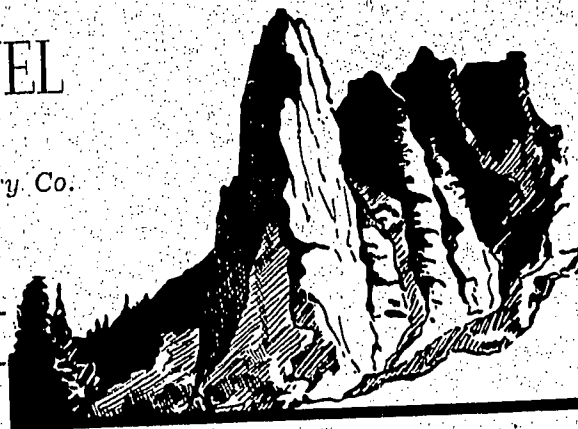


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Y.P.C.CO. OFFERS EMPLOYEES STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

Employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., with one year's continuous service have been given an opportunity to participate in a stock purchase plan, according to H. Oehlmann, Executive Vice President and General Manager.

The Plan suggested by the Y.P.C.Co. Board of Directors was approved in November by the stockholders and the various governmental regulatory agencies concerned.

The proposal for an employees' stock purchase plan grew from the frequent inquiry by employees "Where can I buy some Company stock?" Since that stock is traded "over the counter," interested employees could only be referred to a broker. Often there was not available stock in the proper quantities to meet the needs of the employees.

Participation in the Plan is voluntary and subscribing employees need only to indicate their desire to purchase a certain number of shares each month, payment for which is made through a payroll deduction. Any participating employee may withdraw from the Plan at his choosing.

Ten thousand shares of common stock have been authorized for sale under the Plan, to be sold to employees at fifty cents per share under the market value, as determined monthly, but at not less than the stock's par value of \$5 per share. All costs pertaining to the administration of the Plan are borne by the Company.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has paid dividends each year except for four depression years and one war year since its incorporation in 1925. Since the war, dividends have averaged \$.365 per share or 7.3% of par value. In addition, there were stock dividends in 1953 and 1955. Throughout the Company's life well over half its earnings and all its depreciation reserves have been plowed back into the business.

CAME THE RAINS!

"Twas the night before Christmas,
The river did roar.
Jack Ring's fervent wish was,
"Stay 'way from the store."

When your fearless, on the spot, Old Village reporter approached said village on the night of December 22, the commotion was so great, what with trucks coming and going, cars parked all over the place, crowds of people going in and out with their arms full of goods; at first glance it looked like an average day in the good old summer time.

An eager looking guest from Los Angeles wandered into the store thinking this was a last minute Christmas sale. He approached the boss and asked, "What's coming off?" Jack Ring replied, "Nothing is coming off, but at the rate the rain is coming down and the river is coming up, we don't want to be around when the two meet."

The guest wasn't impressed with that kind of reasoning and commented, "I heard it was going to clear up." To which Jack said, "Clear up to what?"

In a crisis like this, people often behave abnormally. Orval Manning was so upset he actually did things right.

The help was as numerous and just as confused as in July. Bob Cromer proved that a good man is still hard to find, as he could never be located.

When the last truck load of merchandise was pulling out, our boss, Jack Ring, looked tenderly at the old store. Then, with his voice filled with *emotion*, asked us all to join him a chorus of "River, Stay 'Way from My Store."

At this point Bob Cromer was heard to say, "I could just break down and cry." To which Jack replied, "Don't you dare! There's too much water around here already."

December 23, 5:47 a.m., our hero, Mr. Ring (Mr., now!), is up bright and early, eager to do the community a great service: He found

LODGE NEWS

What with the new Lodge buildings going up all over the place, the new time card system, the new MSS card system, or whatever else, this new year is not much like any other we've had for a while. Harbinger of new record high housecounts and business, we hope.

New people and jobs for the new year, too: There are Richard Robertson and Adriano Beffa in the kitchen, and Joanie Toniatti in the Grill; Gladys Reed, who used to be the all-round mainstay behind the front desk, is now checking and cashiering in the cafeteria, under the wing of the Master, Marguerite Radigan. Under the heading of new jobs, too, should be Hazel Magill, who's been rescued from the far wilds of the bath cabins and now has the sheltered confines of warm, dry Cedar Cottage to roam around in. She enjoyed it this last rainy spell after all those months of sloshing around down below.

Steve Barrett, with off-duty headquarters in El Portal, was trapped on that side by the flood waters. His old faithful "Black Maria" is still stranded down there since Steve couldn't carry her across the wash when he hiked over.

Since we've mentioned mostly Housekeeping people this issue, we might as well dedicate this whole thing to Myron Stone and his crew who are all doing a tremendously fine job reclaiming our poor old cabins. To give you an idea of what they had to do, there was not a single cabin with bath that wasn't damaged by the flood, nor was there even one housekeeping cabin with or without bath that was left untouched by the rising waters. The floor of Pine Cottage was under water, and most of the WOBs went under, too. That we have any of these cabins available for renting now is a wonder, and all of it due to the fine job done by the housekeeping department.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

The Ahwahnee celebrated Christmas simply, but beautifully, regardless of no Bracebridge Dinner, and floods plus all the ramifications that go with such unlooked for conditions but which were so capably handled during a real emergency.

The Bracebridge singers, two only, Mr. Gene Fulton and Mr. Rhodes, with Mrs.

Fulton at the piano, Frances Hubbard, and the fine singing of the Chapel Choir under the direction of Ansel Adams, deserve great credit for a Christmas in The Ahwahnee Dining Room long-to-be-remembered. The decorations, done by Carl Stephens, were plentiful throughout the hotel and very beautiful. The Great Tree in the Main Lounge made a beautiful background for the traditional Yosemite Valley Childrens' Christmas Party which, due to the floods at Camp Curry, caused Santa to change his course this year, coming to The Ahwahnee Main Lounge instead. Wonderful gifts for every tiny Valley child were in his pack. A heartwarming, thrilling time for everyone present.

With the New Year, came the crowds and New Year's Eve, celebrated with real gusto. A merry time was had by all. The Tritones, with one added "tone," Marie's brother, John, did a fine job, and the little "New Man of 1956" found everything as gay as ever. George deBacker and his fine staff pushed out the walls and got everyone into their places . . . miraculously.

During the height of the flood, The Ahwahnee welcomed Mr. and Mrs. John Preston as honored guests, when flood waters swept through their Valley home.

Many old friends were back for the holidays. Some, such as Priscilla Harders, Violet Murray, Betty Ruggles, and Alice Ward only came during that three-day vital "post flood" New Year's Eve *peaktime*. Others came earlier and stayed longer: Al Robertson (Wawona) front desk; Ann Adams, whose engagement to Chuck Mahew was a holiday highlight, switchboard; Bill Meacham, Dining Room Captain; Eleanor Juette, (summer burro picnics) Sweet Shop; Phil Zicherterman, wine steward; John Argue, back at his old stand, the store room; Bob Monteith, Parky's bar; Laura Kula, Freida Haas, Ruel Bell and many, many others all made it seem like old home week.

The Valley teenagers had their annual Ahwahnee Dance, and gave the teenage guests a wonderful party in the Indian Room.

Now that the holiday season is over the ski dinner dances will break loose in the Indian Room . . . no doubt bigger and better than ever.

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THE YOSEMITE FLOOD OF 1955

Preliminary estimates of damage to Yosemite facilities caused by the flood waters of December 22-24 have been placed at \$500,000 for the government and \$50,000 for the principal park concessioner. Based on past experience gained from the floods of 1937 and 1950, it is probable that hidden damages to facilities in the outpost areas of the park will cost many thousands of dollars in addition to the present known damage. Advanced planning by the government and the concessioners reduced flood damage to a minimum during the emergency period.

The 1955 flood in Yosemite Valley which crested at about 16 feet on the river gauge at Sentinel Bridge during the early morning hours of December 23, appeared to be of greater volume and destructive power than either that of November 19, 1950 or the flood of December 11, 1937. The following data may be of interest:

Estimated height of water—Sentinel Bridge at Flood Crest:

Dec. 23, 1955 at 6:00 a.m.	16.0 feet
Nov. 19, 1950 at 2:45 a.m.	14.1 feet
Dec. 11, 1937 at 2:00 p.m.	14.8 feet

Maximum Depth of water in Village Store:

Dec. 23, 1955	approx. 52 inches
Nov. 19, 1950	approx. 47 inches
Dec. 11, 1937	approx. 48 inches

Rainfall—

Dec. 21 through 25, 1955	17.41 inches
Nov. 17 through 21, 1950	12.17 inches
Dec. 9 through 13, 1937	11.54 inches

Minimum Temp. for 24 hour period—

Dec. 23, 1955	42 degrees
Nov. 19, 1950	47 degrees
Dec. 11, 1937	44 degrees

COMMUNITY COUNCIL— POLIO FUND

During January each year, public attention is directed to the March of Dimes campaign for funds, to be used for the care of polio victims, for research on vaccine, etc. Federal and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employees have a chance to donate to the March of Dimes through the Community Council fund. The containers placed around the Valley at public gathering spots are mainly to call the attention of visitors to the March of Dimes needs.

GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

GOINGS!—Doris Hewitson left the Valley for work in San Francisco after having been raised in Yosemite and working in the Accounting Department for several years.

Another employee of several years left the other day, Peggy Conlan. Only she went south—Los Angeles.

A delightful event of the month was the wedding of Avie Rose to Gabriel Ferneti in the Old Village Chapel on Saturday, at 3:00 p.m., January 7. And as all can imagine, not a lovelier bride has been seen. Congratulations!

We're all happy to welcome back the bright and shiny face of Martha Conti in the Commercial Department after a visit to her family in New York. And, of course, she hadn't been here twenty-four hours until she was out on the slopes at Badger.

Last on the list of goings on here in the General Office was Marilyn Close taking a quick trip up to see two doctors on the hill. She came back a few days later, minus an appendix, but looking fine and saying she would be on her skis in a week or so.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Automatic washer—\$175.
Simmon's Hideabed—\$75
R.C.A. Victor Radio Console with 33-45-78 record changer—\$75.00.
See Sammy at Y.T.S. or call 118R.

FOR SALE—Housetrailer, 1954, 37-foot, 2 bedrooms. Youngstown kitchen. Excellent condition. Contact Arthur Turner, Camp 6.

FOR SALE—Westinghouse Laundromat in good condition. Reasonable price. Call 54J.

FOR SALE—Bedroom set, refrigerator, and radio. Call Alice Hewitson, 103.

LOST—on December 29, a bracelet set with brilliants, in the area between Scasholtz's porch and the road. Finder please call Helen Ledson, 54M.

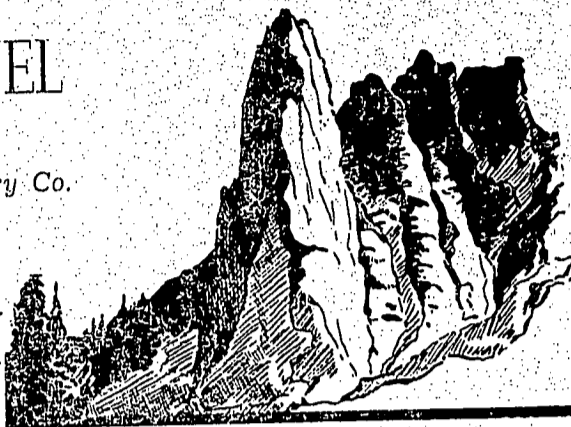
FOR SALE—2-band Philco radio, \$30. Zenith Portable radio, \$15. Both in good condition. Apt. H-56.

NOTICE—On the day of the Flood, a few grocery baskets were used for delivering. To date all the baskets have not been returned. If those having baskets will return them as soon as possible, it will be appreciated.

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VILLAGE STORIES

Perhaps many of you loyal Old Village Store shoppers noticed our illustrious boss, Mr. Jack Ring, working feverishly over some important looking documents at his desk in the office.

The truth of the matter was that between the pages of said important documents were hidden numerous travel brochures. Yes, Ole Dad Ring had at last decided to take a vacation; and being the methodical type, he had given this occasion his usual attention.

He was trying to decide whether to go up North, down South, back East, or out West. After much deliberation and unceasing questioning of the travel agencies plus his friends, he was eventually told by one that he could go where it was hot for all he (the friend) cared. Being quick to get the idea Jack immediately said, "Arizona it is." Next problem: what to take on a trip like this! Well, he reckoned, a cowboy hat, cowboy boots, cowboy shirt, and cowboy pants. He could always pick up a horse, a gun, and a guitar when he got in the wide open spaces. Don Schrader, our handsome checker, being a former desert rat from Death Valley, pointed out that the desert sun was mighty powerful. So Jack added a case of suntan lotion. Also, Don warned him about rattlesnakes, so Jack added a carton of snakebite medicine—bottled in bond. (Never heard of the place myself). This last item caused much discussion among his pals when they learned that it was 12 years old; so during Jack's absence a bottle was opened to make a test. Everyone tried a tablespoonful to be sure it hadn't lost its strength. It was very tasty. However, after a few more doses they all began to see snakes. From then on it was every man for himself. By the time the boss returns to the scene the medicine will no doubt be all gone, but the snakes—**?*!*

When the boss returns, Bob Cromer will undoubtedly, say, "Believe me, boss, this medicine is no cure for snakes. If you ever meet one, your best bet is to wrestle him

two out of three falls.

And Orval Manning was heard to remark, "Gee, I'm glad the boss is on vacation, 'cause I sure need the rest."

—by Andy Koller

AHWAHNEE NEWS

The Ahwahnee's wings are folded, and she is resting quietly—or so it seems while the early year housecounts run small—certainly smaller than the streams of rivulets that rhythmically trickle off the roofs. Ski Buffet Dinners, however, are running to capacity, and three a week are now in full swing. The LIONS special dinner party in the Indian Room was the usual big success. The California Room's alternate Tuesday Duplicate Bridge sessions sponsored by the Yosemite Ladies' bridge fans, prove instructive and fun for all.

Several of Fred Pierson's crew have been having some lively early morning tussles with the El Portal road slides. John Wright answered a dawn-early SOS and cheerfully portaged Carroll Clark up, around, and in to work around another slippery slide.

Eddie Sirianni's getting slim—dieting and walking (car trouble) and for the good of the cause he allows the ringtails to eat up his candy.

News seems scarce so all is well, but what did happen to all the bluejays—left with the flood it seems, all except that one, a good friend of Leona's at the Dorms. Certainly preferable to the deer who have already started to nibble her violets.

GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

The payroll department of the accounting division of the general offices (this could go on and on, but let's not!) extends hearty welcomes to Helen Wood of San Francisco and to Denise Nixon, who transferred from our own Village Store. When first joining our crazy mixed up crew, these girls weren't too sure that we knew what we were doing

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questions, then, my friend, you are communicating. If you have any "no" answers, you have problems. But problems can be solved. Try our "Short Course in Human Relations," a pamphlet obtainable at the Company Personnel Office.

NEW SCHOOL TO BE DEDICATED

At long last, the new elementary school is finished, ready for teachers and students to move in, and the date set for the public to inspect Yosemite's latest structure.

The Yosemite Parent's Group is sponsoring an Open House and dedication of the new school building on Thursday night, February 16, 1956. Doors will be thrown open to the public at 7:30. Promptly at 8:15 a program of singing, reading of two prize essays, and the dedication ceremonies will commence.

FROM GLACIER POINT

Every fall, people ask us many questions about our winter job at Glacier Point Mountain House. Most often asked is "Do you get lonely or bored" and "what do you do for entertainment?" Some think we are crazy to live in isolation and others envy us. There are times when we think both factions are right.

After the snow comes and all the signs of summer traffic are obliterated, this is, without a doubt, one of the most beautiful spots in the world. Waterfalls quicken and the valleys and peaks present a new view with each change of weather.

As the snow deepens, it must be shoveled from the roofs, Firefall Point kept clear and the Firefall built and pushed off on schedule. Every day there are the usual house-keeping chores. All this is done in a leisurely way, with plenty of time for hobbies, TV and reading. Just about the time you are certain you are going to enjoy this lazy life along comes a storm, down go the power and telephone lines! Of course, you haven't thought to fill the Coleman lanterns and with the windows boarded up and covered with snow it is darker than three feet up a chimney. Now, you hurry and drain the heating system and cast a skeptical eye at the stove and wood pile. A blow torch gets a workout, thawing pipes. Finally, you gather up all available blankets and chemical heat pads (Coleman lanterns just won't operate an electric blanket)—and so to bed. My, the sheets (and your better half's feet) can be

cold when the room temperature is 13.

We think there are many compensations for this way of living. A day dawns bright and sunny. We put on our snowshoes and walk down the powdery slopes among the shadows. Now and then a pine marten will scamper across our path. A coyote, at a distance, watches us warily. The birds follow us, chattering and coaxing for the crumbs we scatter. We even get a preview of a full moon, an hour before it is visible in the valley.

We go out at 9 p.m. to push the Firefall off. The trees are tall, friendly giants, all draped in white. The bushes and rocks are elegant old dowagers in white stoles, with glittering icicles adorning them like diamonds. The valley below is a tiny village on a far away stage. As the burning coals find their way down over the snow covered rocks a tinkling tune is heard, serenading this fairyland.

Oh, I almost forgot—"what do we do for entertainment?" Why, we wind up the clock every eight days!

—by Dorothy and Ernie White

HOSPITAL NEWS

BIRTHS:

A son, Philip Frederick Douglass, to Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Douglass on December 18, 1955, weight: 6 lbs, 1½ oz. (YPCC)

A daughter, Janet Lynn Neubert, to Mr. and Mrs. William Neubert, Jr., on December 27, 1955, weight: 6 lbs, 13½ oz (NPS)

A son, William Dean Rowe, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill D. Rowe on December 24, 1955, weight: 6 lbs, 5 oz. (YPCC)

A daughter, Debra Catherine DeBacker, to Mr. and Mrs. George DeBacker, on January 17, 1956, weight: 6 lbs, 14½ oz. (YPCC)

A son, Rex Erving Bagley, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bagley on January 7, 1956 (NPS)

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A hearty welcome back to Anne Bouser who returned to work here from San Francisco—just couldn't resist the lure of the Badger ski slopes! Other new members of our staff are Arlene Summers, R.N. from San Francisco and Edith Klang, R.N. from Downey, California.

Dorothea Brown made a quick trip home to Klamath Falls, Oregon, to visit her family, and inspected the flood damage along the way. Speaking of flood areas, Yuba City was the destination of Edith Klang, who spent the weekend there.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Harry R. During, now Chief Ranger of Rocky Mountain National Park, has recently been awarded \$50 by the Region Four incentive Awards Committee for a suggestion presented while in Yosemite. Mr. During had suggested that the National Park Service issue to all permanent employees an entrance pass which would be honored by all areas of the Service without charge for admittance. The objective is to encourage more park personnel to visit national parks and monuments during leave periods.

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What is the Meaning of the Word
"TECOYA"

"Tecoya," the name applied to one of the Company dormitories and to the Y. P. and C. Co. residential area in Yosemite Valley, was not always spelled this way. According to Galen Clark in his "Yosemite Indians," it was originally spelled "Tocoya" meaning "The basket," and was applied to North Dome, nearby. It is perhaps more properly related to Basket Dome just to the east which is associated with the Tis-sa-ack and Nangas legend of Half Dome. Either spelling is an attempt to Anglicize an Indian term. Either version can be accepted as appropriate although one might favor the Clark spelling since, "Tocoya" is most likely the older form and may more accurately represent the true sound of the Indian term as the Indians told it to Clark.

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MRS. LOUISA TOM BURIED
IN YOSEMITE CEMETERY

Mrs. Louisa Tom, reported to be approximately 108 years old, died on January 14, 1956, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Alice and Wesley Wilson, in Yosemite Valley. Burial services were held at the graveside in the Yosemite Cemetery by the Reverend Lorus Ray of the Methodist Church, Mariposa at 2:00 p.m., January 18, in the presence of friends, guests, and family members. Permission for burial in the local cemetery was granted by the park superintendent.

Louisa was the first wife of Bridgeport Tom and daughter of Captain and Susie Sam, well-known Indians of Yosemite's pioneer days. She spoke only the language of her native tribe and claimed through friends and family that she was born in Yosemite

Valley on land belonging to her mother which was located on the north side of the Merced River between Yosemite Falls and Indian Caves. Moving from one home to another in this area, she spent all but the most severe winters in Yosemite Valley often in Indian Caves. There, smoke stains on the roof of the cave from cooking and warming fires may still be seen by park visitors as well as the mortar holes in a nearby granite rock where she and other Indian women used stone pestles for pounding acorns into flour.

According to her daughter, Mrs. Alice Wilson, "There was a big ceremony when Louisa was married to Bridgeport Tom. Her parents had to furnish a dowry." Bridgeport Tom was a well-known Mono-Piute Indian medicine man whose native home was on the east side of the Sierra Nevada. Some time after her marriage, Louisa left Yosemite to make her home in her husband's country. Over the years she made frequent trips back into Yosemite Valley but did not live there continually again until the death of her husband and his burial at Coleville, California in 1937.

Louisa is survived by a sister, Leanna Tom, by a son, Harry Tom, and a daughter, Alice Wilson plus 21 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

FROM ALICE WILSON

The Sentinel received a note from Alice Wilson. It said that she wanted to thank all her friends who helped during the illness and at the time of death of her mother. Especially kind, she said, were Ida Thayer, Virginia Adams, Donald McHenry, John Preston, all the maids at Tecoya Dorms, and the maids at the Yosemite Lodge.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—Baby crib in good condition—\$10. Dorothy Joice, House 108, Tecoya.

PERMANENTS REDUCED — Faye Wright, Ahwahnee Beauty Shop Manager, reports that during February permanent waves will be at the special rate of \$8.50.

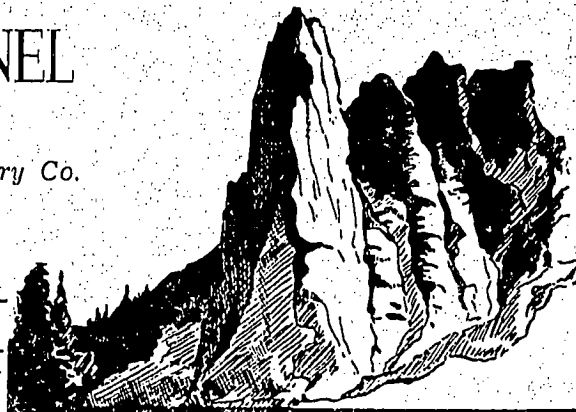
FOUND—a pair of white string gloves was left at the Seasholtz residence during the holiday period. Phone 8J or 77J.

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VILLAGE STORIES

Since the last edition of the Yosemite Sentinel, thousands of our subscribers have been curious to know more about our handsome checker, Mr. Schrader. We had mentioned casually that he had spent many years in the desert wastes of Death Valley, so our loyal readers have asked us a great many questions about this matter.

First, why should such a charming and talented grocery clerk bury himself in the barren depths of the "Valley of No Return?" The cause of it all is the weather! Now this statement creates another question. Does Mr. Schrader like the sweltering heat of the desert? Answer: No, he hates it. This in turn brings up another question. Why did he spend twenty-seven years in the burning desert if he dislikes it? The mysterious reason for this behavior is that his first name is "Donald."

So here we are face to face with the next question. (It seems like this article is becoming questionable). Why should anyone live in Death Valley for so many years just because his given name is "Donald?"

Now that is a subject we would like to discuss with you readers. Perhaps many of you noticed during the last "rainy spell" that the above mentioned Mr. Schrader was very glum and sad looking. If you will pardon me for saying so, it is in a way your fault! Here in Yosemite when the weather becomes, shall we say, damp, it is all too easy for an unthinking customer to come up and say, "Good morning, Donald, nice weather for ducks." Now down in Death Valley people just don't have an occasion to come up and say, "Good morning, Donald. Nice weather for ducks." That's why he found it such a charming place to live. Perhaps the reason he doesn't appreciate this type of remark about rainy weather is that he has a dry sense of humor.

So, here is a bit of advice to you thrifty

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shoppers. If you can't resist the urge to refer to the weather in relation to our webfooted friends—for the sake of your scrip book, don't do it until you have paid your bill.

—by Andy (pork chop) Koller

COMMUNITY COUNCIL ANNUAL DRIVE STARTS MARCH 1

The annual Community Council Drive for contributions to National Service groups: Heart, Cancer, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Salvation Army and local youth groups began March 1.

Last year, 63% of the Valley residents supported this ONE BIG DRIVE A YEAR. We can top this figure this year. Those folks who have felt reluctant in former years to contribute to the Drive should be convinced of its great worth when they recall the polio achievement of last spring. Your contribution means research goes forward in the fields of heart, cancer, polio, and aid in time of disaster. This research helps you.

It all adds up to YOU GET WHEN YOU GIVE to the Yosemite Community Council.

YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

The Yosemite Women's Group will meet on Tuesday, March 20 for luncheon and a fashion show at The Ahwahnee. Local models will show styles from Schlageter's shop, The Fashion Bar, in Mariposa. Styles from the Tot Shop in Mariposa will also be on display. Kit Whitman will be the commentator and Fran Hubbard will accompany at the piano.

The Fashion Show will be at 2:00 p.m. preceded by luncheon at 12:45 p.m. Please make luncheon reservations no later than March 19 by calling The Ahwahnee, 88.

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Instead of chopping off the ice and snow, leaves are being swept off the East Terrace—a canyon wren has been heard lurking around the Royal Arches, the service yard had its first "pick-and-sweep-up"—and Angelo and his bike took off for Chinquapin—signs of spring for sure.

Lincoln's Birthday with its long weekend crowds brought everyone up on their toes, where we've stayed to welcome, among others, the Independent Welders, the first Cartan Tour of the season, and lots of fine skiers. Tony Tuason's back again having just passed his gemology finals with flying colors.

David Curry's wedding and meeting his charming bride and her family from Utah, was a happy milestone to remember.

Tony Laszewski's ex co-worker and friend Bob Reed's short visit here after his world circling tour was fun for all. Bob, plus his British Austin Healey. And that bright green 1956 Chevrolet Station Wagon, with (what else) the guitar in the back seat, belongs to Bert Strome. Olga Ossi, Ahwahnee's most ardent skier, "weaseled" back and forth to Glacier Point for a weekend complete with sun, snow and snow shoeing to boot.

Miles Cooper at last has gotten the best of that mean flu bug. While away, Jim McDonald kept his desk clear for him.

Ski dinner dances with Fred's buffet table a gourmet's delight. Except for Friday night the Indian Room has been filled to capacity. The Tritones now have Louis Maddaloni with them, the new bass violin. AND he sings, too. Something else new at The Ahwahnee—those wonderful big glazed breakfast doughnuts, and more signs of spring, those good old-fashioned Hot Cross Buns.

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FEDERAL FUNDS BUILD NEW YOSEMITE SCHOOL

At the public open house and official dedication ceremony for the new Yosemite Elementary School recently in Yosemite Valley, Superintendent John C. Preston of the park paid high tribute to Mr. Thomas B. Price, Mariposa County Superintendent of Schools and to Mr. Harton L. Bill, then Assistant Superintendent of Yosemite for their initiative and foresight in obtaining Federal funds for the building of the new model grade school.

The new \$169,400.00 structure was financed through funds granted by application of the National Park Service to the U.S. Commissioner of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C. On February 8, the U.S. Office of Education turned over the new plant to the Mariposa County Unified School District for immediate school use. The building and facilities stand on a tract of land in Yosemite Valley made available to Mariposa County by the National Park Service for the purpose of providing school facilities under a Revocable Special Use Permit, which covers the initial period of January 1, 1955 through June 30, 1974 which is subject to renewal for school purposes.

The old school building built in 1917 which stands adjacent to the new structure will be razed in the near future since it has served its usefulness.

In addition to the new school the National Park Service has filed another application with the U.C. Commissioner of Education in Washington, D.C., for a teacherage in Yosemite Valley. Recent information received indicates that formal approval of this application for funds may soon become a reality.

ALOHA, ALICE HEWITSON

In early February, after 33 years of living and working in Yosemite, Alice Hewitson made the big decision and left our happy valley for the great outside world. For sixteen years she had been secretary in the Y. P.C.Co. Personnel Office, and she will be missed by her associates for as many years more. Her present address is 2728 Webster Street, Berkeley.

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FOR WHOM THE PAY ROLLS

For those of you who haven't as yet heard of the new system engaged upon by the Y. P. and C. Co. payroll office, and those of you who *have* heard but would like to have a better understanding of its whys and wherefores, the following may prove enlightening.

One of the principal reasons for the installment of the system was to render possible a daily account of the labor costs in each unit. This information is incorporated in the personnel reports.

The routine commences on the Graphotype which imprints metal plates, such as those found on the privilege cards of Company employees. These are then run through the Addressograph which in turn prints their impressions onto the diversified items of payroll data that are needed for that present pay period. The plates themselves require alterations from time to time, for example in the case of people transferring from one unit to another, but on the whole this setup is eliminating several days per month formerly spent in typing the aforementioned on a regular typewriter.

The Burroughs Sensimatics are accomplishing a variety of projects—labor distributions of basic and overtime pay, wage accruals, (these correspond somewhat to the timesheets heretofore employed), check-writing and so forth. When the time comes, they will also handle the quarterly reports and withholding tax statements.

A word may be said of the speed of the check-writing procedure. One has merely to index a few pertinent amounts and the machine performs the other manifold operations automatically, including its conveniently spacing up to the next check. (The mid-month checks are now in blocks of six).

Nothing has been mentioned of the people in our office, but they are still around and feverishly, if not fervently, at their assigned jobs. No matter how modern office machinery, it still requires operators to prove that it really is modern!

The Sentinel has received word from Dona Belz that she is now in Washington—likes her new work and is comfortably established in an apartment. But with it all, she can't help missing Yosemite and her many friends here.

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Word has been received recently by the park superintendent that Supervisory Ranger John W. Henneberger in charge of Arch Rock Entrance Station has been selected for promotion and transfer to the Olympic National Park as District Ranger. Mr. Henneberger and family are expected to move to Olympic in April.

A large and famous Indian storage basket woven by Lucy Telles, last of the Yosemite basket weavers, has been placed on display in the Indian Room at the Yosemite Museum. Woven mainly for display at the International Exposition on Treasure Island in 1939, it won first place in its class there. As far as is known, it is the largest basket ever woven in Yosemite.

Mr. James Schwabacher of San Francisco purchased the basket and presented it to the museum. He also had a large plastic sphere or bubble made to display and protect the basket within it. The basket and sphere hang from the ceiling of the museum and are rotated by an electric motor. Visitor comments have been most enthusiastic about this new display for public interest.

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Assistant Secretary of the Interior Wesley A. D'Ewart recently announced the appointment of Eivind T. Scoyen, Superintendent of Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks, as Associate Director of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C. He will assume his new duties immediately. Mr. Scoyen is a veteran of 36 years in the National Park Service. A replacement has not yet been named as Superintendent of Sequoia Kings Canyon National Parks by the Secretary of the Interior.

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Verbal Portrait of an Early Yosemite Character

Of all the people who have passed by or camped at the delightful little wooded campground on the Tioga Road known as the Smoky Jack Campground, probably few are aware of the significance of the name.

Smoky Jack was the nickname of John Connel who, before the area became a national park, started with a few sheep which he personally herded before he became sheep-rich. According to John Muir: "He lived mostly on beans. In the morning after his bean breakfast he filled his pockets from

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the pot with dripping beans for luncheon, which he ate in handfuls as he followed his flock. His overalls and boots soon, of course, became thoroughly saturated, and instead of wearing thin, wore thicker and stouter, and by sitting down to rest from time to time, parts of all vegetation, leaves, petals, etc., were embedded in them, together with wool fibers, butterfly wings, mica crystals, fragments of nearly everything that part of the world contained—rubbed in, embedded and coarsely stratified, so that these wonderful garments grew to have a rich geological and biological significance."

MISSION "66" FOR NATIONAL PARKS

The "Mission 66" program for the National Park Service is a 10-year national management plan for all areas by which the Service hopes to bring up to a reasonable standard those public facilities needed for the use of approximately 80 million visitors per year by 1966, the Golden or 50th Anniversary of the founding of the National Park Service on August 25, 1916.

Early in the summer of 1955 each area of the Service began work on its part of the general plan which was submitted to the Director for approval and budgetary review prior to compilation as a part of the national plan which will be submitted to the Congress in the near future. Review by the Secretary of the Interior and the President has been favorable and it is expected that the conservation minded members of the Congress will give serious consideration to the public need for modernization of all National Park Service areas.

When the proposed improvement for Yosemite are approved in the near future, there will be a general public announcement of plans.

To keep the parks' crusade alive and vigorous during the ensuing 10 years of "Mission 66" which begins during the summer of 1956, the Director's Office has announced that each area will observe publicly on a local basis the three historic events in conservation which led up to the idea of *National Parks for the enjoyment of this and future generations of our citizens*, which is purely an American institution now copied by at least in part by some 22 other nations of the world.

In Yosemite during 1956 the park will

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celebrate three occasions with appropriate public ceremony. The first will be "Founders Day" on August 25, the 40th anniversary of the Act of Congress establishing the National Park Service in 1916. The second will be "Campfire Day" on September 19, the 86th anniversary of the historic campfire at Madison Junction in 1870. Around this campfire a group of unselfish men conceived the idea of establishing Yellowstone at the first national park. The third will be "Establishment Day" of Yosemite on October 1, the 66th anniversary of the formation of Yosemite National Park by Congress around the Yosemite grant of lands to the State of California made in 1864 which comprised Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees.

TELEPHONE USERS, ATTENTION

With the cutover to commercial telephone service, there are certain changes which users, or prospective users, must observe prior to the new service becoming effective May 23, according to Chas. Hill, N.P.S.

Anyone wanting a telephone and not having one at the present should see Hill. Those who now have phones and pay for the service themselves (that is, their employers do not pay for it) should see Hill and arrange to have the service continued or it will be terminated. Those having phones for which the employer pays need take no action as service will automatically be continued. The above does not apply to anyone having already contracted for phone service.

DAVID A. CURRY WEDDING

David A. Curry returned to Yosemite to be married in the Old Village Chapel to Barbalyne Bennion of Salt Lake City, Utah. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Alfred Glass on February 12. John Curry served as best man and the bride's sister, Mrs. Douglas Buchanan, Kansas City, Missouri, was the matron of honor. Following the wedding, members of the two families met in the Sollarium of The Ahwahnee for a buffet supper.

LENTEN SCHEDULE (Catholic Service)

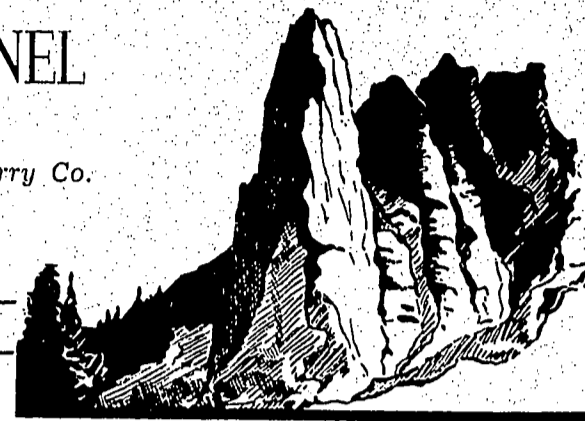
Morning Mass—7 a.m. daily.
Stations of the Cross—7:45 p.m. Wednesday.
Sunday Mass—7 and 8:30 a.m.
The Holy Week schedule will be announced at a later date.

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GIVE TO THE ONE BIG DRIVE

The Yosemite Community Council Drive continues with the hope that everyone will feel it a duty and a pleasure to contribute to this one and only fund raising drive of the year.

Only six persons have noticed the discrepancy in the totaling of the amounts for each of the groups on the page given to each valley resident. In the hurry to get the material into the pay envelopes, the proof reading was overlooked, causing the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$315 to be omitted. However, the amount is included in the \$2,380 total to be raised.

VILLAGE STORIES

How fortissimo!

As employees of the dear ole Village Store—we have heard many comments, remarks, and ejaculations, but never have we been favored with such eloquent descriptions as: "How fortissimo!" until we were fortunate enough to obtain the employment of Orval J. Manning.

Now most of us are aware of Orval. He is that roly-polly, always-smiling, good-humored grocery clerk you've seen performing his varied chores among the stacks of canned goods in the Store. There's always a song in his heart, and his favorite type of music is the real down-to-earth American folk song, such as "O'Possum up a Gum Tree," or "I Can Handle My Dukes, but Somebody Keep an Eye on the Duchess," or "I Love the Moonshine Still."

Every once in a while Orval surprises everyone on the south side of the Valley with a real operatic outburst. When questioned about this he acts very modest and shy. So, your fearless reporter, again trying to carry out the undaunted, courageous policy of the Sentinel, investigated the case with usual efficiency and found that these outbursts occurred only on rainy days and when Orval was working between sections 7—10

of the grocery department. Further investigation revealed that when it rains over the Old Village Store, it also rains inside the Old Village Store, between sections 7—10. This is when it happens! Orval rushes into the above-mentioned section, heart full of song (again), and pushcart full of groceries for the shelves. Then a raindrop (a cold one) drops through the ceiling right down his back, and it happens again. Oh, fortissimo! It seems that the good Reverend Glass has been passing up a great opportunity for improving his already splendid choir. On the other hand, the Lions Club would be wise to sign him up for next year's, we-can-hardly-wait, sensational production.

For Orval could create some unusual effects with the aid of an assistant and a well-aimed squirt gun full of cold ammunition, on songs such as, "Icy Fingers Up and Down My Spine."

To you unfortunate customers who have not yet experienced one of these pleasant renditions, our boss, Mr. Ring, has made arrangements to assign him to work in section 7—10 on the next rainy day. Please make reservations in advance.

JIM HAMER'S TALENT RECOGNIZED

Lodge Head Bellman Jim Hamer is a man of many accomplishments, we hear. His abilities at his vocational interests, however, have not gone publicly unrecognized as he was recently named "Bellman of the Year," an award given by the Sigma Iota Society of Inn Keepers.

Jim started work with the Y.P.C.Co. in May of 1941 as timekeeper at Camp Curry; moved to the Lodge as a porter in September, and became head porter in November of 1942. In addition to his main job he also projects movies nightly, relieves on the desk and, in the winter, has worked at the ice rink. Congratulations to Jim Hamer, the "Bellman of the Year."

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

Robins are here, poking their beaks into East Terrace nooks and crannies deciding "which one" for nesting. During lulls, Joe Thomas, with crew Bob and Walter have been seen sweeping up front and side lawn leaves like mad. Looks nice, too!

Marshall and Ellen Hall, Andy Scarbrough and Bob Minerich, all old friends here for far-too-short visits. Marshall, Ellen and Andy with the Travellarians; Bob (with his lovely Emily) for his fine talk before the supervisors.

The local ladies' Fashion Show was a big success, with a nice showing of spring models from The Fashion Bar in Mariposa. Another real highlight was Ann Adams' beautiful wedding reception—hundreds here to offer their congratulations to the happy couple.

Bee Ollino is still in Mariposa's Fremont Hospital. A cheerful patient with her bed overlooking a lovely green lawn, spring blossoms and flowering shrubs. May Batten, Margit Bolin and Ruel Bell were among many others enjoying that wonderful sprec to Ostrander Lake with snow at its best. Also, making the weasel trip to Ostrander were: Sally Rath sack, Laura Kula, Vera Church, Kathy DeBacker and Marty Agua-zon.

Karl Munson has been a busy man managing The Ahwahnee during our manager's vacation and also keeping a watchful eye on winter quarters at Camp Curry. And, welcome back to Amos Neal now at the Front desk again. The new kitchen side hall, all shiny and bright, is open for business, but the big news, now that the tumult is over, is the new PBX board. After much stress, and strain, new phones are being installed, and miles of wires, nuts and bolts all hither and yon. It's all connected up and it *works*.

The big bearded man, Ed Weber, and his co-workers certainly deserve a medal, and should take a big bow for a job well done.

All this just in the nick of time to carry the load for Easter and the heavy convention season just coming 'round the bend.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

Ruth Ewing, registrar of voters, reports that Yosemite residents have until April 12 to register for voting in the primaries. Anyone who voted in the last regular election need not register. Generally, requirements for eligibility amount to this; one must have lived in the state one year, in the county ninety days and in his precinct 56 days before date of approaching election.

Ruth Ewing has the official register, so anyone in doubt as to his status may check with her, likewise she will register anyone eligible and not registered. She is at Best Studios from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AMERICAN LEGION BIRTHDAY

The Yosemite American Legion Post will observe its 35th anniversary in Yosemite with a pot-luck dinner and get-together of the many old timers and the charter members. Meeting to be at the Masonic Hall at 6:30 p.m., April 7. The Legion is the oldest chartered organization in the park and still carries on its services to veterans, tree pruning program, provides a ski trophy for junior racers, and arranges for the mobile blood bank, when demand for blood indicates the need.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—IBM Electric typewriter and typewriter table. Call 99 or 73J—Marian Smith.

Nearly full barrel of oil. Value \$8. Sell for \$6. Phone 27W.

Columbia 360K HiFi Set. 7 months old for \$135. Contact Carl D. Stephens at The Ahwahnee.

Thor wringer type washing machine. In good condition. \$130. Contact Mrs. Dan Kuntz, House N-23 located back of Lost Arrow Studio.

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EASTER CHURCH SERVICES

PROTESTANT HOLY WEEK SERVICES

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28—
2, 7:15 and 9 p.m. Religious motion picture, "I Beheld His Glory," at the Movie Pavilion. No admission charge or offering. Presented by the Yosemite Community Church. Everyone welcome.

MAUNDAY THURSDAY, MARCH 29—
8 p.m. Candlelight Communion Service at the Chapel. Baptism and confirmation of young people and adults. Meditation by Mr. Glass.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30—
12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Service of meditation and prayer. "Personalities Around The Cross." Come when you can—leave when you must. Old Village Chapel.

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1—
9:37 a.m. Twenty-fourth annual Easter Sunrise Service at Mirror Lake. College of the Pacific A Capella Choir. Sermon, "This is the Victory!"

11 a.m. Easter Chapel Service. The A Capella Choir will sing.
Baptism of infants.

9 p.m. Easter "Sunday Evening Hour" at the Chapel.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BROADCAST
from 8 to 8:30 a.m. The Mirror Lake Service will be broadcast over the McClatchy network through KMJ, Fresno, KWG, Stockton 8 to 8:30 a.m., KFBK, Sacramento, 9:30 to 10 a.m. KERN, Bakersfield, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
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ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES—

Holy Thursday— Confessions, 5:30 p.m.
Mass 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday— Services 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday— Confessions 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Vigil Service, 11:15 p.m. Mass, Midnight

Easter Sunday— Masses 7 and 8:30 a.m.

At the Old Village Chapel.

FR. JOSEPH CRONIN
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EASTER EGG HUNT. The annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club, will be held on Saturday, March 31, at 1:30 p.m. at the Schoolhouse playground. Ralph Sutton is in charge. All members of the Lions Club are asked to bring one-half dozen eggs, hard-boiled and colored, to the Village Store office by Friday, March 30. All children, pre-school to third grade, are invited.

LEWIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOTES

Births:

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Riechers, a daughter, Sue Marie, on February 1. Weight 7 lbs, 13 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parkerson, a daughter, Janis Elaine, on February 21. Weight 6 lbs, 8 oz.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brazitis, a son, Laurence Barnard, on March 21. Weight, 7 lbs, 2 oz.
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Barbara Heaney and Onabel O'Rourke recently left Yosemite. Barbara returned to her home in Lexington, Mass. and is presently employed at Massachusetts General Hospital; Onabel (Mickey) is now located in Pittsburg, California. Replacing them on the staff are Norma Conti from Eureka, California and Irene Tomaszewski from Chicago, Illinois.

The big smile on Dr. Riecher's face was accounted for by the arrival of his beautiful little daughter, Sue Marie—and he performed just like any other new father.

Arlene (Hopalong) Summers now knows how those ski accidents really feel. She is now thumping along the corridors on night duty sporting a walking cast—from a ski accident, of course.

Visitors to the Bay Area during recent weeks were Dr. Sturm and family, Clarinda Phillips, Myrtle Cuthbert, Edith King and Norma Conti; Isabel Thompson spent a few days in Fresno, and Anne Bouser visited Fresno and Carmel recently; Dorothea Brown was a Riverside visitor on her short vacation; Dr. Riechers spent a week in San Francisco attending a course in bedside cardiology at the University of California.

Talk about hidden talents—Jim Ireland has been playing bridge on Tuesday evening at The Ahwahnee, and from what we hear he has been doing all right. Of course, he has no trouble getting along with the ladies since he gets plenty of practice around here.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Superintendent John C. Preston recently announced the retirement of William J. Ellis, Mechanical Supervisor of Yosemite, from the National Park Service after 31 years as a government employee. He and his wife, Margaret, will move to a home in Exeter,

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California, near their son, Bill, and his family.

Mr. Ellis began his National Park Service career in August of 1924 as a power station operator at Cascades. In April, 1927, he was promoted to the position of assistant mechanic at the government shop. He was later promoted to master mechanic and finally to the position of mechanical supervisor, which he has held since January, 1950.

Will and Margaret Ellis have been leaders in the Yosemite community for years. They will be missed greatly by their many friends in the park and in Mariposa County.

Superintendent Preston pays great tribute to the outstanding ability of Will as a community leader and as a top-ranking member of the Yosemite staff where he has served with meritorious distinction. All friends and fellow employees are sorry to have Will and Margaret leave Yosemite and wish them every happiness as they move into their new home.

On March 17, heavy duty mechanic foreman Darl Abbott and park rangers Ken Ashley and Herb Ewing returned from a U.S. Civil Service Commission Driving Training and Examination School which was conducted in Oakland. In the near future, they will set up a test course and examination for local drivers who drive government equipment.

From March 19-30, William Breckenkamp, Charles Young, Herbert Ewing and Arthur Holmes attended the 15th General Administrative Training Course of the National Park Service at the Region Four Office as trainees from Yosemite.

On April 2-6, the Region Four Instructor's Training Course will be conducted at Sequoia National Park headquarters. Douglass Hubbard, Nelson Murdock, John Mullady and Robert McIntyre will represent the Yosemite staff.

Superintendent Preston recently announced that Robert Carpenter of Everglades National Park was named to fill the existing vacancy on the staff of the park naturalist. Mr. Carpenter is now in the park on duty as a park naturalist and hopes to meet all employees in the near future. Bob

was formerly a summer ranger naturalist in Yosemite.

The April meeting of the San Joaquin Conservation Forum will be held at Yosemite Lodge, Tuesday evening April 10. Chairman of the Forum for the current year, Forster Emil F. Ernst, has been able to obtain Director De Witt Nelson of the California Department of Natural Resources as speaker for the evening on a conservation subject. Mr. Nelson is well known to conservationists. Arrangement have been made for an attendance of 150 persons. It is expected that many men attending the Central Sierra Forest Fire Control Conference in Yosemite at the same time will be present.

FOR WHOM THE PAY ROLLS

Now that the payroll system is well in hand, we are all, (or almost all), breathing that fresher, more rarified air known as the vacation breeze. Agnes Westfall is already off—on her vacation, that is. She'll spend one week in San Francisco with her daughter. The other week we don't know about and maybe she doesn't either. Adele Osborne is flying to Dallas, Texas where her parents have all sorts of home-coming festivities planned. And Denise Nixon will tour various parts of California with her family.

We are happy to announce that we have now reached the point where the machines really are saving us the time they were supposed to save and they do make it nice! Since so many of the operations are automatic, we're hoping to have television installed in order to give us something to do while waiting for them to complete their cycles. This will be on the order of 'See it Now' if you can 'Beat the Clock' or 'Our Gang' has 'Coke-Time with Eddie Fisher.' And we'll say howdy doody to that any time. Hazy viewing conditions will be called 'spectaculars' and 'spot' commercials.

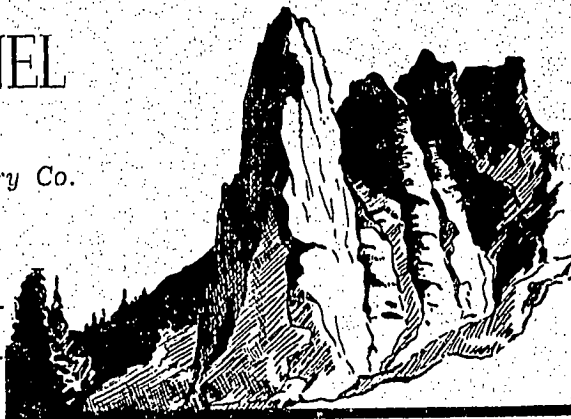
But this idyllic diversion will no doubt never come to pass so we're concentrating our efforts on jamming the mechanisms so that all work will temporarily be forced to cease. This permits us to rest for our ten-minute breaks wherein we plot other variations on a theme from 'Playtime,' which are always forthcoming from yours truly, the girls of the payroll.

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SCHOOL BENEFIT DANCE

There will be a school benefit dance in the new school's auditorium on Friday, April 27. Music will be provided by the Half Shot Hot Domes, a group of willing, energetic and talented musicians, who will play not only two-steps and waltzes, but cakewalks and Paul Joneses as well. Tickets for the dance will be on sale at the door in case you haven't been sold some by a school youngster.

During the evening, punch, coffee and doughnuts will be on sale. Furthermore, for one dollar you can buy a bottle of vanilla. Proceeds from vanilla sales will go toward payment for a coffee urn, which will first be used that night. Other receipts will be used to purchase other furnishings for the new school.

YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

The next meeting of the Yosemite Women's Group will be Thursday, April 26, when Miss M. L. Stoddard of the Merced County Library will give book reviews of new books. Her talk, at 3:00 p.m., will be preceded by a luncheon at The Ahwahnee at 12:45. Please make reservations by calling 88 no later than Wednesday the 25th.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

The week of April 23 through 27 has been proclaimed by the State as Public Schools Week, according to Charles F. Hill. All parents and friends are invited to visit the new school during this period.

MARTINS AT YOSEMITE FORKS

Buck Martin, Sr. and Buck Martin, Jr., have taken over the Yosemite Forks operation on Highway 41, at the Bass Lake turn-off. They have operating a dining room, bar, store and have cabins for rent. Both extend their invitation to all to drop in for a visit or refreshments.

VILLAGE STORIES

We of the Old Village Store would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to some of the unsung heroes—the maintenance men. However, as our boss, Jack Ring, says, there are probably more songs sung about the unsung heroes than there are songs about the ones they sing about—if you can figure that one out.

As we all know, these jolly men in blue tackle all kinds of problems, and as a result, many interesting situations arise.

There was the time a nice old lady thought someone had hung himself right in the middle of the canned goods department. We had to explain to her that a maintenance man had fallen part way through the roof while repairing it—again.

Another time a sweet old lady was very upset because she saw the body of a man in blue stretched out on the floor beside one of the deep freezers. The clerk at hand explained that he wasn't dead. He was working on the freezer motor and just looked that way.

Then, once someone almost called the fire department because of the fire and sparks which were shooting from one of the electric plugs. The man causing all the excitement was not a fire bug. He was the electrician from the maintenance crew.

But, the one person who causes the most commotion when at work is that young man-about-town, Louie da Lock.

Last March 16th another nice and well-meaning old lady approached Bob Cromer and told him to call the rangers as there was a suspicious-looking man robbing the safe. She even had the get-away car spotted, a Golden Hawk, license number EVE-518, twin barreled carb, twin antennas, twin headlights. Bob made it clear that it was not a thief, but Louie da Lock, repairing the safe, and that the Village Store safe had

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never been robbed, at least not on March 16 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

L da L got a big kick out of this incident, and told us a little story about himself. He said the people had started up a rumor to the effect that he was behind the door when the brains were passed out, but he was really back there fixing the lock.

So, you see, life isn't ever dull at the Old Village. Therefore, we want to contribute a little recognition to the Maintenance men who help keep the Store in its present condition.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

CHANGES: Easter ushered in a real change in the weather—SNOW—and other changes. Stuart Cross replaced our Manager, Dick Connett, who left us to manage Camp Curry. The California Grape and Tree Fruit League convention, 460 strong, arrived about the same time to help with the merriment.

Hal McCune has left, ditto Carl Stephens—Carl for far-off places including Hong Kong and the Philippines. Amos Neal's now with the San Francisco Office. Bob Mathews is back from a wet Oregon winter, so, now the bar-ett's open in the dining room. Luggi Foeger's ex-ski school and now-gardening-crew have been seen eyeing the situation out in the grounds. Pete Jensen's back, replacing Michael Kirby on the elevator. Michael's now doorman. Harry Benjamin, Marty Miller, Emily Dauton, Hazel Mowbray, Eva Manley and Mary McBride, just to mention a few, are all back in the dining room. Chuck Friman is gradually working his way out of the front desk into the dining room, and, amongst others, Nick Fiore and Lee Brazitis have been seen replacing him.

Coletha and Paul Jones got homesick and drove up from Fresno. They will be looking down on us this summer from high atop Glacier Point.

Eddie Sirianni celebrated his 21st, or was it his 39th birthday?

The successful string of Buffet Ski Dinners ended with a final swirl, as did the entire ski season.

And, changes also on the Mezzanine—Bob Reed blew in for the convention, and even more important, bright new green grass is about to sprout along both sides of the main stem in the El Dorado Diggin's. Other than all of this, time flows peacefully on.

LODGE NEWS

Recently, some of us Lodgeites took a preview tour of the new Lodge buildings. We arrived under the porte cochere, via bicycle, just as thousands will arrive in bus and car come summer, this being the place guests will visit first to register for a cabin or to catch the bus to Merced or Fresno. Desk clerks, cashiers, and transportation agents will soon be seen through the glass walls happily working under their acoustic ceiling. The manager's office is here, with a good view of the cafeteria line.

The exit of the building opens into a wide, glass-enclosed walkway to the main Lounge. Today, it was devoid of cover or even walk for that matter, but we had an interesting view of the maze of tubing that will heat the walks during winter and a Hedahl man told us that "they start pouring cement this week."

The main Lounge is taking shape and a huge circle in the cement floor, a little off center, is where the Badger Pass fireplace will soon be reassembled.

Ceilings and walls are presently being painted in the largest of the buildings. Asphalt tile flooring, fixtures and furnishings will shortly finish off its rooms. The kitchen is shining with formica walls, metal acoustic ceiling and tile floors, while the Cafeteria shows signs of completion, with a beautiful gray on the ceiling beams and shades of yellow and gray formica covering the walls in a modern manner. Kitchen and serving equipment is on the way over as the old cafeteria closed to make way for the new.

LAST GO AROUND

Quite an assortment of locals, great and small, turned out for the last dinner at the old Lodge Cafeteria. Alice Brashear had

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candles on the tables, and, while the effect wasn't festive—or sorrowful—it was different. There was little evidence of lumpy throats of tear-dimmed eyes, though of only one decade's dining there, we may have missed the emotions of the older (in point of service) employees. Any remorse must have been swept away by the prospects of being in and dining in the wonderful new Cafeteria building rising across the road.

As the clock's hands hit 8:45, the last man slid his tray along the counter for the very last meal—ever. He was S. E. Bartholemew, one of the builders of the new Lodge. George Goldsworthy recognized the event with the promise of a meal "on the house" in the new Cafeteria.

LODGE PODGE—MINUS LEE

The Lodge Cafeteria has given many kinds of shocks to many kinds of people, but never was it so shocking to our kind of people as it was the day the Hotel Division invited us to a meeting there. During the meeting, Mr. Otter publicly bequeathed his manager-ship to Karl Munson and thereby beat to the draw every rumormonger in the Valley.

Any number of people could assure us the old Lodge would be razed in May whether the new one was completed or not; the land was to be landscaped, the land was for a parking area, the land was for. . . They had definite information from a construction worker that the cafeteria would be moved to Camp Curry in April, grill girls would be bus girls, etc. Construction workers really get inside info on things like this.

We would have believed them if they said that Yosemite Falls was being moved a little to the west to improve the view from the new Lounge, but nobody would have believed the one about Mr. Otter—except that Mr. Goldsworthy announced it; Mr. Otter confirmed it, and Mr. Munson said, "I do."

The news misted more than a few eyes in the cafe that day and even now some of us can't feature the Lodge without its Mr. Otter. Of course, there are those who can't feature the Lodge without its front porch, too, and some of our guests have requested a length of railing for sentimental reasons; so, Mr. Munson, watch out; your railing may be next! And so it's goodbye to the Governor and his Vicky, with real regrets and sincere congratulations from all of the Lodge gang!

P.S. Be sure to tell Mr. Munson what a good group we are—O.K?

And as for "I like the way you handle yourself" Doucette, just where do we bid him Godspeed to? Is it Wawona, or really the Happy Isles Stand?

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Yosemite National Park was host to the Southern Unit of the Central Sierra Forest Fire Conference on April 9-11, which was attended by approximately 110 members of the State and Federal agencies in California. Mr. George Walker, Assistant Superintendent of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks was the chairman. In conjunction with this conference, the San Joaquin Valley Conservation Forum monthly meeting was held at Yosemite Lodge where the principal speakers were Director De Witt Nelson of the California Department of Natural Resources and Assemblyman Francis Lindsay of the 6th District of California.

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Park Superintendent Preston has been notified by the Regional Director of Region Four that an award of \$35 is to be made to District Ranger Odin S. Johnson for his suggestion in regard to a new text on the Bear Warning leaflet which is issued to park visitors during the summer season.

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On March 31, Mr. Donald Edward McHenry retired from the position of Chief Park Naturalist in Yosemite National Park after 24 years of service with the National Park Service. Prior to coming to Yosemite 9 years ago, Mr. McHenry was Park Naturalist of the National Capital Parks in Washington, D.C. Before that time he had served at Grand Canyon National Park.

He and Mrs. McHenry will make their new home in Saratoga, California, where she will continue in the teaching profession. The park staff and their many park friends wish them every success.

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Word has been received recently through the Director of the National Park Service in Washington, D.C., that a new 20-year contract for restaurant, fountain and delicatessen services in Yosemite Valley has been negotiated between the Secretary of the Interior and the firm of Degnan, Donohoe, Inc.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (continued)

Mr. Wirth, in making his announcement from Washington, D.C., said that the new contract is retroactive to January 1, 1955. Under the terms of the contract, the firm is obligated to construct a new place of business in the Yosemite Village area within two years from the date of the execution of the contract. The firm is also obligated to remove its old concession facilities in the Old Village area within one year after completion of the new facilities.

An impromptu farewell party was held at the National Park Service machine shop in Yosemite Valley on April 5 for Bill Ellis who retired effective March 31. Since it was the wish of the Ellises that a formal farewell party not be held in their honor, a few of the "gang" met at the shop during the morning and presented Bill with \$160 toward a TV set for his new home. Along with this token of esteem from his many friends there was also a homemade card with a hand-drawn picture in color of his home in Yosemite. The opposite side of the card carried over 140 names of the donors.

Superintendent Preston also presented Mr. Ellis with an award for Meritorious Service from the Secretary of the Interior and a Lifetime Pass to all National Park Service areas.

Bill and Margaret Ellis wish to thank all friends who had a part in making their departure one of pleasant memories. They left Yosemite Valley for their home in Exeter, California, on April 11, where Bill intends to catch up on some loafing and leisure.

OLD CLOTHING RELIEF DRIVE

Through the courtesy of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and John Schweifler, a drive for old clothing for overseas relief will be held in Yosemite from May 1 through 26. During this period, boxes of clothing may be left at the Shoe Repair Shop next to the Barber Shop in the Old Village. This clothing will be sent by the local Church to the Church World Service in Oakland and eventually overseas, wherever there is the greatest need.

REMEMBER—May 1 to 26, inclusive.

The High School Young Peoples Group will visit the community on Saturday morning, May 26, to collect clothing. If you will, have your clothing ready and the young people will gather it in the Church pickup.

LEWIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL NOTES

Births:

A son, James Daniel, to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Gallison, on March 30, weight 7 lbs, 7 oz.

A daughter, Karen Ann, to Mr. and Mrs. William Nutley, on April 7, weight 7 lbs, 13½ oz.

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Danny Sturm became a ski casualty recently when he fractured his right leg, but is now getting around on a walking cast. On hand at the time were fellow-sympathizers, Billy Lamkin and Johnny Dunham, both wearing similar casts, and Bobby Reichers, who could lend moral support since he is once more walking without either cast or crutches.

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Dorothea Brown, our surgical nurse, bid Yosemite and LMH goodbye and returned to her home in Klamath Falls, Oregon. She has our best wishes and she will be very much missed by all her friends here.

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It was reported that Jim Ireland and his partner, Mrs. Young, were high scorers at the last Duplicate Bridge Party held at The Ahwahnee. Anyway, Jim received a prize, but he won't elaborate—just isn't the talk-in 'kind.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE. Danny Kuntz' washing machine as advertised in the last Sentinel for \$130., should have read, \$30. A real bargain.

FOR SALE—Double deck beds, maple finish with guard rail and ladder; no springs or mattresses. Can also be used as twin beds. Call 43J.

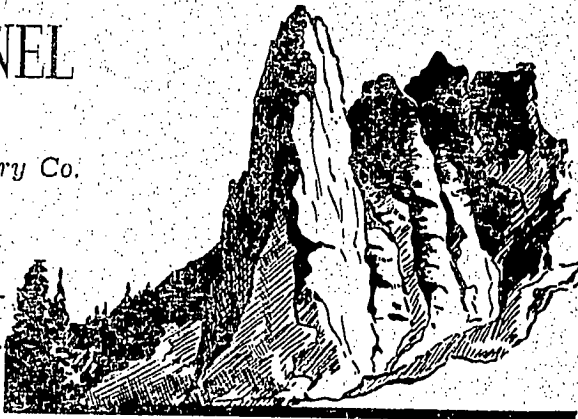
FOR SALE—Large refrigerator, gas stove & automatic washer. Chrome dinette table and chairs. 9x15 rug and pad. Five piece living room suite. Large mirror. 3 chests of drawers and dressing table with mirrors. Call Mrs. Barney Johnson.

FOR SALE—Carcordor Refrigerator in excellent condition. Deep freeze compartment. 5-year guarantee. See Mrs. Harold Solon, Camp 6, C 4.

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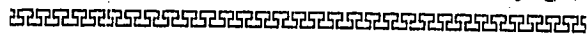
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NEW LODGE LONG PLANNED

The new main buildings of Yosemite Lodge, and Cedar Cottage in addition, were built and furnished in the period between September 1, 1955 and May 31, 1956. During these months there were flood, snow and rain to cope with, but the job was completed on schedule.

The speed with which this major undertaking was accomplished should not, however, suggest that the idea of a new Lodge was hastily conceived. In fact, there was talk of a replacement as far back as 1925, when the old main building was damaged by fire. But the newly formed Yosemite Park and Curry Co. was then committed to the construction of the million dollar Ahwahnee, and within the next few years the Company also built a new cafeteria and new dining room at Camp Curry, dormitories, apartments and dwelling houses for employees, and a new lodge in the Mariposa Grove. In 1932 it acquired the run down properties at Wawona and shortly afterward began the developments at Badger Pass.

In the depression years there was no need for a new Yosemite Lodge, or an old one either, for that matter. The whole unit was closed down for several seasons except for the rental of a few housekeeping cabins. The Company's major concern in this period was
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NEW LODGE TOUR SCHEDULES

All local people are cordially invited to inspect the new Yosemite Lodge public buildings on guided tours which will be arranged and announced soon, according to G. W. Goldsworthy, Y.P.C.Co. Hotel Division head. While there may be minor work yet to be finished, the new plant will be complete, for all practical purposes.

G. W. G. and Karl Munson, Lodge Manager, will be on hand to welcome locals for these "first looks" at the New Lodge.

COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE SUCCESSFUL

The annual Community Council fund raising drive for national welfare organizations and local youth groups has closed successfully with the established quota of \$2380.00 reached, according to Dr. Robert Riechers, Council President.

In the past four years, the local subscription list has risen from 41% of the Valley and El Portal population to this year's 68%. Individual returns indicate that some failed to subscribe because of their indifference to a particular organization. It should be noted that one's contribution can be assigned to only the groups or organizations of his choice.

The increased interest is most heartening and it is hoped that the upward trend will continue.

NEW LODGE GREAT STRIDE IN YOSEMITE PROGRESS

Since 1952, when a new 20-year contract was successfully negotiated between the Secretary of the Interior and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. for accommodations, goods, and services to be made available to the visiting public in Yosemite, the principal park concessioner has bent every effort to maintain and promote a high standard of public service. During contract negotiations the Company pledged the expenditure of \$1,000,000 toward new construction of needed facilities within a period of 5 years. I am pleased to state that this obligation in the public interest will now be met with the opening of new facilities at Yosemite Lodge and the eventual razing of the old Lodge structures.

We of the National Park Service are proud to be associated with the managers and employees of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. who have repeatedly demonstrated their interest in the public welfare of our park visitors. For many years Company management
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with survival rather than expansion.

Studies for the new Lodge were begun seriously in 1940, and plans were submitted and approved in the following year. Some materials had actually been purchased when Pearl Harbor indefinitely postponed the whole project.

In 1947 the National Park Service asked the Company to discard the approved plan. New studies were undertaken, and there was even a proposal to rebuild on a site further down the river. The Company preferred to remain in the same general area, and agreement was reached on a location not far from the present site, but on lower ground.

During much of this period the future was clouded by the announced objective of the Secretary of the Interior to eliminate private ownership of concessions. Moreover, the Company's 20-year contract would expire in 1952, with no real assurance of renewal. Still, the Board of Directors was willing to take a chance on a favorable outcome, and in 1950 Pine Cottage, the first unit of the new development, was completed.

In the following winter a flood swamped the ground floor of Pine Cottage and covered most of the area where the other new buildings were to go. The plans were revised to place all future construction above the flood line. Oak Cottage was built in 1953. During the following year there was some study given to the possibility of drastically remodeling the old main building and connecting it by a covered walkway to the former large laundry building, which would be converted to public space. This plan was soon abandoned as unsatisfactory.

In the summer of 1955 agreement was

reached with the National Park Service on the exact site and the general character of the new Yosemite Lodge main buildings and the conversion of the laundry into Cedar Cottage, a guest unit similar to Pine and Oak Cottages.

Preliminary plans, prepared by the Company's architect, Eldridge T. Spencer, were promptly approved by the Director of the Park Service. Working drawings and specifications followed, contracts were let and work was begun early last fall.

In his architectural concept of the buildings, Mr. Spencer has striven successfully to keep them unobtrusively low and simple in contour. The natural finish of redwood, the gravelled roofs, and the glass walls combine to create a pleasing effect of impermanence within the granite walls of Yosemite. The interiors were done by Mrs. Jeannette Dyer Spencer, the talented wife of the Company's architect. Mrs. Spencer has directed such work in Yosemite for many years and is responsible for the furnishings of The Ahwahnee. To this new project she has brought her expert knowledge of color, texture and design. General contractor in charge of the construction was Mr. Oscar Hedahl, of Redwood City. Supervisor on the job was Mr. Gordon Warren.

Cost of the new main buildings and Cedar Cottage is approximately one million dollars. Landscaping is still incomplete.

The remainder of the program for Yosemite Lodge calls for gradual replacement of cabins with additional buildings, generally similar to Pine, Oak, and Cedar Cottages and probably some small units.

H. Oehlmann

NEW LODGE GREAT STRIDE
IN YOSEMITE PROGRESS

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has made a great contribution to Yosemite as a public pleasuring ground. With the help and understanding of all government and Company employees who are working toward a common goal of public service, great strides will be made during the coming years to serve properly those who come here to thoroughly enjoy the grandeur that is Yosemite.

John C. Preston,
Superintendent

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

Spring, with all kinds of weather—heavy rains, thunder storms, lovely sunshine, dogwood and beautiful wildflowers, plus conventions has really arrived at The Ahwahnee. The Sweet Shop is now open with Margit Bolin in charge—hours 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at present. The Gift Shop is also now on summer schedule, and is open daily from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

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The Ahwahnee pitch and putt, with bright new flags is open for the season with Homer Armstrong in charge and Bob Mathews his assistant.

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Some newcomers are Alice Hart from Los Angeles at the switchboard; Kolff Breyman, late of Cooks Tours, on the front desk.

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All of us are glad Joe Thomas' mother is recuperating and Joe has returned from an emergency trip to Los Angeles.

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Jerry Siegal is the new elevator man on Joe's staff.

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Word was received that Jan Kernet, recently departed switchboard operator, was married to Paul Chapman in Los Angeles. Good luck, both.

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Irene Phfeiffer, as well as doing her usual waitress work is now The Ahwahnee decorator and her arrangements of wildflowers have been much admired.

YOSEMITE STABLES

Yosemite stables are now open for the season, Bob Barnett in charge for his 20th year of Y.P.C.Co. service. Vernon, Moge, Morris also back with some 16 years service. Another old-timer, Hilmer Torgerson, or Torgie, 15 years, has returned. The fourth member of the crew is Gene Nix. Gene has shod horses for our stables for over 11 years. Lloyd Bays, now recovered from a recent operation, is also back to work, his 17th season.

The Y.P.C.Co. stables is one of the largest in the world with around 250 head of horses,

mules, donkeys and ponies. Employees are entitled to ride at half-rate when horses are available. There will be a special burro picnic for local children at half-rate before the stables open up for guest riding. Be sure to watch for announcement of this event for children age 7 through 12 years.

THANK YOU!

Ray L. Meyer, (known to most of us as Frenchy) wants to take this means of saying "thank you" to the many fellows who were not at his stag party at Brantley's in El Portal but who shared in presenting him with a wedding gift. In the excitement and surprise that evening when he was presented with the gift, he *thinks* he thanked all those in attendance, but he isn't sure. After all, it is his first experience in getting married and it is all very exciting. So, now, he is including the whole list of names in a great big sincere THANK YOU.

Frenchy and Marthe Shreve were married on Thursday, May 10 and after a week's honeymoon are back in Yosemite. They hope their friends will drop in to see them in Camp 6.

NEW POST OFFICE MAIL HOURS

According to Postmaster W. J. Fitzpatrick, Post Office mail hours during the summer season which are now effective have been extended for outgoing mail to the following: regular mail now closes at 5 p.m., air mail and special delivery at 5:30 p.m. This is effective except Sundays and holidays.

WANTED: Electric range and refrigerator.

FOR SALE: Two 6:70 by 15 snow tires.

FOR SALE: 2-wheel luggage trailer, \$35.

FOR SALE: 1 pair boy's skis. Art Holmes, N. P. S.

FOR SALE: Montgomery Ward automatic washer, good condition, 2½ years old—\$70. See Carrol Clark, Ahwahnee kitchen.

FOR SALE: Four room furnished house in El Portal. \$1200. Mrs. Estep, P.O. Box 97.

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SNOW DEPTHS AND WATER CONTENT

The following data on snow depths may be of interest to those employees who deal in public information. Due to excessive snow depth and water content in the Yosemite High Sierra, there will probably be considerable delay in opening up the Tuolumne Meadows area to the visiting public.

Snow Survey results for the 1st of May, 1956:

	Snow depth inches	Water content inches
SNOW FLAT—elevation 8700:		
This year:	97.85	56.15
Last year:	85.32	38.92
Average:	78.00	42.5
GIN FLAT—elevation 7000:		
This year:	55.29	28.5
Last year:	40.29	15.27
Average:	58.9	25.7
OSTRANDER LAKE—elevation 8200:		
This year:	78.2	28.5
Last year:	64.33	26.13
Average:	64.00	29.00

WHAT! NO REDMEN?

Dorothy Conti, Martha's younger sister, now with the Hotel Division, relates the following conversation with a New York City friend before departing for work in Yosemite. Friend, learning that Dorothy was going west, asked where? Dorothy said to Yosemite National Park. Friend inquired to do what. Dorothy: to work in reservations. What tribe? asks friend.

(Hope those easterners never learn. No more jokes).

HOSPITAL NOTES

Born: on April 24, a daughter, Susan Eileen, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maynard, 8lbs, 12oz.

On April 25, a daughter, Carmel Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brantley (El Portal) weight, 6lbs.

On vacation at Newport Beach for a week went the Riechers family and from all reports they're enjoying themselves thoroughly. Also spending a week in San Francisco was Clare Phillips, while Anne Bouser is vacationing in S. California and Missouri.

Dr. Sturm attended the convention of the California Medical Assn in Los Angeles, while Mr.s Sturm and Danny accompanied him on the trip.

Miss Barbara Hand, R.N., from Costa Mesa arrived in May to become our new surgical nurse. A familiar face once again on the staff is Amy Bowman who returned on May 15 for a few weeks.

OLD CLOTHING RELIEF DRIVE

REMEMBER! May 26 is pick up day for the Clothing Drive. So, don't throw away those old clothes. There's great need for them in many parts of the world. Gather them up. You'll be visited by volunteer workers who will take them.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Glen Gallison and Regional Director Lawrence C. Merriam participated recently on the "Explorers of Tomorrow" program of KRON-TV, San Francisco, a 30-minute program produced by the California Academy of Sciences. The third participant on the program was Paul Pritchard of the sixth grade, West Portal School, San Francisco. This 30-minute public service series of television programs is to interest boys and girls in future science careers.

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Messrs. Murdock, Nelson, Evans, Mulla- dy and McIntyre were the Yosemite representatives at the Sierra National Forest, Personnel and Management Training Conference held at North Fork, California.

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Superintendent John C. Preston reports that the following personnel changes in the Yosemite staff will take place in the immediate future:

JOHN MAHONEY—leaves May 16 for Muir Woods National Monument, Mill Valley, California as Superintendent.

JOHN MULLADY—reports June 4 for Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, Arizona (Ajo, Arizona) as Chief Ranger.

ARTHUR HOLMES reports June 3 for Coulee Dam Recreation Area, Washington as Chief Ranger.

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A note has been received from Will and Margaret Ellis thanking all their friends in the park for the generous retirement gift toward a new TV set. Will and Margaret want it understood that very shortly they will be expecting park friends to drop in on them at their new home, 641 South Kaweah Avenue, Exeter, California.

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NEW LODGE CEREMONY

The new Yosemite Lodge was the scene of a semi-formal "opening" recently when 180 out-of-town guests attended a reception and dinner commemorating the occupation and use of the new plant. Among those present were newspaper and magazine representatives, travel and hotel people, Mariposa County business and civic people and members of the Golden Chain Council in the Mother Lode area. Honored at the head table were: Thomas F. Flynn, Jr., Executive Staff Assistant to Assistant Secretary of the Interior; Clark Stratton, Chief Concessions Management, Washington, D.C.; Lawrence C. Merriam, National Park Service Regional Director; Sanford Hill, Chief, Western Office of Design and Construction; Fred Johnston, Regional Chief of Operations; John C. Preston, Keith Neilson, and Thomas J. Allen, Superintendent, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks; Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder, Hilmer Oehlmann and Walter Starr, Chairman, Board of Directors, Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

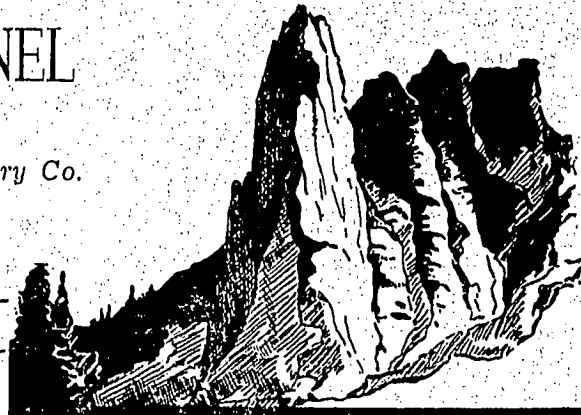
Superintendent John Preston, Hilmer Oehlmann and Mary Tresidder made short addresses highlighting the history of the Lodge planning and construction.

After dinner, guests were taken to The Ahwahnee for a view of the Firefall. On their return to the Lodge, the introductory presentation of a new Yosemite film, "Yosemite High Sierra Trails," was made.

VILLAGE STORIES

Andy Koller, wintertime chronicler of life in the Old Village Store has been forced, by the press of business, to lay aside his typewriter for the more meaty chores of tending his shop. He is now assisted by amiable Fred Stocker, clever with the cleaver, but more restrained in his punning.

We shall miss Andy's regular contribu-



tions and hope that perhaps next fall he can grind out more anecdotes about his fellow-workers. Meanwhile, we submit the following news, knowing it to be a poor substitute for Andy's work.

Major improvements around the plant are the "drugateria" and the expanded toy section. Both departments offer some three times the variety and the prices are down a bit. Syd Carter is now the manager of the fishing department. Syd, we find, is ready with "where to catch them and with what" information.

New faces here and there are Dorothy Darsie and Warren Arnett, both from Riverside, Bill Herzog from Fresno and Darrol Ashland, Phoenix. Don Schrader has left the OVS and is now operating the Camp 14 Store. Don Taber, here last summer, is back with us after having wintered at Furnace Creek Ranch and Death Valley where he managed the store. He and Pauline Landy are in the clothing department with Lucille Cooper.

Jack Ring, Store Manager, never one to pass up a chance to sell his wares, says that three excellent types of the popular rubber mattresses are available now. But, they are going fast!

Bob Cromer, Jack's assistant, is always around to aid in locating lost mothers.

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THE ANNUAL  
EMPLOYEES' ART EXHIBIT  
is again to be held at the  
CAMP CURRY CAFETERIA  
AUGUST 1 to AUGUST 7

(Please frame or mat your exhibit)

For Information see  
GERTRUDE GREENWALD  
Camp Curry Cafeteria Pantry  
between 1 and 2 p.m.

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CAMP CURRY NEWS

Camp Curry is finally under full sail with all fronts open and operating.

Gazing around the Camp we see a lot of old faces as well as a number of new ones. The new office staff includes Allan Clark, Frank O'Connor. Julie Brun is back as head cashier and Pat Oliver will serve as information girl. The good old switchboard has been replaced by a bank of pay phones as well as a fine directory cabinet. Got anybody you want to look up in Tacoma, Seattle or Reno? We have the directories!

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Chef Rasmussen returned to open the Dining Room and under him is John Pincini, serving it up in the Cafeteria. Dorothy White is managing the cafeteria and the dining room is headed by Robert Wood who comes to us from the El Mirado in Palm Springs. Melva Reese, Alice and Evelyn Waghorne are in the dining room and in addition Juanita Raborn, who forsook the Housekeeping Camp to come across the river.

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Freida Lienert, after a winter sojourn in Switzerland, is back as housekeeper, assisting Edith Nelson and Bea Llewellyn. Our staff in that department is again complimented by the addition of 15 girls from the Sherman Institute in Riverside as well as a number of boys from Phoenix who are working under the guidance of Chet (ski instructor) Hubbard.

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Boys' Town and the Terrace are brimful, keeping Mr. and Mrs. Chester Miller on one hand and Anita Fuller on the other busy. Wiwona Harper guides the Gift Shop destinies; "Rabbitt" Riojas runs the Pool; and, probably by the time this gets into print, Mrs. Whittaker will be in the Kiddie Kamp, and Sid Hoff on the bandstand.

We're off, full steam ahead, having just pulled out of port and Captains Dick Connert and John Curry promise you'll hear more of us during the cruise. Just wait until we take some of those American Express side trips ashore!

EMPLOYEE AWARDS

Miss Pat Oliver has received a \$5.00 award for her suggestion that stamp machines be placed in the Camp Curry Front Office Information Desk.

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Phillip Foster, a Yosemite Lodge Houseman has received a \$5.00 award for a suggestion that the electric cords on the refrigerators in the Housekeeping Cabins be suspended from the wall with springs. This would keep them off the floor so they are not damaged by water from mopping.

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Helen Ledson has received a \$5.00 award for her suggestion to have nameplates on the various ski tows at Badger Pass and that directional signs be placed in strategic locations.

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Fred Pierson, Ahwahnee Chef, has received a \$5.00 award for his suggestion that proper cigar storage be installed at The Ahwahnee Gift Shop.

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Miss Valjean Jackson has received a \$5.00 award for her suggestion that Mid-week Ski Special ticket holders be given a check so they could have coffee and dessert in the afternoon rather than at lunch time if they wished to. Miss Jackson also received a \$10.00 award for her suggestion that pots of coffee be served at Badger Pass.

AHWAHNEE NEWS

The hectic, varied and busier-than-ever Ahwahnee convention season's over, leaving a somewhat hazy and kaleidoscopic hindsight of people—all kinds, committees, meetings, speeches, big crowds, plus plenty of fun and frolic for all.

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The most glorious spring has, far to fast, slid into early summer with its promises of lots of "peak" and not much "Valley."

YOSEMITE SENTINEL

Glad to have Mrs. Tresidder back from her trip abroad. And lots of familiar faces have already returned for the summer season: Jane Foushee in the Sweet Shop; Ray Neal in the Dining Room; Pat Oliver at the Switchboard; Benny Narra in Fred's Salad Dept., and Bob Monteith (now a married man) in the Bar—just to mention a few.

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Congratulations go to George deBacker, now our manager's assistant, and also to Ralph Lundberg who announced his engagement to Evelyn Sherrod of Modesto.

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With the tricky new telephone dial system came Donna Donielson to our switchboard, bringing with her her years of Government switchboard experience, plus her smile and gift of easy friendship for all.

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Welcome to newcomers Howard Maynard, Transportation Desk; Ben Brown, Front Desk; Henry Schwartz, Dining Room and Front Desk relief; the four Mississippi boys, Dining Room; Evelyn Frederickson and Jean Turner, Gift Shop; and Calvin Crane on the elevator.

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May Batten, Gift Shop, left for San Francisco, and with her go our sincere wishes for a happy summer. We will all miss May very much.

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Another happy event—the reception at The Ahwahnee following the marriage of Ruth White, (last summer's charming young Yosemite Lodge hostess) and Doctor Alan Scott, who was at the Lewis Memorial Hospital last summer. They have left for Minnesota where Alan will intern for a year.

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So here we go for a big summer, and now that Don and Lewis of the Tritones are singing the "Indian Love Call" for the nightly Firefall, it must already be here.

STANDARD STATION

The Standard Station at Camp Curry is now open all day and night, according to Sturge Culver and Don Coffman.

HERE AND THERE

The Yosemite Housekeeping Camp is now fully organized for the heavy load of visitors this year. The setting-up operation was directed by new manager, Bob Maynard, a permanent resident of Yosemite for the past five years.

The Camp Store opened last week after some fast stocking by Mgr. John Bourque and assistants R. L. McKnight and Tom Christiansen. Store hours are presently 8 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. We are happy to see that Mr. McKnight's knee is O.K. now after he wrenched it badly.

Some 20 men and women are now working at the Camp. Ten more are expected in the next few days, which will bring the staff to full complement.

Over at nearby Camp Stoneman Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rick have arrived for their 3rd season as overseers of that establishment. Mr. Rick says he likes his job except for the nights when he has to rout bears out of the Camp. In these instances he sails into the fray armed with a dishpan and flashlight. At the sound of dishpan pounding the bear always leaves, Rick relates.

CHURCH PROGRAM

Summer Youth Fellowship of Yosemite Park Church is now underway. Regular meetings are held each week on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at the Old Village Chapel and the Church Camp, respectively.

All youth—be they "seekers of education" in the Park for a summer change or year-around young business-people—are invited to all activities of the group.

Interesting programs are being planned with creativity as the key word for the Sunday evenings. Opportunities for questions will be ample and stimulating discussions will be encouraged. Recreation on the Camp beach will be the feature for Wednesday nights.

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The following trails in and about Yosemite Valley are now open for public use: Vernal and Nevada Falls Trail to the top; Eleven Mile Trail to Glacier Point; Four Mile Trail to Glacier Point; Merced Lake Trail; Half Dome Trail to the top; Sierra Point Trail; and all Yosemite Valley floor Trails except the Lost Arrow footpath at lower Yosemite Falls where the Christmas flood demolished the bridge over the stream.

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The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship Commission announces to Yosemite residents that applications can now be made for the annual scholarships for children of residents. Two scholarships are available, the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship, the funds for which are collected through the Community Council, and the David A. Curry Scholarship. Funds for the latter are provided by Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder in memory of her father.

Awarding of the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship is made on the basis of scholarship and need, while the warding of the David A. Curry Scholarship requires a "B" or better scholastic average for consideration.

Application for both of these scholarships can be obtained from Gene Ottonello, Secretary, or from Emil F. Ernst, Chairman, respectively of the Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship Commission.

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Word has been received of the passing of Gertrude "Cosie" Hutchings Mills, second daughter and child of James Mason Hutchings, Yosemite Pioneer. Gertrude was born in the Hutchings Hotel on the 5th of October in 1867 and lived to well over 88 years. Long life appears to have been a family characteristic. Her mother died at 75, her father, James Hutchings, died by accident at 83, and her paternal grandmother died at over 100 years of age.

"Cosie" Hutchings, with her sister Florence who was the first white child born in the Yosemite Valley, attended the first grade school established in the Valley in 1875. Her father was one of the trustees of the newly

created school of the times. "Cosie" graduated from Swarthmore and she returned to the scenes of her childhood to teach at times in the Wawona and the Yosemite Valley Schools.

In recent years she lived with one of her sons, William E. Mills, Jr., at Stamford, Connecticut. During these years she returned once again to the Yosemite area for a sojourn of approximately three years, revisiting many of the scenes she knew as a child. Local residents marvelled at her stamina and ability to withstand the freezing temperatures, notably in the Tuolumne Meadows area. At her advanced age of well over 75 years, she camped out on the ground and climbed several of the peaks in the vicinity.

Her name of "Cosie" had an interesting beginning. In 1871 Therese Yelverton (Lady Avonmore) spent several months with the Hutchings family in Yosemite Valley. Therese Yelverton was on a world tour to forget her trying ordeal suffered in a celebrated divorce case. She wrote a fanciful tale entitled "Zanita" set in the Yosemite Valley and employed a number of local characters who can readily be distinguished. Cosie's sister, Florence, was the heroine and Gertrude appears in the story in her acquired nickname of "Cosie." To Yosemite people she was henceforth known as "Cosie."

Thus, another real old-timer connected with the very early days of Yosemite has passed to her reward.

FORD FILMS YOSEMITE

The Ford Motor Company of Dearborn, Michigan, has a writer-director and cameraman in the Park at work shooting a thirteen-minute, 16MM color film. The film will be used for television release and distribution through Ford division offices for use by service clubs, schools, etc.

While the film is as yet untitled, it will present the usual beauties of Yosemite but with particular emphasis on the "out-of-the-way areas and the High Sierra sections.

FOR SALE—Girl's balloon tire bicycle. Very good condition—\$10. Call Ashley, FR 2-4775.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

The Ahwahnee's "Auto Row" is really something, what with Tony and Pat Laszewski's new Mercedes Benz; Fred and Tam's bright green Cadillac; Ruel Bell's new M.G.; Annie Oney's and Ralph Lundberg's new Chevies; Gloria Hansen's Volkswagon—not to mention Bob Reed's (still new) pale blue Austin Healey—really something to see! Claude LaChance and Pat Oliver say they're still riding bicycles.

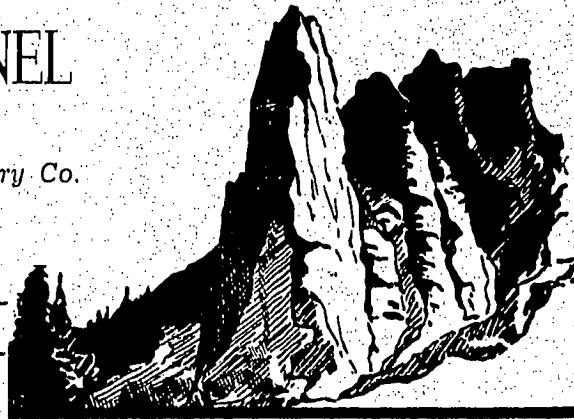
Jim Gerlock is new relief clerk at the Front Desk; Sidney Yakowitz, Stanford pre-med student is the new elevator man and Evelyn Mengel is here from San Francisco in the Gift Shop. The Gift Shop's new drug stand is doing big business; also, The Ahwahnee now has cigarette machines to make life simpler. And don't miss seeing those new toy shaggy donkeys, monkeys, elephants and poodles. All neurotic with bright lights sparkling out of their woolly eyes—and are guaranteed to keep sparkling that way for one whole year.

Paul Sylvest's Barber Shop open and busy. And don't forget to bring those dusty shoes in for Tommy Blackwell. He guarantees a real shine job for both ladies and men.

Carol Clark is busier than usual these days, doing a top chef. job for the twice-a-week guest barbecues down Rocky Point way. Butcher Bill Kemmer is wearing a big smile—his new Hobart electric meat saw is really something. It's a great time saver, and will even play tunes, says Bill.

Ben Brown, Front Desk, pleased many guests and friends when he showed his European slides—really unusually fine. Faye Wright was there and has already got that travel glint in her eye. Fay is getting all set for her European trip come fall.

The Indian Room's Cocktail Lounge on the Terrace is quite the best place to see the Firefall, now back to 9 p.m. Houseman-de-



moving job on the East Terrace nightly, which proves—if we need proof—that summer is really in full swing. Harry Nolan is back to his old chair-

BLUE MOON DANCE

The moon will hang blue in the sky August 21 to light the annual Blue Moon Formal sponsored by Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Student Council. To be held on The Ahwahnee tennis courts, from 8:30 to 11 p.m. There will be refreshments, and prizes for the most outstanding corsage. Dress will be semi-formal. Gentlemen, save up a dollar and seventy-five cents and take your best girl to this outstanding affair!

CUPID BUSY

The little man with the cherubic smile and the quiver full of darts has scored at least six times this summer, according to Thoma Moran, Tecoya women's dorm housekeeper. Announcing intentions have been Nancy Hooley and Bud Wales; Carol Goodwin and Sutherland; Dorothy Darsie and Herbert Seamen; Shirley Reed and Bill Nichols; Harriet Bouser and George White; Ronnie Kellogg and George Slack; Gloria Christensen and Lynn Bennett. The last two had planned the step before coming to the park. Good luck, young people.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Winifred Wiswall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Wiswall of El Portal, and Robert McFarland, Y.P.C.Co., Camp Curry dining room employee have announced their engagement, though their wedding plans are, at this point, indefinite. Robert is from Fruita, Colorado and is a former USAF serviceman. Winifred is with the Western Union office here.

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CAMP CURRY NEWS

People are talking about—the wonderful music that Sid Hoff and group are making. "Best in years" seems to be the comment.

The crowds that fill the Curry pool. Or did until the Lodge pool opened.

The flying trip that Glenn Willard took to New York to appear on the Arthur Godfrey Show on July 9. Too bad the local store was fresh out of television tubes that night. The superb music supplied by the Bohemian Club group at the entertainment during June. Especially noteworthy were the renditions of "Rusty Old Halo" and "McNamaras Band."

The music appreciation hours from 5 to 6.

The wedding on July 28 of Oscar Temple and Darlene Evans of the dining room.

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On the guest front:

The recent impromptu reception at Camp given by Mr. and Mrs. Desmond Kidney (Ann Ashley) after their surprise marriage at the Church Bowl.

WAWONA GOLF PRO TO FRONT

Eddie Joseph, Wawona golf pro, shot a four under par 68 at Del Monte to win the Northern California P. G. A. tournament. Also, Joseph teamed with John Lamb of Monterey, won the pro-amateur division with a best ball 61, a new course record.

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION

According to Milton Baker, Mariposa High School Principal, high school registration this year will be between the hours of 8 a.m. and 12 noon and between 1 and 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, August 7 through 31, and Tuesday and Wednesday, September 4 and 5. Pre-registration students can usually work out any schedule difficulties much more satisfactorily than waiting until the first day of school.

LOWELL LEDSON PASSES

Lowell Ledson, youngest of four Ledson brothers, died August 10th at his home in Cathay Valley after a long illness. He is survived by his widow Loretta, his mother, Mrs. Stanley Ledson of Seaside, two sisters, Mrs. Roy Sprouse of Seaside and Mrs. Dalton Cameron of Merced, brothers Syd and George of Yosemite and Robert of San Francisco.

Ledson first came to the Yosemite area in 1926. He and Loretta moved to their ranch in Cathay Valley in 1951.

Rosary services were held Sunday, August 11 at Tiscornia and Ivers in Merced with interment the next day in Mariposa.

Helen and Syd Ledson would like to thank all who sent flowers and to express their appreciation to those who had done so many things for Lowell in the years past.

BIG TREES NEWS

Since the Big Trees Lodge opened, business has been good. However, with some of our old staff on the job, everything has been under control. Here again, are Mickie Fenton, Ward White, Viola Kerr and Annie Soria.

Also, Van Yahner, baker, Gene Hollandworth, man of many duties, Hazel Clark and Jane Wigston, servers, Ted Munson, houseman-porter. We were sorry to say farewell to Kay Lampman who left us to go out for medical treatment. Newest to join us is Muc-teba Ahmet Erkman (Mike to us), a Turkish lad from Istanbul, and a student of Engineering at Heald's College in San Francisco.

The studio people, Ruth Beckwith, Esther Shively, Dolly Moore and Gretchen Potter, busy as they are, manage to lend a hand

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during the busy lunch rush. Thanks, girls.

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A platoon of assorted buses descended on us recently bearing some 100 nurserymen and women from all over the United States. Escorts describing the flora were especially wary in their descriptions as the nursery people were quite knowledgeable about even our most minute algae.

EMPLOYEE RECREATION

Free Employee Swims

Each Tuesday and Friday from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. the Curry Pool has been teeming with employees. Bring your own suit and towel and smile at the gateman. That's all it costs.

NEW SIGHTSEEING BUS

In order to make the sightseeing trip through the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees more pleasant, the Y. T. S. has put into service an open, thirty-three passenger car built especially for the job. Mounted on a GMC truck chassis, the low, flat bed has been lengthened and equipped with four-wide seats. Tour and sightseeing passengers are taken to the Big Trees Lodge in the GMC or Flexible buses, then transferred to the new vehicle for the upper grove trip.

MOBILE X-RAY VISIT

Valley residents may avail themselves of the service of the Red Cross Mobile X-Ray Unit which will be in the Valley Tuesday, September 4. Chest X-rays are free, no appointment is necessary. After the X-ray is made, the clinical interpretation is mailed to the individual.

Funds for the cost of the Yosemite visit are supplied by the Mariposa Tuberculosis Association, which is supported by annual Christmas Seal sales.

Date, September 4. Time, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. and from 5 to 7 p.m. Place, in parking area adjacent to Yosemite Museum.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. George Murphy wish to extend thanks for the sympathy and kindness of their many friends in Yosemite upon the passing of their beloved five-month old daughter, Kathleen Lois, on May 16.

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Recent official visitors to the park included Messrs. Richard E. McArdle, Chief, U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D.C.; Charles A. Connaughton, Regional Forester, San Francisco; George S. James, Assistant Regional Forester, San Francisco; and Russell McRorey, Forest Supervisor, Stanislaus National Forest, Sonora, California.

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At the May meeting of the Central San Joaquin Valley Federal Safety Council in Yosemite two National Park Service personnel from separate areas were elected to the Executive Board: J. Barton Herschler, Superintendent, Millerton Lake National Recreation Area, Friant, California, and Robert N. McIntyre, Management Assistant, Yosemite were each elected to a term of two years.

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Four new National Park Service employees have reported for duty on the park staff: Mr. Norris Udell of Merced as Assistant Park Engineer with a family of four; Mr. Delmer Armstrong of Mount Rainier National Park as Park Biologist with a family of three; Mr. Frank J. Betts of Rocky Mountain National Park as Park Ranger with a family of three; and Mr. Herbert D. Cornell of Joshua Tree National Monument as Park Ranger.

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During the recent orientation and indoctrination training period for seasonal Park Rangers and Ranger Naturalists just ended in Yosemite, Park Superintendent John C. Preston presented to Dr. Carl Sharsmith the Meritorious Service Award of the Secretary of the Interior for completing 23 seasons as an outstanding Ranger Naturalist.

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Dr. Carl Sharsmith, professor of the biology department, San Jose State College, has made an enviable reputation as an interpreter of Yosemite National Park during his many seasons at Tuolumne.

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In the presentation of the award Superintendent Preston made the following statement regarding Dr. Sharsmith's meritorious service in Yosemite:

"In his 23 summers of duty Dr. Sharsmith has been an inspiration to younger men in the National Park Service, both permanent and seasonal. His comprehension of the aims and ideals of the Service is combined with an ability to impart this to others, both visitors and co-workers. Without reservation we can say that the interpretive program—nature walks, hikes, and campfires—conducted by this Ranger-Naturalist could be cited as an example of the ideals for which the Service should strive. At least two generations of park visitors at Tuolumne Meadows have enjoyed the friendly teaching of an outstanding educator and a great naturalist."

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JUNIOR BASEBALL

The local junior baseball team has made three trips to Mariposa for games, two with the Mariposa All-Stars, and the third against the Merced All-Stars, who obligingly met our boys half way when Harold Bondshu, Mariposa mentor cancelled out the rubber game at the last minute.

The first contest found the Yosemite team on the short end of a 9 to 3 score. Batting was Yosemite's main trouble, the local boys never having had practice at swatting the smaller, faster-pitched ball. In fact, they had never played hard ball at all, the local, weed-grown lot being too bumpy and small.

The second game whittled the margin down, the score being 7 to 5, Mariposa on top. The team was all fired up for the clincher on August 15 when Harold Bondshu, who manages the Mariposa Little League, called Coach Rust the day of the game and cancelled out. Rusty got busy and arranged a game with the Merced All-Stars who came to Mariposa for a game.

The first four innings were scoreless. Then, in the top of the fifth, Merced got a homer with two on. The Yosemite Badgers rallied to their predicament with Petersen and Lamkin both tripling with men on. This left the score Yosemite 6, Merced 3. Darkness caused the umpire to call the game, with everyone satisfied that there had been a fair contest. Mike Waldron, on the mound struck out twelve batters.

Others on the squad have been, Randy Rust, Gordon Glass, Bob Reichers, Chris Foeger, Tim and Henny Berrey, Bill Overton, Danny Sturm, Mike McElligott and Pete Hansen.

Perhaps as much fun as the games have been the after-game at Emil and Les Trabucco's, swims and the hamburger and malt dinners at the Dairy Dell.

Besides Rusty, helping in various fashions have been Al Glass, Luggi Foeger, Avery Sturm, Bob Reichers, Ed Waldron, Bob Lamkin.

WANT ADS

Man's balloon tired bike—\$18. Woman's balloon tired bike—\$18. Woman's light weight thin tired bike—\$18. See Lawrie Brown. Camp Curry Bike Stand.

Living room rug and pad. All wool Axminster 9'x15'—\$65. Also, Hollywood bed frame—adjustable, \$5. See Mrs. Barney Johnson, Camp 6.

Knight 20-watt Hi-Fi amplifier with GE pre-amp. Good condition—\$30. See Doug Hubbard, FR 2-4893.

Two-bedroom house in El Portal. Tin roof. Fenced yard. Lot No. 14, Tresidders. \$2000. See Pauline Landy, El Portal or telephone FR 2-4384.

For Rent: Two room furnished house at Incline (near Indian Flat) \$50 per month. Call S. Blackwell after 11:30 p.m. at Camp Curry Front Office.

Found: Fraternity pin. Owner may identify and claim it at the Personnel Office.

For Sale. 1951 DeSoto Club Coupe. Good condition. \$385. See Ronnie Kuntz or call FR 2-4861.

For Sale. Piano. Starr Upright. Good condition, just tuned. Call Fran Hubbard at FR 2-4893.

NEW POST OFFICE HOURS

Assistant Postmaster Leroy Rust recently announced that, effective September 4, mail will close at 3:30 p.m. This change is made necessary because repair work on the Merced highway will make it necessary for the mail truck to clear the early traffic controls.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

Well, here's that time of year again! With that blue haze on the hills; a glint more gold in the sun; a feeling of quietness ahead, and that overwhelming yearning to just plain sit on a rock in the High Country becomes paramount in mind, body and soul. What a summer—and where did it go? Ahwahnee tennis courts again proved a lovely setting for the 1956 Blue Moon Formal. Lots of lovely girls and young men; but now so many of them have left.

Ben Brown, front desk, off to Harvard, after winning for himself that two day stint, sitting at the Sergeant of Arms table at the GOP convention in San Francisco.

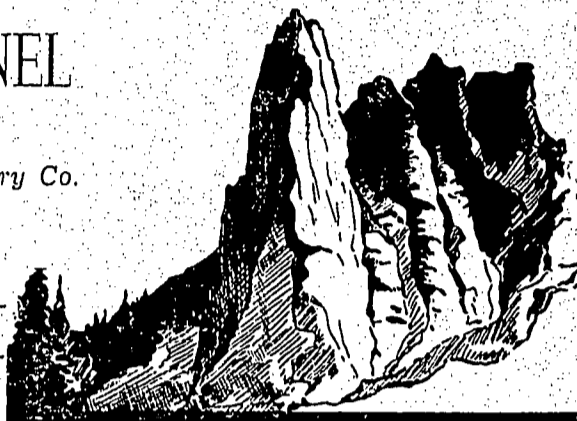
Ray Neal off to the law books in San Francisco; Jean Turner leaves The Ahwahnee Gift Shop, and Howard Maynard is off to U.C. in Berkeley. George de Backer reports so many of the college girls, the Mississippi boys and others are also packing their bags and are leaving the dining room. It's definitely that time of year. Margit Bolin and Gloria Hansen are off, believe it or not, to carry the trays on the luxury liner, "Mariposa's" maiden voyage to Australia and the South Pacific. Sounds wonderful.

Faye Wright's already enroute to Italy, and reports having a wonderful time.

We'll miss them all.

Kolff Breyman represented The Ahwahnee on that wonderful employee's six-day pack trip in the High Country. Chuck Friman takes over in the Store Room. Wayne Whiteman leaves the Store Room to be on the Front Desk, and so it goes.

The Ahwahnee has had lots of lovely weddings this spring and summer, and Pat Phillips fall wedding was yet another lovely affair. Bob Mathews and Barbara Holaday announced their engagement, and plan a next-June wedding.



Everyone here so glad to see Luggi Foeger back among his flowers and grounds at the hotel after a hospital stint. And Bob Reeds is to be congratulated—he's presently in Hollywood adding some more talented lines to his already accepted movie script. And, believe it or not, there's one more brand new dial telephone at The Ahwahnee. Guess where—

LODGE PODGE

New Lodge—New Faces

With the fall season upon us and winter drawing near we wish to welcome the new employees.

Starting at the front office and desk, we are looking forward to the return of Duke Doucette from Wawona, who will replace Dana Morgenson, who has returned to the Accounting Office. New desk clerks are Corine Albinson from San Francisco and Chuck Whitney from Los Angeles. A few familiar old faces—a few old familiar faces??, Bob Stone, chief clerk, Gladys Reed, and Nancy Young.

Across the way in the cafeteria and coffee shop, John Curry, the new Assistant Manager in charge of both units, is looking forward to an active season with his fall crew. Some of the new employees on the cafeteria staff are: Grace Adkins, Diana Dennis, Marcia Gipson, John Gilchrist, Dorothy Gooding, Yvonne Grandmain, Mary Helfrich, Mary Hughes, Nigel Kermod, Laurence Lee, Celestine Lopez, Myrta McMurty, Keeler Nall, Barbara Rivera, Rudy Schaarschmidt, Anna Schrader, Marion Stoup, Forrest Toman and Florence Young.

Next door in the coffee shop there has been an almost complete influx of new employees. New members of the staff are Eleanor King, Phyllis Corby, Janie Dean, Alice Goode, Delores Key, Emily Leeman, Kelsey

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McMullen, Ken Meacham, Vivian Parker, Michael Raspberry, Laurence Stickney, Michael Tann, Emily Taylor, Sally Twitty, Sharon Ware, Annette Grandmain and Dee McClain. We must not forget to mention one other shiny new face and that is the gold clock that mounted on the coffee shop wall.

Working behind the counters at the souvenir shop we have Winona Harper from the Camp Curry studio, Anne Grimm from Pohono studio, Miriam Dodd, Louise Keller and Marian Kuntz under the management of Mrs. George Oliver.

The only new faces next door in the post office are those posted on the wall. John Hansen, Charlotte Ewing will be with us for another season distributing mail from the windows.

Have you noticed the new decoration in the Tent Room? No, not Ade Harders or Glen Power, but the liquor case ends nailed to the wall at the end of the room.

Checking in each morning with Myron Stone, Housekeeper, at the green cabin opposite, we find Alix Burr, Edith Bowne, Agnes Castro, Therese Cramer, Margaret Clark, Fred Dawson, Phil Foster, Charles Friend, Inez Glover, John Golebowski, Joan Green, Marie Jessup, Sadie Larriviere, Ruth Loynd, Hazel Magill, Leo Monroe, Marie Montgomery, Fannie Overton, Rose Price, Helen Rowe, Amy Rhoan, George Riley, William Shea, Elberta Smith, William Vogt, James Walsh, Alice Wilson, Emma White, Wesley Wilson, Rose Wood, Eileen Wright.

Back in the kitchen where Earl Pierson, chef, still reigns we have a few changes in departments this fall. Ed Benson has left and head baker is Richard Broughton, with the assistance of Roy Carpenter. Tom Anton is head pantryman and the butcher shop remains the same with Joe Groschup and Roy

Abbitt. Over on the northern side of the kitchen we find Raymond "Frenchy" Myers who stated, "Martha and I are going to have a son in March."

Throughout the entire Lodge we have new faces, familiar ones, and some yet to come.

CAMP CURRY NEWS

Camp Curry has settled itself down to a small group after a busy summer season.

The desk is being manned by Grant Dorland, Carl Stephens (who recently returned from a summer spent in the Philippines), and Juanita Raborn. Mildred Michaels and Julie Brun have transferred to Paymasters Office and The Ahwahnee respectively.

Chet Tatoian and Roger Clayton are doing the honors on "the fronts," while Keith Whitfield, Chet Hubbard and Joe Rodhe are putting away the camp. Freida Lienert and her group are still busy with housekeeping details. If you don't believe it, look at the September housecounts.

Returning for the winter season as housekeeper will be Hilda Rust. It is planned to keep the summer office open until after the Architect's Convention in October.

WANT ADS

For Sale—16' Terry house trailer. 1955 model, in excellent condition. Cost \$1300. Yours for \$850. See Ranger Don Cornell at NPS Headquarters.

For Sale—Bicycles. 26" women's bikes. Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand.

For Sale—Chesterfield, \$25, Lounge chair, \$15, 2 occasional chairs at \$7 each, Electrolux vacuum cleaner, \$10. All used and in fair condition. Wendell Otter, phone FR 2-4411.

For Sale—'46 Plymouth 5-pass. coupe. Good tires, good running condition, \$130. Contact Jane Foushee, Ahwahnee dining room.

We wish to express our appreciation to our many friends in the park for their cards and thoughts of sympathy of my mother, Mrs. Lillie Knox, of Long Beach.

Evelyn and Pat Knox.

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YOSEMITE WOMENS' GROUP MEETS

The "kickoff" meeting of the Yosemite Womens' Group will be held on Thursday, October 18. There will be a luncheon at The Ahwahnee at 12:45 and the business meeting and program at 2 p.m. Reservations for the luncheon must be made by Wednesday, October 17 and the price of the luncheon is \$1.50.

The program promises to be very interesting with Anne Truex of the Borden's Milk Company as the principal speaker. Miss Truex has appeared on many radio and TV shows, and has her own radio show on KLX every Monday through Friday.

All women and their friends are welcome to these meetings and it is an excellent way to get to know your neighbors. It is hoped that this year will see more and more ladies in attendance. Mary Proctor, program chairman, has an interesting variety of programs for the coming months. So, come one, come all, and bring your friends to the October 18 meeting!

P.S. Miss Treux will speak on "Cooking as an Art."

HOSPITAL NEWS

Miss Margaret Burns has replaced Marian Smith as Hospital Secretary. Miss Smith is attending San Jose State College this fall. Miss Burns is from London, England. We hope she will like our Yosemite country life.

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Miss Diane Johnson R.N., has replaced Anne Bouser on our staff. Anne is in Southern California at present, but we expect to see her back on the ski slopes this winter.

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Vacation bound—Mrs. Isabelle Thompson for the Blue Grass of Louisville, Kentucky. Norma Conti and Arlene Summers to Eureka and San Francisco. The Riechers family off for Colorado.

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With the fall season on, may we remind you—there are no office hours Sunday and Wednesday afternoons. (Emergencies only). Morning hours are as usual, 10 to 12.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The Chief Ranger's Office has announced that as of August 31, park travel shows a gain of 87,265 visitors over the same period in 1955. This amounts to an increase of 10.6 percent over last year. The gain for August alone was 23.9 percent. It appears that travel to Yosemite during the 1956 calendar year will be in excess of one million visitors. We may set a new travel record for the park.

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Park Naturalist Doug Hubbard reports that the Yosemite Museum hours will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., September through May of the coming year. New museum exhibits include an animal track game with electrical contacts to add to visitor enjoyment and an attractive exhibit of old and modern skis. The annual glacier survey of Yosemite's glaciers will start on the last week in September.

In order that the Yosemite Museum may build up a reserve collection of back issues of Yosemite Nature Notes, kindly contact the office of the park naturalist if you have old issues which you would care to donate for this worthy project.

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At his park staff meeting in August, Superintendent Preston presented to Mr. Samuel R. Bagley, Foreman of Refuse Collection an award of \$75 recommended by Regional Director Lawrence C. Merriam for the invention and installation of a garbage can washer at the valley incinerator. The originality and ingenuity displayed by Mr. Bagley, along with his initiative in building and installing the new machine, is in keeping with the fine tradition of government career employees who have rendered great service to the public over the years. Superintendent Preston and members of the Incentive Awards Committee of the Region Four Office of the National Park Service sincerely congratulate Mr. Bagley on his splendid achievement.

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Mr. Charles Young of the Yosemite staff has been selected by the Director of the National Park Service to attend the 8th Departmental Training School of the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C. Charles arrived in Washington on September 10.

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N.P.S. NEWS (continued)

Ranger Robert Peterson of Mount Ranier National Park has recently been transferred to the Yosemite Ranger staff, and Ranger Edward Parsegan of Yosemite has been selected for a promotion to Supervisory Ranger at Mount Rainier National Park. Ed is expected to report for duty in the Carbon River area of Mount Rainier in September.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

File application for absentee ballot in person or by mail with the County Clerk, Mariposa County, between October 17 and November 1, 1956. If applicant is entitled to vote County Clerk will mail an absentee ballot to the address given in the application.

EMPLOYEE RECREATION

Lost Arrow is now open for the fall and winter with Helen Delano in charge.

All park employees are cordially invited to make use of the facilities available.

Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. and 8 to 11:30 p.m., daily except Tuesdays (closed).

LIONS CLUB ANNUAL GIANT BARGAIN SALE

Dar Williams, President of the Yosemite Lions Club, announces that plans are now being made for the 6th Annual Giant Bargain Sale. The dates are October 22, 23 and 24, with Sunday, 21, being set aside for the "check-in" day.

A ten percent commission is collected by the Lions Club, for all articles sold in this—**TREMENDOUS—YOU BRING IT— WE'LL SELL IT—**fiasco, and used for Community Betterment activities.

Dar urges that everyone take a good look for items which they no longer need, and make a list of items which you **DO** need.

Jack Smith and Martha Conti were married in Fredonia, New York, on September 15, and are now back in the valley, abiding in Camp 6 in their trailer.

The couple had a leisurely trip to New York, visiting Yellowstone Park, etc, en-route, and enjoyed a lengthy visit with the family of the bride.

Just to make sure it was properly witnessed, Dorothy Conti, (Res. Office) flew to New York for the wedding.

GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

Miss Pat just recently returned from a holiday in the "big cities." She brings back a big "hello" from Alice Hewitson, who is now working with the Capwell's Department Store as private secretary. Loves the job—healthy and happy.

Agnes Westfall, Paymaster's assistant, is now at home recuperating from a 2-week "rest" in the hospital at Mariposa. She will be back at the window in about three more weeks. Hurry up, Agnes. We miss your smiling face around here.

Marilyn, the girl with the little blue sparkplug, has been off to San Diego and all points south, for a much earned holiday. How's sunny California and the "outside world" doing without us?

It's open. The Lost Arrow, of course, with the sprightly Helen Delano piloting the operation. There will be lots of activity, popcorn and cheers. Do drop in!

Bill Melton played host to a group of employees and friends in the showing of his travelog, "Six days aboard a mule." He had a nice commentary to accompany his very fine colored pictures of the High Sierra. This year, Bill joined the six-day employee's pack trip. Should you have a spare evening, and can corner Bill, it's well worth your time.

Things are chaotic in the Accounting Office without the masterful whiz, Betty Marren, who is vacationing in San Francisco. But, all will be saved. She is due back in the valley next week.

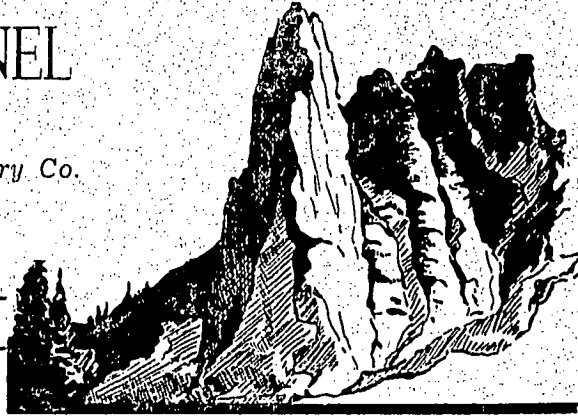
Lois Valk, who spent quite a lot of time in the Traffic Dept. some time ago, and is now Yosemite's answer to Burton Holmes, and represents Yosemite on the "Wide, wide world" TV show, has returned to the park for a visit, after her four month's cruise over the continent of Europe. Lois has many starry-eyed tales to tell, and pictures to back up the stories. She's still a lady of leisure, and is torn between lining up a lecture tour on her travels, and coming back to the park to work. Let's hope she makes the right decision.

Maxine Rowland has left the exciting atmosphere of the Reservation office, and now toils in George White's section of the staid Accounting office. We expect Maxine to put a little life in the place now.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

Well, it won't be long now: The Ahwahnee's almost ready to fold its wings and settle down, while undergoing its annual internal overhaul—no doubt happy itself to relax from the stresses and strains of both guests and conventions.

Everyone's talking vacation plans: Viva Mexico! Pat Thomas, Al Haymond, Mike Kirby, in fact almost the entire bellman staff is off to Mexico. Likewise the bar, Tony (and Patty) Laszewski, Bob Reeds and Shiva Gharat; Maggie Zimmerman, Dorothy Ohlen, Jane Foushee and Barbara Carr, also Mexico bound—have fun!

Irene Pfeffer, very happy, writes she has entered the convent, Our Lady of Sorrows, Beaverton, Oregon. Paul Sylvest, Ahwahnee barber shop and Ahwahnee Sweet Shop have already folded their tents; Rosella and Homer Armstrong are vacationing toward the south. Nels Nelson has left and will be missed after five years cooking for Fred Pierson.

The happy smile on Carroll Clark's face is because its five now instead of four—the new baby is named Donna Larsine—she arrived the day Don Larsen became famous.

Helen Pierson's mother and brother Corvetted half across the continent to surprise her—after a too short stay, they have returned home.

And, so AHWAHNEE, a short FAREWELL: the new roof's almost on, and by the time the new boilers start to boil the hardy ones who can withstand vacations will no doubt be back on the job and ready to tear into Christmas, New Year and the ski season.

VOTE NOVEMBER 6

DRAMA MEETING HELD

On Tuesday, October 16, a meeting of those interested in drama was held, at the invitation of Cate Bauer. Fourteen attended and discussed the various aspects through

which the subject will be approached at twice-monthly meetings. Suggestions were made for contemporary play reading, Shakesperean play reading, sonnet and poetry reading, voice training, discussions of current movies and spoken drama, and perhaps, eventually, the production of a play here in Yosemite by a Children's Theater Group.

The next meeting will be held in the Training Room at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 30.

SCHOOL BONDS—YES

The \$670,000 county school bond issue to appear on the November 6 ballot is worthy of a YES vote from all Valley voters.

As you have motored along the backroads of the county you may have noticed the dingy, run-down school buildings. Some have outdoor plumbing—some have no central water supply. All, in addition to being run down and antiquated, are overcrowded and totally inadequate. They are reminiscent of 1856—not 1956.

Passage of the measure will allow addition of needed classrooms, playgrounds and renovation. No non-essential improvement are considered.

The \$670,000 will be raised by property taxation amounting, initially to \$.59 per \$100.00. This will diminish, over the 20-year indebtedness period, to \$.36.

Through the efforts of County School Superintendent Thomas Price and former assistant Park Superintendent H. L. Bill, federal funds were secured for our fine new elementary school. The passage of the bond issue will help bring the standards of all county schools near those of our school.

The Sentinel encourages all voters to help pass this vital measure by the necessary two-third YES vote. Remember, passage will require more than two YES votes for every NO vote. Vote YES on school bonds.

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GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

The office tempo seems to be a Hank Snow special, "We're A-Movin' On." Back to the cities or places unknown, are: Marilyn Close and Jack Ferrell who have set their wedding date for November 4, in Chula Vista, California, then to San Francisco to rejoin the work-a-day world; Louise Ullner, Traffic Office, is lonesome for the city lights, and returns to Los Angeles soon; Helen Wood says "San Francisco is calling" and will be there to re-light the town after the first of November; Lucie Richter sails from N.Y. for Europe and Asiatic countries, early in November—we know she'll get there, but without visas—do you plan on coming back, Lucie?

On the other side of the platter, we have "I'm Coming Home," the artists being: Dana Morgenson—home to the Accounting Office after a summer of "excitement" at the Yosemite Lodge; Lois Valk is answering "Personnel Office"—these days, and renewing acquaintances; Marlene Christensen answered the S.O.S. for the Traffic Office, and is now seen tell-a-typing. And, oh those lucky people who can afford vacations—Dick Klein who is now reclining on the sands of Hawaii and visiting some of his old friends. Also, on a vacation whirl was Helen Dooley (better known to her many friends as Rusty), but who is leaving soon for San Diego to join her new husband. We'll miss you, Rusty!

The Accounting Department is rather quiet these days, what with Paul Graul and Phil Padou gone. Paul's back to San Francisco and Phil's all settled in Utah. And, by the end of this week the third member of this team, George Kirby, will also be gone.

Oh sadness!

Although June is over, we're still announcing engagements—Dotty Reedy, Paymaster's Office, and Dean Wyatt, formerly with the government here, announced their

engagement last summer. Doris Hewitson, an ex-Accounting Office employee, announced her engagement to Madison Davis on October 19. Doris, now employed with the State Farmers Insurance Company in Oakland, and has set the date for next January.

Saturday, October 27, at 10 a.m., George White took out of circulation Harriet Bouser (Paymaster's Office) at the Yosemite Chapel. They already have the keys to a new apartment in Indian Creek apartments. Luck and best wishes!

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SCHOOL TALK

The Parent's Group announces that Halloween plans this year are well under way and activities will be similar to last year's program.

Classes will have parties in the afternoon at school following a parade and costume contests. Evening will be "trick or treat" time until 8 p.m. when kids will see 45 minutes of top notch cartoons. (They ought to be ready for bed by then).

Sixth, seventh, and eighth graders are planning a beach wiener roast and a hay ride, weather permitting of course.

School principal Mel Cheney is arranging a "Nature Series," a weekly series of programs designed to teach eventually all of the significant aspects of Yosemite science and nature as documented at the museum. Tentative plans call for Doug Hubbard and staff of naturalists to present the weekly assemblies, movies, walks, tours, etc. to children in the fifth to eighth grades. While local children have often visited the museum, few have had the advantage of concentrated study in the many areas of science available to us.

Parent-teacher conferences for the first report period are scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 13, the day after our Armistice Day holiday.

School enrollment is now up to 119.

VOTE NOVEMBER 6

STANDARD OIL NEWS

Reverend Glass is keeping busy these autumn days performing marriage ceremonies for Standard Oil boys and their girls.

Rich Fischer and Donna Driggs started the procession followed by Bill Nichols and

Shirley Reed. On October 20 Dave Wilson and Gail Culver were married in the Old Village Chapel which was beautifully decorated with fall coloring. Gail, of course, is Sturges' youngest daughter and what could be better than marrying the boss's daughter! The reception followed in the Solarium at The Ahwahnee. Gail and Dave are honeymooning in the Northwest.

Rich and Donna held their reception in the Mountain Room of the new Lodge. Carmel, Monterey, and the Bay Area were their destinations for a honeymoon.

It was good to see Darrell Kelly back on the job after too long a visit in the V.A. Hospital in Fresno.

October 7 was the rainy day that Shirley Reed (Reservations Office) promised to "honor and OBEY" Bill Nichols in a formal wedding at the Chapel. The bride's apparel was comparable to that of a princess, complete with crown and lace. Reception was held at The Ahwahnee Solarium, with a 4-tier cake decorated with swans and pink roses. The couple, residing in El Portal, had an impromptu and noisy visit from some of their Valley friends demanding a sample of the new bride's cooking right after their return home. Back EAST they call that a CHIVAREE!

CAMP CURRY NEWS

From a peak of over 350 employees Camp Curry has simmered down to a modest 20. Included are oldtimers such as Keith Whitfield, Hilda Rust, Chet Hubbard, Dick Connert and Mary Burnett. And some "newtimers," such as Grant Dorland, Carl Stephens (back from a summer in the Philippines) and a group of girls from the Sherman Institute in Riverside, California.

Among those heard from since the season closed include Freida Lienert, now in Hollywood for the winter season, Chef Rasmussen, enjoying his winter in San Francisco, and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Corkhill, Berkeley.

Soon the parking area will be flooded for an ice rink; sledding will become a popular pastime down the back shute next to the cook's dormitory, and icicles will be forming on the eaves in the cabins and bungalows. We hesitate to say it, but Christmas is just around the corner for Camp Curry. If you don't believe it, drop in and see the tricks old Mr. Sun plays behind Glacier Point these fall days.

VILLAGE STORIES

Old Dad Ring is glad it has happened, because now it is all over, and he can look forward to the time when things will have worked their way back to normal.

Beautiful and efficient Pattie Quist, office secretary of the Old Village Store, and last of the eligibles, has gotten married.

Unlike the long list of other people who have taken the fatal plunge while being an employee in the Store, she wasn't nervous, she claimed.

We must confess that her outward appearance was one of serene composure. Even the last week, when she came to work on time, as usual, to find the Store was closed. It has been closed on Sundays for a month now. But, of course, that could happen to anyone.

The other day, on three different occasions, she locked Bob Cromer in the safe; but again, that could happen to anyone.

The safe check didn't balance; the scrip book report was undecipherable; the laundry was a mess with clean clothes being returned to the laundry and the soiled ones delivered to the customers. Bob Cromer said, "That girl may not be nervous, but she's making a wreck out of me."

However, on the last day of work, she did confess, in strict confidence, to your local reporter, that she was getting a little excited. "You mean about your trip to the altar?"

"No," she replied. "About my trip to Honolulu."

As she was leaving to join her fiance, the Store gang all wished her lots of happiness, and the women shed a few tears of joy.

Old boss Ring said, "I am sure glad she got a nice guy like Jim. It's swell of him to take her out of the country for a couple of weeks. Now, maybe, we can get the office back into shape. If she had only been a little nervous, this place wouldn't be in such a mess."

Pass the Nervene. Avoid excessive use.

V O T E N O V E M B E R 6

PART-TIME WINTER WORK

Anyone interested in part-time work during the winter season is invited to register with Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Personnel Office.

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MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

On October 5 Assistant Superintendent Keith Neilson presented to Thurman H. Murphy of El Portal, California, retired laborer and trail foreman, a meritorious service award, citation, medal, lapel pin, and lifetime pass to all National Park Service areas from the Secretary of the Interior for outstanding achievement as a government employee. Mr. Murphy was retired from active duty in Yosemite on February 9, 1956 after many years as a local employee under the park engineering department.

BABY SITTERS FOR VOTERS

On November 6, members of Yosemite Boy Scout Troop No. 50 will be available to help out in any home needing a baby-sitter while the parents go to the polls to vote. The Scouts will try and call at each home after school and offer their services while mama or papa goes out and performs his or her duty as a citizen.

STUDIO WAREHOUSE

Inhale—exhale—ever wonder where your cigarettes come from? Studio Warehouse, of course. Within the environs of the Old Village Emporium is located a dispensary of tobacco goods, candy goods, photo goods and genuine (made-by-Indians) curio goods. This is your Studio Warehouse in action—with Roland Bullock, Supervisor, Hazel Whitley, Coffeemaker, par excellence, and Richard "Collie Boy" Huberty.

CLOTHING DRIVE

Now is your chance to get rid of all those clothes that you don't wear but hate to toss away.

Leave clothes in the little room next to John Schweifler's Barber Shop. On November 17, local high school students will use the church pickup for making a final collection from all residences. PLEASE DO NOT bring in clothes after November 17.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

In late September the Regional Director of the National Park Service announced that Chief Ranger Arthur Holmes of Grand Coulee National Recreation Area received a

supplemental award of \$50 for a suggestion he contributed in 1955, at Yosemite for improvement of the National Park Service standard suggestion form for employees. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Mines and the Bonneville Power Administration are now using Mr. Holmes new suggestion form.

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Park Service personnel were saddened to learn of the passing of former Regional Director O. A. Tomlinson on September 24 at his home in Sonoma, California. Major Tomlinson, at 74 years of age, was one of the old-timers of the National Park Service. He is survived by his widow, Laurine, two sons in the Bay Area and by one son in Japan. The Major served for many years as the Superintendent of Mount Rainier National Park before he became Regional Director of Region Four.

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Travel for the calendar year in Yosemite is ahead of 1955 by 115,568 visitors as of October 15. This is a gain of 12.6% over last year and an new park record. The new total is 1,058,077 people. Travel records will be set daily up to and including December 30.

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Two new permanent park rangers have been placed on the Yosemite staff. Ranger Richard Stenmark, who will be stationed at Arch Rock, is from Denver, Colorado. Ranger Ben Twight of Berkeley, California will be stationed at South Entrance. He is a recent transfer from the United States Forest Service.

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Park Naturalist Douglass Hubbard reports that the annual glacier survey has been completed and the results show that all glaciers in or on the park boundaries have grown. Great assistance was given to the museum staff by Nick Fiore and Chuck Woessner.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—

Movie camera, C-8 with F2.5 lens. Case and carrying strap. Price \$75. See Irwin Knowlton (bellman), The Ahwahnee.

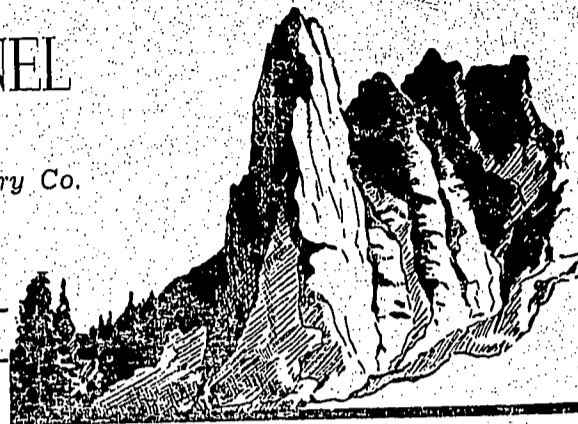
Hollywood bed. Steel frame, good springs, new Beauty Rest mattress. Also spread and pillows made to fit bed. Contact Donna Donielson, at home in Government Center, or phone Ahwahnee, FR 2-4421.

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VILLAGE STORIES

We apologize—

The writing staff of Village Stories wishes to apologize for the mistake of your local printer, Pi-eyed Greener, who misread the last exciting episode and implied that our office secretary, Pat, was the only available girl in the park.

So, in order to make proper amends, we have conducted a survey of the many lovely available girls in Yosemite to find out what qualities they would expect in their future husbands. So, fellows, just check the following 10 points and find out how you rate. If you check more than 80%, run, do not walk, to the nearest exit!

First, he must be as handsome as Art Robinson. (Practically no one disqualified).

Secondly, he must have as much money in the bank as "Ole Dad Ring." (Practically everyone disqualified).

Next, he must have the charm of Dana Morgenson. (Wow!).

Then, he must be as intelligent as boss Bob Cromer. (Bob is really a smooth operator. Of course, he has the head for it).

He must have the winsome smile of Harold Ouimet. (Lovely, lovely!!).

Then he must have the personality of the Maintenance Department's own Frank Allen. (Electrifying!).

Also, he should be able to croon romantic ballads like our chubby little checker, Orval Manning. (Not "O'possum up a Gum Tree" again!).

He should have the courage of your fearless local reporter. (Who has just left town to benefit his health).

He must dress with the distinction of John Arbunich (who dat), who states that he gets most of his haberdashery at the Lions Club rummage sale—but, he shops early.

Last of all—number 10—he's got to be a big spender like "Louie-da-lock."

Now our services to the girls didn't end with just the many hours of hard labor in

conducting this survey. We have actually come up with the man!

Our panel of worthy and impeccable judges, after duly considering every available male in the park, has unanimously voted for none other than Millie's diminutive helper right here at the Old Village Spoon—Bill Nelson.

Well, girls, we of the Old Village Store have done it again, and rendered (Webster's *rendered*, applied the first coat of plaster) a great service to our loving community. We have found America's ideal man.

The rest is up to you!

LODGE NEWS

The Lodge has been jumping lately—with vacationers going and coming, the coffee shop closing, and the general preparations for the coming ski season. The ski season, I might add, is being anxiously awaited! Ole Mother Nature has given us a turn—first an early snow, then, just to be different, she turns around and hands us balmy weather. Oh well, she can't be rushed, but we're hoping she'll be nice.

The Lodge kitchen is sorry to lose a terrific breakfast cook, Marian Wheeler (just plain Wheeler, please!).

Back at the front desk is Nancy Young, after a vacation back East. Nancy says she had a marvelous time, and, we say, "Welcome home, Nancy."

Our good and faithful friend Marguarite Radigan has returned from a very exciting trip that included the fabulous city of New Orleans.

Associate Manager Duke has left for his vacation, Carmelwise. Who wants to bet that he'll return with golfing calluses.

Another of our Lodge visited New Orleans on vacation—rather, two others: John Dean and his daughter, Janie. They returned

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CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDLELIGHT

Donna Jean Peterson, mezzo-soprano with the San Francisco Opera Company, will be the guest soloist at the eleventh annual "Christmas Music by Candlelight" Service on Sunday, December 9 at 8 p.m. at the Chapel. This candlelight service marks the beginning of the Christmas religious observance in Yosemite. The Chapel Choir, under the direction of Frances Hubbard, will sing several numbers. The Girl Scout Chorus will also sing their joy in the coming of the Christ Child. The congregation will share in the singing of several traditional carols. Remember the date—December 9 at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

BADGER PASS SKI IMPROVEMENTS

Work on the new T-bar lift and improvements to the Ski House at Badger Pass are progressing on the original time table, according to Gordon Warren, Y.P.C.Co. maintenance superintendent. The Ski House work should be completed by start of the ski season, December 14. The new lift, ready soon after, will provide uphill service on a fine slope to the east of the Ski House. The lift rises about 380' and is approximately 1800' long.

This run will be of particular attraction to skiers who have "outgrown" the rope tow and are not yet ready for the main Constam.

Beneath the new ski house building, 150 new lockers have been installed. The area between the old and the new ski house has been roofed and will house an enlarged snack-lunch facility. Adjacent to the east end of the porch, a large area has been surfaced to accommodate picnic tables.

Newest in ski clothing and equipment will be available at the Ski House, December 14.

TURKEY SHOOT DECEMBER 9

The Yosemite Rifle and Pistol Club will sponsor a turkey shoot at the El Portal range on Sunday afternoon, December 9, according to Ralph Sutton, big gun in the organization.

There will be two contests; a luck match wherein the shooter fires a .22 rifle at a 25 yard target which has the scoring numbers on the backside; and a serious, any caliber, (iron sights only) shoot on the 200 yard range. There is a \$1.00 entry fee. Come with your lunch, your musket, your family and make a pleasant afternoon of it.

LEE MEE DIES IN MARIPOSA

Another of Yosemite's colorful Indians has gone to the Happy Hunting Ground. Chris Brown, known as Chief LeeMee to thousands of Yosemite visitors who enjoyed his Indian dances through the years, died suddenly on Wednesday, November 14, in Mariposa.

LeeMee's Indian name, which he translated to mean "Ripple on the Water," was given to him by Calpene, a medicine woman of the Miwok tribe. His name, Chris, was bestowed by Chris Jorgensen, famed Yosemite artist.

For a number of years LeeMee performed the ancient dances of the Miwok Indians, the group which inhabited the Central California region before its settlement, as a part of the summer naturalist program of the Yosemite Museum.

Born in 1903 in the Yosemite area, LeeMee grew up during a period when the Indian way of life had already been greatly altered by the beginning of tourist travel to Yosemite. As a boy he learned the dances, chants and other tribal rituals which were still performed by the older Miwoks even though the men were earning their living by working as laborers. While still a youth he was appointed runner or messenger for his tribe. Although he was never an official leader of his people, as the title "Chief" would imply, as a young man he was a chief of song or dance for his tribe.

LeeMee was unsuccessful in trying to interest younger Indians in learning his chants and rituals of olden days. With his passing these exist only in photographs and recordings in the Yosemite Museum.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Andy Koller has the distinction of being the only member of the large SENTINEL staff to have received a "fan letter." And, to make the accomplishment more exciting, it came from Betty Russell (Mrs. Carl P.). Though the original letter is locked in the Koller strong box, we were permitted a very quick look, and quote parts herewith from Andy's tribute.

Berkeley, California

"Dear Andy;

"For some time I have been wanting to write to tell you how much the Russells enjoy your "Village Store" comments in the SENTINEL. In the recent issue your description of Pat Quist's lack of nervousness about her approaching marriage was excellent. Only one criticism came to me—who the heck did she marry? Jim who? You know we alumni of Yosemite National Park are too far away to watch the romances develop and know only what we read in the SENTINEL!

"You are about the best butcher I know, Andy, but I am wondering if you shouldn't try your hand at writing for magazines other than the SENTINEL. There is far too little humor to be found in our literature today, and with the world in the mess it's in, we need the lighter touch as an antidote. Try it. Consider this note a fan letter!

"I shall be looking forward to seeing an article of yours in some popular magazine.

"Our very best to you and Jack.

Sincerely,

(signed) Betty Russell."

DONA DONIELSON RECEIVES AWARD

For outstanding performance of duty as a National Park Service telephone operator in Yosemite during the critical floods of 1950 and 1955 and during other emergency periods in the park, Miss Hazzelle E. Donielson has recently been awarded the "Commendable Service Honor Award" by the Secretary of the Interior. Before leaving the park Dona was presented with the certificate of award, a medal, a lapel pin, and a lifetime pass to the national parks.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Word has recently been received through the Director of the National Park Service in

Washington that Superintendent Grant H. Pearson of Mount McKinley National Park will retire this month from the Service after 30 years employment. Three of his thirty years were spent as a park ranger in Yosemite. He plans to live in California and devote his time to writing and lecturing on Alaska and the park.

The Secretary of the Interior has announced that present Assistant Superintendent Duane D. Jacobs, formerly of Yosemite, will become the new Superintendent of Mount McKinley National Park. Duane and Althea Jacobs are well known to many residents of Yosemite.

District Ranger John Bingaman of the Tuolumne Meadows district retired from the Yosemite staff on November 1, after 34 years of active service in the park. He and his wife Martha have moved to Palm Desert, California where they are building a new home. A number of park oldtimers will remember that Martha once was a park ranger in Yosemite serving at the old Alder Creek Entrance Station near Wawona.

On December 1, according to a late press release, Virgin Islands National Park became the 29th National Park of the Service.

Although a number of National Park Service employees are now on vacation only a few have been heard from. Ruth and Charlie Hill reported a very pleasant extended trip; to Acadia and a visit with the Frank Givens family; to Philadelphia to see the Dan Tobins and others from the West Coast; to Washington, D.C. for a week's assignment at the Director's Office; to Shenandoah National Park where they visited with the Vic Lafolletes; to Great Smoky Mountains and other points of interest. They met ideal weather conditions and outstanding fall colors. The park staff will look forward to seeing the many beautiful pictures taken during their trip.

LODGE NEWS (continued)

sporting a spanking new convertible.

When John Curry heard of this he said jokingly, "Janie, you've made a drastic mistake! Never get a car better than the boss!" Janie returned that with, "But Mr. Curry, you have two cars, and one a Volkswagon, no less!" He thought that over and said, "Well—OK, but don't you get another one."

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DRAMA CLUB

The third meeting of the Yosemite Drama Club was held at the home of Sterling and Alice Cramer, under Alices' (the meeting, that is) direction. On the program for the evening were: "Don Juan in Hell" and "My Fair Lady," by record, of course. The former record gave club members a chance to hear the words of G. B. Shaw, as interpreted by Charles Laughton, Charles Boyer, Cedric Hardwicke, and Agnes Moorehead.

BADGER AWARD DINNER

The Eighth Annual Award Banquet of the Yosemite Badgers was held Wednesday, December 5, at Yosemite Lodge under the auspices of the Yosemite Lions Club and presided over by the President of the Club, Dar Williams. Letters were awarded to boys who participated in skiing, track and football during 1956, as follows:

Ski Team

Tim Ernst, Malcolm McGregor, Randy Rust, Chris Foeger, Tim Berrey, Henny Berrey and Bill Overton.

Track Team

Malcolm McGregor, Daryl Savage, Gerald Telles, Tim Berrey, Gordon Glass, Randy Morgenson, Chris Foeger, Maynard Moe, Pat Rhoan, Henny Berrey, Pete Peterson, Alan Dierksen, Kenny Melton, Toby Nelson and Dean Savage.

Varsity—Football

Jim Blackwell; Captain, Tim Berrey; Co-Captain, Gerald Telles; Daryl Savage, Chris Foeger, Pat Rhoan, Dick Odgers, Buddy Young, Mike Waldron, Pete Peterson, Gordon Glass, Richard Cottrell, Bill Lamkin and Bobby Babcock.

Junior Varsity—Football

Alan Dierksen, Randy Rust, Bob Reichers, Bill Overton, Bobby Ewing, Dennis Parrish, Randy Morgenson, Henny Berrey, Brad Ditton, Toby Nelson, Dean Savage, Danny Sturm, Kenny Melton, Ray Nelson, Daryl Cottrell and Maynard Moe.

Winners of awards in skiing were boys who won places in Junior Division ski meets last winter. Track awards went to boys who won points in the Annual Junior Olympics in Merced last spring where the Badgers placed second to Ballico in the small school division.

The football record follows:

Badgers	6	Madera Lions	41
Badgers	0	Menlo Cubs	27
Badgers	0	Merced Jr. High	6
Badgers	19	Mariposa Cougars	6
Badgers	6	Menlo Cubs	34

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Junior Varsity Record

Badgers	0	Menlo	7
Badgers	0	Mariposa	7
Badgers	0	Menlo	7

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Outstanding Varsity players include Gerald Telles, fullback, who ran 81 yards from scrimmage against Mariposa and 85 yards on a kickoff return in the second Menlo game; Jim Blackwell, right tackle and season captain, who was a tiger in defense and a real inspirational leader; and Tim Berrey, right halfback and Co-Captain, who was the best blocker of the squad.

SANTA CLAUS ON HIS WAY

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WANT ADS

For Sale—Capehart Radio-Phonograph. See Stuart Cross.

For Sale—Pair upholstered chartreuse and brown occasional chairs—\$10 each. Frances Ward, FR 2-4411.

For Sale—1956 Ford Country sedan, \$2450. H. Berrey, FR 2-4411.

For Sale—1938 Oldsmobile sedan, cheap. Good tires, will run. Call FR 2-4214.

A gallant warrior through snow and flood.

For Sale—'55 Buick convertible with power steering, brakes and seat; push-button radio; large heater; white top and sidewalls. Phone Sam Clark at FR 2-4713.

Merry Christmas!

and a Happy New Year

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CHRISTMAS 1956

VILLAGE STORIES

Every year about Christmas time at the Village Store everyone looks forward to the arrival of Ol' Santa. However, before he arrives, there is much to be done, and all the loyal hard working employees have many extra duties to perform. They all eagerly make festive plans and hold enthusiastic discussions about them long before the season.

Then suddenly the time arrives and the work must actually begin. The windows must be decorated, and the Christmas tree set up; extra gift boxes have to be wrapped and new merchandise displayed.

Old Boss Cromer approaches his enthusiastic employees and says, "Well, where shall we start?" It's funny, but right there the ardor dies. No answer is forthcoming. This Bob is prepared for, being familiar with his mob. He tries a psychological approach to stimulate their deadened spirits and makes a few little promises to revive them.

He tackles Orville first, (who has been recently promoted to part-time custodian together with his other duties). "Orv, my boy," he says, "It's time you had a new broom." Orville replies, "Gee, tanks boss. the One I have now looks more like a pogo stick."

Bob said, "I thought you would see it my way. You can decorate the tree." By the time he had all the duties assigned he had to promise the employees several things. For instance, to Pat Hicks he said he'd replace her new hydro-electric, fully automatic heater with one that would work. He promised Don Schrader a new joke book (badly needed) and the girls in the front of the store he promised a new escalator to the ladies' powder room with three different speeds. Then he told the local butcher he would see to the raise in pay he had promised him four years ago. He even promised Ellis Whitley he would believe his stories

about Texas in the future. (Sounds as hard to believe as the stories). As a final touch he invited everyone to come to his house for a great big party where even the tree would be lit up.

After all these wonderful gestures the employees redoubled their efforts. Bob looked fondly at them and said, "They are a bunch of swell kids and good workers, only they have to be handled just right."

The employees looked back at Bob and said, "He sure is a swell boss, and we would have done the work anyhow. We just like to hear his fancy stories because they show so much imagination, and they add to the Christmas fun."

CHURCH SERVICES

PROTESTANT CHRISTMAS SERVICES—
Christmas Sunday, December 23.

9:30 a.m. Brief Service at the Chapel.
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship at the Chapel.
Soloist, Patricia Oliver. Sermon, "On Missing and Keeping Christmas", Rev. Glass.
Christmas Day, December 25.

10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Duplicate services with the Bracebridge Singers under the direction of Eugene Fulton. Christmas message by Rev. Glass. Nursery at the Masonic Hall.

ROMAN CATHOLIC SERVICES.

Christmas Eve, December 24.

Midnight Mass, 12 a.m.

Christmas Day, December 25.

Masses at 7 and 8:30 a.m.

WARREN MILLER FILM

Skier, photographer, traveler and humorist, Warren Miller will present his latest film "Have Skis, Will Travel" in person at the Old Village Pavilion on December 26 in two performances—7:30 and 10 p.m. Tickets will be on sale at the door.

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YOSEMITE PARK AND CURRY CO. INSTITUTES NEW LEAVE DAY POLICY

Harold Ouimet, Y. P. C. Co. Personnel Manager explained recently to the supervisors group a new Special Leave Day policy which will be made effective January 1, 1957.

Y. P. and C. Co. recognizes that the isolation of Yosemite National Park has often caused hardship and disappointment to employees because they could not visit relatives, shop, or transact personal business in the time off allowed under the existing work week.

To provide greater flexibility in the work schedule, the new program, generally stated, is that all employees who work a six day week will be allowed two additional days off every calendar month. These special leave days will be scheduled to coincide with a regular day off thus giving the employee three consecutive days off once each month. Hourly rates will be adjusted so that monthly take home pay will not be adversely affected.

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A POEM

'Twas the night before Christmas and thru the Lodge came—Noise and laughter and chubby old Santa's to blame.

Earl's stocking was hung by the fireplace with care—But Lo! in the morning the stocking was bare.

(No, no . . . That's the wrong poem).

Santa was to arrive to thrill all the girls, (That cute little man's offering diamonds and pearls).

Our assumed Scandinavian housekeeper, Miss B,—'Tis rumored she's serving Irish Coffee in 3C.

Out in the courtyard there arose such a clatter—Mr. Lukes sprang from his desk to see what was the matter;

The moon shone right bright on the new fallen snow,—J. C. was heard singing and wearing a glow.

Then what to our wondering eyes should appear — But young Jim McDonald brim filled with cheer.

Following behind Jim came that chubby bright cuss—Jerry Love playing the role of old St. Nicholas.

Virginia Fenton, the Lodge's newest addition,—Come to bring service, an old Y.L. tradition.

Hamer back from Arizona, Doucette from Carmel,—Full of Christmas spirit (and jolly as well).

The walks to the Cafe now covered with glass,—To shelter from the cold when the line is a mass.

The Coffee Shop's reopened with lots of new faces,—Some to return after the holidays to school and other places.

Carl and Karl, Christmas decorators world renown,—Hung ornaments and lights, just like downtown.

Down in the Tent Room we heard such chatter, — Ed, the watchman, went to see what was the matter;

Oh, Ade was complaining, how he did gripe,—Because Glenn was eating the candy cane stripe.

Santa and Gladys were seen driving away—In the snaziest new snow-colored Sleighviolet.

And all that was heard as they drove out of sight—Was Merry Christmas Lodge employees—May your New Year be bright.

—N. Young

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HOSPITAL NEWS

Back into the swing of things now is Clare Phillips who has returned after visiting relatives in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Also journeyed to Arizona's Grand Canyon and Nevada's Las Vegas. As is general, something was forgotten—her camera—so now we'll just have to be content with the narration.

Also returned from vacation, is Myrtle Cuthbert who spent two weeks in Death Valley, while Barbara Hand visited Costa Mesa.

We're happy to add Jane Hemsley, Housekeeper, to our staff. And, at the same time, sorry to see Arlene Summers, Irene Tomazewski and Norma Conti leave. The first two going to Fresno State and the latter on to Berkeley.

Recent births: November 9, a son to Mrs. Sue Johnson, Eric Sigmund; December 7, a daughter to Mrs. Violetta Hornor, Mary Elizabeth and on December 9, a son to Mrs. Pauline James, Delbert Paul.

GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

Noticed Hazel Cramer's buzzing around the Valley in style? She is the proud owner of a handsome Mercury. Inherited it from a "member of the family." But, honest Hazel, you do look swanky behind the wheel!

Julia Arias leaves our Valley after seven months behind a bookkeeping machine in the Accounting Department. She is deserting us to go back to the University of Arizona. Next year will find Julia tutoring juveniles somewhere "Down South." Luck!

VIV-LA-MEXICO! Clare Duval and her sister are enjoying a three week holiday in Mexico—from Guatamala to Yucatan, and all the spots in between. Be sure to corner her and find out all about the most exciting trip of the year! The last day at her desk was a frantic one—fingers wouldn't type, mind wouldn't think—and the joyous smile was affixed for the whole day. Hasta la vista, Clare!

For Sale—Light luggage trailer, 2-wheel. Call, Johnson, FR 2-4732.

FROM HERE & THERE

Are your skates sharpened? The Ice Rink IS open, and the blades are flying—be sure you're one of the crowd. Since everyone was spared the tortures last year of "skating after soooo many years"—it will be especially fun for the rink crew (who are taking their spills early) to watch the spins, hurls and splotts in the '56-7 season. Join the fun!

What an air of Christmas! The halls of the dormitories are all aglow with the decorations of the many imaginations. Very festive—very nice. The judging for "winners" goes on Friday the 21st. It will be a close race—we have lots of talented people. Notice some of the homes, outdoor decorations? They are worth your time—take a fresh air walk to see them.

The Annual Square Dance Festival was held at the Mountain Room on December 17. All had a wonderful time. A special guest was Pierce Loberg (formerly with Hedahl Contruction Co., now at Engineering College)—and don't think we weren't pleased to have him.

Welcome to Donna Zinser, the new Traffic Steno! Donna arrived from San Francisco all set to prove that city girls are happy in the mountains. We're sure you will have a wonderful time here Donna—just ask us!

WELCOME, CITIZEN SLES

George Slesarenko, who has been a general office custodian for the last three years, became a full fledged American citizen on December 11. George, a native of Russia, was "enroute" to America for twenty-six years, spending twenty years of his life in North Manchuria in Tientsin, Harbin, and Mukden, five years in Shanghai, and one year in Manila. He arrived in the United States in May 1951, and in Yosemite in May, 1953. In consideration of those who found his name a tongue-twister, George has changed his last name to Sles.

A sincere welcome to you, George Sles, from your fellow citizens.

For sale—Late model Keystone movie projector, 8mm, 750 watts. Like new. \$80. Call W. Wood, FR 2-4215.

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Word has been received that Mr. Charles T. Leidig, 87, died at his home in Hayward, California on December 2. Leidig was the first white boy born in Yosemite Valley during the spring of 1869. His parents operated one of the early hotels in the area. In later years he was hired as the first park ranger of Yosemite under the U.S. Army. In May of 1903 he was assigned as chief of party to President Theodore Roosevelt and John Muir on their famous tour of the park. His brother, Jack Leidig, resides in Mariposa.

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Superintendent Preston announced today that Yosemite Valley will have a new teacherage in the near future. On Thursday, December 20, a meeting was held in the park with representatives of the U.S. Office of Education, U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency, Mariposa County Unified School District and the National Park Service to discuss plans and specifications involved in the new Yosemite Elementary School Teacherage. Mr. John Lamb of the U.S. Housing and Home Finance Agency in a telephone conversation with Mr. Preston indicated that funds have been allocated and the contract of architectural services has been let.

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Homer W. Robinson, Superintendent of Colorado and Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monuments paid a visit to Yosemite after attending conferences in San Francisco at the Western Office of Design and Construction. Daughter, Pat, was in Fresno staying with son, Peter, and his wife. Homer's mailing address in Fruita, Colorado.

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Among the many official and distinguished guests to the park in recent weeks were the Melford O. Andersons. Mr. Anderson is the Superintendent of Independence National Historical Park Project in Philadelphia and his daughter Karen, age 15, was one of the young ladies who represented the United States at the Olympic Games in Australia. Although Mrs. Anderson held no title she appeared to be the manager of the family's various activities. They were delightful people on their first visit to Yosemite.

SCHOOL OPENING DATE

Just to take the joyous edge off Christmas, we report that the local elementary school will open January 2—in case there's doubt in anyone's mind. However, Principal Cheney says, with the ski program starting soon, this won't be unbearable.

VETERAN ART FREEMAN RETIRES

On November 30 veteran electrician Art Freeman retired from the National Park Service after 26 years of service in Yosemite. Superintendent John C. Preston in making the announcement commended Mr. Freeman for his outstanding service. Art continually distinguished himself by his resourcefulness and ability to improvise when the need arose on countless occasions and his hard work, patience and understanding of National Park Service principles have contributed to the success of the Yosemite organization.

The Freemans will make their new home in Auburn, California at their new address: Route 3, Box 3691E.

HOLIDAY FOLK AND SQUARE DANCE

One of the top events of the holiday season will be the Folk and Square dance in the Yosemite Lodge Mountain Room, Thursday, December 27 at 9 p.m.

Guests and locals are always welcome to these rollicking affairs which will be a regular feature of this winter's fun program at Yosemite Lodge.

LOST ARROW NEWS

Merry Christmas to all employees! This is your invitation to the Lost Arrow Christmas Eve Dance. And, on New Year's Eve, another Lost Arrow party will wish you a Happy New Year. (Refreshments at both parties).

Don't miss the exciting Arrow Christmas decorations. Thanks, Carl Stephens, for all the hours and hard work you have put into decorating the Arrow for our parties and our enjoyment.