiological effects of dependence upon these dangerous drugs are described, as well as the impact of penalties on offenders.

For a free copy, drop by Bill Smith's office, or call him and he'll mail you a copy.

Yosemite Lumber Company and we were fortunate to have as our guide, Jim Law, co-author of "Railroads of the Yosemite Valley", who spent 25 years in the area as incline foreman and superintendent. He brought his book along so we could see from the pictures just how the various camps looked in their heyday. We had to plow through dense manzanita to find traces of mortal man—pieces of purple glass, knives and forks, tin and porcelain plates, and here and there a bit of fancy cut-glass. Mr Law took us to the area where he and his family lived and John picked up an old rusted pocket watch near the pile of lumber that had been the home of Jim's father in law. John gave it to Jim, who in turn gave it to his grandchildren as a memento of their great grandfather.

We came upon two swings in the same area, one in a pine, the other in an oak tree. The pine had grown so the swing was way above our heads, but we could still swing on the oak tree one. You could close your eyes and imagine the children

Y.W.C. SKI TEAM CHOSEN

On December 21 and December 28, some thirty youngsters tried out for a place on the Yosemite Junior Ski Team. The first day's trials involved free style skiing, during which the coaches observed and estimated the general abilities of the aspirants.

Slalom trials were conducted on the second day. On the basis of ability and potential, the following were selected for the first team: Group I, Louis Parker, Rick McEligott, Steve Polhemus; Group II, Lucy Parker, Lanette Bagley, Katy Tamm, Ann Carlyle, Group III, Tiina Tamm, Rob Woessner, Tom Berrey, Tom Harry; Group IV, Debbie Jones, Allen Berrey; Group V, Russ Jones, Kirk Helland.

Alternates, who may by performance 'bump' the regulars, are: Group I, Mike Harrison, Group II, Keven Wagner, Group III, Tom Clark, Group V, Betsy Woessner and Ann Harry.

giggling and playing on that beautiful hillside, the sound mingled with the noise of the donkey engines. It was a very poignant scene.

At Camp No. 1, the incline summit, we saw the concrete base where the huge hoist was mounted and we looked down the incline and marveled at its length and steepness which reached a maximum grade of 68%.

We haven't finished the complete circle of the camps, but plan to do so, hopefully with Mr. Law along.

We have some great new-old pictures in the Caboose thanks to Hank Johnston. They depict El Portal prior to 1910, the depot in 1920, and the logging incline across the river circa 1916. We are grateful to Hank for permission to reproduce these pictures, and to Tom Rennels for the frames he constructed in his 'spare time'.

Thanks to Winnie Copeland and Nan DeVaney, we also have a new bell. Charlie rings it often. Do you suppose that our only claim to fame will be a 'ding-a-ling bartender'?

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A RACE FOR NON-RACERS

Yosemite Winter Club's president Bill Jones announced recently that there would be an intra-club race on February 9. The race is designed for non-racers, in fact anyone who has had a formal racing card within the past ten years is ineligible. The meet is solely for enjoyment and the giant slalom course will be very simple, says Nic Fiore, who will set it with the less daring in mind.

Entrants will be classified by age and the men will compete against the men, the ladies against the ladies. Age groupings are: over 50 years, 49-40, 39-30, 29-18, juniors through 17 years.

There will be awards for the men and ladies first place winners in each group, plus awards for overall best times. Refreshments will be served in the Snowflake Room following the race.

Winter Club members have received notice of the race. Those not members but who would like to compete are invited to inquire about membership.

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FROM JAPAN, A THANK YOU

Several months ago the publicity department received a request from a young lady in Japan for Yosemite ski posters to be used during a winter festival at the Aoyama Gakuen University in Tokyo. Following is the acknowledgement of their arrival.

"I received Yosemite Ski posters on 18th of December. I don't know how to thank you for sending me just what I wanted to have. I will never forget your kindness of accepting my impudent request. Of course my sister was very glad and heartily thank you for your posters. In Japan December is the month when we feel restless without knowing why. Maybe it is because things unfinished and have to prepare for the New Year. There comes a merry Christmas pretty soon. I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Now, I have written down everything that I want to talk about. Here I stop writing. So long. Sincerely yours, Yumiko Geki."

LOCAL JUNIORS SCORE IN SKI RACES

Levi Ski Rodeo

Members of the Winter Club's junior race squad carried off appropriate honors in the annual Levi Ski Rodeo slalom meet held at Badger on January 12.

Among the class V racers, (smallest ones) Betsy Woessner took first among the girls, with Ann Harry in second. Russ Jones took a fourth, caused by difficulties on his first run; his 36.0 on his second run was the fastest single run by 4.5 sec. In class IV, Debra Jones and Allen Berrey took firsts.

The older racers ran a separate course, longer and more difficult. Among IIIB girls, Tiina Tamm Y.W.C. took first. In IIB, local girls Katy Tamm, Lanette Bagley and Lucy Parker ran 1,2,3. In IIC, Sylvia Bagley placed 3rd. Rick McElligott took 2nd in IB. On the boys side in IIIB it was Rob Woessner, Tom Berrey and Tom Harry, in that order. In the overall best times, Woessner was second, T. Berrey, third.

A total of 106 competed, 20 IVs and Vs, 86 Is, IIs, IIIs. The calculation of times for this many entrants was long and tedious and it was dusk before the trophies were awarded. The parents of the racers,

ON THE MEND

Badger Pass assistant manager Dave Dowling put in a ten day stint in St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno, during which the medics determined the nature of his illness.

Dave was released to the arms of his family on January 8 and wife Bea reports that he is coming along fine and probably will be back on the job by February 1.

Marsha Krause of the personnel office is sporting a cast on her left leg. Her injury came about not as a result of a spectacular skiing accident; she broke a foot bone tripping down the dormitory stairs.

Her cast extends from toe to knee, which seems unduly extensive for a broken foot — but maybe the doctors just wanted to keep their hand in that day.

most with many miles of driving ahead, waited patiently for the results to be published.

American Legion Slalom

The next Sunday, January 19, saw the day of the American Legion junior slalom dawning anything but bright. Chief timer John Hansen reports there was rain, hail, sleet, snow and fog. Visibility was nil, the slopes wet and soggy. Thanks go to Bill Jones and his squad of ski instructors for foot packing the course.

Despite the terrible weather, 77 youngsters turned out for the event and Y.W.C. junior racers again carried home honors.

In class V girls, Betsy Woessner and Ann Harry took second and third place; Russ Jones and Kirk Hellund were first and second among V boys. In class IV girls, Debra Jones took a first with an identical time of 71.5 sec. to that of her brother Russ.

Steve Polhemus ran second in class I boys and IIB Kevin Wagner came in third. Katy Tamm, Lanette Bagley and Lucy Parker did it again — ran one, two, and three in girls IIB. Tiina Tamm took a first in girls IIC, Rob Woessner and Tom Harry were first and second in the boys IIC.

Best overall time honors were shared by Tiina and Rob with 70.2 sec.

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W.S. "SLIM" DAVIS TO ADDRESS Y.W.C. MEETING

W.S. "Slim" Davis, recreation director for the western region of the National Forest Service, will speak before the Yosemite Winter Club members at the March 14 meeting.

Davis will discuss ski developments, present and in the planning stage, on National Forest Service land in California. He has spoken before ski groups around the state for a number of years and always has presented highly interesting information.

Because of Mr. Davis' presence, everyone is welcome to the meeting which will start at 6:30 p.m. in the Winter Club Room at The Ahwahnee.

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LUCULLAN FARE

Executive chef Fred Pierson and Ahwahnee chef Walt Nowak worked long and hard on the selection of a menu, and came up with fare that it was impossible to offer on a fixed meal basis. Chef Nowak reports that, from among the new entrees, tournedos Rossini have been the best seller, closely followed by coq au vin rouge, veal cordon bleu, and crab legs St. Denis. The surprise leader in the hors-d'oeuvre section has been the snails Bourguignonne. (This reporter somehow felt that Americans, for the most part, were not acquainted with the delights of the snail!) Nowak also stated that cherries jubilee was the favorite flaming dessert, with baked Alaska in second place.

Employee Discount

With the change to European plan, came a change in employee discount and procedure. No longer does one purchase a meal ticket from the cashier. Now, the employee presents his privilege card to the waiter or waitress, who will deduct 25% from the total bill, excluding any spirits. The discount is allowed on both the a la carte and complete dinner menus.

While a Chateaubriand for two

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LA CANTINA (Cont.)

skiing in Switzerland, Grenoble, Aspen — everywhere but here!

Saturday night is the swingingest. The agile can compete in a limbo contest. The winner gets beer and pizza for his table. (The bigger the table, the bigger the prize.) Saturday is the night, too, of the pinata party, when blind-folded hitters take a crack at breaking the candy-filled pinata. The successful swatter who breaks the pinata is presented with a sombrero, which, when worn to Badger Pass the next day, entitles him or her to a free all-day lift ticket.

As word of this unique award method spreads, there may come a day when a half dozen sombrero outfitted people show up on the Badger slopes. If so, a new award method, with greater control, may have to be worked out.

persons goes at \$16.00, it is still possible to have a complete meal for a good deal less. The Ahwahnee specialty dinners are \$5.15 for employees. Four entrees are available — prime rib, chicken, lamb chops, and fish — and the dinner includes relishes, salad, soup, vegetables, dessert and beverage.

Each employee is allowed two guests at the 25% discount. So, if you've yet to make a gustatory pilgrimage to The Ahwahnee dining room, you should. You'll be glad you did!

New Dining Room Manager

Pat O'Donnell is transferring to another company operation and the new head of the dining room is James Tai, who reported for work on January 24. Tai was brought up in Hawaii and has worked at Trader Vic's in Chicago and New York, at the Roosevelt Hotel in Seattle, and, most recently, was the assistant maitre d'hotel at the Mark Hopkins in San Francisco. Tai will train the dining room staff in French service, the fine arts of mixing a Caesar salad at the table and flaming a dessert.

The Ahwahnee may be 41 years old but the staff has young ideas and it is expected that the new fare and service will be more attractive to the traveller of the 1960s and '70s.

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LOCAL BOYS (Cont.)

January, they've carted 1,079 people at \$2.00 a head. (And, \$2,000 ain't hay, Bud and Red). Now, they take it a bit easier, only jingle-jangling around the valley on Saturdays and Sundays.

At that, they don't have it as easy as the 310 head of stock down at the Wilsonholm ranch for the winter. They, too, have received their share of fame. Dolly Connolly's story of the Yosemite horsedrive from Wawona to Pamplona appeared in the December 20 issue of LIFE magazine, and later in the international edition distributed from Hong Kong to Hungary.

CHORUS ANYONE?

Joan McClain states there are still vacancies in the Yosemite Chorus, which meets every Monday night at 7:45 p.m. If interested call Joan at 372-4293 for information.

BONANZA!

Two pay checks the week of January 6! The windfall came about due to the change-over from a biweekly to a weekly pay day. The check received on January 7 covered the period of December 16-31; that received on January 10 paid for the January 1 to 5 period. From now on, pay day will be the Friday following the close of the work week at Sunday midnight.

In addition to the advantage of getting paid weekly, employees will receive overtime pay weekly, rather than at the end of the month as was the case formerly.

Single employees living in company dormitories or tents will have \$4.55 per week deducted, which is seven times the 65c per day charge. Rent deductions for employees in married housing and bachelor apartments will be the annual rent rate divided by 52, plus an average utility rate. Small adjustments to actual utility charges — refunds or additional charges as necessary — will be made semi-annually or annually. By including the utility charges, householders now may claim an income tax deduction for both rent and utilities.

Besides the rent, the Lewis Memorial Hospital plan charges, federal income and social security taxes will be deducted weekly. Insurance and television charges will come out of the first pay check of the month. Stock, El Portal rent and electricity, uniform charges, equipment rental and guest housing charges will be subtracted from the second check of the month.

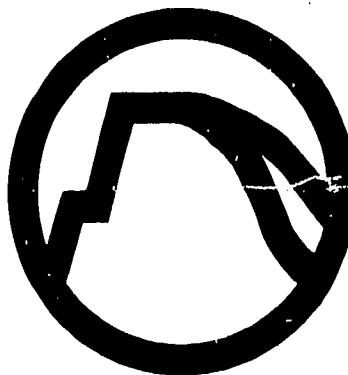
—o— CREDIT UNION MEETING

Gene Ottonello reports that the annual meeting of the Yosemite Credit Union will be held on Monday, February 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the training room of the YPC Co. general offices.

—o— SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Services were held in Mariposa on January 15 for Mrs. Dolores McElligott, wife of mechanic foreman Doug McElligott. Dolores died on January 9 following a brief illness.

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SPRING, TRA LA!

The Yosemite Womens Group must feel that with the approaching Vernal equinox that spring is on its way, as they have scheduled a program by YPC Co. supervisory gardener, Carl Stephens, for their March 27 luncheon meeting to be held at The Ahwahnee at 12:45 p.m.

Carl will give advice on the care and feeding of the garden and how to deal with pests. He'll illustrate his remarks on the use of native plants with colored slides. A question period will follow.

For luncheon reservations, price, \$1.75, call The Ahwahnee cashier, 372-4421, by March 26.

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BOOK DISCUSSION

GROUP SLATED

Seventeen local residents have signed up for the book discussion group to be lead by Merced College philosophy and English professor, Ed Bean. The first session, scheduled for February 18, was cancelled due to weather conditions, so the first meeting will take place on March 18, with others on April 22 and May 20. A fourth class will be rescheduled for a later date.

There is no charge for the course, except the purchase of books, most of which are available in paperback. The group will meet in the YPC Co. training room at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Bean is well qualified as a leader, with a B.A. and M.A. from the University of Wisconsin and studies at the University of Paris. He has led similar discussions in Merced for the past two years.

Anyone wishing to join the group may contact Bill Smith at 372-4611, extention 47.

AN EVENING OF SONG

The Yosemite Arts Guild will present, as the latest Festival '69 offering, the Southern Oregon College Choraliers in concert at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23 in the Great Lounge of The Ahwahnee.

The seventeen-voice choir, under the direction of Dr. J. Ray Tumbleston, will sing an extraordinary range of selections — from 16th century madrigals to "Die Fledermaus" to new jazz arrangements.

The group has been widely acclaimed and has performed at Expo '67 and at the Christmas Candlelight Music Festival at Disneyland. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

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TOP SCHOLARS

Virgil Mullis, principal of Mariposa High School, announced recently that Mary Ann Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Robinson, was the winner of the Bank of America Achievement Award Plaque in the field of liberal arts.

Selection is made by the faculty members, and factors they take into account are scholastic attainment, civic responsibility, and evidence of leadership.

Mary Ann will compete in the zone event, April 10, and if selected there, go on to the area finals to vie for cash awards ranging from \$150 to \$1,000.

Jeannine Ditton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ditton, received a certificate of superior performance in the field of social studies.

Mary Ann and Jeannine are both seniors and both topped the first semester honor roll with straight 4.00 grade point averages.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The performance of all departments of our Company during the past trying days of storm has been most gratifying.

Among our stated aims are the preservation and maintenance of our physical properties, and the rendering of unfailingly courteous, cheerful and efficient service to the Park visitors at all times. Those who have worked long hours, frequently at unfamiliar tasks, to achieve these goals, deserve commendation and reflect great credit upon themselves and their respective departments. While our first estimate of damage is approximately \$50,000, the amount would unquestionably have been greater were it not for these efforts.

Even though there is apparently still a prospect of further storm, we can face the future with confidence in the skill, dedication, and spirit of our organization.

Stuart G. Cross
President

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TELLY TALLY

The TV Association asks for your indulgence while the damage caused by the recent unpleasant weather is being repaired.

According to Gordon Warren and Clark Martin, the transmitting cable from Sentinel Dome to Glacier Point, normally 20 feet above ground, is buried beneath the snow pack and broken and buckled in many places. Some 4,000 feet of cable will have to be replaced. New receiving antennas for channels 6, 7, 9, 13 have been installed.

The preliminary estimate of the damage is set at \$4,000. As soon as the necessary materials arrive, and

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THAT WAS THE WEEK

There are a few 'old timers', Dana Morgenson is one, who claim that the winter of '48 was much worse. But for most of us, the week of February 22 to March 1 Was The Week That Was.

There's no refuting the fact that there were 16 inches of snow on the valley floor on Saturday, February 22 and a whopping 173 inches at Badger Pass. One week later, there were 52 inches in the valley and an incredible 253 inches at Badger. Three to seven feet of snow in one week just has to be **some** sort of record.

You Can't Get There From Here

On Sunday, February 23, the N.P.S. found it impossible to keep open the road from Chinquapin to Badger Pass. The next day, an intrepid band of 12 'volunteers' made their way out to the ski area via snocat. Assuming new roles as snow removal men were: national ski patrolman Jim O'Toole, ski instructors Herb Swedlund, Bernard Achiardy, Philippe Giraud, John Fekete, Barry Healias, Jean Pierre Crettaz, Peter McAsey, Graeme Woodhouse, ski school director Bill Jones and his assistant, Maurice Flutey and Badger manager Bill Wismer. Joining them was custodian Pat Pattison.

The Denzel Rowland night-packing crew — Glen Barton, Jerry Brunson, Mike Williams, Mike Harrison and Robert Beron — came forth blinking into daylight and the group dug, trenched, tunneled and otherwise attacked the snowy fastness that engulfed the ski house, lifts and other facilities.

The Badger road did open for a time on Friday, and Bill Wismer

stated, "everything will be on the house — lift ticket, lessons, ski rental, lunch — for the first skiing guest to present him or herself". The offer went unclaimed as the road closed again that afternoon. When, after 7 days, Badger was back in business on Sunday morning who was the first to arrive? None other than Yosemite Winter Clubber, Doug Coe, of course, followed closely behind by Toney and Elsie Freitas. Doug accepted a large glass of orange juice for his feat.

Jim O'Toole, who has been observed on former occasions shaking his fist at the sky and crying to Zeus for "50 more feet of snow", has reduced his request to "15 feet". Winter enthusiast that he is, even Jim acknowledges that when one digs a five foot deep trench, one ends up at the bottom tossing shovelfuls of snow a full 10 feet in the air.

Push The Off, Not Panic, Button

According to Flo Clow, Yosemite Lodge housekeeper, her team is all for pushing the 'off with snow' button. The Yosemite Lodge accommodations area covers 15 acres and that's a lot of square feet, particularly when blanketed by 4-5 feet of snow. Trails disappeared and linen trucks were stymied by the snow-choked service roads.

Flo's band of 20 maids and 6 housemen (we wish it were possible to list them all by name) nevertheless serviced this area during the severest storm in recent, and not so recent, memory with the aplomb of a Hannibal army crossing the Alps. No elephants being readily available, tiny maids treaded the maze of catch-as-catch-can trails to their stations with linens, some times, carried safari-like on heads. Housemen's backs strained at relieving roofs of their snow loads and bringing order to the trails. Maid-to-maid and maid-to-houseman rescues were frequent. Flo notes with pride that, despite the obstacles, every bed had square corners and every blanket

was taut enough to bounce a quarter.

One peculiar problem remains to be solved, a unique sort of 'lost and found'. As paths, porches, cabins were cleared, an increasingly large number of cans of soda pop, beer and the like became uncovered, apparently put outside by guests to cool and covered by an overnight snowfall. Flo would welcome suggestions as to how you tell one man's Burgie from another man's Bud.

Out On A Limbo

When, on Tuesday, February 25, the safety committeemen, Bill Smith and Dick Ditton, stated that the General Office roof must be cleared lest it collapse, a valiant crew of normally desk-, not muscle-bound males rose to the occasion, and the roof top, and started digging in, or out.

The accounting office group, whose machines lay silent without electricity, were in the forefront. Bill Smith, controller Roger Sandberg, chief auditor Gerry Smith, Bill Thomas and Hollis (Dick) Johnson left their desks for a spell of manual labor. Computermeister L. L. Branscum and his assistants Don Dunn and Tom Tange, whose beautiful IBM machine was cold and blank, joined in the exertions, as did security man Fred Lelune. Employment manager Joe Thomas was up and down, leaving to "hire some snow shovelers", which seemed a good excuse — the first time he used it. Once it looked as if Gerry Smith was a goner as he slid dangerously close to the edge, but by executing some quick dance steps and grabbing a tree limb he stopped just short of going over the brink. Don Dunn did lose his shovel, but refused to ride it down.

Meanwhile, in the offices below, Sally Rathsack and Lee Anderson in accounting, Vicki Smith in executive office, Kathy Stephenson and Marsha Krause in personnel and Ann Madsen in commercial kept the

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WEEK THAT WAS!!!

phone communications going by manning the special telephones and running form the 'north 40' to the 'south 20' to fetch whomever was wanted.

Jim Hamer's reservation office girls played "button, button". Their phone lines, not hooked into the office switchboard, will work but the lights won't light and the bells won't dingle. Pat O'Connor and Susan Kennedy audited thier call directors by pushing buttons to see if anyone might be ringing in.

Other office gals worked at tasks not requiring electric machines and, with frosty fingers, caught up the filing, etc. while the interior office temperature fell to 44° before the power and heat were restored.

And, true to tradition, company mailman, Miles Cooper, was stayed not by wind, rain, hail, snow nor gloom of day from completing his appointed rounds.

Yawn Patrol

There was one person who may, may mind you, have welcomed the 14 hour power loss from 9 p.m. Monday to 11 a.m. Tuesday, and that was personnel's Kathy Stephenson, who had been sitting in as our dawn snow news recording artist for vacationing Vera McDonald. (Vera, we suspect, has some sort of ESP. She and husband Jim were out sailing the warm, blue Sea of Cortez, sob!)

Arriving in the office at 7:00 a.m. is evidence of loyalty above and beyond the call, but once having made her morning statement, Kathy wasn't through. Due to the constantly changing road conditions — highway 140 is open with chains, closed by slide, one-way, highway 41 is open, closed, etc. — Kathy recorded almost hourly during the week. No power. No recording.

Take Us, The Bus

Y.T.S. dispatcher, Hilda Tryhall, reports that our buses foundered not and the only service interruptions were due to slides on highway 140 and the 'road closed' condi-

tions of the Badger Pass and Mariposa Grove roads.

Shuttle car drivers, Louis DeSanders and Bill Coleman, paused not in their continual circuits, despite hazardous driving conditions that made each 'round the valley trip an adventure. It comes as no surprise, when one looks at the employee, residential, village store and office parking areas, where vehicles are mere humps in a field of white, that the shuttle car use during the week increased 33%, up from 1,149 passengers the week before to 1,529 passengers.

Hither and Thither

Band leaderman, Don Moralez was observed, midstorm, digging out his automobile from a snow drift. When asked where he expected to be able to drive once he had unearthed his auto, Don replied, "nowhere". Perhaps he looks on his auto as something more than inanimate and he just wanted it to know he cared.

Printer's helper Garry Robinson's family happened to be in the valley when 140 closed, making it impossible for them to return to their El Portal home. Garry spent a sleepless night among the Yosemite Lodge soughing pines, one of which he expected — momentarily — to come crashing through the roof. Guess there are good things about living in El Portal.

Ski instructor Ed Sullivan, Badger's Pat O'Donnell and Jay Fettters, Nic Fiore and the Lodge's Bill Cooper were among the many observed leading roof-top expeditions. Winter Sports Director Nic stated that this was his least favorite winter sport.

The Ahwahnee seems to have been an Island of Serenity in the Sea of Snow, claiming no untoward incidents. Garden Supervisor Carl Stephens, as adventuresome as they come, asked for a houseman to accompany him on his unearthing of the hotel cottages. He said that the snow was so deep that if he slid off a roof, they wouldn't find him 'til

the spring thaw.

And, dining room manager, James Tai, Hawaii-born and big city raised, refused to believe there was this much snow in all the world, let along impeding his route from home to hotel.

Ahwahnee pantryman, Loyd Price, recently returned from an avalanche rescue expedition in Sequoia National Park, put on a magnificent slide show on the joys and perils of rock climbing, to take our minds off our predicaments.

Cashier Stewart Campbell was kangaroo-hopping his way across a ditch when he twisted a knee and went down. Nearly immobilized, he was rescued by garageman Roy Dimock who happened by in a pick-up and took him to the hospital. From now on, Stew, only wallaby-hops?

Accounting's Nellie McPhaul took an even worse spill and is now sporting a cast on her broken leg.

Curry Village's George Allen was last seen snow-shoeing his way to the farthest reaches of his domain. Reservation's Charles Davenport, who lives there, refers to the area as "Mole Hill".

Winter Of Our Disconnect

The television was the first facility to be knocked out by the storm. Whether or not this falls into the category of a disaster is a matter of opinion. During the interruption, books were read, words were said. Couples who hadn't been known to speak to one another in years between the hours of 6 and 11 p.m. were observed in animated conversation. Others chose to console themselves that life could be worse by reading "The Last Days of the Late, Great State of California".

For those who simply had to see something moving across a screen, winter sports director Nic Fiore provided movies and movies and more movies on — what else? — skiing.

Editor's note: Sorry, space didn't permit us to print a 'storm story' for each of our 534 employees.)

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THE LUCKY ONES

Some people really picked the right time to go vacationing and missed the discomforts and inconveniences of the storm.

Jim and Vera McDonald trailered their 26 foot boat to Mexico and sailed off into the Gulf of California. Due to a leaky keelbox, they were thwarted in their attempt to reach Baja California, but had a grand two weeks of sailing along the mainland coast, fishing, swimming and shelling.

Marge and Bob Cromer got in some golf under clear skies at Morro Bay before going down the coast to San Diego. There, they had rain and more rain, but at least it doesn't have to be shoveled. Marge reports they had a fine relaxing vacation despite the inclement weather.

Dotty and Glen Power spent the month of February on a 6,000 mile swing through the southwest and midwest. They had something of a busman's holiday, visiting Bryce and Zion National Parks and White Sands National Monument before heading into Texas and turning north to Iowa and Minnesota and back via Denver and Salt Lake. Glen said they had good weather all the way: cold in Minnesota but clear.

Dar MacInerney, with the Bill Jones family, spent a week at Sun Valley, Idaho. Dar shudders at the thought of living there all winter, where the snow was up over the second story windows and one treaded one's way from place to place via tunnels.

However, they had excellent skiing, skied every day, all the while listening to reports of the Sierra's troubles.

Bob Matthews, not vacationing but on a buying trip, was touring Arizona and New Mexico. Phoenix was a chilly 52 degrees, but all in all a good deal more pleasant than Yosemite.

The Gordon Clan wandered through Southern Arizona, Southern New Mexico, Northwestern Texas, Juarez and Nogales, Mexico and the Imperial Valley of Southern California.

"Mama's Mink" (11½ foot Camp-

CHURCH NEWS

Rev. Don Baldwin, resident Protestant minister, has announced the following changes in services and hours.

The regular Sunday morning worship in the Chapel is now held at 9:00 a.m., allowing visitors and residents to attend service before a day of skiing.

With Sunday School scheduled at 10:00 a.m. in the Visitor Center, there is ample time for teachers and families to get from the Chapel to the Visitor Center.

At 11:30 a.m. there is a new indoor service in the Snowflake Room at Badger Pass — for bad weather days and for beginning skiers who aren't up to taking the chair lift to the top where the Skier's Outdoor Worship is held at 1:45 p.m.

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THAT—A—WAY

Due to the unusual quantity of snowfall this winter, and the problems attendant upon this condition, the Tecoya Dorm access road is now one-way and will remain so until further notice. Travel is from the north (hospital) side to the south (camp 6) side. Your cooperation will reduce the driving hazards in this area.

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ROSALINE LINTOTT DIES

The SENTINEL has received word of the death of Mrs. Rosaline Lintott in Orinda. The Lintotts came to Yosemite in 1921 when Walter was employed by the Yosemite National Park Co. as garage stockroom manager, and left in 1942.

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FOR SALE — New Bear Paw snowshoes. Contact Rosemary DeVito on The Ahwahnee desk or call 372-4421.

er) traversed over 3,000 miles all in search of the sun—and found same. Van and Sally riding, singing and swimming; Harriet and Vince, driving, singing and sunning.

Having weathered the storm, Dillon Gillies left March 3 for a three week holiday which he plans to spend with his family in North Carolina, Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

PAUL JONES — IN MEMORIAM

Paul Jones, for many years a valued member of the Yosemite community, passed away very suddenly of a heart attack the last week of February. Memorial services were held on March 1 in Palm Springs where he and Coletha had made their retirement home.

Paul first came to Yosemite in May, 1941 as relief cook at The Ahwahnee. He worked as second cook there until the summers of 1964 and 1965 when he became sous chef at Camp Curry. In 1967 Paul was sous chef at Wawona, and then went on to Big Trees Lodge as chef, a position he held through last summer.

All of us who knew Paul, and who worked with or for him, loved him. He was fair to everyone, reliable in his job. He had a joke for all. He loved fine music and shared delightful musical evenings with his friends. Baseball was another love. How we will miss him! Paul Jones, chef par excellence and a very swell guy.

At this time, it is uncertain whether Coletha will return to Yosemite, but we sincerely hope that she will.

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TELLY TALLY

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accorded the cooperation of the weatherman in providing clear skies (the N.P.S. is already working on clearing the road) the T.V. will soon be operating properly.

Meanwhile — patience, patience.

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HELP WANTED

Local woman desiring full time employment to train as key punch operator. Also wanted are local women who want full or part-time work in any capacity. Contact the YPC Co. personnel office, 372-4611.

FOR SALE — Duncan Phyle mahogany dining table, 40" x 64" with 2 extenders and 2 chairs. \$40. Call Dana Moigenson at 372-4852.

FOR SALE — 1959 4-door Chevrolet. Radio/heater/power steering. Call Earl Pomeroy at 372-4878.

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Thursday, April 17, 1969

Yosemite National Park, California

BARNETT'S TWENTY-FIVE YEARS IN THE SADDLE

Bob Barnett has just completed twenty-five years or thirty-eight years with YPC Co., depending on how you look at it — thirty-eight if you start with his first job, twenty-five if you start with his regular seasonal employment. Either way, it's a long, loyal period of service at a job that demands long hours, a knowledge of horses, people and the park.

Barnett's family has been around Madera County for a long time, Bob's father having farmed grain on land which was a part of the old, historic Miller and Lux holding. Miller and Lux once owned most of the San Joaquin Valley. On the Barnett farm, mules instead of tractors, were used for the field work and Bob, at a tender age, learned to manage a twelve-mule team — which is a lot of mules. When Bob first came to Yosemite to work summers, he was 16 and his uncle Jim Barnett was stables boss. He put Bob in charge of the donkeys — to feed them, pack them, curry them and to put up with their miserable dispositions. Despite the last, Bob had a success-

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SPRING CLEANUP WEEK

Supt. Lawrence Hadley has designated April 27-May 3 as Spring Cleanup Week. All residents are urged to rid their yards of accumulated winter debris. The N.P.S. will make special pickups of trash and leaves left along residential roadsides. Those with pickup trucks may assist materially by hauling their own and neighbor's trash to the El Portal incinerator. Yosemite is green. Help keep it clean!

ART SHOW COMING

Della Taylor Hoss, a one-time Yosemite resident and an artist of considerable accomplishment, by arrangement with the Yosemite Arts Guild, will have a display of her work at The Ahwahnee during May. There will be charcoal and pencil drawings which will be representative of her early work (1927) and that done in 1968: the exhibit, thus, will be called "Then and Now". All the drawings are studies of nature, in one form or another.

Mrs. Hoss, when she lived in the park, was an inveterate observer and recorder of the local floral and fauna and her woodblock renderings of the trees of Yosemite have continued to be admired by nature fanciers as well as artists.

Everyone is welcome to view the exhibit which will be in The Ahwahnee's Game Room.

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RECORD SNOW DEPTHS IN HIGH COUNTRY

We're all very well aware that we had a whopping amount of snow during the past (we hope!) winter. The N.P.S. snow gaugers, overcoming the hazards of surface transportation by using a helicopter, made their late March survey without mishap and come up with the following figures:

Course	Elevation	Snow Depth 1969	Average
Perey Meadow	7000'	153.0"	69.8"
Gin Flat	7100'	155.4"	81.2"
Tenaya Lake	8150'	148.5"	79.1"
Ostrander Lake	8200'	153.5"	82.9"
Tuolumne Meadow	8600'	125.6"	56.3"
Snow Flat	8700'	198.0"	105.9"
Ellery Lake	9500'	132.5"	71.3"
Rafferty Meadow	9600'	151.0"	79.4"
Dana Meadow	9700'	133.2"	77.4"
Tioga Lake	9900'	134.7"	56.7"
Saddlebag Lake	10,000'	145.0"	75.5"

FREE CLIMBING INSTRUCTION FOR LOCALS

Wayne Merry, director of YPC Co.'s newly established climbing and mountaineering school, stated that, prior to the school's official opening, he will conduct free introductory classes for local employees.

Three days of classes will be held: Basic on April 22, Intermediate, April 23, Advanced, April 24. Classes will be limited to 10, 4, and 3 persons respectively. Each class will last seven hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Climbing equipment (not shoes or clothing) will be furnished.

Because classes are limited in size, enrollment will be on a first come basis. Call YPC Co. Operations office, 372-4656, for sign-up.

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LIONS AND WOMEN'S GROUP TO CO-MEET

The Lions Club is showing remarkably good judgement by arranging to hold a meeting in conjunction with the Yosemite Women's Group. On April 24, the two groups will join at a luncheon meeting, at which Shirley Sargent, well-loved and much admired local (Foresta) authoress will talk about "Jessie B. Fremont, Mariposa County Resident". Mrs. Fremont was, of course, the wife of J. C. Fremont, who once owned some 50,000 acres of the Mariposa County foothills and had a home in Bear Valley. Miss Sargent will exhibit old photos relating to the Fremonts and will read from Mrs. Fremont's letters.

Reservations should be made with The Ahwahnee cashier, 372-4421.

New Sargent Books Out

Three new books published by Miss Sargent's "Flying Spur Press"

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WHO'S WHO, WHO'S NEW Oldtimers

A sure harbinger of spring is the annual shift in personnel from winter to summer assignments.

Two appointments, however, are not seasonal. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will be operating the United Auto Workers' Family Education Center at Black Lake, Michigan and Yosemite Lodge manager, Earl Pomeroy, has been assigned as manager of that facility, with Chief Auditor, Geryl Smith, as assistant manager. Earl's transfer was effective April 1; Gerry's will be after May 1, but neither will move to Michigan for some weeks.

Former El Portal Motor Inn manager, John Burden, foresaking crocuses for snow plants, has moved up the hill to become Yosemite Lodge manager. Charlie Mulcahy is now the acting manager of EPMI.

With the closing of Badger Pass, manager Bill Wismer became assistant to the Vice President, Operations, and Winter Sports Director, Nic Fiore, packed his skis and stretch pants and unpacked his hiking boots and lederhosen for his summer assignment as supervisor of the High Sierra Camps. Although, due to the depth of snow in the high country, he may have to make his first foray on snowshoes!

Yosemite Lodge assistant manager, Bill Cooper, will take over the running of Curry Village, which incorporates the former Camp Curry and Housekeeping Camp operations. Two for the high country are La Cantina manager Tom Keitges to Glacier Point Hotel and Lodge cafeteria manager Charles Beck to run Big Trees Lodge.

Newcomers

George Newman, who joined the

ADIOS, CANTINA MIA

At 1 a.m. Sunday, April 6 La Cantina manager Tom Keitges pushed the last wailing customer out of the door. Sadly, Inge Stueven carted out the last paper plate and empty pitcher. Cook Harry Crane turned off the oven and sheathed his chopping knife. La Cantina was closed 'til next December!

As a gathering place, La Cantina was great fun for visitors, families and single employees alike. In fact, on almost any given night, half the patrons were locals. While the final figures aren't in, through the month of February some \$21,000 worth of food was dished up and \$8,500 worth of spirits poured — which represents something like 10,000 tacos and 8,000 pitchers of beer.

Tom Keitges and Harry Crane (probably) will go to Glacier Point. For Inge, its back to the Lodge restaurant's green and white uniform — no more cute, checkered mini-skirt.

There'll be a two week clean-up period during which the last peanut shell will be swept up, Theresa Conroy's window murals washed away, the piano and juke box hauled out, and the sombreros and pinatas stored away. On April 25, the place will reopen as the plain, ol' Village Restaurant.

company on March 24, isn't quite a 'new man', having worked for us back in 1967. George is a programmer in data processing; he and his wife Merilee have taken up residence in the "Y" apartments.

Jim Pavisha of Watsonville signed on March 18 as a management trainee with his first position Ahwahnee chief clerk. Jim is a sociology graduate of the University of Santa Clara and recently served as Executive Officer of a MP training company.

Robert Turkovich is another management trainee appointed on March 25 to the food and room service facilities at Yosemite Lodge. Bob graduated in 1968 from San Jose State with a degree in advertising. One wonders if this is a case of the ad man out?

JUST LIKE DOWNTOWN!

In their March 13 meeting, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2971 voted to sponsor the naming of the street and roads in their community of El Portal.

Anyone with name suggestions should contact Carroll Clark, chairman of the project. The final decisions will be made jointly by the V.F.W. and the National Park Service. The latter has agreed to supply the redwood posts and signs, the former will donate the strong arms and backs to install them.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Dr. Avery Sturm and Dr. Roger Hendrickson, in cooperation with the Mariposa County Health Department and public health nurse, Mrs. Carol Davis, will hold a community immunization clinic on Tuesday, April 22, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Yosemite Elementary School.

Tuberculin skin tests will be given as well as immunizations for measles, smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio. There is no charge for the immunizations which are available to infants, children and adults. Those under 21 years must be accompanied by a parent, and all persons should bring their immunization records with them.

BLOOD BANK TIME AGAIN

The Yosemite Lions Club will sponsor the Central Valley Blood Bank on May 6 at the Masonic Hall. Two years ago approximately 80 pints were obtained and this amount has been used in Yosemite or neighboring communities.

To re-establish our credit, all fit citizens are asked to make an appointment to donate blood. Pledge cards will be available from your supervisor.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the National Park Service cooperate and encourage a response to this vital community project. If the project is successful, the community will have a credit for two years with the Lewis Memorial Hospital or for transfer where needed.

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SUGGESTIONS PAY OFF

Suggestion committee chairman Mike Johnson recently announced two awards. Pat O'Donnell had his pay check fattened by \$12.50 for suggesting that a buzzer replace the bell on the telephone in The Ahwahnee dining room. Actually, a blinking light was installed but Pat's idea was responsible for the change.

Garageman Pete Muncill came up with an idea for a gear oil dispenser, which resulted in a substantial cost saving and the granting of \$12.50 for his efforts.

Keep those cards and letters coming in folks!

A FEAST OF ROBINS

by

Shirley Sargent

A feast of robins enlivened the massive rains of January, 1969 at my isolated Flying Spur home, 13 miles west of Yosemite Valley. Normally frequent snowfalls, separated by dazzling days of sunlight, like exclamation points after sentences, make January thirty-one days of beauty. This year, days and days of solid, sheeting rain, of hail, of pelting sleet, pine-bending wind, and more rain resulted in pools, rivulets, sloughs, uprooted trees, power failure and solitude. Two tree-friends fell at Flying Spur. One, a picturesque snag, leaned toward my home, but was thrust by gusty winds to thud harmlessly over a woodpile.

Robins disputed the weather. Damage and danger were mentally shelved as I watched the birds disporting themselves and using rain as backdrop for continuous shows. A flock does not begin to equate the legions, the astounding multitudes swooping, darting, and hopping in the forest. Their number was so vast as to blacken sections of the sky when they flew. Their vocal reaction to rain was so loud as to drown out the considerable tumult of storm-swollen creeks.

Chirps, twitters and chatter was only overwhelmed by the tremendous whir of wings in their sudden

THE BATTLE OF THE WHITFIELDS

With the May 3rd opening of fishing season just around the corner, the future book is now open on the Whitfield vs. Whitfield 'battle of the brownies' or 'who can catch the biggest fish on opening day'.

Last year, Keith decked Sonny by pulling in a 4 lb. 5 oz., 21½ inch long trout, so Sonny will be going all out to best Keith. Neither will admit to being in training for the contest beyond a certain amount of wrist flexing, but as time draws near, it may be that Keith and Sonny will be observed in certain gyrations associated with fly casting.

The next SENTINEL will carry the news of the 1969 champion!

bolts for the sky. While robin calls hardly rank as music, such as canyon wrens or olive-sided flycatchers provide, they herald good fellowship. Mud didn't deter robins. They skittered, bounced, pecked at pools, ran in spasmodic bursts of speed, ruffled their feathers, pulled berries from manzanita bushes and frolicked, commanding human attention and amusement. A band of juncoes and the ever-present, raucous Steller jays were so outnumbered as to be dismissed as competition.

There was little color to my soaked friends. Redbreasts and blue coats were drab and wet, but the birds were so colorful in action their disheveled plumage seemed a jaunty uniform.

John Muir called robins "blessed wanderers", and I knew a warmer climate would beckon when snow began. Neither hail nor sleet troubled them, but their agitation was extreme when snowflakes finally succeeded 17 inches of rain. In flocks and singles they arrowed away, leaving Flying Spur to the beauty and blessings of snow.

When I remember the immense rains resulting in state-wide catastrophe, I remember, too, a feast of robins. No torrent of rain, no tumult of tree up-rooting wind, no ridge-shrouding clouds, no sodden day was incessantly gloomy with such an assemblage of animating cheer.

Y.W.C. ANNUAL MEETING

The Y.W.C. annual meeting and member's dinner was held at Badger Pass the evening of April 3. More than a hundred members, juniors and guests attended. The evening, arranged by Patrick O'Donnell, assistant Badger manager, was done in good style — a speedy bar, a fine dinner and excellent folk music played and sung by Pete and Joann Allen.

Following dinner, president Bill Jones and his committee people recapped the season's activities. Officers for the 1969-70 season were elected and will be:

President... Roger Hendrickson, M.D.
Vice President..... Bob Barbee
Vice President..... Al Read
Secretary/Treasurer... Henry Berrey
Sports Director..... Nic Fiore
Charles Proctor again was named Honorary President.

Among the many distinguished guests were the Albert Sigals, their son and wife and their children. The Sigaal grandchildren are among the many third generation youngsters skiing at Badger. Mickey Curry and son David were present; John, a former Y.W.C. president, was unable to be present.

Dar McInerney, fund raising chairman, conducted a raffle at the close of the evening with Mickey Curry winning a season lift pass and ski boot tree, Albert Sigal, a pair of poles, Steve Polhemus, sun glasses and Tiina Tamm, wax and gaiters. The raffle netted \$25.

This has been a good year for the Club and, despite cancellation of several events because of weather, it provided more activities and had more members involved in its programs than ever in the past.

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FOR SALE — 28' Kenskill trailer. Excellent condition. \$2500. Call Mrs. Beavers at 379-2284 after 6 p.m.

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(Continued from page one) now are available — a wildflower book by Mary and Bill Hood, a fishing guide to the High Sierra by Hank Johnson, and a picture calendar by Miss Sargent.

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FROM THE PROVINCES

South

Marshall Hall, our Southern California sales representative, dropped in for a chat recently. In discussing his move from the Biltmore Hotel office he had occupied for 19 years to an office in Sherman Oaks, Marsh stated that Alexander Graham Bell's invention is considerable assistance, much better than fighting one's way down the freeway to Long Beach, for instance, only to discover your prospect (1.) isn't in, (2.) doesn't care to see you or (3.) hates the wilderness and wouldn't consider bringing his group to the Park.

There are two drawbacks to his Ventura Boulevard location. One is that all his old travel agent buddies don't drop in for a chat like they used to do. The other is that his filing system still, after all these months, consists of nine cardboard boxes. Marsh claims, though, he can go straight to the box containing the desired object.

West

News of our ex-San Francisco office manager has also been received. When YPC Co. closed its office a year ago, Andrew Scarbrough took a position, he claimed, as busboy at the Kona-Hilton on the island of Hawaii. He said he wanted no responsibility, long hours, or hassles with the public. "Catagorically", said Andy, "I wouldn't take head busboy if it were offered to me".

Last week, along came a letter from Andrew Scarbrough, Executive Assistant Manager of the Kona-Hilton! Enclosed was a clipping (origin unknown) that stated A.S. had worked, among other places, at The Ah-wahnee and Furnace Creek Inn in Y.N.P. Back to your geography books Mr. Unknown Writer.

One's mental picture of Andy with barefeet, attired in swim trunks and aloha shirt with a **lei*** around his neck, happily attending a **hukilau*** and eating **humuhumunukunu-kuapuaa*** is gone. One visualizes him in neat seersucker suit, starched white shirt, tie and polished brogues whose work is never **pau***.

It's enough to make one believe the old canard about mad dogs and

BARNETT'S TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

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ful operation and organized and launched the Burro Picnic, which has become a true Yosemite tradition. Over the next few years, Bob's time was spent between work on the farm, in school and at the park. He performed all the required functions in the several stables and, when Jess Rust retired in 1953, Bob became full-time manager.

There are scores of "Barnettisms" around—a Barnettism being a spoof, an exaggeration, a myth, or simply a mountain-grown phrase. When writer Dolly Connelly gathered her information for her story on the fall horse drive from Wawona to winter pasture in the foothills, she collected several.

"A horse is like a woman. The best looking ones don't make the best wives." An admonition to a photographer: "Don't waste color film on that pinto mule. Can't take a color picture of him. They all come out black and white." "I couldn't vote anything but straight Democratic, not and look all them mules in the eye." On rousing his hands at 5 a.m.: "Everybody up. Bed's a dangerous place to be. Lot of people die there!"

In assessing the current stables patrons, Bob claims they're about the same as always, most are excited and a little nervous at the prospect of riding, ladies don't give their correct weights—he adds a few pounds when assigning a horse. He will have a new stable at Tuolumne Meadows this summer. It will be located between the road and Soda Springs, up against the hills. Working from here, Bob says he can do a much better job with the saddle trips, the day riding and the pack trips.

Despite 25 years wrangling horses and people, Bob looks as though he has another 25 in him yet.

Englishmen! Congratulations, **malihini***.

*In case your Hawaiian is rusty: lei—flower garland, hukilau—community fish fry, humuhumunukunu-kuapuaa — a tiny fish about as long as its name, pau—finished, malihini —newcomer to the islands.

FAREWELL

A long time ago, nearly 20 years, Mary Tresidder gave Al Glass, then the resident minister, a pair of hickory skis which had belonged to her late husband, Don. Dave Downing slimmed them down and Al used them for many years.

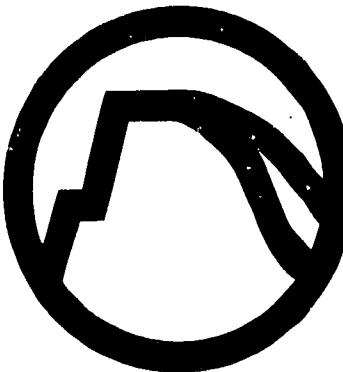
Recently, the Glasses delivered the skies to their son, Gordon, now a teacher in an Indian school at Four Corners National Monument. (Colorado, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico — take your pick.) Gordon not only admired them but found them most enjoyable for his skiing at Purgatory, near Durango, Colorado.

The skis came to a sad end, as described in Gordon's eulogy:

"It is with great sadness and remorse that I report the following tragedy. They were as fine a pair of friends as we've ever known. First introduced to our family following a broken ski incident atop Badger Pass, they supported several of us for years though the ruts and moguls of life. And yet we sometimes treated them without concern or dignity, once cutting off two of the points they so proudly thrust forward into the drift and mastery of the fast life. More recently they served in the introduction of a new member of our family to the ups and downs of their way of living. And though scorned and stared at by thousands of the 'noveau-schuseboomers', they joyfully clattered out their song of the slopes once more.

"But now this is all ended. Their most recent compatriot, in a weak moment, indulged himself in one of those new gadgets that were so foreign to these two. The upright ski rack, though suave and daring, was not designed with their interests in mind. Their goal was forward and down, and to point upward was to court tragedy. And it came not where it would have been welcomed, on the slopes, but gracelessly and brutally, thrust violently and mindlessly against a garage door, snapping off those already degraded pinacles of being, and bringing to an end the era of the family woodies. May their edges rust in peace."

YOSEMITES SENTINEL



Tuesday, June 10, 1969

Yosemite National Park, California

INTRA-COMPANY MOVEMENTS

Roy Seal has been promoted to the position of Assistant Supervisor of Service Stations and Manager of the Yosemite Lodge Station. He will report to Bob Bevington, Supervisor of Service Stations, and will assist him in the general supervision of all service stations. Roy started with YPC Co. in 1960. After an interval away, he returned to the Company in 1965.

Dave Downing, Supervisor of Pools and Stands, has been transferred from the Commercial Division to the Operations Division, supervising the swimming pools, bicycle stands, refreshment stands and vending machines which now are assigned to Operations. This transfer of responsibility is part of the continuing implementation of our planned reorganization and consolidation of functions. Dave now reports to Bob Maynard, Vice President Operations.

William (Tex) Wyly has been promoted to the position of Maintenance Labor Foreman. Tex has worked for YPC Co. since August, 1963.

Pat O'Donnell has been appointed Assistant Manager, Curry Village. O'Donnell has been with YPC Co. for the past year as Dining Room Manager at The Ahwahnee and Assistant Manager at Badger Pass.

And More

Dillon Gillies is now manager of Wawona Hotel, after having served as assistant manager at The Ahwahnee for the past year.

Ade Harders has been appointed manager of the Housekeeping Section of Curry Village.

Bill Jones, ski school director this past winter, has taken up his summer position of director of fishing instruction, a guest service established last summer.

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YOUTH GROUP PROJECT

The local high school youth group, working through the Christian Children's Fund, Inc., is sponsoring an orphaned Korean child. For \$12 a month one of the many deserted youngsters can be fed, clothed and be made aware that somewhere, someone cares.

The youth group is gathering clothing and hopefully, money to support its project. Anyone choosing to help can send a check made out to Yosemite Community Church (marked Orphan Fund) to P.O. Box 456 or hand a check or cash to a member of the youth group.

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TRAM TRIPS

The pink and white tramcars, now in service on the valley tour, are finding great popularity among the visitors. The 'puller' can tow two cars with a capacity of 93 persons. This year the transportation agents at Curry Village, The Ahwahnee and Yosemite Lodge will rotate in the role of tour guide. Dian Bayless, Patrick Fayes, Randy Michael, Marilyn Newell, Dorothy Horner, Jim Lietzan, Greg Harris, Kerry Northern, Linda Nutter and Tom Nagle have been on board to date and they are due to be joined by Hank Reynolds of western entertainment fame (sans guitar).

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FORTY BY FOUR

Four more YPC Co. employees recently completed ten year's service. First, there was Nels Nelson who has faithfully breaded and basted in The Ahwahnee kitchen for so these many years. Next, there was Kay Aranguena who has dispensed books and burls from the Studio Warehouse since February 1, 1959.

Finally, there were the brothers

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CLIMBING SCHOOL UNDERWAY

The new Yosemite Mountaineering School started classes May 15. The teaching area at the foot of Glacier Point was incomparably dramatic—the ceiling a canopy of oak trees, the air conditioning worked perfectly, neither lighting nor acoustics needed improvement.

The instruction staff is made up of the best men in the field, experienced, thorough, watchful and capable. The director, Wayne Merry, has had 17 years experience climbing in Yosemite and elsewhere, has instructed for the National Park Service, the U.S. Navy, at Olympic and Peninsula Colleges in Washington and has developed climbing programs for the Sierra Club.

The school is on a regular schedule with beginning and intermediate classes daily and advanced classes by arrangement. Locals are welcome to join classes and will be given a 50% rate reduction, which makes beginning class \$5, intermediate \$7.50. Participation at the reduced rates is subject to space being available in the classes. Check in at the Lodge Shop.

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NEW REFUSE COLLECTOR

While there are no changes in operating procedures, the gathering of refuse from the big, square, brown garbage boxes is no longer being handled by the NPS. YPC Co. has contracted with James Russell and Phillip Ward to collect "concessioner's garbage". It's hauled to Bear Valley and used for a landfill. If your container gets over-full, call Gordon Warren; he's in charge.

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FALLS DRAW OLD FRIENDS

Wendell and Victoria Otter, long time residents of the park and now enjoying the leisure life in Laguna Hills, came up to see our waterfalls. Both, careful observers of the scene during their years in Yosemite, stated that they'd never seen the valley more lovely.

Last week, John and Nancy Loncaric, now retired to Laguna Beach, drawn by the same beauty, visited the park. They were properly impressed.

The Loncarics have a fine home with a hillside garden, put in by John over the last several years. The garden virtually was destroyed by the heavy rains of last spring. John is now in the process of having the area landscaped and secured by retaining walls.

The Reichers, Bob and Caroline, took a holiday from Bob's medical practice in Medford, Oregon and popped in for a waterfall tour.

SUMMER SOFTBALL FUN

Softball and summertime go together. It has been suggested that there be organized a summer recreational softball league for all fathers, sons, uncles and grandfathers who would like to play.

The aim is to get four teams and have games once a week in the evening at the convenience of the players. It would be a new experience to get the younger and older men and boys of the community together for a little fun this summer.

Any males, 7th grade to 75 years, who are interested, contact Charles Haffner, Yosemite School Principal, and leave your name and preferred playing days. Phone 372-4284. Play will begin shortly.

NOTE FROM COLETHA JONES

Since Paul Jones' death on February 25, Coletha has received scores of notes and expressions of friendship from their friends. To them, Coletha sends her thanks for their sympathetic and understanding words and acts.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The Yosemite Parents Group held the semester's last meeting on May 19. Main accomplishment was the election of officers for the '69-'70 school year. Elected were:

James McDonald, chairman, Mac McLain, vice chairman, Marian Woessner, secretary, James Todd, treasurer, Paula Krisko, librarian and Dotty Power, fund raiser.

The annual school picnic was held at school on the evening of June 2. The final day of school was Monday (Monday?) June 9 with graduation exercises held that night. "No more teachers, no more books".

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INTRA-COMPANY MOVEMENTS

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Gary Walrath has been employed as manager of El Portal Motor Inn. Gary worked for YPC Co. from May, 1961 to July, 1965 as bellman and head bellman at The Ahwahnee. Prior to rejoining the company, he was food analyst at the Fairmont Hotel in San Francisco.

Ralph Garner was employed May 16 as manager of Glacier Point. Ralph worked for YPC Co. from December, 1965 to May, 1968 in various managerial positions at Yosemite Lodge and The Ahwahnee.

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HELP WANTED — Players for El Portal V.F.W. men's softball team. See or call Don Dunn or L. L. Branscum, 372-4611.

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GIANT BARGAIN SALE — 100s soft and hard-bound books, records (33 rpm monaural), misc. household goods. Indian Creek Apt. garage, 2nd from west end. June 15, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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FOR SALE — 1968 Honda 175 Scrambler bike. \$450. Call Carroll Clark at 379-2311.

FROM SYD LEDSON

Before Syd and Helen Ledson left Yosemite for Merced, where they now enjoy the easy life, his friends had a farewell party for him. In addition, they presented him a saddle. Syd sends the following to those participating.

Many Thanks

"I know there were some of you that couldn't attend the lovely party given for me, so I didn't get to thank you for the terrific saddle I received. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, and again thank all the others who made this gift possible.

"I'm sure I will think of all of you as I jog along on a country road."

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BABYSVILLE NEWS

On May 1, Shirley James presented poppa Truman with a 6 lb. 9½ oz. son, who was promptly named William Hugh. The Jameses live in Wawona.

Peggy (Mrs. Don) Baldwin had a baby girl on May 23 who, on arrival, weighed 6 lbs. 1½ oz. and was 19" tall. The Baldwins have named her Joy Roxanne. Don reports that mother, baby, Eve and himself are all doing well.

Michelle Elizabeth presented herself to mama and papa, Marti and Jim Edeal, at the convenient hour of 4:03 p.m., May 30. She weighed in at 8 lbs. ½ oz. and is the first for the Edeals.

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FORTY BY FOUR

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Paquette, Joe, of the Yosemite Lodge storeroom, has kept track of the beans and biscuits since April 26, 1959. Claude, in charge of baskets and brooms in the Village Store, has only three weeks less seniority, having completed his ten years on May 19.

Ten year service privileges include passes for Y.T.S., Badger Pass lifts, and Wawona golf course, a personal charge account, and the opportunity to buy merchandise at cost plus 10%.

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MUSICIANS, singers, entertainers willing to display their talents (for minimum reimbursement) call the Wawona hostess, Sandy Berrey at 375-6355 for information.

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Yosemite National Park, California

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

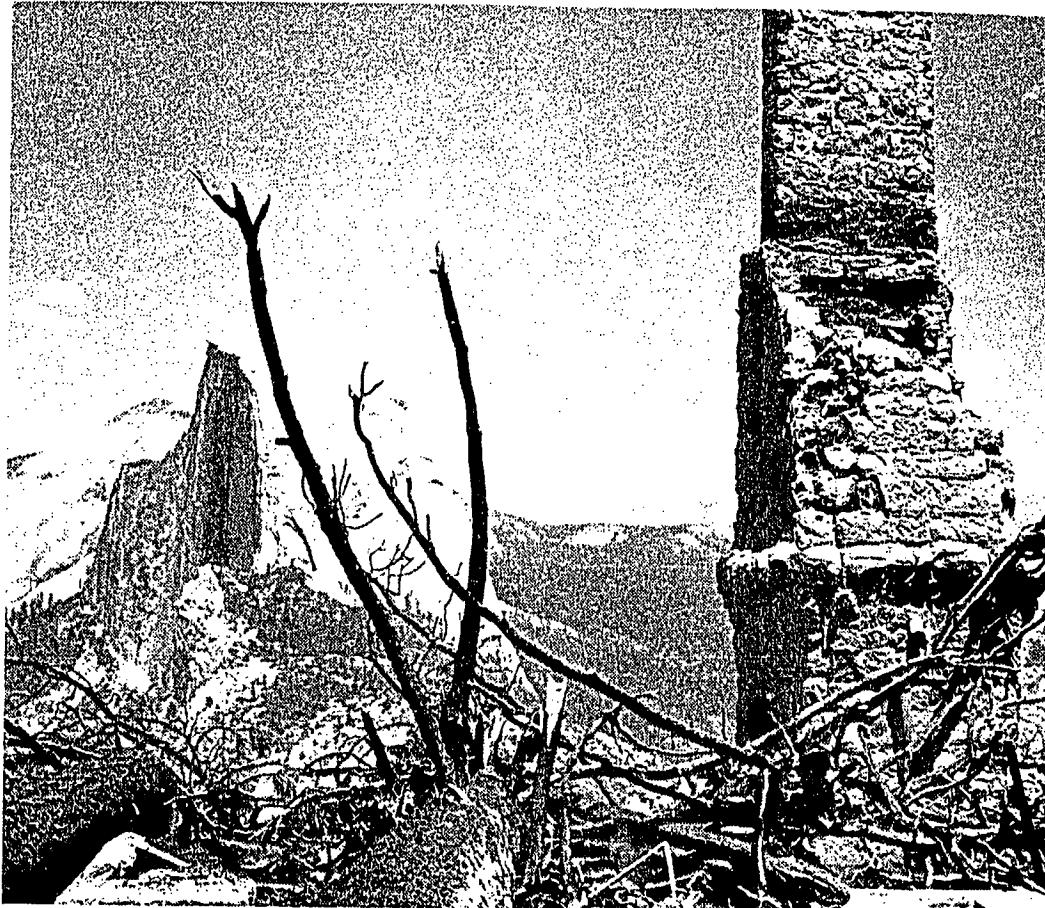
The Glacier Point Hotel and Mountain House burned to the ground — in a matter of an hour or so — July 9. The valley fire siren howled its ominous howl at 9:30 p.m., the fire trucks were on the way in minutes. But, there was nothing to save when they arrived 45 minutes later.

It was a fire of "unknown origin", starting about midway in the main hotel building. In a couple of whooshes the whole building was ablaze and the Mountain House had caught fire. The 16 employees of the cafe and gift shop managed to escape with their hides intact but with little else — so rapidly did the flames consume the buildings. Surprisingly few trees were burned, perhaps a dozen.

The Mountain House was built in 1878 by James McCauley who became modestly famous for having built the Four Mile Trail to Glacier and for (probably) having conjured up the Firefall. At the outset, the Mountain House was used as a "rest house" for the hardy ones who came by foot or horseback up the steep trails. In 1882, a proper road was built to Glacier Point and the traffic to the Mountain House doubled, though it was not until 1917 that the D. J. Desmond Co. built the main hotel.

What's in the future for Glacier Point has not been determined. There are several considerations, all of them important.

Meanwhile, the N.P.S. has a lot of hard, dirty work to do clearing up the charred remains of the once grand old hotel.



The chimney of the Glacier Point Hotel survived the fire's devastation and remains standing like a tombstone, marking the resting place of the late lamented.



The morning after: Glacier employees still could smile. Front, l. to r.: Penny Everson, Ginger Alvarez, Sue Murray, Julio Mastro, Mary Jaenecke, James Kelly. Rear, l. to r.: Joe Clapp, Tim Richards. Not shown, but alive and well are: Carolyn Bachman, Paquita Bair, Ruby Dean, Ralph Garner, Todd Closier, Larry Hawkins, Colleen Riordon, Becky Runnels, and Caroline Wilson.

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CHURCH NEWS

Malinda Greeley has signed on at the Park Church as Chapel Youth Director. Malinda's from Newport Beach, Calif. and is a participant in the Deputation Program from her church, St. Andrews Presbyterian. Under the Deputation Program, many churches in Southern California send young people to various parts of the world to work as sort of junior missionaries.

Here, Malinda has established a junior and senior high school fellowship program and, in addition, works in the Coffeehouse, located in the Masonic Hall. She also works in the Chapel office from 1-5 p.m. Malinda says that beyond her schedule at the Chapel, she's available anytime for talks with young people who want guidance of a personal or spiritual nature.

The fellowship meetings and program happen at times that seem appropriate — there's no fixed schedule.

Malinda's ambition in her work here is to provide an atmosphere where the high school people can find a Christian-oriented experience and environment, and to show that Christ is relevant in all we do.

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JOIN UP!

A new group is forming called the Yosemite Sentinels. Qualification is simple — the ability to put 12 words together in a simple, declarative sentence.

Any budding writers (or those in full bloom) are invited to submit material for publication in the SENTINEL. For details, call Pat Thomas or Henry Berrey in the advertising/publicity office, 372-4611, ext. 50.

JIGGS MAKES GOOD

Stable boss **Bob Barnett** received the following note from a young rider from Redding:

"Dear Stable Crew:

I had a ride on Jiggs today. I like him so much that I am sending (sic) him some lumps (sic) of sugar. From his friend, Eric Norris."

Bob acknowledged the gift for Jiggs.

"Well — Jiggs got his sugar, and he sure does thank you, for that and for the nice ride you gave him.

"And he said to tell you to hurry back soon so he can give you another ride!"

It's nice to know that never again shall Jiggs be just number 96 in the ol' corral.

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MARILYN'S RIDERS

If you're heading for town and want a rider or two to share expenses, or if you have no car and want a ride, Ahwahnee transportation agent **Marilyn Newell** will help you out. Call her at 372-4421 or drop a line in the interoffice mail with information on where you are going, when, how many riders you can take (or where you'd like to go, when, and how many seats you need).

There's no charge. This is Marilyn's answer to computer matching!

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WHERE DID ALL THE FLOWERS GO?

The yellow and orange shuttle bus was decorated a few days back with ricky/ticky/stickies — by some unknown flower lover. We thought it looked pretty good. But, apparently, others didn't. The flowers bloomed but a short while before they were removed. Alas and alack!

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FRANK ELLIS DIES

Word was just recently received of the death of Frank Ellis on May 24 in San Rafael.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCES

9:45 p.m. — 1:00 a.m.
Visitor Center

July 23 — The Jolly Green Giants. Hard rock specialists.

July 30 — Shades of Night. By request. Most popular group last summer.

August 6 — The Church Keys. Employee group. Drums, bongo, organ, bass, 2 guitars.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE LODGE . . .

One day, there sat the new buildings, surrounded by piles of sand and gravel, open trenches, building debris and bare ground. Then — practically overnight — Willow, Elderberry and Cottonwood sat amidst green, velvety lawn. We've long thought that YPC Co. supervisory gardener **Carl Stephens** was a pretty handy fellow when it came to horticultural matters, but this 'instant grass' seemed something of a miracle.

Further investigation disclosed that Carl, and his men **Roy McLean** and **Bill Morgan**, started site preparation on June 30, loosening the soil, applying "loamite", a commercial preparation that retains moisture and contains fertilizer, and watering down the area. On Wednesday morning, July 2, the trucks of the Nunes Turf-Grass Nursery trundled in and unloaded 5,000 square feet of rolled-up grass. The Nunes company has many hundreds of acres of turf growing on acreage near Patterson. The grass is cut into strips 5 feet long, 12 inches wide and rolled, before delivery to a landscaping project.

Carl, Roy and Bill, assisted by **David Ansel**, **Frank Scheifele** and **Howard Johnson**, laid down the three big lawns that day. The following day, three of them completed the three smaller lawns. On July 10, an additional 5,000 square feet of sod was delivered and the lawns completed surrounding Manzanita, Azalea and Birch.

While the project cost \$1,100, the lawn certainly presents a more attractive area for visitors than the bare ground. In fact, Carl stated that on Friday, July 4 there were sun bathers utilizing the cool green. And, within ten days of installation, the lawn needed mowing!

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WHAT YOUR PRIVILEGE CARD CAN DO

There's no need to mope around one's tent or dorm room on a day off. YPC Co. employees can take advantage of Yosemite's outstanding recreational facilities — ride a horse, bike or bus, climb a rock, go for a swim, take a fishing lesson, play tennis or golf or visit the beauty parlor and partake of a gourmet meal — all at reduced rates!

Series A privilege cardholders (YPC Co. employees) and series B cardholders (NPS employees) are entitled to the following discounts on services, facilities and merchandise, subject only to their availability and the prior rights of guests.

The Ahwahnee and Wawona pools are reserved for hotel guests only, but employees may swim free at the Yosemite Lodge pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 5:30 p.m. and at the Curry Village pool the same days from 3 to 5 p.m. At the stables, you can ride a horse or mule at half rate, unless you make an advance reservation, in which case the full rate applies. For instance, a two-hour ride from the valley stable around Mirror Lake would cost you \$2.00. And, you can rent a bike from any of the stands for 30c an hour. Tennis comes even cheaper — 25c an hour per court at The Ahwahnee or Wawona Hotel.

There's no discount on The Ahwahnee pitch and putt course, but the employee green fees for Wawona's regulation, nine-hole, par 70 course are \$3.00 on weekdays, \$3.50 on weekends or you can purchase a season ticket for \$35.00.

Two indigenous sports — rock climbing and fishing — may be enjoyed more fully by taking a few lessons from Wayne Merry and Bill Jones. The employee rate for the basic rock climbing course is \$5.00, the intermediate is \$7.50 and, when you're ready, there are reduced rates for more demanding climbs. Bill Jones will give you an hour-long, private fly casting lesson for \$4.50 or spend the entire day guiding you to where the trout are lurking for \$10.

One of the 'best buys' your privil-

ge card (series A only) provides is a free ride on the Valley Tramcar Tour. To take advantage of this opportunity, ask your supervisor for a pass. Then, subject to a 'seats available' basis, you may board the Tramcar at Curry Village, from which it departs at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m., 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. When the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees Tourcar begins operation, similar arrangements may be made for riding it free of charge.

Half rates are available on all Yosemite Transportation System bus routes within the park and to Fresno and Lake Tahoe. If you want to get to Tuolumne Meadows and don't have a ride, remember it is "thumbs down on up thumbs". But, YTS will take you there and back for \$3.80. If the urge for bright lights strikes, you can ride the bus to Fresno for \$7.65 roundtrip, although the bargain trip is to Merced at \$3.50.

If you do own a car, the Chevron stations will give you a 10% discount on any single accessory item priced at \$5.00 up; no discounts on labor or petroleum products.

At the Yosemite Village, Curry Village Housekeeping, Tuolumne Meadows and Wawona stores, cardholders may purchase groceries at 10% off retail. At the studios and stores, there's a 10% discount on cameras, clothing, watches, sporting goods, etc., excepting any single curio item, or matching set of items, priced at \$5.00 or more when a 25% discount is allowed.

Sorry fellas, there's no discount at the barber shop, but the girls do get reduced rates at the beauty parlor.

Employess are reminded that the Wawona Hotel and The Ahwahnee dining rooms welcome them — at 25% off list price! You can have a fine dinner at Wawona for \$4.35 or sample The Ahwahnee fare for \$5.45 and you can take two guests at the reduced rates.

There are no reduced rates at restaurants, coffee shops or refreshment stands. Those employees who do not receive meals as part of their compensation may eat at the Yosemite Lodge, Curry Village and Big Trees Lodge cafeterias at a 1/3 discount.

PARENTS GROUP SPONSORS YOUTH PROGRAM

Midge Fiore, in the absence of a designated 'youth activity director', is doing nobly as the coordinator of the program, which is sponsored, in a general sense, by the Yosemite Parents Group.

The program is set up for local youngsters in school grade 5 or higher, and depending on the activity, seems to attract some 30-40.

Tennis instruction is held Wednesday afternoon on The Ahwahnee courts. **Eileen Berrey** is in charge, assisted by **Darla Jones, Inky Ringrose, Rev. Robert Thornton and Bob Wilson** of the Wawona Hotel staff.

Malinda Greeley, the chapel youth director, gives guitar lessons on Tuesdays.

Golf lessons by **Bill Miller**, the Wawona course pro, are planned for Fridays. The six-lesson course will cost each youngster \$6.

Dances are held every Wednesday night in the east auditorium of the Visitor Center, and your privilege card and \$1.00 will get you in. The music starts at 9:45 p.m. and lasts 'til 1:00 a.m.

If you've a visiting relative, one member of your family may be accommodated in your employee housing area on a space available basis for a period of up to one week at \$2.00 per night. Employees from outlying units visiting the valley are entitled to space, if available, in employee housing areas at 65c a night. Valley employees visiting outlying units (excepting High Sierra Camps, where regular rates apply) will be housed at \$1.50 per person per day.

After a strenuous day of rock climbing, golf or horseback riding, you may want some less active recreation. The Yosemite Lodge Recreation Room is open every day from 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 11 p.m. and offers shuffleboard, pool, TV watching, and snacks. At the Rec Room you can buy something unavailable anywhere else in Yosemite — a real, honest-to-goodness, foot-long hot dog! It costs a mere 30c, 40c piled with chili.

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HITHER AND THITHER On The Hill

Printer **Vince Gordon** and family have moved to El Portal Trailer Village, where they've stashed away a mobile home whose dimensions are 20 feet by 50 feet. **Harriet** is our newest EDP trainee, by the way.

Butcher **Lowell Willis** and wife **Gladys** have a new boat — some 15 feet with 40 horses—and most every weekend they're off to where the bass are biting.

Heavy equipment operator **Jim Gray** completed 15 years service on June 28 — all those years running cats, crawlers and cranes!

Mechanic foreman **Doug McGillgott** is a whiz at fixing dishwashers, as **Pat Thomas** can attest. There were tears of joy in the Thomas household on the return of a working dishwasher.

Prowling the GO

Rosemary Hart is the pretty new face in the executive office. She hails originally from Oklahoma, has spent the last year in San Francisco. Claims she doesn't like SF's cold, foggy summers, but is looking forward to winter and learning to ski. You can tell that **she** didn't spend last winter here!

Personnel's **Merilee Newman** spent the Fourth of July weekend (and we mean weekend, 5½ hours on Saturday, 6 hours on Sunday) in pursuit of a rainbow trout. She was rewarded by catching a 14½-incher in the Merced River. She told us where but it seems a shame to reveal her secret.

GO custodian **Harley Scott** completed 10 years service on June 8. One wonders how many tons of wastepaper he has hauled out in that time. Must be a good many. Thanks for keeping us clean — and unburied — Harley.

Look for controller **Roger Sandberg's** picture in the newspaper soon. Roger, his wife Margaret, daughters Anna and Barbara and neice Suzanne Anderson posed for a picture release of the new Housekeeping Camp units.

Operations Operators

Jim Pavisha is Glen Power's new

assistant manager at The Ahwahnee. Jim's former job of chief clerk is now filled by **Rick Rief**, out of Chicago by way of 23 years in Southern California. Rick is an Air Force veteran, has done public relations work for Puritan Fashions, worked for IBM and had his own insurance agency in El Monte. He says, however, that his present job has given him the greatest exposure to masses of people in his career.

Evelyn and **Gary Walrath** are pretty well settled in now at their new EPMI home. Baby "Missy" was a mite cranky during the transition period so Evelyn took her to see **Dr. Sturm**. Wouldn't you know? Missy was all gurgles and grins at the sight of Avery. And, afterward, bawled all the way home.

Fishing instructor and guide **Bill Jones** passed on this tip. Fishing is great up the Tenaya Canyon above Mirror Lake.

Have you noticed that the Lodge Mountain Room Broiler waiters have changed uniforms? No more aprons. Now they look like cowboys instead of horseshoers.

One hundred and forty-six people showed up for Wawona's Fourth of July bash; 36 of them lucky locals who had the day off or drove up for dinner after work. Hostess **Sandy Berrey** had the hotel all decked out with red, white and blue streamers and balloons. It was claimed the popping sounds were heat-swelled balloons bursting in the sun but we suspect a couple of firecrackers were lit also. Exec's **Dar MacInerney** had such a good time on the Fourth she stayed the entire weekend.

Village Store office girl, **Jean Dorn**, says she and husband **Ed**, assistant manager of the CV Housekeeping Camp Store, have a considerate neighbor in Camp 6. Seems he owns a motorcycle and goes to work at dawn. But, on request, said neighbor now walks his bike out to the road. Now, if they'd stop roaring past my door . . .

Tidbits

Bill Meacham, former Badger Pass manager (amongst other YPC Co. jobs) has signed on as the principal

of the Lee Vining High School. Bill lost his most recent job when the Parks Job Corp. Camp closed down, but the East Side is his second home, and he's looking forward to the new job with great anticipation.

Oh where, oh where has **Maureen Burden** gone? Mrs. B. was a faithful — and witty — correspondent for the SENTINEL in her EPMI days. Come back, little Maureen, your readers miss you!

We were amused, momentarily, by the wag who scratched out the last word of the Wawona Tunnel sign reading, "Turn On Lights". That's a no-no.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission wants to call the attention of all high school graduates to the annual award of \$450 to be made soon for the school year of 1969-1970. 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. Two other scholarships of like amount are offered by Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder, and applications for these are also received by the Scholarship Commission. One is intended for college freshmen. The other may be awarded to a sophomore. The following items 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 any special weight. The basic requirements for the two scholarships offered by Mrs. Tresidder differ from the Yosemite Scholarship only in that a "B" average minimum in an accredited school during the preceding years is required. Information as to applications and procedure may be obtained from Bill Breckenkamp in the National Park Service Administration Building, Leroy J. Rust at the Main Post Office or Dana C. Morgenson, Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

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Yosemite National Park, California

T. V. REPORT

New receiving antennas, new transmitting antennas and completely new equipment for the rebroadcasting of Channel 11 will be in operation by the end of August, according to the Yosemite Community TV Association.

This rebroadcasting unit makes unnecessary the use of cables to individual TV sets. Rather, strong TV signal is spread through most of Yosemite Valley from Glacier. A ridge on the south wall of the Valley has, in the past, "blacked out" the Yosemite Lodge Annex employee accommodations. By the end of this month, this will be corrected. An antenna located in the Lodge area picks up the signals, strengthens them and, by underground cables, transmits the signal to individual, employee rooms in the Annex. This is the nearest Yosemite comes to the usual arrangement employed in many fringe-area towns, that, by necessity, rebroadcast through individual cables. The short distance involved at the Annex facility made the under-

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YOSEMITE EAST

Gerry Smith was in for a short visit from the Black Lake U.A.W. project. He reported that construction of the family education center there is moving right along. Gerry is assistant resident manager — assisting **Earl Pomeroy**, who hasn't been west since he moved bag, baggage and boat in March. The Pomerroys live in a lake front cottage and Earl has his Tenaya-size sailboat moored right offshore.

Louis Smith, who has cooked for various YPC Co. units off and on for 38 years, is the chef at Black Lake. There's no grocery store, so wife Hazel isn't plying her checker skills.



The first visitors through Tioga Pass entrance station to receive the new folder prepared by YPC Co. and distributed by the NPS were the Killians of San Jose. In the above photo are the Killians: Jim, Marilyn, Jerry Killian, Ranger Ferdinand Castillo and Mary Killian.

NEW VISITOR AID

YPC Co., with the encouragement of the NPS and the financial assistance of Degnan's and Best Studio published a new folder describing where to do what in Yosemite. Though the basic folder is the same, a special section was printed for each of the four park entrance stations, giving pertinent information about the nearby area. Folders are handed by the ranger at the entrance station to the driver of each arriving car. Based on last year's visitor count, 500,000 folders were ordered, which should be more than ample in view of the reduced, by 13%, travel to the park through July 31.

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A BIG WHOOP-D-DO

The 28th annual Mariposa County Fair is set for a three-day run starting August 30. This little, mountain fair is one of the few such affairs remaining that put the emphasis on the products and handicrafts of county residents rather than on commercial and industrial exhibits. Home-canned peaches and hand-crocheted afghans are hard to come by nowa-

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PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE FORMED

The most recent event in YPC Co.'s ongoing management training program was the establishment last month of the President's Committee, and from that, divisional advisory committees.

For many years, there has been in the Company, a body, or group, of management personnel organized to perform special duties, propose operational or administrative changes and to expedite inter-divisional communications. This organization, the Advisory Group, in reviewing its structure and effectiveness last spring concluded that it could be more useful to the Company if it acquired additional management skills and had the opportunity to benefit from the management seminars with Dr. John Turner. To accomplish this, the Advisory Group changed its name and function to Management Training Group. All members of the Advisory Group who so desired became members of the new structure and, to date, have had two profitable group meetings with Dr. Turner. The membership consists of **Lawton Branscum, Robert Bevington, John Burden, Stewart Campbell, William Cooper, Robert Cromer, Charles Davenport, Richard Ditton, Howard Doucette, David Downing, Nic Fiore, James Hamer, Robert Mathews, Dana Morgenson, Patrick O'Donnell, Glen Power, Jack Ring, Roger Sandberg, William T. Smith, Joseph Thomas, Eldridge Whitfield, Jr., Keith Whitfield, and William Wismer**.

On July 28, seven members of the Management Training Group, plus two newly-appointed management employees, were appointed by the executive office to the President's Committee; on this committee are: **Jack Ring, Lawton Branscum, James**

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GURU-VY

According to **Marilyn Newell**, The Ahwahnee is a lively place, filled with lively people. On July 28, Peruvian **Felipe Postigo** organized a suitable celebration for his native land's Dia de la Independencia. Marilyn reports that the 148th anniversary was appropriately ushered in by the Indian Room Indians and their friends.

The next evening, the hotel crew gathered at Rocky Point for the annual beach party. Chef **Walter Nowak** spread a magnificent, groaning board. **Ade** and **Priscilla Harders** and **Ray Wilson**, assisted the chef on the line. **Jim Pavisha** was the 'bean pusher', cajoling everyone to "have some more beans".

An instrumental group materialized during the evening — no one seems to remember quite who they were or where they came from, possibly due to the availability of a certain potable. And, of course, no Ahwahnee beach party would be complete without tossing **Gladys Walton** in the river. This year was no exception.

For ongoing conviviality, **Larry Lane** plays classical music on the baby grand piano in the Indian Room during the poolside buffet lunch hours. From 6:00 to 8:30 and 9:00 to 10:30 p.m. he livens things up with 'now' music. Occasionally, dining room captain **Bob Crystal**, waitress **Julie Nash** and chief clerk **Rick Reif** sing along with Larry. Marilyn suggests that a seat by the cool pool of a warm evening, with a splash of Singapore Sling at hand, is a pleasant way to idle away an hour. Waiters **John Seibel**, **Larry Beard**, **Paul Klein** and **Filipe Postigo** provide servicio rapido.

Sounds muy agradable!

HOW TO SUCCEED . . . BY TRYING

Your paycheck can be a bit fatter if you come up with an idea that the suggestion committee feels worthy of an award. Before departing for Maryland, committee chairman **Mike Johnson** announced the following money winners:

To **Ralph Graham** of Wawona, \$12.50 for a suggestion concerning the use of a safety ladder for window washing.

To **Bunnie Farnsworth** of maintenance, a like amount for a system of identification of equipment needing service or repair.

To Yosemite Lodge's **Pat O'Donnell**, \$20 for a method to reduce breakage in The Ahwahnee dining room.

To **Schuyler Lininger**, YL transportation, \$20 for an idea to reduce waste of inter-office envelopes.

To **Ben Franklin** of the garage, \$20 for a notion concerning advertising in the Tramcar.

To **Ray Trulock** of The Ahwahnee kitchen, went \$20 for a new method of cleaning baking potatoes.

And finally, to **Marilyn Newell**, Ahwahnee transportation agent, a \$50 award. Marilyn's idea was not submitted formally to the suggestion committee but directly to the advertising/publicity department where her idea was implemented. But the committee felt she deserved recognition for her mockup of a brochure /timetable describing the bus, tramcar and horseback sightseeing tours. This brochure has been in use by the transportation people for a number of weeks and has proved to be an outstanding suggestion.

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DMV CLOSED

The Mariposa office of the Department of Motor Vehicles will be closed from August 11 through 31. Incomplete drivers license applications have been transferred to the Merced office at 810 T Street during the period. Car registration and drivers license renewal may also be completed at the Madera, Fresno and Sonora offices.

A CHALLENGER ENTERS THE RING

As noted on previous occasions, the brothers **Whitfield, Sonny** and **Keith**, have an ongoing contest — which of them can catch the biggest trout. Now, there's a new contender for the crown, 14-year-old **Rodney Whitfield**, son of **Sonny** and **Jan**.

On Sunday, August 3, Rod brought in a 23" long, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ pound German Brown, which, while it didn't beat his father's or uncle's record, gave them reason to sit up and take notice. Scene of the fray was Steamboat Bay, the bait a helgramite. The tugging engagement lasted nearly half an hour. And, when the mighty trout was thoroughly exhausted and ready to be brought to shore, Rod discovered it to be too big for his net. Uncle Stan, in as gentlemanly a gesture as we've noted of late, jumped waist deep into the Merced River and tossed Rod's prize to shore.

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DEAR OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS

John Chavez is the new principal of the Yosemite Elementary School, replacing **Charles Haffner**, who left for a position of principal of a Chowchilla junior high school. Mr. Chavez is a graduate of Arizona State College and has done graduate work at the University of Arizona and Fresno State College. He comes here from Merced, where he has taught for seven years at the elementary and junior high levels. Mr. & Mrs. Chavez have four children, the oldest entering kindergarten this fall. The Chavezes took up residence on Aug. 18.

All other staff members will be returning except **Mrs. Eldrup**, who is being replaced by **Mrs. Inez Glatz** as first and second grade teacher. Mrs. Glatz has 25 years experience as a primary school teacher. She and her husband are expected up from Inglewood by the end of August.

Only a couple of weeks more freedom, kids. The first day of instruction will be Wednesday, September 3 — which isn't any more unusual one supposes than the spring term's last day falling on a Monday!

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TUOLUMNE TALES by Maureen Burden

The **Burdens** are alive and well in beautiful downtown Tuolumne Meadows where, by some stroke of karmic wonder, John was transferred. We will be here for the rest of the summer while John performs his duties as **Nic Fiore's** assistant. Needless to say, we are all enjoying it thoroughly and are looking forward to visiting all the High Sierra Camps before summer is out.

We have seen so many friends here that it's been like old home week. The **Wayne Whitemans** were here for a few days following a trip to Disneyland. They all looked marvelous and we had such fun reminiscing. The **Henry Berreys** and **Art Robinsons** were up for **Marty Miller's** concert performed by members of the Fresno Opera — and what a treat that was.

Beth Cooper and **Joann Cross** came up for the basic mountaineering course — and I understand that Beth is "hooked" and is returning for the intermediate course. Ah, youth!

Midge Fiore and the girls were here overnight. **Ed Armistead** popped in much too briefly. **Joe Fried** from EPMI was here for a night. **Dar MacInerney** hiking in . . . and out . . . of Glen Aulin. Sorry about those I have omitted. Fuzzy memory. Come and visit us. Just think. You'll get your name in the paper.

The girls and I were invited by John to hike into May Lake — just to see it — but he put us to work! The managers were a day late in arriving so I was ordered to volunteer to clean the kitchen and cook, which was a snap (the cooking) because the maintenance crew had caught a limit of trout the day before and left them for us. A veritable feast! Being basically lazy, 'though, I believe I'll think twice before accepting John's invitations to join him. He's liable to chain me to another stove.

We really are enjoying the company of the **Merrys** and the whole group from the Mountaineering School. Everyone should come up and climb. It's great sport and you

AT THE FLICKS

Movie impresario **Jim McDonald** has two more gala entertainments lined up for August. Thursday, Aug. 21, is "Comedy Night", with seven short features including Laurel and Hardy in "Two Tars", one of the most famous of their films, featuring an incredible car demolishing sequence. Three of the best W. C. Fields, "The Barber Shop", "The Pharmacist" and "The Fatal Glass of Beer" (who can forget **that** one!) are on the bill. "The Critic", a spoof of arty films, and "The Case of the Mukkinese Battle-Horn", a Peter Sellers take-off on British mystery films are included in the program. Balancing out the show is a cartoon documentary tracing aviation's exciting story from Kitty Hawk to the supersonic jets. Admission for all this only 50c.

The next week, on August 28, James Garner, Eva Marie Saint, Genevieve Page, and Francoise Hardy star in "The Grand Prix", a magnificently photographed tribute to racing car champions, directed by John Frankenheimer. Admission for this one is \$1.00.

Both films will be shown in the Curry Village Conference Room starting at 10:00 p.m., lasting about two hours.

can't beat the company or the scenery. We've become great admirers of **Martha Miller** — an absolute gem. Things she handles with aplomb would give me screaming fits. She manages to come up smiling under the most trying circumstances such as the day both the water supply and the generator failed, and the time she was sent a small plastic bag of carrots instead of the 25 pounds she had ordered. I guess only those who have been here can appreciate what she went through that day.

I shall send you a note now and then — to keep you posted on our activities, both good and dubious. And, before I forget, a note of thanks to **Don Dunn** for the Tuolumne Tales title and both **Don** and **Dar** for some invaluable moral support.

Come see us soon.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE FORMED

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Pavisha, William Wismer, William T. Smith, William Germany, Robert Mathews, William Cooper, and Patrick O'Donnell. To this committee, the executive office will assign special tasks aimed toward the improvement of the systems, services, standards, training and communication within the Company's operation. It is planned that this group will meet with the President every month.

To implement further and in detail the purposes of the President's Committee, there are also three Divisional Committees, of three members each. On the Operations Division Committee are **Jack Ring, Lawton Branscum and James Pavisha**. On the Administration Division Committee are **Robert Mathews, William Cooper and Patrick O'Donnell**. On the Commercial Division Committee are **William Wismer, William T. Smith and William Germany**. These groups will meet with the Divisional Vice Presidents each month. Appointments to all committees run through September 30, 1970.

One of the stated aims of YPC Co. is the recognition that we are only temporary custodians of the corporation's welfare and that we have the responsibility to ensure the continuance of competent personnel. The creation and activities of these committees would seem to indicate that we are attempting to meet that goal.

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ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

Curry Village manager, **Bill Cooper**, was appointed Yosemite Lodge manager on July 22, replacing **John Burden** who is now assistant superintendent of the High Sierra Camps. Bill's assistant manager, **Bill Germany**, has taken the helm at Curry Village.

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FOR SALE — Miscellaneous household furnishings and equipment. Area rugs, GE refrigerator, drapes, sofa, chairs, chests of drawers, lamps, T.V., etc. etc. See Alice or Sterling Cramer at H-127 or call 372-4752.

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HITHER & THITHER

Budget and planning assistant, **Mike Johnson**, left the first week in August to take up a teaching position at the University of Maryland, while he prepares for his Ph.D. We'll miss him but wish him well. EDP manager, **L.L. Branscum**, traveled to New York—but he came back after a week of special studies at Cornell University. A postcard from **Dillon Gillies** says he is working his way north, but is having difficulty getting past the wine tasting rooms of the Asti Valley.

Paymasters' **Linda Brocchini** and pals whisked up to White Wolf recently to sample **Emelie** and **Leroy Hamilton's** dinner fare. The report was excellent and the setting with meadow wildflowers in wild profusion is near perfection.

Rod Hanna, brother of Yosemite Lodge assistant manager **Dave Hanna**, journeyed out from Kansas to visit for a spell and while here took some rock climbing lessons. When he got home, he sold his rock climbing story and pictures (two full pages!) to the KANSAS STATE JOURNAL. We're now very big in Kansas. Have any more brothers, Dave, you'd care to send proselytizing?

Former assistant reservation manager **Don Wiecks** dropped by the office the other day. He's opened a Fresno detective agency and remarried — both previous occupations of his. And, former Lodge head bellman, **Jerry Love**, writes that he is now working at Disneyland Hotel.

Chief Auditor, **Jim Edeal**, completed ten year's service on July 30, a memorable achievement. Ten days auditing would send some of us up the walls.

John Graton has signed on the maintenance crew as a plumber. **John** and his wife **Margaret** and son **Tim** moved here from Lompoc and both John and Tim are avid fishermen, which may be why they picked Yosemite.

Alan Dierksen, son of **Curly** and **Izzy Dierksen**, graduated from the California Highway Patrol Academy on July 10. Alan is assigned to the West Los Angeles area. After a year and a half there, he can request a transfer. We would, if we were Alan!

BIAFRA RELIEF DRIVE

President **Bill Smith** has announced that the Yosemite Lions Club is undertaking a fund raising drive for Biafra Relief. At their August 7 meeting, **Chris Udo**, a native of Biafra who is majoring in pharmacology at Howard University in Washington, D.C. and who is a seasonal employee at Curry Village, presented a documentary film on the effects of the Nigerian civil war.

The film graphically depicted the death and disease, particularly among the very young and the aged, caused by the lack of protein in the Biafran diet. An Irish priest, a 14-year resident of Biafra, stated in the film that "the meager food supplies available amount to one 6-oz. meal daily, distributed in the early morning hours to avoid Nigerian bombing and strafing attacks". The refusal of the Nigerians to permit food stuffs to reach the suffering Biafrans has been a cause of major concern and debate in world capitals and the United Nations.

President Smith asks that all valley residents contribute what they can. Donations should be sent to the YPC Co. Accounting Office, attention: **Bob McKinna** or **Don Dunn**, and checks made out to BIAFRA WORLD RELIEF FUND. Contributions are tax deductible.

Larry Harris, of Boise-Cascade and a YPC Co. Director, please note. At least six Yosemite families have bought a piece of Boise-Cascade's Pine Mountain Lake development at Groveland, so let's be sure to get on with the lake, golf course, tennis courts, etc.

Marian Woessner hosted a bridal shower for **Cathy Negrette** last week. Cathy is marrying **Mike Power**, son of **Glen** and **Dotty Power** in Mariposa on August 23. Seems like just yesterday that Mike was in rompers!

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WANTED — Reliable party to drive car to San Mateo after Labor Day. Call 372-4740.

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ground cable financially practicable.

The Yosemite Community TV Association states that all improvements, maintenance and additions to the rebroadcasting complex are financed solely by the members of the Association.

The Association solicits new members. Those receiving a signal are expected to join. Membership fee is \$10. Monthly dues are \$3, or \$30 for the year paid in advance. YPC Co. employees may have dues deducted from their paychecks. Employees having questions about the TV arrangements, or wishing to join the Association, should see **Bill Smith**, **Joe Thomas**, **L. L. Branscum** or **Jim McDonald**. NPS employees may contact **Guy Lamoreaux** in the warehouse for TV arrangements.

The Community TV Association officers are **Gordon Warren**, **Roland Johnson**, **Guy Lamoreaux**, **Harold Schmidt** and **Clark Martin**.

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days, and Mariposans are justly proud of their fair. Scheduled events are as follows:

Saturday, August 30

11:00 a.m. — Floats, bands, mounted and marching units parade down main street and on to the fairgrounds.

1:30 p.m. — Western Horse Show

8:00 p.m. — Destruction Derby

Sunday, August 31 — Old Timer's Day

— Anyone over 65 free.

10:00 a.m. — Children's Horse Show

2:00 p.m. — Roping and cutting horse classes.

3:00 p.m. — Diaper Derby

8:00 p.m. — Western Rodeo

Monday, September 1

2:00 p.m. — Western Rodeo continues.

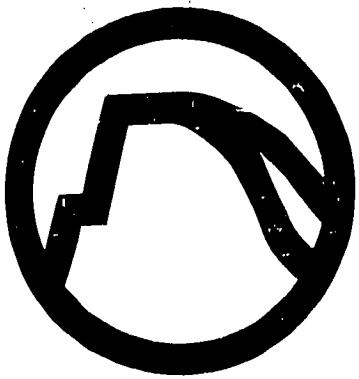
7:00 p.m. — Drawing for door prizes.

8:00 p.m. — Pony harness racing.

In addition to the exhibits and events, there will be free dancing all three nights (the 'square' version on Sunday), the Midway for the kiddies, food and drink of every variety and lots of cool, tree-shaded lawn for relaxing and visiting with friends.

Come to the Fair!

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Friday, October 17, 1969

Yosemite National Park, California

THE WINNERS!

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission recently announced the following awards:

The Jennie Foster Curry scholarship went to **Doris Larson**, daughter of the **Kenneth Larsons** of Midpines. Doris is enrolling in Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo where she'll major in biology.

The David A. Curry scholarship was given to **Linda Clark**, daughter of El Portal Postmaster **Carroll Clark**. Linda will attend Merced College to study general education and business.

The Community Council supported Yosemite scholarship was awarded to **Gregory Power**, son of **Glen** and **Dotty Power**. Greg also plans to matriculate at Merced College to prepare for a career as a biology and P.E. teacher.

Congratulations to three fine young people.

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HITHER AND THITHER

A different sort of 'pot party' was held last month. Tour manager **Pat Taylor** and her assistant **Sue Dolf** set off October 1st on a two-month trip — going pretty much where fancy directs. For the trip, they bought a fold-down trailer tent, which comes equipped with sink, stove and icebox but no bathroom plumbing. So, their friends presented Pat and Sue with an appropriate article we shall call "The Unflushable".

Then on Friday, September 26 there was a first for the general office — a champagne farewell party for the girls. The only prior occasions this reporter can remember spirits being served in the G.O. were during the now defunct Christmas parties. Everyone agreed it would be a splendid every-Friday-at-five affair. How-

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LENGTH OF SERVICE BANQUET

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will hold its first annual Length of Service Award Banquet on November 24. It has been Company policy for some years to recognize employees with 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 year's service by the granting of certain special privileges. More recently, it was decided to establish a program of length of service awards with an annual banquet, which will have the two-fold purpose of getting key personnel and their wives together for a pleasant evening, and presenting longtime employees with pins, tie tacks, etc. bearing the corporate symbol. There are some 90 employees with five or more years of service, representing a cumulative total of over 900 years employment!

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PACIFIC BALLET TO PERFORM HERE

The Yosemite Arts Guild is sponsoring a performance of the Pacific Ballet of San Francisco — the first of its Festival '69-'70 series of presentations on Saturday, October 18.

The Pacific Ballet was founded by Director Alan Howard in 1961 and was immediately hailed as "an exciting young company with a pioneering spirit". The Company has toured the west, sparking new interest and enthusiasm for ballet wherever it has performed, as well as maintaining its annual San Francisco season.

The soloists are alumni of the finest ballet companies of the U.S. Alan Howard, director and premier danseur was until 1960 premier danseur of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Prima ballerina Sally Streets is a former principal soloist of the New York City Ballet.

The Company will perform four dances in Yosemite, the program

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CRAMERS LEAVE YOSEMITE

Sterling Cramer, after 34 very full years in Yosemite, retired in August to take up a new life in San Francisco. And, his plans for post-retirement sound no less active than the life he led in the park.

Sterling came to Yosemite to work during the summer of 1935, following graduate school at Stanford: the temporary job turned out to be a full career. His first position was that of ticket auditor, followed by office manager in 1940. In '41 he was appointed general auditor, controller in 1958, and vice president finance in 1966. For all practical purposes, he has served as the company's chief financial officer since 1941.

Sterling has been involved in various community activities probably more deeply and longer than anyone, past or present. His interests have been wide and ranged between organizing the Yosemite Badgers, Lions Club work, of which organization he is a charter member, the Conversation Club, theatrical productions and hiking in Yosemite's mountains. He has served on the Yosemite Scholarship Committee and the Board of Trustees for the Yosemite Natural History Association. Somehow, over the years, he found time and energy to serve as a member of the Mariposa County Planning Commission, the California Olympic Commission and on the California State Park Commission. An active Democrat, Cramer was for four years Congressman "Bizz" Johnson's chairman for the Second Congressional District and chairman or member of the Mariposa County Democratic Central Committee.

Cramer was responsible for the production of 14 Lions Club theatricals, which ranged in nature from

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serious dramas to the well-remembered, hilarious Lions Club Follies.

The Yosemite Badgers, which has provided local boys a chance to play in organized football since 1940 was Sterling's first community project. He equipped the first squad from his own funds and coached the team for 20 years thereafter. **L. L. Branscum** is now coach and the Badger's organization is a function of the Lions Club Boys and Girls Committee, on which Sterling served as Badgers representative.

In retrospect, Sterling has commented that the park's facilities are vastly improved over those found here in the mid-thirties. In response to the question, "Are the visitors different now than then?", Cramer stated, "No. They're not materially different nor have their attitudes and actions deteriorated. There are just a whale of a lot more."

Within the company's accounting department, Cramer says the staff is about the same in number but that the paper work probably has quadrupled over his 34 years. Only by the application of better business methods has it been possible to keep the operation from smothering under paperwork.

Alice and Sterling will be leaving the valley soon for their new home — Apt. 302, Fontana East, 1000 North Point Street in San Francisco. Out the window, Alice says she can see the bay, Alcatraz and Angel Island. They've always been opera, symphony and theater enthusiasts. With each near at hand, they can fulfill these interests.

Sterling plans to do consulting work with concessioners operating in state and national parks, though at his own pace and choosing.

LENGTH OF SERVICE BANQUET

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The evening will start off with a cocktail party, followed by dinner at The Ahwahnee, the presentations, and a speaker. **Hilmer Oehlmann**, Chairman of the Board, will make the presentations, after which there will be an entertaining talk by Paul Speegle. Mr. Speegle is the public relations manager of Roos/Atkins and a noted after-dinner speaker.

It is planned to hold the Award Dinner each year in November. Those employees who become eligible for a five year award in December or later will receive their award at the next year's banquet. Once eligible, employees will be invited to attend each year. Individual invitations will be mailed in November.

—O— A FREE RIDE!

All A and B privilege card holders, 10 years and up, may take a free tour of the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees on one of the new Tourcars.

The Grove was closed to private vehicular traffic on September 13 when the new system went into operation. Specially designed, 50-passenger cars depart every 20 minutes, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. (4 p.m. starting November 1), from the parking lot near the edge of the Grove. One may get off at any, or all of the regularly scheduled stops and resume the tour on a later car, or walk from one stop to another and re-board.

The lumbering of white pine going on in the Grove may appear startling at first, but the ranger-naturalists on duty at the Grizzly Giant and the Museum will explain why it is necessary to preserve the ecology of the area and permit the growth of new Sequoia gigantea.

All one need do to get aboard a Tourcar is present your privilege card at the ticket office.

The SENTINEL wishes the Cramers every happiness and they can be sure that they'll be missed by all here in the park.

TV NEWS

Gordon Warren of the Yosemite TV Association reports that new antennas, which bring in a stronger signal, have been stocked and are available at no charge to subscribers. The antennas will remain the property of the Association (just like your phone belongs to Pacific Telephone) but a continued paid-up membership will keep it hooked up. The Association will be happy to install a new antenna for you and align it for the best signal. Call **Clark Martin** at 372-4686 and they'll come by.

Another new service is the tube tester, now installed in the electrical shop. Tubes will be tested free of charge to members and a stock of replacements is on hand. Non-members can't take advantage of this service.

All improvements, maintenance and additions to the rebroadcasting complex are financed by members of the Community TV Association. The damage from last winter's storms has been repaired, excepting the coaxial cable which has yet to be buried underground. These repairs have emptied the coffers. The five translators have been operating for a good many years, and it is the plan of the Association to install a new translator each year to bring in improved pictures. Each translator costs \$1100 and new members are needed to finance this installation. There are presently 77 members and it is felt that there may be a lot more TV sets in the Valley than that! Membership dues are \$3 per month, less when paid by the year at \$30. Dues may be deducted from your paycheck. For more information, call **Bill Smith**, **Joe Thomas**, or **L. L. Branscum** at 372-4611.

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PACIFIC BALLET TO PERFORM HERE

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Starting at 8 p.m. in the west auditorium of the Visitor Center, lasting about an hour and a half. Following, there will be a reception in the east auditorium, during which residents may meet and chat with real, live ballet dancers. Everyone is welcome. There is no admission charge.

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BADGERS WIN ONE, LOSE TWO, TIE ONE

The Yosemite Badger footballers have had a spotty season this far. They took a drubbing in their opener against Merced, 27-6. However, the Merced squad outweighed the local boys by more than twenty-five pounds each.

Their second game, against Mariposa, was a tussle for three and a half quarters, neither team crossing the goal line. Then, on a Mariposa punt return, Mariposa slipped through for a long run and a TD. Final score, 7-0.

Playing their hearts out on the Mariposa field, the Badgers staged a real cliff-hanger. Behind until the fourth quarter, the Badgers scored to lead 14-13. With three minutes to go, Mariposa threatened, but the Badgers weren't to be budged.

The last Mariposa contest, played between halves of the high school game was but one quarter, 12 minutes long. Neither team ever got unlimbered and the game ended 0-0.

The team has four more games, as follows: October 18, Mariposa at Yosemite, 10 a.m.; October 25, Yosemite at Fairoaks, 1 p.m.; November 1 Mariposa at Mariposa, 1 p.m. and November 8, Fairoaks at Yosemite, 1 p.m.

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CLASSIFIEDS

TUTOR AVAILABLE — Math, English, other subjects through high school level. \$3 per hour. Call Jo-Anne Scott weekdays, 372-4611, extension 53, eves and weekends, 372-9909.

FOR SALE — 1965 Fleetwood mobile home, 10'x57', 3 bedrooms, \$3500. 2 GI down mummy-style sleeping bags, \$20 each. 9'x12' tent, \$25. Honda 50 trail bike, \$100. Banner rifle scope, variable adjustment, \$45. See or call Kathy Chew, 379-2604.

FOR SALE — 1965 Oldsmobile F-85, 2-dr. hardtop. One owner, 35,000 miles. Priced to sell. Call 372-4656 days, 372-4767 evenings.

FOR SALE — Size 7 lady's Lange ski boots. \$65. Call Leroy Rust at 372-4475.

HITHER AND THITHER

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ard Doucette arrived with YPC Co. director **James Uhle** in tow. Wishing Sue a bon voyage, Mr. Uhle planted a kiss on her cheek. Sue responded with, "But I don't even know you". To Sue, this edition's award for the most unforgettable facial expression. To Mr. Uhle, our award as the most friendly YPC Co. director.

Not so incidentally, **Bobbie Brudenell** and **Barbara Billington** are the new tour manager and first assistant.

More Opt Outs

Auditor **Dick Klein**, who worked seasonally since 1946 and permanently since 1953, has relocated in Alameda. We suspect he chose the East Bay because of the proximity of sporting events. While Dick is principally a baseball booster, he's fond of all spectator sports. You might call him a 'fan for all seasons'.

Ann Madsen, who for nearly five years has been the good right hand of **Mr. Proctor**, **Mr. Ring**, **Mr. Matthews**, et. al. of the Commercial Division, departed Oct. 10. Ann has no definite plans at this time, aside from a good long vacation.

Replacing Ann is **Donna Zinser**, no stranger to Yosemite. Donna first came to work in the park in 1956 and was most recently employed in 1963.

Mailbag

Recently, word was received that former employment manager, **Gene Ewing**, has been appointed personnel director of Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla. Wife **Audrey**, we hear, is sort of "Kelly-girling" it and enjoying the variety of jobs.

Dillon Gillies writes that he has alighted in Sun Valley where he'll manage The Ram, once the ski season begins. In the interim he's working on conventions, banquets and the like. He sends an open invitation to his Yosemite pals to visit him. Or, drop him a line at P.O. Box 461, Sun Valley, Idaho.

Check? Mate

Amos Neal, who checks things like gas invoices for company vehicles, brought over a list of charge slips which would seem to indicate there's some sort of on-going con-

A NEW STABLE FOR TUOLUMNE MEADOWS

YPC Co. maintenance men, have been hard at work this fall on the new Tuolumne Meadows stable, which is located about two miles west of the old one in the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge area, and nestles into the hillside above the meadows.

The barn contains 40 stalls, two tack rooms and a hay storage area and is built of Keminite-treated wood which requires no painting. And, while non-toxic to the stock, has an unpleasant taste which deters them from chewing on the mangers. The Keminite produces a mottled green/brown effect making the barn blend into the forest background. Carpenter **Joe Liskey** headed up the crew which has also completed setting the corral posts. The corral fence and gates will not be put up until

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test among the Chevron attendants. Slips for gassing the Tramcar were made out to: skinny-mini, mini-skinny and skinny-mini-tram; the Shuttle car was called the shuttle-muttle. The prize, in our opinion, goes to the unknown attendant who tagged the orange and yellow Shuttle car, "The Banana Boat".

Oddments

Nancy Kissack of reservations is the new weekend voice of "Yosemite Information". Regular **Kathy Stephenson** of personnel still covers the Monday-Friday beat.

Maintenance mechanic **Danny Grieve** is the latest to chalk up 10 years service with the Company.

Lodge housekeeper **Flo Clow** reports that her maids have switched from those handy-dandy, drip dry summer uniforms to pants, sweaters and knee-highs — their fall, winter, spring attire.

A belated "thank you" to the **Burnsmen** who guarded the stores this summer from the 'hair and bare' crowd. The way they ejected, politely, the barefooted was simply scandalous!

Final word department. **Dar MacInerney** when asked why she was wearing an afghan (sweater), replied, "I'm not cold. I'm just insecure."

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

ONE FOR THE BIRDS!

Bob Mathews, gift shop buyer/supervisor, is a happy man. A year ago, Bob purchased — for a tidy sum — a collection of 13 Shehorn hand-carved and painted birds. With price tags ranging from \$400 to \$550, they weren't the fastest moving items in The Ahwahnee gift shop. As a matter of fact, only one was sold until September 1 when Mr. "X" pungled up \$5000 for the remaining dozen!

A number of old editions of Yosemitiana were another of Bob's acquisitions—Hutching's "In the Heart of the Sierras", 1886, Bunnell's "Discussion of Yosemite and the Indian War", 1851 et. al. Though they were priced at \$45 and up, the public snapped them up like hungry wolves. So it's back to Ye Olde Book Shoppe.

Wonder what treasures Bob will locate next?

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THURSDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Here's an alternative to the viewer who would rather quit than fight the TV tube with its banal 'new season' lineup. (It would seem the TV networks equate non-violence with dull.)

The "employees' movie committee" has come up with a highly entertaining and provocative listing for their fall season.

Walter Matthau and Jack Lemmon star in "The Odd Couple" on October 23. Matthau as a bleary-eyed slob in a sweatshirt and Lemmon as a weepy, fanatical housekeeper in an apron create one of the funniest domestic battles of the century. The final October show, on the 30th, will be "Barefoot in the Park" with Robert Redford, Jane Fonda and Charles Boyer. The plot is frothy as cotton candy, but the film is thoroughly amusing, occasionally touching, and packed with witty dialogue.

Other upcoming shows: November 6, "Waterhole No. 3" with James Coburn; November 13, "The Comancheros" a John Wayne oater; November 20, "A Patch of Blue" starring Sidney Poitier, and on November 27, "Becket" with Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole.

The movies are shown, naturally

FALL FOR A BARGAIN

The canny Lions Clubbers schedule their annual bargain sale just when it's fall-cleaning time. If you're the lazy type, look at it this way. You'll get paid to clean out the attic, storage shed, and clothes closet. Everything is acceptable except unmentionables, a single broken ski or books banned in Boston.

The sale will take place in the Visitor Center on Thursday and Friday, October 23 & 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Check-in, cataloging and tagging of items will be done between 5 and 9 p.m. on October 22. Blackboard listings for larger, less portable, items such as furniture and appliances.

A percentage of any item sold will go to the Lions Club for community projects. Unsold items must be picked up by 11 a.m. Saturday lest they be given to charitable organizations.

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'TIS THE SEASON (ALMOST)

It may be autumn in Yosemite but far to the North ole Santa Claus and his dwarfs are hard at work turning out toys to be delivered on Christmas Eve at the Christmas Party in the Curry Village cafeteria.

All local children, one year old through the third grade who have one parent working for YPC Co., the NPS or other concessioners, will be invited to attend. Santa wouldn't want to disappoint any youngsters by failing to have a gift for him or her. On the other hand, Santa has a budget just like the rest of us and doesn't wish to have any presents left over. So, if parents know now their child (children) will be unable to attend, please call Santa's Helper, **Marge Cromer**, in the personnel office, 372-4611.

BULL OR BEAR?

There will be an informal introduction to the mysteries of Wall Street for those interested. J. C. Barrison, Investment Executive of Shearson, Hammill & Co.'s Santa Barbara office will hold a 30-45 minute session, on Thursdays in the Visitor Center, starting at 9 p.m. Admission is \$1 with your privilage card and you can take one guest with you, also at \$1 admission.

DISTAFFERS

The Yosemite Women's Group will hold their next meeting on Tuesday, October 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Lodge Mountain Room. **Bob Barbee**, NPS Resident Management Specialist, will speak on "A New Look for Yosemite". A business meeting will follow. Reservations should be made by the 20th by calling **Carol Guse** at 372-4242.

Officers for the 1969-70 year are: **Charlotte Wilson**, president; **Julia Parker**, vice president; **Mary Hadley**, secretary; **Dorothy Johnson**, treasurer.

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NEW STABLE AT TUOLUMNE

(Continued from page three) next summer when the canvas barn roof and tents will be erected. The cement platforms for the five employee housing tents, the manager's office and living quarters and the storage building are poured. According to maintenance superintendent **Gordon Warren**, the storage building presently on the site of the old stable will be moved to the new area, redesigned with two entrances and exits for speedier transfer from truck to storage to mule. The bathhouse facilities will be constructed by the Chivers Company of Mariposa.

The removal of the stables from the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge area will reduce greatly the congestion and improve the parking situation for both the stable and the Lodge. Stables boss **Bob Barnett** states that the new facility nearly doubles the size of the old plant and he looks for greatly increased use of the Tuolumne Meadows stable.

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sion at Yosemite Lodge on Saturday, October 18 at 3 p.m. Mr. Barrison will speak on the current outlook for the stock market, trends in the bond market, investment clubs, and seven common errors of investors. Following, there'll be a question and answer period.

For more information and to learn the exact time and place of the meeting, call **Cindy Merry** at 372-4819.