

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Friday, February 12, 1954

#### PRIVILEGE IDENTIFICATION CARD SYSTEM CHANGED

A change in the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. privilege identification card system for this year has been announced by H. K. Oulmet, Personnel Manager. The 1954 cards, which will be distributed soon, will bear a 1" by 1 1/4" photo of the card holder, and the entire card will be enclosed in a plastic case. The new type card will not only provide a closer control of useage but will also be a valuable form of personal identification outside Yosemite.

A one-minute Polaroid camera has been set up in the small room off the Personnel Department Lobby where the photos will be made at no charge. Schedules for making photos will be announced soon.

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

WHAT happened to January? Seems to have completely vanished—SWISH—just like that, and here we are with Spring's first robin (heard this morning): the days getting yards longer, AND well into February already.

Hectic weekends at The Ahwahnee—especially in George de B's dining room—with that peak Saturday night when 316 diners romped in and out in record time, thanks to the nimble toes and hands of twelve peppy girls, plus a light sprinkling of busboys.

Nice having old friend Shiva Gharat join the front office staff; and welcome back to Joe Thomas after a mean siege in the Hospital. AND a big BIG welcome to Miles Cooper, now Transportation Agent at The Ahwahnee. It's good to have him back again.

And Betsy Brazitis, just like old times to have Bets back part time in the Cashier's window.

Lots of comment, and lots of questions about Fran Spencer's beautiful new screens at the Dining Room entrance—Balsa wood, Fran says. The best news—the Ski Suppers again a big success. Fred Pierson's wonderful buffet causing lots of Ohs and Ahs: Nick Fiore's songs, and of course, the clever Tritones, Marie, Charley and Carl all adding up and making everyone feel right in the mood for having a darn good time. All this plus Parky and his pals make The Ahwahnee the focal point for every evening informal fun.

Luggi Foeger's beautiful ski pictures on Wednesday nights again this year bringing in the young crowd.

THE REALLY YOUNG ski crowd, about 100 strong, filled the Indian Room for their movie, coke & frito get-together during the Junior Meet weekend. Cokes and fritos vanishing in nothing flat.

Now we're all set, braced and holding our breath for the big 4-day Washington's Birthday holiday. From all accounts, the world and his wife are headed this way. We hope the SNOW is!

#### SCOUTING

Starting Friday, February 19 and for each succeeding four Fridays, William Hill, the Scouting Field Executive from Merced will give an adult training course for those people now in the cubbing program and for anyone who may be interested in the future. Meetings will be from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Rangers Club. Contact Leroy Rust for further information.



Mary Lou took a bone-shaking spill, which caused her to lose her skis, poles, glasses, etc., so didn't finish. Richie Ouimet, fourth; Stuart During, sixth; Tim Ernst, fourteenth; Randy Rust, second; Malcolm McGregor, fifth; Tim Berrey, first; Henny Berrey, third. The team seemed to enjoy the experience of racing at a new area and it was evident that their skiing improved as a result of the two days' training and racing.

#### LOST ARROW

On Friday the 19th of January there will be an old-fashioned Community Sing at the Arrow, led by The Ahwahnee trio. Come early, as we will have the trio only from 6 to 7 p.m. to start the singing. Supper will follow and then more singing around the piano. All folks invited, young and old.

Every Thursday and Saturday play reading groups meet at the Arrow. They do improvisations and good modern plays, and will work their way back to Aeschylus. It's lots of fun!

Sunday next, January 14, there will be a playing of Brahms' Deutsches Requiem for chorus and orchestra. 9:15 p.m. Every Sunday evening is music listening time.

The screeches and groans you hear when walking by the Arrow come from the ladies' conditioning group, 2-3, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Come over and groan a bit.

#### SOCIAL CLUB TO SPONSOR MOULIN ROUGE NIGHT AT ARROW

Moulin Rouge Casino night, which will be a sort of Reno Night, Parisian style, will be held at the Arrow on March 10, according to Dee Meredith, social hostess. In addition to Can-Can dancers there will be booths for roulette, and other games of chance, and for supper, operated by N.P.S., Hospital, and Y.P. and C.Co. employees. The affair starts at 7 p.m.

#### SKI SUPPERS POPULAR

The twice-weekly buffet supper dances on Monday and Thursday nights in the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee are proving popular with the local people as well as visitors. The music of the Tritones, a trio, including bass, piano and guitar, is most enjoyable. Reservations should be made in advance by calling The Ahwahnee cashier.

## St. Patrick's Dance Party

COME ONE—COME ALL

Sponsored by the  
YOSEMITE PARENTS GROUP

Wednesday—March 17

Camp Curry Cafeteria

Music by

McNAMARA OVERTON'S BAND

FUN — PRIZES — ENTERTAINMENT

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THIS WONDERFUL PARTY

#### CLASSIFIEDS

Childrens' Photos. Call Fran or Doug Hubbard at 21W.

For Sale—Girl's bicycle \$15. Single bed—(Simmons mattress) and dressing table—\$40. Call 22J5 after 5 p.m.

For Sale—Hot Point Automatic Washer—6 months old. Call 118J.

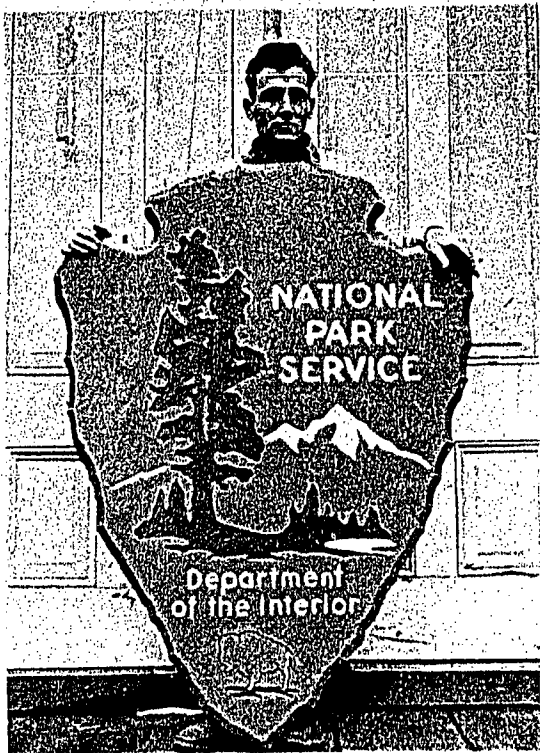
Special on Helen Curtis Cold Wave—Regular \$15 wave for \$10 during the entire month of February. Ahwahnee Beauty Salon.

For Sale—Toboggans, \$5 each at Ice Rink.

For Sale—Chesterfield, garnet color, frieze cover, \$45. Phone 37J5.

For Sale—House in El Portal—3 bedrooms, 1 bath, nice view, close to stores, school and church. Must be sold at once—\$1200. Cash or terms. Dan Kuntz, c/o Y.T.S. Office, Yosemite.

## YOSEMITE SENTINEL



### LEE BUZZINI RECEIVES SECOND INTERIOR DEPARTMENT AWARD

Lee Buzzini, N.P.S. signmaker, has been recognized a second time for his suggestions relative to improving the methods of constructing and mounting signs and in the use of sign-making tools. This award was made by the Region Four Incentive Awards Committee of the National Park Service and was announced recently by Superintendent John Preston. Lee received \$50.00 for his innovations.

In 1948, Buzzini's ability was recognized by the Departmental Incentive Awards Committee, Washington, D.C., by an award of \$200.00 for the submission of extensive technical materials relative to National Park sign writing which became the basis for the present N.P.S. Sign Manual. Due to the exceptional quality of work and the low cost involved, the Yosemite Sign Shop was chosen as one of the three shops in the United States where all of the new National Park Service emblem signs for the parks and monuments would be constructed.

At the presentation ceremony of award, Superintendent Preston, in congratulating Buzzini on his splendid work as a sign artisan, expressed the belief that such fine de-

volition to duty above and beyond the requirements of the job, not only enhances his prestige in the eyes of his fellow workers, but to an immeasurable degree gives the public a new confidence in the ability of federal employees serving with the National Park Service.

### HOSPITAL NOTES

New on the L.M.H. nursing staff is Anne Bouser who comes from far-off Lanai City, Territory of Hawaii. Also, welcome to new receptionist, Julie Blair, from Fresno, who replaces Dee Meredith, now at Lost Arrow.

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In the fractured leg department we have Bill Benson of the Yosemite Lodge Grill.

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Else Oehlmann, who has been hospitalized with a broken leg for about 3 weeks, went home February 8.

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### Nursery News

The L. D. Moore's have an addition to the family in the shape of baby Cherry, who arrived on January 15.

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Olive Martinschang presented Fred with a daughter on January 15—name Lisa Ann.

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Kathryn Anne, daughter of Nancy and Bob Maynard, was born on January 29.

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Timothy George Gordon was born to the Richie Gordons of Wawona on February 4.

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Dolores Orsini presented father Paul with their third boy, Ronald George, February 5.

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In Mariposa at the Fremont Hospital, Christina Starnes was born to Louise Satterlund (Mrs. Morgan W.) Starnes, on December 23. Louise worked in the Y.P.C.Co. Reservation Office before her marriage. The Starnes now have three children, Gwen and Wayne, ages 5½ and 2, respectively.



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Saturday, March 6, 1954

## RENO NIGHT WITH A FRENCH DRESSING

*Tres Joie!*

Mesdames et Messieurs et tous les residents notre belle vallee:

Vous etes invites a nous joindre dans une soiree de las plus formidable et de la plus extravagante debauche depuis le temps de Louis XV.

The above just means that every last Valley resident is invited to come to the Arrow for the jolliest and rowdiest event of the year.

**GAMING**—(Nevada's way of saying it!) All the exciting devices for tempting the Goddess of Chance will be found in our salon.

**DELECTABLE VIANDS**, usually called refreshments in the brasher circles—will be served. Magnifique!

**ENTERTAINMENT**—rivalling the Folies Bergere—will be presented—sounds exceptionale . . . n'est ce pas?

**FREE GIFTS**—worth a king's ransom will be yours—if you hold the lucky numbers Chien chaud!

Your sous, francs, and centimes will hlp fill our empty Social Club coffers so bring the whole family for a great evening of gaming, delightful entertainment and fun!

"Mesdames et Messieurs!"

"Fetes votre jeu!"

Rouge ou Noir!

### YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

At the last meeting of the Yosemite Womens Group it was decided notices of meetings will be sent only to those who wished to be notified. Therefore, all the Yosemite ladies wanting to be informed of forthcoming meetings should notify Mrs. Frances Gammill, (95R) or Mrs. Nadine Kirk (94J), Yosemite National Park, showing their correct mailing address. Cards may be placed in the container which has been provided for this purpose at the Yosemite Village Store.

### NEW FOOTPATH TO SENTINEL BRIDGE

Since the old roadway and sidewalk to the Sentinel Bridge across the meadow was torn up in early winter to erase another man-made structure which had encroached upon the beauty of Yosemite Valley, the National Park Service has built a new gravel footpath eastward of the former road location. In order that a maze of trails does not become visible across the meadow near the site of the old roadway, residents and visitors are asked to use the new footpath in their travels to and from the Old Village area.

### NOTE FROM BUD HICKOK

Some time ago the Sentinel received a note from Bud Hickok, who has suffered a lengthy and serious illness, in which he expressed his appreciation for all the kind words and acts of his Yosemite and El Portal friends. He says ". . . the flowers, candy and dozens of 'get-well' cards sure help a lot when a guy is flat on his back." Bud left the hospital last month and is now home recuperating, and doing very well.

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YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO.  
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

A service recognition and employee benefit program for permanent personnel of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has been announced by H. Oehlmann, Executive Vice-President.

In outlining the program, Mr. Oehlmann pointed out that the plan is a composite of several which were studied and that, finally, one best suited to the welfare of employees living and working in Yosemite had been devised and instituted.

The first part of the program, which was adopted a year ago, is a group hospital and surgical insurance plan for employees with twelve month's service, and their dependents. Under this program, an employee can receive maximum benefits up to \$1800 for any one illness requiring surgery and hospitalization. The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. pays the entire premium on this policy.

This medical plan supplements the one existing between the Y.P.C.Co. and the Lewis Memorial Hospital.

The service recognition plan is based on years of continuous service, with recognition starting at the fifteenth year, when the employee will be given an annual pass over the Yosemite Transportation System's bus lines. Also, his name will be placed on the approved credit list at the Company's enterprises in the Park.

After twenty years of service, the employee is, in addition to the above, given an extra week's vacation with pay. The present vacation policy allows two weeks' vacation with pay after one year's service. Also, twenty-year employees may make certain purchases through the local store at discounts amounting to about 30 percent.

On the silver anniversary of the employee's service, he may take two additional weeks vacation and the purchase discount is upped to about 35 percent. These benefits

are in addition to those he has earned earlier.

Personnel office records reveal that there are 14 employees in the 25 year bracket, 7 with twenty or more years service; nineteen between fifteen and twenty years; 21 with ten years or more, and 55 with five years or more.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

When the snows came: better late than never—The Ahwahnee bellmen got back their snow legs — balancing room service trays down amongst the snowy-snowy bungalows.

The Ahwahnee again played host to the yearly Stanford Student group — here for dinner and dancing in the Indian Room. The Tritones giving everyone a whirl. Hal Roberts, Examiner ski writer here and entering into the fun.

Bob Minerich, back again for a weekend and a ski dinner dance with all his old and true friends—looking slimmer than usual. He brought news of others from Yosemite at the L. A. Statler. Also here was Bob Grey, Bob Heeter and Nanette Pantage.

Marvin Bressler's Ahwahnee Store Room the focal point during the recent storm's "lights out" hassle—right, of course, during the dinner rush hour. The John Loncarics seen merrily dining by lamp light in the Chef's office during the blackout.

Ray Wilson and Joan O'Leary a couple of ski casualties—not for long, we hope. And welcome back to Carroll Clark, after too long away, looking as fit as a fiddle.

AND—now that we've come up for air after the Big Washington's Birthday weekend, all we can say is we have had some "peaks," but this proved the "peakiest peak" we ever "peaked" through!

AND—have you seen Chauncey Dixon's MUSS-tach? Almost ready to curl up and be waxed at the edges!

PERSONNEL DEPT. LIBRARY

H. K. Ouimet wishes to call to the attention of Y.P.C.Co. employees the library of books and periodicals in his office dealing with the problems of management. These are available to any employee wishing to broaden his knowledge of the subject either for his personal enlightenment or to improve the conduct of his work.

**LODGE PODGE**

Lodge reporter Bill Benson, who has just recently become ambulant after a ski injury, is hobbling around his grill but hasn't yet taken on the burden of newswriting. These notes following are a paltry substitution for his usual column, but will fill till next time.

Guess spring hasn't sprung far enuf yet; there just aren't any engagements to report—and all those beauteous gals about—can't understand.

However, Marguerite Radigan and Lydia Fatzinger have joined the bird-watchers—Marguerite tells us that she has been saving her coupons—didn't say whether they were the S&H greens or the kind you clip—to get herself a pair of new binocs to assist in seeing the elusive critters.

John Schweifler, away off in that foreign country of Texas, writes that he is doing fine and putting on weight.

Congratulations to Sidney Lloyd, Eleanor Holt, and Pat Vandenberg, a trio of lovely lassies in the cafe, proud possessors of a gold ski. So good was Pat that her name is among those on the list of Flying Fifty.

Meredith Ellis, the pianist of note, leaves soon for Stanford. Sure been fun with her at the piano and us a'singing this winter. She did a top job for the Ladies Luncheon just recently—classic stuff.

May Puckett, Ora Martin, and Theresa Crawford were seen lately enjoying the dances at the Arrow.

Elisabeth Stratton and spouse are off on their vacation to the Oregon country and will have a lot of good things to tell when they return.

Drop into the Arrow some afternoon and watch Ben Narra put his Judo devotees through their paces. Never realized it was so interesting—they all wear authentic costumes. Johnny Van Matre and Paul Juette are his star pupils, we would say.

**YOSEMITE SOCIAL CLUB**

presents

**SEASON'S FINALE SQUARE & FOLK DANCE**

LIVE CALLER—THE WORKS

**BEST DANCE EVER!**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

**CAMP CURRY—8:30**

**STERLING CRAMER NAMED GOLDEN CHAIN COUNCIL CHARIMAN**

The Golden Chain Council of the Mother Lode, at a meeting February 26 at Murphy's Hotel, in Murphy's, elected S. S. Cramer to the position of chairman. The Council is an organization of the chambers of commerce of the eight Mother Lode counties and among its purposes is the promotion of travel to the area. Also elected were Dave Maltman, of Grass Valley, Vice-Chairman; Walter Drysdale of El Dorado, Treasurer; Alice Field of Yosemite, Executive-Secretary.

**ANNUAL SKI SUPPER**

for Valley Square and Folk Dancers

Western Wear—de rigueur  
(no spurs, please)

Reservations Limited — Tritones Music

Monday, March 22—The Ahwahnee

**COMMUNITY COUNCIL FUND DRIVE OPENS**

The Yosemite Community Council opened its annual fund-raising drive March 1 and pledge cards were mailed March 5 to all employed Valley residents.

This year's drive will cover the needs of ALL charities, etc., and local organizations. The goal is \$2065. Please fill out and return pledge cards promptly—and generously.

For Sale—1952 Cadillac model 62 four door sedan. Call Yosemite 29.

## N. P. S. ITEMS

Two former Yosemite employees, James Mace and Jodie Chapman, were found guilty and fined \$20 each recently by U.S. Commissioner. Chapman and Mace, in spite of warnings by fellow employees and the "Trail Closed" sign undertook to hike to Glacier Point via the Four Mile Trail. Wading waist deep in snow, they barely got to Union Point the first day, where they broke into the comfort station for shelter that night. Failing to report for work the next day, the ranger office was notified and Rangers Evans, Mahoney, Ewing and Ashley were formed into two parties to search for the boys. Before reaching them, however, the boys finally broke through the deep snow and arrived at Glacier Point at 2:00 p.m., where first aid was given them for frozen feet. Both boys were confined to the local hospital until they were out of danger.

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## LOCAL VANDALISM

On two occasions recently local pranksters have taken campground tables of considerable size and weight, transporting them to the Merced River where they were tossed into the stream. District Ranger Arthur Holmes states that such flagrant destruction of Government Property will not be tolerated.

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## SUPERINTENDENT PRESTON HONORED

Word has recently been received that on January 19, the California Conservation Council in Berkeley, at its annual meeting presented an Honor Award to John C. Preston, Superintendent of Yosemite for his wise and aggressive application of the conservation and protection principles of the National Park Service in his administration of the parks of which he has been Superintendent.

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## PRUNING APPLE ORCHARDS

Local employees, including members of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Yosemite Lions Club, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts volunteered to prune and beau-

tify the historic apple orchard located near the Y.P.C.Co. maintenance area on the weekends of March 6-7 and 13-14. The work will be supervised by the park forester and other employees. Tools will be furnished for the work and the American Legion has promised refreshments. This work, on a volunteer basis, is being promoted by the local clubs as a civic contribution to community betterment. A good turnout is expected regardless of the weather, each morning at 9 o'clock on the days scheduled. Participants are reminded that their efforts are pointed toward a bigger and better crop of apples this coming fall.

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## FROM HERE &amp; THERE

Assistant Chief Ranger Harry Daring has been chosen as the foreman of the 1954 Mariposa County Grand Jury now in session. Assistant Park Superintendent Harthon L. Bill and Karl Munson, of Y.P.C.Co. are also members of the new panel.

On Tuesday, February 16, Park Superintendent John C. Preston was guest speaker before the Tehipite Chapter of the Sierra Club in Fresno.

Recent official visitors to the Park included Jerry Shilko, Highway Engineer of the Region Four staff and Louis Caywood, Regional Archeologist.

Late in January, Doug Hubbard, John Mahoney, and Bob McIntyre made a tape recording of an interview with Robert Bright Sr. near Oakdale. Bob and his wife, the former owners of "Aspen Valley," are early Yosemite pioneers who have made a definite contribution to park history.

The Chief Ranger's Office again issues a reminder to park residents that the possession of firearms, including air guns is prohibited by park regulations. However, all permanent residents may be granted permission annually under certain conditions to keep their guns at a park residence. Application for such permits must be made at the Ranger Office.

At no time should the guns be used in the park. It is suggested that each resident owner of firearms or air guns check the validity of his present permit, and if necessary, re-apply for a one-year permit.



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## LODGE PODGE

Lodge contributor Bill Benson has recovered sufficiently to take his Underwood in hand and furnish us with the following:

Mrs. Jim Price was honored at a surprise birthday party March 28 in the cafeteria. Happy birthdays came from: the W. Meltons, the Emil Ernsts, the Ray Stewarts, the Alfred Dunhams, Mrs. Hazel McGill, Mrs. Emma Newton.

Head Bellman Hamer and his pretty wife Bettylee made a spring jaunt to Las Vegas. Jim's bland face doesn't reveal how the wheel spun.

Pat Yoder, one of the lifeguards here last season, was featured in a story about working in Yosemite which appeared in March issue of "Seventeen."

Welcome to new cafeteria cashier-checker Mary Simpson.

During the winter, many of the Lodge employees have been attending late (9 p.m.) services at the Old Village Chapel and enjoying them. Now, we find the Thursday evening discussion equally pleasant and we want to thank Reverend Glass for scheduling these at a time when we can attend.

Joan Benson (Mrs. Bill) is now working on the Y.P.C.Co. hotel reservations. Clarence Woelbing left recently for Milwaukee to attend the funeral services for his aunt. Welcome to M. L. Stanley, new in the kitchen. Stan and family, from Fontana, have settled in El Portal and report that they plan to wander no more. Carol Hudson has been transferred from the grill to work on the desk. Ade Harders has a new Dodge Station

Wagon with room enough in the back for daughter Virginia Ann to romp around.

## AHWAHNEE NEWS

The first day of spring arrived complete with the biggest snow storm of the year—cheering the skiers and annoying the deer, but spring is here. There's a Dipper (Water Ouzel) busy down stream from the Old Village Store.

Nearly everyone taking time off during that "after-income-tax" guest lull. Dick Connett on vacation had Karl Munson here to keep things all in one piece; Housekeeper Miss Bernadt went and left Ruby Farlie keeping everything well in hand during her absence. Amongst others on the wing: Rosella Armstrong, Bob Reeds, Irene Pfeffer—all making the most of extra days off before the busy convention time catches up with us.

Douglas Whiteside, "nice-to-have-around" doing a short stint at the Front Office. Also Dick Copeland, night auditor, and star television attraction Duke Doucette, switched jobs with Bob Maynard—Duke's here, Bob's there.

George DeBacker, plus that Fedora at just the right saucy angle, now an active member of the International Stewards and Caterers, dashing up and down to San Francisco to attend monthly meetings. Congratulations!

Lois Currie came back from Reno as Mrs. James Allen McKnight—causing a real flurry of excitement. Also, Hans Nelson, married April 4 to Myrtle Oakman. Han's been walking on air for weeks. And Art and Janet Garrison who sent announcements of their first baby—a girl—Gail—born March 21.

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A medal to Eddie Sirianni who's done a conscientious job of training Jim Green, Louis Isola and others to be afternoon tea stewards.

April First's not only April Fool's Day, but the start of a heavy two months' schedule for everyone—conventions.

Jim Taylor's Square Dance Group having, and giving everyone, a fine time at their Annual Ski Buffet Dinner Square Dance, and also Charley White's, (Tritones) fine calling. And while we're on the subject—great big cheers for the TRITONES. It's wonderful to have them bringing in the crowds, not only for the Ski Buffet Dinner Dances but for those full of pep Friday and Saturday night Hi-de-Hos in The Ahwahnee Indian Room. Long may it, and the Tritones last.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?

513                      were asked  
291                      have contributed

222    Are you one of these!

YOSEMITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Give once and for All

March 1 through April 15

FOR SALE—Chesterfield in excellent condition. Wine colored frieze cover. \$45.00. Phone 37J5.

Radio tubes tested and sold. Call Dick Ditton, 128J5.

Portraits for Mother's Day. Have them made now. Call Doug or Fran Hubbard, 21W.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Sunrise at Mirror Lake this year, Easter Sunday, April 18, will occur at 9:14 a.m.

Prior to sunrise a special broadcast will be sent out through KNBC, San Francisco, from 8:30 to 8:55. From 9:05 to 9:30, this same service will be sent out over the entire NBC transcontinental facilities. Let your eastern friends know about this. The above times are Pacific Standard times.

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PROTESTANT HOLY WEEK SERVICES.

Sunday, April 11. Special Palm Sunday service at 11 a.m. with children of the Sunday School participating. Infant baptism. Brief Service from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 15. Maundy Thursday Communion Service. Baptism and reception of new members. Meditation by the Rev. Boyce Van Osdel of San Bernardino.

GOOD FRIDAY service. April 16, 12:30 to 2:30. Meditations; "People Around the Cross." Soloists.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 18, 9:15 a.m. at Mirror Lake. Easter Sunrise Service. A Cappella Choir of the College of the Pacific. Sermon, "The Last Word is With God," Alfred Glass, Minister. 11:00 a.m. Chapel Easter Service; A Cappella Choir of the College of the Pacific. Sermon by Mr. Glass. Singing of Easter hymns. 9 p.m. Easter "Sunday Evening Service." Easter message.

ROMAN CATHOLIC HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES.

Holy Thursday Mass and Reposition, 7 a.m. Good Friday Mass of the Presanctified, 7 a.m.

Stations of the Cross, 8 p.m. Holy Saturday Mass, 7 a.m.

Easter Masses 7 and 8:30 a.m. All at Old Village Chapel.

N. P. S. ITEMS

"Anyone lose a bicycle"? The ranger office has one that was left in front of the Museum a month ago.

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The Park is happy to welcome two ex-members of the Yosemite community who have just returned from duty in West Ger-

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many. Larry Hoyt, son of Ranger and Mrs. Homer Hoyt, has returned after two years of duty with the armed forces of occupation. Miss Helen Doty has returned from her civilian duties of occupation and will resume her former occupation with the Park Naturalists in the Yosemite Museum.

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Jane Bill who made a flying trip east a few weeks ago upon the death of her father, returned to the Valley a few days ago.

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Last week John and Betty Preston visited with friends in Los Angeles, Palm Springs, and Twenty-Nine Palms.

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Wayne Bryant of the Yosemite staff reports that his father and mother, Superintendent and Mrs. Harold Bryant of Grand Canyon National Park will retire from the Service on March 31, and move into their new home in the Bay Area. Dr. Harold Bryant was for many years the Park Naturalist of Yosemite.

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Recent visitors of the Service to the Park included Allen Heubner and Fred Hastings of the Regional Engineering staff, Regional Naturalist Yeager, Regional Historian Hussey and Regional Forester Sanford.

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Retired Yosemite Postmaster, Fred Alexander was a recent visitor. During his short stay, the Park Naturalists were privileged to make a tape recording of Fred's early day experiences in Yosemite Valley.

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Although Sir Edmund Hillary of Mt. Everest climbing fame was not able to break away from his heavy lecture schedule on the Pacific Coast as planned, Lady Hillary visited the Park in company with Mr. and Mrs. Francis Farquhar.

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Prior to leaving the San Francisco area for their old home in Germany where her husband has recently been appointed to a diplomatic post under the new Government, Mrs. Gerhard Stahlberg and her son, with friends, visited the Park for a view of Yosemite Valley in winter. Mrs. Stahlberg, wife of the Chief of the German Diplomatic Mission in San Francisco and Acting Consul is an old friend of the national parks, having worked in Yellowstone for one season during her student days at the University of

Southern California.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Scarborough on March 15, at the Lewis Memorial Hospital, a daughter, Mary Kathryn. (Future Rangerette).

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The office of the Park Superintendent has recently notified that former park ranger, Orthello L. Wallis of Yosemite, now Assistant Park Naturalist at Lake Mead National Recreation Area, has received two national awards for work accomplished while a member of the Yosemite Ranger staff.

On March 17, Wallis received the Nash Company Citation for "Outstanding Service in the Fields of Conservation" in making the recent fish survey of the Park which was financed by Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder. On March 23, he became the recipient of a \$20 cash award presented by the Region Four Incentive Awards Committee of the National Park Service for his successful experimentation in planting fish in the Park during the summer of 1953 by using the drug, sodium amytal, in transporting them to lakes and streams in a drugged state, thus saving a considerable amount of money in time and labor.

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Superintendent John C. Preston recently announced that he had just received word Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay has approved for Arthur T. Gallison (retired), a "Citation for Meritorious Service." Art, former supply assistant of Yosemite, is now living at his new home, 1525 Bonnie Way, Salem, Oregon. He retired from Government Service on July 31, 1953 after an outstanding career of 37 years with the National Park Service in Yosemite. The tradition of public service by the family is still being carried on through his son, Glenn Gallison, a park ranger on duty at the present time in Washington, D.C. as a member of the Fifth Departmental Management School of the Department of Interior.

Superintendent Preston stated that he regrets his inability to be present when an official of the Service presents to Mr. Gallison the Certificate of Honor Award, Citation for Meritorious Service, lifetime pass to the national parks, lapel button, and medal signifying an enviable career in public service.

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YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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"MIL GRACIAS"

So it's spring! But winter has been so much fun that all of us would like to take a moment to say, "Mil Gracias" to a lot of folks who have made the season such a pleasure:

To the TriTones, the friendliest of folks, and the most gracious of hosts at the Ski Suppers, where their joyous music made every dance a delight. Don't leave—we love yuh. To Monsieur Nick Fiore for the rollicking songs at the above occasions.

To the Social Club officers and the great gang that helped them make the Christmas dance and Moulin Rouge such successes—those can-can gals!

To all you good people who gave to the Community Council Fund. Each year we have been able to get 40% to contribute but this year it looks like we shall hit a stupendous 60% by April 15—Take a bow!

To the Lidsters, the Stanford Hoedowners and Madelynn Greene's group who gave us a couple of wonderful Square Dances at Camp Curry.

To Jeanne and Dee at the Arrow. Never, no never, have we had so many good times at that happy hangout. You made us feel so welcome! Then there has been Bill Henderson's "Sunday Evenings with Good Music" to make that night a delightful one.

To the Lions Club "ACTORS" and their hardworking director, "C. B. De" Cramer, who spent so many evenings to give us a fine show and a lot of worthy causes from the proceeds.

To all the rest of you who have done your "something" to make winter in the Valley richer and happier for the rest of us—

"MIL GRACIAS."

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Yosemite residents who are not registered voters are reminded that April 15 is the deadline. See Ruth Ewing.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR  
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS  
IN YOSEMITE

(Keep this sheet with your calendar)

Because of the difficulties encountered in attempting to list all events taking place in Yosemite every month, your Community Council has issued this listing of meetings which occur regularly. Additional copies may be obtained from the Secretary, Victor L. La Follette.

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MONDAY: American Legion, 2nd Monday, 8 p.m., Masonic Hall. Children's Hour, every Monday, 4 p.m., Chapel. Conversation Club, last Monday (except Dec.), 7 p.m. High School Youth Group, every Monday, 7 p.m., Chapel. Parent's Group, 3rd Monday, 7:45 p.m. School. Veterans of Foreign Wars, 1st Monday, 8 p.m., Masonic Hall. Yosemite Credit Union, (annual meeting), 3rd Monday in January.

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TUESDAY: American Federation of Labor, 3rd Tuesday, 5 p.m., Masonic Hall. Brownie Scouts, every Tuesday, 3:30 p.m., Rangers' Club. Sunday School Teachers, 2nd Tuesday, 8 p.m. Women's No-host Luncheon Group, 3rd Tuesday, time varies.

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WEDNESDAY: Boy Scouts, every Wednesday, 7 p.m., Scout House. Community Council, 4th Wednesday, 5 p.m. Girl Scouts, (Ahwahneechees) every Wednesday, 7 p.m. Huck-a-las, every Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. Masons, Pohono Lodge, 1st Wednesday, 8 p.m., Masonic Hall. Yosemite Credit Union, 1st Wednesday on or after 15th, 7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY: Church Study Group, every Thursday, 7:45 p.m., Chapel. Cub Scouts, every Thursday, 3:30 p.m., Scout House. Yosemite Lions Club, 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12:15 p.m., The Ahwahnee. Board Meeting, 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m.

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FRIDAY: National Federation of Federal Employees, 2nd Friday, 8 p.m. 23rd of each month, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, 9 p.m.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Wednesday, May 5, 1954

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Easter with its glorious spring weather has come and gone, leaving glimpses of another inspiring Mirror Lake Easter Sunrise Service; lots of last die-hard sunburned skiers; and many a youngster enjoying the early Easter Egg Hunt, where from obvious results the Easter Bunny must have been loitering prior to early morning sunrise.

The College of the Pacific A Capella choir, directed by Dr. William Bodley sang for The Ahwahnee guests after tea on Easter Saturday in the Main Lounge—a beautiful program, so enthusiastically received.

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The Ahwahnee grounds just seemed to blossom out almost overnight what with Homer Armstrong down from Badger; Luggi Foeger and his energetic crew and Ted Carter all getting things shipshape in nothing flat. The pitch and putt all brushed and clipped ready for The Ahwahnee to host the Lions International and Lumberman's two big conventions.

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Chauncey Dixon, on April 13 skipped off to Reno, and returned with a beautiful bride, Margaret Benedict—heartiest congratulations from all of us.

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Welcome to: Elsa Einfeld, our new cashier; Jim Loonie and Carl Stephens, room clerks; Dick Guenther, dining room captain, and Bob Calais, who had the Sweet Shop spick and span just in time for the Easter onrush. Also welcome to Bundy Chamberlain and Henry Latham, two new elevator men, down from Badger and working in the Dining Room are Barbara Carr, Gloria Gray

and Doug McLauchlan. It's nice to see Harry back as the Dining Room porter.

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Miles Cooper, who seemed to be everywhere during the Lions Convention, also had Lucille working—she and Helen Pierson were punching tickets like mad outside the main Dining Room during conventions.

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Monty Reddick rescued a aby gray squirrel after he fell (the squirrel). Or maybe mother pushed him, out of a big tall tree. Anyhow, he seemed grateful and had a bloody nose. Kindhearted Winona Yoder has him convalescing at El Portal.

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Everyone's hoping it won't be long before Ruby Farlie's well and back at work again. We all miss her in the Linen Room.

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Everyone should see Angelo's new bike. No doubt he'll not only ride to Big Trees and back before breakfast, but take an extra minute or so to return via Half Dome. Anyhow, it's a beautiful bike.

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#### BLOOD BANK HERE MAY 21

The Valley Blood Bank will make its semi-annual visit to the Valley on Friday, May 21 under the joint sponsorship of the American Legion and the VFW. The mobile blood bank staff is from the Fresno Veterans Administration Hospital.

Members of the two veterans' organizations will personally distribute pledge cards, following which, appointment cards will be mailed.

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LOST ARROW DOINGS

Dorothy Mayer is exhibiting her paintings at the Lost Arrow until May 15. Most of her paintings were made during the two and a half months Mrs. Mayer spent at Glacier Point this winter, and most of them were inspired by the subjects of the area, such as the wildcat that came to the window and was fed daily, the panoramic view of the mountains, and the various patterns of the ice and snow and pine needles. Mrs. Mayer is anxious to have the local people see and enjoy the paintings.

Until the end of The Arrow season, there will be Wednesday night dance instruction from 8:30 to 9:30 with ballroom dancing afterwards. Anyone who would like to learn, brush up on fox trot, rhumba or waltz, is invited. Square and folk dancing continues to be held on Monday and Thursday evenings, and will be at the Den all summer.

There is also serious music-listening on Sunday nights and during spring, light and "picture" music in keeping with the season.

Notice has been received from Jessie B. Reed that her new address is 2717 Samar-kand Dr., Santa Barbara, California.

BALL TEAM STARTS PRACTICE

The Yosemite junior softball team had its first practice April 26 with some twenty youngsters turning out. Coach Rusty put the lads through out- and infield practice followed by a short game. Rusty has commitments from a spokesman in Fresno who will bring up teams for games against the local youngsters this summer.

All local boys are welcome to try out for the team. Next practice May 10.



NEW FACES OF 1954

The warmth of summer has brought out not only the blossoms but also has brought the General Office some handsome and very charmin' young lady employees. Implementing the Executive Office staff is Sally Johnson, a San Franciscan; on John Curry's all-girl team are Louise Freas, late of Santa Monica; June Lander, of Oakland; Joan Hamilton, of Phoenix; and Shirley Sault, of Altadena. Shirley worked in the Camp Curry Dining Room during the summer of 1943-1944.

In the Traffic Office, is Lois Soengen, Los Angeles. Back to their old summer jobs are Hazel Warren in Personnel and Irene Eastman in Accounting.

Phyllis Reinhart has said "Farewell" to the Reservation Office. However, she's scheduled to return to the Valley in June when she and "Steve" Stephenson will be married in the Village Chapel. This plan is subject to change by the USAF, "Steves" current employer. "Steve" worked in Yosemite in 1951.

Personnel's Lois Dieball is engaged to Bill Collins, presently in Tucson. Not much info on their plans has been forthcoming.

Oh yes, there's a new young man too—Ralph Muzio, of San Mateo, who has joined the Accounting Department.

CLASSIFIEDS

Baby sitter available. Gretchen Williams. Phone 138W.

Wanted. Man's bike. Steve Blackwell. Phone 88 after 6 p.m.

Wanted. Girl's bike. Sally Johnson. Phone 102 before 5 p.m.

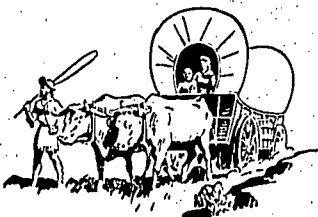
For Sale. House trailer. Call Lucie Jacobson at 55.

### C. P. RUSSELL RECEIVES GUGGENHEIM AWARD

Former Park Superintendent Carl Russell has received a Guggenheim fellowship for his studies of the history of the American West, according to the S. F. Chronicle for May 3.

### MELBA SMITH RETURNS

Melba Smith returned to her cage (Cashier's) in the Y.P.C.Co. General Office on May 2, after a winter's leave of absence. She spent the past months in and around Portland, Oregon, visiting relatives, including a nephew who is a Navy doctor back from Korea.



### HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY OF MARIPOSA COURT HOUSE AND GAZETTE

The towered County Court House in Mariposa will be one hundred years old this May, as will the pioneer California weekly paper the MARIPOSA GAZETTE.

Within the walls of the Old Court House, the State's oldest, some of California's most important legal history has been made. And reporting it, as it happened, has been the GAZETTE. From May 7 to 16, the birthdays of the two institutions will be observed with a ten day program of meetings, demonstrations, displays, parades, etc. Because of the historic and legal significance of the two anniversaries, the events of the ten day commemoration will be directed more toward the recognition of the statewide contributions and importance of the Court House and the GAZETTE, rather than toward the whoop-te-doo generally associated with a small town celebration.

Outstanding among the attractions will be displays of historic documents; of century-old furniture, some from the home of Gen. John C. Fremont. There will be typical Mother Lode general store and an operating blacksmith shop.

Several of the many gold mines of the county will be open to the public, as will be

an ancient stamp mill and a donkey-drawn arrastra, both used in the '60s to crush ore. There will be demonstrations of gold panning by some of the county's experienced miners. The visitors may try panning along Mariposa Creek where all the needed gear will be available.

In keeping with the pioneer feeling of the commemoration will be the opening parade on May 8 which will feature riding groups with their silver mounted equipment; ox-drawn lumber carts, and stage coaches, used nearly a century ago on the runs between San Joaquin Valley towns and Mariposa.

The 600 youngsters in the county's schools, including those from the Yosemite School, will participate in a grand square demonstration at the Fair Grounds on May 7.

Many prominent bench and bar groups will hold meetings at Mariposa during the commemoration period. Among these will be the two day calendar of the State Supreme Court; the District Appellate Court, and others.

All Yosemite people are urged to see as much of the commemoration program as possible and, because of the historic aspects to be presented, it will be of great interest to the youngsters.

### HYMN FESTIVAL

Sunday, May 16 at 2 p.m. at the Church Bowl, the California Federation of Music Clubs will open their convention in Yosemite, with a Hymn Festival.

Dr. Lara Hoggard, who for eight years was the director and arranger for Fred Waring's Pennsylvanians, will conduct a chorus of 90 voices.

Richard Davies, dramatic baritone, one of the promising great voices, will sing solos.

All Valley residents are cordially invited.

For further information contact Nancy Loncaric.

### BUCK MARTIN JR., INJURED

Buck Martin, Jr., now in the USAF, was injured in an automobile crash on April 26 in Sacramento. Buck was alone and the accident took place less than three blocks from his home. Although he suffered no internal injuries, one ankle was badly crushed. Buck is stationed at the Travis AFB at Fairfield and is hospitalized there.

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## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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### N. P. S. ITEMS

Word has recently been received that Assistant Superintendent H. L. Bill will attend the annual meeting of the Society of American Foresters, at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, October 17-20, as National Chairman of the Division of Forest Recreation. During the annual meeting of 1953, Mr. Bill was named as the chairman to succeed Professor Frank Brockman of the University of Washington School of Forestry, Seattle, Washington.

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Mamie and Bob McIntyre have just heard that their son, Robert N. McIntyre, Jr., has been named a principal Naval Reserve Officer Training Candidate to Yale University for the 1955 school year beginning in September. In addition, Yale University has offered him a student scholarship which is renewable for four years. At the present time, Bob, Jr. is a senior school student attending Wasatch Academy at Mt. Pleasant, Utah, where he will be graduated in May along with other students from Yosemite.

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Recent visitors to Yosemite from Germany under the Department of State's "Exchange of Persons Program" include Messrs Martin Behnke, County Secretary of the German Trade Union Federation's Committee for Young Workers Activities; Fritz Henneking, District President of the German Furniture Workers Union; Karl Peper, Chairman of the Works Council for West Germany and Gerhard Vater, District Secretary of the German Woodworkers Union, escorted by Franz A. Groemping of the Office of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

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Rangers Mahoney, Mullady, McLaren, Assistant Chief Ranger Scarborough, and

Forester Emil Ernst have returned to the Park after participating in the Annual Pacific Coast Regional Fire Training Conference of the National Park Service held at Lassen Volcanic National Park, April 19-23.

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On April 1, Mr. and Mrs. Luther T. Peterson, Jr., and family moved to Yosemite as new residents. Mr. Peterson has taken over the duties of Park Engineer with the National Park Service. The Park staff extends a cordial welcome to "Pete" and his family.

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Miss Betty Koubele, former secretary to the Park Superintendent, left the Park April 18, for her home in Montgomery, Minnesota, where her mother is ill.

Betty, in the near future, may accept an appointment as secretary to Regional Director Daniel Tobin of the Northeastern Region of the National Park Service when the reorganization plans for that area become effective. The Park staff will miss Betty.

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### LODGE PODGE

Unbeknownst to Joan and Bill Benson, Joan's mother was married recently to Pat Knox, keeper of Camp 6, who is now operating his pine scented tent camp. The new Mrs. Knox will join him come warmer weather.

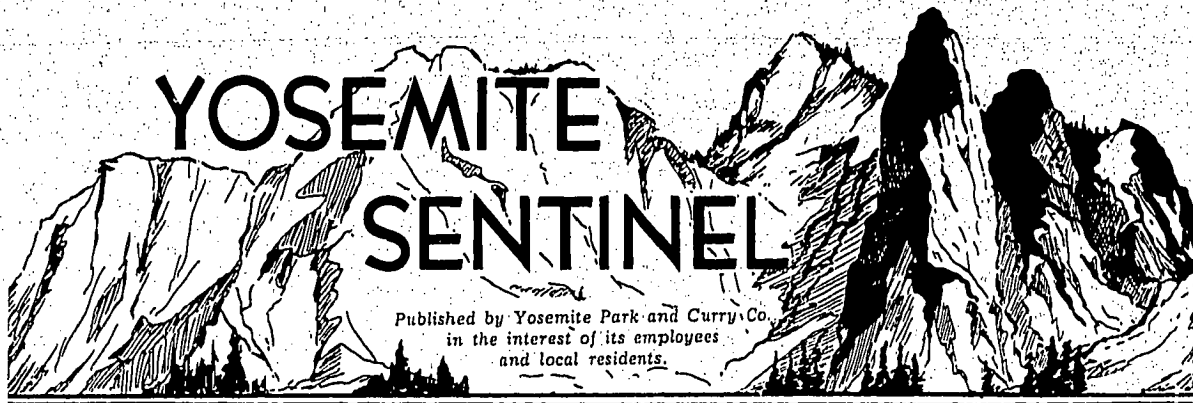
Lawrie Brown is temporarily in charge of the bike stand, awaiting the arrival of Chuck Harshaw. Lawrie will then supervise all the stands.

Welcome home to Topsy Jackson, now back in the Studio; to Grace Rothman who has returned from Death Valley to the Grill; to Pat Jordan and Lorrie Brumbaugh, new Grill waitresses.

With the coming of summer, the young men of the Annex are being moved to Camp 6 and the young ladies moved in—which kind of spoils things.

New on the Front Desk are Bill Kelly from the Cafeteria and Sally Rathsack from the Grill.





YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Tuesday June 14, 1954

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Have you ever seen a big circus move in and "take over" the village square? Then you know what happened when the Controllers Congress "took over" The Ahwahnee.

The 34th Annual Convention of the Controllers Congress, 380 strong, moved into The Ahwahnee. Twenty internationally well known exhibitors, arrived with 5 or 6 tons of equipment, which was uncrated, erected, re-crated, and trucked out (10 to 11 tons of in and out moving, mark you) during the last, biggest, and "most fun" convention of the season. International Business Machines had one contraption (!) alone, weighing 1500 pounds. "Life" Magazine and two other "name" companies, assisted by Parky and his pals threw three bee-autiful cocktail parties. Hundreds of dollars worth of flowers and corsages were gifted and distributed to guests by Jane Foushee and Lois Currie McKnight, both looking just like "Life" cover girls themselves.

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Nice to have Elizabeth Rasmussen and Doris Wilkinson helping out at the Dining Room entrance during the "mad rush" hours. Old friend Joe Dunham, United Air Lines representative was a swell addition to our Ahwahnee Lobby—wish he could have been with us longer. Now that convention season is over it's good, remembering gratefully, those who again and again prove they "can take" peak times in their stride with a smile—and without a gripe—proving once again that experience and training do add up.

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The John Wrights, he's in The Ahwahnee bakeshop, had a lovely snow plant blooming right in their front yard—(roots came from out of the Park)—a gorgeous splash of red

for all passing by to enjoy.

Faye Wright (no relation) has, right outside her Beauty Salon window, a fat, contented "Lady-in-waiting" robin atop a wonderfully put-together nest. Looks so relaxing. No doubt Faye will have a coming out party.

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Pegi Cox is back with us again managing The Ahwahnee Gift Shop, looking fit as a fiddle after a Palm Springs winter. Our pal Winona Harper has deserted us for Curry.

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Lots of new faces in Miss B's Housekeeping Department—including Jimmie Gardella. Thanks to those girls who willingly and smilingly round out a busy day doing our guests evening baby sitting. Welcome to Ben Powell, our new Barber Shop manager.

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Memorial Day weekend's come and gone—and summer's here. It must be so—Tioga Road is open and so is Curry. And, the stables, ditto. Ahwahnee guests are already out enjoying Bob Barnett and the stables, with lots of fresh-from-the-foothills horses, ponies, and mules—all, like the rest of us—raring to go.

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

New on the staff at Lewis Memorial Hospital are Joyce Long and Helen Reid, R.N.s. Both girls are from the Methodist Hospital in Los Angeles.

At present among the vacationers are—Jane Gillingham, Myrtle Cuthbert and the Reichers family.

Also, recently returned from vacations are Clare Phillips, Julie Blair, and the Sturm family.



SCHOOL'S OUT

The Yosemite Elementary School closed its doors for the summer vacation Monday June 7. Graduation exercises had been held on June 3 with the following receiving diplomas from H. K. Ouimet: Donna Lee Quist, Barbara Jean Kuntz, Peggy Proctor, Barbara Ann Cooper, Heidi Sicher, Deanna Gail Cramer, Mary Lou Sturm, Jane Frances Glass, Walter Gammill, Jr., Phillip Gann, Richard Ouimet, Michael Abbott, James Byers, Alfred Dunham, Jr., and Bert Edwards.

Famous presidents was the theme of the graduation exercises and each of the graduates spoke with distinction on one of the country's presidential heroes. The entire class presented several vocal numbers, and piano solos were played by Mary Lou Sturm and Jane Glass. Walter Gammill played a violin solo.

On Monday afternoon, June 7, the annual (almost) school play day, bicycle parade and picnic was held on the school grounds and at Camp 11. Though the weather was threatening, no more than a few drops of rain fell and all activities came off as planned.

LODGE PODGE

A special service was given recently by Reverend Alfred Glass for the couples who have been married in the Valley. After the service, pictures were taken.

Louis (the Lock) has been seen recently running around on a Cushman scooter. Says Louie, "It's not quite as fast as my Studc."

Nice to have Mrs. Snow and daughter from Torrance, California, visiting at the Lodge again.

Earl Pierson lost one of his calves, so a call was made of volunteers, (hunters, that is, not calves). After a few hours of climbing over rocks and brush the calf was rescued. We hope it was Earl's (No rustling, boys!).

Looking mighty fine in his new uniform is Red Davis who has transferred from the houseman department to porter.

YOSEMITE BLOOD BANK

Many thanks to those who gave to the Mobile Blood Bank Friday, May 21. The 29 pints used by John Schweifler last winter during his serious illness were not only replaced, but 46 pints were added to the National Reserve.

The American Legion and VFW wish to again thank the donors, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., and the National Park Service for their complete cooperation.

THANKS!

Thanks, from the Schweiflers, John and Lena, via these pages, to the twenty-nine blood donors who specified that their donation be used to replace the amount given to John during his recent illness at the Veteran's Hospital in Fresno.

RED CROSS SWIM LESSONS

The daily free swimming lessons, sponsored by the Mariposa Chapter of the American Red Cross will start on June 21 at 10 a.m. with registration and the first instruction. The two-week course is open to all, minimum age four years. There is no charge for either the use of the pool or the instruction. However, pupils must bring their own suits and towels.

This is a splendid opportunity for youngsters to learn to swim. Classes are divided according to age and ability and the instruction system is that followed nationwide by the Red Cross.

PHYLLIS REINHART WEDS

Phyllis Reinhart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Reinhart, was married at the Old Village Chapel on June 6 to Lt. Charles Stephenson III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stephenson of Culver City, California. Both Phyllis and Steve have worked in the Park, Phyllis most recently in the Reservation Department and Steve on the Ski Patrol. The groom is now in the U.S. Army Field Artillery.

The wedding ceremony, performed by the Reverend Glass, was followed by a reception in the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee.

Among those present was Doris Hewitson, who nimbly caught the bride's bouquet.



N. P. S. ITEMS

Recently Miss Mary Gibbs was transferred from the Yosemite Museum staff to the position of Secretary to Superintendent Preston, to fill the vacancy created by the departure of Miss Betty Koubele.

Superintendent Preston is happy to announce that Miss Marjorie Martell, Touring Counselor of the California State Automobile Association has again occupied her office in the Administration Building. Miss Martell is a specialist in information vital to automobile club members and non-members.

Two weeks ago, Harry Daring, Karl Munson and Spud Bill have been involved in their duties as members of the Mariposa County Grand Jury. There is no word yet, but we are still wondering who is being investigated.

Superintendent Preston's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Preston of Estes Park, Colorado, were recent guests at the home of their son. Other family visitors were Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Preston of Los Angeles.

Early in May, Park Ranger Glenn Gallison returned to Yosemite with his family after completing the seven month training course in Washington, D.C., where he has been attending the Fifth Departmental Management School of the Department of the Interior as a N.P.S. trainee. Upon arrival in the Park, Glenn and his family were honored by a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Arthur T. Gallison of Salem, Oregon.

Recent visitors to the Park from the Regional Office of the Pacific Coast Region, were Louis Caywood, Archaeologist, and Tom Carpenter, Landscape Architect. Also visiting were M. Dwight F. Bartholemew, Civil Service Inspector of the 12th Civil Service District in San Francisco; Mr. Wesley Sasaki, Examiner, Bureau of the Bud-

get, Washington, D.C.; and Dr. E. Sekler, Landscape Architect of Vienna, Austria, now studying in the United States.

MEMORIAL DAY TRAVEL FIGURES

Over the three-day Memorial Day holiday, a total of 37,337 persons entered the Park. Although this is a sizable number there was no particular evidence of a great crush.

In 1952, when there was also a three-day holiday, 43,907 persons were checked in at the entrance stations.

For the year, Park visitation is about 16 percent ahead of 1953, with 239,728 visitors as compared with 213,811.

THOMSON PHOTOGRAPHS IN VALLEY

Jeff Thomson, son of the late Park Superintendent Col. C. G. Thomson, was in the Valley recently with Mrs. Thomson, doing a bicycling story for a national photo syndicate. Jeff is one of the best known photographer-writers on the coast and now devotes all his time to doing picture stories.

JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Junior stamp collectors and those interested in taking up the hobby are invited to attend the meetings of the Junior Stamp Club, which are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meetings are held from seven to eight p.m. at the Cub Scout Hut and are under the direction and sponsorship of Jas. Price, a philatelist for many years.

As the organization is primarily for the beginner, top age limit for members is 14 years.

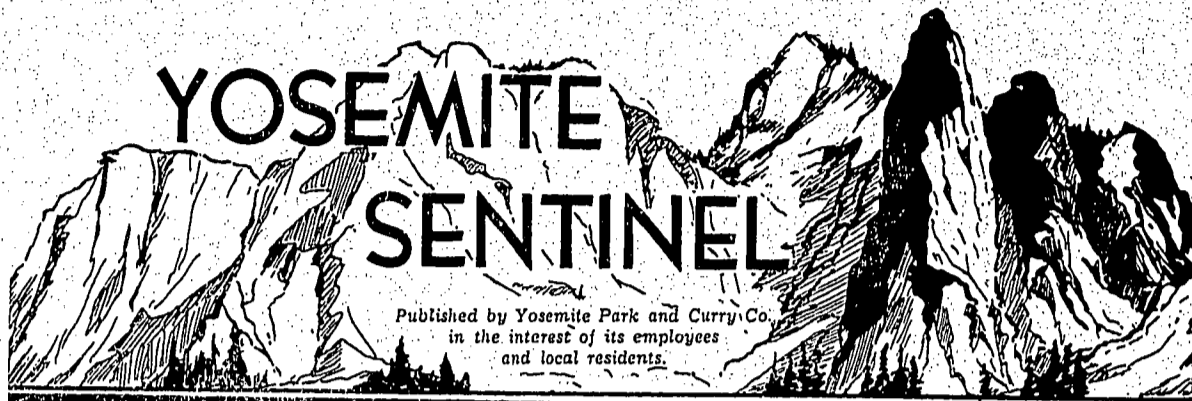
CLASSIFIEDS

House Trailer for sale—call Lucie Jacobson, office 55, residence 52W.

For Portraits of any kind, call Fran or Doug Hubbard, 21W.

Wanted: Girl's bicycle: Ann Myren, Camp Curry Pool.

For Sale: Decca portable combination radio-phonograph, no changer, price \$25.00 Clare Duval, tel. 101.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Friday, July 16, 1954

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Hot days—sprinklers on the roof—hustle-bustle of tours, and more tours, “be-shorted” guests in and out of the lobby all add up to Summer, with a capital “S”—plus celebrities: Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia and his party of 21, General Matthew Ridgeway and his family, Red and Georgia Skelton, their children and family all of whom appeared to have had a marvelous time at The Ahwahnee.

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Record number of diners piling up in the Dining Room, plus the overflow enjoying the Meadow Loggia, prove a heavy season is here—which “peaked” into another “peak of peaks” over July 4th three-day holiday.

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The summer Indian Room cocktail hours now prevail with the Terrace open and very popular. Charley White’s nightly singing “Indian Love Call” for Firefall a highlight.

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Miles Cooper’s Transportation Desk now has sprightly Dave Wissmar back again keeping things lively. Gloria Hunt is also back again cashiering. But we’ve lost, and miss, Rosella Armstrong, except for relief days.

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Phil Zichterman replaced Bob Calais in the Sweet Shop. Bob has gone to manage the Curry Grill. Don Winter is also back. Comes “round the bend” daily at 4 p.m. till midnight trouble shooting.

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Amongst others, Marty Miller, Alice Williams, Bud Alexander and Barbara Carr all “summering” at Tuolumne Meadows. Welcome to Lois Nicolini, 3 year Stanford Med Student now working the Gift Shop.

Luggi Foeger’s bright and spanking new truck and garden trailer are just what he needed—the grounds looking their best ever—ditto Homer’s golf course. Kent Frisby, Homer’s helper, is quite a golfer we see.

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Winona Yoder’s baby squirrel has been foster-mothered by Wiwona’s pet cat and 4 kittens, in Santa Cruz. Never a dull moment.

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#### OFF THE JUDGE’S BLOTTER

A half-dozen local motorists who have been apprehended while disregarding Park traffic regulations have been before U. S. Commissioner Ottonello and are the poorer in varying amounts. Poorer or not, the Chief Ranger’s Office hopes that they are the wiser and perhaps more careful for their visit to the Judge’s chambers.

Robert Kincade and K. Kirkpatrick were both found guilty of reckless driving and fined \$25. Patricia Hoppe’s failure to have a driver’s license cost her \$25. James Loonie was fined \$10 for speeding and for failure to stop at a stop sign. Richard Evanoff parked in a no parking area—\$15. And, William C. Byers disregarded traffic signs to the extent of a \$5 fine.

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#### ART EXHIBIT

The annual Camp Curry employees’ art exhibit will be presented August 1 to 3, according to Gertrude Greenwald, who is assembling the exhibit. All sketches, paintings, etc., must be framed, and entered not later than July 30. Mrs. Greenwald can supply further information. She works in the Camp Curry Cafeteria pantry.

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### BIG TREES NEWS

Big Trees Lodge is going full tilt under the management of Bill and Floris Eske.

The kitchen has been remodeled and new electric equipment installed; the garbage-disposal unit discourages the bears from scavenging in the back yard, a fact which disappoints some young visitors anxious to see bears, but simplifies life for the rest of us.

The cafeteria has been equipped with a stainless steel counter; the work of building and remodeling continues in the employees' wing.

The kitchen is presided over by A. M. Yahner and Nick Kaptain, and Viola Kerr is in charge of the salads. Mickey Fenton and Ward White assist in the kitchen and dish-room. Breakfast is served a la carte; lunch is cafeteria style, and dinner guests have the choice of cafeteria service or (by reservation) a table d'hote dinner served on the terrace. (Incidentally, dinner hours are 6:30 to 8, and we'd love to have any Valley people who are tired of standing in long lines! Cafeteria workers are Marjorie Ekstrum, Walt Whitman, and Adele Osborne. At lunchtime, when the buses arrive, everyone help out in the cafeteria—including Annie Soria and Charles Mansfield, whose regular jobs are in the lodgings department.

The Gift Shop—also remodeled—is managed by Lydia Fatzinger, with Ruth Beckwith and Claudia McKay as sales clerks.

### STATLER NEWS

A recent copy of the Hotel Statler News, the Statler Hotels' employee magazine contains several items and photos about Charley Dantibo, Bob Gray and Bob Minerich.

Charley is pictured, bowling ball in hand, as a member of a team competing in an intra-company bowling tourney. Bob Gray is shown seated at a piano playing the accompaniment for a brother bellman vocalist.

Bob Minerich, Superintendent of Service, is shown with his staff of fifteen, described as Stalwart Soldiers of Service.

All the ex-Yosemite people now with the Statler seem to be doing well.

### LODGE PODGE

Honoring Kathy DeBacker on her last day of work, thirty-five of her Lodge compatriots gathered recently for a farewell party. Besides the goodbyes, Kathy was given the wherewithal to buy a baby buggy.

Transferred to the Stables from the Cafeteria, Barbara Boericke is now dispatching horses, instead of dispensing food.

Cold weather put the kibosh on a grand luau planned last month, but Bill Benson's home provided a substitute scene for a wonderful steak dinner well attended by grill people, Rusty Romera supplied exceptional guitar music.

Welcome back to Joan Hedger, who was a fine member of last year's Grill crew. And, welcome to Sally Stucey, who is now cashiering in the Grill after a transfer from the Housekeeping department.

We have word that Ruth Miers Carroll, here last year, is now living in Texas with husband Bob, who is in the Army.

Housekeeping's Emma Newton has taken a short leave of absence to visit her daughter in Oakland.

Vera Brunner is looking for a tennis partner (or opponent). Drop her a note c/o Gen. Del., Yosemite Lodge P.O.

Plans are afoot for a women's "get acquainted club" among the Annex dwellers. By-laws call for campfire dinners and unlimited conversation.

SPORTS NEWS

The softball season opened recently with four teams entered. The defending champion Ahwahnee team is again favored to repeat with the Standard Stations, Yosemite Lodge and Curry Cafeteria offering competition. Games are played Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

The volleyball schedule will get under way when the court at El Capitan appears above the waterline. Games are now in progress at Housekeeping Camp beach.

The annual tennis tournament will start August 1. Men's singles, women's singles and men's doubles.

Have a look at the trophy case in the General Office Lobby.

Employee free swim nights at the Lodge Pool are Sunday, Tuesday and Friday. Bring along your suit and towel—7:30 to 10 p.m.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GROUP  
YOUTH FELLOWSHIP OFFICERS

The Yosemite Youth Fellowship group elected the following officers for the season: Jim Watts, Pres.; Betty Palmer, V.P.; Virginia Huber, Sec.-Treas.; Bob Erny, Devotional Program Chairman; Nina Dunsmore, Publicity Chairman; Stan DuBose, Social Chairman; Mason Brown, Student Minister, is acting as advisor for the group.

The group, including locals and guests, meets after Firefall Sunday and Tuesday nights. The Sunday meeting is held in the Camp Curry Dance Pavilion and consists of varied discussion-type programs followed by hymn singing. The Tuesday night program is held in the Camp 6 Church and is characterized by Campfire singing, recreation and refreshments. There is a devotional circle at the close of each gathering.

JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Junior stamp collectors and those interested in taking up the hobby are invited to attend the meetings of the Junior Stamp Club, which are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Meetings are held from seven to eight p.m. at the Cub Scout Hut and are under the direction and sponsorship of Jas. Price, a philatelist for many years.

As the organization is primarily for the beginner, top age limit for members is 14 years.

CHURCH NOTICES

The following is a list of Religious Services scheduled throughout the Park for the summer of 1954:

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE:

Sunday—Church Bowl—3 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC:

Sunday—Old Village Pavilion—6—7—8—9  
10 and 11 a.m.

Daily—Old Village Chapel—7 a.m.

PROTESTANT:

Sunday—Old Village Chapel, Brief Services  
at 8:15, 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.

Church Bowl, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.

Church Bowl, Morning Worship, 11 a.m.

Camp 7 & 14, Sunday Evening Hour, 8 p.m.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, Camp Curry Dance Pavilion, Youth Fellowship, 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Church Camp and Camp 6. Fireside Fun and Fellowship, 9:30 p.m.

Note: The Church Office is located at the Old Village Chapel. Office hours 1 to 4 p.m. Telephone 122W.

For Christian Scientist, Seventh Day Adventist, and services outside the Valley, see Bulletin Boards.

NEWS FROM THE HIGHLANDS  
(Glacier Point)

"Who's back!" and "Gee, but I didn't expect to see all of you people back again."

Yes, it's old home week at Glacier Point with the following people back for another summer: Alma Adams, Lettie Baugham, Joe and Lea Garzoli, Nettie Clark, Gene Deichler, Madeline Deming, Jim Edeal, Burnice Freeman, Miles Gavigan, Gladys Greminger, Louise Keller, Frances May, Ethel Mayer, Martha Morris, Armando Onoro, Ann Smalley, Alma Springer, Jack Swesey, and Sara Wright.

Badger people seem to like the high country, proof being that so many have moved to the Point for the summer. We have Miles Gavigan, Rosie Mill, Russell Smith, and Jack Swesey—and the Nick Fiore.

Glacier Point has its own international set too. Lea and Joe Garzoli represent Switzerland; Nils Due from Norway, Jim Langvin from Canada, and Armando Onoro is from Colombia.

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### N. P. S. ITEMS

Park Superintendent John C. Preston recently announced that three junior members of the local staff have received official recognition for outstanding work and suggestions which have increased the management efficiency of the Park.

As a result of additional duties and responsibilities in the field of park engineering, Lester M. Moe has been promoted to Engineer (Civil) GS-9.

To Douglass H. Hubbard, Park Naturalist, Yosemite, the Incentive Awards Committee of the National Park Service voted an award of \$10.00 for the suggestion that Scotchlite tape markers be placed on fire hydrants and similar emergency fixtures to expedite their use at night.

To Frederick M. Martischang, Supervisory Park Ranger, the Committee voted an award of \$100.00 for his suggestion that drive-up trash cans for the use of the public be installed at or near park entrances to encourage proper disposal of waste materials.

### YOSEMITE HAS LOST A FRIEND

Members of the Yosemite Valley community, the Park, and the surrounding counties were saddened to learn on June 21, that Charles R. Scarborough, Assistant Chief Ranger of Yosemite had been killed suddenly by an avalanche of rock while on his way to Merced Lake in company with Ranger Herbert Ewing.

Funeral services and burial were held on Friday, June 25 at Couer d'Alene, Idaho. His mother, his wife Anne, and daughter were in attendance.

To share with Anne Scarborough and her three daughters the great loss of a loving husband, father and thoughtful friend, members of the local community attended a Friday evening memorial service for Chuck at the Old Village Chapel. The beautiful service was conducted by the Reverend Alfred Glass.

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Over the years, Yosemite people have enjoyed the frequent visits of the J. Edgar Hamiltons of Los Angeles. Their regular stay has been a month long and they have stayed as long as eight months. Mrs. Hamilton died recently in the Valley and we have

received a note from her husband expressing his appreciation for the many words of kindness sent by their Valley friends.

### INTERVIEWS FOR EMPLOYMENT AT DEATH VALLEY SCHEDULED

Chas. Scholl, Manager of the Furnace Creek Inn and Furnace Creek Ranch in Death Valley, will be in Yosemite from July 20 to 24 to interview Yosemite employees who are interested in working in Death Valley for the winter season.

In 1944, Scholl and Harold Ouimet, Y. P. and C. Co. Personnel Director, initiated a program to facilitate the exchange of employees between the two areas. In February of each year, Ouimet conducts interviews at Death Valley.

Anyone interested in talking to Mr. Scholl about winter employment at Death Valley may arrange an interview by calling Alice Hewitson at the Y. P. and C. Co. Personnel Office, telephone number 103.

### CLASSIFIEDS

#### FOR SALE

5 cu. ft. Servel Refrig.—can be used with Butane—\$60. Man's bike, \$20. Call Louis Guy, 117W after 5 p.m.

1940 LaSalle 4-door sedan. Clean, good condition, fair price. Phone 376R.

House trailer. Call Lucie Richter, 55 or 52W. Montgomery Ward washing machine. Excellent condition. Helen Ledson, 38J.

Man's bike. See Pete Klassen, Housekeeping Camp Office.

Furniture: oak breakfast set, Hollywood double bed, arm chair, plastic covered three-piece sectional set, misc. odd pieces. Call S. S. Cramer, 114 or 18W.

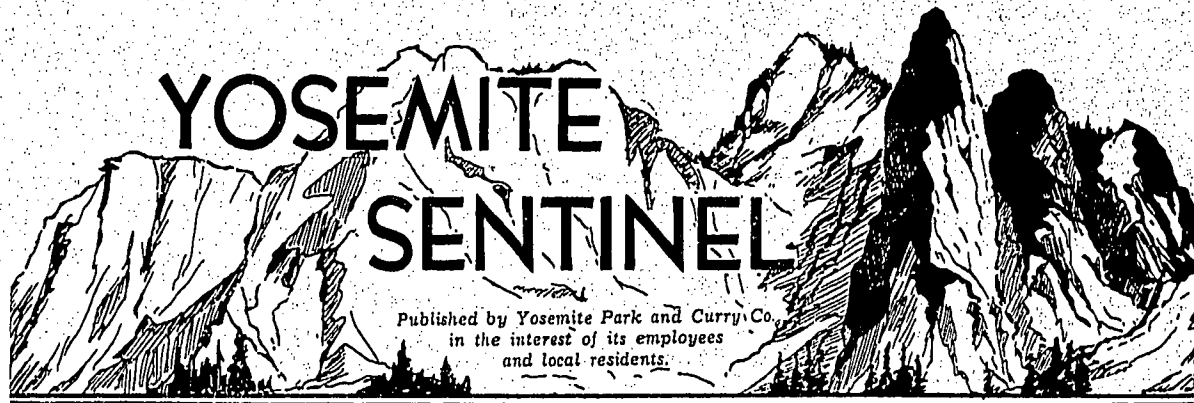
New Swiss watch, anti-magnetic, shock-proof, guaranteed. Personally purchased in Switzerland. Rita Namen, Traffic Office. Phone No. 1 or room 308 in E Dorm.

Featherweight portable Singer sewing machine with case and attachments. Also two-wheel trailer, good condition. Call Elsie Murray, 22W.

#### WANTED

Ann Myren still wants to buy a girl's bike!





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Wednesday, August 11, 1954

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

This season's very first "smidgen" of fall is noticeable—cooler mornings—oak leaves chasing along the west terrace; young people's mail bringing dates of college registrations, and already plans are afoot for the first of The Ahwahnee's "after-Labor-Day" conventions. Or, it could be we're having our first cool summer weather of the season—in August.

Anyhow, most everyone's climbed Conness, Mount Lyell and spent every minute of time off in the High Country including Don Winters, Doug McLauchlan, Marilyn Rogers and Elsa Einfeld, to mention just a few of the many.

The Valley Singers have twice charmed the guests with their singing and orchestral music on The Ahwahnee front lawn. Both evenings they performed were warm and balmy. The Valley Trio, Jack Hoberg, Nancy Sad, and Ellen Odhner, and the harpist Peggy Carpenter, and their fine playing during early evenings in the Main Lounge will be missed at summer's end.

Tony Tuason's been with us over a month and he now "rates" in the Sentinel! He ran the switchboard.

Wouldn't it be grand if just once all The Ahwahnee clocks told the same time—that's still something to look forward to, however.

Apologies to Alice Ward. Seems we left her out of the list last edition as summering at Tuolumne.

George de Backer's new Meadow Loggia posters causing lots of comment—very nice they are, too. They were printed offset and colored in our printing department. And the Gift Shop's new lambswool, washable, (and expensive) big woolly dogs are well worth a trip to see. Now on display and selling fast. And don't forget to have your shoes cleaned: Tom Blackwell, son of Steve, is now the only shoe shiner in the Valley, and he's in The Ahwahnee barber shop every day from 2 to 6 to shine your shoes—the best twenty-five cents worth you ever had.

We also have the biggest bats you ever saw floating around the Mezzanine Cocktail Lounge—looking around for a "grasshopper," no doubt.

#### RECREATION NOTES

The annual employees' tennis tournament is under way with 16 entered in men's singles, 5 men's doubles and 4 in the women's singles.

Stan Altshuler, who as a junior was rated 4th Nationally, and George Sheldon are top seeded in the men's singles.

The 2-man double elimination volley ball tournament is under way and the 4-man volley ball league will start when the softball league ends.

Dates to remember—

BLUE MOON FORMAL—August 13.

SWIM MEET—Lodge Pool—August 20.

PENNY CARNIVAL—the Den—August 25.

## Yosemite's First Annual FOLK and SQUARE DANCE FESTIVAL

AHWAHNEE TENNIS COURTS

ADMISSION FREE

SATURDAY AUG. 14, 8 P.M.

WEAR LEVIS PLAIDS GINGHAMS

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"BRIGADOON" TO BE PRESENTED

The fifth annual Church Bowl concert of the Valley Singers will be held on Tuesday, August 17 at 9:30 p.m. The colorful program will be presented in the Church Bowl and one hundred voices, with a 25-piece orchestra, will be led by the permanent conductor, Glenn Willard. This year's guest conductor will be Edwin Kruth, of San Francisco State College. He will be remembered for his participation in the Valley Singers concert at The Ahwahnee, in 1953.

Soloists include Pat Oliver, Blythe Theilen, Wesley Cease, Jean Kessey, and Peggy Carpenter. Jack Hoberg will be the accompanist.

The Vagabonds, barber shop quartet, will also sing. The chorus will sing spirituals, religious songs, and selections from Broadway musicals such as "Wonderbar," "Wonderful Copenhagen," "Grand Night for Singing," "South Pacific" medley. The orchestra will be featured in "Over the Rainbow" and "Ruby." The combined group will sing and play selections from "The King and I" and an entirely new presentation of selections from "Brigadoon."

Glenn Willard, founder and permanent conductor of the Valley Singers, will be completing six years of outstanding leadership as he leads the group on August 17.

Remember the date: August 17 at 9:30 p.m. Place, the Church Bowl. An offering for the continued improvement of the Bowl will be received.

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LODGE PODGE

Carol Hudson's new driver's license states plain as day that she is now 21. In a pinch this could be used to convince, or wither, a doubting bartender—not that Carol might

step so much as one foot inside a bar.

Director of Junior Athletics Leroy Rust and part of his family had a three-day contest with the fish at Ten Lakes. Seems like the fish came out first. Incidentally, Rusty's youngster's ball team played their fathers last week and were barely edged out, despite the heavy hitting of Harry. During playing for the papas.

Dick Weiss, who used to sell fishing tackle at the Village Store paid us a visit recently along with his wife Patsy.

Ann Bredeman's attractive suntan reached a point where she thought she should start swimming. So she's now taking lessons.

Gordon and Marilyn Close enjoyed a visit from their parents recently.

Some fifty Lodge employees made a happy evening of it late in July at a secluded chateau at El Portal. Topsy Jackson engineered the production of 14 dozen tacos for the occasion which is a culinary accomplishment worthy of one of our kitchens. Annex Mother Helen Delano reports that her brood all made the deadline—but just.

The dwindling volume of water in poor old Yosemite Falls has prompted Cafeteria Manager Bill Meacham to put his cafeteria sprinkler system to work in competition. He reports an increasing number of tourist's cameras pointed at his waterfall.

Bill Kelly set some sort of a record on July 31 when he attended one wedding in Oakland, then served as best man at another on the same day. Wonder Bill didn't get married.

Sally Rothsack will make her first big airplane ride this week when she flies to Mason City, Iowa to attend her son's wedding.

Jerry Love says he had a big time in Hollywood on his recent vacation.

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FOR SALE

1940 La Salle 4-door sedan. Good condition; valves just reground, 3 newly recapped tires, new battery. Price \$225. Call Dana Morgenson, 81W or 37J5.

Three-speed Silvertone radio-phonograph-console. Blonde wood. Floor model. \$100. See Monte Reddick, room C-2, Tecoya or at The Ahwahnee.

Boy's bicycle, 24" wheels, \$18. Call Bill Overton, 112J.



# An Emergency Exists


**Polio has reached a five year  
high throughout the State.**

National Polio Foundation Funds (March of Dimes)  
are exhausted . . . In California, sixteen chapters  
are completely without funds.

There will be an emergency drive **AUGUST 15-31.**

Post Office box holders will receive an appeal by  
mail. . . Those not having a P. O. Box, please  
send a contribution to Leroy Rust, Yosemite Lodge  
Post Office. Thank you.

# An Emergency Exists



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### BIG TREES NEWS

Big Trees recently welcomed a new chef, Al Ludepen and another addition to the staff is Dianne Paris, who has a varied job relieving other employees on their day's off. She recently announced her engagement to Roy Pond, who works at the Wawona Standard Station. They plan to be married in Pasadena on September 12.

Several new rooms have been added to the Big Trees employees' quarters. As the first step toward a long-awaited laundry room, a super-modern deluxe ironing board has been installed. Hooray!

Lydia Fatzinger, Gift Shop manager, is very proud of her new granddaughter—after six grandsons.

It took a bit of inveigling to get Chuck Mansfield out to the campfire for his birthday party, which was attended by a number of house guests as well as the employees. Chuck Bayse led the assembly of uncertain but willing voices in "Happy Birthday to You" and several other bursts of song.

### LODGE CAFE TRAINING PROGRAM

A training program for all Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria employees was started July 1, under the supervision of manager Bill Meacham. According to Meacham who instituted the training program, the program is designed to provide all employees a chance to become familiar with the whole cafeteria operation.

Supervisors have been appointed for the three main parts of the operation—the cold counter, hot counter, and bussing, with these supervisors outlining the instruction pertaining to their sections. Classes are held regularly and consist of instruction and demonstration, followed by supervised on-the-job experience.

At the class on bussing procedure, a member of the dishwashing department gave a demonstration on the proper way to stack dishes on the bus cart, the aim being faster, more efficient handling in the dish room.

Classes are about fifteen minutes long and are generally held directly after lunch.

A training progress chart is kept on each employee and after he has had his class training, and sufficient job training, he is noted as ready to take over any duty in the cafeteria. This greatly helps the recurrent replacement problem.

Meacham, his section supervisors and the staff are to be commended for their interest in improving the efficiency of their unit.

### DUM-DE-DUM-DUM

Bill Melton of Y.P.C.Co. Fire and Police Dept. apprehended a youth suspected of breaking into parked cars early the morning of July 1. Bill was on his watchman patrol in the Lodge area when he heard glass break. Investigating, he found two young men among the parked cars. While questioning them, a third, whom he had not seen at first, started the car in which he was sitting and fled. The remaining two stated that it was their own car, and when asked for an identification, said that it was in their tent. As Melton escorted them to their tent, they broke and ran. Bill caught one of them and after a scuffle, subdued him. A passerby, aroused by the noise, went for help.

Bill continued with the case until mid-morning and was instrumental in apprehending, identifying and implicating Byron Ball, Charles Leslie and William Bevel as the trio who had previously broken into and robbed several other cars.

Taken before the U.S. Commissioner on a felony charge of burglary of an automobile the three were bound over to stand trial before the Federal District Court.

The N.P.S. was able to return to guests whose cars had been looted a camera, a quantity of clothing and other property.

Bill's actions were termed by Superintendent Preston as "courageous and effective."

### CURRY CAPERS

One of the best Camp Curry employee's art exhibits held in the Cafeteria has just been concluded. Guests and employees alike took great interest in the offerings.

Exhibitors Chuck Eckart, Amy Greenwald, Lettie Baughman from Glacier Point, and Mitzi Gage helped greatly in making the show a success.

The Den sends its welcome to all to the Monday and Wednesday night folk and square dancing sessions. Painless instruction afforded beginners.

Among the throngs at Bass Lake recently were CC's Patti Williams, Diana Millholland, Bob Robinson and Ted Stainback. All were sunning and swimming.

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Pepper Martin and Al Kallman have survived the eliminations and are in the finals of the ping pong tournament at the Den.

### N. P. S. ITEMS

Landscape Architect John Adams and his family have been transferred from Yosemite to Joshua Tree National Monument to join the staff of Superintendent Samuel King. Adam's vacancy has been filled by Volney J. Westley from the Regional Office. A hearty welcome to the Westleys.

The park ranger force has been kept busy protecting the lives and property of a tremendous number of visitors this summer. On July 14, they successfully accomplished a 28 hour rescue mission near Eagle Peak by saving the life of Frank Curtin, age 17, who strayed from the trail and climbed the cliffs of the valley. Beginning on the morning of July 23, rangers and volunteers began searching park cliffs and trails for Walter A. Gordon, age 26, a desk clerk at Camp Curry who started on a short hike and has not returned. Boodhounds and a helicopter have been used in the search which to this date has not been successful.

The park has been honored by a recent visit of Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and Conrad L. Wirth, Director of the National Park Service who have been making an inspection tour of Yosemite. Superintendent Preston and Hilmer Oehlmann escorted them over the loop trail by way of the High Sierra Camps. Secretary McKay was favorably impressed with the operation of the park and the friendliness of the employees.

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The watchful eye and the long arm of the Ranger Patrol have fallen on several locals who chose to disregard the Park traffic regulations. The Commissioner has dealt with them as follows: for exceeding the basic 35 m.p.h. speed limit—Carl Dudding, William Lloyd, Kenneth Trammel, Larry Moser, Ivol Cloward, Wm. Blombgren, Thos. Pearson, Quincy Evison, Kenneth Goold, and John Hamby paid fines varying from \$15 to \$40. For not having an operator's license—twice—Ted Bishop was fined \$45. Speeding and failing to stop at a stop sign cost Bundy Chamberlain \$20. Arthur Coleman, for driving too fast and recklessly, was fined \$25. Arthur Larsen suffered an \$80 fine, had his car and driver's license impounded for 30 days for speeding, reckless driving, and for

having ineffective mufflers on his car. SOOOOOO! If you have the urge to speed, The above few lines you'd better heed. An afterthought to Bill or Joe, STOP means STOP—it don't mean SLOW!

### HOSPITAL NOTES

Pat (Mrs. John) Hansen presented papa Johnny with a daughter on August 2. She weighed 7 lbs., 11¼ ounces and her name is Jill.

Betsy (Mrs. Lee) Brazitis had a daughter, on August 7, weight 6 lbs., 11¼ ounces, name Barbara.

Ed Bowman is in the Lewis Memorial Hospital but recovering.

Raymond Fraser is doing nicely.

Millie Anderson is now at home, following an operation. Speedy recovery to them all.

Ahwahnee first baseman Jack Ring is hospitalized with broken ribs and a bruised kidney as a result of a collision with a base runner during the game Friday, August 6. Jack was reaching for a high ball (baseball) when the runner crashed into him. Jack picked himself up and went on with the game.

In Sunday's playoff, however, he retired after the first inning because of severe aches and pains. Jack is now strapped up and confined to a hospital bed.

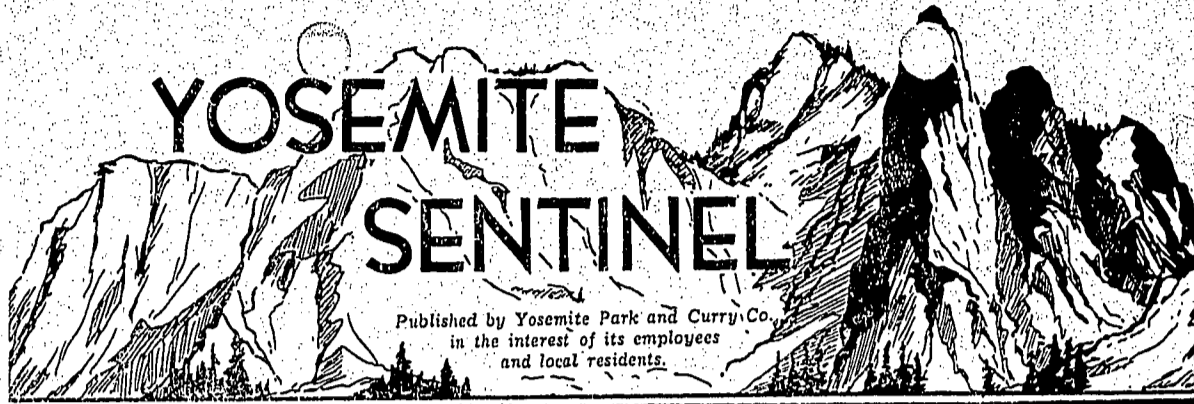
### SOFTBALL

Fred Pierson's Ahwahnee ball club made it six straight by trouncing Standard's team Sunday, August 8 by a score of 15-8. Standard played good ball except for one bad inning when The Ahwahnee hitters seemed to be zeroed in on the left field fence.

The first half of the league ended in a tie between the two teams with The Ahwahnee winning the playoff in a tight 3-1 contest.

### LOST ARROW

The Lost Arrow refreshment stand has been given a new face and a new purpose. The southwest corner of the property has been graded and blacktopped, a grape stake canopy built to extend over some fifteen feet along the south and west sides of the building. Instead of operating as a soda fountain, the Arrow will now dispense bottled soft drinks, ice cream, etc., over an outside counter to the hot and thirsty passers-by. The changes have indeed made the structure an asset to the Valley.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Thursday, September 9, 1954

#### WAWONA WIND-UP

At last, Wawona has about as much good news as we can stand without letting everyone else in Yosemite know about it.

The crew at Wawona has had a wonderful summer—full of social activities of all types, participated in consistently by all hands. With the fine leadership of the following group elected to the Wawona Employees Association, the morale of the unit is amazingly high. Bill Cassel is President, Joe Rothman, our chef, is Vice President, Barbara Jones, Secretary, and Ray Meline, Treasurer.

With July came the first of many happy and enthusiastic gatherings. The chef and his helpers gave a big breakfast for the employees who went "en masse" to Sentinel Dome for a sunrise breakfast.

The highlight of our July activities was an anniversary party for Mary and Howard Doucette. We surprised them with an electric rotisserie, (with secret hopes of dinner invitations, of course).

There just weren't enough days in August for all our plans. First, was a moonrise party at Sentinel Dome, also sponsored by Joe Rothman, the chef. Then, thanks to the hosting of Bob Schwartz and Jim Starr who played hosts to about sixty of us on August 7 there was a colorful shish-ka-bob party at Jim Starr's cabin in Chilnualna. Only two days passed until the entire group gave a surprise party for chef Joe.

One of the most unforgettable experiences was the moonlight horseback ride. At half way on the ride the riders were met and served a wonderful supper.

The party which caught the real spirit and good feeling of the group at Wawona

was a going-away party for a few of us who were leaving early. These were Merrill Lovley, Jane Goby and Barbara Jones.

Plans are in progress for a reunion of Wawona employees to be held November 6. The get-together will start with luncheon at Hugh and Vicki Falconers' home at Emerald Lake in West Redwood City. In the afternoon the group will watch the Stanford S-C game, followed by a night "on the town."—San Francisco.

The final activity of the year was an employees' barbecue and everyone said a fond goodbye to a fine group of people, grand management and a glorious summer.

#### SPORTS WIND-UP

The summer's games program directed by Harry Brownson has been completed with the following individuals and teams coming out on top:

Stan Altshuler and Martha Huffaker emerged first in the tennis singles, and Tom Dietrich teamed with Altshuler, won the doubles.

The four-man volley ball tournament was won by The Ahwahnee's team consisting of John Argue, Bob Monteith, Dave DeVoe, Don Alter and Bob Brown (4-man?).

The Curry swim team took a trouncing at the hands of the Lodge aquatic squad by a score of 52-17 with Otis Skaggs and Don Potter scoring in two events for the Lodge. A shortage of Curry girls in the meet hurt their chances materially.

The Ahwahnee ball team made it six in a row by winning the championship this year although they were hard pressed by Standard Stations which tied the champs at the end of both rounds.

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#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Those of us who, a year ago, watched the filming of *The Ahwahnee and Yosemite for "Caine Mutiny"* were fascinated by the film which was recently here, and felt that the movie makers did well by the hotel and the Park.

Departures make up most of this Ahwahnee news. To school are returning Phil Zichterman, San Francisco City College Hotel School; Charlotte Childs to teach at Coalinga; Dick MacDonald to University of New Hampshire.

Chuck Friman left September 7, for an undisclosed destination and Coletha Jones is south for a while with her daughter. Helen Pierson's family from Michigan has been visiting her and Earl.

The fall convention schedule will blast off with the meeting of the Dictograph Corporation on September 9 (hope they don't "bug" The Ahwahnee).

Nimrods Pierson, DeBacker, Parkerson Gogolewski and Ferrell went forth after the elusive dove opening day but came home with something less than limits.

Nice to see Kit Whitman back after a week's absence during which she nursed her husband, Colden, back to health following a serious illness.

#### OLD VILLAGE STORIES

Yellow Pine Beach was the site of the annual Spoon-Store steak-fry August 31, and the occasion may mark the last summer season that the store and grill will be in operation in the Old Village with the new facilities at Yosemite Village scheduled for next year, replacing the Old Village units.

The fry featured generously proportioned

steaks carved and cooked by Charlie Bond, helped out by one of Spoon-manager Nat Bredeman's tossed green salads. A few of those gathered around to enjoy the food and the evening were Burton Anderson, Frank Spittle, Del Owens, Don Potter, Mike Payer, and Ernie Thompson of the grocery department, Bob Cromer, Pat Quist and Jim Watts from the store office, Bobbie Davis, who organized the affair, Lucille Bayley, Jeanne Harris, Barbara Hollister, Jim Ray and Ruth White from the front store departments.

Spoon staffers present were Arlene Arens, Herb Boucher, Russ and Betty Bloodgood, Kal Holsti, Dick Johnsen, Lloyd Vidal and Deane Wylie. Journeying down from Tuolumne was Pat Hoppe, who deserted the Spoon three weeks ago for work in the high country.

The Ahwahnee gained as the Store lost Jean Ward and Lenore Romaker, and the Spoon found an old alumnus in the person of Dave Birenbaum, who after a summer of protection work is back dispensing, as he did last summer.

The season's end in the Village Barber Shop finds Ben Oldham and John Schweifler, who says that he has worked in the Park since "El Cap was a pebble," carrying on without Jess Haskins, who left for his usual winter in Miami.

#### BREEZE FROM THE BIG TREES

The fire was bright; the moonlight just right—this was the setting for the Big Trees-Wawona Hotel Employees' Barbecue hosted by the Big Trees gang. Barbecued steak, beans, garlic bread, and combination salad were the delight of all attending. Dancing on the terrace featuring the nation's top orchestras completed the evening of fun.

A tiny fawn, presumed orphaned by its mother, was adopted by the Grove Naturalists Wasson and Deleman and the Big Trees Lodge guests and employees. Due to her tender age and the threat of an oncoming winter, which we feared she would not survive, a new home has been found for her.

A surprise twenty-fifth anniversary party climaxed a stay of two weeks for nationally renowned music and lyric composers Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fitch (Lorraine Noel

Finley). The redwood grove was so inspiring that Mr. Fitch composed three movements of a five movement suite expressing the natural captivating beauty of our Mariposa Grove. We will be notified of its premier over a national broadcast.

This is the last bit of news from the "Big Sticks" until next summer. It has been a most wonderful season for employees and management.

#### SCHOOL OPENS

The Yosemite Grammar School and the Mariposa High School open for the fall semester on September 13. It is recommended by Mariposa High School Principal Cleo Adelsbach that all Mariposa High School students register and check their next term programs before September 11 (except September 4-5-6) between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the High School.

#### YOSEMITE SCHOOL PLANS SUBMITTED

The preliminary sketches for the new Yosemite grammar school have been approved by the County Board of Trustees and have been forwarded to N.P.S. and State Dept. of Education for approval.

The architect for the project is Walter Wagner of Fresno. Federal funds will be used for the construction, which will include four class rooms, a multi-purpose room and a kindergarten.

#### FIRE SIREN TEST

The fire siren as a noon whistle has been discontinued but in order to make sure the fire siren is always in working condition a test will be made once each week on Wednesday, September 8, when the first test will be made at noon and on each Wednesday noon thereafter.

#### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—1950 27' "Kit" Trailer house. A Servel refrigerator, Western Holly stove. All in excellent condition. \$1250. See Jim McKnight, Standard Station Y-1.

Pair of 6'9" Head skis, with or without bindings, nearly new. Call 102.

#### FATHER-SON BALL GAME

The final softball game between the local fathers' and sons' teams will start at 5:30 p.m., September 9 at the school grounds.

This will be the end of the three-game series with both teams even at one win each. The youngster's team has been coached by Leroy Rust. A handsome trophy has been crafted by the Y. P. and C. Co. pumbing shop, and exquisitely engraved in the print shop in three colors — black, copper, and blank. It will be presented to the winning team, filled with an appropriate beverage, at the completion of the series. Come out and root for your favorite team—(so long as you root for the Junior squad).

#### JUNIOR STAMP CLUB

Randy Morgenson has been elected by his fellow philatelists as president of the Junior Stamp Club, guided and sponsored by Jas. Price.

Billy Overton, with a fine mind for finance was elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, while Billy Mahoney and Randy Rust are the activities committee.

The club meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m. at the Cub Scout House.

#### STEWART CRAMER IN JAPAN

Cpl. Stewart A. Cramer was recently assigned to duty in Japan from Ft. Lewis, Washington. His address is R.A. 19343395 (after his name and rank) "A" Btry. 647th ABN. F.A. BN., APO SI, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco. His post is Camp Wood, near Kumamoto. (ABN is Army for Airborne).

#### BABY BURRO BORN

It was an exciting day for the twenty or more youngsters on the burro picnic last Wednesday when Whitney, an expectant mother, gave birth to her colt during the lunch stop. According to Barbara Boericke and Lee Wight, burro picnic guides that day, the remarks of the children were priceless.

Bob Barnett dispatched a car and trailer and mother and baby were hauled back to the stables. Barbara Lee, the baby, and mother Whitney are both doing nicely.



N.P.S. ITEMS

Yosemite Advisory Board Member Dr. John P. Buwalda, noted geologist of the California Institute of Technology, nationally known authority on earthquakes, died on Thursday, August 19, while on a geology field trip in Frazier Mountain Park, Ventura County, with his son Robert. In addition to his wife Irma and his mother, Mrs. Eva Buwalda, he leaves three sons and a daughter. The family home was located at 2103 Pasqual Road, Pasadena, near Caltech campus.

For many years Dr. Buwalda served with William E. Colby of San Francisco and with Frederick Law Olmsted of Palo Alto, on the Yosemite National Park Advisory Board.

He will be missed by many friends in Yosemite and throughout the State of California.

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Along with a number of Park visitors who have been apprehended for violation of Park regulations, 17 Park employees have recently been cited to appear before the court of Commissioner Ottonello. Fines have ranged from \$10 to \$30 depending upon the seriousness of the cases.

For speeding; Debert L. Owens, John K. Rowland, Stanley E. White, Edward R. Estes, Sydney M. Carter, Robert C. Monteith, Jon O. Ecklund, Jim A. Holtel, Phyllis Jean Kellogg, and Gary W. Schlichter.

For speeding and failure to recognize stop signs; Douglas McLauchlan, Richard Leon, and James K. Ouimet.

For speeding and failure to produce a driver's license; Thomas D. Robertson.

For throwing beer cans in the Merced River; Herbert W. Fawcett and Ray L. Burmaster.

For throwing burning cigarettes from a car: Robert V. Andreatta.

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Park Naturalist Wayne W. Bryant has been selected as the Region Four trainee for the Sixth Departmental Management Training School of the Department of the Interior, according to a recent announcement by Superintendent John C. Preston. The school is held in Washington, D.C., from September 20 next, until April, 1955.

Wayne is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Bryant. Dr. Bryant recently retired from the National Park Service after having served his last assignment as Supt. of Grand Canyon National Park. Wayne has been a Junior Park Naturalist here for 3½ years and has supervised the popular Junior Nature program in the Valley.

Wayne's selection followed his participation in competition with a number of young and promising career employees from the parks of the coast states.

Last year Park Ranger Glenn Gallison attended the school as the representative from Region Four.

KARL MUNSON MUNCHEDED

Karl Munson suffered an extraordinary and shattering experience in the Wawona Campground early last Thursday morning. The five Munsons, camped there, were sleeping when Karl was scratched and bitten by an animal thought to be a coyote. This sort of conduct is contrary to the usual behavior of coyotes which are generally timid and seldom known to attack a person, asleep or awake. Karl has been taking the rather severe Pasteur treatment, against the possibility that the animal was sick.

HOSPITAL NOTES

New arrival dept.: Nancy Reichhold, born to Elizabeth and Herb Reichhold, August 29.

Shelley Lynelle Law, born to Dayle and Jim Law, August 29.

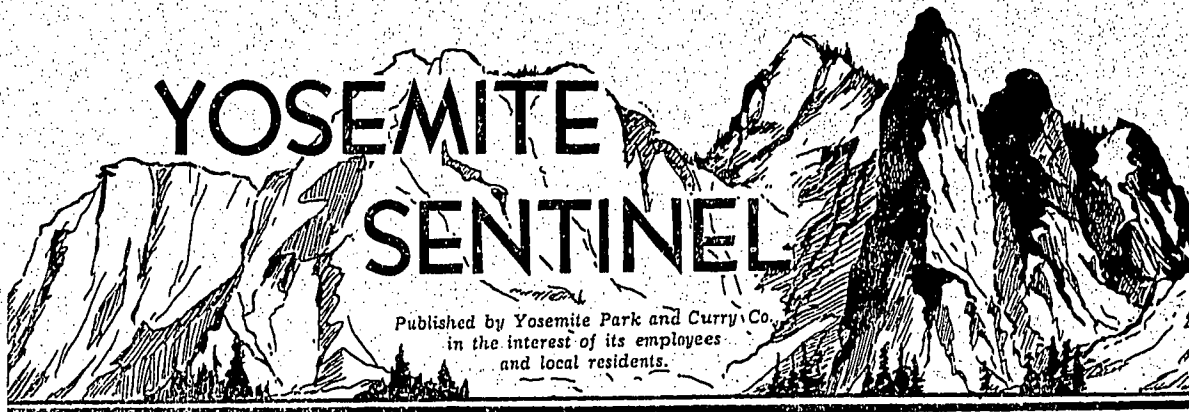
Derek George DeBacker, born to Cathy and George DeBacker, August 15.

On the hospital rolls, but improving daily, are Carl Becker, Charles Allison, Ernie Wass and June Stokes. A speedy recover to them all.

Alice Duthie of Oakland has replaced Julie Blair as receptionist-secretary.

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The sympathies of the Sentinel and the Y. P. and C. Co. personnel are extended to Mrs. Germaine Fraser, widow of Raymond Fraser who died here August 31 after a long illness. Mr. Fraser began his work in Yosemite in 1945.



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#### LIONS RUMMAGE SALE

The local Lions Club has designated October 21-22-23 as the dates for its Annual Rummage Sale at the Lost Arrow. Articles to be sold may be delivered to the Arrow on October 20 between 12 noon and 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Briefly, anything is acceptable and will be sold for owners except articles priced at less than .50 each. Articles may be bunched, however, like neckties for instance, and sold in .50 lots. Nor, can you dispose of underwear or sox—except ski sox which are O.K.

The Lions Club keeps 10% of the selling price, the balance being returned to the seller. Or, the charity-minded can give things outright to be sold. Then, the Lions Club keeps the entire selling price. Proceeds from the sale, as usual, are spent on worthwhile projects in Yosemite.

This is a good chance to sell things that you won't have enough room to store for the winter anyway.

#### YOSEMITE SCHOOL NEWS

According to Ralph Frazier, new school principal, enrollment in the Yosemite Elementary School is: Kindergarten and first grade, 21; 2nd and 3rd grades, 31; 4th and 5th grades, 28; 6th, 7th and 8th grades, 29, for a total of 104. Bona Mae McHenry is teaching the little ones; Edith Lamkin, over from Bishop, teaches 2nd and 3rd grades; Pauline Shorb, who relinquished her principalship this year, has the 5th and 6th; and principal Frazier has the top 7th and 8th classes.

Prior to coming to Yosemite, Frazier taught high school science, and elementary grades in southern California.

#### CASH IN ON YOUR IDEAS!

Within the next two weeks Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is installing a suggestion system to tap the brains of the Company—its employees. All Company employees may participate in the system which provides for awards of \$5.00 to \$200.00 for accepted suggestions. Employee suggestion blanks will soon be available in all departments of the Company along with complete instructions for participating.

If you have an idea how to improve service to guests, how to reduce costs or prevent waste, improve methods or safety conditions, or to increase sales, submit it on one of the new suggestion blanks and you may win up to \$200.00!

#### OFF TO SCHOOL

Jane Glass has joined her sister Gail at Wasatch Academy in Utah. Richie Ouimet is also a fourth former there, while returning are Bob Eckart and Sandy Bill. Chuck Eckart has transferred from Menlo to C.O. P. Jim Ouimet has returned to Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo. Mary Lou Sturm joined Ginnie Ann at San Joaquin Memorial in Fresno and Pat Oliver has enrolled in Occidental College. Her contemporary, Barbara Jean Anderson, is now at the University of Maryland. Keith McHenry is a freshman at the University of Wyoming. Hilda dePfyffer has enrolled in Mt. Carmel College near Denver. Peggy Proctor and her sister Nancy are both at the Chadwick School in southern California. Walter Gammill is in Bellamine Prep; Gene Dunham in school in Oregon.

(There are others, but we couldn't track them down).



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LODGE PODGE

The Sentinel has a new contributor, Carole Dawson of the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria. Carole is from Anaheim and has been in the Park since last May. If you Lodge people have any news, please pass it along to her.

Looks like smooth sailing the rest of the way after the bustle of changing managers, crew, etc., in the Cafeteria. Former Camp Curry Dining Room Manager, Steve Ward is doing a fine job here. He has taken over the duties of Bill Meacham as manager since Bill went back to Los Angeles to teach school.

The Lodge also has another new addition—a fawn named "Stevie." This little fellow who was found pinned between two rocks near Glen Aulin in mid-July is doing very nicely under the careful supervision of Louie Smith and with the assistance of some of the other kitchen staff. It won't be long before "Stevie" is off the bottle, and on his own.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

Among the month's maintenance accomplishments was the dismantling of the High Sierra Camps and the Tuolumne Lodge and Store. Syd Ledson and crew took care of this chore.

Great activity at Badger Pass what with the new ski house addition and the widening of the beginner's ski slope. The former is a contract job and, when completed, there will be considerable additional space to be devoted to ski sales, rental, etc., and an outdoor sitting area.

Our crews have about completed the ski slope work which, in addition to the clearing, will include relocating the rope tow about 50 feet north, plus the addition of some 100 feet in length. Should be all ready for the ski season.

The Walt Woodmans are vacationing in the north, while the George Ledsons are doing likewise, but in Las Vegas. Anyone with a spare shirt, please mail it to George, c/o the Gold Nugget Gaming Hall.

POST OFFICE HOURS

Both Post Offices go on winter schedule effective October 1, 1954. Mails will close as follows on and after that date: Mondays through Fridays at 4:30 p.m. Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays at 12 noon.

CHURCH NOTICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASSES in the Old Village Chapel:

Sunday, 7 and 8:30 a.m. Daily 7 a.m.

PROTESTANT SERVICES, in Old Village Chapel:

Sunday:

Brief Service (one half-hour) 9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.

"Sunday Evening Hour" 9:00 p.m.

The Schoolhouse

Sunday School (pre-school through 8th grade) 9:45 a.m.

Old Village Chapel

Wednesday:

Study Group 7:45 p.m.

High School Youth Group (to be announced)

Community Building, El Portal

Sunday School 6:00 p.m.

Church Service 7:00 p.m.

FROM HERE AND THERE

Hal and Thelma Johnson stopped in recently to say hello. They are now living in Phoenix where Hal is in wholesale sporting goods business. They both hope that any Yosemite people who find themselves passing through Phoenix call them at ALpine 8-5331 or stop by at their home at 3218 W. Missouri.

WANT ADS

For Sale—El Portal home on Forest Service land—5 rooms and screened porch—Lot No. 5. C. E. Swick, General Delivery El Portal.

Want to buy a good used chest of drawers—30 inches wide. Mrs. Don Honor—Wawona.

For Sale—Piano. Cope mahogany upright. Call Mrs. Abbott—94W.

For Sale—Ladies Bike—\$7.50. Phone 27W.

Wanted—Washing machine. Call Ralph Frazier at 83R.

For Sale—1936 Ford coupe. Good running condition. \$80. Pepper Martin, Ahwahnee.

For Sale—1947 Pontiac 4 door sedan. Life-guard tubes, radio, 54,000 miles, excellent condition. \$390. Call Flora Dean, No. 4.

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N.P.S. ITEMS

On September 8 and 9, Mr. William E. Colby of San Francisco and Mr. Frederick Law Olmsted of Palo Alto, the surviving members of the Yosemite Advisory Board, met in the Park to pay tribute to the memory of Dr. John P. Buwalda who died on August 19, and to study the problems of park management.

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An award of \$55.00 to William T. Kirk, Mechanic, H.D. (welder), Yosemite National Park, was approved by the Regional Director on the recommendation of the Region Four Incentive Awards Committee, for the adoption in this area of a metal bear-proof trail sign mounted on steel posts and permanently lettered by burning out text with a cutting torch. Some 180 signs of this type have undergone a year's successful test in the Mather Ranger District and along the Merced Lake trail. The Park had experimented with practically every other type of sign in the back country, including embossed aluminum, but a high percentage of bear damage persistently occurred. The sheet metal signs appear to answer the Park's problem as far as serviceability and lasting readability are concerned. Congratulations, Bill.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. William T. Kirk, a son, Theodore Kirk, 7 pounds, 4 ounces on Wednesday, September 15—further congratulations, Bill.

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On September 12, Nelson Murdock and his family moved to Yosemite from Kings Canyon and Sequoia National Park. He will fill the vacant position of Assistant Chief Ranger on the Yosemite staff. A hearty welcome to the Murdocks.

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Betty Koubele returned to the Park as a member of the Superintendent's staff on September 13, after an extended period of leave.

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John and Betty Preston are on annual leave until October 15. They are now visiting at Estes Park, Colorado and intend to spend a few days in Great Smoky Mountains National Park before returning to Yosemite.

Mary Gibbs, now on annual leave, left San Francisco by plane for New York on September 19, and is expected to return to the Park by October 15.

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THE SCENE CHANGES

That change is starting once again;  
The summer rush is through.  
The wild crowds of sightseeing guests  
Diminish to a few.  
That frantic hustle felt each day  
Is slowly calming down.  
The clamor dies, and tempers slow  
As folks go back to town.  
That self-made rut we all were in  
Has lessened in degree,  
And each day's passing brings us all  
A new felt harmony.  
It's true that many friends have gone  
Some never to return,  
But each has left his mark with us;  
A lesson we could learn.  
And as the winter months approach,  
Revealing fun in store,  
The little trials we all went through  
Dissolve, and are no more.  
For we have closed a chapter now,  
The past is left behind—  
So look ahead with eagerness—  
Who knows what you may find?

*Carole Dawson*

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ACTING POSTMASTER APPOINTED

Walter J. Fitzpatrick has been appointed Acting-Postmaster effective October 1, replacing William Brown. Fitzpatrick reports that there are no changes contemplated in post office personnel at the present.

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The Main P. O. employees presented to former Acting Postmaster Bill Brown two handsome Ansel Adams photographs as a farewell gift on Saturday, September 11, prior to Bill's departure for Mariposa where he has joined the elementary school staff.

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Eddie Estes, son of Mrs. Jas. Ray, Y.P.C. Co. Paymistress, was married Sunday, September 19 to Janet Peacock of El Cerrito. Ronnie Deane served as Eddie's best man.

Following a reception at the bride's family home, the newlyweds drove south for a wedding trip. They will return to El Portal and Eddie will work in Yosemite.



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1954

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Gray squirrels are stuffing acorns, colored leaves windblown and scattering everywhere; robins and the thermometer headed down, but still no rain. A lovely but strange autumn.

Indoors: conventions—with lulls between peaks; with just time enough between the peaks to "straighten out" for the next one.

Karl Munson's here doing most of the "straightening out."

The Indian Room's sad indeed without the Tritones: Charley's bracing his muscles with pick instead of guitar at Badger; Bill's learning housework the hard way; and Marie was swept off to Los Angeles by a brand new husband, Ralph Emerson. They'll all be back for Christmas.

Bob Maynard's now on the desk. Fred Pierson taking all our best wishes, has been amongst the people of Hollywood, acting as best man at old friend Bob Minerich's wedding to Emily Mae (Barnes).

Helen Heldt, cashier, starry-eyed, announced her engagement to Dick Stein; Joe Thomas ditto—with wedding date all set for November 13. Pat Flaherty's the lucky girl.

Faye Wright gay as a bird looking forward to her winter Caribbean trip. Pete Cramer a veteran cook for us, telling of plans to retire before long. Jane Foushee back at the switchboard—relieving—and making it all the cozier than ever there sits a bright new teleprinter; now telegrams, as well as guests, staff, employees, bellmen, confusion and what-have-you will make the switchboard girl's life merrier than ever. And it was nice having Mil Taylor come over during

one of the peaks.

Don Winter's photograph was blown up full page in recent LOOK; splashing in the Merced River with—you guessed, a lovely lady Santa Fe R.R. "Courier." And we had a porcupine—she (we hope it was a she) carefully minced up the "womens" employee restroom stairs to scare the girls and then spend the night under a washbasin. Ralph Sutton passing by next morning seized a broom and helped Bundy Chamberlain "flush" her out. What next!

### LODGE PODGE

Things have really been buzzing at the Lodge this month. First of all, Steve Ward has returned from a two-week cruise for the Naval Reserve. During his absence Glacier Point's ex-manager, Nick Fiore, took his place.

There were some wild rumors a couple of weeks ago about two girls who were planning to make a three hundred mile trip from Yosemite to Mill Valley. This wouldn't seem odd at all, if it were not for the fact that they expected to go by horseback. Had they been able to buy two horses, they would probably now be trudging along somewhere between here and there.

Neta Pyster took a short trip to San Francisco Monday, via United Air Lines. This was her first flight and she reports it was one of the most thrilling experiences of her life.

Everyone was shocked and saddened by the unexpected death of Vince Dopico, one of our dishwashers. He died suddenly of a heart attack, at 58 years of age. We all miss his friendly smile.

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LODGE PODGE (continued)

Barbara Boericke has decided she is definitely going to stick to her horse "Susie" and let motorcycles alone. She and Paul Riggs were taking what started out as a short pleasure ride, when they went off the side of the road. Miraculously, neither was injured and just spent one night in the hospital for observation.

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SCHOOL HAPPENINGS

New teacher Edith Lamkin and Principal Frazier both agree that they never had more cooperative, interested, and interesting students than those here in Yosemite.

A student council has been set up which is working to help the school. They have sponsored one school assembly which was patriotic in nature and have other interesting projects planned. The student body officers are: Tim Ernst, President, Stuart Durning, Vice-President, Joyce Westfall, Secretary, and Sandra Sedergren, Treasurer.

Class representatives on the council are: 4th grade—Peggy Reichers and Alan Dierksen, 5th grade—Cherryl Williams and Chas. Young, 6th grade—Gordon Glass and Pat McElligott, 7th grade—Nancy Moe and Malcolm McGregor, 8th grade—Gretchen Williams and Gary Bagley.

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TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE CHANGED

The Western Union office, formerly located in the Post Office building, has been closed for the fall and winter season. However, Western Union teleprinters have been installed at the Yosemite Lodge and at The Ahwahnee. These machines are operated by hotel personnel. Messages or money orders may be transmitted at and received from

either place between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. During the Christmas holidays a Western Union operator-employee will be on duty at the Lodge only from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Incoming messages will be phoned to the addressee when possible. If undeliverable by phone, messages will be sent to the Post Office.

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LIONS CLUB BARGAIN SALE

The Yosemite Lions Club Giant Bargain Sale October 20, 21, 22, was a complete success and the results were very gratifying to the Lions Club. Sales grossed nearly \$2200 with a gross profit to the Club's community fund of about \$345. Donated items figured largely in the profit and the Club wishes to thank the community for making the sale successful.

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FOOD SALE—NOVEMBER 13

Ever get hungry for some real home-cooked food? Do you like pies and cakes and cookies and doughnuts and rolls or—how about home-made candy?

For those who remember the goodies that were available at the two previous sales, it will be real news to learn that the Yosemite Parents Group is sponsoring another Food Sale on Saturday, November 13 at the Village Store between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Baked goods and candy will be featured.

The money raised from this project will be added to a fund now being accumulated by the Parents Group for the use of grounds improvement at the new school building next year.

Mrs. Gene Ottonello, Chairman of the Sale, states that contributions of food from any friends of the local school (even though they are not directly concerned as parents) will be welcomed. Arrangements for handling can be confirmed by calling her at 7-J.

A word of advice—last year it was extremely difficult to keep merchandise on the counter for sale, for eager buyers snapped it up almost as it arrived. The obvious moral is—SHOP EARLY!

YOSEMITE BOY SCOUTS

Our local Boy Scout troop has been re-organized under the competent leadership of Dick Commins; however, Dick has accepted a teaching job in the Bay area so our Scouts will soon be without a scoutmaster.

There are undoubtedly several people in the Valley who are interested in this type of Youth Guidance activity. The Yosemite Lions Club, who sponsors the local Boy Scout organization, will be pleased to accept volunteers for one Scoutmaster and two or three Assistant Scoutmasters so this worthwhile activity can continue to function. Call Les Moe or Leroy Rust if you are interested.

CORRECTION

The Sentinel of two weeks past carried Stewart Cramer's address, but incorrectly. The correct address is as follows:  
Cpl. Stewart S. Cramer, R.A. 19343395,  
"A" Btry, 674th Abn. F.A. Bn.  
A.P.O. 51, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco.

BADGERS LOSE TO MENLO

An undermanned but determined Badger Football Team lost two hard fought games to the Menlo School Cubs, October 23 and 30. The pattern was the same in both games. The Badgers took an early lead and maintained it well into the second half only to lose out as their defenses crumbled before superior weight and numbers.

In the first game played at Yosemite the Badgers capitalized on a Menlo fumble in the first quarter to obtain the ball on the Menlo 25 yard line. Two line plays sent Tom Christenson crashing into the end zone to establish a Badger lead which held up until the final two minutes of the game. With the score 7-6, the Badgers held off Menlo for downs on their three yard line. On the first play after regaining the ball, Tom slipped and fell behind the goal line for an automatic safety, putting the Cubs ahead 8-7. Demoralized by this sudden change of circumstances, the battered Badger line came completely apart and the Cubs scored again just as the final whistle blew, making the score of the game 15-7.

In the return game at Menlo Park the Badgers got off to a 13-0 lead in the first quarter. Tucker Chapman picked Gary Bagley's fumble of the opening kickoff out of

the air and ran the length of the field for a Badger touchdown. Shortly after, Tucker passed to Soupy Telles who carried to the Menlo three yard line where Jim Byers went over for the second Badger score. With the score tied 13-13 in the third quarter, a Menlo interception of a Badger pass set up a Menlo touchdown and gave the Cubs a lead which was never relinquished. The final score was 27-13.

In neither game did the Badger Varsity have its full strength but played against the Menlo three platoon system with only one substitute. Spotting their more numerous opponents 15-25 pounds a man, the Badgers made a game of it each time until they ran out of steam in the second half.

The Badger Junior Varsity also lost two close games to the Menlo JVs 8-0 at Yosemite and 13-7 at Menlo.

The Badger Varsity lineup was:  
FB—Denny Dierksen (co-Captain); RH—Tom Christenson; LH—Tucker Chapman—Jim Byers (Captain); QB—Gary Bagley; RE—David Telles; RT—Gerald Telles; RG—Gordon Glass—Wendell Alexander; C—Tim Ernst; LG—Pat Rhoan; LT—Pat Blackwell—Stuart During; LE—Phil Gann.

OLD CLOTHING RELIEF DRIVE

Through the cooperation of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and John Schweifler, a drive for old clothing for overseas relief will be held in Yosemite from November 15 through the 20th. During this week, boxes of clothing may be left at the Shoe Repair Shop next to the Barber Shop in the Old Village. "John, the Barber" will keep the Shoe Shop open from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 5:30 p.m.

This clothing will be sent by the local church to Church World Service in Oakland and eventually on to Korea for the great need there.

THE DAYS—November 15 to 20 inclusive.  
THE TIME—10 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5:30 p.m.  
THE PLACE—Shoe Repair Shop near the General Store in the Old Village.

GET THE "ARROW HABIT"

Give your week a lift by coming over at least once a week to enjoy the many fine things offered for your pleasure. Bring your friends or meet new ones. All Valley employees are welcome and you will always have fun at THE ARROW.



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N.P.S. ITEMS

Vacation time is here again and many of the Yosemite staff are either on vacation or planning to leave soon. Mary Gibbs, Judy and Lloyd Seasholtz and Betty and John Preston have returned from vacations in the eastern part of the United States.

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The Herbert Ewings spent a very pleasant month touring the New England states.

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Jane and Spud Bill were in Milwaukee where Spud attended meetings of the Society of American Foresters. Spud is chairman of the Committee on Forest Recreation for the Society. Following the meeting, they picked up a new car in Flint, Michigan, and drove to Connecticut, Washington, D.C. and plan to return to the Park about the first of December.

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William V. Appling of Yosemite recently accepted a position as park ranger at Platt National Park. Vern and family will now be located at Sulphur, Oklahoma.

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Doug Thomas recently announced that the cable to the top of Half Dome has been dismantled for the winter months. The sign placed at Happy Isles states that the trail is now closed to the area.

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The following officers were elected at the last regular meeting of the National Federation of Federal Employees, October 8, to serve for the ensuing Federation year:—  
President—Peter Clark, 1st Vice.  
President—Behrend H. Hullen, 2nd Vice.  
President—Odin S. Johnson, Guide.  
Alvin T. Rhoan, Guard.  
Raymond T. Munson.

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Recent visitors to the Park include Joseph Muench, well-known photographer, and his wife Joyce, who came in over Tioga Pass on October 19. They expressed disappointment at the absence of spectacular fall coloring in the Park which seems to have been caused by the very dry weather.

On Sunday, October 24, Dr. Harold Courant of the U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C. and Mr. Frank Yenner of Istanbul, Turkey visited the Park as part of the Government sponsored student and visitor exchange program for a better understanding of the American scene. Mr. Yenner who is in charge of a Turkish radio and TV program was seeking materials for several stories and programs on national parks.

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CHURCH NOTICES

Local Protestant Church Organizing

A group of local residents met at the Old Village Chapel in October to discuss the formation of a local organized church. The present church program has been under the direction of an interdenominational board of trustees formed from the major Protestant denominations in California. Under the proposed organization, the local residents would administer their own community church, working in cooperation with the outside committee. At the meeting, temporary chairman Harry Daring was authorized to appoint a ways and means committee to work out the details of organization, with the assistance of the Rev. Alfred Glass. The following committee has been appointed: Harry Daring, chairman; Mrs. Lester Shorb, Mrs. Doug Hubbard, Dana Morgenson, and Gene Ottonello. This committee will present its findings to an open meeting of interested residents at a later date.

Any local resident, who has not been receiving information about this development, and who is interested in the formation of a local Protestant church, is invited to call the Chapel office, 122W, leaving name and address for future communications.

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WANT ADS

PORTRAITS for Christmas at city prices. Call Fran or Doug Hubbard, 21W.

FOR SALE—Winter Spinnet Piano, walnut finish, very good condition—\$375 cash. Contact Tom Rennels, Maintenance or El Portal.

FOR SALE—16 cu. ft. chest type freezer—\$100. Art Holmes, 133J.

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## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

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YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1954

### NEW CITIZENS

Rita Naman of YP&CCo and Lucie Jacobson daughter of the Sam Clarks, became American citizens in their third and final examination by the Federal Immigration authorities in the Mariposa Court House on November 15. Superior Court Judge Thomas Coakley swore the two in as citizens.

Rita was a British subject and Lucie was born in Germany.

Present for the occasion were students from the Mariposa High School, to whom the values of American citizenship were explained by J. S. Hemmer of the Federal Dept. of Justice in Fresno.

### VILLAGE STORE VARIETIES

Vacation Time! Peggy Thomas has returned to the office after a fine trip through Idaho and Wyoming. Pauline McKee and Ellen Whitfield are back on the job looking refreshed and rarin' to go. Charlie Bond spent some time in Los Angeles and, we believe, something more than time in Reno.

The Jack Rings just returned from Montana, where Jack met his in-laws. We hope the snow and cold weren't too much for the "old man." We understand that father-in-law Schaeffer accepted him into the fold in spite of his (Jack's) political affiliations.

Bob Cromer will be in San Diego by the time this reaches the press. If he doesn't eat too much Thanksgiving dinner, he should be in good shape (?) when he returns.

Andy Koller—da butch—will be taking off for parts unknown one of these days. Don't worry, he'll be back. If you haven't inspected Andy's cheese display, you've missed a treat. Also, his selection of tinned delicacies is worthy of Escoffier's attention.

Oh yes, spry Ellis Whitley had a birthday last month. He says 69, but the way he bounces around here, we have our doubts.

The former manager of Camp 16 Store, Roy (Sport) Rorabaugh, will be with us this winter in the grocery department. Glad to have you back, Roy.

Remember! Christmas is coming! Come in and make your selections now.

### SQUARE DANCE PARTY

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

#### AT THE ARROW 8:00 P. M.

This season we are trying out a new idea! Once a month we are having all the Valley square dancers come to a party. We shall show as we go so all can join in the fun.

EVERYONE CAN FIND TIME TO COME TO AT LEAST ONE DANCE A MONTH. So don't forget the date and see us there. This one will be our "Get Acquainted" dance. The Christmas Square Dance Party will be at the Camp Curry Cafeteria. The January 15th party will have our good friend, Miriam Lidster and her Stanford Hoedowners. DON'T FORGET YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME MONDAY AND THURSDAY TO THE REGULAR SQUARE DANCE AT THE ARROW.

Make up a party of friends and "YOU ALL COME!"

### REPORT ON POLIO DRIVE

The recent emergency drive for polio funds was generously supported by the Yosemite and Wawona people. The residents of these two areas gave a grand total of \$596.95 toward the county and National Foundation's drive for emergency funds.

The generosity of Yosemite people has once again been called upon and found responsive.

### BEWARE OF CHAIN LETTERS

According to Acting Postmaster W. J. Fitzpatrick, anyone participating in any "chain letter" scheme, either by receiving or forwarding money or letters, is in violation of Federal Postal Regulations and is subject to prosecution, which can result in fines and imprisonment and termination of mail service. Anyone receiving chain letter solicitations should turn letters over to the Postmaster.

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**AHWAHNEE NEWS**

Ahwahnee correspondent Kit Whitman is with husband Colden at their Madera County ranch, where they are overseeing some important improvements. In her absence, the following news about Ahwahnee people is presented here with far less style and dash than had it been from Kit's pen.

Dust covers now shroud the empty Ahwahnee, changing it from a bright, warm hotel to an ideal scene for a whodunit. People make a lot of difference.

The kitchen and dining room staff has scattered like leaves before a wind, and have left forwarding addresses reading like a train station's arrival-departure board.

George DeBacker and family hired a trailer and plan to park it under a cactus tree in Palm Springs. Likewise in PS are Paul and Coletha Jones; they'll be back for the holidays.

Retiring after long service elsewhere and at The Ahwahnee are Einar Cramer, 2nd cook; Amadee de Laet, butcher; and Ruby Farlie, linen room. Good luck to them all and our hope is that they enjoy their well-earned rest.

Ted Gogolewski isn't retiring, but he won't return this winter. Ted's moved to Minnesota to live with his mother.

Baker's helper Ray Wilson plans to spend the winter in Los Angeles, where he will attend bakery school.

Part of the hotel staff is staying in to help with the general housecleaning, painting, and recarpeting. Mops in hand are Jack Parkerson, William Hampton, T. J. Wells, Shiva Gharat, Paul Orsini, Carl Stephens, and Hal McCune. Miss V. Bernadt, housekeeper, returned from her vacation in Idaho to supervise the work.

Dick McDonald, who decorated for the hotel two years ago, will be back for the holidays doing the flowers and greenery.

Landscaper Luggi Foeger made a flying trip to Chicago to do a film on a complicated oil-well gadget.

A recent note from former waitress Anne Hulme, now in Los Angeles, reports that she is taking care of her young grandson.

George Goldsworthy writes that he met Charlie Saul, former Chief Clerk, during the American Hotel Association convention in New York. Charlie is now manager of the Jerome Hotel in Aspen, Colorado.

Just before closing, former pastry cook Finn Gurholt and wife stopped by on a trip showing the west to his family from Norway. Finn now runs a motel and restaurant in Salt Lake.

Bill Dean Rowe of the kitchen staff is the proud father of a baby girl, born on November 9.

The Ahwahnee will open for dinner on December 18. See you then—

**FLAHERTY-THOMAS NUPTIALS**

The weather smiled on the newest newlyweds of Yosemite on Saturday afternoon, November 13, when Pat Flaherty became Mrs. Joe Thomas. The ceremony was performed by Reverend Robert Gould of Merced in the Old Village Chapel.

Pat wore a ballerina length gown of white lace, with a short white net veil. She carried a single white orchid, which completed her beautiful ensemble.

Wendell Otter had the honor of giving the bride away, while Joe's brother Art served as best man, and Flora Dean attended the bride.

Following the ceremony, an almost endless horn-toting procession of relatives and guests took the longest possible way to the reception in the Colonial Room at The Ahwahnee, where bubbly punch and wedding cake helped make this wedding one of the nicest in a long time.

Following the honeymoon in Mexico, Pat and Joe will return to Yosemite in time for Christmas, and our warm welcome.

**N.P.S. ITEMS**

The earthquake felt here at 10:44 p. m. October 31 precipitated a rock slide above Mirror Lake. No property damage was reported and the tremor lasted but a few seconds. Its course was east to west.

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Among the many distinguished guests who have recently visited Yosemite was L. K. Banerji, Council General of India, who entered the Park for a brief visit on October 30, on his way to Fresno.

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On November 5, B. B. Pande, Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Development and Agriculture, Government of Nepal, with headquarters in Katmandu, visited the Park on a grant to his country by the U. S. State Department as a part of the foreign exchange program. Mr. Pande, who lives in the highest country of the world, which claims Mt. Everest as one of its attractions, was favorably impressed with the rugged terrain of Yosemite Valley and the High Sierra. Due to a desire on the part of his government to set up one or more wilderness parks in Nepal, Mr. Pande was much interested in the history of the establishment of the Yosemite and in its many public problems since management was begun by the State of California in 1864.

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The most recent visitor as an official guest was Assem Taji, Assistant Chief of the Jordan Travel Bureau, Amman, Jordan. Mr. Taji is studying programs for park areas, provision of tourist facilities, and the interpretation of historic and natural history features as a background for planning similar services and facilities in Jordan. Mr. Taji spent four days in the Park studying its complexities of management.

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Ranger James McLaughlin reported for duty as a member of the Park staff. McLaughlin, whose home is in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, will be joined in the Park before Christmas by his wife and 12-year-old daughter. He is now stationed at South Entrance station. A cordial greeting to the McLaughlins from their many neighbors in Yosemite.

Superintendent John C. Preston has announced that under the present Department of the Interior Incentive Awards Program for constructive ideas in the management of the areas under the National Park Service, two members of the Yosemite staff have recently received official recognition.

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To Aruthur G. Holmes, Supervisory Park Ranger, Yosemite National Park, fifty dollars, on the recommendation of the Region Four and Washington Office Incentive Awards Committees, for a more attractive suggestion form to be used by NPS employees in submitting their ideas. The Washington Office is having the forms processed and supplies thereof will be made available to each Regional Incentive Awards Committee.

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To Emil F. Ernst, Forester, Yosemite National Park, twenty-five dollars, on the recommendation of the Region Four and Washington Office Incentive Awards Committees, for his suggestion to construct tent frames to a height that will result in standard six-foot walls. The preliminary concurrence of the Western Office, Division of Design and Construction, was secured before referring the suggestion to the Washington Office Committee. The idea was accepted by the WASODC and consideration is being given to the inclusion of the necessary instructions in the Building Construction Manual, which is now being revised.

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**NEW NFFC OFFICERS**

The following officers for the National Federation of Federal Employees were elected at their regular meeting of October 8, 1954, to serve for the ensuing Federation year:

- President.....Peter A. Clark
- Secretary-Treasurer.....Victor L. LaFollette
- 1st Vice President.....Behrend H. Hullen
- 2nd Vice President.....Odin S. Johnson
- Guide.....Alvin T. Rhoan
- Guard.....Raymond T. Munson

The next regular meeting will be held December 10, 1954.

### LODGE PODGE

Despite the rains—wonderful rains—the Lodge crew is hithering thithering on vacation. Red Woelbing winged away to Honolulu and is now a guest at the Edgewater. He plans to return on the S. S. Lurline. Mighty good duty, Red!

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Frenchie Meyer is motoring in Mexico with his mother and brother. And in Arizona, soaking up the sun, is Mary Lynn Akey.

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Marguerite Radigan and her four-wheeled friend, Cedric, will soon shove off to "see more of California," to quote Marguerite.

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The Clarence Martins are visiting their son in Los Angeles, while Ed Benson will return shortly from a vacation (?) in Modesto. Ed said, before he left, that he was "going to scrub floors."

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After two years working with us, Rosie Mill has left for San Diego. Goodbye and good luck, Rosie.

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Welcome back to Agnes Angell. Part of her vacation was spent in S. F.'s Franklin Hospital. Says she's fine and glad to be back.

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Chef Earl Pierson says he's expanding his livestock to include guinea hens. A friend gave him a pair and he expects additions to the family momentarily.

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We now have a telegram sending machine in the Lodge office. The following message was sent recently by a guest to someone in Connecticut: "If I did not love you and Charlie so much, I would never leave Yosemite." An enthusiastic visitor!

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(This will be the last bit of news from your Lodge reporter. These last few weeks of lazy autumn weather, blue skies, drifting leaves have made a beautiful finale to a wonderful five months. I'll never forget it.)

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The trees are just as lovely now  
With autumn colors bright.  
The skies still hold their azure blue  
To please one's reuse of sight.  
I still can hear the whispering moan  
The wind swept pine trees make.  
The air smells just as fresh and clear  
Each morning when I wake.  
And though the nights are colder now,  
The twinkling stars still shine.  
The moon still casts it's golden spell  
To fire your heart and mine.  
But somehow all these pretty things  
Which nature does endow  
Don't seem to thrill me like they did,  
You see—I'm homesick now.

### BADGER PASS WORK ON SCHEDULE

Work on the new ski house addition is progressing according to plan and the building will be ready for the December 17 opening. The new structure covers some 3700 square feet with about 2000 square feet devoted to a partially-covered sun deck. The remaining 1700 feet which will be enclosed will be apportioned between new sales and rental shops, lounge space, and rest room facilities. The removal of sales and rental facilities from the existing building will give some 1200 square feet more space there.

The cafeteria will remain in its present location, but will be enlarged. An all-electric kitchen is being installed to service the cafeteria.

There have also been improvements made on the beginner's ski hill with considerable widening of the ski slope, some lengthening of both the slope and rope tow.

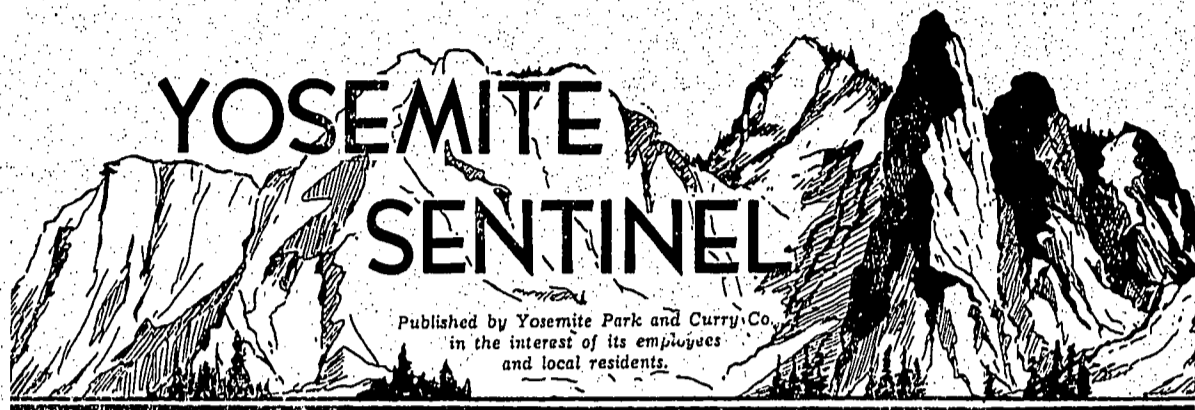
### FOOD SALE SUCCESS

The Parents Group food sale held recently at the Village Store netted the organization \$134.13. These funds are to be used to improve the school grounds and provide equipment for the new school building. Mrs. Gene Ottonello organized the sale.

### HELP WANTED

MALE VOLUNTEERS are wanted to be litter bearers or lackeys at the Bracebridge Dinner at The Ahwahnee December 25. No remuneration but volunteers will be served free Christmas dinner at The Ahwahnee employees' sidehall. Register at the Company Personnel Office.

SPARE TIME EMPLOYMENT—Local housewives who would be interested in employment in their spare time during the winter are invited to register for part-time work at the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. Personnel Office. One part-time job soon to be available: Women's lounge attendant at Badger Pass to work from December 25 through January 2 and every weekend thereafter during the ski season.



YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

Tuesday, December 7, 1954

#### CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT

Donna Petersen, well-known to many Yosemite people, will sing three solos at the ninth annual "Christmas Music by Candlelight" service on Sunday, December 12 at 8 p.m. at the Old Village Chapel. Don Christensen will sing a tenor solo. The Girls' Chapel Choir, in new robes, and the Girl Scout Chorus, both under the direction of Frances Hubbard, will also be a part of the program. The traditional lighting of the candles and the singing of Christmas carols will add to the awareness of the approaching Holy Christmas season.

#### OXY PAGEANT

Occidental College's traditional "Feast of Lights" pageant, to be held on the campus December 5, will find the George Olivers' daughter Patricia, now an Oxy freshman, participating in the production as a member of the choir's alto section. Pat was up for Thanksgiving and looked to be in the pink and enjoying her freshman college year.

#### ALOHA HAWAII

Alice Hewitson is back, physically at least, after her Hawaiian holiday. She sailed October 25 on the S.S. Lurline from San Francisco amid the excitement of the 'all ashores'—bon voyages—and miles of serpentine.

Alice's description of her fun in Hawaii makes it sound like the grandest place in the world, what with the warm Waikiki surf, luaus, air trips to the other islands, etc., plus the exciting flight home.

#### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus will guide his reindeer into Yosemite on schedule again this year, arriving at the Camp Curry Dining Room at 7:30 p.m., December 24. He will have gifts for all the boys and girls who are from one year of age up to and including those in the third grade at school. The children must be present at the party to receive their gifts, for Santa leaves immediately after the party to visit the rest of the children around the world.

If any child will not be able to be at the party, Santa would appreciate it if he were notified in advance through the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Personnel Office.

#### ARROW DOINGS

##### WINTER SCHEDULE

Sunday—Music Listening.

Monday—Folk and Square Dance.

Tuesday—Closed.

Wednesday—Scrabble, chess, etc.

Thursday—Folk and Square Dance.

Friday—Social Dance.

Saturday—Same as Wednesday.

Knitting on Thursday afternoon.

#### THE ARROW IS FOR YOU

#### CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Yosemite Social Club is sponsoring its annual Christmas Dance on December 22 at the Camp Curry Cafeteria. The dress will be semi-formal and music will be made by a live band—probably the TRITONES.



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check where they were and what they did, but we'll find out.

The end of vacation time is the beginning of adventure time for our sterling Western Union telegrapher and room clerk Dick Stein, who embarked upon the matrimonial ways on December 4 with gorgeous Helen Heldt, formerly of the Accounting Office. Best wishes to Dick and Helen.

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SOCIAL CLUB NEWS

On Wednesday, December 8, there will be a meeting to choose the officers and panel for the Yosemite Social Club. The meeting will be held at the Lost Arrow at 8:30 p.m.

Everyone is urged to attend. This is your chance to participate in the planning of the Winter activities.

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CLASSIFIED ADS

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Man's bicycle for Sale—\$10.00 Pete Klassen, Yosemite Lodge, Janitor.

To give away, 6 female parakeets. See Shannon Fitzgerald, Tecoya Dorms.

For sale—Boy's 24" bicycle—\$17.50. Good condition. Call John Mahoney—26W.

For sale—extra long double bed mattress & box spring ..... \$25.00  
with bed frame ..... 40.00  
Phone 133J (after 1 p.m.)

For sale, '49 Plymouth sedan, good condition. 4 new tires, plus 2 new snow tires. Village Store. Phone 51.

FOR SALE— Call Charlie White—45W.

Large Gulbranson spinet piano. Cost new—\$790. NOW \$450.

Sewing Machine, Kenmore. Cost new \$235. NOW \$100.

Washing Machine. Maytag ..... \$35.  
1940 Pontiac—\$100.

YOSEMITE COUPLE WED

Lois Dieball and Donald Coffman were wed December 4 in a lovely ceremony at the Village Chapel with Reverend Alfred Glass officiating.

Family and friends then proceeded in a cavalcade of cars to the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee for a gay reception.

The bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dieball, her brother Ralph and her sister Dorothy, came from Chicago for the wedding. The groom's parents, brother, sisters, and a host of friends came up from Fresno to swell the ranks of the well-wishers.

The new Mrs. Coffman has worked in the Company Personnel Office for the last two years. Don has been with Standard Stations here in Yosemite for a number of years. Both plan on remaining and working in Yosemite upon return from their honeymoon.

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SKI TIME COMING

Ski boots clumped through the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Personnel Office this week as the ski teachers signed up for their winter's work. Returning—and looking very happy about the prospect of snow and skiing are Toney Freitas, Ann Myren, Nick Fiore, Bob Brelsford, Roland Melicher and, of course, Luggi.

Here for a pre-season tryout are John Johnson, from New Hampshire, and John Morehead, who is from Colorado and who served here as a N.P.S. summer ranger. Yet to arrive is Claud LaChance from Quebec.

The new Badger development looks fine and is coming along on schedule.

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

Distinguished foreign visitors to the Park recently included Professor Dr. Fritz Steinger of Hanover, Germany, noted wildlife biologist; Mr. Testa Guma, student of agriculture from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, who was a guest of Assistant Chief Ranger Nels Murdock; Consul General L. C. T. Barber, of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, Boston, Mass.; and Ugo D'Andrea of Rome, Italy, journalist and member of the Municipal Council of Rome who was accompanied by Mr. Leon J. Segal of the Foreign Affairs Section of the U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.

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On November 26 the Park staff and the many friends of the Homer Robinsons learned of the sad and tragic death of Grace Robinson at the home of her brother in Conterville on Thanksgiving Day. A funeral service was held on Sunday, November 28, at Eureka, California with the family in attendance. Flowers were sent by staff members and friends. All Park residents join with us in sending to Homer, Peter and Pat Robinson our heartfelt condolences and very best wishes.

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Back from vacation are Herb, Ruth and Bobby Ewing. Oscar, Flo and Sandy Sedergren returned on November 18, from an exciting trip to the Southwest. Spud and Jane Bill are expected to return to the Park on December 6, from their vacation in Connecticut.

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The Saturday night Firefall of November 27 was indeed an unusual one for Yosemite Valley. According to observers it came down over the cliff from Glacier Point at the scheduled time of 9 p.m., but about halfway down it seemed to stop. Gradually it appeared to reverse its course and with the help of a strong updraft of wind it approached the rim at Glacier Point and then turned to the eastward. The scattered embers fanned by a high wind caused at least one small forest fire on a ledge which was extinguished by Park rangers and Y.P. and C. Co. employees. No damage was reported.

Friends of former park superintendent, Dr. Carl P. Russell will be pleased to learn that after a two years leave of absence for study and writing under a Guggenheim Fellowship, Carl has once more joined the National Park Service and is again living at his home in Berkeley, California. As Field Naturalist with headquarters in San Francisco, he is visiting the various national parks and monuments of Regions Two, Three and Four coordinating the interpretive programs of the areas with the master development plans of the National Park Service.

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A recent announcement to the field areas of Region Four from the office of Regional Director Merriam names December 31, 1954 as the date of retirement for Regional Forester Burnett (Sandy) Sanford who for many years has been associated with the forestry organization of Yosemite. After forty years of duty with State and Federal organizations in protecting the forests of the Pacific Coast, Sandy and his wife plan to forget about forest fires and take a long vacation trip before settling down in the Bay Area. The best of luck to the Sanfords from their many friends in Yosemite.

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On November 5, Director Conrad L. Wirth announced that Lemuel A. "Lon" Garrison, Superintendent at Big Bend National Park and former District Ranger of Yosemite has been named Chief of Conservation and Protection for the National Park Service with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

### SUNDAY VESPER PROGRAM

Sunday, December 19 at 4 p.m. will mark the annual Sunday School program of the local Park church. Songs and recitations and two plays will be presented by the various departments of the School. Mrs. Thelma McGregor is the Superintendent. An offering for the needy families of Mariposa County will be received.

### GIRL SCOUTS TO CAROL

Valley residents will hear the caroling of the local Girl Scout Troop on Sunday, December 19 from five to seven in the evening. The girls will sing at many different locations during this two-hour period.



# Merry Christmas! and a Happy New Year

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

CHRISTMAS 1954

## YOSEMITE LIONS CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS CONTEST

Toward a bright and colorful Christmas Season the Yosemite Lions Club is again sponsoring a Christmas Decorations Contest for Yosemite Valley homes. Prizes totaling \$30.00 will be awarded. Decorations will be judged on originality, outside visibility, and appropriateness to the season. Judging will be during the evening of Tuesday, December 28. Judges will be Christmas season guests.

No formal entry need be made in this contest. The judges will tour all residential areas and will judge all visible decorations. Winners will be notified the day after the contest.

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## BADGER OPENS—SKIING EXCELLENT

Badger Pass opened for business last Friday with everything shipshape and ready. The new building is handsome and its last embellishments were great blue ice crystals which decorate its front.

The remodeling of the old building, plus the arrangements of the new cafeteria have made dining a much smoother operation.

The skiing has been excellent, as the local enthusiasts will tell you.

## FRANK KITTREDGE DIES IN PALO ALTO

Frank A. Kittredge, former superintendent of Yosemite National Park (1941-47), died at his home in Palo Alto, California, on Friday, December 10, at the age of 71 after a long illness. Mr. Kittredge, who retired from the National Park Service as Chief Engineer, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. on May 31, 1952, is survived by his widow Catherine; a daughter, Mrs. Robert

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## THE NEXT BEST THING TO CHRISTMAS!

Yosemite Social Club's  
FOLK AND SQUARE DANCE

Tuesday, December 28 - 8:30  
Camp Curry Cafeteria

Come to The Arrow  
DANCE NEW YEAR'S EVE  
9:30 to 1:00—Refreshments

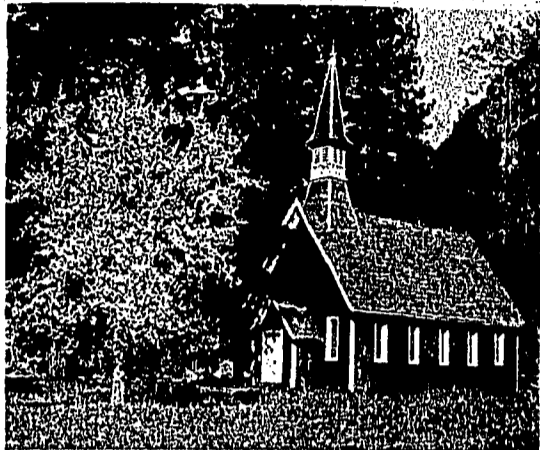
## DON'T MISS

WARREN MILLER'S SKI FILM  
"SYMPHONY ON SKIS"

Old Village Pavilion . . . 8 p.m.  
Monday, December 27, 1954

Admission \$ .50





### CHURCH NOTICES

ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS at 12 midnight and at 7 and 8:30 a.m., December 25 at the Old Village Chapel.

CHRISTMAS DAY. Two services—10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Bracebridge Singers under the direction of Eugene Fulton. Singing of carols. Message by Mr. Glass.

STUDENT RECOGNITION DAY. Sunday, December 26, 11 a.m. Recognition service for our local college and high school young children, with their participation. Soloist, Patricia Oliver.

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NEW YEAR'S EVE MEDITATION Service. 11 p.m. to midnight. Old Village Chapel. Moments of meditation and prayer as we go into the New Year. Come and go as you please.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Although the baby business has been slow—in fact at a standstill, the Lewis Memorial staff has kept busy. Joyce Bichler of Milwaukee is a recent addition to the nursing staff. Vacationing have been Dr. Riechers and family in San Francisco; Al Evans in Texas and San Francisco; Clare Phillips to So. California and San Francisco; Marion Smith spent Thanksgiving in Idaho. As we say, things are quiet now, but we have the plaster soaking!

### N.P.S. ITEMS

Born in Sacramento on December 5, 1954, a son David Robert Gallison, 7 pounds and 15 ounces to Bob and Marifran Gallison formerly of Yosemite.

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On December 12, the Office of the Chief Ranger was advised of the accidental death of Georgie James, son of Oscar James of Yosemite. According to the Indian Service representative who telephoned, James was killed in an automobile accident in Owyhee, Nevada, on Sunday, December 12, 1954.

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During the past week word has been received from Dr. Carl P. Russell that his wife, Betty, has undergone surgery in the Providence Hospital at Oakland. She is doing well and is expected to return home soon to 1243 Evelyn Avenue, Berkeley 6, California. All of her Yosemite friends wish Betty a speedy recovery and a pleasant holiday season.

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The Yosemite staff and her many friends send their best wishes to Judy Seasholtz who is now convalescing in the Fremont Hospital at Mariposa after surgery. We hope to see her well and back on the job shortly after the New Year.

### SOCIAL CLUB OFFICERS

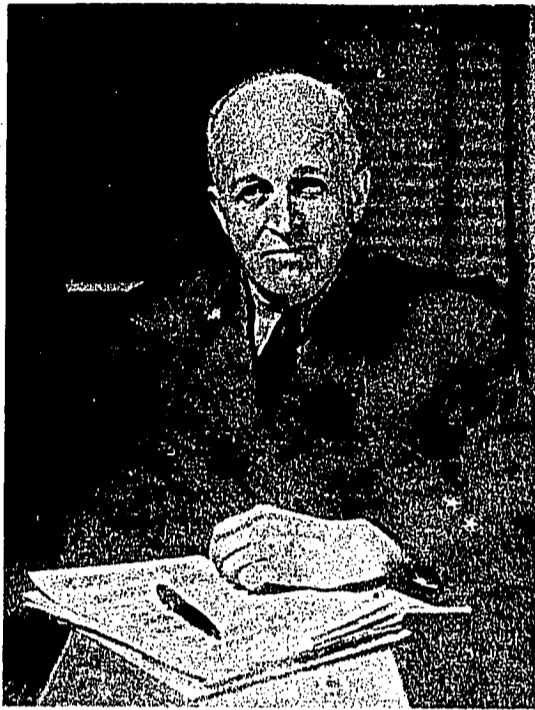
On December 8, the Yosemite Social Club met at the Lost Arrow and elected new officers for the 1954-55 season. Joe Hudson was elected President, John Moorehead, Vice President, Jody Keller, Secretary and Peggy Conlan, Treasurer.

Those attending the meeting were: Bill Henderson, Jim Taylor, Hal McCune, John Hansen, Peggy Conlan, Joe Daly, Avie Rose, Jack Moorhead, Lorie Howes, Bob Lee, Joe Hudson, Larry Jacobs, Charles Lokey, Jody Keller, Alice Hewitson, Miss Davidson and Mr. Robinson. Also present at the meeting was last year's President, Ed Vella.

### CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—two 7.60x15 tires (Bone Rubber Caps) & tubes. Vanity, vanity bench and chest to match. Val Rowlett. Phone 8F1-3.

FOR SALE—Sunbeam Mixmaster, with all attachments. Practically new. \$25. See Ellis Whitley, Village Store. Phone 51.



M. Andrews of Atherton; two grandchildren; and two sisters of Seattle, Washington. Funeral services were held on Sunday, December 12 at Palo Alto.

Mr. Kittredge was born on his parents' farm at Glyndon, Minnesota, March 29, 1883. At the age of 17 he took complete charge of the property when his brother and father went to Alaska. Following them to Alaska in 1904, he worked shoveling gravel into sluice boxes on mining operations. In 1905 and 1906 he received valuable experience in helping to locate and build two Alaska Railroads. Following in the footsteps of an uncle who was a successful engineer and the family hero to the young man, Frank Kittredge enrolled in the Engineering School of the University of Washington at Seattle. Eventually he was awarded two degrees in engineering by the college and many years later as an outstanding engineer and public administrator he was proclaimed "Man of the Year" by the university. After graduation he joined the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads in Alaska as engineer. During World War I he was a Captain in the Army Corps of Engineers and spent 17 months in France with his unit. In his early work he was assigned the task of surveying and planning some of the more important highways now in use in the states of Washington, Oregon and California. In 1924 Mr. Kittredge sur-

veyed and designed the famous "Going-to-the-Sun" Highway in Glacier National Park which set a high standard for all major park roads.

In 1927 he joined the National Park Service as Chief Engineer and was instrumental in the building of such fine highways as are found today in Zion, Hawaii, Mount Rainier and other national parks. In 1937 he was given the task of setting up the Regional Office of the National Park Service in San Francisco and in coordinating all public efforts to create two western national parks. As representative for the Director of the National Park Service and the Secretary of the Interior in public relations and negotiations toward establishment of Kings Canyon and Olympic National Parks, his fine work far above and beyond the normal call of duty for a public servant constitutes one of the greatest contributions to the Service. This accomplishment alone earned for him the credit of being one of the Nation's outstanding conservationists.

From 1940 when he was assigned as Superintendent of Grand Canyon National Park and through the years (1941-47) as Superintendent of Yosemite, Mr. Kittredge was credited as being an outstanding administrator of the public trust where, with unimpeachable integrity, he guarded the policies and public heritage of the national parks for the wise use of this and future generations of park visitors. In 1947 he was reassigned to his original job with the Service in Washington, D.C. as Chief Engineer where he resigned in 1952 due to failing health.

Upon retirement at the termination of 35 years of distinguished government service, the Secretary of the Interior had the following to say about this man and his career: "His professional activities have been characterized by technical knowledge of the highest type, enabling him to meet challenging engineering problems with both brilliance and practicality; with unimpeachable integrity; with a driving ability to work long hours far beyond those of the usual hard worker; and with an idealism and an enthusiasm for his work and for his bureau that are an outstanding example to others."

We of the National Park Service are proud to have known and worked with such an outstanding leader in his field of endeavor.





SQUARE DANCE PARTY, JANUARY 21-22

The Lidsters and the Stanford Hoedowners will be here for our Square Dance Party this month. On Friday, January 21, Mrs. Lidster will show several easy dances at the Arrow at 9 p.m. Saturday, January 22, the big dance will be at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria.

This is the fourth year of their coming and as the oldtimers will tell you, it's always fun when they come.

*Watch for the announcement for our big Square Dance Ski Supper Party Night.*

MARCH OF DIMES

Once again the March of Dimes containers will be around Yosemite. The collection containers, as in the past, will be primarily for the visitor coming to Yosemite, since the March of Dimes is covered by the Community Council and you will be asked to give only once where you work.

YOSEMITE CREDIT UNION MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Yosemite Credit Union will be held on Monday, January 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jorgenson room of the Museum. All members are urged to attend and bring along friends or relatives who are interested.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Whitfield, Jr., are the proud parents of Rodney, who arrived on December 31, just in time to celebrate the New Year.

Former members of the hospital staff who visited during the holidays included Dr. and Mrs. Roy Dart (Mary Beth Smith) and Diane Meredith.

The hospital staff was entertained at Dr. and Mrs. Sturm's residence at their annual staff Christmas party.

Myrtle Cuthbert has been hospitalized in San Francisco, and from all reports is progressing nicely and will soon be on her way back to Yosemite.

Badger Pass is being enjoyed by the nursing staff, all of whom are enthusiastic skiers.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale—Dinette set, lamps, and coffee table. Phone Seach, 54J.

For Sale—RCA, 3-speed, Hi-Fi record player. Home-made cabinet, varnished maple colored wood. Contact Ronnie Kellogg, No. 139 between 1 and 5.

For sale—Ladies white figure skates, size 5½B, \$8.00. See Doris Hewitson or call 139 between 1 and 5.

SPECIAL PRICE on Permanents for month of February, \$8.50. Ahwahnee Beauty Salon.

SKI BOOTS SALE—  
Pair boy's ski boots. In good condition. Size 4½...\$3.00. Pair after-ski boots. Good condition, size 6—\$2.50. Call Thelma McGregor—61J.

Bergmann ski boots, size 7B—worn twice—originally \$42.00 See Dona Belz at the Lost Arrow.

Ski boots—sizes 6, 7, 8. Very reasonable in price. Call 9W.

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## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

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### N.P.S. ITEMS

Mary Gibbs left the Park prior to the holidays to accept a position with the newly established Western Office of the Division of Design and Construction located in San Francisco. Friends are cordially invited to stop in and see her at her cozy new home, 406 Turney St., Sausalito, California.

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It was announced recently that Maurice Thede, Forester of the Regional Office, has been named as Regional Forester of Region Four to fill the vacancy created upon the retirement of Burnett Sanford which was effective as of December 31, 1954.

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On December 26 the Superintendent's Office reported that the millionth visitor for the year had passed through the gates of Yosemite setting an all time record for local park travel. On the following Friday, December 31, the visitor count for the calendar year amounted to 1,008,031 people as compared with 960,225 in 1953 and 973,971 in 1952.

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On Wednesday, December 29, the Annual Christmas Bird Census of Yosemite Valley, sponsored by the National Audubon Society was carried out in a very successful manner through the supervision of Walter Fitzpatrick and the field observations of 14 Yosemite Valley residents. Aiding Mr. Fitzpatrick were the following observers who covered the Valley from El Portal to Mirror Lake: Irma Fitzpatrick, Norman Herkenham, Douglas Hubbard, Dana Morgenson, Mrs. Mary Tresidder, Mrs. Mignon Augsburg, Ginny Ann Sturm, Mary Lou Sturm, Bruce McHenry, Reverend and Mrs. Owen Hutchinson, Vergena Koller and Marguerite Radigan. Sixty species of birds were recorded and 3,006 individuals were counted. The weather was beautiful and a wonderful time was had by all. A record number of birds was observed.

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The Chief Ranger's Office wishes to call attention to the fact that all park residents are required to renew their old Complimentary Automobile Permits and Firearms Permits which have been issued free of charge through the park superintendent. Renewal

can be accomplished quickly at the Ranger Office.

All cars entering or leaving the park will be required to show a valid 1955 permit. To avoid embarrassment, stop by and get a permit.

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All firearms including air guns and bows and arrows and other implements designed to propel missiles capable of destroying park wildlife must be declared and placed under permit to park residents according to current regulations. Evaluate the family arsenal and get a permit at the Ranger Office.

### COMMUNITY COUNCIL OFFICERS

At the regular annual meeting of the Community Council in Yosemite Valley held on December 27, the following Directors were elected for a three-year term, along with four officers for the year of 1955:— President, Dr. Avery Sturm; Vice President, Mrs. Mary During; Secretary, Miss Helen Doty; Treasurer, James Taylor; Director, Le Roy Rust; Director, Dr. Charles Woessner; Director, John Curry.

### MUSEUM NEWS

Senior Ranger-Naturalist Richard J. Hartesveldt, professor of biology at San Jose State College during the winter, together with Mrs. Hartesveldt and son David spent their Christmas holidays in Yosemite, but were hardly deeply immersed in holiday festivities. Rather, Dick was literally immersed in hundreds of Kodak slides bringing the Yosemite Museum collection of over 10,000 slides up to a working standard for the coming summer season.

Ed Vella, under the capable direction of Associate Park Naturalist Doug Hubbard, has wrought wonders in the revamping of a number of exhibits in the Yosemite Museum. Anyone who has not yet seen these new creations had better hurry over to enjoy their artistry and spectacular appeal. Real refreshing, says we!

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Bruce and Keith McHenry were home for the holidays. Bruce from flight school at Gary Air Force Base, San Marcos, Texas, and Keith from his studies at architectural engineering at the University of Wyoming.