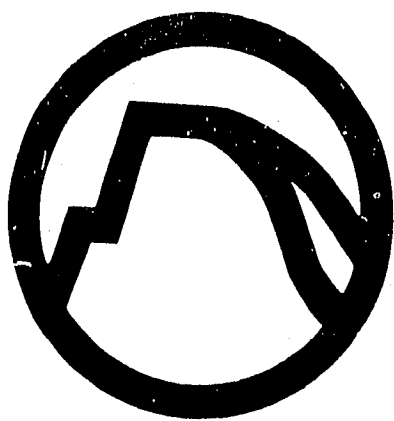


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BADGER OPEN!

Badger Pass opened for the first time this season on Monday, January 3, with 15" of fresh snow on a 10" base; all 25" were received since last week Thursday.

The cross country school also began operation Monday, with classes touring through the Valley.

Had You Noticed?

The new year marks the beginning of the celebration of the Ahwahnee's 50th Anniversary. One particularly nice "anniversary present" to The Ahwahnee is described below.

For many years, there has been a fence surrounding approximately 15 acres of forest and open land on the grounds of the Ahwahnee Hotel. A project has just been completed of removing the entire fence and cleaning up the area so that it is now restored to a natural state.

The original fence, which was an English Oak picket fence, was set up in the early 30's to keep deer out of a National Wildflower Preserve surrounding the Ahwahnee Hotel. This fence remained until World War II when the Ahwahnee Hotel was turned into a hospital for Naval use. The Navy then had the old fence replaced with the chain-link fence designed to keep the sailors inside the area. Many of us here in Yosemite felt that the fence had outlived its usefulness and was now a scenic intrusion, unnecessarily restricting the ease with which people could hike around in the area of the Hotel, so a project was begun a few months ago to remove the entire fence. The fence was not dumped in a garbage dump but rather was taken down to the foothills for reuse as part of the philosophy we have continually tried

MERCED COLLEGE - SPRING SEMESTER

by Diana Abrell

The spring semester of Merced College classes in Yosemite and El Portal opens the week of January 31. Several short classes of eight weeks or less will be offered this spring in the hope that the attendance level will continue to be high throughout the class. These short classes will be announced in the February issue of the Sentinel. They may include EMT, ceramics, woodworking, and Yosemite Natural History.

The following classes start the week of January 31 to February 4.

Class	Instructor	Day	Dates	Time	Units	Place*
Applied Business Law	Pitts	T	2/1-6/7	7-10	3	Yos
Advanced First Aid	Cooley	M, W	1/31-3/28	7-10	3	Yos
Art	Rogers	W	2/2-6/8	7-10	0	EP
Auto Maintenance	Fraley	M	1/31-6/6	7-10	0	EP

*Yos stands for Yosemite Elementary School and E P for El Portal Elementary School.

Applied Business Law is an introductory course covering trials, civil action, contracts, sale and purchase of property, employers and employees, consumers and credit, insurance, partnerships, corporations, and wills. An advanced first aid Red Cross card is earned with the completion of the first aid course (no previous first aid training is required for the class). Auto Maintenance is open to both beginners and those who have taken it before. Earl Rogers of Mariposa has taught Art in El Portal for several years and encourages artistic expression in the medium of the student's choice.

CREDIT UNION MEMBERS

All members, Share Holders, are requested to fulfill their obligation by attending the ANNUAL MEETING at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 11, 1977 at the Girls Club (opposite the NPS Administration Building). Election of officers, reports, discussion, and refreshments. You could be in for a BIG SURPRISE!

to achieve of reusing or recycling waste materials, rather than dumping them. This project opens up 15 acres of land, which was previously surrounded by a total length of two miles of chain-link fence.

There is no tuition for classes. Textbooks may be purchased at the first class, and registration is at the first class. For further information, call Diana Abrell, Co-ordinator, 372-4233.

FIRE CONTROL CLASS

Merced College is also going to be offering a course on Fire Control. The class will meet on Tuesdays from 7 to 10 p.m., with the location announced later.

The course, which will begin on February 1, will award one unit of credit to those completing it. For further details, contact Tom Kroon at the Village Store or Bucky Stephen at the YPC Co. Firehouse.

Message From Donna Pritchett

Donna would like to thank all of you who, over the past three months, have given her support and help through your letters, cards, personal visits, and contributions. Your thoughtfulness has meant so much to her and helped her get through this difficult time.

Donna will be on a self-rehabilitation program during the next three months, and it would mean very much to her to be able to live once again in Yosemite where she could be close to her friends and her real "home." She would be interested in house-sitting while people are on vacation, etc. (long or short-term).

During this period she will also need a full-time attendant who would be paid by the State. This person would have to be in attendance most of the day and be able to lift. If anyone can help Donna with the living arrangement or is interested in the position of attendant, please contact Bobbie Bruendell at home after 7 p.m. at 372-4866. Donna will not be able to begin her program until an attendant is available.

Emergency

Adorable and incomparable cat, Illilouette, 2 year old spayed female, needs home *outside* of the Park. Will give you lots of loving, but cannot be locked up. Call Maggie Wehring at 372-4611, ext. 279, or at 372-4378.

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OUTREACH

The Outreach Steering Committee met last night at the Yosemite Medical Group to plan for the 1977 summer. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 3, at 7:30 p.m., again at the Yosemite Medical Group. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. Bring your ideas and help plan Outreach '77.

GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

A comprehensive human growth and development course for our elementary school children is trying to be obtained by interested parents. A preview of new educational movies, slides, and books will be held on Thursday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School. Carol Davis, our County school nurse, will be on hand to show materials pertaining to this subject. This workshop is open to any and all community members.

Yosemite Community Council Reorganizes

The Yosemite Community Council has reorganized and is planning a fund-raising campaign for March 15 to April 15. In the past, a campaign was held once a year to raise money for the various United Fund groups and for emergency community use. However, the last campaign was two or three years ago.

The Council, which is supposed to represent various employee groups and organizations of the community, met in December and elected officers. They are:

President: Kathy Loux
Vice-President: Rick Vocelka
Treasurer: Billy Thomas
Secretary: Diana Abrell

Board of Directors:
Arvin Abbott Jack Hicks
Bill Breckencamp Joyce Janocsek
Scott Brown Ginger Springer
Margene van Wagtendonk

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 8, at 6 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School. The usual day for meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are open to everyone, and community input is desired.

DEAR ABBY -

Dear Readers:

In 1974, approximately 12,000 Americans perished in nearly three million fires.

A large percentage of those who died were children, elderly persons, and invalids who had been left alone "for just a few minutes."

The chief causes of fires, in order of the toll taken, were:

1. Smoking.
2. Electrical Wiring.
3. Heating and cooking equipment.
4. Children playing with matches.
5. Open flames and sparks.
6. Flammable liquids.
7. Suspected arson.
8. Chimneys and flues.
9. Lightning.
10. Spontaneous ignition.

The total loss due to fire in 1973 was an estimated \$3,001,000,000 in the U. S.

Now for some tips that could save your life:

- Be sure your cigarette is out. Matches, too. And never leave matches and lighters within the reach of children.
- Don't run cords under rugs or over radiators where they may get damaged. And replace a cord if it is frayed.
- Never leave small children alone in the house. Not even for a few minutes.
- Store oily rags and paints in a cool place in tightly sealed metal containers.
- Never use flammable liquids for dry-cleaning indoors.
- Never smoke in bed.
- Have a fire drill in your home to be sure everyone knows what to do in case of fire.

Remember: Fire extinguishers put out 97 per cent of all fires on which they are sprayed, and most large fires start as small fires. So, invest in a compact, easy-to-use fire extinguisher and keep it handy.

NOW, in case of fire:

If you suspect fire, feel the top of the door. If it's hot, don't open it. Escape through the window. But first alert the rest of the household.

The phone number of your fire department should be taped on every telephone. If it isn't, don't fumble around trying to find it. Get out and call from a neighbor's house.

Once out, stay out. No treasure--not even the family pet--is worth risking a human life.

ABBY

WOMEN'S CLUB

The Yosemite Women's Group is starting off the New Year with many programs and activity ideas, but so far few definite dates. During the latter part of January, the Group will sponsor a Stitch and Sew day with demonstrations and lessons. Materials will be available for purchase, or participants may bring their own. Definite facts on this activity will be posted after the first of the year. Merrie Hinson is the coordinator on this.

Other forthcoming activities will hopefully include a day at Badger, Oriental Cooking Demonstration, Hair Styling Program, and a picnic in the foothills in the Springtime. A new activity sheet will be distributed shortly after the holidays - - watch for it.

WINTER CLUB HAPPENINGS

Hans Brinker Night

On Monday, January 10, between 5 and 7 p.m., the Yosemite Winter Club will convene for their annual Hans Brinker Night. Skating and skate rentals are free, and planned activities include games, relays, and broom hockey. There will also be a fire for keeping warm between spills (if you're like most of us), and hot and cold drinks, as well as "roast-your-own" hot dogs, will be available at the rink for nominal cost.

The party will continue with dinner at Sam's, which will be \$1.50 for pizza, salad and beverage.

ARCHIVES NIGHT

The old Winter Club photos, possibly some films, and certainly some memories will be dusted off and looked at again at a no-host cocktail party at The Ahwahnee on January 20. A Ski Buffet is also scheduled for that night, so Winter Club members who wish to make a full evening of sharing the good times can make dinner reservations by calling either Gail Thompsen (at 372-4518) or JoAnne Rees (372-4210).

Membership in the Winter Club is still available at \$10 for family and \$5 for singles. In addition to the many free and reduced-rate benefits, your Winter Club membership supports FWSA races, our Junior Race Team, the Ancient Jocks' Race, and the National Nordic and Alpine teams.

The Church in the Valley

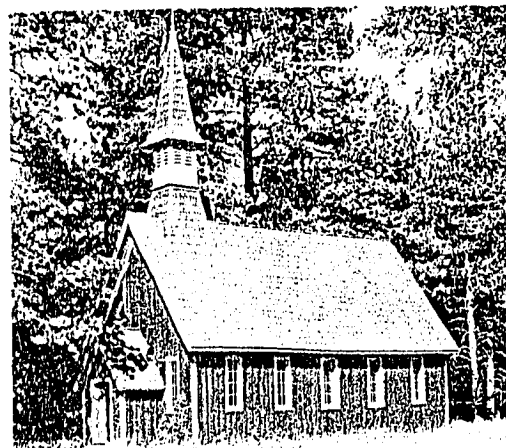
by Steve Harrison

The Yosemite Chapel seems so solemn yet so graceful on the edge of the meadow where it now stands, its towering steeple and pitched roof so beautifully simple. Sitting on this quiet site, it is hard to imagine that not so many years ago, it was a part of the bustling Yosemite Village, later called the Old Village and today, mostly forgotten. Yet that is not its original site and its simplicity does not give a hint of its wonderful past.

To have a Chapel in Yosemite Valley required the help of thousands of people. Most of them were Sunday School children from all over America who purchased certificates for 25 cents each. This was in 1878 when plans were being made for a great Sunday School Assembly at which thousands were expected. This Assembly was to be held in 1879 in Yosemite Valley. The sale of certificates was far enough along by November, 1878 that the **Sonora Union Democrat** was able to announce that a contract for \$5,300 had been given to Samuel E. Thompson for the Chapel's construction. The non-denominational chapel was to be built of stone quarried in the vicinity and was to be completed by June 6, 1879 so that its dedication would coincide with the opening of the Sunday School Assembly. The site chosen for the Chapel was near the base of the steeple-like Sentinel Rock, just up the road from Leidig's Hotel.

The Sunday School Assembly got underway on June 7 but the Chapel was not yet completed. Among the speakers at the Assembly was John Muir who gave two talks, one of which was on the glacial origin of the Valley.

After a Revival which was held in the Chapel, that colorful little spark in Yosemite, Florence Hutchings "got religion" and from then on faithfully



The Chapel before it received a new, post-flood plain foundation.

cleaned the Chapel and kept the decorative foliage fresh. Upon her death, a Miss Mary Porter of Philadelphia donated an organ in her memory. In

1885, at memorial services held after the death of President Grant, Sir Arthur Sullivan, famed composer of light operas with Sir William Gilbert, was in the Valley and played this organ.

Toward the end of the 1800's, activity in the Valley began to concentrate around the Sentinel Hotel and in the fall of 1901, the Chapel was moved to where the worshippers were. The Chapel was later the victim of the lazy movers, because they simply put the building on the ground, leaving the former steps off. This made it easier to get inside but as a result, the Chapel was flooded twice, once to a height of four feet in 1950 and again in 1964. After that, it was decided to raise the Chapel to its original height.

So it stands today. Again the activity has moved to another part of the Valley. But people still seem to get to it for services and weddings and it somehow seems appropriate, standing there by itself, beneath the mighty walls of Yosemite Valley.

Complete and return to
YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB
Box 1504, Yosemite, CA 95389

Family Membership \$10.00

Singles \$5.00

Full Name(s) of Adult(s) _____

Name(s) and Age(s) of
Children under 21 _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone Number _____

Amount enclosed _____

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

- January 10 - "A Man Called Horse"
Richard Harris, Dame Judith Anderson
- January 17 - Sky Riders
James Coburn, Robert Culp, Susannah York
- January 24 - Gable and Lombard
James Brolin, Jill Clayborne
- January 31 - The Incredible Shrinking Man
Grant Williams, April Kent
- February 7 - I Will, I Will For Now
Elliott Gould, Diane Keaton, Paul Sarvino, Robert Alda

YOSEMITE SAM'S

Yosemite Sam is still on the lookout for a talented musician to perform at Sam's on Friday and Saturday nights. Can you sing and/or play the guitar? If you can, you may be the person we are looking for. For further information, contact Sam's at ext. 230 or the Employee Rec. Office at ext. 475.

EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT CARDS

Have you ever been to Disneyland? If you haven't and are planning a trip in the near future, then now is the time to stop by the Employee Recreation Office to pick up your **FREE** Magic Kingdom Club card. From January 5 through May 31, the card entitles you to a very special rate at Disneyland. The Magic Kingdom Club member can gain admission to the park and unlimited use on all rides and attractions for only \$7.50 for adults (children even less)!!!!

We also have discount cards for Knott's Berry Farm, Busch Gardens, Marineland-of-the-Pacific, Sea World, Universal Studios, and many, many more. Stop by Employee Rec. and pick up your **FREE** packet.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- MONDAYS**
MOVIES Visitor Center - 8 p.m.
- TUESDAYS**
Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Sack Lunch Bible Study Girl's Club - Noon
TOPS Meeting El Portal School - 7 p.m.
Cooking Class Yosemite Sam's - 7 to 9 p.m.
Crafts Workshop Employee Training Office - 7 to 10 p.m.
Co-Ed Volleyball East Auditorium, V.C. - 9 p.m. to Midnight
- WEDNESDAYS**
Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Bible Study Chapel - 8 p.m.
Band Night Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.
- THURSDAYS**
Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Yosemite Medical Group - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
"A Christian Gathering" Chapel - 7:30 p.m.
Craft Workshop Employee Training Office - 7 to 10 p.m.
Band Night Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.
- FRIDAYS**
Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
NASTAR Badger Pass - 1 p.m.
Yosemite Sam's 8 p.m.
- SATURDAYS**
NASTAR Badger Pass - 1 p.m.
Mass Visitor Center, West. Aud. - 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service Schoolhouse, Wawona - 6 p.m.
Coffee House Girl's Club - 8 p.m.
Talent Night Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.
- SUNDAYS**
Mass Visitor Center, West. Aud. - 9 and 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
NASTAR Badger Pass - 1 p.m.
Worship Service - Southern Baptist Chapel - 6:30 p.m.
- SPECIAL EVENTS**
Monday, Jan. 10 Hans Brinker Night, Ice Rink - 5 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 17 El Portal Community Council Meeting - 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 20 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon
Winter Club Archives Party, The Ahwahnee - 6:30 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 31 Auto Maintenance Class Begins
Advanced First Aid Class Begins
Tuesday, Feb. 1 Applied Business Law Class Begins
Fire Control Class Begins
Wednesday, Feb. 2 Ground Hog Day
Art Class Begins
Advanced First Aid Class Meets
Thursday, Feb. 3 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon
Outreach Steering Comm. Meeting, Yos. Med. Group - 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS

Looking for some way to exercise those muscles and get into shape for the ski season? Come to the Visitor Center East Auditorium every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 9 p.m. to Midnight. Co-ed Volleyball is happening!! Bring your friends for a little fun and relaxation. See you there.

OPERA SESSIONS will be held on January 15 and 22 from 1 to 4 p.m. For information call Joseph Paquette at 372-4748.

For Sale

10 x 50 mobile home (Space A-3) with built-on room. Large fenced yard. Storage shed with electrical hook-up for washer/dryer. Phone 379-2352 or inquire at Space A-9.

Tire Chains, used only once. New, \$19.95, sell for \$9. Fits sizes: F78-14, E70-15, 195R14, 195R15, 6.70-15, 7.50-14, 7.75-15, 7.75-14. Contact Dale Murphy at the Lodge Annex in Room G-1.

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Community Rallies To Support Tischmachers

A benefit dinner organized by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the National Park Service on behalf of Bob and Lucy Tischmacher, who lost their Foresta home and all their possessions in a fire on January 12, 1977, was held at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion on Thursday, January 27.

Proceeds from a steak dinner, bar, and TV raffle went to the Tischmachers.

Over 400 Yosemite community residents turned out to show their support for the Tischmacher family as \$2,704 was raised on their behalf.

The Sentinel salutes the following for their part in this fine community effort:

Ed Hardy and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. for donating the steaks, the space, and the TV to be raffled off.

Les Arnberger and the National Park Service Ranger Association for providing the bar.

Bobbie Brudenell and all the community women who helped organize and see that everyone got fed.

Bill Germany and his crew for seeing that we didn't run out of food.

And especially thanks to all of you for making it all possible.



Spring Classes Offered

- by Diana Abrell

The spring semester of Merced College Extension classes in Yosemite and El Portal began this week. Registration continues through the second week of classes. New additions to the curriculum this spring are EMT (Emergency Medical Technician Training), Yosemite Natural History, Fire Control II, and Raku Ceramics.

The ceramics class (raku is a quick firing and cooling process) will be an 8 week course on handbuilding processes, wheel throwing, glazing and firing. The students will be required to purchase clay and small clay building tools. The instructor, Scott Porter, Fresno, has taught ceramics at Fresno State and other schools and has had ceramics exhibitions at galleries in central California.

Fire Control II is a continuation of the Fire Control series started a year ago. This course is being offered at the request of the Curry Fire Dept. but is

open to everyone. It will be held at the Curry Employee Training Center near the Village Store.

EMT will be taught by Drs. Wurgler, Hendrickson, and LeBourdais. It will be an intensified First Aid class and will include hospital emergency room observation away from Yosemite.

Applied Business Law will cover trials, civil action, contracts, real estate, consumers and credit, insurance, corporations and wills.

The two short Yosemite Natural History classes will each include one evening lecture and field trips to a low elevation and to a high elevation. The other classes have been offered before and have proven popular.

Tuition is free, and textbooks may be purchased at the first class. Call Diana Abrell, Co-ordinator, 372-4233 for further information.

Advanced First Aid	Cooley and McKeeman	1-31 to 3-30	Mon 7-10	3	Yos
			Wed		
Auto Mechanics	Fraleay	1-31 to 6-6	Mon 7-10	0	EP
Applied Business Law	Pitts	2-1 to 6-7	Tue 7-10	3	Yos
Art	Rogers	2-2 to 6-8	Wed 7-10	0	EP
EMT	Wurgler	2-8 to 5-8	Sun 7-10	3	Yos
			Tue		
Raku Ceramics	Porter	2-17 to 4-14	Thur 3:30-5:30	0	Yos
Fire Control II	Shackelton	2-3 to 3-10	Thur 7-10	1	Co. Trng. Ctr.
Yosemite Natural History	DeBell	3-29 (Lect)	Wed 7-10	0	EP
		4-2 (Field Tp)	Sat 9-5		
Yosemite Natural History	DeBell	4-28 (Lect)	Thur 7-10	0	Yos
		4-30 (Field Tp)	Sat 8-12		
		5-7 (Field Tp)	Sat 8-12		

Yos stands for Yosemite Elementary School, EP for El Portal Elementary School, and Co. Trng. Ctr. for YPCCo. Employee Training Center near the Village Store.

(L to R): Donna Habecker, Instructor; Lu Mirk; Gail Arnberger; and Marian Woessner appear to be seated on phantom chairs while doing one of the exercises at this fall's Body Dynamics Class.

Christmas Bird Count Records 59 Species

A total of 59 species and about 1,557 individual birds were observed during the Annual Christmas Bird Count, held on December 19, 1976. Twenty-nine observers in 12 parties enjoyed a mild, sunny day and logged a total of 87 party hours (80 on foot, 7 by car), covering 175 party miles (104 on foot, 71 by car) during 12 hours in the field.

The observations included: Great Blue Heron (1), Sharp-shinned Hawk (1), Red-tailed Hawk (5), Am. Kestrel (1), California Quail (24), Mountain Quail (12), Band-tailed Pigeon (15), Anna's Hummingbird (3), Belted Kingfisher (3), Common (Red-shafted) Flicker (10), Pileated Woodpecker (2), Acorn Woodpecker (78), Yellow-bellied Sapsucker (9), Williamson's Sapsucker (1), Hairy Woodpecker (4), Downy Woodpecker (3), Nuttall's Woodpecker (2), White-headed Woodpecker (20), Black Phoebe (5), Stellar's Jay (260), Scrub Jay (38), Common Raven (1), Black-capped Chickadee (5), Mountain Chickadee (188), Plain Tithouse (16), Bushtit (44), White-breasted Nuthatch (6), Red-breasted Nuthatch (50), Brown Creeper (32), Wrentit (4), Dipper (Ouzel) (6), Winter Wren (4), Bewick's Wren (3), Canyon Wren (6), American Robin (95), Varied Thrush (58), Hermit Thrush (10), Western Bluebird (54), Mountain Bluebird (1), Townsend's Solitaire (1), Golden-crowned Kinglet (120), Ruby-crowned Kinglet (27), Hutton's Vireo (8), Yellow-rumped Warbler (1), Western Meadowlark (2), Red-winged Blackbird (1), Brewer's Blackbird (1), Evening Grosbeak (12), Purple Finch

(11), Pine Grosbeak (4), Lesser Goldfinch (8), Red Crossbill (27), Rufous-sided Towhee (36), Brown Towhee (15), Dark-eyed (Oregon) Junco (147), White-crowned Sparrow (4), Golden-crowned Sparrow (41), Fox Sparrow (4), and Song Sparrow (7).

This year's total of 59 species ties for third place in the overall record of Christmas Bird Counts at Yosemite. The high year was 1972 when 71 species were observed; 1973 is next with 61 species.

Weather undoubtedly has an effect on the observations from one year to another. The mild weather of this December enabled different types of birds to remain at higher elevations than would be found there had it snowed. Comparison of the results from various years can give an interesting picture of the birds in the area during late December.

Christmas Bird Counts are conducted within a 15-mile diameter circle; the Yosemite circle is centered on Pohono Bridge and registered with the National Audubon Society. There were 1,141 circles counted last year.

Yosemite Winter Club Goes X-C

The YWC has planned another one of their great social events. On Saturday, February 19, members are invited to join in a day of cross-country skiing in the Crane Flat area. Following that will be a cheese fondue for adults (hamburgers for children) at 5:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Institute Building at Crane Flat. Don't forget to make your reservations for this full day of fun--call Barbara Wendt afternoons at 372-4817.

The Winter Club is also offering ice skating and skiing lessons to its members. For times and more information, phone 372-4518. Events planned for the future include a cross-country ski clinic and more fun.

Outreach

The yearly annual meeting of Yosemite Outreach was held on Thursday, February 3. The 1976 year was reviewed and plans for the 1977 year were discussed. Officers were also elected. In the 1976 summer, Outreach provided counseling to 97 persons and emergency housing to another 96 individuals. The Steering Committee is looking for anyone who would like to help in insuring that this program continue. The next meeting will be on March 3 at the Yosemite Medical Group dining room at 7:30 p.m.

Smoke Detectors

Those of you who live in the dormitories in the Valley and Wawona may have noticed the small round plastic boxes on the hallway ceilings. These are Ionization Smoke Detectors. This type of detector uses a minute radioactive source to transform the air inside them into a conductor of electric current. When smoke particles enter the air chamber, they upset the current flow and activate the alarm horn.

Since they were installed last summer, they have responded to several fires, thereby saving valuable property and lives.

Womens Group Enjoys Winter

Ice Skating

On Thursday morning, February 10, come join the Women's Group at the Curry Village Ice Rink. Meet us for the 10 a.m. session; instruction will also be available.

Ladies' Day at Badger

The Annual Ladies' Day at Badger Pass will be held on Friday, February 25, snow conditions willing. Bring your lunch and join in the fun--skiing, bridge, ski instruction, and general socializing.

And coming up in March:

Trent Williams of "Trent's - His and Her Hair Styling" in Mariposa will be presenting an actual demonstration of hair cutting and styling. More on this and other Women's Group activities in the next Sentinel.

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SATURDAY

SPECIAL

AT THE

Beauty/Barber Shop

Haircuts

Regularly \$3 and \$3.50

Now only \$2.50



The *Castor Canadensis*, this month's animal.

Animal of the Month

For this month's animal, we travel to the plains of the San Joaquin Valley.

The beaver is an animal commonly associated with mountainous areas. In California, though, beavers were common in the San Joaquin Valley streams and rivers, and they exist only in a few places in the Sierra where they were introduced.

In pre-Gold Rush times, the Hudson Bay Company sent trappers to the Central Valley to get beaver pelts. At that time, Sutter's Fort and Indian villages were the only populated areas of the San Joaquin Valley. As more people came, the trappers left--but already the beaver population had been severely reduced. Today only a few beavers remain.

Beavers are easily recognized by their flat, black tails. Their fur is a rich bronze color, dense, and with long outer hairs. The hind feet are scaly and webbed. Beavers weigh between 34 and 50 lbs., with a total length of 35 to 48 inches (including the 11½" to 16" tail).

We all have heard that beavers build dams on rivers, and the purpose for that is to avoid attack by the large carnivores that might enjoy a beaver meal. The dams themselves are built from brush

and logs, with mud used as a sealant. In the pond formed behind the dam, the beaver builds his home, again using brush, logs and mud, which is up to 5 feet in diameter. To reach the nesting chambers, a tunnel under water is used.

The main diet of these vegetarians is the inner bark of cottonwood, willow and aspen trees. The trees are cut by the beavers' big front teeth. Some of the bark is eaten where it was felled, and smaller parts of the tree are taken to the pond for consumption. With a use for everything, the beavers add the peeled wood to their dams.

Beavers, which are our largest rodent, often frustrate farmers in the Central Valley by damming the irrigation ditches. There is plenty of food for them in their native habitat, and they seem to be able to sustain their colonies in the San Joaquin Valley. No one is sure, though, if the aspens are sufficient for the continued existence of the beaver colonies introduced into the Sierra.

Beavers are not native to the Park, but a few are known to exist in the Park, particularly at the lower elevations. These are descendants of those introduced into the Sierra many years ago.

FOR SALE

Skis - Hart Freestyles. 160 cm, Solomon 555 bindings. Brand-new. \$130.

Ski Parkas - Ladies 34" or Medium. Good quality. Parkas vary.

Copper enameling kiln and kit. Kiln and accessories. \$15.

Coral Sandcast Indian bracelet. Beautiful workmanship. Worth \$150; will sell for \$75.

For any of the above items, call Midge Fiore at 372-4763.

Tire Chains, used only once. New, \$19.95, sell for \$9. Fits sizes: F78-14, E70-15, 195R14, 195R15, 6.70-15, 7.50-14, 7.75-15, 7.75-14. Contact Dale Murphy at the Lodge Annex in Room G-1.

1975 Chevy Luv P/U, with camper shell. Mikado custom interior and stripings. R, H, A/C. Transferrable, 5 year/50,000 mile warranty. Has 26,800 miles, almost new radial tires. \$2,900.00 or \$600.00 and take over payments. Call Pam or Earl at 372-4391.

Landsem Citizen's Racing Skis, 210 cm. Black (epoxy resin) bottoms. Good condition. With Troll bindings - \$64; without bindings - \$60. Contact Craig Patterson, ext. 244.

Servel Propane Refrigerator--Whirlpool large size with cross-top freezer. Needs some work. \$20. Call 372-4441, Bob Hansen.

FOUND:

Lady's wedding band with inscription. Contact Katie McInnis at the Badger Pass Ski Shop (372-4691) or at Room 304, Tecoya E-Dorm.

LOST:

Navy Blue NorthFace Down Jacket, at Yosemite Sam's on January 20. Although owner would like jacket back to keep warm this winter, the items in the pockets are greatly needed--driver's license, privilege card, etc. Please return any of the items found to P. O. Box 258, Yosemite, CA 95389. Thanks!!

Football Favorites

As you may remember, in the November issue of the *Yosemite Sentinel* we asked you to send us the names of your favorite football players. It seems that we have lots of football fans in Yosemite--and the Mariposa Grizzlies are the favorite team! The Football Favorites for the 1976 season are:

Coach
QB (tie)

WR (tie)

G

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C

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RB (tie)

WB

FB

K

P

DE

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LB

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CB

John Madden

Ken Stabler

Fran Tarkenton

Rich Vanderkarr

Cliff Branch

Burt Bumgarner

Dave Peterson

Bob Westmoreland

Eric Clay

Steve Kobzeff

Bob Savage

Pete Banaszak

Trace De Sandres

Roger Conroy

Tom Dempsey

Ray Guy

Frank Domingues

Jack Youngblood

Gilbert Domingues

John Matuszak

George Harders

Rick Bresslar

Clint Jennings

Mel Blount

Oakland Raiders

Oakland Raiders

Minnesota Vikings

Mariposa Grizzlies

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Pittsburgh Steelers

by Shirley Sargent

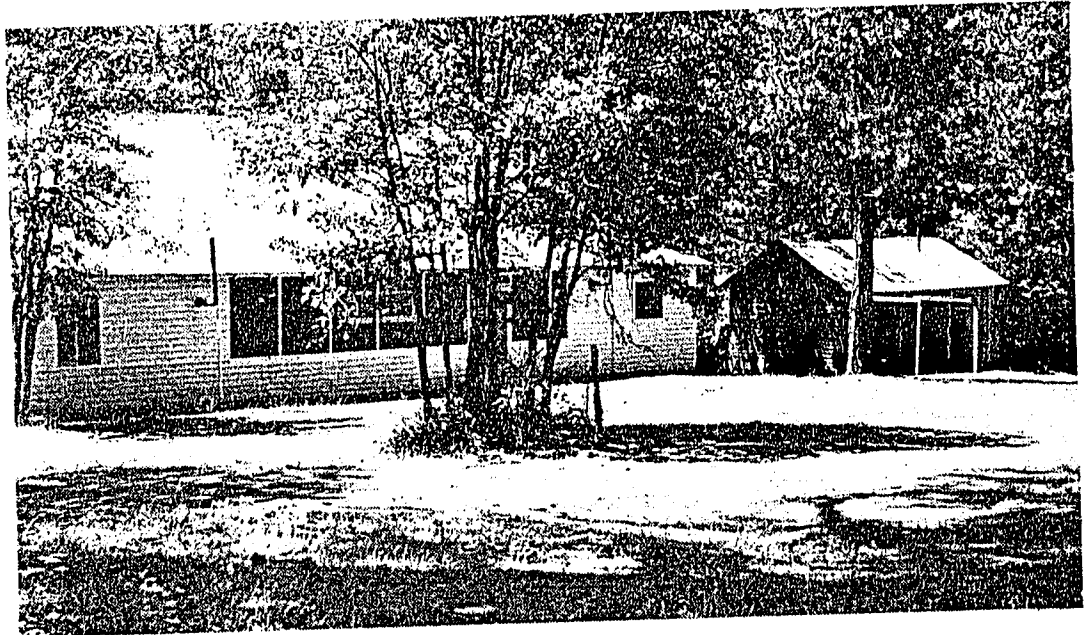
Camp Hoyle of Wawona

"Ham and eggs 50¢" was painted on the Camp Hoyle building, "and I got sick of hearing people chant 'Ham and eggs 50¢' as they drove by in the Pierce Arrow stretch-out tour cars of those days." The speaker was slender, twinkling-eyed Elsie M. Hoyle, cook and co-owner of Camp Hoyle from 1922 until 1932, who does not look her age at 94. She still cooks for her son Bill and does sewing alterations "to keep me busy." "At first," she explained in a November 1976, interview, "our place was up on the hill, opposite the entrance of the present Wawona campground, on the old road. We had a few tent frames and cabins to rent out and the restaurant, which in the beginning was just a big tent on a platform. There was a good spring nearby, so we had piped water, but just pit toilets. Until 1922 I had never cooked for crowds, but I learned fast. My son, Bill, helped me, and we had a waitress."

"I was a teen-ager," Bill Hoyle continued the story, "and I thought running a summer camp in the mountains was fun. I slept in an old building left by the Army from their Camp A. E. Wood. Sometimes when I raked pine needles, I raked up bullets. Guess the soldiers had done a lot of target shooting in that area."

Between 1890 and 1905, Calvary troops, in charge of running Yosemite National Park, had their headquarters on the South Fork of the Merced, about a mile south of the Wawona Hotel. After the Army's move to Yosemite Valley, the camp was abandoned. Three small sequoia trees, planted by the soldiers, marked the site where the Headquarters stood, but the main part of the camp was on the flat by the river, where the present public campground exists.

Elsie and Berdell (Bert) Hoyle came to Wawona from Dos Palos where he had been a businessman, editor of the town's newspaper, and, for several years, Merced County Assessor. Because the family loved the mountains, they spent part of the summer at Fish Camp near Wawona where they determined to run a seasonal resort. At that time, the entire Wawona area was outside Yosemite National Park, and the largest landowner was the Wawona Hotel Company, with over 3,000 acres. Bert Hoyle chose the



One winter, heavy snow damaged the roof of Camp Hoyle's building on the flat which is presently part of Camp A. E. Wood at Wawona. (Photo courtesy Yosemite National Park.)

site of the old Army camp, filed three mining claims on it, and set up his own place. When officials tried to make him prove that gold existed, Hoyle answered that he had filed for a granite quarry, and as granite outcroppings were everywhere, the men quite bothering him.

Initially, Clarence Washburn, Manager of the Wawona Hotel, feared competition from the Hoyles, but soon realized that it catered to an entirely different clientele than his establishment. A few hotel guests would eat there occasionally, as did Washburn himself. In time, Washburn aided the Hoyles by selling them milk from the hotel dairy, beef, and ice which was cut from Stella Lake in the winter and stored in an ice house near Camp Hoyle. The Hoyles bought quantities of bacon and ham from Miller & Lux, the San Joaquin Valley cattle barons, and later on from a wholesale company in San Francisco. Bert or Bill stocked up on eggs, vegetables, and canned goods on weekly trips to Fresno or Merced. In the late 1920's, butter and cottage cheese came right out of the heavens! Pilot Frank Gallison would swoop his single-seater plane low over the Camp to signal the Hoyles to meet him at the Wawona Meadow airstrip. Besides light-weight dairy items, he flew in mail and newspapers for Wawona Hotel guests.

Between the old and new sites, the Hoyles had eight tents and five cabins without baths. A central washhouse with showers served both guests and campers. Another source of revenue was keeping pets for tourists at 50¢ a day, as

dogs and cats were not allowed in the Park. The entrance station was at Alder Creek, a few miles from Camp Hoyle. "Kennels? No, we didn't have kennels," Mrs. Hoyle commented, "but we had lots of trees, and sometimes we had dogs tied up to 12 or 14 trees. Funny thing is their barking didn't scare away the animals. Bears scared me, though; they'd march right up on the porch and we'd run inside."

Bernice Clark, who camped across from the restaurant during the summers of 1926 and 1932, remembers Elsie Hoyle as "a real nice person, so calm. She wasn't fat, that's for sure. She did all the cooking. Lots of people used to come back year after year because of her cooking, especially her elderberry pie when it was in season. Bert Hoyle managed the place, looked after the campground, and visited with the patrons."

"Mostly people came and stayed a week or so. It took longer to travel then, so you didn't stop for just a day." Fishing was a popular pursuit, as were the Wednesday and Saturday night dances in the Hotel barn. "There was a platform for the three or four piece band, and they played waltzes, fox trots, and other dances. People just wore their camping clothes, the highway workers overalls and boots, and stomped around."

Camp Hoyle was open from the beginning of fishing season 'til the close of deer season, roughly six months of the year. About 1927, a modern building,

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Camp Hoyle of Wawona

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housing a restaurant, soda fountain, and small grocery store, was built down on the flat near the river, partly because the site was larger, but mainly because the new Wawona Road had been surveyed to run along the eastern edge of the flat. A steep, short road, still evident but now blocked by rocks, connected the two sites. Later a construction camp was set up near Camp Hoyle, and the Hoyles were awarded the commissary contract. Charge was still 50¢ a meal, and Mrs. Hoyle often fed 75 to 100 men daily. In November of 1932 records show that she prepared 1,006 meals for a total gross revenue of \$503.00.

One time 70 firefighters dropped in for breakfast at 4 a.m. Supplies were short, but Mrs. Hoyle made piles of biscuits to stretch the ham and bacon Mr. Hoyle sliced, and a camper, Bernice Clark, washed mountains of dishes. For three or four days, they fed the firefighters. One employee cracked eggs, the other served and cleared tables, while Mrs. Hoyle did all the cooking on a large, wood-burning range. "Sometimes the fire boys would help us with the dishes," Bernice Clark recalled, "because there were so many used we ran out." During that emergency, the Hoyles "had to order case after case of eggs and many whole hams through the Wawona Store."

In August of 1932, the National Park Service climaxed years of negotiations and acquired the 8,875-acre Wawona Basin, which included all private land except Section 35. The Wawona Hotel Company sold out to the Park Service, who leased the buildings and furnishings to the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. for a still-continuing operation. Bert Hoyle was reluctant to quit but closed Camp Hoyle for the last time in December of 1932. With the proceeds of the sale, he bought the hotel at Long Barn (above Sonora), near where his widow, Mrs. Hoyle, lives today. Camp Hoyle's site at Wawona is now part of the Wawona campground (formerly Camp A. E. Wood). Sometimes the odor of ham and eggs wafts from tents or trailers, but that food cost a lot more than the fifty cents charged by the Hoyles. Although no trace of the Hoyles or the Army remains on the flat, people who walk east across the highway and up a steep little pitch will find two of the three sequoias, planted by the soldiers and watered by the Hoyles thriving and outlasting man.

Peaking on History

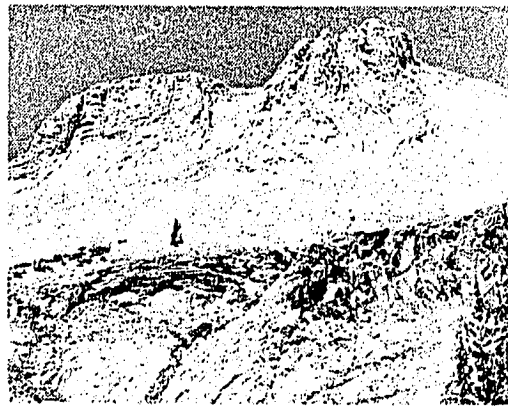
by Steve Harrison

There are a few things one can see here in Yosemite that are without a name, whether it be a rock, a plant, an animal or a lake. Many of these names stem from the scientific classification of almost everything around us. But some have also come from the hearts and imaginations of people who have been here before us.

There were fairly distinct periods of naming in Yosemite's history. The first names were given to features by the Indians. They had many legends about the rocks and falls, especially in and around Yosemite Valley, and these legends were the sources of many of the names they used. Many of the 19th century guidebooks for Yosemite included the Indian names and their meanings, which were usually more romantic and imaginative than accurate.

The effective discovery of Yosemite Valley in 1851 brought the first English names to the landscape and most of these we still use today. But again, most of the names went to features in and around Yosemite Valley.

It was not until the surveyors got out into the country surrounding the Valley that most of what is now Yosemite National Park began to be named. A Geological Survey of California was authorized by the legislature in 1860 and Josiah Dwight Whitney was named its Director. To assist him, he named William Brewer, William Ashburner and Charles F. Hoffman. Later, this group was joined by Clarence King and James Gardner. The Geological Survey did not get started in the Sierra Nevada until 1863. After camping in and exploring the Valley, they went north and climbed a peak which was to be the first named for a member of the survey party. It was Mount Hoffman. From there, they headed east to climb and name Mount Dana for a leading American geologist of the day, James Dana. Most of the names they applied were of scientists and others in their field, but one name was of a politician who had helped get the Bill for the Geological Survey through the State legislature and who was later responsible for the passage of the Bill in Washington, D. C., which granted the Yosemite Valley and Mariposa Big Tree Grove to the State of California. That man was John Conness and a more stately peak could not have been found to memorialize him. This peak would later be used by both the Wheeler Survey of the 1870's and the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey under George Davidson for their work.



Mount Hoffman, named for a member of the California Geological Survey.

Another prominent peak in the park was originally named Obelisk and the range it was in was known as the Obelisk Group. But it was later renamed for one of Yosemite's quiet but dedicated pioneers, Galen Clark.

The survey parties concentrated on the peaks leaving countless lakes, streams and passes in between and nameless. During the U. S. Cavalry's important years in the park from 1891 through 1913, they took up this and other challenges very successfully. They left such names as Benson Lake, Mt. McClure and Fernandez Pass to be used by countless hikers and park visitors of the future.

The natural features of Yosemite can hopefully be enjoyed without the labels which have been given them, but we can also enjoy the names by which these features have come to be known for they tell an amazing story, the history of Yosemite National Park.

Note: For further reading, see **Place Names of the High Sierra** by Francis Farquhar in the Yosemite Research Library.

OIL CHANGE

Many employees change their car's oil themselves. This creates the problem of what to do with the waste oil which will pollute the Park if it is improperly disposed of. The environmentally sound way to take care of the oil is very easy: Drain the oil into a can and take it to the Curry Company Garage in the Village or the Lodge or Wawona Service Stations, and ask where to put it. Just dump the oil into the funnel there and put the empty container into a dumpster if you have no further use for it. The oil will then be pumped out and taken to the Central Valley for recycling or use as road oil on ranches. Do your part to protect Yosemite.

Garrett De Bell
Environmental Advisor, YP&C Co.

EMPLOYEE HOUSING CORNER

by Jerry Doyle

Every day employees come to the Housing Office with questions about their housing. A good many of the questions they ask relate to their rights and privileges in housing - - What can I do and what can't I do in housing? Conversations among employees seem to add to the confusion by creating more fancy, fiction, and fable than fact. So for your benefit and education, the answers about Employee Housing rules and regulations have been set forth in the **Housing Guidelines** and the **Yosemite Experience**, documents you received during the registration and orientation process; the **Housing Guidelines** are available from the Employee Housing Office and the booklet **Yosemite Experience** is available from the Training Office.

To clarify a few of the more commonly misunderstood regulations and policies, the items below may be of interest to you:

1. Irons, ironing boards, and vacuums are available from the Housekeeper.
2. Cooking is not allowed in the rooms.
3. Pets are not allowed in the tents and dormitories.
4. Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.; however, excessive noise is not permitted at any time.
5. Overnight guests must register with the Housekeeper.
6. If there is a vacancy in your room, you may recommend your choice of a roommate, but you must do so within 48 hours or one will be assigned to you.
7. Some Housing areas are near guest accommodations. You must be considerate of the guest at all times.

If you still have questions after reading the **Housing Guidelines**, please come to the Housing Office for explanations. Don't be a victim of the rumor machine - get the straight scoop.

WANTED:

Room/house to rent in El Portal. Willing to house-sit in El Portal or Valley. Responsible person. Call Steve at 372-4441.

WANT ADS are published free of charge. Call 372-4611, ext. 445, by February 28 to have your ad included in the March SENTINEL.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Pickup Basketball Yosemite Elem. School - 6 p.m.
 Advanced First Aid Class Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.
 Auto Mechanics Class El Portal School - 7 p.m.
 MOVIE (See Column) Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS:

Applied Business Law Class Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.
 Cooking Class Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.
 EMT Class Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.
 Co-Ed Volleyball Visitor Center 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS:

Pick-Up Basketball Yosemite Elem. School - 6 p.m.
 Advanced First Aid Class Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.
 Art Class El Portal Elem. School - 7 p.m.
 Band Night Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS:

Mental Health Clinic Yosemite Medical Group - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
 Raku Ceramics Class Yosemite Elem. School - 3:30 p.m.
 Fire Control II Class Curry Training Center - 7 p.m.
 Band Night Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.
 Co-Ed Volleyball Visitor Center - 9 p.m.

FRIDAYS:

NASTAR Badger Pass - 2 p.m.
 Yosemite Sam's 8 p.m.

SATURDAYS:

NASTAR Badger Pass - 2 p.m.
 Talent Night Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

SUNDAYS:

NASTAR Badger Pass - 2 p.m.
 EMT Class Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Wednesday, Feb. 16 Yosemite Community Council Meeting,
 Girls Club - 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Feb. 17 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon
 Thursday, March 3 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon
 Outreach Steering Committee Meeting,
 Yosemite Medical Group - 7:30 p.m.
 Sat. & Sun., March 5 and 6 Nordic Holiday Weekend

Yosemite Recreation MOVIES

February 7 - *I Will, I Will For Now*
 New Release

February 14 - *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*
 Kirk Douglas, James Mason, Peter Lorre
 (G)

February 21 - *The Shootist*
 John Wayne, James Stewart, Richard Boone (PG)

February 28 - *The Omen*
 Gregory Peck, Lee Remick (R)

March 7 - *Old Yeller*
 Dorothy McGuire, Fess Parker, Chuck Connors (G)

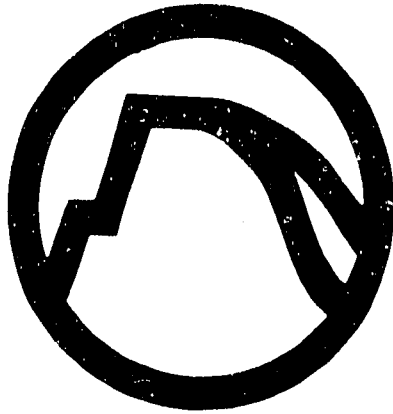


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EWING RECEIVES SNOWFLAKE

The 1976 Snowflake Award was presented to Yosemite's Mather District Ranger Herb Ewing in recognition of his contributions to the California Snow Survey Program.

The award, given by the California Cooperative Snow Survey Program, commemorates the dedication, perseverance, and "second mile" performance of the recipients.

Coordinator of the California Snow Survey Program, Mr. A. J. Brown, when conferring the award, said, "Since 1959 Ewing has not only supervised the snow survey responsibility of his agency, but has also spent many hours training new snow surveyors as personnel changes occurred . . . This man, through his efforts and dedication has reinforced and advanced an interagency relationship which also exemplifies the cooperative spirit of the California Snow Survey Program."

Mr. Ewing was given this honor at a banquet culminating a week-long Snow Survey School and Conference, sponsored by the Soil and Conservation Service and other agencies active in the annual snow surveys. He has been a member of the cooperative National Park Service/California Department of Water Resources Snow Survey Team since the early 30's.

DE SANDRES RETIRES

LOUIS DESANDRES first came to Yosemite to work for YTS in 1948. He also worked seasonally in 1949 and 1955, and in 1956 he joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. on a permanent basis. He recently retired after more than 20 years of excellent service.

Mr. DeSandres, working in the YTS division, has driven each of the

NEW ENTRANCE STICKERS USED

The National Park Service has issued new entrance pass stickers for vehicles of all Park employees and residents, which took effect on March 1. If you have not yet picked up your new sticker, please do so as soon as possible.

The stickers may be obtained from Lu in the Valley Ranger Office, Mino in the Chief Ranger's Office (both offices in Valley District Building - - the one with the Indian Cultural Exhibit), or from Diana in the Wawona District Office. Proof of employment and residency and the current vehicle registration must be shown in order to receive the sticker.

Company's routes and has also driven the shuttles. He is a favorite with everyone, as he radiates happiness.

Many, many of his passengers have written to him and to the Company, commending his fine performance. He has over 560,000 miles of successful driving for YTS.

A native of New York City, Louis also drove buses there prior to coming to California. He worked for the Post Office in Redwood City as a driver before arriving in Yosemite.

Louis retired on January 25, 1977, and is enjoying golfing and fishing (two favorite sports) now that he has the time for them. After moving from El Portal to their new home in Midpines, he and his wife Lee visited the sun country of Phoenix. They have been married 20 years.

Also at home is their son Tracey, who is a Senior at Mariposa High School, where he is President of the Student Body. Tracey is one of the few who list Yosemite National Park as their birthplace.

The entire family is devoted to this area. Louis' step-son, Tim Harvey, is employed by the National Park Service at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in El Portal. Mike Harvey, Tim's brother, worked for YP&C Co. before he was called to serve his country in Vietnam, where he gave his life.

A great person and an excellent driver, Louis will be sorely missed, both by YP&C Co. and the many visitors who spread his fame far and wide. The Sentinel joins with the Community in congratulating Mr. DeSandres on his superlative record and wishes him as much happiness as he has shared and given to others.

PROMOTIONS

BAILEY-SMITH, CHERYLE - from Office Clerk, Grocery Stores, to Manager, Village Sport & Apparel

BAY, TERRY - from Lead Accounting Clerk to Payroll Supervisor, Accounting

BORLEY, EILEEN - from Food Service Person, YL Cafeteria, to Rec. Hall YL Recreation Hall

BRAMLETT, JOHN - from Cook's Helper, CV Hamburger Stand, to Acting Manager, YL Cafeteria

CAPUTO, TONY - from Manager, Employee Recreation, to Employment Manager, Personnel

CARTER, SUE - from Office Supervisor, Badger Pass, to Executive Secretary, Administration

CUSTODIO, PRIMO - from Parts Person, Vehicle Maintenance, to Personnel Clerk

D'ARCHE, MARY - from Office Clerk, Accounting, to Payroll Clerk, Accounting

HARRIS, SIE - from Driver, YTS, to Personnel Clerk

MILLER, MICHAEL - from Cafeteria Checker, YL Cafeteria, to Assistant Manager, YL Cafeteria

MINAH, CHERYL - from Office Clerk, Badger Pass, to Secretary, Badger Pass

PERAINO, RICHARD - from Office Clerk, Reservations, to Reservations Specialist, Reservations

RIPPETOE, DEBBIE - from Confidential Secretary, Yosemite Lodge, to Chief Clerk, YL Front Office

ROLDAN, JIM - from Ski Fitter, Badger Pass Rentals, to Manager, Employee Recreation

SILVA, RON - from Mechanic Trainee, Vehicle Maintenance, to Mechanic, Vehicle Maintenance

SMITH, DARIA - from Maid, CV Housekeeping, to Lodgings Quality Insp., CV Housekeeping

WILLARD, DON - from Chief Clerk, YL Front Office, to Food and Beverage Supervisor, Yosemite Lodge

Yosemite Community Council

Annual fund drive begins Tuesday, March 15. All residents will receive the contribution form.

Support your community.

Sue Scott will be returning to the Lodge Apparel Shop on March 21st, after recovering from a broken leg.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel Office by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 28th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

WOMEN'S GROUP HAPPENINGS

by Marlan Woessner

February, while not having a formal meeting, did see Ice Skaters and Watchers gathering at the Rink for a lively morning of skating and greeting.

Luncheon March 21

On Monday, March 21, the Group will host a salad luncheon at the Arnberger's home. Trent Williams of "Trent's--Hair Styling for His and Hers" in Mariposa will demonstrate hair cutting and styling, with the aid of 2 or 3 local "models." He will also talk about hair care, current trends in hair styles, and tips on make-up use.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30, with a \$2 charge, followed by Trent's program at approx. 1 p.m. Please call for reservations by Friday, March 18, either Margene Van Wagtendonk at 379-2668 or Marian Woessner, 372-4832.

AFS Weekend

Again this spring the Group will be sponsoring the American Field Service Student Weekend in Yosemite. More details on this annual event will be forthcoming soon.

For Sale

Sears Kenmore portable sewing machine. Needs some work. \$100. Rachel, E-2 or E-3.

WINTER CLUB

WELCOMES SNOW

MARCH 7 - Hans Brinker Party Repeat The YWC will have another skating night for their Club members. The free session is from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Then it's over to Sam's for pizza, salad, and beverage (\$2.00 per person).

MARCH 12 - Ancient Jocks' Race and Banquet

The annual "Over-30" Ski Race will be held at Badger Pass. In the event that skiing is not possible, a soccer game and picnic at the school will give the YWC some exercise and allow them to enjoy the sunshine. The Ahwahnee will host the Ancient Jocks' Banquet, and Bill Berrey of the American Ski Sport Museum at Boreal Ridge will be the guest speaker. Cocktails begin at 6:30 (\$1.50/drink), with the buffet scheduled for 8 p.m. (\$8, tax included). For reservations contact Gail or Bill Thompson at 372-4578.

APRIL 2 & 3 - Ski Trip to Bear Valley Ski and cheer our junior racers on at the FWSA race. Information & reservations may be obtained by calling 372-4866 after 6 p.m. Transportation will be arranged for members, racers, and parents.

APRIL 10 & 11 - Ostrander Lake Overnight

A charge of \$10 includes food and bunk-space at the Ski Hut. Reservations must be made by April 1, as group size is limited. For more information and reservations, call Bob Hanson at 372-4441.

For Sale

1967 VW Camper with many features (hook-up, tent, etc.). Rebuilt engine and transmission still under warranty. Must see to appreciate. Call 372-4809 after 5 Monday through Friday, or 372-4461 ext. 421 before 5 and ask for Rose.

House trailer in El Portal. \$2,100. Call Fred at 375-6254.

6 ft. Divan - Dark turquoise, contemporary/modern style in fair condition. \$40. Call Fraley's, 379-2643.

Guitar - Yamaha. Steel strings; beautiful condition. Case included. \$125. Call Nikki Fiore, 372-4763.

10x50. Mobile Home. Space A-3. With built-on room, electrical hook-ups for washer-dryer. Large fenced yard. Inquire at Space A-9, or phone 379-2352.

CONSERVE WATER

Effective immediately, we will implement a water conservation program as part of our overall program of protecting the Park's environment.

with few exceptions. A program of inspection and repair of leaky faucets, washers, and showers, and setting of toilets for low-flow will be accomplished over the next two weeks.

In the next few weeks, you will notice that landscape watering will be curtailed

The chart below shows ways you can conserve water.

	NORMAL USE	CONSERVATION USE
	Water running	Wet Down, Soap Up rinse off
SHOWER	25 gallons	4 gallons
BRUSHING	Tap running 10 gallons	Wet brush, rinse briefly ½ gallon
TUB BATH	Full 36 gallons	Minimal water level 10 to 12 gallons
SHAVING	Tap running 20 gallons	Fill basin 1 gallon
DISHWASHING	Tap running 30 gallons	Wash and rinse in dishpans or sink 5 gallons
AUTOMATIC DISHWASHER	Full Cycle 16 gallons	Short Cycle 7 gallons
WASHING HANDS	Tap running 2 gallons	Fill basin 1 gallon
WASHING MACHINE	Full Cycle, Top Water Level 60 gallons	Short Cycle Minimal Water Level 27 gallons

Figures supplied by American Waterworks Association

November's Escape

November sits silently with me
As I sit with another sun
This valley is silent, silent for me
Telling me my life goes on.
I am the meadow that sits in your soul
I am the wind that gets freezing cold
I am the answer for the way you think
Yes Gilbert, I am your home.
'And you are the poet, walking with me
And if no one can see you, I can see
And I am the answer for the way you think
But you are the one who thinks.'
'Sometimes you think your life has fallen away
I can see by the tears shown on your face
But November is with you in every way
You were just in some other place.'
'And you are the poet, walking with me
And you have the love, I can see
And I am the answer for the way you think
But you are the one who thinks.'

Gilbert Reynosa

EDITORS NOTE: Gilbert Reynosa is an employee of YP&C Co. and wrote the above one day last November while sitting in Leidig Meadow.

BENEFIT DINNER FOR PRE-SCHOOL

An Enchilada Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 19, as a Benefit Dinner for the Yosemite-El Portal Pre-School. Dinner will be served at the Yosemite Elementary School from 6 to 9 p.m.

Coffee and punch will complete the menu of enchiladas, fry bread, beans, and salad. Cost is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children. Dinner will be followed by a cake walk, and Carol Peterson will put on a Folk Dance Exhibition.

Chefs for the Benefit are Jennifer Bates, Elsie Domingues, JoElla Domingues, Julia Parker, and Patty Parker.

FOLK DANCING

Thursdays, March 10 and 24, Yosemite Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Lessons first hour, general dancing after 8:30.

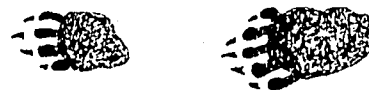
Animal of the Month



The American Porcupine is one of the animals whose presence is noted (mainly by the telltale signs it leaves behind) rather than seen, although the porcupine can very easily make its presence felt!

Porcupines are nocturnal animals, and sightings are generally limited to seeing them cross the road at night, as they have not lost their fear of humans. When frightened by one of their enemies (dogs, wildcats, people, etc), the porcupine turns away, stiffens the quills, arches the back, and strikes sideways with his tail. The hollow quills, which are up to 3" long, have barbed tips with which will cling to the skin they come in contact with. As anyone who has been involved in an encounter with a porcupine knows, the barbs can be extremely painful and difficult to remove.

Porcupines are pigeon-footed, making their tracks easily identifiable. The prints are 3 to 4 inches long, with the "pad" well-defined and toes and claws making two separate imprints. Another sign of porcupines in the region is scratches made in the peeled tree trunks by their strong incisors.



These, the largest of our terrestrial rodents, live mainly in the Yellow Pine and Lodgepole-Fir belts (elev. 4,000 to 11,000 ft.), in open forests, and occasionally on the western slope in lower valleys or on the northeastern sagebrush plains of the Sierra. Porcupines make their homes in rock slides, although they often enjoy a nap up in the trees. Trees also provide their food source, as the inner bark of conifers is a staple of their diet. In spring, they also will eat of some of the green plants growing on the ground. Young "spiny pigs", as the early English people thought of them, are also born in the spring, one to a family.

Help Conserve Water

If you see any leaks or ways that we can conserve water better, please phone them in to Garrett De Bell at ext. 479.

THANK YOU

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

March 7 - OLD YELLER

Dorothy McGuire, Fess Parker, and Chuck Connors.

Substituting for his absent father, a spunky adolescent steers a remote farm and his family through hardships and countless dangers. (G)

March 14 - THE DAY OF THE DOLPHIN

George C. Scott

Story of a scientist's obsession with a unique experiment and that of the emotional and political environment created by that experiment. (PG)

March 21 - DEATHWISH

Charles Bronson

Charles Bronson is a bleeding-heart liberal turned vigilante when his wife and daughter are raped and murdered. (R)

March 28 - JUDGE ROY BEAN

Paul Newman

Western chronicle that is loosely based on the life of the Southwest's legendary "Hanging Judge." (PG)

SPORTS

Pick-Up Basketball is scheduled every Monday and Wednesday at the Yosemite Elementary School Gym. Join in the games between 6 and 9 p.m.

Co-ed Volleyball is happening every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight at the Visitor Center. A tournament is being planned, with team rosters being formed. For more information, contact Jim Roldan at ext. 475.

YOSEMITE SAM'S

Band night continues at Sam's on Wednesdays and Thursdays through March 24. The grand finale for Sam's this year will be on Friday and Saturday, April 1 and 2, when "OUT OF THE BLUE" culminates another successful year for Yosemite Sam's.

Free

Pet rabbit with cage. Friendly. Call 372-4801.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Pick-Up Basketball..... Yosemite Elem. School - 6 p.m.
Advanced First Aid Class..... Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.
Auto Mechanics Class..... El Portal School - 7 p.m.
MOVIE (See Column)..... Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Applied Business Law Class..... Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.
Co-Ed Volleyball..... Visitor Center - 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Pick-Up Basketball..... Yosemite Elem. School - 6 p.m.
Advanced First Aid Class (none on 30th)..... Yosemite Elem. School - 7 p.m.
Art Class..... El Portal Elem. School - 7 p.m.
Band Night (none on 30th)..... Yosemite Sam's

THURSDAYS

Mental Health Clinic..... Yosemite Medical Group - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Raku Ceramics Class..... Yosemite Elem. School - 3:30 p.m.
Fire Control II Class (ends 10th)..... Curry Training Center - 7 p.m.
Band Night..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.
Co-Ed Volleyball (none on 31st)..... Visitor Center - 9 p.m.

FRIDAYS

NASTAR..... Badger Pass - 2 p.m.
Yosemite Sam's..... 8 p.m.

SATURDAYS

NASTAR..... Badger Pass - 2 p.m.
Talent Night..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

SUNDAYS

NASTAR..... Badger Pass - 2 p.m.
EMT Class..... Yosemite Elem. School - 6 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, March 5..... Nordic Holiday Race, Badger Pass
Sunday, March 6..... Nordic Holiday Relays, Summit Meadow
Monday, March 7..... YWC Hans Brinker Party Repeat, Ice Rink, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 12..... Ancient Jocks' Race, Badger Pass
Ancient Jocks Banquet, The Ahwahnee, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 17..... Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
St. Patrick's Day
Saturday, March 19..... Pre-School Benefit Dinner, Yosemite School, 6 p.m.
Monday, March 21..... Women's Group Luncheon, Arnberger's, 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, March 30..... Natural History Class, El Portal School, 7 p.m.
Friday, April 1..... "Out of the Blue" - Yosemite Sam's
Saturday, April 2..... Natural History Class Field Trip, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
YWC Bear Valley Ski Trip
Closing Night at Yosemite Sam's

BROWNIES ENJOY SNOW

Yosemite Brownie Troop 151 pose for pictures alongside their just-built Brownie the snow girl, Brownie beanie and all. The girls built this very nice-looking snow girl as their activity for a Brownie meeting in the front yard of co-leader Sheila Uptain's home. Brownie Girls from left to right are: Michelle Edeal, Sarah Vocelka, Belynda Uptain, Stacey McKenzie, and Catherine Reynolds. The Brownies enjoyed the snow very much, and even leaders Marilyn Riegelhuth and Sheila Uptain joined in the fun!



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Students Active

The students at Yosemite Elementary School have done many things lately; class projects will be on display at Open House for all to enjoy. Other activities are listed below.

Ice Skating at the Rink

Ninety-one students from the Yosemite and El Portal Elementary Schools were able to participate in a figure skating and hockey program after school at the Ice Rink at Curry Village. The students attended special sessions on weekdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Figure skating lessons were given on Mondays and Fridays, as was the hockey skills class taught by Bill Scoble. Hockey for the older students was scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with instruction by Doug Hammond.

The program, which was made possible by YP&C Co., also had the Company's enthusiastic backing, and Yosemite students can look forward to another fine season of skating next year.

Peach Blossom Festival

On March 4th, six Yosemite students traveled to Fresno for Fresno State University's Annual Peach Blossom Festival. The Festival gives students from 100 schools a chance to perform in the field of oral interpretation. Student speakers are judged by FSU Speech Faculty members and rated on a scale that ranges from "fair" to "superior."

This year Stacey McKenzie, Ellen Riegelhuth, Ann Margaret Burchill, Mary Burchill, and Mike Brudenell all received "excellent" ratings. Danny Wilson's presentation was judged as superior by the Judges.

Open House

April of each year has been declared "Public Schools Month." To coincide with this, an Open House is planned for the Yosemite School on the night of Tuesday, April 19. Many student efforts,



Edward C. Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Presented a check to the Yosemite Community Council for \$750.00, the Company's donation to the Annual Fund Drive. Accepting on behalf of the Council and Council President Kathy Loux is Rick Voelka, Vice President for the Community Council.

particularly in science and the arts, will be displayed at that time. The Parent Group will hold a short business meeting prior to visiting classrooms. Parents and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Track Meet

The tentative date for the Annual Yosemite Elementary School/Lions Club Track Meet is Saturday, May 7. Watch for more information on this event after Easter.

Natural History Class Offered

Garrett De Bell, professional ecologist and Environmental Advisor for the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., will teach a course in Yosemite Natural History. The class will meet at the Yosemite Elementary School on Thursday, April 28, at 7 p.m. for lecture, and will go on two field trips on April 30 and May 7 (Saturday). Anyone wishing more information should contact Garrett at YP&C Co. ext. 479.

BIKE RALLY

APRIL 23 & 24

The Annual Spring Bike Rally is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 23 and 24. Families and groups of touring cyclists will leisurely bike the 14-mile loop around the Valley after registering at the Curry Village Bike Stand on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Entrants will receive a Yosemite Spring Bike Rally patch and a certificate. Entry fee is 50¢ per person.

At 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, a picnic and awards presentation will be held at Sentinel Beach. Cost for the picnic is \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. The menu includes foot-long hot dogs, chili beans, corn-on-the-cob, salad, soft drinks, and milk.

EMPLOYEE TRAINING CLASSES OFFERED

The Employee Training Department will be offering Retail Cashiering and Basic Cash Handling to all employees this spring. Classes meet at the Training Center (behind the Village Store) and last for approximately 90 minutes.

Basic Cash Handling will be offered at 2 p.m. on Monday, April 18 and Monday, May 16.

Retail Cashiering will be offered at 2 p.m. on the following dates:

- Monday, April 25
- Monday, May 9
- Monday, May 23

For more information on these and other classes, contact Don Hartley at ext. 448.

YOSEMITE OUTREACH

There will be a meeting of the Outreach Steering Committee on Thursday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Yosemite Medical Group. Procedures for staff selection are being established as applications have been distributed.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel Office by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 28th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

EASTER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to volunteer a little of your time and color Easter eggs for our young visitors at the Lodge? Or perhaps assist in entertaining them while they are here? An Easter Rabbit is also needed for Sunday morning to greet the children.

Coloring will take place on the three days prior to Easter--Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 7-9. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Alana Alcantara at the Lodge, ext. 401.

OSTRANDER AT EASTER

(A Winter Club Event)

On April 10, Winter club members (and others?) are invited to gather for a day of hiking/touring to Ostrander Hut for an evening of good food, beverage, quiet relaxation, and merriment. The food is in and our places are reserved. Our party of 20 will return the following day at a leisurely pace, examining the geology and natural history of the area along the road. The cost for accommodations and food is \$10. Bob Hanson at 372-4441 or 379-2247 is accepting reservations and expressions of interest.

LET'S GO!

EMPLOYEE HOUSING CORNER

by Jerry Doyle

Every day employees come to the Housing Office with questions about their housing. A good many of the questions they ask relate to their rights and privileges in housing - - What can I do and what can't I do in housing? Conversations among employees seem to add to the confusion by creating more fancy, fiction, and fable than fact. So for your benefit and education, the answers about Employee Housing rules and regulations have been set forth in the **Housing Guidelines** and the **Yosemite Experience**, documents you received during the registration and orientation process; the **Housing Guidelines** are available from the Employee Housing Office and the booklet **Yosemite Experience** is available from the Training Office.

To clarify a few of the more commonly misunderstood regulations and policies, the items below may be of interest to you:

1. Irons, ironing boards, and vacuums are available from the Housekeeper.
2. Cooking is not allowed in the rooms.
3. Pets are not allowed in the tents and dormitories.
4. Quiet hours are from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m.; however, excessive noise is not permitted at any time.
5. Overnight guests must register with the Housekeeper.
6. If there is a vacancy in your room, you may recommend your choice of a roommate, but you must do so within 48 hours or one will be assigned to you.
7. Some Housing areas are near guest accommodations. You must be considerate of the guest at all times.

If you still have questions after reading the **Housing Guidelines**, please come to the Housing Office for explanations. Don't be a victim of the rumor machine - - get the straight scoop.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Permanent employees of YP&C Co. who are interested in joining the Curry Volunteer Fire Department should contact Bucky Stephan at ext. 458. Training sessions for all members of the V.F.D. are held on alternate Tuesday evenings.

OMISSION

The Sentinel omitted in the March issue the inscription which appeared on the back of the gold watch given to him by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. on his retirement. It read:

L. DeSandres
560,000 Miles
of driving success
1956 - 1976
YP&C Co.

Yosemite Through the Mail

The picture post card is to many travelers a fitting (and inexpensive) souvenir of their vacations to any part of the world, including Yosemite.

I have been collecting post cards of Yosemite for several years now. I don't collect them for the messages on the backs, although sometimes they are fun to read. Nor do I collect them for the stamps that helped the cards get to their destinations. But rather I collect them for the colorful and ever-changing story they tell of Yosemite National Park, past and present.

There are about eighty years of change in those shiny "chrome" post cards sold today in nearly every retail outlet in Yosemite. Did you know that the sender could put only the address on the back of a post card mailed before 1907? In order to make room for a message on the card, the picture on the front was smaller, allowing an extra area for writing a note to a friend or relative. And of course, the paper and printing methods have changed over the years.

But perhaps the most important change has been in the pictures on the front. You can no longer purchase a post card in Yosemite with the Sentinel Hotel on it nor can you look in the racks for one of Camp Yosemite or Camp Lost Arrow. These must be searched for in any number of places, including flea markets and antique shops.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of companies have published post cards over the years. There are fewer publishers today, however, since post cards are not nearly as popular as they were back around 1910 when post card

--by Steve Harrison

sending and collecting was nearly a national mania. Of course post cards can no longer be bought with a single penny nor can they be sent for that amount!

With around 2,000 post cards of just Yosemite National Park in my collection, I still find many cards that I do not have. Looking at other collections inevitably makes me envious. It is worth noting that I have more views of Yosemite Falls than any other single scene in the Park. Of man-made subjects, I only have two cards of the covered bridge at Wawona, which is one of the oldest structures in the Park.

There is probably no better record of this change during the last eight years than the picture post cards, old and new.

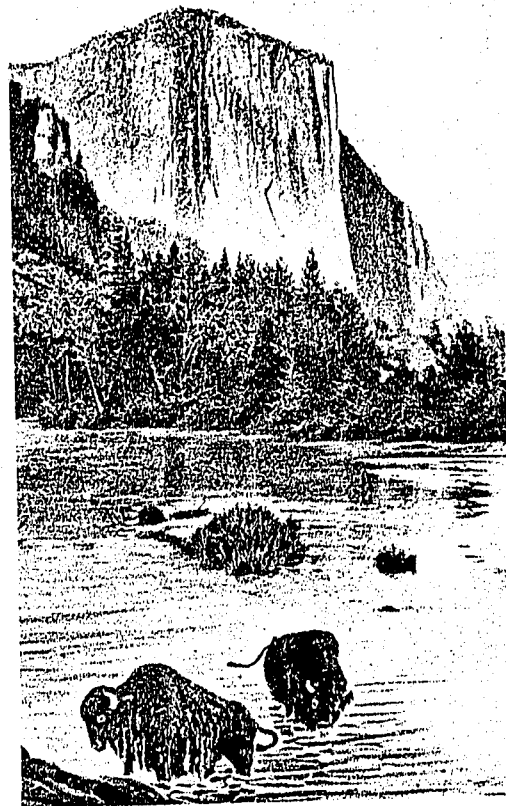
IN MEMORIAM

Phyllis Ackerman, well-known American expert on Asian art, passed away in Shiraz, Iran, in January, at the age of 84.

Dr. Ackerman and her husband Dr. Arthur Upham Pope were the first decorators of The Ahwahnee. So much of the beauty of The Ahwahnee we enjoy today is due to the meticulous and careful planning Drs. Ackerman and Pope did. Dr. Ackerman, who termed her style as "environmental", spent much time in coordinating Indian, Persian, European, and other ethnic decor items, ranging from baskets and draperies to tapestries and chairs.

Jim Taylor, friend and assistant of Virginia and Ansel Adams, died of cancer March 6th in Carmel.

Pictures from the Past



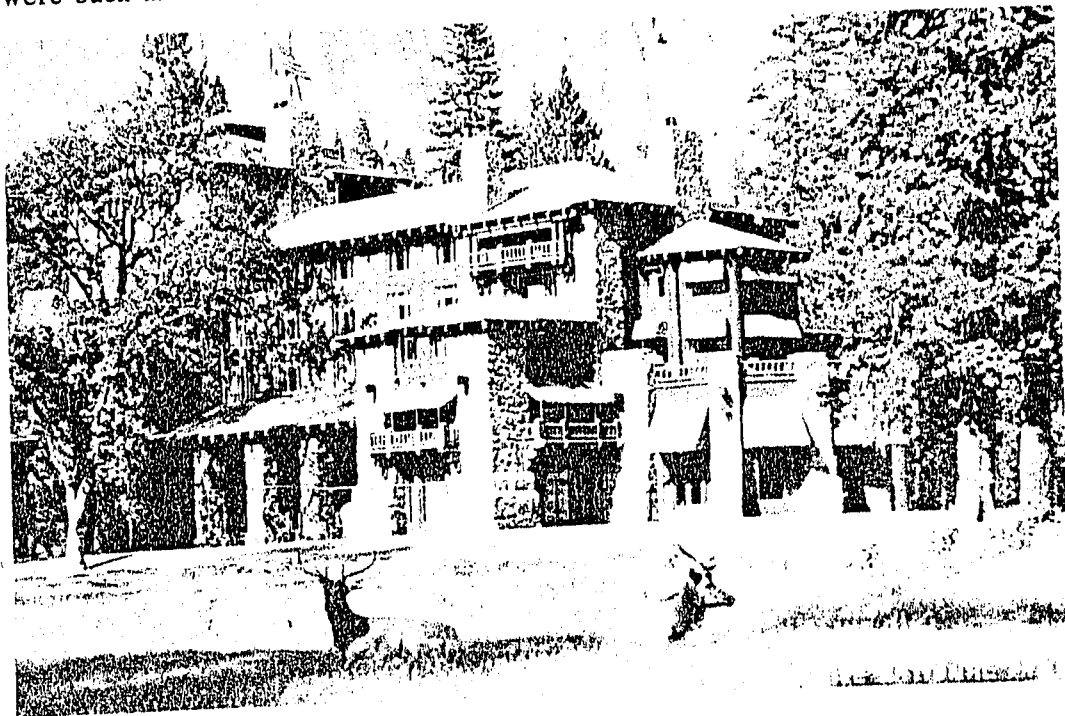
By Shirley Sargent

Would you believe the pictures on these post cards? Elk in Yosemite Valley? Buffalo wading in its waters? Truth or fiction?

Although elk were never guests of the Ahwahnee Hotel, as the photo suggests, a small band of tule elk, facing extinction in their native habitat of Kern County, were given shelter in Yosemite Valley from 1921 to 1933. During their tenure, in a fenced paddock in the meadow between Sentinel Bridge and the present Yosemite Village, the herd increased from six animals to 27. By 1933, they were so destructive to the meadow, flowers, and shrubs, they were trucked to a new, more suitable, and roomier home in the Owens Valley, where descendants still flourish.

Buffalo, however, were neither transitory residents nor guests of Yosemite. Not only did a German artist alter the original view and enlarge the Merced River to a miniature Mississippi, but incorporated a couple of shaggy quadrupeds common to the pioneer Wild West rather than Yosemite.

Miss Sargent is also an avid collector of Yosemite post cards.



Jim worked in Yosemite from 1941 to 1965 for Best's Studios and then moved to Carmel to continue his work with Mr. Adams. He enjoyed the simpler things in life and loved the world of nature. All who knew Jim mourn him deeply, for he was a wonderful person and had many friends.

YOUR CAR'S FIRST AID KIT

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- Pliers--useful for tightening clamps, small nuts, and twisting wires.
- Screwdrivers--several sizes, and at least one 'Phillips' type.
- Adjustable wrench (or small set of open-ended wrenches) to tighten nuts and bolts.
- Tape--to repair broken or frayed wires and to temporarily stop small leaks in a hose--until you can get to a service facility.
- Wire--to temporarily hold a muffler or tailpipe in place should a hanger break or fall off.
- Rags--to dry distributor or wet wires if your motor drowns out from heavy rain or driving through high water. Make sure they are CLEAN rags.
- Battery jumper cables--to help get your car started. BE SURE you know how to use them, or you can get seriously hurt.
- Sandpaper--to carefully clean dirty battery terminals.
- Can of engine oil--when you're far from a service station and your OIL light comes on, you'll be glad you had this.

Other Useful Items:

- Tire pump--should one of your tires develop a slow leak and you'd rather drive to a service station to get it changed than do it yourself.
- Plastic sheet--to use when putting on chains, changing a tire in the rain, or if you need to get under the car to check something.

Winter Driving and Late Snowstorms:

- Tire chains--they may be made mandatory on Park roads at any time.
- Small shovel--to get out of ruts and snowbanks.
- Small bag of sand--for better traction if stuck in ice or snow (throw it under wheels).

Most importantly, keep from getting hurt. Don't attempt to do any repairs you are unfamiliar with--no matter what has happened to your car or what simple repair it needs, it's much better to call a tow truck than to get yourself seriously injured.

The Ahwahnee Hotel was entered on the National Register of Historic Places on February 15, 1977, in recognition of its architectural significance. The Hotel will be 50 years old in July.

THE LIFE YOU SAVE WILL BE YOUR OWN

-- Butch Farrabee, NPS

Spring has sprung and now many of your thoughts are turning to hiking, climbing, and just wandering around the park enjoying yourself. Great, but BEWARE. Unfortunately, every year there are *at least two employees* who get killed and another 6 to 10 who either get hurt and/or trapped while enjoying themselves. The fact is, and one that you all need to fully understand, the Park is dangerous. The Park does not kill you, trap you, or injure you. You do that to yourself. Most people who get into trouble and have to be rescued do so as the result of: lack of common sense, getting off the maintained trails, not following rules and regulations, and overestimating their ability or underestimating the magnitude of the Park. By following a few basic rules you can probably avoid needing to be rescued or getting killed. They are:

1. THINK

Are you in good enough physical and mental condition to do what you plan on doing? Plan where you are going, how you are going to get there, the equipment you need, how you are going to get back, etc.

2. PREPARE

Know yourself and your equipment. Take lessons if necessary; there are many pros around. Can you spend the night if trapped, can you sit out a snow

BIKE RIDES BEGINNING

Daily bicycle rides are being organized; open to every person with a bicycle. Rides currently are scheduled at 7:30 a.m. each day, leaving from behind the YTS Office at the Tecoya Laundry Room.

For more information, Contact:

- John Fulton at Degnan's Deli, ext. 454;
- Randy McCreight at YL Front Desk, ext. 274;
- Eric De Camp at YL Bike Stand, ext. 208;
- Bill Scoble at Ansel Adams Gallery

CONTEST ANNOUNCED

Have an idea on how to conserve water? Would you enjoy a dinner for two at The Ahwahnee? Then this contest is for you!

The Yosemite Sentinel is offering as first prize a dinner for two at the Main Dining Room of The Ahwahnee, to go to the best idea on water conservation submitted by an employee, Park resident, or friend of Yosemite. The idea can be one for use by individuals, families, businesses, guests campers, etc.

To enter, just send your water conservation idea to:

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Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
Yosemite National Park
California 95389

or bring it by the Sentinel office, located behind Reservations in the YP&C Co. General Office building. Be sure to include your name and address so we can notify you if you win.

Good luck!

storm or a rain storm? Ask yourself "What happens if. . .?"

3. STAY ON THE TRAILS

Keep on the maintained trails. Many of the employees who have to be rescued were not hiking on maintained trails. Some of the people could have been killed just getting to the place where they ended up--and some were.

4. DON'T DISAPPEAR

Let someone know where you are going and give a practical return time. Stick to the itinerary, don't deviate.

5. LOOK BEFORE YOU STEP

Watch your footing. Gravel on rocks acts like roller bearings. Tennis shoes on messy rocks are leg breakers. Experience has shown us that many people who live and work in Yosemite somehow feel they absorb outdoor and mountaineering qualities from their surroundings. WRONG!!! You are just as liable as any visitor, probably even more so, to get trapped or injured. Please be careful, make mature and calculated decisions, and exercise common sense. Please don't leave litter, and avoid leaving bodies lying around.

WOMEN'S GROUP PLANS APRIL ACTIVITIES AND SEMINARS

by Marian Woessner

April is going to be a busy, varied month for the Yosemite Women's Group.

Mandarin Cooking

On Tuesday, April 5th, Stan Cummings will present a demonstration of Mandarin Chinese Cooking. This will be at the Girls' Club at 3 p.m., and there will be a \$1 charge to cover the cost of materials. Please call Ann Burchill, 372-4867, for reservations.

Spring Hike

We hope to have the first day hike of the Spring season on Thursday, April 14, weather permitting. At this writing, the Hites Cove trail from Savage's Trading Post looks like a good possibility. We will meet behind the Post Office at 9 a.m., bringing own lunch and water.

Stitchery Workshop

Miriam McNitt will be presenting a Workshop in Stitchery on Thursday, May 5, in the Visitor Center Auditorium, from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appropriately, Mrs. McNitt's Stitchery Art Exhibit is now on display in the Visitor Center, as well as the magnificent new panels on the Yosemite Life Zones, which are permanent additions to the Center. Miriam will be teaching many embroidery stitches as well as giving ideas for creative stitchery. No reservations needed, but bring own bag lunch, needles, thread, thimble and scissors. Coffee and sampler material will be provided.

AFS Weekend

The Seventh Annual American Field Service Weekend will be April 28 to May 1. We have the pleasure of hosting the group of AFS students which is spending this school year in the East Bay Area. In the past, for both the students and the host families, the weekend has always been an extremely positive experience. Many lasting friendships have been formed. These students are 17 and 18 year olds, mostly from European, South American, and Southeast Asian countries, as well as Australia and Japan. They have been chosen for study abroad. This year, the structured part of the weekend will be kept at a minimum as the groups never seem to have enough

time to fully enjoy the Park itself. Arrival in the Park will be Thursday evening, April 28; Friday will be spent in group meetings with accompanying counselor; the Talent Show will be Saturday evening, and departure is noon Sunday - always an emotional time. Several "old faithful" host families have moved from the Park, so new participants are badly needed. We guarantee a rewarding experience. Ann Hendrickson (372-4250) and Barbara Wendt (372-4817) are coordinating this year's Weekend, so contact either one for more information.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends:
We are grateful to you for the love you shared with us during our time of sorrow. You opened your hearts to us and gave generously of your worldly possessions at a time when our hearts had been saddened by our loss. It is, indeed, sad to lose a home and all possessions by a fire. However, you have made us realize the true values in life are love and friendship, of the quality you have shown to us. Your kindness and love have encouraged, inspired, and enriched our lives. We will always be extremely thankful to each of you. We wish we were able to express our gratitude to you personally. We are very fortunate and have been truly blessed to have each of you as a friend.
Sincerely,
Bob and Lucy Tischmacher

Your Cars First Aid Kit

Often those little problems that happen to your car when on a trip can be taken care of if you have a simple tool or some tape or wire. The following items may someday prove of great use to you.

Necessary Items:

Glove Compartment

- Name, address, and phone number of someone to call in an emergency.
- Spare fuses for the electrical system.
- Good flashlight.
- Ice scraper.
- Pocket knife.

Trunk

- Spare tire (w/air in it!)
- Fire extinguisher.
- First aid kit.
- Jack and lug wrench.
- Flares or reflective day/night devices.

Very Useful Items:

An EMPTY CAN to carry gasoline (should you run out of gas) or water (if your engine boils over). NEVER CARRY GASOLINE in this can in your trunk or car. That is EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

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YOGA OFFERED

Bob Ashway will be starting a continuous beginner's class in Yoga at the Employee Training Center. Classes will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:10 p.m. First class is Tuesday, April 5.

Relax and unwind through simple yoga techniques. The class will feature the traditional yoga postures as well as nutrition hints. Taking it "slow and easy" will be emphasized as students gradually gain strength, flexibility, and balance.

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

Yosemite Community Church

- Thursday, April 7 - 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Communion, Chapel
- Friday, April 8 - Noon Good Friday Service (1/2 hour), Chapel
- Saturday, April 9 - 8:15 p.m. Special Easter Music, The Ahwahnee Great Lounge
- Sunday, April 10 - 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service
Lower Pines Campground Amphitheater
- Sunday, April 10 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, Chapel

Roman Catholic

- Thursday, April 7 - 5:30 p.m. Holy Week, Chapel
- Friday, April 8 - 5:30 p.m. Good Friday, Chapel
- Saturday, April 9 - 5:30 p.m. Holy Saturday, West Aud., Visitor Center
- Sunday, April 10 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, West Aud.,
Visitor Center

Employee Day at Badger Pass

Employee Recreation wishes to thank all employees who participated in the barbeque races, and making the day such a big success. We'll be looking forward to next year's 4th Annual Employee Day at Badger Pass.

Thank you.
Employee Rec.
Jim Roldan
Dan Gregg
Joe Costa

SNOWSHOE RACE

Men's	1st	James Peggins
	2nd	Donald Black
	3rd	Scott Randall
Women's	1st	Cindy Fiore
	2nd	Margie Hubner
	3rd	Lisa Rhodes

HOT DOG CONTEST

1st	Clark Barret
2nd	Peter Fitzmorize
3rd	Kerwin Kirk

DOWNHILL RACE

Pro	1st	Clark Barret	42.3
	2nd	Cindy Fiore	49.1
	3rd	Jon Marc	50.1
Amateur	1st	Robert Titus	51.8
	2nd	Tom Setnica	53.6
	3rd	Dan Murphy	54.5

FOLK DANCING CONTINUES

Folk Dancing takes place at the Yosemite Elementary School at 7:30 p.m. Thursday evenings. There will not be a session on April 7; however, it will take place weekly thereafter.

Come join in the fun and get some exercise at the same time. For more information, contact Carol Peterson at 379-2619 evenings.

FOR SALE

Vacuum Cleaner - Clark 500. Almost new; made for commercial use. \$90. Phone 372-4204.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Auto Maintenance Class El Portal School - 7 p.m.
MOVIE (See Employee Happenings) Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Applied Business Law Class Yosemite School - 7 p.m.
Co-Ed Volleyball Visitor Center - 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Art Class El Portal School - 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mental Health Clinic Yosemite Med. Group - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Folk Dancing Yosemite School - 7:30 p.m.
Co-Ed Volleyball Visitor Center - 9 p.m.

Above activities scheduled for the Schools and Visitor Center will not be held during the week of April 4 through 8.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, April 1 April Fool's Day
Saturday, April 2 YWC Bear Valley Ski Trip
Natural History Field Trip, 9 a.m.
Yosemite Sam's Closes

Sunday, April 3 Palm Sunday/Passover

Tuesday, April 5 Mandarin Cooking, Girl's Club, 3 p.m.

Thursday, April 7 Outreach, Yosemite Medical Group, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 8 Good Friday

Sunday, April 10 Easter Sunday
YWC Ostrander Overnight

Tuesday, April 12 Comm. Council Meeting, Yosemite School

Thursday, April 14 Women's Group Spring Hike

Friday, April 15 Great Friday

Monday, April 18 El Portal Comm. Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 19 Open House/Parents Group, YES

Thursday, April 21 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

Saturday, April 23 Spring Bike Rally

Sunday, April 24 Spring Bike Rally

Monday, April 25 Garden Club

Wednesday, April 27 Secretary's Day

Thursday, April 28 Arrival of AFS Students
Natural History Class, YES, 7 p.m.
Natural History Field Trip, 8 a.m.

Saturday, April 30 May Day

Sunday, May 1 YWG Stitchery Workshop, Visitor Center, 10:30 a.m.
LIONS CLUB, The Ahwahnee, Noon

Thursday, May 5 Outreach, Yos. Med. Group, 7:30 p.m.
Natural History Field Trip, 8 a.m.

Saturday, May 7 Mother's Day

Sunday, May 8

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FORESTA - 3-bedroom House, 2 Baths, Fireplace, Propane Heat; Electricity, Propane, Water paid. \$310/month. Married Couple ONLY, No Pets. Available April 12. Phone 379-2214.

FOR RENT

FORESTA - 2-Bedroom House. Fireplace, Propane Heat; Electricity, Propane, Water Paid. \$210/month. Married Couple ONLY, No Pets. Available April 5. Phone 379-2214.

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Brown space-saving compact refrigerator w/freezer compartment. Contains 2 movable shelves, spacious crisper, door storage, adjustable cold control. 6 cu. ft., 3 ft. high. Great for small rooms. \$125. Call Gil at ext. 411.

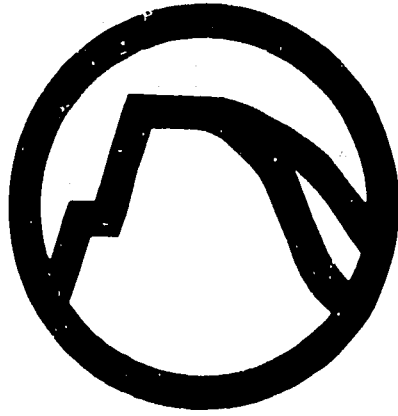
WANTED

Full-Time Sitter wanted, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. One child, one year old. Please call Peggy, ext. 461.

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CARTER RETIRES TODAY



Arlis Carter, the Assistant Postmaster for Yosemite, retired today after completing over 30 years of service with the United States Post Office Department.

Arlis first came to Yosemite from Lindsay, California, in February of 1964 with his wife Kay and their three boys. He has received cash awards and commendations from the Postal Service, and earned the thanks of a community where he has worked and served every organization Yosemite has to offer. He certainly shall be missed.

A farewell was held for him this morning (May 6) in the Girl's Club at 10.

WATER ON YOUR MIND?

As the long, dry, hot summer approaches, we will all be thinking of our cool and precious resource, water, and the various ways we can conserve it. If you have ideas on how we can save water, why not enter the **Sentinel's** water conservation contest? Top prize is a dinner for two at The Ahwahnee.

The contest is open to all of our readers--just send your ideas to:

Yosemite Sentinel
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
Yosemite, CA 95389

or drop them off at the Sentinel Office, located behind Reservations in the General Office Building.

We're looking for ways anyone can save water--employees, residents, guests, day visitors, campers, operating units--and for ways water can be saved in each of its many uses--cooking, hygiene, washing, "irrigating," waste disposal, etc.

SCHOOL DAYS AHEAD?

Yosemite Elementary School will register children entering Kindergarten next September on Wednesday, May 25. Registration will be at Room 5 in the School between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Parents should bring legal proof of child's age, as well as immunization information. Children must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 2, 1977 to be admitted to the class.

You can't lose by submitting your ideas--and we all can win by applying them in our own lives. Just remember, though, to turn in your ideas **before MAY 17** to qualify for a chance at the dinner. Don't forget to include your name and address so we can notify you if you win.

THINK DRY!

Bike-a-Thon Slated for El Portal

A Bike-A-Thon has been scheduled for El Portal on Saturday, May 14, at the El Portal School. The Bike-A-Thon, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., is backed by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, an organization helping those with this lung-damaging disease.

Participants in the Bike-A-Thon are sponsored by the public with pledges of so much money for each mile cycled with a maximum of 30 miles. Patches will be awarded to the best cyclists. All proceeds will go for research and care of Cystic Fibrosis patients.

Besides the good feeling that comes from helping others, cyclists will have an enjoyable day. Those bringing a lunch may wish to relax and enjoy the sun a while before heading home.

If you would like to participate, or need a rider to sponsor, call Grace Bryant (379-2266) or Penny Otwell (379-2662). They will be glad to arrange for you to pick up the official sponsor sheets and provide you with any additional information you need.

CASHIERING CLASSES OFFERED

The Employee Training Department will be offering "Basic Cash Handling" on Monday, May 16, at 2 p.m. in the Training Center (located on north side of Village Store). "Retail Cashiering" will be given on Monday, May 9 and May 23 at 2 p.m. in the Training Center.

These classes are open to all employees and run approximately 90 minutes. Employees are encouraged to attend these classes. For further information, contact the Employee Training Department at ext. 448.

MORGENSONS RETURN



Dana Morgenson and his lovely wife Esther arrived in the Park last week to enjoy another summer in Yosemite. The Morgensons have wintered the last five years in sunny Arizona, and with their return comes spring.

Dana began his career with Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in August of 1944, when he was Office Manager, Accounting Division, and Assistant to the Controller, a position which he held for 14 years. Dana was Associate Manager at the Lodge for a season, and then managed the Central Reservations Office. The December 20, 1967, issue of the *Yosemite Sentinel* reported that Dana, after 10 years in Reservations, was "moving into a new position, that of Director of Guest Activities. In this role, he will arrange a number of new guest programs aimed toward helping guests enjoy and understand the Park." That Dana has been a success is attested to by the many returning Park visitors who know Dana by sight and look forward to seeing him on their Yosemite vacations.

His slide programs, given every Wednesday evening at The Ahwahnee and every Friday night at Yosemite Lodge, are magnificent displays of the wonder of Yosemite. He has taken thousands of photographs of the Park during his 33-year tenure, and Dana is considered one of the best interpreters of Yosemite. His Camera Walks have also been a favorite of both visitors and employees for many years. The walks, which last approx. 2½ hours, visit areas of the Park often overlooked by the casual visitor and concentrate on the beauties of nature.

BLOOD DONATIONS ASKED

The annual blood donations will take place on Tuesday, May 10, between 9 a.m. and Noon in the East Auditorium of the Visitor's Center. Sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club, the Community drawing helps to provide for Yosemite area needs. Yosemite residents who may need this life-giving substance in the future will be able to draw on the bank.

Pledge cards for making donor appointments may be obtained from either your unit supervisor, the Main Post Office, or the Yosemite Medical Clinic.

All persons with healthy blood are encouraged to give a little; your donation could save a life--and that's doing a lot.

Dana has authored two books on the Park, both of which are "must" reading. His first book *Yosemite Wildflower Trails*, follows the flowers from the foothills to the mountain peaks, with color photographs and descriptive text. Soon to be released, *Four Seasons of Yosemite*, his second book, is a photo essay on the Park. Dana's excellent photography and wide knowledge of Yosemite shine through his writings.

Dana and Esther have been very involved in community activities, including the Parents' Group, Yosemite Winter Club, and Scholarship Commission. Dana has long been a member of the Conversation Club, helped organize the Yosemite Community Council, and is a Charter Member of both the Lions Club and now-defunct Toastmasters Club Yosemite groups. He was Chairman of the Board of the Yosemite Community Church for 5 years and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Yosemite Natural History Association.

In between raising her family and enjoying the Park, Esther found time to work at the Post Office and in the gift shops, served as President of the Yosemite Women's Group, and was Editor of the *Yosemite Sentinel* for three years. Their two sons, Larry and Randy,

grew up in the Park. While Larry now lives in New Mexico, Randy and his wife Judy spend winters in Yosemite (he works for NPS, she for YMS) and summer at Sequoia-Kings.

Mother Curry's mandate was that all guests were to be treated as though they were guests in your own home. Dana and Esther Morgenson continue that tradition of warm hospitality and good guest service.

WELCOME HOME!

Where Does The Money Go?

The annual Fund-Raising Drive of the Yosemite Community Council officially ended on Friday, April 15, and the money donated was distributed to the following organizations:

- American Cancer Society \$100
- American Heart Association . . . 100
- American Red Cross 50
- CARE 50
- Crippled Children and Adults . . . 25
- Epilepsy Foundation 25
- March of Dimes 50
- Mid-Valley TB and Respiratory Assn. 25
- Nature Conservancy 25
- National Kidney Foundation . . . 25
- Planned Parenthood 50
- Salvation Army 50
- World Wildlife Fund 25
- Multiple Sclerosis 75
- Sickle Cell Anemia 25
- Yosemite Outreach 150
- Yosemite School Library 75
- El Portal School Library 75
- Indian Cultural Museum 25
- Yosemite-El Portal Preschool . . . 45
- El Portal Volunteer Fire Dept. . . 15
- Local Youth Groups (Scouts) . . . 200
- Local teen-age programs 100
- Local Scholarship 675

This does not include pledged amounts being withheld from salaries. There is a local emergency fund of over \$1,000. Local organizations and youth groups in need of funds should apply immediately in writing to the Yosemite Community Council, Kathy Loux, President, P. O. Box 313, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Although the drive did not reach its goal this year, the Council is very pleased with the generosity of those who did contribute. The Yosemite Community Council will receive contributions at any time during the year. Mail checks to P. O. Box 313, Yosemite, CA 95389.

VOLUNTEER

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Volunteer Fire Dept. still has some openings available for volunteer firemen. Please contact Bucky Stephan at the Curry Firehouse for further information.

HOW MANY MORE?

by Stuart Warren

The natural inclination is to say it could never happen to me. After all, in an age when a backcountry adventure can be had for the price of a down sleeping bag, why should anyone treat the wilderness with respect? Getting lost, suffering from dehydration and hypothermia are only things that happened in the days of Yosemite's first pioneers--or to the other guy.

I thought so, too, until I spent some anguish-filled hours thrashing about in the maze-like enclaves of Tenaya Canyon recently. With five seasons of working in Yosemite under my belt, how could I get lost? True, I had wandered far from the Cloud's Rest-to-Tuolumne Trail to inspect a precipitous overlook on the Tenaya Canyon Rim without benefit of compass or "topo" map, but I was used to taking such liberties. It was only when I found myself looking up the steep embankment, unable to retrace my steps, that I began to second-guess myself. Still, security seemed to be only a matter of reaching the same altitude as the trail, so I wasn't perturbed. Several switchbacks a mile down the way did the trick, only there was no trail to be found when I reached "pay-dirt." By this time, the perspiration was seeping into the cuts opened by the brambles along my cross-country route, and I was starting to worry.

Unable to get my bearings in the fading light, I reconciled myself to an uncomfortable night nestled in a little bivouac between two boulders. Visions of John Muir dancing the highland fling to keep warm no longer seemed so romantic. Without any food, sleeping bag, or warm clothing, I was in for a long night.

To fight off the sting of the first evening breezes, I frantically jumped up and down, upping my circulation while accentuating my hunger pangs. It was no use. The only way to deal with the discomfort was to escape with a deep sleep. After several hours of fitful slumber, I could only sit up, stretch, and dig in to rough it out till morning. How could I have been so stupid as to stray from the trail without equipment? The painful lesson was lashed home with each cold gust of wind. I was shivering all over now and my thoughts started to take a morbid turn. There had been a number of people missing or found dead in recent days, and the threat of being another victim of "exposure" started to become very real. While falling asleep would only make me more vulnerable, it

CAMP NAMES CHANGE

Employee Housing is undergoing a name change in the near future. For several years, names have been attached to some housing areas that had no real origin, Park-related or historical significance. There was no overall continuity to the names. In an effort to make the

places we live in have names which fit the environment and the history of the Park, we are changing a few names of selected areas.

BOYSTOWN will become CAMP TENAYA

Tenaya Lake, Creek, Canyon and now Camp Tenaya, all remember Chief Tenaya, the aged and defiant leader of the Indians inhabiting Yosemite Valley. When the Mariposa Battalion entered it in March of 1851, Tenaya was captured and his son killed by the volunteer soldiers. Told that the lake he called Py-we-ack, Lake of the Shining Rocks, had been named Tenaya for him, he objected to the change. Later Tenaya was stoned to death by Mono Indians in an ignoble dispute.

CAMP #6 will become CAMP TRESIDDER

Tresidder possessed tenacity, intelligence and charm, and in 1920 married Miss Mary L. Curry, daughter of the Camp Curry founders. In 1925, he was named president of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., a job he loved in a place he prized. During World War II, he became president of Stanford University, but retained his Yosemite title, too, until his premature death in 1948. Camping in the high country, where Tresidder Peak commemorates him how, fishing, and riding horseback were his favorite activities.

O-ZONE will become CAMP CLARK

Camp Clark, like Mount Clark, was named for Galen Clark (1814-1910), a New Englander who was devoted to Yosemite from 1855 until his death. Clark was a member of one of the first tourist parties to explore Yosemite Valley, the pioneer homesteader at Wawona where he founded what evolved into the Wawona Hotel, the effective discoverer of the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, and the first, as well as longest-tenured, Guardian of the Yosemite Grant. He was a practical, industrious, honest man who did much good in a quiet way. People laughed at his obsession for a proper gravesite in the Valley cemetery. Years before his burial there, he planted sequoia trees, dug a well so he could water them, selected a headstone and carved his name upon it, and even dug a six-foot ditch around the grave in which he put broken glass to discourage rodents!

Try the new names on for size. You may find that you like them.

Historical data supplied by Yosemite author Miss Shirley Sargent.



DR. DONALD B. TRESIDDER, WHO ROSE FROM PORTER TO PRESIDENT OF YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO.

was the only place I could go for a respite from my negative thoughts. As the futility of my predicament became more apparent, I shut my eyes, resolving to only open them with the first rays of morning light.

Deliverance did indeed come with the unmistakable sensation of light against my eyes, but it was not the sun. I opened my eyes to see Tenaya Canyon transformed into a lunar crater by the rays of the full moon. With renewed energy, I scavenged the area until I came upon a stream. Now it was just a question of following the water until it led into a larger tributary of the Merced River. An hour later, I was in Little Yosemite Valley, with the lights of the big Valley beckoning.

Mother Nature had let me escape with a slap on the wrist, but I've learned my lesson. You see, the next morning in the Valley I was greeted with the sobering news that another body had been dug out of Tenaya Canyon.

BEAR FEET IN THE PARK

by Sandy Dengler

It's one A.M. and what you desire most is sleep. But this bear behind your tent is drumming out his rendition of "I Dream of Jeannie, She's a Light Brown Bear" on your garbage can. Or worse yet, in your kitchen. Are bears really the threat and menace around here that some people claim?

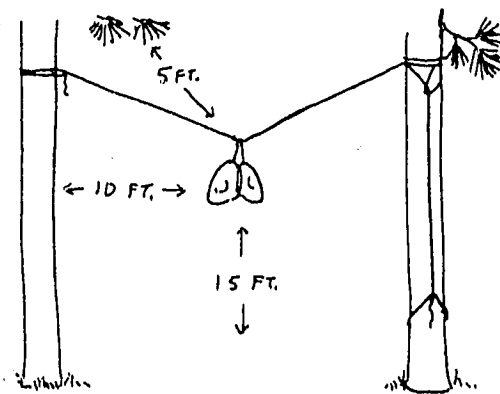
There are as many bear stories floating around as there are Yosemite residents. More, even. ...Like the bear who tore out the back seat to get into the trunk of a car parked at Bridalveil...The mama who

boosts her cubs up into the open-top dumpsters with orders to send out scraps...the yearling who managed to negotiate the mail-drop of a "bear-proof" can...Some are legend, but many are unvarnished truth.

Yosemite's bears boast a proud history of being smarter than the average tourist. Nearly a hundred years ago, Galen Clark himself advocated the judicious use of axe and fire to clear second-growth trees. All this undergrowth, he claimed, is helping bears proliferate to nuisance status. Well, Galen, we have plenty of thickets today--and plenty of nuisance bears.

Most knowledgeable bear managers claim that black bears normally won't hurt you. But 600 pounds of dimwit equipped with claws is nothing to get complacent about. It is wise to remain very respectful.

Actually, Yosemite's bears aren't dimwits. Far from it. Experienced backcountry hikers who follow all the rules about suspending food out of reach are ripped off regularly. Tales abound of bears who can untie knots (or bite through the Gordian ones). Mother, too heavy to go herself, will shoo Cubby up the tree and out the rope to reach the goodies. Still, it pays when camping out to suspend your food pack thus:



It's not fail-safe, but it will thwart the dumber bruins.

Around home, put garbage in the dumpster right away (especially food scraps). Never hand-feed bears or leave food out for raccoons, bears and other animals. Put groceries away promptly when you return from shopping. Air your car if aromas remain.

Don't leave food in your car, and that includes candy bars on the seat. When you must carry food, as to a picnic, lock it in the trunk. No trunk? Then hide it

YOSEMITE IMBIBITION

Some policies change and change and change again; others are firm at first and many years later change rather frequently. Some changed quite a bit and then settled into a permanent state. One of the policies that follows this last type is the serving of alcoholic beverages in the National Parks.

Way back when--before there was any Government agency with jurisdiction over this area--hotels and the Cosmopolitan Saloon in the Valley served liquor.

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under a blanket, at least. Our sophisticated bears recognize coolers by their shape. They don't need food smells as an incentive to raid a cooler.

There's a free bear handout available in the VC, ranger office and other information desks. Check out bear books in the stores. There are even campfire programs about bears, including one titled "What You Always Wanted to Know About Bears But Were Afraid to Ask 'Em." Check the Yosemite Guide program listing for times and places.

When locals get ripped off, it is usually because we simply forgot to remember about bears--for a moment. Should a bear succeed in divesting you of your food or chattels, just view it philosophically. After all, the same Creator who made mosquitoes and bears also fashioned butterflies and our grand Yosemite.

EMPLOYEE HOUSING CORNER

by Jerry Doyle

Why do we have Fire, Safety, and Maintenance inspections? The answer to this question is in the title itself. We are looking for fire hazards and maintenance problems that, if corrected, will make Employee Housing a better place to live.

The purpose of this article is to cover two points, the probable causes of fire in Employee Housing and to announce a schedule for inspections. The probable causes for fire in Employee Housing are:

1. Candles left unattended.
2. Candles not in holders.
3. Combustible items left near oil stoves.
4. Combustible items left against lighting fixtures.
5. Excessive use of extension cords and impromptu wiring by employees.
6. Cooking in rooms which are not equipped for this purpose.

If you have any of the items listed above, you should correct these. If you think there is a hazard in your room, please contact the Housekeeper in your area.

There will be quarterly inspections by the Employee Housing Manager, the Housekeeper in your area, and a Safety Committee member. These inspections will be for your own safety and will be announced with a memo to all employees in March, June, September, and December. In addition, there may be other inspections solely at the discretion of the National Park Service.

If you have any questions on this subject, or any other subject, come by my office in the General Offices or call me at ext. 451.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel Office by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 28th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

Imbibition

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Visitors to La Casa Nevada (a hotel once located near the base of Nevada Fall) were encouraged to partake of the "Snow water" which flowed freely and was easily obtained at almost any hour.

Liquor wasn't allowed to be sold in National Parks, though, and prior to the turn of the century, imbibers were obliged to bring their own beverages with them into the Park. In 1915, the first Director of the National Park Service made an exception to the rule of no saloons or bars. The Desmond Park Service Company was allowed to sell liquor at a bar at Yosemite Falls Camp. David Curry wrote the Secretary of the Interior objecting to the move, as trusted employees were drinking excessively--one was drunk twice within a week! Prohibition, which started in 1920, closed the bar, and again no alcoholic beverages was the Park policy. The public pressure which caused Prohibition's repeal in 1933 was also felt by the National Park Service, and in 1934 they authorized the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to sell liquor. The memos below, which stated the new policy, as still fairly accurate 43 years later.

The Director has authorized the Yosemite Park and Curry Company to sell alcoholic beverages in Yosemite National Park, as follows:

1. Beer, wine and liquor by the package in retail stores for consumption off the premises.
2. Beer, wine, and liquor, including mixed drinks, in room service, and during the cocktail hour.
3. Full strength beer in hotels, camps, restaurants, and refreshment stands without meals for consumption on the premises.

Mrs. Curry declined to sell any alcoholic beverages of any nature at Camp Curry.

Drunkenness, nor any degree of disorder attributable to liquor, will not be tolerated any more than it was during the period of prohibition. In fact, to preserve the spirit and atmosphere that has distinguished Yosemite, doubtless we shall have to tighten rather than loosen the enforcement of public order. Not only the ranger force, but also all other sworn Secretarial appointees,

are charged henceforth with this duty.

From an Office Memorandum of June, 1934, issued by Charles Goff Thompson, Superintendent Yosemite National Park.

The intent and presentation of liquor sales is present to this date.

Meanwhile, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. issued guidelines to be strictly followed in dispensing alcoholic beverages.

TO ALL CONCERNED:

In response to a recognizable public demand on the part of our guests and upon the written authority of the Secretary of the Interior, who has sole and exclusive jurisdiction, our Company is planning to make alcoholic beverages available to our guests. We wish to state emphatically, however, that this Company is not going into the liquor business with the intention of developing a trade that will be as profitable as possible.

For thirty-five years, the Company and its predecessors have deliberately strived to develop an atmosphere that would appeal particularly to the finest citizenship in this country. We have sought to provide facilities under such conditions that families with children would feel free to live in tents or open quarters without any fear of being molested or exposed to many undesirable elements and practices found in large cities. The Company has unremittingly worked to select personnel and to provide entertainment, recreation, and other facilities of a character that would assure the success of our policies.

The sale of alcoholic beverages in Yosemite National Park is a new and unproven experiment. Enlightened self-interest demands that our Company protect the fine atmosphere and prestige that it has developed through all these years at all costs. It is believed that an intensive and aggressive selling of liquor would jeopardize the goodwill which has been built up among our guests and in the end would have a disastrous effect on our investment in hotels, transportation, etc. In merchandising alcoholic beverages you will, therefore, be guided by the following:

1. In stores, liquor should be made available for guests in the same manner that we sell canned goods or other items.

No special emphasis should be placed upon it.

2. No window displays or alluring showcase displays will be permitted. Wines and beers may be displayed on open shelves, but all hard liquor is to be handled on concealed shelves and exhibited only upon the request of a guest seeking to make a purchase.
3. No liquor will be sold to any one showing clear indications of intoxication.
4. At no unit serving beer by the bottle, will more than two bottles of beer be served to any one individual for consumption on the premises at a single sitting.
5. Cases of repeated purchases of liquor by individuals on a basis clearly indicating excessive consumption by that person which might lead to endangering of lives on highways or elsewhere are to be reported to Mr. Oehlmann immediately. Any instances of even mild intoxication observed at our units should be reported instantly both to the Main Office and to the Rangers' in order that we may feel sure that we have exerted every possible effort to protect the visitors to the Park from a few people who may abuse privileges now being authorized by the Secretary of the Interior.
6. Any employee seeking to promote the sale of liquor beyond meeting the legitimate and solicited quests of our guests will be considered to have violated the clearly defined policy of this Company.

In conclusion, we again wish to point out that the sale of liquor is regarded by us as an experiment and is being undertaken not without some misgiving. The larger interests of the Company demand that the present atmosphere of the Yosemite be unimpaired. We seek the cooperation of our employees in our attempt to make alcoholic beverages available for our guests who wish them in such a manner that it will be as unobjectionable as possible to those who do not wish it or object to its use.

From a directive issued by Don Tresidder, President of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., in June of 1934

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

May 9 - W. C. FIELDS AND ME
Starring Rod Steiger and Valerie Perrine (PG)

May 16 - START THE REVOLUTION WITHOUT ME

Two sets of twins (one set is played by Donald Sutherland, the other by Gene Wilder) were mixed-up at birth, and their simultaneous presence at the Court of Louis XIV years later causes such confusion that the French Revolution of 1789 is nearly averted. (PG)

May 23 - SILENT RUNNING

A space odyssey set in the year 2008 about one man's dedication to save the only botanical specimens in existence from extinction. Stars Bruce Dern and Cliff Potts. (G)

May 30 - SWORD IN THE STONE and CARTOON FILM FESTIVAL

The Walt Disney animated feature of the King Arthur legend, based on the book by T. H. White, will be shown along with cartoons. (G)

Admission to all movies is by privilege card or NPS I.D. card and entry fee of \$1.

SOFTBALL TIME

Softball, picnics and summer-time go together, and with the advent of summer, it's time again for the softball league to form. Softball sign-ups will take place in the Employee Recreation Office for those interested. The leagues will start sometime during the latter part of May; check at the Office for more details. All are encouraged to participate this year.

The Annual Employees vs Executives Baseball Game and Barbeque will be held on Sunday, May 15, at 1 p.m. All those wishing to play in the game should contact Employee Recreation (ext. 475) as soon as possible. Tickets for the barbeque may be purchased from Emp. Rec., who is sponsoring the event. Their office is located on the north end of the Village Store building by the Beauty-Barber Shop.

BROOM HOCKEY

Employee Recreation has scheduled Broom Hockey to be played at the Yosemite School on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Sundays at 6 p.m.

COMING ACTIVITIES

Watch for more information on a leather crafts class to be offered soon.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Pre-school and adult immunizations will be given at a Clinic held at the Yosemite Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, May 25, between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m. In addition to the regular immunizations for young children, Diphtheria/Tetanus (DT) will be available for adults. The DT immunization should be received every ten years.

Women's Group Concludes Year

Tuesday, May 17, is the date for this year's "Wind-up-the-Year" Luncheon for the Yosemite Women's Group, to be held at Jette's Parkline Restaurant. The buffet lunch, beginning at 12:30 p.m. (cost is \$2.50), will be followed by the election of officers for the coming year. Everyone is urged to come and add to the input of ideas for next year's activities. Babysitting will be available--check with Margene for location. Please make reservations by Sunday, May 15, with Margene (379-2668) or Gail (372-4518).

FOR SALE

1 Pentax SI SLR 35mm Camera (s#318031)
1 Vivitar 300mm Lens. (s# 378006800)
BOTH \$150. Contact P. O. Box 1555, Yosemite Lodge

Baby Furniture and miscellaneous items. Phone 372-4716.

Ski boots, wooden bookcase, clock, records, backpack, and other odds and ends. Contact Lisa at 372-9903.

SERVICES

Guitar Lessons, Beginning & Advanced: Classical, folk, and latest in lead and rock and roll technique. For more information, call 379-2622.

TUPPERWARE PARTY

A Tupperware party will be held on Saturday, May 21, at 2 p.m. in the Ranger Club. For more information, contact Mino at NPS (372-4461) ext. 43.

EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER WANTED

Yosemite Natural History Association is seeking a part-time bookkeeper. Hours are flexible. Inquire in person at YNHA in the Valley District Building next to the Visitor Center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Auto Maintenance El Portal School - 7 p.m.
MOVIES (See Column) Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Fire Dept. Meeting Firehouse - 7 p.m.
Yoga Emp. Trng. Ctr. - 12:10 p.m.
Applied Business Law Class Yosemite School - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Art Class El Portal School - 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Yosemite Med. Group - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Yoga Emp. Trng. Ctr. - 12:10 p.m.
Folk Dancing Yosemite School - 7:30 p.m.
"A Christian Gathering" Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center West Aud. - 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse - 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

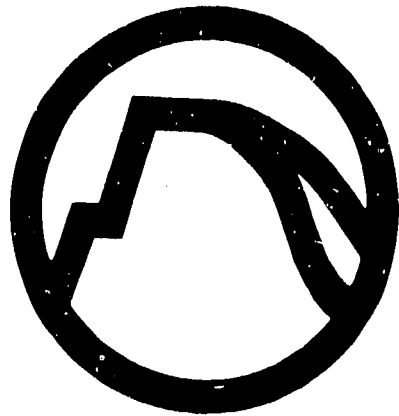
Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 9 & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, May 7 Track Meet, Yosemite School
Sunday, May 8 Mother's Day
Monday, May 9 Retail Cashiering Class, Trng. Ctr., - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 10 Blood Bank, Visitor Center - 9 a.m. to Noon
Yosemite Comm. Council Meeting
Saturday, May 14 Bike-A-Thon, El Portal School - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday, May 15 EMP VS EXEC. Annual Softball Game, Elem. School - 1 p.m.
Monday, May 16 Basic Cash Handling Class, Trng. Ctr. - 2 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17 Women's Group Luncheon, Parkline - 12:30 p.m.
Water Conservation Contest Deadline
Thursday, May 19 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon
Monday, May 23 Retail Cashiering Class, Trng. Ctr. - 2 p.m.
Wednesday, May 25 Immunization Clinic, Yosemite School, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Kindergarten Registration, Yosemite School, 1:30 - 3 p.m.
Monday, May 30 Memorial Day
Thursday, June 2 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon

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GRADUATES LOOK AHEAD



YOSEMITE'S CLASS OF 1977: (l to r) DONNA, CAROL, JENNIFER, ANNE, CHRIS, ANDY, DANNY, RANDY, MIKE, PHILLIP, AND ROBERT. (NOT PICTURED: MARK OLSON)

On Thursday, June 9, the Yosemite Elementary School will hold graduation ceremonies in the multi-purpose room at 8 p.m. The Class of '77 will graduate all 12 members.

Congratulations of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. go to graduates:

Randall Mark Abbott
 Michael Thomas Brudenell
 Donna Diane Domingues
 Andrew Reyno Garza
 Phillip Duane Johnson
 Robert Steven Kroon
 Mark Stephen Olson
 Anne Mildred Pitts
 Carol Leslie Rees
 Christopher Scott Thompsen
 Daniel Timothy Wilson
 Jennifer Lea Wurgler

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR YOSEMITE SCHOLARSHIP

With graduation time upon us, the Yosemite Scholarship Commission invites all eligible young persons to apply for the annual Yosemite Scholarship.

Any high school graduate whose parent or guardian is employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park is eligible to apply. The scholarship of \$75.00 per month for the school year is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council.

The following items are taken into account in making the selection:

- Scholastic Ability
- Financial Need
- Leadership
- Personality
- Health
- General Aptitude

There is no particular significance in this order nor does one qualification have any special weight.

Information as to application procedure may be obtained from Leroy J. Rust, Yosemite Postmaster and Chairman of the Commission, or Marian Woessner, the Secretary. Applications will be

accepted until July 24, 1977, and the Scholarship awarded in late August for the school year 1977-1978.

Register For Summer Swim Program June 7 And 8

Swim lessons will take place this year weekday mornings at the Yosemite Lodge pool from June 20 through July 1. Authorized by the American Red Cross, classes will be given in beginning swimming through swimmer.

Children entering kindergarten this fall and all older are eligible for these free lessons. Register for lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 7 and 8, by calling Merrie Hinson (372-4223) or Karen Brown (372-4773). Anyone interested in being a volunteer helper should also contact them.

The classes are sponsored by YP&C Co. Employee Recreation and are possible through the generous time contributions of the volunteers.

Contest Winner Announced

The winner of the *Yosemite Sentinel's* Water Conservation Ideas Contest is Mr. Alan D. Barnett, the Night Auditor at Yosemite Lodge. His prize is a dinner for two at The Ahwahnee.

The winning idea, "Reset all toilets to a 10-second flush versus the 15/20 second flush now being used", was chosen over 78 other excellent ideas. Selecting the winner was not an easy task, as many worthy suggestions were sent in. We hope to share some of them with you in future issues of the *Sentinel*.

The *Sentinel* is grateful to all those who took the time and effort to enter their ideas in the contest.

One idea, although it was not the winner, has been implemented already. If you note any waste of water, please phone ext. 479 (Garrett De Bell's office) with the information. If we all work together, we'll save a lot more water.

HOSPITALITY BRINGS HAPPINESS

BY L. L. Branscum Vice President of Business Affairs

Officially summer arrives June 21st at 4 a.m., but for many Yosemite Park and Curry Co. managers and hundreds of employees, summer arrived on Memorial Day weekend. This summer should prove to be one of the busiest in Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s history. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, the Company will house 365,000 guests, serve 675,000 meals, and offer thousands of other services, such as stable rides, bicycling, golf, swimming, and transportation. Most people who travel to Yosemite come to vacation and enjoy one of the great wonders of the world. In most cases, the visitor has planned many weeks or months in advance for his Yosemite Experience. It is our job to see that his Experience is the best possible.

The Company has been here since 1899 and has built a reputation of being one of the finest guest service companies in the National Park System. For some of you, this will be your first summer in Yosemite; others have been returning for as many as 30 years. We are in the hospitality business, and there are a number of things that I would like to mention that, if followed, will make the guest's visit most enjoyable and will also give you a great deal of personal reward and gratification.

1. Always be to work on time.
2. Be well-groomed and in uniform.
3. Have an optimistic attitude.
4. Be prepared to accept criticism.
5. Anticipate guest needs.
6. Wear a smile.
7. Use the words "You're Welcome" and "Thank You."

8. Avoid negative expressions like "That's against policy" or "This is not my table."
9. Think of the other person first.
10. Admit mistakes and learn from them.
11. Put yourself in the guest's shoes when he has a complaint.
12. Never tell a guest something will take 10 minutes if it will take an hour.
13. Treat your fellow employees with respect, and praise them when it is appropriate.
14. Practice courtesy -- the key to success -- until it becomes a habit.

I hope these tips will be helpful during your stay in Yosemite. Have a good summer and enjoy yourself.

Employee Training Classes Offered

The Employee Training Center offers 90-minute classes in Basic Cash Handling and Retail Cashiering to all interested employees. The classes meet at 2 p.m. in the Training Center, with dates offered listed below.

If you would like more information on these classes, call the Training Center at ext. 488.

BASIC CASH HANDLING

Monday	June 6
Friday	June 10
Tuesday	June 14
Thursday	June 16
Wednesday	June 22
Tuesday	June 28

RETAIL CASHIERING

Tuesday	June 7
Wednesday	June 15
Tuesday	June 21
Wednesday	June 29

FOR SALE

Konica Autoreflex T-2, Konica Hexanon 57mm/f1.4, Konica Hexanon 35mm/f2.8, Konica Hexanon 80-200m/f3.5. \$375. Call Virginia, 372-4707.

1965 Plymouth Fury II 9-passenger station wagon. Radio, air conditioning, power steering, new automatic transmission, newly carpeted. Very good condition. runs well. \$350 or best offer. Call Uptain at 372-4721, or see at Government residence #11.

10 x 50 Mobil Home. Completely furnished. Awning and Shed. Fenced yard. DMV fees paid. Space A-4, El Portal Trailer Village. Call 379-2448.

Employee Housing

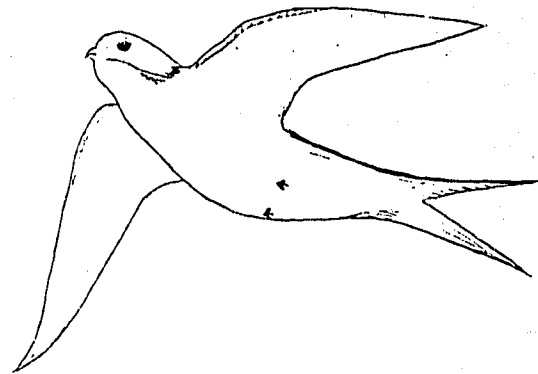
by Jerry Doyle

As employees, housing in Yosemite is one of our greatest concerns--single housing even more so. The question that is asked most frequently by employees is, "How do I get a single dormitory room?" The answer to that question is often misunderstood and often misquoted. It is the purpose of this article to clarify the criteria for eligibility for single dorm rooms and hopefully clear up some of the confusion.

First, it is important to understand that there is a very limited number of single dormitory rooms. In the Tecoya area, there are 78 single rooms. These are the only true single rooms in Employee Housing. There is also a limited number of double-occupancy cabins, dorm

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Animal of the Month



by Stanley Valim

WAWONA SWALLOWS

Barn Swallow

Hirundo rustica is the only U. S. Swallow that is truly swallow-tailed and has the only white tail spots. This swallow is blue-black above, cinnamon-buff below, with a dark throat, and it is 5 3/4" to 7 3/4" long.

The Barn Swallow is found throughout the U. S. from sea level up to 4,000 ft. elevation. Here in Yosemite, you can see the Barn Swallow nesting at the Wawona Hotel. The swallow makes an open mud cup nest lined with feathers under beams or barns or buildings, rarely in cliff ledges. The eggs, of which there are 4 to 6 are speckled. The swallow eats insects caught on the flight.

So as Mission Capistrano has its swallows returning every year, so does the Wawona Hotel. Come to the Wawona Hotel in spring and throughout the summer, and you can see the Barn Swallow, another of the birds of Yosemite and a member of Yosemite's nature community.

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EMPLOYEE HOUSING

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rooms, and tents that are set aside as singles. These total 12. As you can see, we have a total of 90 single rooms. This is indeed a very limited supply.

Now, how is the eligibility for these rooms determined? Each job title has a corresponding Wage Grade letter. The letters range from A to N, with A being the highest, N being the lowest. If you are not sure of your Wage Grade, look at your employment form, ask your supervisor, or come to the Employee Housing Office (in Personnel) for a detailed explanation of your eligibility.

How does an employee get a single room?

GUIDELINES FOR AWARDS

1. **JOB TITLE** (Job Responsibilities)
This is used to establish wage grades.
2. **LENGTH OF SERVICE** (Amount of service you have with YP&C Co.)
3. **NEED** (Your hours of work and unusual need for privacy.)

The last two items are used mainly as tie-breakers and are not primary considerations. After the employee's eligibility is determined, the person with the greater responsibility will be offered the available room, and that person has the option of accepting or declining.

There is a general misunderstanding regarding our list of those people who have applied. We do maintain a list, but it is only for the purpose of recording the names of people that apply for single housing. It does not mean there is an automatic rotation; it does mean that if you are number 3 on the list today and tomorrow someone with greater job responsibilities and longer service may apply, you could become number 4.

These are commonly the most misunderstood concepts about private rooms. If you have any questions about eligibility or would like any problems explained, please come in and see me at the Housing Office or call ext. 451.

We have seen how much housing is available and the process by which it is assigned. Ultimately, however, the most important factor is availability. Being eligible does not guarantee you a private room. Often there are no rooms available, so keep in mind we have a limited number of them. It is also important to remember that private rooms do not automatically go with any position, nor does your overall time with the Company guarantee you a room.

Sign of the Three Arrows

by Steve Harrison



ONE OF THE FIRST SERVICES TO MOVE TO THE NEW VILLAGE WAS THE PILLSBURY STUDIO AND THEATRE. THE STUDIO REMAINED IN ITS NEW LOCATION ONLY A FEW YEARS. TODAY THE VISITOR CENTER OCCUPIES THIS AREA. (PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE RESEARCH LIBRARY)

Arthur C. Pillsbury is all but forgotten by Yosemite visitors and residents today, but in the early 1900's, his photographic studio at the "Sign of the Three Arrows" was on every visitor's list of things to do in Yosemite Valley.

The Pillsbury Picture Company had its headquarters in San Francisco and a factory in Oakland. It was at this factory that they made various sizes of photographic prints and thousands of different post cards to sell at the various studios. The main studio was in Yosemite Valley, but at various times the "Sign of the Three Arrows" also hung at Lake Tahoe and the Hotel Del Coronado near San Diego.

The "Sign of the Three Arrows" studios were originally started by Harold Taylor and Eugene Hallett in 1902 and sold to Pillsbury in 1907. Pillsbury's trademark was "Art in Photography", and it must have been attractive to the tourists to allow him to compete with the Valley studios of Yosemite photographers George Fiske, Julius Boysen, and D. J. Foley. For a time, the Pillsbury studio was managed by Mr. Banfield. They stocked photographic supplies, did developing and printing, and made a dark room available free for amateur photographers.

In 1914, Arthur Pillsbury was working on a motion picture of Yosemite and the Sierra Nevada. David Curry thought enough of it that he acquired exclusive use of the film in Southern California where he was to tour as the lecturer with it.

FOR SALE

1967 Cadillac. Excellent condition. Call 372-4611, ext. 224.

Mr. Coffee-practically brand-new, excellent condition. \$25. Phone 372-4204.

Don Tresidder worked at the Pillsbury Studio in 1917. In 1919, Pillsbury made a remarkable trip to Tioga Pass in a Studebaker to take some publicity photographs. It was in June, a full month before the road would open to public travel. The eventful trip, as recalled by Mr. Oehlmann in *Yosemite: Saga of a Century*, is worth reading about.

Pillsbury photographs were used in many of the contemporary guide books, and he even wrote a short chapter on "Photography in Yosemite National Park" for Ansel Hall's *Handbook of Yosemite National Park*.

The Pillsbury studio in Yosemite Valley was in the old Village near the Sentinel Bridge. In the early 1920's, it was decided to form a new center of activity in the Valley. As a result, in 1925 seven new buildings were constructed at the present Yosemite Village. One of them, and among the largest, was Pillsbury's new studio. It had a large display and sales area of towering wooden construction with a large stone fireplace. Also in the building was a 450-seat auditorium where a variety of motion pictures and newsreels were shown. But after two short years, the grand studio burned to the ground and Arthur Pillsbury soon left Yosemite.

The site of the studio was vacant for many years but once again a building stands there which attracts nearly all of Yosemite's visitors, the Yosemite Visitor Center.

WANTED

Upright piano. Call Catherine, 379-2610.

2 or 4 girls to do a job at the Yosemite Institute. You will alphabetize and check addresses for our computer mailing list. Temporary. \$2/hour. Call Catherine ASAP at 372-4441.

Our Bridge Over Troubled Waters

by Sandy Dengler

This year the South Fork of the Merced might have been named "South Trickle." Kids three feet high were walking across it dryshod. The water slithered around the cobbles and sank into the shoals. It lay in limpid, greenish pools at Sam's Hole and Swinging Bridge. Somewhere the trout were skulking about in its depths, but they entertained no ambitions at all regarding either wet or dry flies.

Imagination can hardly picture the sleepy South Fork filled wall-to-wall with howling water, millions and millions of gallons roaring exultantly toward El Portal--but in the mid-fifties, the Fork filled so full that the logs it had uprooted severely damaged its old wooden bridge.

A-a-a, what's an old wooden bridge when we have that snazzy cement bridge a few hundred feet downstream?

Quite a lot. The original structure, a flat, unimaginative platform, was built in 1857 as Galen Clark was getting settled in Wawona meadow. When he divested himself of his hotel, the road and bridge were part of the deal. The Washburn brothers took it over and by 1879 had covered it.

Herein lies a gentle mystery. Why did the Washburns go to the bother of covering the bridge? Not to keep snow out. If you drive a sleigh in the winter, you have to shovel snow onto the bridge.

Anyway, when the flood vandalized its underpinnings, the covered bridge was unique in many ways. How many covered bridges are there in California? . . . That date from 1857 to 1879? . . . Associated with our own Galen Clark?

The NPS administration had a problem. The bridge was historically important, but repairs would be costly. They needed a reason, a justification, for the large expenditure.

The mother of invention now gave birth to a whole ingenious concept--build a history center around the bridge, a place for the many historical buildings scattered all over the Park. Washburn's carriage barn was already there. So was the old Chinese laundry. And how about that two-story cabin up at Hodgdon, and Chris Jorgensen's studio in the Valley?

The project, being government sponsored, was slow coming to fruit. But one by one, buildings were dismantled, transported, and reassembled at the new site. When floods threatened further mayhem, workmen dug ditches and

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS
 Men's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:30 p.m.
 Martial Arts Class Yosemite Elem. School Gym - 6 p.m.
 MOVIE (See "Happenings") Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS
 Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Women's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:45 p.m.
 Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting Firehouse - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
 Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Men's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:30 p.m.
 Self-Defense for Women Yosemite Elem. School Gym - 6 p.m.

THURSDAYS
 Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Mental Health Clinic Yosemite Med. Group - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Men's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:30 p.m.
 Folk Dancing Yosemite School - 7:30 p.m.
 "A Christian Gathering" Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS
 Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
 Martial Arts Class Yosemite Elem. School Gym - 6 p.m.

SATURDAYS
 Mass Wawona Schoolhouse - 5 p.m.
 Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS
 Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m.
 Worship Service Lower Pines & Lower River Campgrounds - 9 a.m.
 Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
 Worship Service/Church School Church Bowl - 11:15 a.m.
 Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse - 6 p.m.
 "A Christian Gathering" Chapel - 6 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS
 Monday, June 6 School End-of-Year Picnic - 6 p.m.
 Thursday, June 9 Graduation Exercises, Yosemite Elem. School
 Friday, June 10 Graduation Ceremony, Mariposa High School
 Tuesday, June 14 Flag Day
 Yosemite Community Council Meeting
 Thursday, June 16 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon
 Saturday, June 18 Castro Valley Orchestra Concert, Curry Village - 7 p.m.
 Sunday, June 19 Father's Day
 Castro Valley Orchestra Concert, Yosemite Lodge - 7 p.m.
 Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 1 Swimming Lessons, Lodge Pool
 Monday, June 20 El Portal Comm. Council Meeting
 Monday, June 27 Granite Youth Symphony Orchestra
 Concert, Curry Village - 7 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 28 Employee Pool Tournament, Rec. Hall
 Monday, July 4 Independence Day

diversion dikes. The flat by the bridge stayed dry.

The bridge itself was dragged ashore and rebuilt. The sound timbers were saved, new ones hewn to resemble the old (just last year, workmen replaced some log-sized beams and floorboards, again carefully detailing the new work to look old).

Today the historical bridge is a source of great pleasure for visitors. People take pictures from all angles and from inside looking out. Kids climb on it, engineers study its strange hybrid construction (bridge buffs call it a "modified queen truss"). The summer living history program uses it as a time tunnel.

And the mystery remains. Why did the Washburns cover it?

I would like to think that the Washburn brothers were not bigger than life. Like thee and me, they were occasionally subject to pure whim. Like me, they might appreciate a touch of Back Home.

And the Washburns grew up in Vermont.

REWARD

\$10 Reward. Green ranger-type North Face down jacket, size medium. Left at Yosemite Elementary School on Wednesday, May 25, prior to Martial Arts Class. Initials "B.R." on inside label. Phone 372-4761.

1977 Softball Schedule

WOMEN'S TEAMS

1. Loft
2. Tecoya
3. Kalamity Klutz
4. Ahwahnee Women

WOMEN'S GAME SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 7	LOFT vs. TECOYA
Tuesday, June 14	KALAMITY KLUTZ vs. AHWAHNEE WOMEN
Tuesday, June 21	LOFT vs. KALAMITY KLUTZ
Tuesday, June 28	AHWAHNEE WOMEN vs. TECOYA
Tuesday, July 5	LOFT vs. AHWAHNEE WOMEN
Tuesday, July 12	TECOYA vs. KALAMITY KLUTZ
Tuesday, July 19	PLAYOFF, 1st Place vs. 3rd Place
Tuesday, July 26	PLAYOFF, 2nd Place vs. 4th Place

Championship Game Tuesday, August 1

RULES*

1. The men's (women's) official softball rule book will govern the league.
2. All games will begin at 5:30 (5:45) p.m.
3. Forfeit time is 5:45 (6:00) p.m.
4. No new inning will start after 7:00 (7:30) p.m.
5. A team must have a minimum of 7 players.
6. A maximum of 4 women (men) per team.
7. A maximum of 4 players per team who are not in working or housing unit.
8. No players of either league may play on both leagues.
9. After 2 weeks, rosters must be limited to 18 players.
10. Single elimination playoff at the end of league play.
11. Team trophy awarded to championship team.

*Rules given are for men's league. Women's league rule differences are in parentheses.

1977 Softball Schedule

MEN'S TEAMS

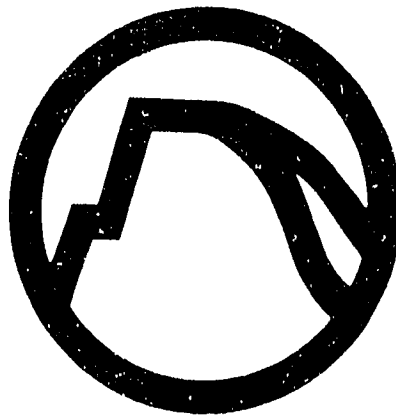
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| 1. YTS | 5. Over-the-Belt Gang |
| 2. Warehouse | 6. Tecoya |
| 3. Cedar Lodge | 7. Annex |
| 4. 3rd Base from the Sun | 8. El Portal |

MEN'S GAME SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 8	YTS vs. OVER-THE-BELT GANG
Thursday, June 9	CEDAR LODGE vs. ANNEX
Monday, June 13	3RD BASE FROM THE SUN vs. EL PORTAL
Wednesday, June 15	YTS vs. WAREHOUSE
Thursday, June 16	CEDAR LODGE vs. OVER-THE-BELT GANG
Monday, June 20	3RD BASE FROM THE SUN vs. TECOYA
Wednesday, June 22	ANNEX vs. EL PORTAL
Thursday, June 23	YTS vs. CEDAR LODGE
Monday, June 27	3RD BASE FROM THE SUN vs. WAREHOUSE
Wednesday, June 29	EL PORTAL vs. OVER-THE-BELT GANG
Thursday, June 30	ANNEX vs. TECOYA
Monday, July 4	YTS vs. 3RD BASE FROM THE SUN
Wednesday, July 6	EL PORTAL vs. CEDAR LODGE
Thursday, July 7	ANNEX vs. WAREHOUSE
Monday, July 11	TECOYA vs. OVER-THE-BELT GANG
Wednesday, July 13	YTS vs. EL PORTAL
Thursday, July 14	ANNEX vs. 3RD BASE FROM THE SUN
Monday, July 18	TECOYA vs. CEDAR LODGE
Wednesday, July 20	OVER-THE-BELT GANG vs. WAREHOUSE
Thursday, July 21	YTS vs. ANNEX
Monday, July 25	TECOYA vs. EL PORTAL
Wednesday, July 27	OVER-THE-BELT vs. 3RD BASE/SUN
Thursday, July 28	WAREHOUSE vs. CEDAR LODGE
Monday, August 1	YTS vs. TECOYA
Wednesday, August 3	OVER-THE-BELT GANG vs. ANNEX
Thursday, August 4	WAREHOUSE vs. EL PORTAL
Monday, August 8	CEDAR LODGE vs. 3RD BASE FROM THE SUN
Playoffs on Tuesday and Wednesday	August 9 and 10
Championship Game	Thursday, August 11

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SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE NEARS

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Information on the application procedure may be obtained from Leroy J. Rust, Yosemite Postmaster and Chairman of the Yosemite Scholarship Commission, or Marian Woessner, Secretary for the Commission. The Scholarship will be awarded in late August for the school year 1977-78.

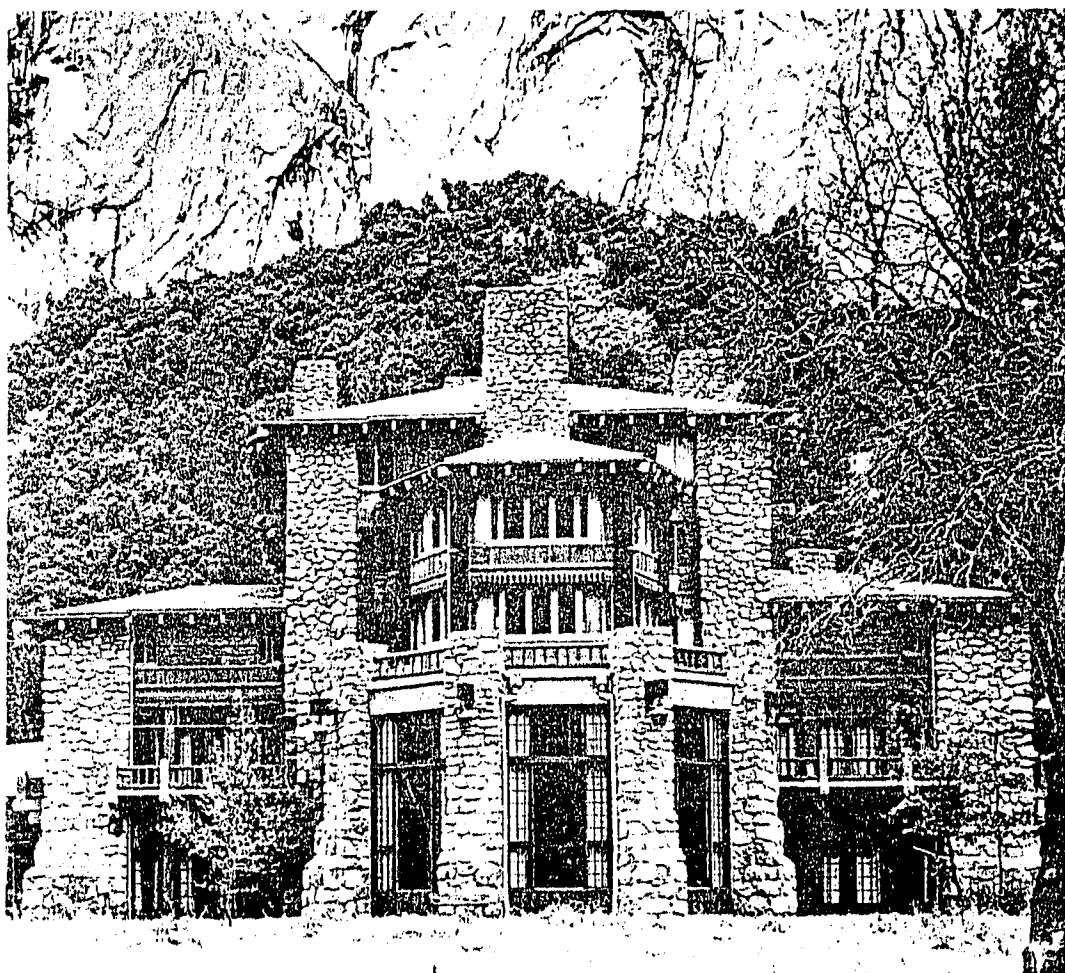
Remember to turn in your application by **July 24!**

POST OFFICE ANNOUNCES SUMMER HOURS

The Main Post Office in Yosemite Village is now open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and closed on Sundays and Holidays. Please check schedule for Saturday mails.

The Yosemite Lodge Post Office is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, while the Curry Village Post Office is open 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

THE AHWAHNEE CELEBRATES GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY



On July 14, The Ahwahnee will officially be 50 years old. In February of this year, The Ahwahnee was placed on the National Register of Historic Places because of its architectural significance. The Hotel is also undergoing over \$400,000 worth of refurbishment and restoration in its Golden Anniversary year.

The first location stake was hammered into the ground of what once was Kenneyville on April 13, 1925, by Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work. He chose the site for The Ahwahnee, knowing that the need for a large-scale stagecoach/stables complex, which Kenneyville was, had come to an end.

The cornerstone for The Ahwahnee was laid in place at 9:45 a.m. on August 1, 1926, as part of two days of festivities commemorating the 75th anniversary of the effectual "discovery" of Yosemite Valley by white men.

By the time July 1927 rolled around, workers and supervisors constructing the Ahwahnee Hotel labored feverishly as they were determined to have the Hotel ready to open on the 14th. Due to their efforts, the Hotel was finished when the first of 200 opening night guests arrived. The evening went smoothly, and another of YP&C Co.'s units began the tradition of providing good guest service.

INN - HOSPITABLE

by Steven W. Lew, Vice President, Hotel Division

We all know we're here to serve the visitors of Yosemite National Park and to provide them with hospitable service. Yet often times we use completely unhospitable business practices.

Have you ever encountered the signs below? At a place in the **hospitality** business?

1. Wait here.
2. Do not enter.
3. Checkout time -- 11 a.m.
4. No personal checks cashed.
5. This cash register closed.
6. Guests must have positive identification upon registration.
7. No reservations without deposit.

While all of these messages are probably necessary, they could be made agreeable or even enjoyable by using a little thought and some imagination. Some hospitality businesses have come up with the following to replace the harsh statement.

1. Please wait here, just briefly.
2. Sorry, this is not an entrance--next door to your right is the entrance.
3. Please don't go, but if you must, please arrange to leave before 11 a.m. Someone else may be waiting for that room.
4. Sorry, we can't accept personal checks except in the exact amount of the bill.
5. Please use other register.
6. Welcome. If you haven't stayed with us before, could you please show us some positive identification?

7. To make certain that your room is held for you, please send us a deposit for one day's rental in advance.

A list of other hospitality turn-offs and negatives might include:

Ropes across entrances to restaurants. Revolving doors that only revolve to a fullback shove.

Seated employees in receptionist spots (hostesses, room clerks, etc.) who don't get up when you come to spend money to help pay their salary.

Cashiers who don't say thank you. Dead-panned receptionists and secretaries.

Employees who walk across guests' paths, making the guest slow, wait, or veer off.

Hostesses who snap their fingers at you to "come this way, stupid, and hurry it up, I'm too busy and important to come to see you."

Telephone operators and answerers who are gruff or leave you hanging for a full minute or longer.

Bellpeople who watch you struggle into the hotel with bags and then, when you reach the front desk, rush up and say, "Checking in?"

We're not talking about the gushy facade of pseudo-hospitality that makes you a plastic robot in the guest's eyes. We just want to make it as easy as possible for the guests to have a pleasant stay and enjoy their contact with you. Look around your work station. Anything there that might seem discourteous to our guests? Next time you go to work, pretend you are a guest. Keep your eyes and ears open for anything the least big slighting. Is there anything that could be confusing to the guests? Is everything arranged so it is easy for your guests to find and simple to understand? If it isn't real easy, perhaps some changes are in order. Check it out, and advise your supervisor. It's well worth the time spent, even if you find everything is guest-oriented.

FOR SALE

Barbeque goats. Call 966-2844.

Red point Siamese kitten. Call Anna at 379-2321 after 5.

Dining room table with 6 chairs. Walnut. \$100. Phone 372-4236.

GE Portable Dishwasher with chopping block on top. White. Will take best offer. Phone 372-4461 x81 or 379-2485.

STRETCHING

H₂O

California, greened by May rains and June showers, still is in short supply of water. As residents and users of Yosemite National Park, we need to be careful in water use and avoid any waste. Although Yosemite is expected to have sufficient water into 1978, some backcountry Park areas may have shallow water supplies in late summer.

The National Park Service asks Valley residents to limit watering of lawns and gardens to between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., while El Portal residents are reminded to water only on weekdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Here are some suggestions to help you in your water conservation efforts:

Use full loads when washing clothes. Wash cars with recycled water; place on lawn if possible, and use bucket, sponge, and biodegradable soap. A better idea is to wash vehicles in the rain. Keeping cars waxed cuts down on the need for wash jobs.

Recycle bath water for plant watering. Wash dishes by hand rather than using a dishwasher, and don't rinse dishes under running water--rinse them in a basin of clear water. If you must use a dishwasher, run with full loads and on short cycle.

Use a glass of water to brush your teeth, instead of letting the water run.

Take "spit baths" using a washcloth and basin of water instead of having a shower or tub bath. Or, in the shower, get wet, turn the shower off, soap down, and rinse off.

Collect rainwater from summer storms and use in car radiators, steam irons, plant watering, washing hair, and other water needs.

Use mild soaps which don't require a lot of rinsing.

Don't let boiling water for soup, tea, or coffee boil away.

Remember to shut all faucets, showers, etc., off TIGHT.

Save kitchen liquids--cooking water, juices drained from canned foods, water "lost" in adjusting temperature, leftover soup broth, etc. This liquid is great for watering plants--it's a natural fertilizer!

If you see any water waste, please call ext. 479. Water leakage requiring plumbing repairs should be called in to both ext. 479 and ext. 416.

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10TH MELLER YEAR BEGINS

The Golden Chain Theatre of oakhurst opened its tenth season on Thursday, June 23, with the world premiere of "Little Orphan Angela". Sub-titled "The Magician's Dirty Tricks!", this new musical melodrama is performed on Friday and Saturday evenings through July 30.

Opening on Thursday, August 4, is "Lilly, the Felon's Daughter," billed as a stirring romantic melodrama. "Lilly" will run on Friday and Saturday nights, closing the season on September 10.

Golden Chain presentations begin at 8:15 p.m. Admission is \$4 per person, with discounted rates for groups of 25 or more. The theatre features cabaret-style seating and is located on Hwy. 41 two miles north of Oakhurst (across from Snowline).

Reservations and ticket information may be obtained by phoning 683-7112 or by writing to Golden Chain Theatre, P. O. Box 604, Oakhurst, CA 93644. Join in the fun--munching popcorn, cheering on the hero, and hissing at the villain!

TENNIS CLUB PLANS FAMILY DAY

The newly-formed Tennis Club has planned a family outing for their members on Sunday, July 24, at the Mariposa Recreation Park.

Activities for the day include tennis, volleyball, children's play area, swimming, tournaments, and a barbeque. The Club has reserved all tennis and volleyball courts for the day.

Club members should bring their own meat, drinks, and table service for the barbeque. Those whose last names begin with **A through F** and **M through V** should bring a salad, while those with last names starting with **G through L** and **W through Z** should bring dessert.

LOST

Kitten, 3 months old. Long-haired, dark striped Tabby with white paws. Male. Call 372-4892 or 372-4611, ext., 253, ask for Dodie.

WOMEN'S GROUP NEWS

The Yosemite Women's Group has planned a busy summer. Recently, new officers for the Group were installed. Those now in office are:

- Co-Chairmen: Linda Abbott and Ann Burchell
- Secretary: Imogene Burgen
- Treasurer: Diana Abrell
- Publicity Co-Chairmen: Mary Francis Wyly and Dru Ehrhardt
- Program Co-Chairmen: Margene Van Wagtendonk and Marci Lew
- Activity Co-Chairmen: Linda Patton and Marian Woessner, assisted by Mary Lou Hicks
- Hospitality Co-Chairmen: Grace Bryant, Ann Graham, and Marsha Lee
- Craft Fair Chairman: Gayle Sleznick
- A.F.S. Weekend Co-Chairmen: Clarisa Garza and Merrie Hinson

The Women's Group has already sponsored a Get Acquainted Coffee, an overnight hike, and their Annual Wawona Playday. Upcoming events include:

JULY 5 - Day Hike to Budd Lake

Fran Scoble will lead a day hike to Budd Lake out of Tuolumne Meadows on Tuesday, July 5. This is a moderately uphill 2-mile hike with great reward at the destination. Car pools will leave the Valley Post Office at 8 o'clock a.m. Call Fran (372-4825) if you plan to go.

JULY 19 - McClendon's Beach Day

The annual family picnic day at McClendon Beach below El Portal, water and weather willing, will be held on Tuesday, July 19. For information, contact Margene Van Wagtendonk (379-2668).

JULY 30 - Wine and Cheese Tasting Party

The Yosemite Women's Group will host an outdoor wine and cheese tasting at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 30, at the Van Wagtendonk's in El Portal. Everyone is invited to sample and enjoy a variety of wines, cheeses, and home-made breads.

Bob Markarian of the Jalco Wine-distributors will be there to answer questions about the wines. Several local musicians will entertain.

Cost for the evening will be \$2 per person. Call Linda Patton (372-4751) or Linda Abbott (372-4700) for reservations by July 15.

AUGUST 2 & 3 - Overnight Hike

Overnight hike for ladies and children to Parker Pass. Open to those who can hike 5 miles a day, the group will leave early Tuesday and return late Wednesday. Call Diana Abrell by July 30 for reservations (372-4233).

OUTREACH OFFERS SUMMER SERVICES

Yosemite Outreach is a 24-hour counseling center which operates from mid-May through mid-September of each year. The Outreach staff works to serve visitors and residents needing crisis counseling, information, and referrals, as well as emergency shelter.

Used extensively by full-time and seasonal residents, the service deals with Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Rape, Suicide, Sexuality (birth control, VD, unplanned pregnancy), and Relationship Problems (parents, spouses, girlfriend-boyfriend). Counseling services are provided on a short-term basis free of charge, with case consultation and referral to Mental Health Services of Mariposa County if appropriate.

The Steering Committee administers the Outreach program each year, including monitoring and evaluating the project. This group of community members meets on the first and third Thursday of each month. The Steering Committee would like to invite any interested members of the Community to attend their meetings. The next one is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Yosemite Medical Group.

Outreach is funded by donations from the Yosemite Community Council, individuals, the National Park Service, and YP&C Co. Personal donations should be made through the Community Council.

Staff members selected for this year are: Linda C. Lucas, Project Coordinator Tom Maulsby, Nicholas Ozier, and Susan Krome

Each are experienced counselors, with a wide background in counseling, and have selected various aspects of Social Work, Psychology, Therapy, and Counseling for their careers.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

- July 4 - Peter Pan (G)
- July 11 - Midway (PG)
- July 18 - And now for Something Completely Different (PG)
- July 25 - Reivers (PG)
- August 1 - Swashbucklers (PG)
- August 8 - Sugarland Express (PG)

ACTIVITIES

Clown School meets weekly in the Employee Rec. Office. Sessions are held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. (Tecoya B-4). Join the fun and learn how to clown around.

Co-ed water polo is scheduled for the Lodge pool Tues. and Thurs. evenings at 6:00.

All Park employees are invited to a Luau on Friday, July 22. Watch for "Happenings"--it will list time, place, and cost for this dinner-dance.

For an evening of fun, take part in the Great Valley Review Talent Night. Show off your talents or just watch the creativity of genius at play. The event will be held on Thursday, July 28, at the Visitor Center between 7:30 and 10 p.m. There is a 50c cover charge. Auditions take place Mon., July 11, at 7p.m. and Tues. July 12, at 3 p.m., in the Curry Conference Room. The First Place winner will receive a \$60 gift certificate, while a \$25 gift certificate will go to Second Place.

CREDIT UNION REPORTS DIVIDEND

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Main Post Office building, Monday,
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Or call
Hal Smith at 372-4750.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Men's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:30 p.m.
MOVIE (see Column) Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Women's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:45 p.m.
Water Polo YL Pool - 6 p.m.
Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting Firehouse - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Men's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:30 p.m.
Clown School Emp. Rec. Office - 6:30 p.m.
Charismatic Prayer Meeting Chapel - 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Yosemite Med. Clinic - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Men's Softball Yosemite Elem. School - 5:30 p.m.
Water Polo YL Pool - 6 p.m.
Bible Study Chapel - 8 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.
Jewish Services Chapel - 8 p.m.
Movie Tuolumne Meadows - 10 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Sabbath School (7th Day Adventist) Church Bowl - 10 a.m.
Church Service (7th Day Adventist) Church Bowl - 11 a.m.
Mass Schoolhouse, Wawona - 5 p.m.
Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 5:30 p.m.
Mass Dana Campfire Circle, TM - 6 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Wawona Campground Amphitheatre - 8:30 a.m.
Worship Services Lower River, Lower Pines Campgrounds - 9 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service Dana Campfire Circle, TM - 10 a.m.
Worship Service Hotel Wawona - 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service (Lutheran) Chapel - 11 a.m.
Church School Church Bowl - 11:15 a.m.
Worship Service Church Bowl - 11:15 a.m.
Sacrament Meeting (LDS) Chapel - 1 p.m.
Priesthood Meeting (LDS) Chapel - 2 p.m.
Worship Service Schoolhouse, Wawona - 6 p.m.
"A Christian Gathering" Chapel - 6 p.m.
Worship Service (So. Baptist) Chapel - 8 p.m.
Movie Wawona - 10 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, July 4 Independence Day
Tuesday, July 5 Women's Group Day Hike to Budd Lake
Wednesday, July 6 Employee Dance, Curry Cafeteria - 8 p.m. - Midnight
Thursday, July 7 Lions Club Meeting, The Ahwahnee - Noon
Outreach Steering Comm. Meeting, YMed Group
Monday, July 18 El Portal Community Association Meeting
Tuesday, July 19 Women's Group Day at McClendon's Beach
Women's Softball Playoffs, Elem. School - 5:45 p.m.
Thursday, July 21 Lions Club Meeting, The Ahwahnee - Noon
Outreach Steering Comm. Mtg., Yos. Med. Group
Friday, July 22 Employee Luau - 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 24 Deadline for Yosemite Scholarship Applications
Tennis Club Family Day, Mariposa
Tuesday, July 26 Women's Softball Playoffs, Elem. School - 5:45 p.m.
Thursday, July 28 The Great Valley Review Talent Night - 7 to 10 p.m.
Saturday, July 30 Women's Group Wine & Cheese Tasting Party
Tuesday, August 1 Women's Softball Championship Game, Elem. School - 5:45 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday, August 2 and 3 Women's Group
Overnight Hike to Parker Pass
Thursday, August 4 Lions Club Meeting, The Ahwahnee - Noon

JUST FRIENDS

"Just Friends" is now appearing Tuesday through Saturday nights at the Ahwahnee Hotel Indian Room, sending out a unique blend of pulsating beats and smooth vocal arrangements. Marci Lynne, a striking brunette, is the featured vocalist. The band consists of Larry Klein, drums; Isaac Gutman, guitar and bass; and Rick Hils, keyboard.

Marci Lynne has appeared with such talents as Sammy Davis, Jr. and Wayne Newton, plus comedians Professor Irwin Corey, Robert Klein, and Gabe Kaplan. Television fans should recognize her from Johnny Carson's "The Tonight Show" and the "Ed Sullivan Show."

In addition, she has toured extensively in the United States, and her singing talent has proven to be a popular attraction in the vast Sheraton, Playboy, and Hilton hotel chains in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, and South America. While in New York, Miss Lynne studied acting with Charles Nelson Reilly and the Herbert Bergoff School of Acting.

Larry Klein has played drums with Ray Charles, Dick Grove, and Fabian. Along with band member Rick Hils, Larry also has played with big name jazz artists Bud Shank, Conte Condoli, and Kai Winding.

Isaac Gutman played the key part in getting the group together. Through a mutual musician friend in Los Angeles, Isaac met Marci Lynne and "Just Friends" evolved.

Isaac, born in Russia, has been in the United States for just two and a half years. Before coming to California, he worked in Miami with the Carnival Cruise Lines. Isaac has done numerous recording sessions, working with some of Southern California's finest musicians.

Rick Hils, like Larry, grew up in a musical home. He has classical training with jazz experience. He played with the Valley College jazz band in Southern California for three years. Before his Yosemite experience, Rick was with jazz musicians Kai Winding and Conte Condoli.

"Just Friends" has a tremendous repertoire. They perform such classics as "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "Once I had a Secret Love" to "Delta Dawn," "Evergreen," and a medley of Stevie Wonder and K. C. and the Sunshine Band hits.

Marci has a line in one of her favorite songs that goes "Hello there, old friend of mine; it's good to know my best friend has come home again." "Just Friends" might just become old friends of yours. Stop by the Indian Room soon.

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AROUND THE PARK

Perhaps the biggest event happening in the Park in July was the 50th Anniversary of The Ahwahnee. Many old-timers and Park friends gathered at the Hotel on July 14 to celebrate its opening 50 years before. The official ceremony included speeches, the unveiling of a plaque commemorating The Ahwahnee's 50 years of service to Park visitors, and the introduction of Shirley Sargent's new book, "The Ahwahnee: Yosemite's Classic Hotel," which chronicles the Hotel's story from conception to coming of age.

Guests at the cake-and-champagne reception viewed a replica of the Hotel in the form of a special cake made and decorated for the occasion by Ahwahnee Pastry Chef Ray Wilson. Also on exhibit were memorabilia from the Hotel's early years and, on permanent display in the Lobby, a part of the Company's collection of Indian baskets.

That evening, the Hotel offered its dinner guests the choice of an entree from its original 1927 menu, stuffed squab.

Years of service were celebrated earlier by employees at the Curry Cafeteria. In her 12th season at the kitchen is Mary Lamb, while Ora Martin is here for her 25th season. Leo O'Sullivan is again Lead Store Person, in his 27th season. But "Frenchy" tops them all. Henrietta Dillon, a native of France, returned on May 28th to the Cafeteria and began her 30th season.

Another close group of employees who return year after year are those at the Big Trees Tram. Rosella Armstrong and Elsie Rose report some of the happenings in the Grove. "Big Trees Tram is open again for the summer, one of the lovely places to work in Yosemite. The

PERSONNEL-ITY QUESTIONS

by D. E. Quigley, Director of Administration

One of the most effective signs I have ever seen is located in the dry cleaning establishment of a very small town. It

says:

"If you like our work, tell others; if you don't, tell us--we are the only ones who can do anything about it."

In the Personnel and Employee Relations area, we like to apply this slogan. If you have a question or a problem regarding personnel matters, see us--we're the ones who can supply the information or remedy the problem--that's what we're here to do.

It has always been a source of amazement to me that a person will depend upon another employee for information that may be totally unrelated to the employee's field of work, particularly on matters of importance such as employment opportunities, housing, wages, benefits, security, training and general personnel policy. It is not uncommon for me to be involved in

trees standing in all their glory after a good rain. All the regular employees have returned, some of many years standing, somewhat like some of these beautiful trees. It is a pleasure to help the guests enjoy their visit in the Park.

An interesting experience in early June. A group of guests from Australia enjoyed their trip through the Grove. A Mr. Curtis was among the group and presented us with a boomerang made from Sequoia wood, which was shipped to Australia from California some 90 years ago. (Since then there has been an embargo on shipping of Sequoia wood and logging is no longer allowed.) The boomerang was presented as a symbol of

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a conversation with an employee who I find has been the "victim" of some incorrect information that has been supplied by a friend of someone who was not qualified to adequately impart information on a particular topic. Very often the person supplying the information hasn't been employed much longer than the one asking the question. Such misinformation frequently leads to an unhappy set of circumstances that could probably have been avoided. This, in turn, can unnecessarily detract from an otherwise satisfying Yosemite experience. It may effect performance on the job and it can, more importantly, influence the treatment of our guests. In each of the employee housing areas, the following listing of people is posted for your use if needed:

Rick Vocelka, Manager of Personnel
Tony Caputo, Manger of Employment
Jerry Doyle, Manager of Employee Housing
Jim Edeal, Manager of Employee Benefits
Steve Hosler, Manager of Wage and Salary Administration
Neal McDonald, Security Chief
Brian Grogan, Training Coordinator

Remember: Ask where it will do the most good--it's important to you, our Company, and our guests.

QUIET HOURS

are from
11 p.m. to 7 a.m.

Remember to be considerate of your neighbor--sometime you'll want it quiet so you can sleep, too.

LETTERS

July 18, 1977

Edward C. Hardy
Chief Operating Officer
Yosemite Park and Curry Co

My dear Ed:

We have reached home after one of the very best trips to Yosemite National Park that we can remember. We had three of the happiest days we have enjoyed in many years, and your consideration of us and all that you, your thoughtful and kind employees did for us brought us the vast pleasure and well being that we experienced. Your hospitality and generosity magnificent, and both Grace and I want to again express our gratitude, along with our deep and abiding admiration for outstanding quality of the services you and your staff are making available to the public.

As we saw your organization in action, and especially their cordial and courteous meeting and serving the public, we are sure no other national park has a concessioner more deserving of praise in terms of satisfaction and pleasure than does Yosemite. Again our congratulations to you and your associates.

We were a little tired on arrival back in Los Angeles, but really benefitted from the trip both physically and in spirit. It was good for us to make the trip - little under 1000 miles for a couple 87 years of age. We gained confidence in ourselves. Of course, we owe much to our valued friends, Elaine and Bill Atwood, who were with us, Bill doing the driving of our car.

The commemoration of the Ahwahnee's 50th anniversary was a most enjoyable affair, and a success from every standpoint, and here again your staff and all employees participating deserve heartfelt commendation. Tony Sauber telephoned me this morning and I was pleased to report to him how great was our enjoyment of our trip and the wonderful treatment we received from you and your staff and Les Arnberger and his associates.

I hope your trail and mine will cross again soon. Grace and I join in more gratitude and in warmest and kindest regards to your charming mother and wife and you.

Faithfully yours,
Horace Marden Albright

(Editor's Note: Mr. Albright was the second Director of the National Park Service and has been closely associated with Yosemite since 1915.)

Garage Sale

August 6, after 12 noon. Last house on Yosemite Way, Foresta. Motorcycle, geodesic dome, loom and weaving supplies, and more. 379-2436.

Free

Free kitten to anyone with permanent housing. Call 372-4775.

NOTE

The article, "Just Friends" in last month's *Sentinel* was written by Anne Gnas, who is the Transportation Agent at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

Fishy Lecture

Submitted by Garrett De Bell

Ichthyologists will not want to miss Professor Warren Q. Wonka's slide-illustrated lecture on "The Native, Naturally Occurring Fish Populations of the Yosemite High Country." The lecture will be given at Noon on Tuesday, August 20, in the Church Bowl. Dr. Wonka, of Stanford University, has devoted his professional career to the study of the native fish of the Yosemite high country, primarily above 9,000 feet. Dr. Wonka will conclude his talk with a short walk to Mary Lake.

SEE YOU IN THE FALL

SUMMER. It's a time for doing things. Like backpacking or hiking, fishing, climbing, swimming, riding bicycles, seeing new places, and making new friends. It also, unfortunately, may bring disaster to those unskilled or careless.

The cardinal rule for summer leisure activities is to do only what you know, deep down inside, you have the skills and expertise to accomplish. When you are the master of the situation, you can almost always figure a way out of any unpleasant occurrence.

It is also important to avoid the various heat illnesses, such as heat asthenia, heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke. If it's 95 in the shade, you know it's hotter in the sun--so on those hot days, try to avoid exertion. Stay as much as possible in a cool environment. The best thing you can do to prevent heat illness is to drink *plenty* of fluids and consume a good amount of salt each day, either on your foods or in the form of a salt tablet. If someone get heat stroke (also known as sunstroke), get the patient in contact with a doctor immediately--it is a severe medical emergency!

WATER PLAY

Rivers may not be rushing this year, but there still can be strong currents in seemingly calm pools--so take care. Remember swimming is not allowed west of El Capitan Bridge. Other important "don'ts" include never swimming alone, when tired, after a heavy meal, or when overheated. Don't get into water that is too deep for you because of experience, recent practice, temperature, or distance from the shore. Don't overextend yourself--drowning is the leading cause of accidental death for those 5-24 years old.

BICYCLES

Bicycles are a great way to get around the Valley. The east end, since it is open only to shuttle buses, cyclists, and pedestrians, is perfect for cycling. It is also a cooler section of the Valley. If you decide to visit Mirror Lake, be sure to park your bike at the designated area at the bottom of the grade and walk up the trail. Several bikers have had accidents on the steep grade, and it seems only wise to take the other route.

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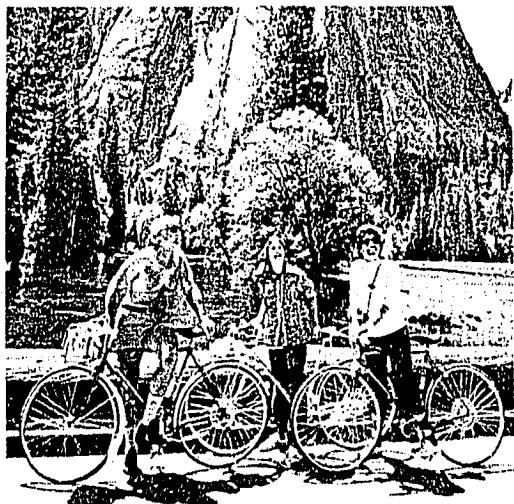
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You'll want to keep your bike in top condition--brakes, lights, reflectors, and warning horn or bell in good shape. Remember bike etiquette--observing traffic laws, using hand signals, giving pedestrians the right of way. Be sure to reduce speed at all intersections, looking both ways before crossing, and watch for automobiles pulling out onto the road. If you ride at night, wear white or bright clothing.

ON THE TRAIL

Hiking, camping, and backpacking are generally favorite leisure-time ventures enjoyed by Yosemite residents. A few ideas, if practiced, can make an unexpected situation bearable, rather than causing a sad ending.

Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to be back. Practice the "buddy system." Take another friend with you (preferably two)--it can be fatal to go alone.



If you're new to the sport, or if you have a fancy new piece of equipment, make a trial run close to home--or in a public campground (such as the National Forest Campgrounds located out of the Park on Hwys. 41, 120, and 140) where you will have water, phones, transportation, and

people nearby in case you need help. And break in that new pair of boots before you attempt any long hikes, or you'll long for your moleskin and old comfy pair. One way to break them in and get yourself conditioned is to take daily 15-minute walks.

Check your gear, making sure all is in shape. Look for any "wear and tears" from your last outing. Waterproof the equipment you expect will keep other things dry. Take your "topo" map and compass, and be sure you know how to use them.

Look over your equipment list. Are basic first aid supplies included? How about a poncho for rain protection? Sun tan or sun block lotion? Will your equipment fill every possible need? Nights are cold, storms can be sudden, and it's easy to get hurt when you're watching the view and not the trail.

If you have any questions, be sure you get them answered **before** you go. NPS Rangers can give you tips to help you enjoy your time more. They have several programs on backpacking which are listed in *Yosemite Guide*. Play it safe and be prepared.



CLIMBING

To some, the sight of a sheer piece of granite looming above is awesome. Others want to conquer it, to climb it, to know it. Climbing is a skilled sport, and if you want to try it, get yourself a good teacher. Your friend may be a climber,

PROMOTIONS

KEITH CALHOUN - Manager of Four Seasons and Broiler Room. Has worked as Cashier at Four Seasons, Assistant Manager of the Loft, and Auditor at Badger Pass.

LINDA CHADBOURNE - Manager, Yosemite Lodge Apparel. Promoted from Apparel Clerk at the Village Store.

STEVE LEE - Assistant Manager of Four Seasons and Broiler Room. Experienced waiter and bartender; completed Hotel School in Vermont.

JOHN PLOETZ - Manager of Mountain Shop. Was sales clerk at Mountain Shop and, most recently, Manager of Village Sport Shop.

DELIA SIMON - Confidential Secretary to Chief Operating Officer. Joined YP&C Co. as Secretary to Food & Beverage Manager; was Executive Secretary to Vice President of Hotels.

GERYL SMITH - Manager of Village Sport Shop. Prior Company experience in Accounting and managerial positions. Has worked in three other National Parks.

TINA VINCENT - Internal Auditor, Yosemite Lodge. Has worked at Curry Front Desk, as Night Auditor at Curry Village, and in Accounting Dept.

DON WILLARD - Chief Auditor. Participated in Management Trainee Program and was in charge of Food & Beverage at Yosemite Lodge. Also has hospitality experience outside and a B.A. in Economics.

but he probably didn't learn how to teach climbing. One excellent source for teachers is at the Yosemite Mountaineering School, located at Tuolumne Meadows this summer. Some of the best climbers in the area are instructors for YMS, and they offer a full range of classes. Besides Basic and Intermediate Classes in climbing, survival, alpencraft seminars, snow and ice climbing, and guided climbs are offered by the school.

AROUND THE PARK

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freedom of flight between the people of Australia and the people of California.

We were all impressed and moved by this experience. And after all, isn't this what it is all about? People to People.



Flags flew from each tram and dispatchers were dressed in red, white, and blue for the 4th of July. The weekend was a record at Big Trees Tram, weather was cool. The guests received a great tour from the first tram at 8 a.m. to the last tram at 7:30 p.m. All in all, we carried in one day 2,500 guests, a busy, beautiful 4th of July.

We have had many, many groups this past month. Some that stand out above the rest were the 75 Cerebral Palsy young people that spent hours laying on their blankets under the giant trees, absorbing the massive beauty around them.

Many top officials from foreign countries, including Japan, and the Park Service from Nicaragua have been particularly appreciative of the Grove, many remarking that 'this was the highlight of their trip.' "

Marte Miller and her crew opened White Wolf on June 17 for the summer. With great fishing, hiking, and wildflower gardens, White Wolf is a favorite day-off visit. The Lodge serves breakfast and dinner, with lunchtime snack service. Only a 45-minute drive from the Valley, White Wolf is located one mile off of the Tioga Pass Road.

The staff of White Wolf includes returnees Betty Walrond, Leigh Selif, Dana Curry, and Paula Strangemeyer; new employees Tom Driemeyer, Steve Duchein, Patti Fyllins, and Art Venezuela; and transferring from other YP&C units, Marlene McWalter, Mary Saunders, and Dave Weller. Martha Miller, a Curry employee for some years, is Manager of White Wolf, her third season at that position.

The White Wolf reporter says:

"Things are very peaceful here--some-what like a small country town. All of us feel more like a big family running a little resort. Guests are very friendly and relaxed. Good fishing, day hikes, and entertaining horse rides led by Ed Bailey.

We've been having beautiful afternoon thundershowers which leave us with spectacular sunsets. The food is excellent--especially dinner.

We've had many power failures from the generator going out, no hot showers until recently, and the refrigeration and phone went out on us! But nothing exciting has happened so far."

White Wolf was first seen by white men in the 1880's. John Meyer, who happened on the alpine meadow, homesteaded 120 acres of land which he used mainly for cattle grazing. An interesting history of White Wolf, Tuolumne Meadows, and the High Sierra Camps, as well as descriptions of connecting trails, activities, and camp facilities is given in Shirley Sargent's recently-released book "Yosemite's High Sierra Camps." Twelve illustrations accompany the concise text; the booklet is available in local stores (\$1).

Another new book is "Natural Foods for the Trail," written by Aubrey Wallace. Over 100 recipes for delicious trail meals are contained in this new cookbook which emphasizes using natural foods--rolled oats, whole brown rice, nuts, seeds, fruit, etc. The clear instructions and simple directions are perfect for the trail when you want to spend your time enjoying nature, not cooking. Also given are ideas on preparing ahead for the trip, including how to make your own jerky

including how to make your own jerky and dried foods. Minimizing impact on the environment is also emphasized (\$3).

Ranger walks, talks, and slide presentations can help you enjoy your time in Yosemite more fully. Something is happening all the time and in all areas of the Park. The *Yosemite Guide*, available at all ranger stations and front desks, includes a schedule of activities you may want to enjoy in your off-hours. A wide variety of programs is offered from "Lost or Found?" to "What's Bugging You?", "Bottom Bump" to "The Essential Flame." Birds, art, music, stars, bears, fire, water, rocks, flowers, trees, campfire programs, day-long hikes, Indians, history, water, John Muir, and photography are some of the subjects covered.



YP&C Co's programs are also listed in the *Guide*, such as Bill Melton's and Dana Morgenson's Slide Programs and Dana's Camera Walks. These are also very popular with guests and residents alike, and many people repeat the experience on their vacations year after year.

WHAT'S COOKING

PEPPER SALAD Serves 6

For a bright, cool, lively summer salad, try Pepper Salad. The recipe is below and is quick and easy to fix.

2 medium sweet (bell) peppers
3 medium firm tomatoes
1/2 cup olive oil
3 Tablespoons red wine vinegar
1 1/2 teaspoon chopped chives
1 1/2 teaspoons parsley

Wash peppers and cut in half, removing membrane and seeds. Slice thinly into serving dish. Wash tomatoes, slice thinly, and arrange in serving dish. Pour olive oil over entire salad. Sprinkle vinegar, chives, and parsley evenly over mixture. Serve cold.

Animal Of The Month

by Sandy Dengler



BRUSH RABBIT

Sylvilagus bachmani

"Look at the cute bunny! Hey, where did he go?"

Like a furry little phantasm, the brush rabbit appears and disappears at will. His grised, grey-buff color blends right into the forest duff. And he's tiny. About a foot long, he weighs less than two pounds.

The brush rabbit is so named because he rarely hops more than a few feet from close cover. The moment danger threatens he vanishes back into the dense brush (and there's lots of danger--hawks, owls, all the predators, and even snakes).

The brush rabbit occurs from western Oregon south to the tip of Baja, California, including western California wherever there is a heavy cover--the coast, coast range, and Sierra western slope.

Indeed, the western border of our park is, excuse the pun, a hareline. In this area hares and rabbits rarely occur above 4200 feet. Thus, the Yosemite Valley and Wawona are just barely within range. Hares (jackrabbits) and rabbits are common at lower elevations and absent from higher country.

Like their close cousins the cottontails, brush rabbits eat a variety of plants: wildflowers, buckthorn, grasses, and thistles.

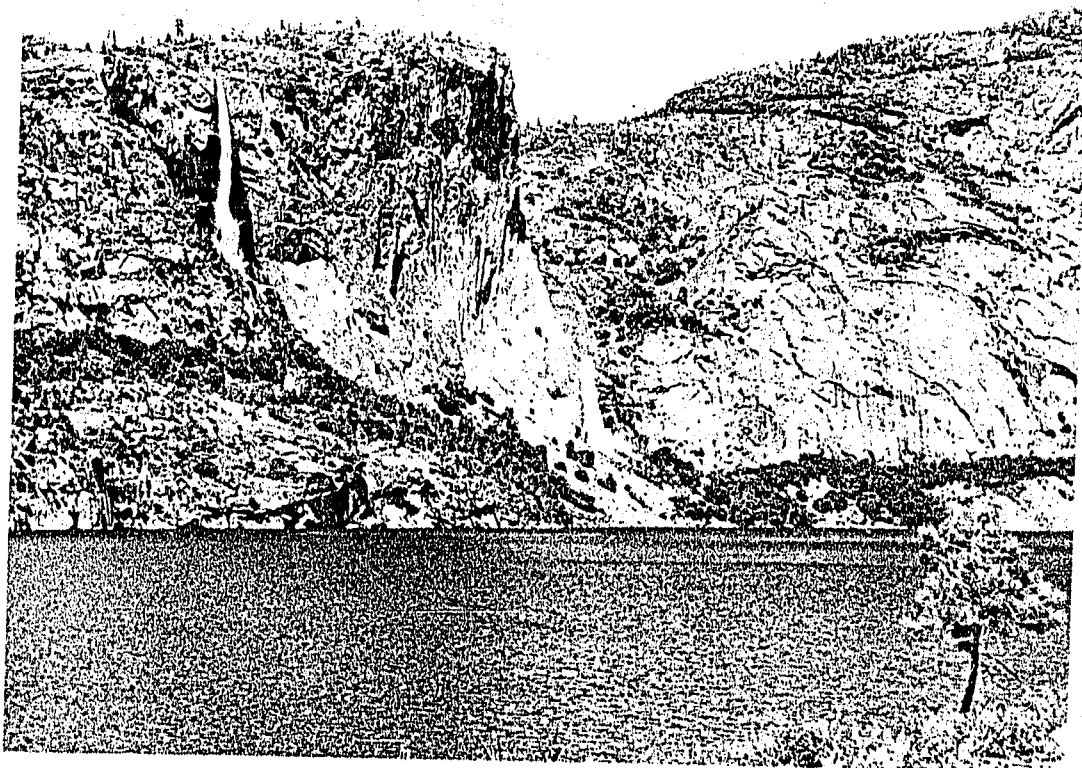
Momma bunny bears from two to five nearly-naked babies. Their eyes, like puppies', are closed for their first few days.

The best times to watch for these cuddly phantoms is at dawn or at dusk when they feed.

"Drought Conditions Ease"

It is headlines like the one above that cause people to start being careless about their use of water again. Our normal, good winter rains probably will not arrive until November . . . unless this winter is a repeat of last year. Water must be used wisely all over the State in order for us to make it through the summer of 1978 and beyond. Reservoirs, although some are filling slightly, are far below average levels. They must be filled and maintained at a high level if we are to face another dry year in the next few years.

Last summer--remember how it was? Everyone was saying that 1976 was a dry year, but with rains in late August and September, we knew what a hard winter we were in for. But when the winter came, the storms didn't, and neither did any snow. Tioga Pass was open the latest on record--December 29, when it was closed due to predictions of stormy weather. Finally coming, there was lots of snow--enough to open Badger Pass on January 3. But then, it was off again, on again. The snow never had a chance to pack. And Tioga opened on April 8, two days earlier than 1976 and the earliest opening except for 1972, when it opened on April 1. So we've had two very dry years in a row. Even if we get lots of moisture this summer, it's no guarantee that we'll have a wet winter.



HOW LONG WILL IT BE BEFORE SAN FRANCISCO'S WATER SUPPLY, HETCH HETCHY RESERVOIR, AGAIN IS AT THE FULL MARK?

GREAT VALLEY REVIEW SUCCESSFUL

On Thursday evening, July 27, the Employee Recreation Department sponsored the First Annual Great Valley Review. A packed auditorium enjoyed the employee talent show, and with 16 excellent acts, judging was difficult.

First place and a \$60 gift certificate went to Paul Levin from Y.T.S. who played his "chin."

Second place winner of a \$25 gift certificate was Youmi Kimura, from Curry Cafeteria. Youmi performed Chopin's Scherzo in Bb Minor.

Pearl and Bill Wolfegoldsmith claimed third place and two hams from the Village Store. Employed at the Lodge Gift Shop, they sang old home music and played the banjo and guitar.

Water conservation makes sense. When you're tempted to be a little less careful, think about what it would be like if we had another dry year . . . and another one. Save water. Later you may be very glad you did.

TAKE TIME TO LOOK

With the full heat of summer upon us, it often seems a little ambitious to do all that strenuous hiking and climbing you'd planned on doing. Hot summer days make you just want to sit around and do almost nothing on your days off.

On one of those lazy summer days, take a walk, car or tram to your nearest meadow. If you remember to be careful, your exploration won't cause very much impact on the meadow, and you'll see a fascinating new little world.

You'll be surprised at all you can see from a path running through the meadow. The grasses are beginning to turn a tawny gold, and late wildflowers are in bloom. The oak trees' acorn crop is ripening, and Steller's Jays warn the meadow dwellers that a human is approaching. The squirrels run chattering up a tree, and the deer stare a few moments and bend to graze once more.



Get a little nearer to the meadow world. Examine the grasses closely--can you tell that they are related to the flower family? Some have "leaves," and, depending on the time of year, you can see grasses in bloom. Milkweed plants occur frequently in the meadows. Find some of the tall azalea bushes with their clusters of green leaves. Gently move the branches and look all over the plant. The azaleas were covered with blossoms a month or two ago, but sometimes you can find a few flowers as late as November. The blossoms are creamy white and resemble fuchsias.

Now for the lazy part! Find a seat close to one of the milkweeds. See the insects that are crawling around with bright orange-red markings on them? There are many different types of these insects, but they each have that peculiar color. Those are milkweed bugs and that color is a type of protection for them. Milkweed is very bitter and poisonous, and that trait is often passed on to



whatever animals eat milkweed. As a result, once a predator eats a milkweed bug, he won't eat anything with that brilliant marking.

It works the same way for butterflies, too. The famed Monarch butterfly is a milkweed eater, and birds learn very quickly to avoid Monarchs. Since birds are about the only predators of butterflies, it might seem that this could cause an unbalance in nature. It doesn't though, because the Viceroy butterfly has adapted markings very similar to those of the Monarch. Viceroys are very tasty to birds, so when a bird spots a Monarch, he associates him with the Viceroy and preys on the Monarch. That bird probably won't eat another Monarch or Viceroy for some time!

There are lots of insects out in the meadows, and they're fascinating to watch. The proverbial ants live in Yosemite, too, and you can see them, industrious as ever, carting bits of food home or cleaning house and shoving tiny pebbles out of their holes.

You might see a snake (they're very shy, and--since rattlers don't frequent meadows much--the ones you happen on are probably harmless). The meadows are also the home of gophers, moles, and shrews.

You may be wondering now about how meadows form and what happens to them. "The theory of ecological procession in the development and eradication of meadows" is very simple. Once the meadow was under water; then, enough silt built up to raise the area to within several inches of the surface. Sedges started growing, and slowly the water level dropped. What was formerly a pool, pond, or lake became a marsh, and then the grasses began to take over. Little by little other small plants came, and perhaps one day an acorn found itself on some nice soft

squishy soil and began growing. The acorn grew to be an oak tree, and the meadow continued expanding on all sides. But one day it met the forest and could not penetrate the grove. Being neighbors, they learned to cooperate and began sharing--some little firs and pines started to grow in the meadow and grasses found a few sunlit patches in the forest. One day, the forest will expand and cover the meadow, but it hasn't yet, so while your meadow is still here, get intimate with it and learn a few of its secrets. Try and spend a few hours in the warm, sun-lit meadow, with the blue sky overhead and the birds singings. If you're very quiet and don't move, the animals will soon think of you as an odd log, and then will go about their own business while you're there.



Spend an afternoon in the meadow--it isn't very hard to do, especially on a drowsy day.

Yosemite's Dream Railroads

Steve Harrison

The story of the Yosemite Valley railroad - the only passenger-carrying railroad to reach the boundary of Yosemite National Park - is well known to us as a result of Hank Johnston's books on the subject. But there were other railroads in Yosemite's past. Most were only the wishful thinking of citizens or the dreams of a group of visionaries. But a few got beyond being mere dreams, when construction was actually commenced and track laid. The history of these railroads tells us something of California politics in the second half of the 1800's, politics in which Yosemite was helplessly caught up.

One of the earliest of these never-to-be-completed railroads was the San Joaquin & Sierra Nevada Railroad. (S.J.&S.N.) This narrow gauge road, backed by gentlemen from Sacramento and Stockton was started on the Mokelumne River near Lodi in 1881 and by the end of the year, 30 miles of track had been laid reaching to the Calaveras-San Joaquin County line. But when the railroad people tried to sell bonds in San Francisco to raise much needed money, they ran head-on into the most powerful and dominant group in California, the Southern Pacific Railroad. At that time, the Southern Pacific was not just a railroad. The Company controlled nearly all shipping and transportation in the State as well as many judges and elected officials. Their power was unsurmountable as they went to work in the State's financial circles to stop the S.J.&S.N. The San Joaquin & Sierra Nevada people were forced to go to the east coast to raise capital. When the Southern Pacific heard this, they announced the start of construction on a railroad from Berenda (near Madera) to Yosemite. They assembled about 400 men with teams for the construction project. When this news reached the east, no one would buy S.J.&S.N. bonds and the Southern Pacific's bluff had succeeded. As the Sonora *Union Democrat* sadly observed, "the San Joaquin and Sierra Nevada fell an easy prey to the railroad octopus." The narrow gauge was sold to the Southern Pacific and shortly thereafter, the Southern Pacific ceased work on their railroad from Berenda which had only been a tool in their unrelenting efforts to monopolize transportation in California.

Then there was the Denver & Oakland Railroad, another narrow gauge to run across the Sierra Nevada just north of

Yosemite Valley. The survey party actually reached Yosemite Creek during the summer of 1882 on their way toward Oakland. But a month later, the surveyors were reportedly lying idle in Yosemite Valley and that was the last heard of the Denver & Oakland.

During the summer of 1883, a newspaper reported that "some citizens of Fresno are working themselves into a sweat about a railroad from that place into Yo Semite Valley." But the writer correctly pointed out that "when the railroad master (Southern Pacific) say the Fresno people may have a road to the Valley, they can get it, not before."

In 1886, the Southern Pacific legitimately commenced work on the railroad from Berenda toward Yosemite. The company was incorporated as the San Joaquin Valley and Yo Semite Railroad Company. The broad gauge road was run about 25 miles northwestwardly to Raymond and trains carried Yosemite-bound tourists to that point for decades.

There was some hope of running the railroad on into the mountains to the mining and logging areas around Mt. Raymond and Fish Camp but nothing ever came of it. But the speculation

about a railroad to Yosemite Valley continued.

It came nearer to being a reality in 1896, when the Yosemite Valley and Merced Railway Co. was incorporated with capital stock of \$1,500,000. Surveys and

grading began shortly thereafter and track layers reportedly reached the Merced River, but the project did not get much farther.

And so it was, that not until the 20th Century was a railroad completed to the boundary of the Yosemite National Park. It was the beginning of the end for Yosemite's stage coach era, and, at last, an end to the dream of a railroad to Yosemite.

Editor's Note: Today, the Yosemite Valley Railroad is just a memory, but in an effort to keep that memory alive and preserve the important role in history performed by the railroad, the National Park Service maintains a "Transportation Museum" at El Portal. Located behind the Chevron Service Station, the Museum features a locomotive from the Hetch Hetchy Railroad, as well as a baggage car and caboose from the Yosemite Valley Railroad. Also at the Exhibit are several mechanized vehicles used in the Park during the first part of this century.

FOR SALE

'63 Ford Squire Station Wagon. Neat, funky looking ol' car w/wood paneling on sides and back. Good condition and runs. Has air conditioning and bucket seats. Needs tires and battery. Come see to appreciate. El Portal Trailer Village, #C-3. Home in evening or contact Ken, Parkline Restaurant, El Portal.

'73 Datsun 610, 2-door. Silver. 50,000 miles; engine in good shape. Call ext. 403, ask for Steve, or go to 2006 Annex Cabins.

'67 Olds Vista Cruiser 8-passenger station wagon. Matching oriental rugs, American made, 9x15 and 9x12. English bookcase with half-glass doors. Bicycles, both boy's and girl's. 1880+spinning wheel, working. Call days 372-4202; after 6, 379-2349.

31 ft. Mobile Home Travel Trailer in El Portal. Site A-16, Trailer Village. 1974, lived in 3 months (balance of time in storage). \$6,800. Check at H-59 or write P. O. Box 491, Yosemite.

Sears 10-speed bike. Good condition. \$50. Call 372-4576.

'67 Cougar, \$550; '68 Dodge Station Wagon, \$500. Contact Joe Westmoreland at ext. 241 or, after 6, at 372-4580.

'70 Ford Maverick in good condition. Looks good. \$500. Also, new Sony stereo AM-FM radio, 2 speakers. \$200. See Jane Monroe, Tecoya A-25.

'71 Honda 450. Excellent condition. New clutch, tires, chain, battery, rebuilt engine (rings, cams, valves, etc.) \$900 invested in parts. Sell for \$750 FIRM. Contact Larry Klein of the Ahwahnee band at F-107, Tecoya, or leave name and number at Hotel Front Desk.

1973 Toyota Corona. Station Wagon. Automatic, Air, AM/FM Radio. Must sell below Blue Book price because I'm returning to school. \$1300. Call Jim between 8 and 4 at 372-4461, after 5 at 379-2643.

Lloyds AM/FM stereo receiver-8-track tape player with speakers. Plus Sony portable cassette tape player with mike and speakers. All for \$80. Call 379-2348 after 5 p.m.

YOSEMITE RECREATION

MOVIES

August 8 - MIDWAY

The battle that became the turning point in the Pacific for the U. S. in World War II (PG)

August 15 - DR. STRANGELOVE

A wildly comic nightmare that sees the President of the U.S. and the Premier of the U.S.S.R. cooperating to save the world. (PG)

August 22 - THE BINGO LONG TRAVELING ALL STARS AND MOTOR KINGS

Nostalgic comedy recounting a period made colorful by the lifestyle and character of traveling ball players. (PG)

SPORTS

The softball season is winding up with the Men's Teams playoffs and championship game slated for the third week in August. Teams finishing the regular season in first and third place will play on Monday, August 15; the second and fourth place teams will play on Tuesday, August 16; and the winners of the playoff games will go for the championship on Wednesday, August 17. These games start at 5:30 p.m.

The Women's Softball Championship was the goal of Kalamity Klutzes and Ahwahnee Women on Tuesday, August 2. At press time, the championship team was not known.

Co-ed Water Polo is played at the Yosemite Lodge Pool every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 7:30. Water Polo is a refreshing and fun way to cool off after a hot day in the sun or at work.

ACTIVITIES

The Summer Olympics will take place on Wednesday, August 24. From 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. will be the track meet, followed by a barbeque lasting from 4 to 5 p.m. The evening will feature a swim meet from 7 to 10. Teams are formed by people from the same housing or work units. Anyone interested in competing should contact the Employee Recreation Dept.

A dance has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 31, with "Feathers and Tuolumne." Watch for "Happenings" on your bulletin boards to keep you posted!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

MOVIE (see Column) Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.

Water Polo YL Pool - 7:30 p.m.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting Firehouse - 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.

Charismatic Prayer Meeting Chapel - 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic Yosemite Med. Clinic - 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Water Polo YL Pool - 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study Chapel - 8 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel - 8 a.m.

Jewish Services Chapel - 8 p.m.

Movie Tuolumne Meadows - 10 p.m.

SATURDAYS

Sabbath School (7th Day Adventist) Church Bowl - 10 a.m.

Church Service (7th Day Adventist) Church Bowl - 11 a.m.

Mass Schoolhouse, Wawona - 5 p.m.

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 5:30 p.m.

Mass Dana Campfire Circle, TM - 6 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. - 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

Worship Service Wawona Campground Amphitheatre - 8:30 a.m.

Worship Services Lower River, Lower Pines Campgrounds - 9 a.m.

Worship Service Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service Dana Campfire Circle, TM - 10 a.m.

Worship Service Hotel Wawona - 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service (Lutheran) Chapel - 11 a.m.

Church School Church Bowl - 11:15 a.m.

Worship Service Church Bowl - 11:15 a.m.

Sacrament Meeting (LDS) Chapel - 1 p.m.

Priesthood Meeting (LDS) Chapel - 2 p.m.

Worship Service Schoolhouse, Wawona - 6 p.m.

"A Christian Gathering" Chapel - 6 p.m.

Worship Service (So. Baptist) Chapel - 8 p.m.

Movie Wawona - 10 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, August 15 Men's Softball Playoffs - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16 Men's Softball Playoffs - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 17 Men's Softball Championship - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 18 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon

Wednesday, August 24 Summer Olympics

Wednesday, August 31 DANCE

Thursday, September 1 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee - Noon

Fri. - Mon., Sept. 2-5 Mariposa County Fair, Mariposa

Monday, September 5 Labor Day

Friday, September 9 Admission Day

Freshman Orientation, Mariposa High

Monday, September 12 School Begins

WANTED

Yosemite Elementary School needs Noon Supervisor. One hour per day, \$3.06 an hour. If interested call Mr. Brown at 372-4773.

Needed: Dependable babysitter during day or night. Call 372-4204.

Both bench and bucket seats for '75 Dodge van. Call days 372-4202; after 6, 379-2349.

We give 15¢ for 32-ounce size, 10¢ for 22-ounce size of Ivory Detergent Liquid Soap plastic bottles. Phone Olive at 375-6410.

Y.N.H.A. would like to talk to a resident interesting in organizing and handling fairly frequent mailing projects. This goes on and on. So, we're looking for someone more or less permanent.

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Yosemite National Park, CA

New Controller Named

Mr. Rene Meyer has joined Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as Controller for the Company. Mr. Meyer oversees all Accounting functions and reports directly to Mr. Edward Hardy, Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Meyer comes to Yosemite from Sun Valley, Idaho, where he was Senior Vice President and Operating Officer. Prior to his nine years there, Mr. Meyer was with Price, Waterhouse & Co. in Los Angeles for six years.

An avid skier, Mr. Meyer also enjoys tennis and sailing. His interests include music and the fine arts.

His wife, Diana, and their children, Deidre, Kevin (both 14), Stephanie (13), and Brad (8), recently completed the family's move to Yosemite. The junior members of the family are ski racers.

We welcome the addition of Rene, Diana, and their family to our community and look forward to a long and pleasant relationship.

Training Classes Offered

The schedule for Cashiering Classes during September is:

Basic Cash Handling

- Wednesday, Sept. 7 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 13 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 15 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 21 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 27 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 29 2 p.m.

Retail Cashiering

- Tuesday, Sept. 6 2 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 8 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 14 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 20 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 22 2 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 28 2 p.m.

Cashiering Classes are open to all employees, and all meet at the Training Center.

National Educational Media Films are rotated through Food Service and Front Desk units, and all employees are encouraged to view these training materials. Employees with suggestions concerning the use or preparation of training materials should contact Brian Grogan, Employee Training Coordinator, at

Water, Drought, Animals, and Us

At press time, the El Portal area has gone into Phase 3 of the Water Contingency Plan and Yosemite Valley shifted onto wells and Phase 2. Conservation of water is going to become more important as the year goes on.

Another aspect of the drought is that the amount of water to generate electricity has been reduced severely. The water level of Lake Shasta, for example, is dropping fairly rapidly and power generation becomes less and less possible. Right here in the Valley, the same situation happened with our power plant, so we are having to buy more expensive electricity from PG&E. Conserving electrical power may be necessary this fall and winter to prevent or lessen brownouts and blackouts.

The natural community of Yosemite is more affected by the drought right now than we are. As you may have noticed, many plants are going dormant since water is non-existent for them. The animals, too, are suffering as they must travel farther to find water. Fish and frogs will live in remaining pools of water until they dry ... yet, this drought is an act of nature, and being natural, we shouldn't try to alleviate it any more than you would bring exotic animals into the Park to establish their home.

We can help, though, by being careful in our use of water and in our impact on the animals' environment. Leave the berries for the bears — and other "natural, wild" foods for the animals. We can go to a store and get what we need, but they have to rely on nature. Some of their foods are in short supply this year because of the drought. So save nature foods for nature and stick to the store for yours.

ext. 448 or in the Training Center.

The Employee Training Department also maintains a library of hospitality industry, management, and Park-related materials. Those wishing to use the library should contact Brian Grogan at ext. 448.

Yosemite School Time

School starts at 8:45 a.m. on Monday September 12, at Yosemite Elementary School. New students may be registered between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. September 6 through 9. Please bring immunization information; kindergartners must also have proof of birth.

DUMPSTER FULL?

Have you ever taken your trash to the dumpster and found it full? It does happen, and rather frequently in some areas.

When you find one that's full, don't leave the trash on or near the dumpster. Bears, raccoons, and other animals will carry the garbage off and spread it through the area. Instead, wait until the dumpster is emptied or take your garbage to another one.

There's a better way to beat the solid waste game — recycle! The Recycling Center at the Village Store accepts newspaper, aluminum, bi-metal, tin, glass, cardboard, and chipboard. If you have something unusual you would like to recycle, such as an old car battery, check with the Recycling Center. They'll probably be able to take care of it for you.

Keeping the Park clean and green, protecting the animals from food that would alter their natural foraging habits, and preserving natural resources are all responsibilities of each of us as residents of Yosemite. Let's do our share!

Power To Be Shut Off

The National Park Service will be doing their annual preventive electrical maintenance between September 13 and 23 and will shut off power transmission within Yosemite Valley from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the following days.

Tuesday, September 13 through Friday, September 16.

Monday, September 19, through Friday, September 23.

Letters To The Editor

"A Close Call"

I would like to express my gratitude to all those Annex residents who took part, swiftly and calmly, to contain what could have been a disastrous fire on August 7.

Both male and female residents quickly took to shovels, rakes, and fire hose to stop the spread of flames to nearby dorms, while awaiting the arrival of fire-fighting equipment.

This is a great example of togetherness in community living, which I feel deserves commendation. Many thanks to all who took part.

Sincerely,

Paul Lalone
Ass't Housing Supervisor
Yosemite Lodge Annex

Mariposa County Fair This Weekend

From Friday, September 2, through Monday, September 5, the Mariposa County Fair will be in progress. Featured events include shows, rodeos, demolition derby, carnival rides, judging events, and displays.

Among the categories in competition for the blue ribbons are baked foods, confections, clothing, fine arts, handicrafts, hobbies, photography, textiles, preserved foods, gem stones/lapidary arts, floriculture, and agriculture.

BABYSITTER NEEDED

Desperately need a babysitter in my home. Afternoon/evening. 2½-year-old. Call 372-4807.

MERCED COLLEGE — FALL SEMESTER

by Diana Abrell

A selection of previously offered and new classes will be available this fall from which local residents can choose.

Jim Fraley will again teach Automobile Maintenance in El Portal. This is open to "new" and "old" students. In Yosemite, Donna Habecker will teach Body Dynamics for Women, an exercise class. In El Portal, Mark Forbes and Tom Griffiths will teach Advanced First Aid. This course is being offered especially for the members of the El Portal Volunteer Fire Department but is open to everyone. No previous first-aid is required.

In the field of art, two classes are being offered. Scott Porter of Fresno will teach a Raku Ceramics class. This involves a quick-firing and cooling method of creating clay objects. A batik class will be taught by Linda Abbott. Batik is the art of waxing and dying on fabric. This class will meet two Tuesday afternoons for lecture and preparation of the batik project followed by one or more all day sessions for the actual batiking process.

Barbara Wendt, who lived in Chile three years and taught Spanish-speaking people English, will teach a Spanish class open to beginning and intermediate students. Donald Pitts, the Yosemite magistrate, will teach Advanced Criminal Investigation, open to all those with some law enforcement training or experience. Bill Yaley of Yaley Associates in Mariposa will teach Principles of Real

BIKE RALLY SLATED

The Fall Bike Rally, sponsored by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25 this year.

Registration will take place at the Curry Village Bike Stand, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. All entrants will receive a patch and certificate. Entry fee is 50¢.

The Bike Rally Picnic will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday at the Yosemite Elementary School. The picnic, featuring foot-long hot dogs, beans, soft drinks, and milk, is \$2.75 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12.

For more information, contact the Curry Village Bike Stand, ext 200.

Estate. This class will be directed mainly to the potential home buyer or investor and will cover contracts, agency, real estate financing, deeds, liens, escrow, title insurance, land descriptions, investment in land and houses, and rental management.

A group that was active for many years in Yosemite is being revived. The Book Discussion Group, led by Prof. Edward Bean of Merced College, will meet the second Monday night of each month to discuss a book. The book for the first meeting is *Portrait of a Lady* by Henry James.

Registration for all classes is completed at the first class session or no later than the second session. There is no tuition. Books and supplies can be purchased at the first class. For further information call Diana Abrell, Coordinator, 372-4233.

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Class	Instructor	Dates	Day	Time	Units	Place
Spanish, Beg. & Intermediate	Wendt, Barb.	9/14-12/14	W	7-10	0	YOS
Adv. Criminal Investigation	Pitts, D.	9/13-11/10	T, Th	7-10	3	YOS
Automobile Maintenance	Fraley, J.	9/12-12/12	M	7-10	0	E.P.
Body Dynamics for Women	Habecker, D.	9/15-12/15	Th	7-9	0	YOS
Principles of Real Estate	Yaley, B.	9/15-12/15	Th	7-10	0	E.P.
Batik	Abbott, L.	10/4, 10/6, 10/11, 10/13, 10/18	T, Th	1-4 9-4	0	YOS
Raku Ceramics	Porter, S.	10/3-11/21	M	3-6	0	YOS
Book Discussion Group	Bean, E.	9/12, 10/10, 11/14, 12/12, 1/9	M	8-10	0	Girls' Club
Adv. First Aid	Forbes, M. Griffiths, T.	9/12-11/9	M, W	7-10	3	E.P.

YOS means Yosemite Elementary School and E.P. means El Portal Elementary School

PROMOTIONS

JOHN REGISTER, Auditor, to Curry Village Cafeteria, Assistant Manager.

KATHI BAGINSKI, YTS Transportation Agent, to Yosemite Lodge Secretary.

DAWN DIXON, Village Store Clerk/Cashier, to Ahwahnee PBX.

DAVID DUFOUR, Curry Village Maid, to Reservation Clerk.

RANDALL GRAY, Curry Village Food Service Person, to Curry Village Cafeteria Checker.

ELIZABETH HACKETT, Curry Village Hamburger Stand Attendant, to Curry Village Hamburger Stand Manager.

PAMELA HERTZ, Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria Food Service Person, to Yosemite Lodge Front Desk Clerk.

NANETTE KETTERER, Yosemite Lodge Maid, to Reservation Clerk.

Y.P. & C. Co. Second in Sierra League

The Sierra Fast Pitch League has completed another successful season. The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. team finished in second place with an 18-3 record.

Player Coach Larry Mayes led the team to a successful season, assisted by Bill Tucker. In addition to having eight players named to the Sierra All-Star Team, there was some individual standout effort by members of the Curry Co. team. Mike Brochini took the League Batting Championship with a .432 average for the season, while Jackie Leard scored more runs than anyone in the League — 18 for the season.

Congratulations to team members for such a successful season.

Parents' Group Ready for New Year

The Parents' Group of Yosemite Elementary School is set for the school year of 1977-78, which begins on Monday, September 12. Officers for the Group for the coming year are:

George Spach, President
Marilyn Riegelhuth, Vice President
Merrie Hinson, Secretary
Mary Lou Hicks, Treasurer

FOR SALE: 1968 Mercury Montego MX, 2-door hardtop, power steering, auto. trans., V8, 302 engine, Michelin tires, excellent gas mileage and condition. Call 372-4604 after 4:30, or weekends.

Animal of the Month



Great Horned Owl
*Bubo virginianus**
by Sandy Dengler

September. For most of Yosemite's breeding birds, the romance is over, the nestlings fledged. Love must wait 'til next spring. But for our Great Horned Owls, *l'amour* is just beginning. After an autumn courtship they will brood 2 or 3 white eggs sometime in February (enduring partial starvation to do so) and fledge their youngsters in March or April.

Except for their strange mating schedule they are normal owls. They catch rodents at dusk or night, varying their diet with occasional birds or insects. They are big enough to pick off a housecat now and then, and in some parts of the country are nicknamed "cat owls." Their call is a measured series of deep hoots usually arranged thus: / / / / / (Only the barred owl makes a similar call and he strings about 8 hoots together).

While most owls stake out territories and then guard them jealously, here in the Yosemite the Great Horned Owl often shares a territory with the little Pygmy Owl. Since the Pygmy Owl eats small creatures — mostly insects — its diet is different and it therefore does not compete for food. However, the Pygmy Owl must be careful not to become the Great Horned Owl's entree.

There are several nesting pairs in the Yosemite Valley, at least one at Wawona. Look for them perched close to the trunks of roost trees. They are easily identified as our only large owl (2 ft. long) with white collar and prominent "ears".

**Bubo* = "eagle-owl" in Latin. *Virginianus* = "from Virginia", the state (then a colony) where the owl was first described.

Women's Group Sets Luncheon Date

The Yosemite Women's Group will meet for lunch at Yosemite Lodge on Friday, September 30, at Noon. Jim McDonald will be presenting two films, "Spain After Franco" and "King Arthur's Britain."

Reservations are required for the luncheon; please call Anne Graham at 372-4806 for reservations and meeting place.

Pre-School Registration

Yosemite-El Portal Pre-School Registration will take place on Thursday, September 8, at 10 o'clock at the El Portal Chapel. Any child who will be 3 years old as of December 1, 1977, is eligible.

If you can't make the registration, please call Patty at 379-2258.

United We Stand, Divided...

"During a hike in the woods, a troop of boy scouts came across an abandoned section of railroad track. Each, in turn, tried walking the rails but eventually lost his balance and tumbled off.

"Suddenly two of the boys, after considerable whispering, offered to bet that they could both walk the entire length of the track without falling off. Challenged to make good their boast, the two boys jumped up on opposite rails, extended a hand to balance each other, and walked the entire section of track with no difficulty whatever.

"There, in a nutshell, is the principle of modern business and community living. The day of the hermit and the lone wolf are gone forever. We do things better, we produce more, and we live better by helping each other. The fellow who lends a helping hand benefits himself at the same time as he helps the other fellow.

"The reverse is also true. When we don't help each other, when we don't cooperate, the whole system starts to rattle and shake.

"The difference between a good company and a poor one, an effective department and an inefficient one, is often reflected in the cooperation, or lack of it, among the people who work there. When people help each other, freely and voluntarily, there's a spirit of teamwork that makes a department or company really go — a pleasure to be associated with. When there's no cooperation — no spirit of the helping hand freely given — what might have been pleasant jobs become grudging chores.

"Do you recall when Edmund Hillary and his native guide, Tenzing, made their historic climb of Mt. Everest? Coming down from the peak, Hillary suddenly lost his footing. Tenzing held the line taut and kept them both from falling by digging his ax into the ice. Later Tenzing refused any special credit for saving Hillary's life; he considered it a routine part of the job. As he put it: 'Mountain climbers always help each other.'

"Should the rest of us be any different?"

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SEE A SNAKE?

by Bill Wiley

Since the onset of nighttime lawn watering, several snakes have been seen in the Valley residential area lately.

Many residents are concerned that they may be bitten by a rattlesnake while watering. The current concern probably stems from an increased evening outdoor activity of local residents, rather than an increase in the numbers of snakes, or a "migration" of snakes as has been suggested. Snakes can migrate, but they rarely, if ever, have the need to drink water, which has been claimed the reason for their movement. They do eat rodents, including mice found in lawns and fields. In hot areas, or areas with much human activity, rattlesnakes tend to come out only at night. The only poisonous snake in Yosemite is the western rattlesnake *crotalus viridis*, which has an obvious tail ending in a jointed "rattle." It also has a yellowish or grayish brown body with a series of large dark brown or black blotches along its back, and two rows of small dark spots on its sides. *All other snakes are harmless, as well as beneficial!*

Of the 2.75 million visitors to the Park, almost no one sees a rattlesnake. To avoid danger, it is best to look on the other side of logs or rocks before stepping over them, and not to put hands on ledges above one's head or into areas not clearly visible. Carry a flashlight at night and wear heavy boots if you expect to be in areas where snakes are found.

Rattlesnakes are coldblooded and therefore have no internal heat regulator. They adjust their body temperature by moving between warm and cool sites. Rocks, concrete, and asphalt are favorite evening warming sites. In cooler weather (October - March) they hibernate in burrows or rock crevices. They emerge when the temperature raises to 70° F. Between April and June they are out by day, but in the heat of the summer they hunt between dawn and dusk.

Rattlesnakes are slow and lethargic, lying in warm spots waiting for prey. If approached quietly they may remain motionless, except to flick their slender forked tongue out and back. Their tongues assist the sense of smell. Location of prey and enemies is also guided by a small pit with heat sensors on either side of the snout. Rattlesnakes will usually slowly glide away when disturbed. If frightened, the snake will coil and its rattle will vibrate with a rapid buzz. Snakes molt two or three times a year, each time increasing the number of rattles by

Pine Needle Baskets

by Stanley Valim

Ponderosa or Yellow Pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) is the number one tree of Yosemite Valley and the Western United States from 2,500 ft. to 6,000 ft. This tree is the main pine lumber tree in the Western U.S.

Birds make nests in it; squirrels, owls, and raccoons live in holes in it; and even when it is dead, woodpeckers use it to find insects. But did you know the Ponderosa Pine has another use? Yes — you can make baskets from the tree's needles.

Sylvia Kesl, a Wawona Hotel employee who is also a grandmother to all the kids who have worked at the Hotel, is the one responsible for bringing the pine needle basket to Yosemite. She learned how to make the baskets from the Florida Indians. Sylvia lived many years throughout the South, from Florida to Arizona, with the Indians. Moving to California, she has lived in Santa Rosa for 14 years, spending her summers in

one. Eight to ten rattles are common, and at times up to 22 have been seen. Mating occurs in the spring with the eggs remaining in the female's body until the young are fully developed. Broods of six to seven snakes, under 12 inches, usually appear in late summer. Young snakes are just as poisonous as old snakes.

The Park has less than one case of snake bite per year, and there has not been a case in the Valley in the past 17 years. Of those occurring in the Park during that time span, only 2 - 4 were serious, and most were caused by backpackers and climbers putting their feet and hands into places they could not see.

In the event that you or someone close to you is bitten, you should:

1. Have the person lie down and keep them quiet. (Most bites are not fatal — most treatments in the past were.) Fear increases adrenalin and speeds the venom to the heart and head . . . try to relax.
2. Call a Ranger for transportation to the Medical Clinic, where anti-venom is available.
3. Do not give alcohol or any stimulant to the injured person.
4. Do not apply a tourniquet, although a "constriction" bandage may be applied by those knowledgeable.

All snakes are not rattlesnakes!

Yosemite is a National Park . . . It's their home — we're just visiting.

Yosemite. Sylvia worked seven summers at the Big Trees Lodge and the past seven summers at the Wawona Hotel, working in the Pantry in both places.

Her warmth is spread to all who know her, and many of the employees of the Wawona Hotel have learned to make baskets from her. Sylvia never tires of working or living, especially making pine needle baskets and showing others how to do it.

If the trees could talk that are on the lawn in front of the Wawona Hotel, they could tell of the millions of needles they have dropped to make pine needle baskets.

Come to the Wawona Hotel and see some of Sylvia's baskets behind the front desk. The baskets are not for sale, but if you get to know and love Sylvia as we do, then maybe you can learn how to make pine needle baskets. And after you see and learn to make a pine needle basket, you'll never hike through the woods again without picking up needles.

Thanks to Sylvia, the Ponderosa Pine you once thought was just used for wood or by animals can now provide you with needles to make into a basket.

The Traveling Boomerang

On May 28, Mr. D. Curtis of Australia presented a boomerang made of sequoia wood as a gift to the people of California from the people of Australia. The boomerang was made by a friend of his from a piece of sequoia gigantea wood which was shipped to Australia 90 years ago.

Mr. Curtis, a mining engineer, wished to have the boomerang returned to its natural habitat, and it now makes itself at home in the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees. Mrs. Curtis passed away recently, and her wish was that Mr. Curtis sell her jewels and travel.



Everett Rose and Rosella Armstrong, who accepted the boomerang from Mr. Curtis, are pictured with the boomerang in the Grove. Several Park visitors are on the tram behind them, and in the right background is Jim Belcher, a driver for Big Trees Tram.

Summer Party Ends Winter Club Season

by Anne Hendrickson

There wasn't a snowflake in sight, but there were Yosemite Winter Clubbers everywhere! No parkas, skis, or skates, but rather members and families, clad in swimsuits, enjoying hot sun and blue sky on the beach at Tenaya Lake, so it was that an unseasonable party on a recent August Sunday officially ended the 1976-77 year for this normally snow-oriented group.



There were no ice hockey games or ski races, but people enjoying sailing, canoeing, swimming, and just lying in the warm sand. Numerous rousing volleyball games were played during the day, and at times frisbees filled the air.

It's a fortunate organization that has a professional chef among its officers. Winter Club Steering Committee Member Ed Faubert cooks at Yosemite Sam's during the winter months and serves as Tuolumne Lodge chef in summer. He prepared the noon meal for the party. Lunch featured chicken, watermelon, and sweet corn cooked in huge pots over an open fire.

This was also a time to think back and reflect on the completed year for the Winter Club. The lack of snow last season didn't slow the pace of the group. Under the leadership of Bill and Gail Thompsen, the Club presented such things as a big kick-off dinner in October, ski conditioning exercises in November, a ski film in December, and a caroling party at Christmas. Ice skating was a major activity. Doug



Hammond's broom hockey group was extremely popular, and the Club sponsored beginning and figure

AROUND THE PARK

With the end of summer, many employees will be going back to school. White Wolf Lodge is the first major unit to close, finishing their season on September 5, and Tuolumne Meadows follows suit a week later.

Steve Davis, of the Front Desk at the Wawona Hotel, would like to challenge the Valley to "an ultimate Frisbee Game." A minimum of seven strong Frisbee players are needed to go against members of the Wawona Frisbee Association. Those interested should contact Steve at 375-6355.

Big Trees Tram held their annual buffet dinner on Sunday, August 28. Many employees and their families, as well as the YTS drivers, joined together for a delicious meal. Not only do Big Trees employees feast on scenery, but often on food, for the Youth Conservation Corps had them to

skating lessons for members. A Hans Brinker party in January was so successful that it was repeated in March. (Incidentally, Ed Faubert was also responsible for the excellent food at the kick-off dinner and two Hans Brinker parties.)

On the ski hill, there were the usual F.W.S.A. junior ski races and the traditional, very "senior" Ancient Jocks' Race. A group trip to Bear Valley was offered again, and there were occasional "Winter Club Days at Badger Pass", when members were encouraged to lunch together on the deck. There wasn't enough snow for the scheduled ski touring at Crane Flat in February, but the after-ski party was held as planned with delicious fondue and warm feelings. Lack of snow also converted the April cross-country ski trip to Ostrander Lake into a cross-country "hike", but the festivities at the ski hut were no less colorful.

These were some of the recollections shared by Winter Club members who gathered in the summer sun to end last season and look forward to next year's events. Another kick-off dinner is in the planning stage, so watch for word of it when the oaks begin to change color. The Club's stated purpose is "pursuit of skiing, skating, and socializing," and membership is available to all. Dues are \$5 for singles or \$10 for a family. More information may be obtained from Rusty at 372-4475.

If Winter Club members can have so much fun together in August, just think what's in store when the snow starts to fly!

FREE: Labrador female. Call 966-2844.

dinner at the Big Trees Lodge earlier in August. The YCC has been working hard this summer, doing many projects for the NPS, with headquarters at the Big Trees Lodge.

VIP visitors to the Grove in August included former Governor "Pat" Brown, and employees at the Grove were all happy to have Linda Yemoto, a Ranger-Naturalist there in 1975 and 1976, spend a day with them. Linda is working this year as a guide at Berkeley Hills.

The Tram will operate through September and into October, as the weather holds. Driving the trams this summer have been James Belcher, Pearl Curlee, Charles Davidson, Woodrow Donathan, Paul Ferguson, Orville Gerloff, George Ocheltree, Everett Rose, Roy White, and William Woodworth. Others working at Big Trees Tram include Homer and Rosella Armstrong, Bob Crum, Ruth Hanley, Coletha Jones, and Elsie Rose.

If you spend a September day at the Grove, be sure to visit the Gift Shop and say hello to Elsie Anderson, Edith Gerloff, and Eric Hitchcock.

The Fall also brings a few employees to the Park. Employee Recreation will have two new interns for a semester period. Interns receive practical experience in the recreation profession while adding their skills to the Employee Recreation Department. Wendy Rosin, a Senior at CSU Chico, is skilled in swimming, folk dance, cross country skiing, and playing the guitar. She also enjoys photography, yoga, and working with stained glass. Wendy, a member of Chico's Honor Internship Program, will graduate with a B.A. in Recreation Administration this December. John Shertenlick will also be joining Employee Rec. as an intern. Currently he holds a B.A. in Social Science and is working on a second major in Recreation Administration. John is skilled in archery, skiing, and rugby, and enjoys teaching P.E.

Whether you're going home or staying in the Park, you're sure to have had some experiences that make the summer of 1977 memorable. Like the lady who backed her car over a rock and wanted a tow truck — to move the rock, it'd be easier! Or that overnight to Little Yosemite Valley, the day in Tuolumne Meadows. The softball game. The backroad outside the Park you explored. That party. The funny little things that lightened the day and the scenery that lifted the spirit. It's all these, and more, that make up the Yosemite Experience. And it's an experience we'll all remember, all our lives.

Have a good September.

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

September 5 — The Sting (PG)

Starring Paul Newman, Robert Redford, and Robert Shaw.

The scene is the Chicago underworld of the 30's prospering while the rest of the world suffers from the depression. Redford is an apprentice con-man, Newman the king of the con-men; together they set about to pull "The Big Con."

LUAU

Employee Recreation is sponsoring a Luau on September 8 at the Masonic Hall. The Thursday event is a dress-up occasion, with exotic foods and entertainment. Tickets are \$5 each; the luau begins at 4 p.m.

SPORTS

Softball

The results are in — Annex clinched top spot. The first game of the play-offs was a one-run upset with YTS over Cedar Lodge. The Annex dominated the final two games, defeating Over-the-Belt-Gang and YTS, taking the League Championship. Employee Rec. expresses thanks to all who participated and to those who came out to support their team.



The Championship Men's Softball Team
Basketball

On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings at 5:30 p.m., Basketball is played at the Yosemite Elementary School. Come see the action — the games will continue through September 22.

Golf Tournament

Sunday, September 25, is the date for the annual Employee Golf Tournament. The Tournament will be held at the Wawona Golf Course; those interested should contact the Employee Rec. Dept. at ext. 479 for times and entrance fees.

Football

League play will begin on Monday, September 26, so get your team together (working or housing units). Sign-ups will be taken in the Emp. Rec. Office through September 23.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Basketball (through Sept. 19)..... Elem. School — 5:30 p.m.
Advanced First Aid Class (Begins Sept. 12) El Portal School — 7 p.m.
Auto Maintenance Class (Begins Sept. 12)..... El Portal — 7 p.m.
MOVIE..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Basketball (Through Sept. 20)..... Elem. School — 5:30 p.m.
Adv. Criminal Investigation (Begins Sept. 13) . Elem. School — 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Basketball (Through Sept. 21)..... Elem. School — 5:30 p.m.
Spanish Class (Begins Sept. 14) Elem. School — 7 p.m.
Advanced First Aid Class (Begins Sept. 14) El Portal School — 7 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Basketball (Ends Sept. 22) Elem. School — 5:30 p.m.
Body Dynamics for Women (Begins Sept. 15) .. Elem. School — 7 p.m.
Principles of Real Estate (Begins Sept. 15) . El Portal School — 7 p.m.
Adv. Criminal Inv. (Begins Sept. 15) Elem. School — 7 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. — 9 & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Fri., Sept. 2 to Mon., Sept. 5 Mariposa County Fair

Monday, September 5 Labor Day

Tuesday, Sept. 8 Pre-School Registration, El Portal Chapel — 10 a.m.

Luau, Sponsored by Employee Recreation, at Masonic Hall — 4 p.m.

Friday, September 9 Admission Day
Freshmen Orientation, Mariposa High — 8:30 a.m.

Monday, September 12 School Begins
Book Discussion Group, Girl's Club — 8 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13 Rosh Hashana

Thursday, September 15 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee — Noon

Thursday, September 22 Yom Kippur

Saturday, September 24 Fall Bike Rally

Sunday, September 25 Fall Bike Rally
Employee Golf Tournament, Wawona

Monday, September 26 Football League Play Begins

Friday, September 30 Women's Group, Yosemite Lodge — Noon

Monday, October 3 Raku Class Begins, Elem. School — 3 p.m.

Thursday, October 6 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee — Noon

Monday, October 10 Columbus Day
Book Discussion Group, Girl's Club — 8 p.m.

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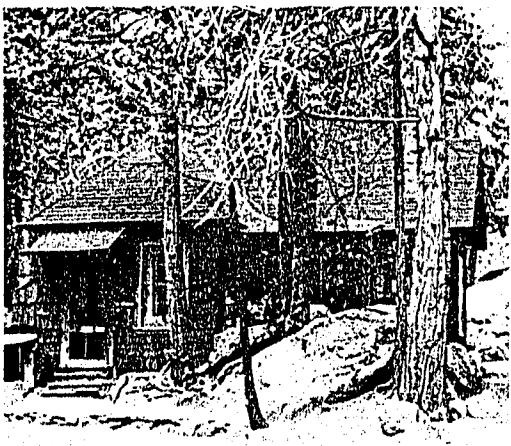
Yosemite National Park, CA

A SCENE IN CHANGE**Yesterday**

The building in the photo began its life as a two-room lodging for the help at the Chinese Laundry. Built sometime between 1878 and 1890, the Sentinel Hotel proprietors ran the operation.

Prior to 1948, the structure was expanded to 4½ rooms and converted to a home. A few changes were made to make the cottage acceptable as living quarters.

The Bill Melton family has called it home for the last 28 years, ever since he began working for the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Starting as a Night Watchman, Melton advanced to Head Watchman and eventually Chief Security Officer before moving to the Laundry Warehouse as Linen Supervisor.



Since Bill was on duty, Mrs. Melton spent the first night in their new home with two of their children, Margaret and Kenneth. When a strange noise was heard on the porch, she got up from the kitchen table and went to investigate. As she looked out the window, the "welcoming committee"—a big bear—looked back at her!

Bears came and went rather infrequently, but in August the Melton's third child, Dorothy, arrived at Lewis Memorial. Their son and two daughters were Yosemite-raised, graduating from both Yosemite Elementary School and Mariposa High School.

**De Sandres Awarded Yosemite Scholarship**

Tracy De Sandres has been selected as the recipient of the Yosemite Scholarship for the academic year 1977-1978. Tracy is attending Monterey Peninsula College after spending the summer working for the National Park Service. He graduated from Mariposa High School in June of 1977.

Tracy's achievement-filled life began on January 29, 1959, when he was born at the Lewis Memorial Hospital (now Yosemite Medical Clinic). The De Sandres family moved from Yosemite Valley to El Portal when Tracy was two years old, remaining there until late 1976, when they established a new home in Midpines.

After graduation from El Portal Elementary School, Tracy went to Mariposa High. As an underclassman,

Today

Times have changed. Bill Melton will soon be moving to F Dorm, adjusting to one room living. The house has outlived its usefulness, and since its age is reflected only in the double-hung 6-pane windows and 1" wide paneling on the cupboards, it has little historical value.

Tomorrow

The National Park Service has the cottage scheduled to be razed after Mr. Melton has moved. In the future, it will be a little clearing amongst the trees and birds, with Nature again having rule over the land it covered. It may be best that way.

College Coordinator Named

Marian Woessner will be the new coordinator of Merced College extension classes in Yosemite and El Portal, replacing Diana Abrell.

Anyone who is interested in teaching a class or anyone who would like to request that a certain class be offered should call Marian at 372-4832. She will be planning the spring semester in the next few weeks.

YI Needs Substitutes

The Yosemite Institute is seeking to establish a list of substitute instructors to be called upon for daily and part-time work in its School Weeks program. Applicants must have a four-year college degree in a related field. Base pay is \$27 per day. Those interested should contact Karen Meylor at 372-4441 or drop by the Institute Office.

he claimed "Mr. Defense" and "Co-Captain" titles from the football team, and in his Junior year was "Most Inspirational Player" and received All-League Honorable Mention for his performance on the basketball team. Tracy played football, basketball, and baseball all four years of high school and was a member of the Lettermen's Club.

De Sandres' talents extended to other fields than just the athletic. He received the Boy's Citizen Award in his freshman year and was on the Honor Roll each of his high school years. A representative to Camp Royale and the Leadership Conferences in Santa Barbara and Cambria, he also gained the DAR Good Citizen Award. In his Senior year, Tracy was Student Body President and on the Executive Board of the California Association of Student Councils. His fellow class members voted him "Friendliest Senior Boy."

Tracy was granted a scholarship from the Mariposa Soroptimists Club in addition to the Yosemite Scholarship. First presented in 1934, the Yosemite Scholarship is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council.

LETTERS

YP&C Co. purchased the Grand Champion Beef at the Mariposa County Fair from Jodi Barrett. Following is a letter received by Ed Hardy from Jodi.

Dear Mr. Hardy,
 I would like to thank you again for buying my steer. I miss him.
 This is my first year in 4-H. I like my beef project best. I learned how to feed and groom my steer.

Sincerely,
 Jodi Barrett

**BOOK DISCUSSION
 October 10**

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be Monday, October 10, at 8 p.m. in the Girls' Club. The book for October is Albert Camus' "Plague". November's book will be Solzhenitsyn's "A Day in the Life of Ivan Denysovitch".

The group meets the second Monday of every month under the leadership of Edward Bean of Merced College.

REWARD

\$200 reward for information leading to return of tools and tool box taken from truck belonging to Tex Wyly. Most tools were marked "Wyly" and were general maintenance tools. Please contact Tex Wyly at ext. 416 or 372-4390, or phone the AAA in Merced at 723-0411. These tools are required for livelihood.

YOGA CLASS

Check your bulletin boards for location and times of a Yoga Class offered through Emp. Recreation. Instructed by Bob Ashway, the class is scheduled to meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

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**HOW MUCH DO YOU VALUE YOUR IMAGE?
 — OR —
 WHAT DO WE NEED PUBLIC RELATIONS FOR?**

by John C. Crofut

Public relations is one of the most discussed and least understood aspects of almost any company. Many businesses afflicted with consumer criticism, press attacks, and the like, wish that their relationships with these various publics were better, but few have valid ideas about how to improve them. Public relations is not a whitewash or simply being "a good fellow," as many suspect. It's not advertising or merely publicity. But it is important, more so in the hospitality industry than in any other.

An Italian definition of public relations is: "Do well, and make it known." The British have a slightly different version: "The deliberate, planned, and sustained effort to establish and maintain mutual understanding between an organization and its public", while the American definition is: "The management function which evaluates public attitudes, identifies policies and procedures of an individual organization with the public interest, and plans and executes a program of action (and communication) to earn public understanding and acceptance." More

simply put: What does the public think of you as a company and what are you doing to give them an accurate picture.

In the hospitality business, we are all members of the Public Relations Department, for it is the whole image of the company which exists in the eye of the guest. In a society increasingly aware of the interdependence between all its forces, what a company is — as well as its employees' attitudes — has much greater importance today than it did 15 or 20 years ago.

The guest's first contact with our company is often the one he remembers, so it is important that your actions be worthy, that you be a good listener, for intelligent public relations is two-way communication that will ultimately determine not only the relative success of an organization, but also its continued existence as an independent enterprise.

COME TO A PARTY!

Live music and a special "Ed Faubert dinner" will be featured at the Yosemite Winter Club Kick-Off Party, Wednesday evening, October 19, at the Curry Cafeteria. Planned to get the winter season off to an early start, the party will be the first event in an action-packed schedule of club activities. Membership is required, but this is open to all and easily accomplished by the application form printed in this *Sentinel* issue or available at the door. Dues are \$5 for a single membership or \$10 for a family.

A special event at the Kick-Off Party will be a contest inviting each member to guess the number of inches of snow at Badger Pass on opening day. The prize, a season lift pass, will be awarded at a "Think Snow" party in November.

The Kick-Off Dinner is free to all members of the Yosemite Winter Club (you can even join at the door!); the dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m., will be followed by a dance featuring live entertainment. Check bulletin boards for further details. For reservations call 372-4250. Come and help the Winter Club get the season off to a good start.

SALE ON X-C SKIS

at the
Curry Mountain Shop
 Save 20% on 145 pair of famous maker X-C skis, including:

- Asnes
- Toppen
- Splitkein
- Kongsberg
- Trak
- Rossignol

Ability range beginner through advanced intermediate.

Buy them while sizes last.

Counseling Available

Valley residents can receive professional counseling services at the Yosemite Medical Group. Mr. George Lovelace, L.C.S.W., of Mental Health Services for Mariposa County, is available by appointment Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Appointments for counseling in the Park should be made in advance; call the Mariposa Clinic at 966-2000, not the Yosemite Medical Clinic, to make appointments.

Fees are determined on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay.

All services are completely confidential.

YOU ARE INVITED!!!

by Anne Hendrickson

Days are growing shorter and cooler, and thoughts start to turn to snow. Winter is a fact of life in Yosemite. It can be a most pleasant one, and making it enjoyable is one of the chief aims of the Yosemite Winter Club. This seasonal organization seeks to offer as many people as possible as much winter satisfaction as possible.

Membership is open to all. The Winter Club's program of lessons and encouragement can help even the novice skier or skater find pleasure in winter sports, and one certainly doesn't have to be an accomplished athlete to enjoy the parties and comradeship offered.

To encourage greater participation in winter sports, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is making approximately twenty-five dollars' worth of benefits available free to Winter Club members.

A varied program is already well into the planning stage. The season starts with a Kick-Off Dinner and Dance on October 19 and proceeds through exercises, lessons, a movie, trips, and parties, to an End-of-the-Season Barbecue in March, and even beyond — as long as there's any winter left to enjoy. More ideas for activities are still welcome.

Further, membership helps support organized competition in winter sports through Far West Ski Association races sponsored by the Winter Club, the Yosemite Junior Race Team, traditional area races such as the Silver Bee and Ancient Jocks' Race, or contributions made by the Winter Club to support national Nordic and Alpine teams.

California's oldest winter sports club, the Yosemite Winter Club upholds a long tradition in Yosemite. It has been active in fostering skiing and skating since 1928.

Dues are \$5 for a single or \$10 for a family, and a membership application form appears in this *Sentinel* issue. Further information can be obtained at 372-4795 or 372-4250.

YOU are invited! Come and enjoy winter with us.

WANTED

Yosemite Elementary School needs a Noon Supervisor. One hour per day, \$3.06 an hour. If interested, call the school at 372-4791.

YOSEMITE WINTER CLUB 1977-78 ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
October 19	Kick-Off Dinner & Dance	Curry Cafeteria
November	"Think Snow" Party	Badger Pass or Curry Ice Rink
November	Pre-Season Conditioning Class	Elementary School
December	Community Caroling Party	Refreshments at Yosemite Institute
December 28	Ski Movie - "White Horizons"	Visitor Center
January	Cross-Country Ski Day and Fondue Party	Crane Flat
January	"Meet Your Ski Instructor" Party	Open
February 4-5	Cross-Country Ski Overnight Trip	Ostrander Ski Hut
February	Hans Brinker Skating Party	Curry Ice Rink and Yosemite Sam's
March 11	Ancient Jock's Ski Race and Dinner	Badger Pass and The Ahwahnee
March or April	Trans-Sierra Cross-Country Ski Trip	
March 25	End-of-Season Party	Badger Pass
March or April	Cross-Country Skiing on Mount Raymond	

In addition, there are plans for three FWSA ski races at Badger Pass, "Winter Club Days on the Sun Deck"; broom hockey; skating, skiing, and cross-country lessons; a day or weekend at another ski area; a possible winter carnival; some youth activities; and additional cross-country trips (Glacier Point, Big Trees??) if interest dictates.

Each member will be entitled to the following free benefits:

- A. Two (2) free skating sessions at Curry Village.
- B. One (1) half-day Alpine ski equipment rental (skis, boots, poles) from Badger Pass Rental Shop.
- C. Forty per cent (40%) discount on Nordic ski lesson, basic or intermediate class. Reservations required one week in advance.
- D. Twenty-five per cent (25%) discount on Nordic ski equipment (full day).
- E. One (1) half-day Alpine ski lesson (group) at Badger Pass.
- G. Special \$5 rate to cover ice rink use and skate rental during non-session Winter Club skating lessons and hockey. (No charge for season pass holders with their own skates.)

NOTE: Free benefits are not available on weekends or during holiday periods.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 1977-78

Family Membership - \$10.00 Single Membership - \$5.00

Amount Enclosed _____

Name and Address of Adult(s) _____

Name(s) and Age(s) of Children under 21. _____

Please check below to indicate your interest in:

- Ski Lessons Skating Lessons
- Cross-Country Ski Lessons Additional Cross-Country Trips
- Hockey Helping with Ski Races at Badger Pass
- Yosemite Winter Club Pin (\$1.00 each)

What would you like to see added to the Winter Club's activities?

Please return the above form to the Yosemite Winter Club, Box 717, Yosemite CA 95389.

OLYMPICS RESULTS

The Summer Olympics were held on Wednesday, August 24. Turnout for the Track and Field events was somewhat small, although those who participated had a fine time. The evening half of the Olympics — swimming — was a great success, with a large turnout by both NPS and Curry Co. employees. A barbeque was held at the Elementary School in between game events.

TRACK AND FIELD

Men's 50 — 5.9 sec.

1. Obid Gentry
2. Donnie Hines

Men's 100 — 11.0

1. Obid Gentry
2. Rick Scott
3. Paul Dishman

Men's 111 — 12.0

1. Donnie Hines
2. Rick Scott
3. Don Bell

Men's 330 — 44.3

1. Donnie Hines
2. (Tie) Don Bell, Paul Dishman

Men's Mile — 5:39

1. Mike Alfaro
2. Terro May
3. Dave Weller

Men's Javelin — 137'

1. Mike Alfaro
2. Donnie Hines
3. Don Bell

Men's Shot Put — 46'-8"

1. Terry Gonig
2. Donnie Hines
3. Jeff Vrismo

Men's Softball — 280'

1. Jeff Vrismo
2. Donnie Hines
3. Terry Gonig

Men's Long Jump — 17'

1. Donnie Hines
2. Ricardo Scott
3. Obid Gentry

Women's 50 — 8.6 sec.

1. Lisa Brooks
2. Becky Popejoy
3. Vikki Bumgarner

Women's 100 — 16.1:5

1. Lisa Brooks
2. Becky Popejoy
3. Vikki Bumgarner

Women's Javelin — 56'-8½"

1. Vikki Bumgarner
2. Lisa Brooks
3. Becky Popejoy

Women's Shot Put — 23'-¼"

1. Vikki Bumgarner
2. Becky Popejoy
3. Lisa Brooks

The Le Conte Memorial Lodge

by Steve Harrison

The unpretentious granite building alongside the road to Curry Village blends so well with its surrounding oaks and boulders that few people even notice it, let alone stop to see what it is or why it is there.

Like the Yosemite Chapel, the Le Conte Memorial Lodge is not on its original site, but is situated today across from Curry Housekeeping. The Memorial Lodge was built with money raised by the Sierra Club as a memorial to a former Club member, Joseph Le Conte, a noted professor of geology and natural history at the University of California. He had first visited Yosemite in 1870 (see *Ramblings Through the High Sierra* by Joseph Le Conte) and returned there often, dying in a tent at Camp Curry on July 6, 1901.

Women's Softball — 128'-7"

1. Vikki Bumgarner
2. Lisa Brooks
3. Becky Popejoy

Women's Long Jump — 9'-2½"

1. Lisa Brooks
2. Vikki Bumgarner
3. Becky Popejoy

SWIMMING

Men's 90 meter Freestyle —:46.6

1. Don Willard
2. Mike Rahe
3. John Blachly

Women's 60 meter Freestyle—:38.3

1. Barb Samora
2. Maureen Croak
3. Laurie Goodman

Men's 100 meter Medley — 1:43.8

1. Nick Ozier
2. Don Willard
3. Mike Rahe

Women's 100 meter Medley—1:44.4

1. Barb Samora
2. Laurie Goodman
3. Tina Vincent

Coed 100 meter Freestyle Relay — 1:04.5

1. NPS
2. Curry
3. Power

Coed 100 meter Medley Relay — 1:42.6

1. NPS
2. Curry
3. Power

Once again, thanks to all who attended and participated in the Olympics and Barbeque.

Save \$\$\$ and have your clothes made for you. I do quality work and will also do hemming and mending. Call Valerie Hall at Ahwahnee Dorms, 372-9945, Room No. 5.

Designed by John White and costing nearly \$5,000, the Memorial Lodge was first constructed just behind Camp Curry and below Glacier Point. The Lodge was dedicated in 1904 and served as a focal point for many Sierra Club activities in the Valley. Upon the death of Galen Clark, his varied personal library was placed upon the shelves of the Le Conte Memorial Lodge. As Camp Curry grew and needed room to expand, plans were made to build bungalows around the Lodge. A dispute arose between Mother Curry and the Sierra Club which was settled when Mother Curry offered to pay to have the Lodge moved to another spot. Needless to say, a stone building is difficult to move, so the contracting Gutleben Brothers Construction Company took the roof and some of the stones to the present location of the Le Conte Memorial Lodge and built what amounts to being a structure that is half original, half replica.

In 1919, the University of California instituted the free Le Conte Memorial Lectures which were given during the summers at the Lodge.

It has served both the Sierra Club and the National Park Service in a variety of ways over the years providing programs and services that Joseph Le Conte would probably be proud of. And to assure, in part, its continued existence and service, the Le Conte Memorial Lodge was recently placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

FOR SALE:

Eddie Bauer light brown corduroy winter coat, nylon-lined, down-filled. Lady's Medium or Men's Small. \$25. Call 372-4233.

'72 Dodge Colt Station Wagon. Good condition. Call 379-2667, make an offer.

1975 Kawasaki KZ-400. Call 372-4711, ask for David.

1973 Scout 4x4. V-8 automatic transmission. Full metal top. Never off-road. Excellent condition! Only \$3,400. Call 379-2662.

1970 Chevelle Malibu. Automatic transmission, air conditioning, power steering, radial tires, new shocks. Runs great. \$795. Call 379-2632 or 379-2634.

Oven broiler - \$15 (almost new); hand-stained walnut shutters, 10" x 36" - 10 for \$50; Formica table, 36" x 24" - \$8. Call 372-4826.

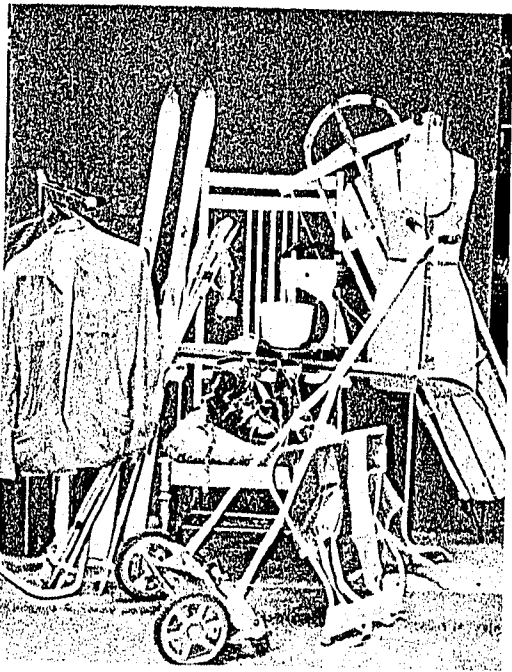
Enjoy fall with the new Colorworks from AVON. For all your household and personal needs, call Ridgley Reece at 372-4716.

Lions Club Rummage Sale

by Anne Hendrickson

It's that time again! On Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21, the Visitor Center will once more be the scene of the "bargain sale of the year."

Sponsored by the local Lions Club, the rummage sale combines bargains galore with a good excuse for fall house and garage cleaning. Items to be sold should be checked in between 9 and 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 20. Actual sales take place between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on that day and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the 21st. Any unsold items should be reclaimed by their owners between 3 and 5 p.m. Friday or they will be donated to charity.

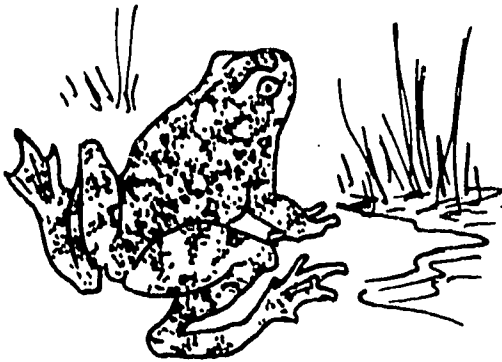


Prices are set by the seller, who may pick up price tags in advance at the Main Post Office. These tags will be available after 11 a.m., October 17th through the 19th. Twenty per cent of the purchase price is retained by the sponsoring Lions Club for use in their service projects for the community and its youth.

Lions and their wives have been asked to provide the sales person-power, but other volunteer help would be most welcome. Joella Domingues will offer beans and pan bread for lunch, and the Junior Ski Team will have coffee and donuts available throughout both days.

Ski equipment and accessories sell well. Ice skates and other sporting goods, kitchen appliances, books, records — all sorts of outgrown or excess items are potential sources of profit for the seller. On the buyers' side, the rummage sale provides an excellent opportunity to outfit themselves for skiing or to furnish a dorm room at small cost. So the Lions Sale is good for the buyer, for the seller, for the community, and, in addition, it's fun for all!

Animal of the Month



YELLOW-LEGGED FROG

by Sandy Dengler

The high Sierras are no tropical paradise for the cold-blooded animals called Amphibians (frogs, toads and salamanders). They need warmth enough to keep their bodies active and water for their aquatic eggs and young. And yet, hikers along Yosemite's high country lakes find large numbers of small frogs plopping in the water as they pass. Where do those tender, clammy little creatures go when winter buries the Sierras in (during a normal year) twenty feet of snow?

The only true frogs in the high country, these yellow-legged frogs are found everywhere in Yosemite. One sub-species sticks to the warm foothills and lives like any normal frog. Its eggs, laid in spring, hatch into tadpoles which metamorphose into proper frogs over summer and spend winter dormant in the mud. But the other sub-species, common in the high country, has had to make some major adjustments.

During a normal year, the high-country frog's habitat doesn't thaw out until late June or July. So he can't get moving — or mating — until late in the season. The female attaches clutches of eggs, shaped like grape clusters, to rocks below waterline. The tadpoles hatch, but they run out of summer. By now, in October, the whole high Sierra is closing down for the winter.

So the tadpoles burrow into mud and go dormant. They will complete their development the following year. This unusual adaptation permits yellow-legged frogs to thrive where other frogs can't live.

This small (2 to 3½ inches) mottled frog with yellow on the underside exudes an odor of garlic when handled. Although he is apparently distasteful to most predators, aquatic garter snakes prefer him. Look for the snake where frogs are common.

ACORN BOWL TIED

The Second Annual Acorn Bowl, held at the Yosemite Elementary School on Monday, September 26, ended in a tie at two touchdowns apiece. The National Park Service jumped to a quick two touchdown first half lead on a run by Terry Swift and a touchdown reception by Mike Elsberry. Curry came back with two second half touchdowns, the first on a pass from Al Sawyer to Don Hines. The tying touchdown was scored on a run by James Peggins.

The Employee Recreation Department would like to thank all the players for their participation, as well as the fans who turned out to support their teams.

Golf Tourney Results

The Annual Employee Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, September 25, in Wawona. The contestants enjoyed a bright, sunny day as they played a nine-hole course.

Taking Men's Low Gross was Greg Heym, while Bill Millner had the Men's Low Net score. Elsie Quigley held the Women's Low Gross, the second year she has garnered that position.

Special presentations were made to Ray Green, who won the Sportsman's Award, and to Tom Bumgarner, who obtained the Duffer's Award, repeating last year's performance.

Everyone participating in the Tournament felt like winners as they enjoyed a steak barbeque, complete with salad and apple pie.

ANY IDEAS?

The Employee Recreation Department is looking for new ideas and welcomes your suggestions. For further information and sign-ups, please contact Employee Recreation at 372-4611, ext. 475.

Fun Discounts Outside the Park

If you're going on vacation, or just planning an excursion out of the Park, you may be able to save money by checking with Employee Recreation ahead of time. They offer free club cards which will give you discounts at Disneyland, Knott's Berry Farm, Lion Country Safari, Magic Mountain, Marine World/Africa USA, and closer to home, Yosemite Mt. — Sugar Pine Railroad. To get your cards and for further information, contact the Employee Rec. Office at ext. 475, or stop by at Tecoya B-4.

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

October 10 — That Darn Cat

Hayley Mills, Dean Jones, Dorothy Provine, Roddy McDowell.

An elusive Siamese cat turns up with the only clue to a bank robbery and leads the police on a wild "cat" chase, as they must follow her to discover the bank robbers' hide-out — and the cat won't cooperate! A Disney film. (G)

October 17 — Chinatown

Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway, John Huston, Perry Lopez, John Hillerman.

A highly complex tale of values corrupted by greed and the lust for power, the film is set in seedy southern California of the 1930's. *Chinatown* reverbrates with the subtle eroticism of the love affair between Nicholson and Dunaway. (R)

Beginning with the week of October 24th, employee movies will be shown at 7 p.m. on Thursday evenings.

October 27 — East of Eden

James Dean, Burl Ives, Raymond Massey, Julie Harris.

A modern version of the Cain and Abel story based on the Steinbeck classic. Set in the Monterey Peninsula during the World War I era, the action centers around Caleb Trask, a teenager envious of his brother Aron, the favored son of a well-meaning but overly-pious farmer. (G)

Coming . . .

November 3 - *Lost Horizons* (1973) (G)

November 10 - *The Magus* (PG)

SPORTS

Flag football league play began on Monday, October 3. Games are played at the Yosemite Elementary School at 5:30 p.m. Check with the Employee Rec. Office (ext. 475) for schedule.



The Championship Girls' Softball Team

ACTIVITIES

FOLK DANCE starts on Wednesdays at the Yosemite Elementary School's Multi-Purpose Room at 8 p.m. Carol Peterson of El Portal heads the program, and people of all ages and skills are invited.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Raku Ceramics Yosemite School — 3 p.m.
Advanced First Aid El Portal School — 7 p.m.
Auto Maintenance Class El Portal — 7 p.m.
MOVIE (through October 17) Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Batik Class (through October 18) Yosemite School
Advanced Criminal Investigation Yosemite School — 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Jogging Emp. Rec. Office — 5:30 p.m.
Spanish Class Yosemite School — 7 p.m.
Advanced First Aid El Portal School — 7 p.m.
Folk Dancing Yosemite School — 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Advanced Criminal Investigation Yosemite School — 7 p.m.
Principles of Real Estate El Portal School — 7 p.m.
MOVIE (Beginning October 27) Visitor Center — 7 p.m.
Bible Study Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. — 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse — 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. — 9 & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel — 9:30 a.m.
A Christian Gathering Chapel — 6 p.m.
Worship Service Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, October 10 Columbus Day
Book Discussion Group, Girls' Club — 8 p.m.
Thursday, October 13 Batik Class, Yosemite School
Wednesday, October 19 YWC Kick-Off Party,
Curry Cafeteria — 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 20 Lions Club Rummage Sale,
Visitor Center — 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday, October 21 Lions Club Rummage Sale,
Visitor Center — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday, October 27 MOVIE, Visitor Center — 7 p.m.
Monday, October 31 Halloween

JOGGING — A beginning jogging class will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. Comfortable shoes and loose clothing are all the equipment necessary. Everyone is welcome — age, physical condition and size are no deterrent.

BRIDGE CLUB — Interest has been expressed concerning a Bridge Club. Facilities and tournaments can be arranged if enough interest is shown. If you'd like to join, call Employee Recreation at ext. 475.

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RAFFLE, FIREMAN'S
BALL SET

by Steve Medley

The El Portal Fire Department will be holding its Fall Raffle and Fireman's Ball on Saturday night, November 12, at the El Portal Community Hall at 8:30 p.m. A fine list of prizes, donated by local businesses and individuals, will be raffled, and an evening of fun and dancing is in store for all. Providing the music will be the "Mariposa Western Ramblers", and a variety of liquid refreshments will be available at the bar.

Raffle tickets are now being sold by Department members for \$1 each or 5 tickets for \$3. Tickets will also be available at the Fireman's Ball prior to the raffle, though you need not be present to win. All proceeds benefit the El Portal Fire Department and will be used for the purchase of new equipment, including helmets, turn-out coats, ladders, etc.

The following is a list of prizes (and their donors) which will be raffled:

A stoneware planter by Toni Tate compliments of the Ansel Adams Gallery; a hand-crafted Indian-style necklace compliments of Craig Bates; two \$5 gas purchases and 3 lube jobs compliments of Bevington's Chevron Service; a waffle iron compliments of Hugh Carter; four hamburger dinners compliments of Cedar Lodge; a movie camera compliments of the El Portal Food Market; dinner for two, compliments of the El Portal Motor Inn Restaurant; a room for one night, compliments of Faith's Haven Motel; \$20 compliments of Guy's Chalet; an electric warming tray compliments of Jack's California Market; \$20 compliments of Manzanita Lodge; a room for one night, compliments of the Rapids Motel; a pair of Chippewa boots compliments of Savage's Trading Post; a belt buckle and wallet compliments of Wells Fargo Bank; dental x-rays compliments of Dr. Charles Woessner; a box of groceries compliments of the Yosemite Natural History Association; \$100 compliments of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.; dinner for two, compliments of the



"THINK SNOW" PARTY

The Yosemite Winter Club fully expects the November party to be a snowy celebration on the deck at Badger Pass opening day (or inside the ski lodge if the snow is coming down too hard!). All members are invited to welcome the white season with gaiety and refreshments.

If (heaven forbid!) the snowfall delays beyond November, Winter Clubbers can count on a party this month anyhow. In that case, it will probably be an ice skating party at Curry Ice Rink.

Remember that Winter Club membership is still open to all. Call 372-4250 or 372-4475 for information.

Watch for posters or other notification about the November party. But mostly, watch for snow — any day now!

BOOK DISCUSSION
GROUP

The Book Discussion Group will meet on Monday, November 14, at 8 p.m. in the Girl's Club (by the NPS Administration Building) to discuss Solzhenitsyn's "A Day in the Life of Ivan Denysovilch."

Selected for discussion at the Group's December meeting is Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*.

Yosemite Parkline Restaurant; ten gallons of gas, compliments of the Yosemite Parkline Station; and \$20 compliments of the Yosemite View Lodge.

SKI RACE HELPERS
NEEDED

Badger Pass is scheduled to be the scene of six sanctioned Junior Ski Races during the coming season. These Far West Ski Association races will attract young skiers from all parts of the State. They come to compete for trophies but especially to lose points and upgrade their status within the racing association. Some of these youngsters may ultimately go on to national and international racing — perhaps someday even to the Olympics.

There is infinitely more to putting on a ski race, however, than merely sticking bamboo poles in the snow and clocking the racers who flash by. The poles and the speeding youngsters are the visible parts of a detailed and time-consuming unseen operation, which requires the participation of many interested adults. At Badger Pass, junior racing is a function of the Yosemite Winter Club, which even now is starting work on the preliminaries necessary to putting on a race. Several hours of dryland efforts are involved for each hour of actual racing out on the slopes.

On race day a small army of volunteers, ranging from referee through race doctor to lunch sherpa, is called for. Electronic timing equipment is used, but it is backed by people holding stopwatches. Various kinds of recorders are required, and gatekeepers must line the course. Only when all these people are trained and in place do we see the outward signs of a ski race in progress.

Perhaps you'd like to be part of the racing scene. Volunteer help is always welcome, and now is the time for indoctrination and training. Two such sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, and Wednesday, November 16, at Yosemite School. You don't have to be "super-skier" to participate. In fact, there are some jobs for non-skiers. For more information, call 372-4250 or 372-4475. Or just show up at 7 p.m. on either of these evenings.

Your help is needed, and working races is interesting and usually proves to be a lot of fun as well.

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

by Steve Hosler,
Wage and Salary Administrator

What is it? It is a legal obligation dictated by and pursuant to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972. It is a moral obligation dictated by conscience and concern so as not to discriminate in any way, shape, or form for any reason whatsoever.

What this Act means to Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

The basic obligations imposed on employers under the 1972 Act are virtually the same as those imposed under Title 7 of the 1964 Act, which states under Section 703A of the Act, it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to do the following:

1. Fail or refuse to hire, promote, or discharge any individual or otherwise discriminate against any individual with respect to their compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. This now applies to applicants for employment as well as those presently employed.

2. Limit, segregate, or classify employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect his or her status as an employee because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

The above are the basic unlawful employment practices that employers are forbidden to commit. The scope and application of this Act have been delineated in numerous court decisions handed down since 1964; however, it is not sufficient to understand that employment or promotional discrimination is a violation of Federal Law. It is more important to realize that discrimination of any kind is a poor business practice. It is unsound, unrealistic, and carries with it very stiff financial penalties. Like any law, rule, or regulation, it is not so much the legalistic terms in which the law is set forth and what it permits or prohibits — the real concern should be the spirit and intent of that particular law and what was to be accomplished. The spirit and intent set forth in the Equal Employment Opportunity Act were simply to provide that all individuals had every opportunity to be dealt with on an equal basis and to be considered on an individual basis as to whether or not they were, in fact, qualified and able to perform the job that was available.

For employers in this day and age to make statements and put forth opinions that women or members of certain religious groups, races, or certain colors are not capable of performing certain jobs based on subjective opinion is not only unlawful and a poor business practice but is somewhat shortsighted.

It is the practice and intent of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to consider each applicant as an individual and comply in total with the spirit and intent of the Equal Opportunity Act, and to demonstrate this practice and intent by our compliance, our policies, and our employment procedures and practices.

If you have any questions or inquiries concerning EEO, please feel free to make an appointment with me in the Personnel Office or call ext. 236.

HALL RUMMAGE SALE
Misc. Merchandise. Sunday, Nov. 6th - 12 p.m.-5 p.m., 3rd Flr. "E" Dorm.

YOSEMITE YOUTH CLUB FORMS

by Mino Kirstien

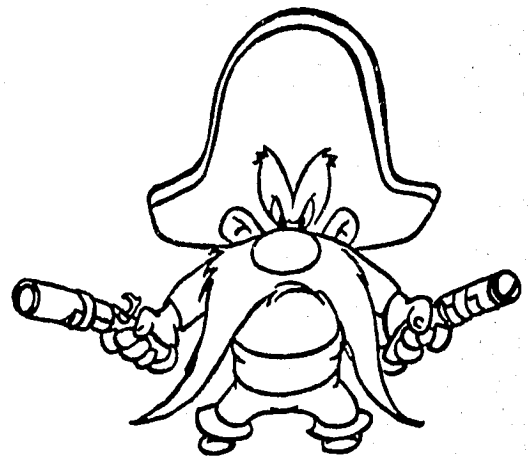
The first meeting of the Yosemite Youth Club was at 7 p.m. on October 4. It was felt to be a success, and response from those in attendance requires that the Club meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Girl's Club. Please plan on attending.

Club officers were chosen and are as follows:

- Donna Domingues, President
- Patty Garza, Vice President
- Carla Webb, Secretary
- Dede Meyer, Treasurer

The Club plans on taking a field trip to go to the movies in Merced, go roller skating in Merced, and other similar type activities. Please plan to come and give us your ideas.

The Club is open to those in grades six through twelve. For further information, please call the Club's Chairman, Mino Kirstien, at home at 372-4895 or at work, 372-4461, ext. 43.



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YOSEMITE SAM'S

Sam's opened for lunch Tuesday, October 25, and the menu includes a fish plate, hamburgers, and salads. The nighttime program began the following Monday, October 31, with a Halloween Costume Party complete with a band.

Programs planned for Sam's during the month of November include a girning contest and a talent show. Participants in a girning contest each have photographs taken as they try to make their most spectacular, weird, or bizarre face; prizes are given to those faces which are outstanding in each area. The talent show is open to all who wish to share their talents on a pre-arranged evening.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Several positions are now open for the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Volunteer Fire Department. If you are a full-time or permanent employee and are able to attend drills on a regular basis, besides answering all fire calls at any time, please contact the Fire House at ext. 482 or see Bill Stephan or Tom Kroon.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 24th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

Women's Group Decorates, Celebrates

Cake Decorating Class

On Saturday, November 12, the Womens Group will meet at the Girl's Club for a class in cake decorating. All participants are asked to bring a one-layer cake and \$1 seminar fee. The cake decorating class is limited to 30 people, and reservations should be made by Saturday, November 5, by calling Linda Patton at 372-4751. The class will begin at 9:30 a.m.

'DRUGS' NOVEMBER PARENTS' GROUP TOPIC

Mark November 15 on your calendar for a special program being planned on drugs. The Yosemite Parents Group will present a member of the California Highway Patrol who is a specialist in the drug problem.

"The meeting will be open to all persons who are interested in learning about this continuing problem and preventive measures that are available," remarked Marilyn Riegelhuth, Vice President and Programs Person.

The Parents Group is off to a good start for the 1977-78 School year. Hot Dog Days each Friday have resumed; eighth graders are participating in the noonday lunch with Parents Group people assisting.

A Finance Committee, chaired by Judi Reynolds, is enlisting help and will outline plans for fund-raising activities as there will not be a carnival this year.

ICE RINK OPENING

Watch for the opening of the Curry Ice Rink, located adjacent to the Curry Bike Stand. The rink is a popular place to visit, either in the day when you can leisurely skate and enjoy the magnificent views of Half Dome and Glacier Point from the rink, or at night when soft lighting makes the rink as cheery as the warm fire in the pit at the observation area.

Admission to the rink is \$1.50 for adults and \$1.00 for children (half-rate with privilege card), and skates rent for 75¢/pair. Skating fans can save money by purchasing a season pass at the rink (during operating hours) for \$20. Refreshments and a warming room complete the rink's facilities.

Try the rink out — and you'll see why "Ice is Nice" at Yosemite.

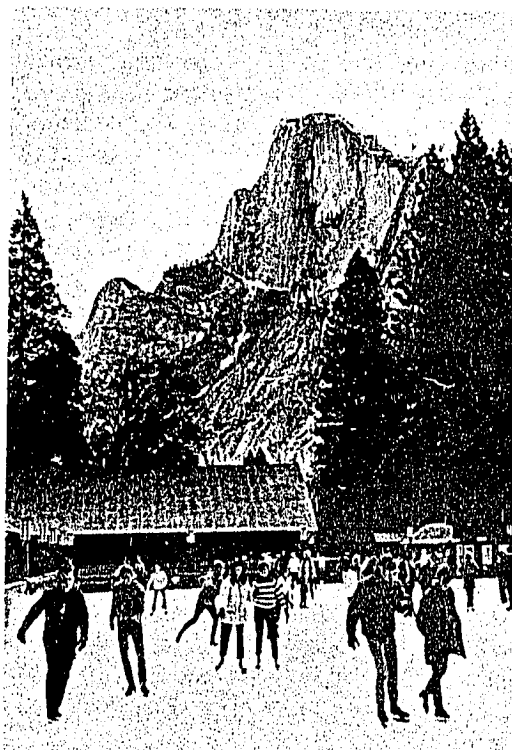
Christmas Bring and Take

On Wednesday, November 30, the Yosemite Women's Group invites its members and friends to gather 'round the fireside in the Curry Village Lounge to enjoy fellowship, a soup-and-bread luncheon, and welcoming the Christmas spirit. It will be a time of sharing — a baked good, special ornament, or craft idea — and a time to gather ideas for the holiday season. Everyone is asked to bring one of her favorite baked goods, festively wrapped, or a handmade or "creatively purchased" ornament. All those who bring an item will take one of someone else's home with them, but the Women's Group urges those with not enough time to create to come anyway and share themselves!

Lunch is available for \$1, and Ann Graham (372-4806) is handling the babysitter arrangements. The noon session will also have a background of special Christmas music. For more information, contact Gayle Sleznick (379-2296) or Marian Woessner (372-4832).

The Yosemite Parents Group is a support group for the Yosemite Elementary School. Membership is open to all persons, with meetings usually held the third Tuesday night of each month.

Officers for the year include George Spach, President; Mrs. Riegelhuth, Vice President; Merrie Hinson, Secretary; and Mary Lou Hicks, Treasurer.



SEASONAL ASSIGNMENTS

CHUCK BOOKOUT - Assistant Lift Supervisor, Badger Pass

JOE COSTA - Rental Shop Manager, Badger Pass

KORWIN KIRK - Manager, Curry Ice Rink

JOHN REGISTER - Lift Supervisor, Badger Pass

CHERYL SMITH - Food Service Manager, Badger Pass

VIEW MORGENSON PAINTINGS AT VISITOR CENTER

Paintings of Yosemite by long-time resident Esther Morgenson are now on display in the Valley Visitor Center. For years Esther has wanted to portray in painting her impressions of this exquisite place. Now, with her children grown, she has taken advantage of the opportunity for artistic expression. The show will remain on exhibit through November.

SELLING?

The *Yosemite Sentinel* publishes want ads at no charge on a space-available basis. Ads may be sent to the *Sentinel* Office or called to the *Sentinel* staff at ext. 445. Want ads should be received by the *Sentinel* no later than the 24th of the month preceding publication.

FOR SALE

1968 Mercury Montego MX, 2-door hardtop, power steering, automatic transmission, V-8, 302 engine. Michelin tires, excellent gas mileage and condition. Call 372-4604 after 4:30 p.m. or on weekends.

1957 Dodge Van and Honda 350, for parts. Call 379-2304 or 379-2444.

Christmas Shopping?

Do it at home with AVON. There is a special gift for everyone on your list.

Wawona residents call Linda Appling at:

375-6400

Valley residents may contact Ridgley Reece at:

372-4716

ATTENTION ALL FORMER MARINES

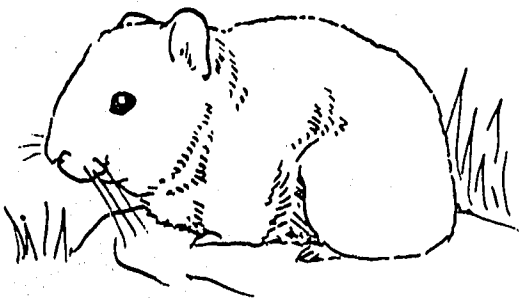
Join in and celebrate the Marine Corps' birthday on Thursday, November 10, at The Ahwahnee. Contact Bill Germany at 372-4611, ext. 256, for further information.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

PIKA or CONY (*Ochotona princeps*)
by Sandy Dengler

It was winter, 1923, long before snowmobiles. Naturalist Olaus Murie was quietly dog-sledding up the Yukon's Toklat River when he heard a familiar nasal chirp from deep inside a snowbank. Who besides Olaus and his dogs was active in the winter cold? The buried chirper was the little pika, or cony.

Winter 1977-78, and in our own high-country the pika is still active, and soon will be tunneling about beneath the snow and he's quite comfortable, thank you. His habitat is rockslides and talus in mountains up to 12,000 ft. elevation. Surface temperatures may drop below zero, but the insulating snow keeps his tunnels relatively warm. And he has all the food he can eat.



All summer the pika has been building haystacks, piles of drying grass tucked beneath rocks and against walls. These haystacks are the most common mark of his presence. During the warmer part of summer days he would scurry about enlarging his haypiles. He would perch on the crest of a rock and sit motionless — few hikers ever saw him. His chirp somewhat resembles a bird call and naturalists swear he has the gift of ventriloquism. The chirp never seems to come from where the animal is sitting.

Besides, the pika is hard to see. Only 6 to 8 inches long, he is the tan-buff color of his granite rocks. He looks very much like a short-eared, short-legged rabbit, for he is a relative of rabbits and hares. (One of his regional names, "Little Chief Hare", is reflected in his scientific name; *princeps* is Latin for chief or head man).

The pika molted in fall and will molt again in spring. For several months his coat will sport a molt line, a very definite line between winter and summer pelages, that will start at his nose and move steadily back to his tail (he has one, but it's half an inch long and normally invisible).

While the human population of Yosemite waits impatiently for lots of

T.A. No, not Transactional Analysis, not Travel Agent, not Terminal Acne, but TAKE ACTION.

In our entire business careers, throughout our entire life, the one factor that will make us successful above all else is our own innate ability to force ourselves to take action.

Almost sounds too simple, doesn't it?

"You say all you gotta do is take action in order to be successful? Well, let's go, I'm ready, let's take action!"

Slow down. Throw it into neutral. Now throw your mind into "retrogress," all the way back to your earliest business memory. Now, come slowly forr-warrd. As you come forward, passing through all those memories of all sorts — successes, enjoyments, triumphs, disappointments, lost opportunities — how many of the bitter ones were the result of failure to take action?

Now shift mental gears again. Get into the "present time" notch. Now zero in on your regular day-to-day performance in your job. Be completely honest, now, because you're only talking to yourself. (It's okay in this case — not a sign of neurosis at all.) Think of how many things you let slide every day for a lot of varying reasons — you just couldn't get around to them; something more important came along; you figured you ought to think it over; you got distracted; you forgot.

Whatever the reason, the excuse, or the dodge, each day lots of things don't get done. Among them could be something really significant, something that counts.

Important things often hide under the guise of unimportance: A telephone message to call someone back, someone you don't even know. A personal suggestion from a close friend to "look up so-and-so." A note you found in your pocket written to yourself to do something-or-other, that you can't remember what it was or why.

Most of us swing into action on the direct and obvious things we have to

snow at Badger, the pika population up in the high Sierras is ready to be all settled in for the winter. Soon they shall be hustling about under the rocks, tunneling in whatever snow covers their rockslide homes, living comfortably off the fat of their summer industry. In the face of severe weather and adverse conditions, the pika has it made.

T.A.

by Steven W. Lew,
Vice President of Hotels

do. Like when the executive secretary of the International Widget Manufacturers Association says, "Call me tomorrow. I want to talk to you about next year's convention." Man! We really call that guy tomorrow, don't we? Yeah! That one's got a spotlight on it, and it's screaming for attention.

That kind of lead or call for action is easy to follow up on, to take action on.

Those three little seemingly unimportant calls for attention — the telephone message, the friendly suggestion, the note in your pocket on the back of an envelope — none of them sent up a flare or whistled to attract you to act.

How many of those little disguised ones get away from you? Of course you don't know. How can you know? You can't know if you're knowingly leaving anything undone, and we all do, don't we?

Many of us even let some of the obvious cries for action go unheeded. "I'm busy. I've got too much to do. I don't get time to draw a deep breath. Of course I miss some things. I can't do everything!!" Nuts to that jazz.

If you're overworked and your business is smothering you, you either need more training in administration, or you need more help, or else you're in the throes of the Peter Principle.

The examples of the three little hidden notes and messages way back near the start of this article all could have been rescuers. Any operation could have been improved by any one of those three things, if the guy they were intended for had taken action. If.

Take Action. You've got the capacity to do more than you're doing now, no matter how hectic your pace is. Run everything down. Find out if it needs to have action taken. Maybe you'll have to delegate it to make sure it gets attention. That's okay. Sure, you can't do everything. But you sure can see that action happens where, when, and how it's needed, even if someone else has to do it.

If you don't put off . . .

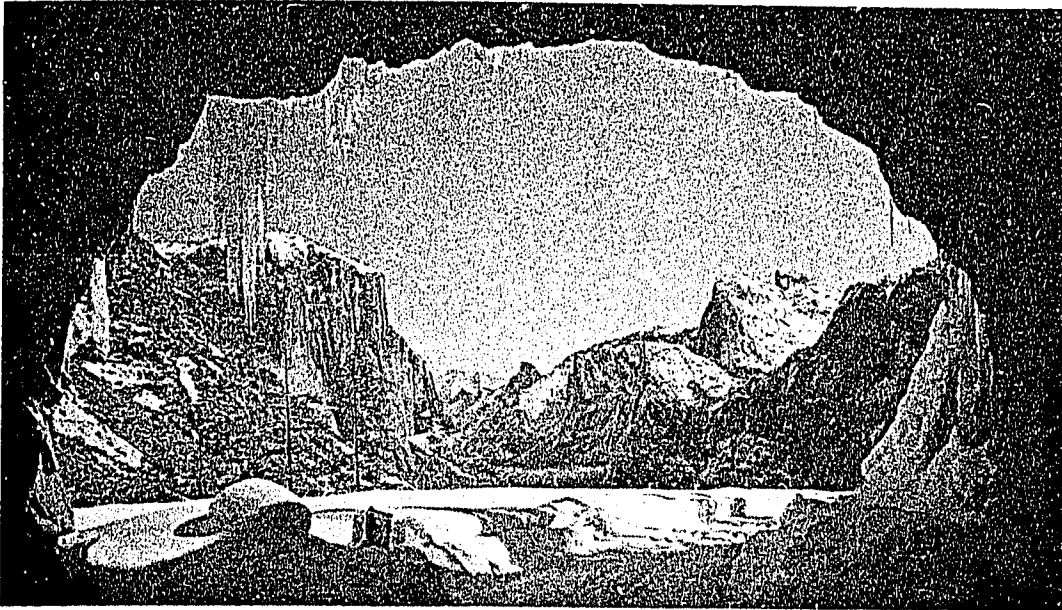
If you don't over-think-it-over . . .

If you don't stall . . .

If you don't dope off . . .

Then you can take action, and you can get things accomplished. That's success. Act, don't react - and remember - your supervisor is with you and has similar goals.

WINTER BRINGS NEW DRIVING HABITS



Winter is coming! With snow and skiing and ice skating and lots of activities. Rain will come, too, bringing life to the mountains again. Not only will the main waterfalls flow again, but after a storm, the Valley walls will radiate with myriad falls.

In the midst of all the beauty Nature will bring between now and April, there is danger. Moisture causes many hazards on the Park roads. These include wet roads, snow or ice on the road, and black ice. To enjoy the beauty of winter this year — and next, practice the tips below. They can greatly improve your winter driving.

1. Maintain slower speeds, usually well under the speed limit. Most people consider 25 mph to be the maximum safe speed when slippery conditions exist, or when there is snow, frost, or slush on the roads
2. Don't do anything abrupt — don't brake quickly, or speed up quickly. Remember as you go into a turn that hazards can exist around the corner. Also, the speed you can handle on a straightaway can send you off the road when it turns.
3. Be sure your tires have tread on them; this is even more important in the winter than at any other time of the year. Carry good tire chains and know how to use them. If you're not particularly good at winter driving or it scares you, think seriously of taking a bus or riding with others more used to winter conditions. You'll save yourself a lot of trouble.
4. Speeds on slick roads should be reduced and the distance between cars increased. Starts should be slow, with a steady but smooth acceleration. Too much power causes spinning wheels,

loss of traction, and loss of control of your automobile.

5. Stopping on icy or snow-covered roads should be gradual; a gentle pumping pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without losing traction. Never slam on your brakes — they will lock up, and you could end up in a snowbank.
6. Passing another car in winter can be extremely dangerous. Attempt it only where sufficient distance is available, accelerate slowly, and make sure roadway conditions and visibility indicate it is safe.
7. It's important to carry flares in your car so you can alert approaching traffic when your vehicle is not in motion. The unmistakable red light of a flare cautions drivers to slow down and has prevented many accidents. Flares should be placed alongside the road every 100 feet.
8. Watch out particularly for shady areas where ice stays on the road most of winter. A few places to be careful include the Fern Springs/Pohono Bridge area, at Bridalveil Falls junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge, by Le Conte Memorial, and near water sources.
9. Be sure to follow directions on the Chain Control signs. The National Park Service determines the chain requisites by the condition of the roads (i.e., ice, snow), which they constantly patrol.

Above all, be alert at all times when driving in winter, and remember, chains may be mandatory at any time on Park roads, so please carry them in your vehicle at all times.

BADGER PASS READY

Badger Pass, California's oldest organized ski area, is set to open for another season. Plans are for the area to open after the first big snowfall.

Nic Fiore, head of the Yosemite Ski School, will be starting his 29th season of teaching Park visitors how to ski downhill. Badger also offers rental ski equipment, NASTAR races, full food service, and a ski shop — in case you left something at home.

Badger Pass is probably best known as a learn-to-ski area, which may be one reason it is popular with families. Lift lines are some of the shortest you will find in the Sierras, and slopes are gentle enough for novice and intermediate skiers.

Lift ticket prices for adults are \$8.75 all-day on weekends, \$6.50 half-day weekends; children's rates (under 12) are \$5.75 all-day, \$4.00 half-day, weekends. Weekday rates are \$1.25 lower for all-day tickets and \$1 lower for half-day.

Season passes are also available now; cost is \$150 per person, and for employees with privilege card, the charge is \$75.

See you on the slopes!

BIG SKI SWAP

Yosemite Elementary School

Friday, November 18

5 - 8 p.m.

Chili Dinner — Dime-a-Dip

Bake Sale

Turkeys Ruffled

Auction of New Ski Equipment

Sponsored by the
Yosemite Parents Group

Bring your old or outgrown skis, skates, clothes, and winter sports equipment with you to swap with others.

EMPLOYEE DISCOUNTS

Due to the nature of special sales, employee discounts do not apply on reduced merchandise. All are equally welcome to the additional savings over and beyond the normal employee discount amount.

SENTINEL ARTICLES

The *Yosemite Sentinel* is happy to carry articles on club activities, school events, and other Park happenings. We also accept free-lance articles relating to the Park, such as history, nature, hospitality, and personal experiences. Please have all submissions at the *Sentinel* Office by the 12th of the month prior to publication.

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

Remember—movies are now shown on Thursday evenings at the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center, beginning at 7 p.m.

November 10 - The Magus (PG)

Starring Anthony Quinn, Michael Caine, and Candice Bergen.

Tale of a mysterious recluse trying to guide the destiny of an English school-teacher on a Greek island.

November 17 - Patton (PG)

Starring George C. Scott and Karl Malden.

Panoramic portrait of the flamboyant General Patton. Academy Awards for best picture and best actor.

December 1 - Paint Your Wagon (PG)

Starring Lee Marvin, Clint Eastwood, and Jean Seberg.

Big, bawdy musical which revolves around the lives of two gold prospectors: Marvin, the boisterous hard-drinking cynic, and Eastwood, the scholarly quiet gentleman.

ACTIVITIES

Volleyball and Badminton are played each Tuesday and Thursday night, beginning at 9 p.m., in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Everyone is welcome!

Folk Dance, taught by Carol Peterson of El Portal, is held every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Dances from Israel, Greece, and Macedonia, as well as from other lands, are featured. All skill levels are welcome at the class, which meets at the Yosemite Elementary School.

Yoga, taught by Bob Ashway, is held at the Orientation Room at 6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. A small fee is charged. Come learn techniques to stretch away tension as well as tone up the body.

The Jogging Class has been cancelled due to lack of participation and because it is getting dark so early.

WANTED

Recliner and sturdy card table. Call Frances at ext. 469.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Raku Ceramics Yosemite School — 3 p.m.
Auto Maintenance Class El Portal — 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Volleyball and Badminton Visitor Center — 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Spanish Class Yosemite School — 7 p.m.
Folk Dancing Yosemite School — 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.
Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Principles of Real Estate El Portal School — 7 p.m.
MOVIE (See Column) Visitor Center — 7 p.m.
Bible Study Chapel — 7:30 p.m.
Volleyball and Badminton Visitor Center — approx. 9 p.m. (after Movie)

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. — 5:30 p.m.
Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse — 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center, West Aud. — 9 & 11 a.m.
Worship Service Chapel — 9:30 a.m.
A Christian Gathering Chapel — 6 p.m.
Worship Service Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Monday, November 7 Advanced First Aid Class Meets

Tuesday, November 8 Advanced Criminal Inv. Class Meets

Wednesday, November 9 Flag Football, Greeley Hill
at Yosemite School, — 1:30 p.m.
Final Class, Advanced First Aid
Race Helpers Clinic, Yosemite School — 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 10 Final Class, Adv. Criminal Inv.
Marine Corps Birthday Celebration, The Ahwahnee

Saturday, November 12 Fireman's Ball,
El Portal Comm. Hall — 8:30 p.m.
Cake Decorating Class, Girl's Club — 9:30 a.m.

Monday, November 14 .. Book Discussion Group, Girl's Club — 8 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15 Annual Service Awards Banquet — 7 p.m.
Parents Group Meeting, Yosemite School — 7:45 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16 Race Helpers Clinic,
Yosemite School — 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 17 . Lions Club Meeting, The Ahwahnee — Noon

Thursday, November 24 .. Thanksgiving Day (School & YPC Holiday)

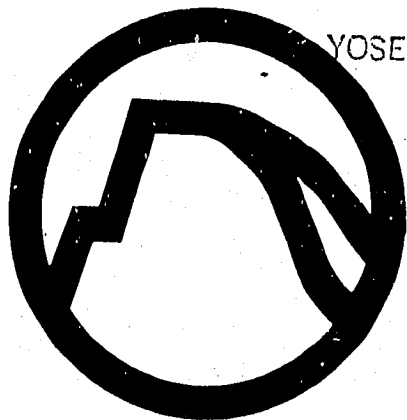
Friday, November 25 Day After Thanksgiving
(School & YPC Holiday)

Wednesday, November 30 Flag Football, Yosemite School
at Mariposa Elementary — 1 p.m.
Women's Group "Christmas Bring and Take" Luncheon,
Curry Village Lounge — Noon

Thursday, December 1 . Lions Club Meeting, Yosemite Lodge -- Noon

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NINTH ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET HONORS EMPLOYEES

On Tuesday evening, November 15, over 200 people gathered at The Ahwahnee to pay tribute to long-term employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

After a social hour in the Great Lounge, friends and relatives joined Company executives and honored employees in the Main Dining Room for the banquet. Special guests for the evening were Superintendent and Mrs. Arnberger.

Following the dinner, Ed Hardy welcomed the group with a short speech and presented the 61 awards, which represented a total of 569 years of service. Since the first Awards Banquet, 280 awards have been given, with 2,774 years of service honored.

Mr. Hardy, in addition to expressing his thanks to Curry employees, read a telegram sent by Jay Stein, President of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. In part the telegram said,

"Congratulations on another successful year in Yosemite. As you know, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is a people's company. We serve millions of visitors every year, and the guest only knows of us through contact with our employees.

"That we are the best concession operation in the entire National Park Service is due to you, our employees, and I join with Ed Hardy in expressing our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you here tonight..."

It was a night to be long remembered by those attending.

FIVE YEAR AWARDS

Gilbert Baldwin	Maintenance—Carpenter
Arlin Bowles	Machine Shop Foreman
Martin Bowles	Electrical Foreman
Frank Brown III	YL Broiler—Waiter
Lillie Brudzinski	Ahw. Lead Hskpg. Person
John Carter	Manager of Bike Stands
Michael Christensen	CV Hskpg. Lead Houseperson
Primo Custodio	Personnel Specialist
Robert Ferguson	YTS Freight
Barbara Garcia	Reservation Specialist
Cruz Garcia	YL Lead Hskpg. Person
Steve Good	YL Broiler—Waiter
Harriet Gordon	Warehouse—Office Clerk
Irene Green	Tecoya Emp. Hskpg. Supv.
Shirley Hamblin	Manager of Degnan's Deli
Robin Hamer	YL Kitchen Helper
Kenneth Hulbert	Maintenance—Plumber
Walter Jenkins	Maintenance—Refrigeration
David Johnson	Ahw. Bar Lead Wine Steward
Paula Katz	YL Rest.—Waitress
John Lewis	Reservations
Gail Miller	YL Broiler—Waitress

FIVE YEAR AWARDS (Continued)

Timothy Moniz	Warehouse—Truck Driver
Raymond Morrow	Maintenance—Laborer
David O'Brien	YTS Driver
Donald Perry	YTS Freight—Clerk
Rollin Robley	YL Cafeteria Manager
Dennis Scott	YL Rest.—Waiter
Domingo Serrano	Ahw. Bar—Wine Steward
Daria Smith	CV Front Office Clerk
George Spach	Director of Purchasing
James Stewart	YL Broiler—Waiter
Stan Tabler	YL Rest.—Waiter
Emmanuel Taruvinga	YL Bellperson
Janice Vincent	YL Auditor

TEN YEAR AWARDS

Donald Barnes	Ahw. Houseperson
Luke Bradshaw	CV Assistant Manager
Jessie Bryson	Tecoya Emp. Hsg. Maid
Myron Colosimo	YL Kitchen—Night Cleaner
James Corbin	Maint.—Oil Stove Supv.
Robert Forbes	YL Kitchen Helper
Alonzo Johnson	Ahw. Kitchen—Chef
Catheryn Laurenroth	Accts. Payable Supervisor
Martha Miller	Manager of White Wolf
John Simmons	Ahwahnee Bellperson
Martha Telles	CV Hskpg.—Rooms Keeper
Derrick Vocelka	Manager of Personnel

FIFTEEN YEAR AWARDS

James Bailey	YL Rest.—Waiter
Frank Bonaventura	YTS Driver
William Coleman	YTS Driver
Dean Conway	Manager of the Stables
Robert Crum	Vehicle Maint. Mechanic
Stewart Good	Ahwahnee Bartender

TWENTY YEAR AWARDS

Dorothy Brady	Manager of Distr.—Whse.
James Simpkins	YTS Driver

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR AWARD

Marlin Belote	YTS Driver
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THIRTY SEASONS AWARD

Henrietta Dillon	Curry Village
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RETIRING THIS YEAR

Chet Holm	YTS Driver
Berneice Jacobs	YL Houseperson
Robert Jacobs	Senior Whsemn.—Whse.
Willard Melton	Laundry Supervisor

Xmas Trees Available Sign-up Deadline Sunday

The Lions Club will have their annual Christmas Tree Sale again this year. If you'd like to have a red fir Christmas tree (other varieties may also be available), be sure to sign-up on one of the sheets located throughout the Valley, including at the Post Office and at the bulletin board by the Cashier's Office. Deadline for signing up to purchase a tree is this Sunday, December 4.

Cost for trees is \$1.35 per foot in height. The trees, cut from outside the Park, can be picked up at the NPS Warehouse on Thursday, December 8, between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

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If you do celebrate Christmas with a live tree, please be careful! Keep the tree in a cool place until it is decorated; be sure there is water in the stand to keep the base of the tree wet. Do not leave electric lights burning on the tree when no one is in the room. Never use candles on a tree or place any type of flame near the tree. If needles shower the floor when you touch the tree, it is obviously too dry and should be removed (yes, even if it's not Christmas yet). If you notice the tree becoming dry, be sparing in turning the lights on — the hot lights, especially the larger size bulbs, help dry the tree out.

Make your Christmas a merry one!

MOVING SALE

Fraley's home, No. 726, El Portal Rancheria Flat Government Housing. Small Thomas organ, twin bed, tent, and many other miscellaneous items. Saturday, December 10, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sunday, December 11, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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YWC TUNES UP

Yosemite Winter Club members should mark their calendars for lots of action yet in 1977!

Ski Tune-Up Evening: Following two winters which were frequently short of snow and sometimes long on rocks, many of us find our ski edges dull and their bottoms scratched. In an effort to help members prepare their equipment for the coming winter, the Winter Club will sponsor a Ski Tune-Up Evening on Sunday, December 4th. There'll be files, wax, base materials, and binding-testing equipment on hand, plus people knowledgeable in using them. In addition, beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available. Members may bring their skis to "Sam's" between 7 and 9 p.m. for a tune-up job and a low-key evening of sociability.

Winter Club membership is open to all. Call 372-4250 or 372-4475 for more information. Or see Ed Faubert at "Sam's". Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Yosemite Winter Club!

DISCUSS HUCK FINN DEC. 12

The Book Discussion Group will meet at the Girl's Club, Monday, December 12, to discuss Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn." January 9, the book will be Margaret Drabble's "Realms of Gold." New participants are eagerly welcomed by the Group.

FOR SALE

Realistic 8-track tape player for auto. With speakers and tapes. \$50. Call 372-4226 or ext. 206.

1974 Mazda RX-4. Radial tires, in-dash 8-track/AM/FM, air conditioning, chains. Excellent body and engine. \$2,300 or offer. Phone evenings 375-6481.

Tires for VW Squareback. Two Snows, 560-15, 4-ply, used only one season; two for \$40. Two Continental 4-ply, 600L-15. Excellent tread, two for \$20. Call 372-4852 after 5:30 p.m.

Get ready for the holidays. Have a Shaklee facial party. Phone Carolie Jensen at 372-4511.

14" Semperit snow tires. Made in Ireland. Slightly used. Call Electric Larry, 372-4511.

1971 Chevelle 2-door, standard transmission, good condition. \$1500 or best offer. Call 372-4393.

Sofa Hide-a-Bed, earth-tone stripe. Good condition. \$200. Call 372-4393.

CHRISTMAS MAILING DEADLINES NEAR

Some dates to remember for your Christmas mailings are listed below. Please inquire at any window for mailing deadlines to countries not included.

- December 9 Domestic Parcels
- December 12 Letters and Cards, Air Mail, to the Far East and Europe
- December 19 Domestic Cards and Letters

A NOTE FROM THE POST OFFICE STAFF

Join us again at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning, December 9, when the Kindergarten children will sing and decorate the Lobby Christmas Tree. Donuts and coffee will be available to all. We thank you for your cooperation the past year and wish you the very best for the holiday season and coming year.

ode I owed to myself

*As my life unfolds before me
like an image on a screen
with it's black and white realities
and the colors of its dreams*

*I can see that I've been walking
in directions I was given
on a path I did not choose
so what have I to lose*

*by changing what I've never been
and being what I am
and starting out again*

*I have walked the twilight borders
of death and loss of home
I have known but little happiness
I've lived my life alone*

*and while a choice was sometimes offered
I maintained my passive silence
as my life was cast adrift
but now my hand I lift
to end this ceaseless floundering
and set my cause anew
and see the journey through*

*Tho my love has clouded vision
and truth has been a thief
I will choose what's real and fantasy
and trust to my beliefs*

*and I will choose the road I travel
I'm no longer in the shadows
I've left behind the past
I stand alone at last*

*free to hear a different drummers tune
and in the light to find
the boundaries of my mind*

Don Priest

Enjoy an AVON Christmas. For all your holiday needs, please call Ridgley Reece, Yosemite Valley, at 372-4716. Wawona residents call Linda Appling at 375-6400.

A PRESIDENT FOR THE WINTER CLUB

by Anne Hendrickson

The Yosemite Winter Club, operating thus far this season with only a secretary and Steering Committee, now has a new president. Ed Faubert is no stranger to most Winter Clubbers. The manager of Yosemite Sam's, Ed gets the major credit for the Club's fine eating last winter, the Tenaya barbeque in August, and this fall's Kick-Off steak dinner.

Ed first saw Yosemite on a geology field trip in 1973, while he was a student at Glendale College. He fell in love with the area and vowed to return after graduation. Two years ago he came back to stay, spending his first winter camping in the Merced Lake area from January until April. He began work for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. that May as head cook at the Loft. Since then he has spent winters as Sam's and was chef at Tuolumne Meadows last summer.

Born and raised in Manchaug, Massachusetts, an area noted for its many lakes and long, cold winters, Ed early became an avid ice skater. He still counts ice skating as his favorite winter sport, but he enjoys back country hiking in winter and looks forward to taking up cross-country skiing.

Positions of leadership are not new to Ed. He was president of his sophomore class at Glendale College and was chosen student body president during his junior year there. The Winter Club is fortunate to have a president handy with the gavel as well as behind the stove. There may be times when Ed will be seen taking off his apron on the way to the podium to preside. That's versatility!

"The Spirit of Christmas"
Benefit Dance

for
Donna Pritchett

Saturday, December 10, 1977
8:30 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Curry Cafeteria

Tickets \$2.50

Purchase at door or call 372-4204

No-Host Bar — All Drinks 50¢
Snacks provided

Featuring

"WILD BLUE YONDER"

ALSO: Christmas baked goods
for sale and a big RAFFLE

COLLEGE OFFERS COURSES

by Marian Woessner

It is time again for an update on the Merced Community College courses being offered in the area. Another semester is almost at an end, mid-December, with the new semester beginning the week of February 1st. The exception to this is the Emergency Medical Technician course which will begin the first week in January. Announcement of exact day and time will be posted on the bulletin boards.

Other courses being offered this Spring semester are an afternoon session of Advanced First Aid, continuing Spanish, a Drawing and Composition Art course, a Career



The new president tells of his hope to expand Winter Club membership to include an even more diversified group of people. He would like to add hiking groups for winter camping to the list of activities. Assisting Ed with planning and carrying out the varied club program is the large Steering Committee. It is made up of winter enthusiasts from the National Park Service, YP&C Co., Yosemite Institute, and almost all areas of the Park community. Responsibility for parties, programs, and activities is divided among these committee members, who work separately on their own assignments and collectively in an advisory capacity.

Ed Faubert, the new Winter Club president, says, "I welcome all of you to drop in at Sam's during the afternoon or evening. Come and sit by our fireplace and let's work together to make this a good winter for all of us. And remember, let's all keep thinking snow."

Guidance course 'Planning Your Future', the Book Discussion Group, and, hopefully, a 3-week course in Investments later in the spring and an Art Weekend Workshop. A complete schedule will appear in the next *Sentinel*.

Suggestions for possible courses are much appreciated by the Coordinator. Which courses can realistically be offered, however, are limited by the availability of qualified instructors, who must be drawn from the surrounding area, and the availability of adequate facilities. This latter lack is the reason the numerous requests for a woodworking or cabinetmaking class have not been satisfied as yet. Another problem is the maintaining of continued attendance by the necessary number of persons (15) to make the course acceptable by the College. The effort made for regular attendance by participants greatly benefits the whole program.

Residents of this area are also eligible to take the College courses being offered in Mariposa. The Spring '78 schedule there includes courses in Police Report Writing, Silkscreen, Architectural Drafting, Special Topics in Language and Literature, Fire Protection Fundamentals and Social Procedures, Political and Social History of the U.S., Chorus, Intermediate Typing, Real Estate Practices, and Intermediate Photography. Anyone desiring more information on times and dates of these Mariposa courses may call the local Coordinator, Marian Woessner, at 372-4832.

THE SKY

Guess what I found today?
It's big and beautiful like a bay.
Only much much bigger—way, way,
way.
It is the big and beautiful sky,
And the person who sees its beauty is I.

* * *

"The Sky" was written by Cath Reynolds, daughter of Dave and Judi Reynolds. Catherine is eight years old and in the third grade.

THE CELSIUS EXPERIMENT

To convert:

A Fahrenheit reading to Celsius, subtract 32 from °F, multiply by five, and divide by nine.

A Celsius reading to Fahrenheit, divide °C by five, multiply by nine, and add 32.

Yosemite Recreation

MOVIES

December 8 — Psycho

Starring Anthony Perkins and Janet Leigh

The story of a young woman who steals a fortune and in her escape encounters a warped, mother-obsessed young man. (PG)

December 15 — Chariots of the Gods

How do you explain the construction of the pyramids? The strange wall in the Andes? The Sphinx? Did ancient astronauts really roam the world years ago? (G)

December 29 — Take the Money and Run

Starring Woody Allen

Woody Allen portrays a neurotic who tries to win a girl by stealing money. Unfortunately, he is so inept that he can't even make the F.B.I.'s ten most wanted list. (PG)

EMPLOYEE RECREATION WANTS YOU

by Jim Roldan

A basic definition of recreation is the use of leisure time to refresh one's strength and spirits after work. Our Employee Recreation Department can assist you in planning the use of your leisure time and we can provide you with positive outlooks for using this time well. Our programs include dances, sports, movies, classes, and special events. Be sure to watch bulletin boards in employee areas and read schedules of events in the *Sentinel* to keep aware of current happenings in Employee Recreation.

Although the Employee Recreation Department is provided as a service to the employees, the success of our programs is enhanced by maximum employee participation and continual input of new ideas from employees. If you have comments or questions about already scheduled events or if you have ideas about things you'd like to see happen, please drop by the Recreation Office in Tecoya B-4. Stop by even if you don't have a specific intention — we'd like to meet you, talk with you, and keep you informed of what we're doing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAYS

Volleyball Visitor Center East Aud. — 7 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.

Spanish Class (ends 12/14) Yosemite School — 7 p.m.

Folk Dancing Yosemite School — 8 p.m.

THURSDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Principles of Real Estate (ends 12/15) El Portal — 7 p.m.

Body Dynamics (ends 12/15) Yosemite School — 7 p.m.

MOVIE (See Column) Visitor Center East Aud. — 7 p.m.

Bible Study Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, approx. 9 p.m. (after movie)

FRIDAYS

Mass Chapel — 8 a.m.

SATURDAYS

Mass Visitor Center West Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

Worship Service Wawona Schoolhouse — 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS

Mass Visitor Center West Aud. — 9 & 11 a.m.

Worship Service Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

A Christian Gathering Chapel — 6 p.m.

Worship Service Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, December 4 Winter Club Ski Tune-Up Evening
Yosemite Sam's — 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, December 7 Basketball, El Portal School
at Yosemite School, 1:30 p.m.

Monday, December 12 Book Discussion Group
Yosemite School, 8 p.m.

Thursday, December 15 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Yosemite School Christmas Program
Multi-Purpose Room, 7:30 p.m.

Mon., Dec. 19 through Mon., Jan. 2 Christmas Vacation
Yosemite School, El Portal School, Mariposa High

Tuesday, December 20 Yosemite Winter Club
Christmas Caroling, Church Bowl Shuttle Stop, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 28 Winter Club Ski Movie
Visitor Center, 6 & 8 p.m.

Sunday, January 1 New Year's Day
Winter Club Snow Bar, Badger Pass

Thursday, January 5 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

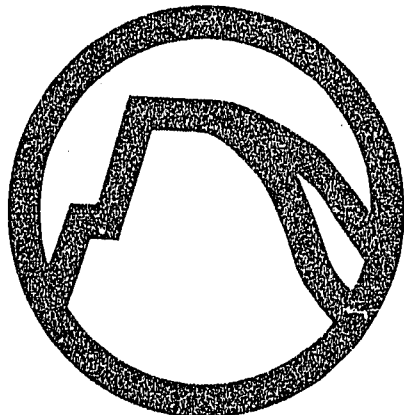
Monday, January 9 Book Discussion Group
Yosemite School, 8 p.m.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas of '77 is almost here — the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. thanks all for skills and attitudes that made 1977 a great guest service year.

Hundreds of Yosemite's servants have spread into winter life-styles away from their Valley, while over 700 remain to serve Yosemite's visitors through this winter wonderland time of the year.

It is with immense gratitude that we give thanks and send cheer to all our past, present, and future team members. Happy Holidays and a joyous New Year.

The Hardys

DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION WORKSHOP ANNOUNCED

The Yosemite Parents Group, in cooperation with the Drug Enforcement Administration, will present an evening workshop in Drug Abuse Education. The program will be presented Thursday, January 5, 1978, in the Yosemite School multipurpose room at 7:30 p.m.

The primary speaker that evening will be Mr. Hugh Shannihan of the Los Angeles office of the D.E.A. Mr. Shannihan has served as consultant to several school districts, including Chicago City School District and the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools Office.

His topics will include drug identification and the legal aspects of drug use. He will also discuss counseling techniques for use by professionals and lay persons alike.

Further information can be obtained by calling Scott Brown at 372-4791.



Holding flashlights to illuminate their song sheets, last year's carolers serenaded for Christmas.

COMMUNITY CAROLING PARTY DECEMBER 20

Once again, the Yosemite Winter Club invites the community to go Christmas caroling. Tuesday evening, December 20, is the date chosen this year. The meeting time is 7:30 p.m., and the place is the Church Bowl - Medical Clinic shuttle bus stop.

Participants are advised to wear warm clothing, including hats, gloves, and sturdy footwear. Flashlights will be important for reading the printed words and music. Song sheets will be provided for the traditional Christmas carols plus some new and unusual songs.

The group will walk through the various housing areas serenading residents and guests. Following the singing, participants will gather in front of a fire at the Yosemite Institute office for hot beverages and fellowship. For more information, call Bob Hansen at 372-4441, or Donna Mackie at 372-4590.

Merry Christmas to the community from the Winter Club!

HOLIDAYS IN THE PARK

The Christmas season is a busy time in all areas of the United States, with parties, visiting, shopping, baking, and other activities creating a sometimes hectic pace. Yosemite National Park is no exception from the holiday busyness, with lots of ways to enjoy your time off.

Daily activities include ice skating at the Curry Village Ice Rink. Admission with privilege card is 75¢; skates rent for 75¢. There's downhill skiing at Badger Pass, with lifts open daily from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All-day lift tickets for privilege card holders are \$3.75 weekdays and \$4.38 weekends. Also at Badger are Sno-Cat tours, snow play areas, saucers, and snowshoes for rent, and NASTAR Races daily at 2 p.m.

The Yosemite Mountaineering School offers lessons and rental equipment in cross country skiing, as well as climbing instruction. Employees receive a 50% discount on classes as long as there are three full-paying customers. Reservations are advised.

Special events for the Christmas season begin on Thursday, December 15, at the Yosemite Elementary School's annual Christmas Program, in the Multi-Purpose Room at the School, 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Christmas Bird Count will take place this weekend, with the actual count taking place on Sunday, December 18.

On Tuesday, December 20, the Yosemite Winter Club will sponsor Christmas caroling throughout the residential areas. It doesn't matter if you're sharp, flat, or on key — everyone is welcome to join in an evening

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HOLIDAYS IN THE PARK—Continued from page 1

reflecting true community spirit. Meet at the Church Bowl Shuttle Bus Stop at 7:30 p.m.

The Yule Log Ceremony takes place at both the Yosemite Lodge (at 6 p.m.) and The Ahwahnee (at 5 p.m.) on Christmas Eve. The Bracebridge Singers will present their annual Christmas program at the Lodge on Christmas Eve at 7:30 p.m. and perform in concert on December 26 (Monday) at the Lodge, also at 7:30 p.m.

December 25 will see Santa skiing on the slopes of Badger and the 47th Christmas Day the Bracebridge Dinner is presented.

Bill Melton, local hiker, photographer, and long-time resident, will be showing slides taken on his recent hikes into the magnificent Olympic wilderness on Tuesday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center East Auditorium. All residents are invited to view the program — any

comments you have on perfecting the show for public viewing are welcomed.

"White Horizons," a Dick Barrymore ski film, will be presented by the Winter Club in the Visitor Center East Auditorium on Wednesday, Dec. 28, at both 6 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$1.50 each, with proceeds going to the Junior Race Team.

Employee Recreation has scheduled "Take the Money and Run," starring Woody Allen, as their Thursday night movie, Dec. 29. It will also be shown in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center, at 7 p.m. Privilege card or NPS I.D. card required.

The Yosemite Winter Club will celebrate New Year's Day with a Snow Bar at Badger Pass. Football fans can enjoy NFL action on January 1, with most of the Bowl Games being played on Monday, Jan. 2.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

SEE "WHITE HORIZONS" DEC. 28

Sweep slopes and deep powder skiing are featured in "White Horizons," a new, ninety-minute ski film by Dick Barrymore, to be shown on Wednesday, December 28, at the Visitor Center East Auditorium at 6 and 8 p.m.

Barrymore traveled to powder meadows in the Canadian Rockies to compare the skiing there with the skiing of five other countries during his six-month filming tour that covered more than fifty thousand miles.



Viewers of "White Horizons" will judge for themselves where the best skiing is when they travel via Barrymore's cameras to Canada's helicopter paradises — the Bugaboos, the Cariboes, and the Monashees, and Europe's Zermatt, Val D'Isere, Klosters, Davos, and several small, picturesque villages hidden in the Austrian Alps that are seldom visited by American tourists. Then it's on to Snowbird, Utah, and Cervinia, Italy, for World Cup competitions and Freestyle Championships.

Also included in the feature-length all-color film is a unique sequence that compares the freestyle techniques of Olympic champion, Jean Claude Killy, and hot doggers Wayne Wong and Jim Steiling, as filmed in Val D'Isere, France, Killy's home town in the spectacular French Alps.

Tickets for the performance may be purchased at the door for \$1.50. Yosemite's Junior Race Team will be selling popcorn and sodas at the movie. All proceeds from the movie and refreshments will go to benefit the Junior Race Team.

SKI DAY PROGRAM IN 36TH YEAR

by Fran Scoble

Beginning in January, the 36th season of the Wednesday Ski Program for students at Yosemite and El Portal Schools will take place at Badger Pass.

The program is made possible by a combined effort of the Yosemite and El Portal parents and volunteers, the Badger Pass staff, and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. The program offers children an opportunity to learn to ski at an early age with competent instruction and supervision.

Children participating are offered rental equipment (if needed), lift

tickets, and transportation to and from Badger Pass on YTS buses for \$1.25 per week.

The Yosemite Ski School, under the direction of Nic Fiore, will offer a clinic for all Ski Day instructors before the program begins.

All volunteers who participate in the program—bus mothers, porch mothers and instructors—receive a free lift ticket for each Ski Day, plus one additional free lift ticket, good any day of the week it is earned. The ticket is void if not used by the following Wednesday.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the management at Badger Pass view the children's Ski Day Program as a fine volunteer community effort and are pleased to participate in and support such an outstanding opportunity for the children of Yosemite and El Portal.

Anyone interested in being a Ski Day Volunteer should contact Fran Scoble at 372-4825 or Margene Van Wagendonk in El Portal at 379-2668.

FOR SALE

Classic 1959 VW bus. Wide tires, custom interior. Needs engine and transaxle work. As is. \$300 or offer. Contact Paul at 372-4611, ext. 296, or Annex Cabin 2022, or Curry Village Housing Office — Cabin No. 8.

Zig Zag Sewing Machine, with cabinet. \$50. 372-4826.

Electric Food Slicer — never used. \$40. call 372-4548.

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OLD MASTER OF YOSEMITE

by Shirley Sargent

Ever since the twelve magnificent paintings of Yosemite were hung in The Ahwahnee's entrance lobby as part of the celebration for the Hotel's 50th anniversary year of 1977, guests and employees have been asking, "Who was the artist?" Sweden-born Gunnar M. Widforss, 1879-1934, was the man who reproduced "The Yosemite" he loved so faithfully and charmingly during the 1920's when he spent a great deal of time here.

His art training was in his native Stockholm and in Paris, but his best teacher was experience. He traveled extensively in Europe, painting landscapes in oils and watercolors. When hunger threatened, he resorted to house painting so he could afford food. By 1912, his work was sought, bought, and hung in major museums and private collections in Europe. No longer did he have to paint houses.

In 1921, the 42-year-old artist visited Yosemite and was overwhelmed by its

SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS BOOST MARIPOSA ECONOMY

Social Security benefits were being paid to residents of Mariposa County at the rate of \$346,100 a month at the start of 1977, Dennis Kruse, Social Security Manager in Merced, said today.

Social Security benefits can be paid to retired persons aged 62 and over, to workers who become severely disabled before age 65, and to survivors of deceased workers.

Monthly Social Security checks are also paid to certain dependents of a worker who has retired, become disabled, or died.

Of the 1,756 Social Security beneficiaries living in Mariposa County, 1,111 are retired workers and 153 are disabled workers. Another 196 persons are receiving benefits as the wives or husbands of retired or disabled workers. Widows, widowers, and dependent parents of deceased workers number 129.

In Mariposa County, 598 people under age 65 and 1,158 people age 65 and older are receiving monthly Social Security benefits. Of total beneficiaries, 783 are men, 806 are women, and 167 are children.

For further information contact your Social Security Office which is located at 3191 M Street, Merced. The phone number is 723-2071.

phenomenal beauties. After that he divided his time and work between Yosemite and Grand Canyon National Parks with way stops at Zion, Bryce, Yellowstone, and scenic spots in California. NPS Director Stephen T. Mather was so delighted with Widforss' paintings, he urged him to specialize in painting National Park scenes, and soon he became known for just that, specializing in watercolors.

"Weedy", as friends called him, was loved for his good nature, his generosity, and Swedish-accented English. Inevitably, when the King of Sweden visited Yosemite, Widforss was called in as interpreter. "Ask the King if he would care to visit the Mariposa Grove," was the request of an Ahwahnee staff member. Widforss was so excited by his responsibility that he used the wrong language to say, "Would you like go Big Trees today, Your Highness?" At that everyone, except the bewildered king, dissolved in laughter.

Don Tresidder, first president of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., was among the artist's strongest admirers and supporters. He bought paintings for both the Company and himself, and

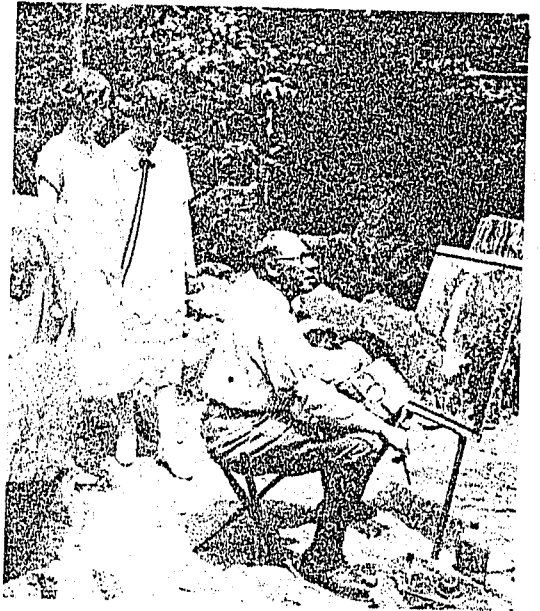


One of Widforss' monumental yet intimate paintings was this view of the pioneer Big Oak Flat Road, massive El Capitan, Clouds Rest, and Half Dome. (Black and white copy made from the original, which was a retirement gift to Vickie and Wendell Otter in 1967).

used reproductions of many of Widforss' views as menu covers for Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge. A Widforss watercolor of The Ahwahnee was used in publicity long before the Hotel was finished. In 1927, Tresidder commissioned watercolors of the exterior as well as interiors of the public rooms. Recently one of those

paintings, of the dining room, has been made into a handsome dinner menu cover for the Hotel.

After a one-man exhibition at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., in 1924, Widforss' work was acclaimed nationally, and one art expert said, "He is possibly the greatest water colorist in America today." His work was realistic yet emotional, valid, vital, and exhibited an astonishing vision which appealed to critics and lay people alike. Stephen Mather, Horace M. Albright, Tresidder, and Barry Goldwater were among his early and enthusiastic supporters and collectors.

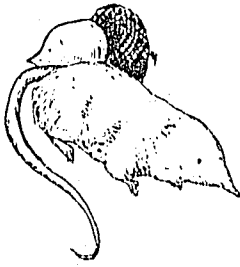


In the 1920's, artist Gunnar Widforss was a familiar sight on the trails of Yosemite as he painted waterfalls, peaks, and trees. He did not mind silent onlookers, such as these two maids, but disliked tourists who bothered him with questions. (Wendell H. Otter Collection)

In 1929, Widforss became a naturalized American citizen. His residence after that was in Grand Canyon, rather than Yosemite, and it was there he died, of a sudden heart attack in 1934. His friends mourned him; many had a prized painting given them by the generous, impulsive artist. Over the years, the Company's large collection diminished as a number were given to retirees, some stolen, a few sold, and others stored. In this 50th anniversary year of The Ahwahnee, the committee in charge of planning celebrations decided that all remaining Widforss paintings be unearthed, cleaned, reframed, and hung in The Ahwahnee. At noon on July 14, 1977, the 50th anniversary day itself, the last of twelve monumental landscapes, representing Yosemite's major waterfalls, peaks, and Sequoias, was bolted into place for the enjoyment and enrichment of new generations. In them Widforss' love of Yosemite shines out even as it draws the observer in.

ANIMAL OF THE MONTH

by Sandy Dengler



THE SHREW

Right now, within fifty yards of your door, there lurks a savage hunter that devours its own weight in food every day. Fortunately for us humans, the creature's head-body length is about 2½ inches plus another couple inches of mouse-like tail.

Shrews are savage hunters indeed. If starvation looms, they will eat berries or nuts or even leaves, but normally they seize insects, snails, worms, and carrion. Remember the STAR TREK episode where drinking Cilosian water accelerated a person to an insectoid buzz? Shrews very nearly live that way. A hummingbird's heartbeat is around 600/minute. The shrew's is 800. The young are on their own a month after birth. Females raise several litters a year. And rare is the shrew who sees two winters. "Extreme old age" is 18 months.

Most authors list 30 kinds of shrews in the U.S. and Yosemite is home to four. One, the Mt. Lyell shrew, is not found below 6900 feet elevation. And although the high Sierra is inhospitable to an insectivore in winter, neither this nor any other shrew goes into dormancy or hibernation. Day in and day out they slumber a few hours, awake ravenous and hunt, slumber . . . Deprived of prey, a shrew will starve to death in 12 hours.

When your fisherman friend tells you about the mouse he saw that swam and ran about underwater, don't credit his story to the beer in his creel. His "mouse" is the water shrew. These relatively large shrews (3 inches plus tail) hunt actively underwater.

Shrews occur in every kind of habitat (even deserts), but they prefer moist areas with lots of leaf litter, possibly because insects also prefer such places. Shrews exude such a musky, pungent odor that predators usually leave them alone (your cat will catch and kill shrews, but she probably won't eat them). Besides, they are secretive and barely noticeable as they scurry about beneath the forest duff. The semi-darkness of their hidden world is no handicap — nearly blind, shrews depend almost entirely on hearing and touch rather than upon sight or smell.

WHO'S NUMBER ONE?

I'm sure you've all seen the rent-a-car commercials with the slogan, "We're number one — we try hard." Now, though, there's a new one out: "We're not number one — you are." Ponder it a minute.

Would you rather do business with a company that considered itself number one (and you then obviously have to be number two — or lower), or with one that felt you were number one? The "Nobody Else Like You Service" the Equitable Life Assurance Society brags about? The "personal banker" Wells Fargo gives each customer?

Whether these companies actually provide the services their advertising department claims they do is not what this article is about. Why do you suppose there has been such an increase in advertising special consideration given to customers?

It's a pretty big world we live in now; it's easy to feel lost or alone, especially when you're in a crowd (as in the city) or in a new environment (as Yosemite is to our guests). Remember the "value of a smile" instruction so many people give? All of this is based on the same thing — making the person feel he is somebody to you and that you really want to help them in any way possible.

It's nearing the end of your shift. You're tired — it's been a big day. The last thing you want is someone else's problems to solve. And here they come, bringing one. Any lack of helpfulness on your part will be noticed immediately.

Maybe you're not the only one who's tired and had a big day. So what if the people "are on their vacation." Have you ever been a passenger in a car with a crying baby or squabbling

youngsters for a six- or seven-hour ride? Driving that car that distance is even harder. Now who's had the big day and is tired the most? Probably the guest.

You can never tell what people have been through before they come to you. Flat tires or other types of car trouble can really be defeating. So can finding facilities closed, help abrupt, people in general uncaring. It wears one out. Yet — you take that same worn-out person, find someone interested enough in them to help solve their problems or talk even a minute, and they'll perk right up. It's amazing.

Next time you feel you should look out for number one, try looking for a guest who seems tired or upset. See if you can help. Just talking may help them a lot.

Make the guest numero uno. Their thanks and relief will make you feel like "Number One."

CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT



And four in the meadow. How many does that make?

The 1977 Christmas Bird Count in Yosemite National Park is scheduled for Sunday, December 18. The Yosemite Count is an effort to census the birds within a 15-mile diameter circle centered on the Pohono Bridge in Yosemite Valley. It is part of well over 1000 similar counts held during the Christmas holiday period throughout North America and the West Indies. The Christmas Bird Counts are sponsored by the National Audubon Society which compiles and publishes the results.

Experienced and novice birders are welcome to participate. Anyone interested in additional information regarding the Yosemite Christmas Bird Count may write Steve Medley, c/o Naturalist Division, Box 577, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389, or phone (209) 372-4461, ext. 61 (days), or (209) 379-2415 (evenings).

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