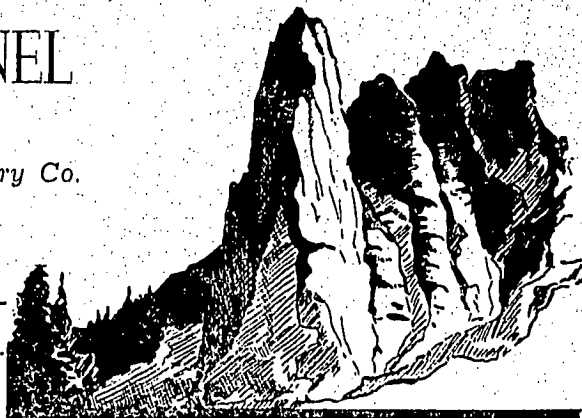


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### VILLAGE STORIES

We realize that everyone in the park is on the ball and probably aware of what has been going on, but we want to remind you that it is now 1957. The old year was good while it lasted, but it has been used up, so the management and loyal employees of the Old Village Store want to officially wish you a Happy New Year!

Ol' Dad Ring says that the New Year business depends on the mood of the weatherman. In the winter we are either snowed in or snowed out, and in the summer we are snowed under.

Pat Hicks, the bosses charming newly-married secretary, is very happy with the new foot warmer that Mr. Ring has requisitioned for her. She is also very satisfied with the one she has at home.

Incidentally, she will undoubtedly be contributing to the Sentinel one of these days. We'll be expecting great things of her as she had so much experience writing scrips.

Mrs. Landy (Pauline), whom you will find among the curios in the store, told us about her handsome son, Buckie. He is in the Army now. Like many other patriotic, young American men, he joined the Army Reserves. However, he wasn't sure he would be accepted because of the physical exam. He seems to be lacking a few dentures. Egad! What does the Army expect the kid to do? Bite the enemy?

Mr. Roy Abbitt, former manager of the local meat market, who has been working as butcher at the Lodge cafeteria for the last three years underwent surgery on his stomach recently. This is, however, no reflection on Earl's wholesome, healthful, home cooking.

Mrs. Schneider (of the Old Village Schneiders) asked Santa for a garage for her new car to protect it from the winter snow. The Old Village Store gang, wishing to be of assistance to Santa during his busy season, solved the problem of the above mentioned garage by suggesting Degan's porch as a durable shelter. Mrs. Schneider thought the suggestion a good one except for the hazard of the three steps leading up to the porch.

Is it possible that she isn't a real lady driver? Most of the ladies who drive in Yosemite wouldn't consider a mere three steps much of an obstacle at all. Maybe a few lessons are in order.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Unbelievably, as always, The Ahwahnee awoke from weeks of peaceful repose to glow with warmth and real Christmas cheer, climaxed by a truly beautiful 1956 Bracebridge Dinner. Ansel Adams, always a masterpiece, and the entire group were at their peak; the Bracebridge Singers better than ever; and the entire production was matched all along the way by a top staff, lead as usual by Fred Pierson. George DeBacker kept everyone happy during both Bracebridge Dinners—a difficult task well accomplished, we will all agree.

New Year's Eve sparkled in and out—gay as ever—with Marie and her augmented Tritones keeping the pitch high. New to the "Tris" is Hal McCormack on the bass viol.

The Sweet Shop staff had a busy New Year's Eve hosting even the littlest Ahwahnee guests this year. Hats, whistles and the works contributed toward the squeals of delight from the 26 youngsters.

The teenagers, with Nancy Proctor as gen-

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eral chairman, again had a very successful dance in the Indian Room. All in all, everyone was busy.

The buffet Ski Suppers are now in full swing in the Indian Room every Monday & Thursday. Ken Bradley, late of the Lodge Coffee shop, will be in charge, so get your reservations in in plenty of time for a really good evening complete with fine food, good company and good music!

Everyone here is glad Sven, the pastry chef, is back on the job and looking hale and hearty. During Sven's hospitalization, Ray Wilson took over and kept the Christmas guests calling for more of his fine pies and cakes.

Lots of familiar faces returned to help out over the holidays. To name a few, Ned English, Colorado State, Kolff Breyman, Alameda, Bill Meacham, Los Angeles, Bob Righter, Cal., Pete Hoss, Stanford and Cal Crane, Fresno State.

New Year's brought other changes—some in the bar: Tony Laszewski, (and his Pat) with Shiva left for Los Angeles. Moving in are Glen Powers, Dick Kelly and Bob Matthews to keep Parky happy. On the Front Desk we welcome Wayne Leedy, formerly with the El Portal School.

Our thanks to Carl Stephens for his lovely Christmas decorations—never better. Many compliments continue to come his way daily.

The Sweet Shop has closed and the Gift Shop is on winter hours—8 a.m. to noon and 6 to 10 p.m. daily.

So, now the holiday joy and excitement is over for yet another year—and the new boilers are boiling—and everyone is happy.

### WHAT'S TO DO IN YOSEMITE

How many time have you heard guests make this remark? In an attempt to broaden the field of evening entertainment this winter, the Yosemite Lodge is presenting "something to do for each evening in the week," and inviting both their guests and all local employees to join the fun.

In addition to the ski suppers, there will be special ski movies on Sunday nights, ballroom dancing on Saturday nights in the main Lounge, and Folk and Square dancing in the Mountain Room Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, during January.

As most of the guests will be beginners at Folk dancing, it is planned to make the evening enjoyable for all by introducing more advanced dances throughout the evening. This beginning instruction each evening will make it possible for local employees who stayed away from the Arrow because of all the "pros" to get a start again in this pleasant pastime.

It is the belief of the Lodge management that it is to the benefit of all to bring together guests and employees in these social gatherings and we hope that "locals" will turn out for this fine winter program.

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### LODGE LODGINGS

As the Old Year dragged itself out and Little New Year was found gurgling on the Lodge doorstep, the following expressions of improvement were wrung from some of the hired hands: Izzie Footracer proclaims that she's neither mingling nor marrying during '57; Theresa Crawford was pretty well pleased with '56—no change in view; Red Woolbing promises to drive more slowly; John Deane has vowed to find a wife for Red W; Emily Taylor resolves to keep all the Coffee Shop girls smiling; Jerry Love's plans seriously to win the Irish Sweep; Frenchy Myer is sure his son-about-to-be-born will walk, talk and write this year; Ned Upton's going right on his merry way—no changes; Steve Barrett plans to break dozens of female hearts. Good luck, all!

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### HOSPITAL NEWS

A welcome to Geraldine Happel from St. Louis and Santa Monica and Patricia Odell from San Gabriel who have just joined our staff of nurses. We'll also be welcoming Marian Anderson from Seattle soon.

With Badger now open and in full swing we pick up a few customers now and then. Ask Ray McKenny about this. He's just out on crutches.

Recent births are as follows: Hazel Savage, a daughter, Darlene Marie, born December 22; Violetta Hornor, a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born December 7 and to Pauline James, a son, Delbert Paul, born December 9.

### FROM HERE & THERE

Vacation time brings up the nicest happenings. When Yosemite was short on snow, Dorothy MacCullough offered to "train" off to Sun Valley, in search of our lost portion. Luck and smooth slithering in the powder, Dorothy.

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It's "hasta la vista" to Mexico from Clare Duval—who is currently trying to reorganize her thoughts after three weeks of fun and wonder "south of the border." It will be fun to hear the tales of "wow" regarding Mexico.

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One hospital bed for rent—CHEAP! After occupancy for four days, Alva Clark (Paymasters Office) vows it is good and worthy of charges—but mighty happy to re-rent it. Glad you're back, Alva.

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Uncle Sam's Got 'em! Bobbie Brown (B.P. Ski Patrolman) and Les Robinson (Standard Stations) are in the hut-two-t'ree-fo' ranks with Uncle Sam. He snatched them up readily, and from all reports they are "having a wonderful time." Soldiers, you'll never be the same!

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### NEW PRIVILEGE CARDS

Y.P. and C.Co. Personnel Department announces "1957 Privilege Cards" are available at the Personnel Office. All privilege card

holders should have their new 1957 canary yellow cards by January 25.

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January 7, 1957 was the wedding day for Doris Hewitson and Madison Davis, at San Leandro, California. Our own, Harold Oimet, was present to give the bride in marriage, and Mrs. Jim Hicks attended the bride at matron of honor. The bride and groom spent part of their honeymoon trip in beautiful Yosemite, which was Doris' home for a good many years. Best wishes to you!

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The Sam Clarks called Trudle's Lucie by trans-Atlantic phone in Oberammerbau, Bavaria, Germany on January 3. Lucie's having a marvelous time despite the fact many of her plans had to be changed upon the Suez outbreak. She spent Christmas with friends in Germany and will return here in February.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The Office of the Park Superintendent reports a new annual travel record for Yosemite during the calendar year of 1956. A total of 1,114,173 visitors entered the park in 311,262 motor vehicles. This is an increase of 13.2% over the 1955 travel year and 10.5% greater than the previous record set during 1954 when Yosemite visitors topped a million visitors.

Travel by entrances in 1956 was as follows:

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|----------------------|------------------|
| Arch Rock .....      | 409,347 visitors |
| South Entrance ..... | 415,234 visitors |
| Big Oak Flat .....   | 135,740 visitors |
| Tioga Pass .....     | 127,582 visitors |
| Hetch Hetchy .....   | 35,270 visitors  |

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December was one of our driest months with only 1.67" precipitation and only 11 to 13 inches of snow at Badger Pass, but there was still skiing.

Remember the flood month of December, 1955 when we had 29.78" of rain, the greatest in *any one month* in park records.

During the Christmas holidays Charles Young of the Yosemite staff returned on leave from the 8th Departmental Training School of the Department of Interior, Washington, D.C. and spent a few days with his

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### N.P.S. NEWS (continued)

family. Prior to the new year the park was also honored by a visit from Park Naturalist Wayne Bryant of Wind Cave National Park.

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Word has been received that the William Bullard's have had a son born to them in Denver, Colorado during the second day of January. Park Naturalist Bullard and family have been on an extended trip through the east. Soon they will be back in Yosemite and we shall attempt to find out the name of the new addition.

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Two days after Christmas, Park Naturalist Doug Hubbard bundled his family into the station wagon and left the park post-haste for Washington, D.C. where he will attend the National Park Service Museum Methods Training Course. Doug and family will also visit a number of museums through the east. They expect to return home by early March.

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After a recent hearing, Mr. R. D. Moore of Wawona appeared before U. S. Commissioner Ottonello in Yosemite Valley on December 20, 1956 charged with cutting three Christmas trees within the boundaries of the park. On his plea of guilty he was fined \$50.

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Word has been received that Millie Anderson, wife of Ralph Anderson, formerly with the National Park Service, has been nominated for "Teacher of the Week" by the Arlington Education Association, Arlington, Virginia, for her outstanding work with the cerebral palsy and mentally retarded children. We certainly believe this quite an achievement and we are all proud of her.

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### BIRD COUNT

The annual Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the National Audubon Society, was conducted from El Portal (el. 2,000 feet), to Badger Pass (el. 7,600 feet) including Yosemite Valley on December 31, 1956. Seven-

teen participants working in five parties counted 55 species and 2,066 individuals. This compares favorably with the average since 1951 of 54.44 species and 2,210 individuals.

The participants were: Bob Carpenter, W. J., Michael and Katherine Coakley, Grace Ewing, Erma Fitzpatrick, Glenn Gallison, Vergena Koller, Mickey Ligon, Bob McIntyre, Laura McIntyre, Bob McIntyre, Jr., Marguerite Radigan, Dudley Ross, Vivian Ross, Sandy Sutton, and Mary Curry Tressider.

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### FOR SALE AT BARGAIN PRICES—

4 pc bedroom set, box sp. and matt. ....\$75  
Drop leaf dining table, 5 chairs .....\$50  
Living room rug, reversible 10x18 .....\$50  
Console radio, R.C.A. Victor .....\$30  
Desk and chair .....\$ 8  
Bedroom rocker & matching chair .....\$15  
Numerous other smaller articles for sale.  
Walt Woodman, H-136, Phone FR 2-4214.

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FOR SALE—1946 Chevrolet, 4-door sedan. Good condition. Call Kay, FR 2-4476.

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FOR SALE. Davenport and chair, fair condition. Call FR 2-4821.

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Bedroom and liv. rm furn. Call FR 2-4762

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BEAUTY BARGAINS. During February only: Helen Curtis Cold Wave, \$10.00. This includes haircut. Ahwahnee Beauty Shop.

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### DRAMA CLUB STARTED

Parts in the annual Lions Club spring play will be open to all Valley residents. Tryouts will be held at 7:30 p.m., January 23 in the Museum. Play to be presented is "Harvey."

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### PARENT'S GROUP MEETING

Ken Ashley, Chairman of Yosemite Parent's Group, announces that the next meeting of the group will be held at 8 p.m. Monday January 21. Program will feature James "Rabbit" Bradshaw, former University of Nevada football star and football coach. Mr. Bradshaw is now Director of Physical Education for the Fresno schools.

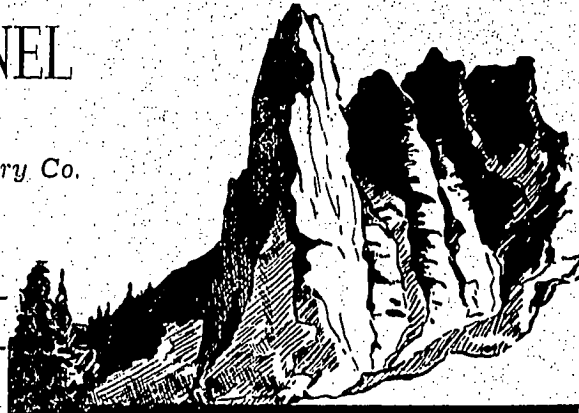


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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

The three-a-week, (Monday, Wednesday and Friday) Ski Buffet Dinner Dances are now swinging merrily along to the 'Tritones' snappy music; Housekeeper "Miss B" reports "Toby" and his crew have completed the big all-floor paint job; all of which denotes everyone being all set, ready and poised, to attack the big February double holiday ski throngs.

George deBacker, who believes pictures, plus a dash of humor, are worth 1000 words, has been busier than usual carrying out his clever "Visual Training Chart" idea, entitled, "Tips for the Meal Hour." This is a large clock-like affair permanently on display near The Ahwahnee side hall, complete with "right" and "wrong" pictures starring Gloria Hansen with Jane Foushee, Dick Kelly, Ken Bradley and Aldo Araya assisting, and acting like guests. George himself has done the planning, lettering, painting, picture taking and "what-have-you." George's finished idea is quite something to see, study and browse over. ?

It's always nice to have Priscilla Harders and Dotti Power, who along with Kay Connolly, Lois Franzen and Marie Dimock have been helping out during some rush moments in the Dining Room.

Earl Smith's been busier than a bird dog handling tea hour, room service, front side hall, serving wine and a few other things—cheerfully and capably.

Chuck Friman is radiating joy and warmth from the new electric heater in the store room. And, organizer Annie Oney is at it again, getting her gang all worked up for a snow weasel trip to Ostrander.

Milly Michels still the smiling cashier re-

gardless of the fact that while doing a Sonja Henie she sprained her left wrist—then promptly fractured her right wrist just to even things up.

Joe Thomas is driving a snappy new pink and white Mercury; and we hear rumors that Shiva Gharat plans selling foreign cars in Modesto—correct?

Paul Jones is glad to get his Coletha back from sunny Southern California after a stormy snow trip over the Ridge Route. She went to see—three guesses—her grandchildren.

Everyone should see the beautiful new foreign jewelry, bags, linen and accessories now on sale at The Ahwahnee Gift Shop. It's really terrific.

### YOSEMITE JUNIORS SHOW CLASS

Racers on the Yosemite Lions Club Junior Ski Team acquitted themselves well recently in competition at Edelweiss on Highway 50 in the Annual FWSA Junior Giant Slalom Championships, sponsored by the Edelweiss-Redhornet Club.

Twelve youngsters competed in groups 1, 2, 3, and 4, and were successful in winning one first place, two second places and two third places. Ninety-eight competitors ran the giant slalom courses set by Lutz Aynedter, Edelweiss School Director.

Accompanying the team as coaches, team physician, nose blower, etc., were Leroy and Jane Rust, Luggi Foeger, Dana and Esther Morgenson, Dr. and Pat Sturm and Henry Berrey.

The following shows class, winning time, name, position and times of the Yosemite team:

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Table with 2 columns: Group/Place and Time. Includes groups for Girls and Boys with individual names and times.

With Sunday free, the group skied at Heavenly Valley at the south end of Lake Tahoe. Luggi arranged for the youngsters to ski with Stein Ericksen.

After the morning skiing at Heavenly Valley, everyone headed home across Echo Pass but the Rusts—they headed the opposite direction bound for Aspen, Colorado.

FROM HERE & THERE

Completely booted and spurred, Miss Pat has taken off for points south to see the beautiful ocotillo and other desert cacti in full array. Hurry back!

Have you seen the likes of it? Clare Duval just had to go and chip her shoulder bone at the ice rink, luckily after vacation. You

are getting to be a celebrity, Clare, even if painfully so!

Welcome to Phyllis Corby—the newest addition to the Reservations Office. Phyllis transferred from the Coffee Shop (she was cashiering), and is presently admitting confusion with charts, dates, PPOs, etc. Don't worry, it takes time!

If you remember last issue, one of the Lodge members uttered a phrase, "I plan to break dozens of female hearts this year." Oh, Joy! Since "his" recent assignment to temporary duty in the offices, he is enjoying making the resolution come to life. Such excitement we haven't known for a long while—stay with us "crusher."

Our thanks to Adele Osborne who spent her mid-term vacation working in the Paymaster's Office to help them complete the W-2 Forms. It isn't that we are so anxious to see what money we've "given away," it's just that we all hope to get some back.

With the Coffee Shop closing, there's the reshuffle of personnel to the Cafeteria, other units and the outside world. We shall miss all those who have moved on, and the cheery cozy feeling of the Coffee Shop. Come, Spring

The Lions Club put on a wonderful Mardi Gras, New Orleans Party at The Ahwahnee, recently. The costuming was wonderful—just ask such as Luggi Foeger, the Kollers, and those who looked on. "Your servers" enjoyed the frivolity—one roaaarr for Lions!!

On January 26 the Stanford Square Dancers did some exhibition dances and taught several new ones to the Yosemite guests and employees. It was a wonderful treat to view some "real squaring"—and gives us all hope that we might some day attain such perfection. Don't stay home on square dance nites just because you don't know how—we're always learning. Come and join the fun!

Dick Otter, Wendell's pride and boy, recently visited our valley. Commissioned Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. on December 15, Dick has been assigned to Pensacola for 1 1/2 years pilot training.

Sven Jorgensen, former Ahwahnee room clerk and dining room captain, has been appointed director of residence halls and commons at the University of Southern California. Sven worked in Yosemite in 1949 and 1953, and has since graduated from Cornell, majoring in hotel administration.

Welcome to Nancy Linton, latest addition

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to the Traffic Office, who will be holding the fort alone for the next week while her co-worker, Donna Zinser is off to San Francisco.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Park Naturalist William Bullard and family have returned to the park with their new son, Kent Bullard, born in Denver, Colorado, on the way home from an extended trip through the east.

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February 4-9, Yosemite National Park was host to members of the National Park Service who attended the Supervisory Personnel Training Course sponsored on a region-wide basis by the State of California Department of Education. Carl J. Kistle of Sacramento was the instructor. Frank Kowski, Protection and Conservation Training Officer of the National Park Service, Washington, D. C. attended the course as advisor. Paul Ruby, Assistant Personnel Officer of the Regional Office in San Francisco, monitored the course. Trainees from other parks areas in Region Four included: Thomas J. Adams of Crater Lake; Linn Spaulding of Death Valley; Lester D. Bodine and Richard G. Prasil of Lassen Volcanic; Vernon R. Bender, William J. Butler, and Robert W. Rodgers of Mount Rainier; Joseph L. Davies, Francis G. Ray, Vernon E. Hennesay, and Hal W. Packard of Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Trainees from Yosemite included Betty Koubele, Bettyle Hamer, Darwin Williams, William Laux, William Sabo, George Murphy, William Bullard, Robert Carpenter, Ernest Byers, Fred Quist, Douglas Thomas, Richard McLaren, Herbert Ewing, Thomas Tucker, Delmer Armstrong, Dan Nelson, Marshall Evans and Nelson Murdock.

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The Chief Ranger reports that on Friday, February 1, all snow courses in the park had been gauged by park rangers. The data has been assembled and forwarded to Sacramento. Temperatures at the higher elevations of the park have been lower than usual with 22 degrees below zero at Tuolumne Meadows. Depth of snow and water content of the snow is considerably below normal.

### SNOW DEPTH AND WATER CONTENT IN INCHES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY

Peregoy Meadow — elevation 6,900 feet, snow depth in inches, average year, 58; 1956, 80; 1957, 44.8.

Water content of snow in inches, average year, 18; 1956, 41; 1957, 11.1.

Gin Flat, elevation 7,100 feet.

Snow depth in inches, average year 62; 1956, 76; 1957, 43.3.

Water content of snow in inches, average year, 21; 1956, 31; 1957, 11.0.

Ostrander Lake, elevation 8,200 feet.

Snow depth in inches, average year, 64; 1956, 108; 1957, 51.6.

Water content of snow in inches, average year, 21; 1956, 41; 1957, 13.5.

Snow Flat, elevation 8,700.

Snow depth in inches, average year, 75; 1956, 140; 1957, 61.5.

Water content of snow in inches, average year, 24; 1956, 61; 1957, 14.7.

Tenaya Lake, elevation 8,150 feet.

Snow depth in inches, average year, 56; 1956, 116; 1957, 51.5.

Water content of snow in inches, average year, 15; 1956, 60; 1957, 13.0.

Tuolumne Meadows, elevation 8,600 feet.

Snow depth in inches, average year, 44; 1956, 88; 1957, 29.2.

Water content of snow in inches, average year, 13; 1956, 36; 1957, 5.9.

Fletcher Lake, elevation 10,300 feet.

Snow depth in inches, average year, 45; 1956, 98; 1957, 43.

Water content of snow in inches, average year, 16; 1956, 38; 1957, 12.7.

Dana Creek Meadows, elevation 9,700 feet.

Snow depth in inches, 1956, 104; 1957, 35.3.

Water content of snow in inches, 1956, 46; 1957, 8.7.

Tioga Pass Lake, elevation 9,900 feet.

Snow depth in inches, 1956, 115; 1957, 30.5.

Water content of snow in inches, 1956, 58; 1957, 8.4.

Saddlebag Lake, elevation -0,000 feet.

Snow depth in inches, 1956, 112; 1957, 43.0.

Water content of snow in inches, 1956, 45; 1957, 11.2.

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### MISSION "66" STRESSES ROLE OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE

The help of private enterprise is essential in meeting the rapidly growing demands on National Park facilities, stated Assistant Secretary of the Interior Hatfield Chilson following a meeting on "Mission 66" with representatives of the Western Conference of National Park Concessioners and National Park Service officials in Washington on February 12.

The first of eight objectives named in "Mission 66" is to "provide additional accommodations and related services adapted to modern recreational needs within and near the parks, through greater participation of private enterprise."

Concessioners operating in the large national parks of the western states and Hawaii expressed a desire to cooperate as fully as possible in providing the thousands of new lodgings and related facilities now needed, but expressed concern over rising costs of construction and labor. It has been increasingly difficult to attract the necessary capital, conference officers said, as they must maintain facilities to meet peak loads of the tourist season and continue to operate in periods of slack business.

National Park surveys have indicated that the lodging capacity of about 24,000 last year should be increased to 52,000 during the 10-year life of the "Mission 66" program, at a cost of \$50,000,000 with concessioners providing three-fourths of this amount.

H. Oehlmann, Chairman of the Western Conference group said that he has been assured (by conference members) of continuing development throughout the park system, conditioned only upon security and reasonable return on investment in maintaining these public services.

### YOSEMITE WOMEN TO MEET

A meeting of great interest is in store for the Yosemite Women's Group on Tuesday, February 26. Judge Tom Coakley of Mariposa will speak on "What Women Should Know about Legal Matters."

The price of the luncheon is \$1.50 and reservations should be made by calling FR 2-4421 by noon, Friday, February 25.

The regular meeting will begin at 2:00 and, as always, those unable to attend the luncheon are urged to be at the meeting.

Come and bring your friends. You can't

afford to miss this one! Remember the date! February 26 and Judge Tom Coakley.

### HARVEY

Many of us have seen Harvey in the movies, on the stage—and others have just seen him hopping around.

Come and look for Harvey at the Yosemite Elementary School Friday or Saturday night, March 1 and 2. Tickets on sale at convenient locations. Watch for the announcement!

### OVERTONS LEAVE WHITNEY

The Sentinel received a letter from Bill Overton, formerly with the State Fish and Game. The Overtons left Yosemite for the Mt. Whitney hatchery, but have now left for Long Beach where Bill is with the Marine Patrol of F. and G.

He says of his work, in part, "My work other than being law enforcement, is an unknown quantity. Public Relations are bound to enter into it. I expect to do some boat work and some beach patrol—maybe check fish markets where I could purloin a lobster or two while the proprietor is busy elsewhere."

The Overtons have bought a home at the north edge of Long Beach, address — 3330 Janice St, Long Beach 11. With advance reservations, Bill says visitors from Yosemite are welcome.

### WANT ADS—FOR SALE

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1955 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible. Loaded with extras. 11,000 easy miles. V-8. Call John Curry or H. J. Doucette.

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'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.

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2 Tennis racquets for the price of one. Ditsen, good condition, plus a Firestone, \$5.00. See Jane Foushee, Ahwahnee Dining Room.

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One 670-15 tire, almost new, \$12. Call A. Heyne at FR 2-4846.

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Thunderbird, black, overdrive, R&H power windows, 1956 hardtop, removable. See Jane Foushee, Ahwahnee Dining Room.

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One pair Henke ski boots, size 6, like new, price, \$22.50. Dana Morgenson, FR 2-4258 or FR 2-4852.

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Double bed. Call Dotty Brown, FR 2-4762.

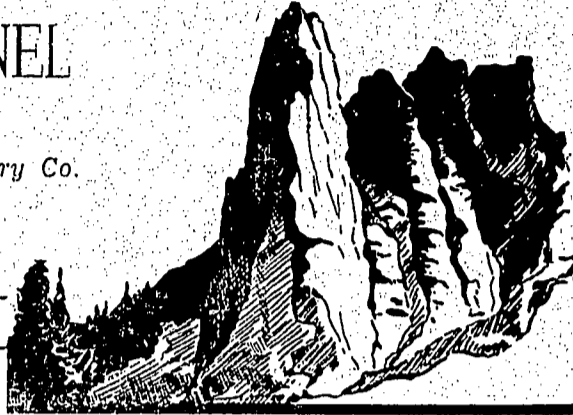
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### VILLAGE STORIES

Many young girls, in search of a husband, doll up, spruce up, paint up, then give up. So here lies our gripe section for the week.

Quite a few of the young, available swains in the park have contacted your fearless Old Village reporter to demand space in the Sentinel so that they too might express an opinion about their dilemma. The fact is that their unmarried status is a condition they deplore.

These young fellows wish to stop beating around the bush and come right out with the facts. The quality they find most appealing about the feminine sex is that some of them know how to cook.

Yes, the best and straightest way to a man's heart is still through his stomach.

For years they have been trying to get the point over to you girls by such subtle hints as, "Isn't she a honey," or "That's my sweetie pie," "Some tomato," "Whose little lamb chop is oo," "She's a peach." If she is particularly well-stacked they refer to her as "Cheesecake." It all boils down to this:

The average American boy is willing to get married, pay taxes, and raise a family, only if he can be sure of three good meals a day.

Recently when Buck Buchanan and Dick Klein returned from their trips abroad, they were interviewed by your local reporter. When asked if romance was the object of their travels, they both replied that actually they were in search of a new, exciting dish. Also, one of the best pieces of literature in the country entitled, "How to Catch a Husband" is a cook book.

Six of the single men connected with the office staff have admitted to this reporter that they would propose marriage and be faithful husbands to the first girl who can show them the thing they most want to see,

the sign, "Recommended by Duncan Hines."

The smarter girls—the married ones—recall when they were still struggling—that even on a summer evening at beach parties with romance in the air and beautiful girls wearing their Bikinis, the biggest sensation was the Barbecued Steak.

Now, Ole Dad Ring, who is the keeper of the most treasured possession in the park—the Old Village FOOD Emporium—suggests that all the girls in this area should have a big cooking contest. Then they can get together and display their main attractions. And remember ladies, the girl with the most attractive pot will get the holder!

### GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

With the coming of spring, the general office complement increases—and as Margurite would say, "two more office daisies." Elaine Slipper to Reservations Office and Mary LeLeu to the Executive Office. A sincere welcome to both of you. I'm sure you will enjoy beautiful springtime in Yosemite.

Most of you know that John Schweifler has been "rather under the weather," but seems to be coming along just fine, per Lena. It will be no time and John will be "snippin' 'em close, for the hot weather."

He's back! The inevitable Emmy! The Southland claimed him for two weeks rest—but when Yosemite beckoned, he whistled all the way back, to re-replace "Crusher."

Night life critic, Bob Lee, has just returned from S.F. and advised that the "most for your money" is shown in the Italian production, "La Strada," and "Wee Gordie." Take that to heart, the critic has so advised.

Europe was wonderful, exciting, says Lucie Richter. We all believe she is "gathering in the shekels and yen" for the next voyage.

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#### OFFICE NEWS (continued)

Live it, Lucie—there's just one life.

It seems there has been a bit of a turnabout in Personnel with Miss Pat returning from the desert, almost finding herself replaced by a "lovely blonde," the men taking off, and now Miss Pat holding down three jobs. Yes, vacations *are* hard to return from.

The skiing is still good—enough so, that Sally Lewallen couldn't resist the temptation—and joined the crowd. It proved a bad omen for her, as she will confirm with the "foot in cast." Happy healing, Sally.

Lois Valk, X-European traveler, too, hosted a showing of her films of travel, which were very inviting.

Frank Chikosh and Andrew Zum are their names, their homeland is Hungary (cities of Mateszalake and Jasszentandras), Ahwahnee Dining Room their new station—if you haven't met them—do so. Such charm! From them to you—"BOLDOGAK."

Two bright stars have left the General Office orbit; Lois Franzen and Kay Connolly have ere this, departed the Valley and are en route for New York where, on March 26, they will board the Dutch ship, Rindam, for Cohn, Ireland. They plan a six month's continental journey. Lucky, lucky girls.

#### CAMP CURRY NOTES

We've finally dug (or washed out—which-ever suits your feeling) from under the icy blanket. A survey shows that most of all the snow is gone, and we are on the way to an early spring. We'll probably get the summer office open earlier than usual.

Indeed, the first signs of spring are the return of one of last season's employees, Roger Clayton. Roger reports New York quite cold, and he is glad to be in the sunny west. Chet Tatoian turned up for a look-see over the Washington's Birthday weekend.

Spring painting, swelling dogwood and azalea buds are all signs that our 1957 season is already here. Come over and see us some time.

#### "HARVEY" CAPTURES THE VALLEY

"HARVEY" completely captured the Valleyites in its two-night showing at the Yosemite School, (directed by Cate Bauer, produced by Sterling Cramer).

It was a rollicking comedy starring Ed Si-rianni and Kay Evans, with a fine supporting cast—each and every one turning in a convincing performance.

Members of the Mighty Mountain Art Players provided the scenery and art work; the curtains contributed by The Ahwahnee. These stage properties will become the property of the Yosemite School, and have a value in excess of \$500., completing another Community Betterment project by the Yosemite Lions Club.

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Well it's later than you think—and not much news brewing. Spring conventions have started, however, which means hectic times for all at The Ahwahnee. Ski dinners will be over April 13, and, instead of snow, Luggi's nice green lawns showing.

Something new in elevator operators—GIRLS: Miriam Dodd, late of Lodge Gift Shop, and Sally Lewallen, now working on Joe Thomas' snappy staff. Can't wait to see their uniforms.

Lots of familiar faces back with that winter desert tan showing include: Ted Gogolewski and John Reislad in the kitchen; Margaret Butler and Emily Dauten, dining room. A warm welcome from all of us to Dorothy White now dining room Captain. Herbie Boucher and Herb Swedlund new wine and tea stewards; Viola Kerr in House-keeping. Everyone welcomed Harry Nolan back after his long illness, and Harry Benjamin who will be night Houseman. William LeRoy and Herman Dreeson are justly proud of the terrific shine showing up on that beautiful lobby floor—took lots of elbow grease and polish.

Tony Tuason's been here—but wouldn't have been if Gladys Reid hadn't met a broken down YTS bus at Cathay, scooped up

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Tony and others, bag and baggage, and delivered them, many miles out of her way, down to Merced to start all over again. Orchids to Gladys Reid.

Ruth Young is the new Ahwahnee cashier relief, and Pasadena begrudgingly, no doubt, let go of David Owen so he could work at the front desk.

George de Backer says he misses us, and we have certainly missed him during his two weeks at the Lodge Cafeteria.

The BIG NEWS however, is Eddie Siriani—'Elwood P. Dowd' to all who were lucky enough to catch the Lions show "Harvey." Eddie's a wow as an actor—congratulations from us all. In future, all talent scouts will get red carpeted, personal escort to Eddie's private hideout—the storeroom. The line forms to the right!

### LODGE NEWS

Yes! George de Backer is now Assistant Manager during John Curry's vacation in Mexico. Maybe George will try out some of his new visual training ideas here.

Look out Badger, here comes the gang from the Lodge! Clear the slopes for the Flying Fifty! Dee McClain and Kerstin Wedberg are vying for top honors on the board. It's a race to the finish to see who gets to the top first. Fast snow conditions will prove if Nancy Maynard's record of 1:06.4 can be broken this season.

Jim McDonald, who is headed for Europe in two weeks, plans to spend the next year and a half there. Transportation can't be much of a problem for him when he reaches the other side of the pond, for he sold his '37 Ford to Manager Doucette. Duke seems to be very happy with his new car.

Miriam Dodd left the Lodge for an interesting job with lots of excitement. She transferred from gift shop to be an elevator operator at The Ahwahnee. Nancy Wycoff, taking her place, will be smiling over the Gift Shop counter.

Louie "the cook" Elias was very happy to see his daughter, Carolyn Lec, come to work at the Lodge in housekeeping. Lou isn't the only happy cook here, for Mavix Lauffer joined her husband, Leroy, and is helping out on weekends in the cafe.

Adding to the staff at the Cafe are Jeannie Harshner from Oakland and Ann Scott from Pasadena. They both are interested in skiing

and plan to stay through the summer.

Since the skating rink closed, Brad Turner has transferred to Housekeeping, working under Miss Beston. Bill Johnson, who also worked at the rink, is working as Brad's assistant.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Marion Anderson has forsaken the patching up of Badger guests for a two weeks' vacation in Long Beach.

We were sorry to say our farewells to Barbara Hand who left us Friday to return to her home.

We report that our "local residents" Alice Brashear and Bert Strome are doing fine. Likewise, Dee McClaren who will be leaving us shortly but who's fracture won't be leaving her.

Our baby business was slow last month, the only birth being to Art and Colleen Horton, a girl, Candice Winona on February 12.

Dorothy White, through these pages, wishes to thank all her friends for their kind words of sympathy expressed during her grief at the recent loss of her husband, Ernie.

The Whites came to Yosemite in 1950 and have held various positions with the Y. P. C. Co., until this winter when they left to manage a commissary for Trans Ocean Airlines in the South Pacific. It was during this absence that Ernie passed away. Dorothy is now a captain in the dining room at The Ahwahnee.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Among the recent distinguished visitors to Yosemite were Mr. Jiro Noguchi, newspaper publisher and radio station owner of Kofu City, Japan, one of the gateway cities to Mount Fujiama; and Mr. and Mrs. Jurg Marmet of Switzerland who were here on an international lecture tour representing the Swiss Foundation for Alpine Research. Mr. Marmet was a member of the Swiss Mount Everest-Lhotse-Expedition of 1956 and, with fellow climbers, successfully conquered Mt. Everest.

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Mrs. Jessie B. Reed, former seasonal Park Ranger in Yosemite during the summer of

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### N. P. S. NEWS (continued)

1927 and wife of former Park Ranger Ernie Reed, passed away on February 20 in Santa Barbara, California. Mrs. Reed and her husband moved to California in 1917 where Mr. Reed became a Park Ranger on the Yosemite staff. They were stationed at the Arch Rock entrance until his death in 1939. Mrs. Reed is survived by three sisters in Kansas City, Mo. and by a brother in Pasadena. Funeral services were conducted in Santa Barbara on February 22, and interment followed in Louisburg, Kansas.

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### CHRIS HAUCK RETIRES

Park Superintendent John C. Preston of Yosemite National Park announced that Sanitation Officer Christof P. Hauck of the park staff retired officially from government service on March 1, after 36 years of meritorious service in Yosemite.

Chris, a native of Chino, California, entered on duty in Yosemite, January 23, 1921, as a plumber's helper in the engineering department. In May, 1937, he was promoted to master plumber and in January of 1950 he became Sanitation Officer of Yosemite through promotion.

Over the years he has contributed in many ways to park development for the safety and welfare of millions of park visitors. In 1939, through his personal initiative, he designed a water purification unit for outlying areas and back country camps which, at a considerable saving to the government was adopted by the U.S. Public Health Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Hauck have moved to their new residence in Cambria, California. Best wishes for their retirement are sincerely expressed by the park staff and their many friends in Mariposa County.

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### YOSEMITE MUSEUM NEWS

The Yosemite Public Library, a branch of the Mariposa County Library has been moved to the second floor of the Museum where Mrs. McElligott, the librarian, will be on duty. The hours that the library will be open are: Monday and Thursdays, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., and Fridays from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Children coming to the library are reminded not to run or shout in the building as this disturbs visitors using the Museum.

Many local residents seem unaware of the fact that there is another library in the Museum. On the second floor, too is located the Research Library, and in spite of its formal name, there are many books to be found that are of a popular nature. Also there are current issues of many fine magazines dealing with history, natural history, and photography. This library is open to the public when the Museum staff is on duty from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Books may be taken out of this library by local residents. Park visitors may use them only in the library. The former Moran Art Room on the first floor has been converted into a fireproof vault. It will house the most valuable materials in the Museum that are not currently on display.

Space on the lower floor which has been released by moving the County Library to the second floor will be used for new exhibits and visitor orientation.

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### HOW'S YOUR COOKING, LADIES

Does your cooking taste different lately? Do you burn the toast, shrivel the bacon and eggs? Is your coffee scorched?

If so, then the March 21st meeting of the Yosemite Womens' Group is a must for you—and here's why—

Martha Logan, representative of Swift & Co., will conduct a live cooking demonstration at the Yosemite school's all purpose room. Miss Logan will have a stove, utensils etc. at her disposal and will give us many good cooking hints to test on our families.

Again, the date is March 21 at 2 p.m. at the Yosemite School. Everyone cordially invited. Coffee and cookies will be served at the end of the meeting. All in all, you just can't afford to miss this one. And, it's free.

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The Sentinel recently received news of Grace Hobson's death in San Jose on March 4. Hobby, as she will be remembered by her friends, was with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. for many years, retiring in 1948.

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### WANT ADS—FOR SALE

FOR SALE—prefabricated fireplace only 1 year old. \$150 new. Will sell for \$50. Call George de Backer, FR 2-4421 or 2-4772.

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### BADGER DOINGS

There are still a few weeks of wonderful skiing left at Badger Pass and also a good supply of—listen to this—marked down merchandise.

Not only are the guests raving about the excellent facilities and skiing conditions, but the whole personnel is happy and contented under the excellent management of Bobs Maynard and Seach.

While Barbara Carr is usually kept busy in the office repairing all the mistakes being made in sales—and rental shop, not to mention cashier, time cards, tickets, etc., to be taken care of, we (in the Sales Room) when we have a few idle moments, get pleasure out of watching Marty Miller and her following of little skiers. Just at this writing she looks like Snow White and her following the Seven Dwarfs—the last one stumbling behind—a la Dopey.

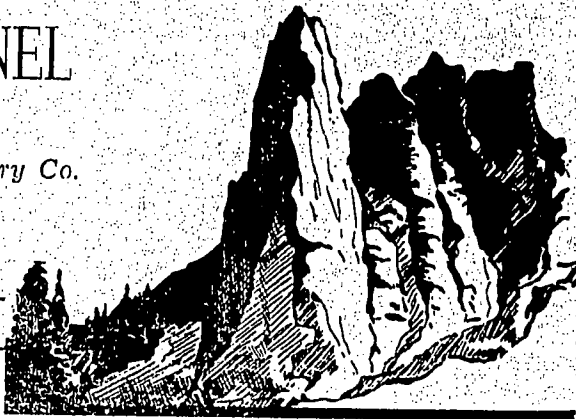
So, in closing, we will say come to Badger while the season lasts. If you don't ski, try the food in the cafeteria, browse around the salesroom and enjoy the atmosphere in general.

### Personable Personalities

One sunny morn when Bill Bompreszi, the mayor of the rope tow, appeared in a Trader Horn helmet, it was generally assumed he was safari bound. More accurately, he was hunting Bunnies and the next day frost-bitten ears were swaddled with bunny fur. He sets mogul traps.

Remember our uneducated days—when Moe felt certain mention of a mogul was a punnie aimed at him and Sid thought a T-bar was a kiddies toy and a Head was what we got if we knew the right people.

Marge, hearing of a slalom, conjured a



picture of that sausage with which the Italians like to chase their red wine in, Karl was sure a snowplow was an implement used to cultivate ski fields, and a weasel was what a freight train did in Spanish. A safety binding was a piece of adhesive tape over the leaky water pipe, Wally claimed, and a boot strap was always applied by irate fathers, never worn.

Quirks persist. The glazed look on Howie Chenault's face is ascribed to the dozenth person asking "what chenault"? The pained expression on same face is attributed to the misplacement of that Australian sheepherder's hat.

Big Bud Johnson loves to climb in his bus and scatter little Volkswagens with his horn which does sound like a melancholy sea dragon calling to its mate. And when Trudel asks for the "bas," she doesn't want the YTS, but one of the Bob's.

That signature-filled parchment passing around is a petition for red, white and lavender Bogners for next season's ski patrol—skifollies of '58.

That handsome dog sneaking around the corner of the rental room for a quick check in the mirror is ski-fitter, boat-renter, screwdriver, welder, snow-shoveler and Badger wit, Stan Jones, of the Badger Pass Joneses. Last close scrutiny showed a startling and interesting development. The coveted tan was one shade darker than a parlor pallor. Stan scuffed the snowy slopes for long determined hours, practicing kick turns before attributing failure to being pigeon-toed. But what a horse with snowplows. Some are born to jump, some are made to jump, and some of us have jumping forced upon us. When Father Cronin rushed to administer last rites to Stu McIlraith the other  
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about it—surprise!

Dee McLain has left the Lodge to return home because of the illness of her father. Alice Brashear, who's been receiving visitors in Lewis Memorial Hospital for some ten long weeks, is back in the dorms again. We hope to have her back in the cafeteria soon.

Yvonne Grandmain is now acting forelady in the cafeteria since John Curry will be spending more time with other duties.

Everyone gives her best wishes with the figuring out of the schedules, timecards, and all. Juan Curry, incidentally, came back from Acapulco with a sun tan, pocketsfull of presents for the cafeteria girls, and is now busy in the kitchen teaching the cooks how to whip out tacos and enchiladas for the crowds.

Our tour around the Lodge brings us to the post office where Johnny Hansen has returned, after weeks spent up at Badger. So there are a few new jokes on the wall, and lots of old ones over the counter.

From any place at the Lodge one can see Bill Johnson out in the court, raking leaves from one place to another—out in the open air because of that big, fat cigar. Bill will soon be moving up to Wawona, and his incumbent in office is as yet unnamed.

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### FROM HERE & THERE

Senor and Senora Mickey Curry, back from Mexico City and Acapulco, after two week's of sunning and skiing (water), We received a post card from them showing their skill on one ski each. Try this at Badger.

We welcome two new faces in the Company General Offices: Beverly Palombo, hailing from Santa Ana, and Judy Linfors from Arizona.

Lois Franzen and Kay Connolly sailed from New York on March 26, for 6 months in Europe. Bon voyage and auf wiedersehen.

Into temporary retirement went Martha Conti Smith, infanticipating. Martha worked in the Purchasing Office for two years. Our best wishes to you Martha, and we hope it's a boy or a girl.

Welcome to Leo O'Sullivan, back at the Receiving Warehouse for his 7th year.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

BORN: Mari Elizabeth, 5 lbs, 8 oz to Martha and Raymond 'Frenchy' Meyer on March 20

Allen Robert, 8 lbs, 6½ oz joined the Berrey family, March 12. Is this to be Yosemite's basketball team? (Possibly. Ed.)

Marguerite Radigan, Jess Rust and Ben Laughter are all making good recovery, and Alice Brashear is becoming so expert with crutches that it won't be long now before she's out walking the "mity mile."

Diane Johnson is visiting Riverside on her long, long weekend.

It's Marian Anderson's new car parked in our back yard.

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### PROTESTANT STUDENT MINISTER

Robert Hartung, a senior student at Princeton Seminary, is taking a year of training working with Yosemite Community Church and the El Portal Community Church. While in the park, Mr. Hartung will work with the National Park Service and assist Mr. Glass at the two churches.

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### NEW P. O. HOURS

According to Postmaster W. J. Fitzpatrick, Sunday mail service will be restored for the balance of the spring and summer season, starting April 7.

All outgoing mails on Sunday will close at noon and incoming service will be provided for boxholders only. There will be no window service.

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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

On Sunday, March 31, there will be a live television broadcast from Yosemite to the nation over NBC's TV program "Wide, Wide World." The program will go out of Yosemite between the hours of 1 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday to all NBC stations east of the Rocky Mountains and will be rebroadcast to the Pacific Coast states 4 to 5:30 p.m. the same afternoon. Of the 64 minutes of view-

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ing time on the 1½ hour program, Yosemite will be allotted approximately 26 minutes.

On the program too, there will be the 350th anniversary of the English landing at Jamestown, Virginia with the establishment of the first permanent English Colony on American soil. All TV fans will certainly enjoy seeing these two areas of the National Park Service portrayed by a live broadcast.

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Word has been received by Superintendent Preston that Yosemite will be host on April 10 to 11 to the Ambassadors and their wives from the 21 American Republics who will attend the Pan American Congress to be held in Los Angeles on April 14. There will be between 45 and 50 distinguished guests in the party.



### LIONS CLUB CARNIVAL ON SATURDAY

The Yosemite Lions Club wishes to establish a new precedent: not only will March come in like a lion, but April refuses to take it on the lamb. The biggest event of the year is about to materialize on April 6.

The usual spectacular acts such as beautiful Cherie La Rue, the dancer; Chan-Du, the magician; Babo, the clown; and Dumbo, the elephant will *not* appear on our show. But *in their place and far surpassing them*, will be a sensational performance by our local Lions, and we ain't lying!

Much thought and consideration has been expended by our Lions Club committee in selecting talent for this show.

Oscar Sedergren will, among other things, act as on-the-spot booking agent for any unusual acts. He claims he has booked many of them right here in the valley.

Doug Hubbard will be master of ceremonies. He's used to handling large crowds as he has one of his own at home.

Walter Fitzpatrick, our local Yul Brynner, was recommended for the game of Post Office, but he says that postal regulation No. 471B prohibits such carrying on of the mail after 6 p.m. So they decided to give him the chair—the musical chair concession.

The booth for Ring-the-bottles will be conducted by Doug Thomas and Jim Murray. They have gone all out on this job and have been emptying bottles for weeks.

The members of the Accounting Department have promised to work up a juggling act—they have been at it for years.

The Lions of the Volunteer Fire Department have promised to put on a few hot numbers. Bob Bevington will run the old movies. He's had lots of experience at the Old Village Pavilion. Assisting him will be our own Reverend Glass.

### MORE WIDE WIDE WORLD

By the time this issue of the Sentinel has reached the local readers, NBC's presentation of Yosemite in its Wide Wide World Program of March 31 will be a beautiful memory.

Probably not many of us had the chance to see the show, inasmuch as we do not have television in the Valley (more on this subject in the next issue).

The theme of the March 31st program was "SPRING 1957."

There were six areas around the United States depicted: The Charleston Magnolia Gardens in the South; Vermont's maple orchards in the North; Jamestown, Virginia in the East, the palm-lined streets of Beverly Hills, California; Mesa, Arizona, and Yosemite.

In Yosemite, the contrasts of Spring were pointed out. Instead of traveling from north to south, the camera traveled in elevation, depicting the arrival of spring at different altitudes.

Dave Garroway was the Master of Ceremonies and guest on the program was Pulitzer Prize winning poet Robert Frost, who appeared from Vermont.

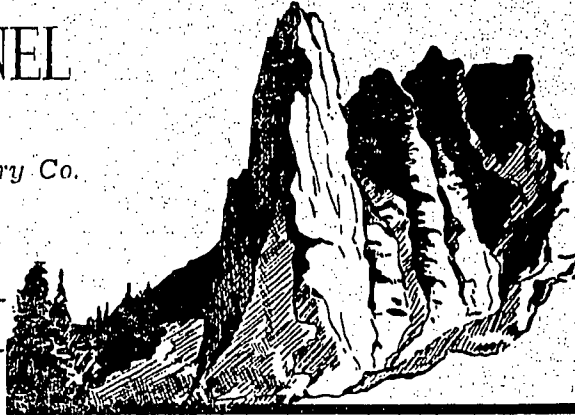
Original music was prepared and directed by David Brockman.

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### VILLAGE STORIES

#### A tribute to local T.V. artists

Many people in the park, including yours truly, still don't understand the miracle of television. How can a picture be transmitted over a raft of funny looking wires and gadgets and be received right in your own living room? So your reporter, in a sincere effort to bring the true facts to his thousands of readers, sought out the most scientific mind in our district to get the answer. It's quite simple, actually. Everything in this universe is evolved from light, and everything sends out vibrations of various types which penetrate everything. Without getting too involved, it's like when Ole Dad Ring does the Charleston in the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee.

The T.V. programs in the big cities were getting to the point where even the producers themselves noticed how bad they were. So, in an honest effort to give more class to their shows, they came to Yosemite.

The populace rolled out the red carpet for this occasion. Even the road from the New Village to the Old Village was blocked off, and not for the usual reason. The participants in the program all did a wonderful job, and the show was a big success. Your fearless reporter did uncover a very interesting story. The writers who accompanied the T. V. unit were very impressed with the beauty of the park and the interesting lives its people live. They were particularly interested in one of our Rangers, Nels Murdock, because he is tall, dark and handsome, brave, gentle, strong, intelligent, and has a wonderful smile. The ladies all think he is attractive. He's just the type of man the television program organizers have been looking for. When they film this story, don't miss it. It will have everything. Its title will

be, "The Exciting Life of Nels Murdock"—starring Glenn Gallison.

The only unusual problem the producers have run into so far, is that in every story shot on location, Hollywood has had to send in people to play the character parts to add local color, humor, and create unusual effects in general. Now, they didn't come right out and say that everyone up here was a character, but this is the first time in history of show business that the movie industry will have to send in people to play the normal parts.

The chief cameraman did pay us the best compliment of all, and I hope we will be big enough to take it modestly because in many instances sudden fame is the undoing of many a man. He said that if it were possible to shoot more talent such as we have here, T. V. would definitely make great progress.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

All we know is spring is busting out all over—and conventions—fast and furious. However, with the Plumbers, Allied Equipment, Tax Collectors, Y.M.C.A.s, Accountants, Rotarians, Lumber Merchants and Soroptimists behind us, we're really looking forward to the coming Resort Hotel Committee, A.H.A., chiefly because they deserve nothing but the best. Also we are, if slightly dizzily, awaiting the Lions. Spring's not only outdoors, but indoors—right in The Ahwahnee Gift Shop. Beautiful and most practical imported skirts, straw belts, hats, fascinating flower earrings, wonderful wooden egg cups, are just some of the intriguing wares to choose from.

Paul Truman, doorman, and Dick Ernst, relief, are two newcomers to the bellman

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FISHING SEASON OPENS APRIL 27

Prospects for opening day fishing, April 27, according to sources generally reliable are: if the weather stays cool, the Merced River will offer fair fishing for the fly and lure fisherman; if the river rises due to warm weather, bait is better, and so are the prospects. Some of the smaller streams along the Big Oak Flat and Wawona Roads will be accessible, though none of the lakes. Don't overlook Hetch Hetchy and the Tuolumne River as presenting possibilities. The State Fish and Game people have recently planted in the Merced River near El Portal several thousand catchable size fish from the Moccasin Creek Hatchery.

And, if you don't have all the necessary gear, the Old Village Store does.

WATER COLOR CLASSES

Watercolorist Richard Yip will conduct outdoor watercolor courses in Yosemite in two sessions. The first will be from June 19-24, and the second from June 25 to July 2. All information on entering classes, scope of course, etc, can be had from Dana Morgenson, E. V. Westley, or the Village Store Office.

YOSEMITE LODGE NEWS

The new look in Yosemite Lodge redwood cabins for spring is plexi-tone, which, in simpler language, is a speckle painted finish done by Toby and his boys in a variety of color combinations in each accommodation. New curtains and spreads are on order and the housekeeper, Miss Beston, and her crew are awaiting the arrival so they can complete the redecorating.

Heavy housecounts at the Lodge the past few weeks meant more help and new employees. Among the new arrivals in the housekeeping section are Lillian Vetsch, Clara Price, Lester Hammack, William Shea,

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staff. Gene Kates, Laura Piper, and Jimmie Vinson are returnees to the Dining Room; Heinz Block, from Germany, a busboy who will be most popular as in interpreter—he speaks nine languages, but no Hungarian—wouldn't you know.

Luggi Foeger's grounds are coming to life after the winter snows and already newcomer Lloyd Henneman is busily attacking the pine needles. Steve Barrett, Lodge transportation agent, is now relieving Miles Cooper at The Ahwahnee.

Also, bears have made real news lately—they dearly love The Ahwahnee it seems, and twice have spent most of each night in Gloria Hanson's tent (she was in the dorms). The typewriter particularly, seem to appeal to him (or her), for he merrily flung it into the nearby stream, and I, for one, feel certain that he could write a much more interesting column for the Sentinel than this seems to be!

And, as if it weren't enough for the bear (or bears) plundered Gloria's tent, he also ripped up the interior of Kit Whitman's Ford and of Barbara Carr's Volkswagen. Both cars were terrible messes and quite a depressing sight to see. In each case, there were bits of food inside the cars which must have attracted these "wild" animals.

CUPID STRIKES AGAIN

Returning from a visit to Los Angeles, Clarence (Red) Woelbing of the Yosemite Lodge kitchen crew brought back the exciting news of his engagement to Louise Ullner, formerly of the Traffic Office. An engagement party was held April 10 at the home of the bride-to-be and a fall wedding is planned.

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Oscar Gerald, and James McCormick who replaced Bill "Punchy" Johnson as yardman since Bill moved up to the Wawona golf course.

Mollie Kerbs just returned from a weekend on the coast in Santa Barbara. Maud Tietzel spent a few days ill in the hospital but is well now and back on the job.

Hazel Magill is expected back soon after a six week visit with her daughter in Colorado.

Mary John, Flora Antone, Jo Ella Lee, Eloise John, Betty Ralph, and Eleanor McCabe are planning on staying at the Lodge this summer instead of transferring to Camp Curry, as they have done in the past.

Theresa Crawford, after eight years of service in the cafeteria, and Agnes Angell, cashier, have left Yosemite and are touring the north through Oregon and Washington. They have planned to settle somewhere in that area.

Marguerite Radigan is leaving in May for a two week vacation in Southern California to chase birds and visit friends.

Roger Briar has returned from vacation in Iowa via Texas. The story goes that his original plan was to spend the entire vacation in the big southern state but a few days of city life didn't please Roger so he migrated north and ended his stay up in Iowa.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

The boys have it this month! Born on April 2, to the Westmorlands, Randolph Wayne; on April 3 to Martha and Jack Smith, Peter Ross; on April 10 to Janet and Sonny Whitfield, Rex Phillip; on April 10 to the Zollars, Charles Douglas.

Stu McIlraith, in from Badger Pass with a broken leg, is mending and said to be holding his own with the big boys.

Nurse Marian Anderson is loading up her car for the trip to Contra Costa County and public health nursing. Joining the staff are R.Ns. Gretchen Meredith and Jeanette Kaufold.

### STATUS OF T V IN YOSEMITE

Preliminary engineering surveys to measure the possibilities of receiving television in Yosemite Valley have been made by the Industrial Television Co. of Los Angeles for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. with the cooperation of the engineering department of the National Park Service. These tests have been sufficiently encouraging to indicate that further research be done with the present aim of the satisfactory reception of Channel 8 in Salinas. This channel was selected because it provided one of the strongest signals and also because it carries all three networks. Should the next surveys indicate probable good reception, a translator station will be installed which will pick up and convert VHF Channel 8 to UHF Channel 70 with the converted signal beamed toward the Valley where reception will be through individual antennae.

At the present, an application to erect the translator station is on file with the Federal Communications Commission and it is felt that there is every reason for it to be approved.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has agreed to finance, at no interest, the purchase and installation of the translator, the surveys, etc. However, the community users are expected to organize and arrange to repay these costs, which will be in the neighborhood of \$4,000.00.

The National Park Service will be the final authority in all terminal negotiations and will supervise the type and placement of individual antennae.

The Village Store plans to carry television sets which will be available to local residents on a discount basis. Within a few weeks, a poll of Valley residents will be made to ascertain the number of families or individuals interested in becoming participants.

It is planned that the use of television will be for the enlightenment and enjoyment of residents rather than for public viewing.

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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

The buildings at Happy Isles which formerly housed the State fish hatchery, are being converted into the new Happy Isles Nature Center, under the direction of the National Park Service.

Since Happy Isles is a natural focal point for Park visitors, it is believed that the new nature center, now under construction, will be a popular place. In addition to an information office there will be exhibits which will include suggestions on how to enjoy Yosemite, information on trips to the high country, tips on taking pictures in the Park, electrical nature games for youngsters, exhibits on trout rearing, etc.

To help finance and build these exhibits, the National Park Service is receiving cooperation from the National Foundation for Junior Museums. The California Department of Fish and Game will supply fingerling trout for the rearing troughs, and will assist in the construction of panels on trout rearing and planting.

Headquarters for the popular Junior Ranger Program will be at the new center. Naturalist-conducted walks and hikes will begin from there and a self-guiding trail is planned for the area. The opening date will be announced later, but a target date of June 1 has been set.

After much deliberation, the California Department of Fish and Game last fall decided to close its cold-water hatchery operation in Yosemite which was deemed uneconomical. This was indicated in view of the new warm-water hatchery at Moccasin Creek near Sonora and the San Joaquin Hatchery near Friant Dam. The trout for replenishing Yosemite's lakes and streams will be supplied from these hatcheries and the planting program for the Park will continue with no change from the past.

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Word has been received that the fishing season in Yosemite will open on the morning of Saturday, April 27, to conform with Madera, Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties.

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Campground No. 7 in Yosemite Valley has been opened to free public camping for the season. This is in addition to Campground

No. 4 which has been open all winter. Visitors will be pleased to find 300 new wood and metal tables in Campground No. 7 for their convenience.

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The following trails are now open to public use from the Valley floor: Vernal and Nevada Falls, Yosemite Falls, the Mirror Lake Loop trail, and all bridle paths in Yosemite Valley.



Superintendent Preston, in company with Superintendent Thomas Allen of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks, Sanford Hill, the Chief of the Western Office of Design and Construction and Fred Johnston of the Region Four Office and other technicians made an official inspection trip to Anacapa and Santa Barbara Islands (the Channel Islands) off the coast of Southern California the first week in April. Superintendent Thomas Allen is the Coordinating Superintendent of Channel Islands National Mounment, California.

### UNCLAIMED PRIZES

According to Nels Murdock, several of those who held lucky tickets at the recent Lions Club Carnival did not claim their winnings. These are being held at the Village Store and await those holding tickets numbered—47, 109, 174, 290, 348, 385.

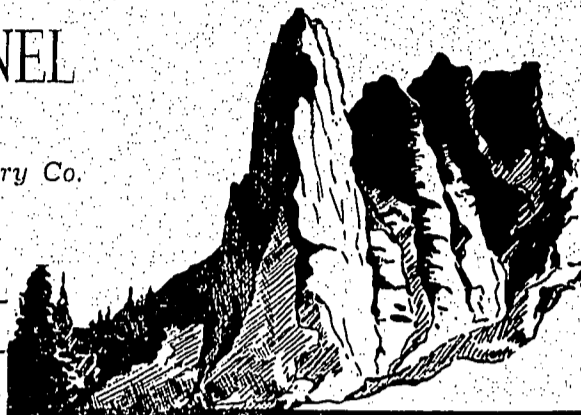
### SHOESHOP OPEN SOON

Briney Wammack, who for many years repaired shoes in the Old Village Shoe Shop, will return this summer to operate a mobile shop which will be located in Housekeeping Camp. He is expected to have his shop set up and ready to go by May 18.

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### YOSEMITE LODGE NEWS

We have seen the plans for our children's playground which will be a counterpart of Kiddie Kamp. It's a 7200 square foot fenced and screened area north of the lounge. It will have its own bathroom. There will be swings, a "playdome," a play train, work tables, a sand area with a great prone tree trunk, and a section of "chalk pads" which are like blackboards on the ground. There will be trees, planting and seats for parents. And it will be ready for the summer's first tiny guest.

#### Coffee Shop

Our Coffee Shop is getting a major face-lifting and enlargement, with workmen going hammer and tongs to make the deadline. The courtyard, minus the cedar tree, is being enclosed to allow more and permanent seating. The main room is being rearranged and the counter removed, likewise to gain more seats.

Behind the scenes, there's a huge new dishwashing machine which will do dishes for the cafeteria and the coffee shop. Soon to be installed is an overhead dish conveyor, which will transport dirty dishes from the coffee shop, over the hallway and down to the dish room.

#### Mostly About the Manager

It seems a personality test was given at one of the nearby universities and one of the questions was, "Do you like tall girls?" To which Manager Doucette answered, "Just scratch out the T in tall." Which certainly sums it up.

Do you suppose Mr. Doucette is paying the Personnel Office to employ all the female help that has arrived this spring for employment at the Lodge? At the front desk we used to have a difficult time tracking him down for messages but now it's no problem to find him because he's either in  
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### FROM THE MAINTENANCE

According to newly-appointed Assistant Superintendent of Maintenance, Dick Ditton, the "fix-it-uppers" have been engaged in several major undertakings which will be of great value in keeping the entire plant of the Y.P.C.Co. buzzing along during the summer season.

Most sweeping was the installation of a comprehensive "preventive maintenance" program, under which every type of equipment, machinery, building, etc., will get regular and frequent inspections. By a careful examination of all facilities, weaknesses that would cause trouble at most inconvenient times are eliminated. A Service Engineer Department has been created and is staffed by Bob Hartley and "Doc" Parrish, supervised by Head Electrician, Fletch Acord. The new section will be responsible for the operation and care of all heating and refrigeration plants.

Syd Ledson will be assisted this summer in his Foreman duties by Howard Schneider.

The new boilers, which were installed at The Ahwahnee last fall, are proving to be highly efficient and have already created a saving of some 10,000 gallons of fuel oil per month.

Joe Lisky has spent the last three weeks at Glacier Point Hotel making major carpentry repairs.

The mild spring has allowed the tent erection crews to get all the canvas up sooner this year than in any year past.

Camp Curry's aged and failing ice plant is being retired and Carrier ice machines installed at the Lodge, Camp Curry, The Ahwahnee and Big Trees Lodge. These machines will turn out cubed, crushed or chipped ice.

Doug McElligot has been made "leader"  
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#### From the Maintenance (continued)

man" in the machine shop. His duties will be the organization and direction of all machinist work.

Some of the maintenance area buildings have been given outside and interior coats of paint, much improving the appearance. But the thing of sheer beauty is the floor in Dick Ditton's office. It is of rubber tile, carefully laid, with two tiles the same color. Dick claims that those in the market for a new tile floor can select their colors from his samples. We think he planned it that way.

#### Mostly About the Manager (continued)

his office with his new private secretary, Jeanne Harshner, or across the way in the cafeteria where there are twenty-seven girls employed.

It has been said that he is working on a training program for his new cafeteria and coffee shop girls, and the first class will consist of four hours of lecturing on what a good guy Howard Joseph Doucette is.

A questionnaire was given to each girl asking them what they felt was the most outstanding charm of their manager. Ninety-nine percent of them said his "friendly smile and dark, wavy hair." One girl was given a one-way bus ticket because she answered, "his breadbasket."

Among those who attended this little orientation class were: Grace Adkins, Virginia Black, Vera Demetriff, Roberta Dowis, Violet Gobba, Bea Keylon, Eleanor King, Roberta Norton, Irene Wechselberg, Bernice White, Isabelle Joyce Moore. Also present were Winifred Cahow and Inez Kasy from the front desk.

There are a few girls from the Souvenir Shop, wise to the Doucette manner, who transferred out for the summer. To this move, Duke says, "They always come back."

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Spring's here. The Sweet Shop is open; fluffy oaks are popping out; the dogwood's divine, an azalea's blooming, the tables are out on the Indian Room Terrace; masses of gorgeous yellow Mariposa lilies adorn Miles Cooper's busy transportation desk; and if Homer's early morning mowers don't wake you up, the robins will. Luggi's back, with his ground crew, busily at work.

George DeBacker's making us all "cost conscious" with his clever "China and Glass Breakage" display in the side hall, and Fred Pierson has a shiny new "ice-cube-making arrangement" outside his office window. It's especially nice having Barbara Carr at the front desk brushing up for her Wawona summer desk job. Jim Oberle and Hal Foster are the front desk newcomers, with Wayne Leedy taking over as chief clerk now that Wayne Whiteman has left us for Glacier Point.

Nell Moe is the new switchboard relief, and Ann Fingerson's helping in the Gift Shop until Pohono Studio opens up. Jane Huber is leaving cashiering and we are all sorry to lose Ruth Young.

Tony Rohlfes is managing the Sweet Shop, and Paul Sylvest is back at his old stand—the Barber Shop. Dorothy White is getting ready to leave the Dining Room to manage the Camp Curry Cafeteria, and Martha Miller, who has been working as assistant captain, will soon be off to manage Wawona's lovely dining room. The Ahwahnee has had its own International House lately with two South Americans, one Mexican, two Hungarians, one Greek, one Dutchman, one German and three Filipinos, all working as bus-boys in the dining room.

Congratulations to our lucky friend, Harold (Digger) Solon, who won, NOT ONE, but TWO Ahwahnee kitchen Kentucky Derby "pools" when Iron Liege romped over the finish line.

And most important, Yosemite Stables are open, and the horses are in. Bob Barnett, with Torgy and Moge, really put on a show for the AHA Resort Committee's Western luncheon. They brought over "Smokey," and our old friend, "Queenie," the pack mule, and set up a typical High Sierra Camp near Homer's golf shop. With all this happening, we know summer is just around that corner.

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### YOSEMITE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Harris Corbett and C. D. Dierksen, Yosemite Transportation Superintendent, completed a 2550 mile trip from Pontiac, Michigan on April 28, each driving a new 39 passenger G.M.C. bus for addition to the Y.T.S. fleet. They reported a monotonous and routine trip, finding themselves talking to themselves by the end of each 400 mile day. All those seats and no passengers.

In addition to the G.M.C.'s, two 11-passenger Chevrolet Stageway cars will be delivered soon. These will be used on the Tioga Pass-Tahoe trip, and will resemble the Cadillacs, with open tops, etc. Total seat capacity of the Y.T.S. is now 538.

Durwood Thrasher, son of Y.T.S. mechanic Herschel Thrasher, recently won a California State Scholarship for the 1957-58 school year. This award was made on Durwood's fine showing in a competitive examination. He will be eligible for a scholarship worth up to \$600.00, and plans to enter on an engineering course at Fresno State College this fall.

New to the Y.T.S. is M. D. Spellman, who will be in charge of maintenance of all bus air-conditioning equipment.

### WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

Mrs. Robert Sibley, lecturer and world traveler, will give an illustrated travel talk on Africa at the Yosemite Women's Group meeting May 15. There will be a luncheon at The Ahwahnee at 12:45 followed by the meeting and program at 2 p.m. Price of the luncheon will be \$1.50 and reservations should be made by Tuesday noon, May 14.

Election of officers for the year 1957-58 were held at the April meeting. Mary Proctor was chosen to preside over the group as President; Cathy DeBacker is Vice President; Dete Nutley is Secretary and Faye Bullock is Treasurer.

### NOW'S THE TIME FOR A CANTER

Stables Manager Bob Barnett reports that he has the first contingent of his horses in now and that employees are welcome to come over for a ride. In the early season, before the supply of mounts is taxed, employees may ride at half rates.

### WHO'LL BE WHERE

The Y.P.C.Co. Hotel Division has appointed its summer unit managers and the lineup is as follows: John Curry will return to Camp Curry to assist manager Dick Connett; Keith Whitfield will supervise the Camp Curry Grill and Dorothy White, the Cafeteria. In the dining room will be Frances Marklin.

Bert Baker, who was here briefly last season, but who dates back to the late thirties, will manage the Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop. Nick Fiore is now at the Yosemite Lodge as Howard Doucette's right hand.

At Wawona, Bob Maynard will be at the helm, assisted by Martha Miller in the dining room. Barbara Carr as chief clerk, and Billye Wood as hostess. At the golf shop will be Charles Eagle, pro from Visalia.

Housekeeping Camp will be under the management of Wayne Whiteman. Robert Gray, a new man from Arizona, will be in charge at Glacier Point. The Eskes, Floris and Bill, will be at the Big Trees Lodge for their fourth season and Bill Meacham will return to Tuolumne Meadows Lodge.

### CAMP CURRY

During the past two weeks, the first of the summer crew started arriving. Among the new arrivals are Willard Weathersby, room clerk, who hails from Memphis; Isabel Zinn, maid, and Robert August, houseman. Returning seasonal employees who have checked in are Freida Lienert, housekeeper, Peter Rasmussen, chef, and Mr. and Mrs. Miller, caretakers of Boy's Town.

Occupants of Boy's Town this year will see some welcome improvements in the form of additional shower space. The cook's dorm has had a complete interior paint job.

### SKI TEACHERS CERTIFIED

Martha Miller and Ole Youngberg, of the Yosemite Ski School, attended the Far West Ski Instructors Association Convention at Squaw Valley recently. Both earned, through examination, the classification, Certified Associate Instructor. This is a necessary step in the acquisition of the hard-to-get Certified Instructor title.

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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Bruce Neal Jackson of Fresno, and Frank Henry Spohn, Clovis, have pleaded guilty in the federal court of Sacramento to stealing property from a government reservation.

The case of Claude Robert Murray, Jr., of Castle Air Force Base, charged along with Jackson and Spohn, has been continued until Friday for arraignment before Federal Judge Sherrill Halbert.

The three are accused of stealing three pairs of skis in Yosemite National Park last January 20 at Badger Pass.

### Frank Betts Receives Valor Award

Ranger Frank J. Betts of Yosemite has returned from Washington, D. C. where, he, as well as the other members of the rescue team from Rocky Mountain National Park, attended the Department of Interior Honor Award Convocation and received a Valor Award for his participation in a rescue on May 30, 1956. Betts, together with Rangers Robert N. Frauson, Jerry W. Hammond and Norman L. Nesbit of the Rocky Mountain National Park rescue team, participated in an unusually arduous and dangerous rescue operation.

Patrick Dwyer, a 17-year old visitor to Rocky Mountain, fell, when his rappel rope slipped, as he was descending the rugged, sheer face of Hallet Peak and fell for almost 200 feet, landed on a snowfield and slid about 200 feet farther before he hit a tree on a ledge less than three feet wide, preventing his falling over a precipice to certain death. Ranger Nesbit, who was in the vicinity with another climbing group, witnessed the accident and sent a member of his party to Bear Lake, eleven miles away, to report it. The rescue required ten separate belays, continued for more than four hours in the darkness through the spring snow which made footing difficult. At one point Ranger Betts crashed through a snowbridge covering a crevass and was saved only by a sling rope tied to the litter. It was after midnight on May 31 when the trail head was reached and the victim was taken to the hospital.

### Recent Visitors to Yosemite

Ralph Anderson, Visual Aids Specialist of the Director's Office, Washington, D. C., renewed acquaintances with his many

friends in the park on April 20 and 21.

Retired employee Will Ellis and his wife Margaret visited friends over April 25, 26, and 27 during the Lions Club District Convention in Yosemite.

Devereaux Butcher, member of the National Parks Association and editor of the "National Parks Magazine," together with J. F. Carithers, Assistant Western Representative of the National Parks Association, spent April 25-29 in Yosemite.

The Yosemite Museum needs mammals and birds for study skins and for use in the Junior Ranger Program. If anyone finds a freshly killed specimen in good condition along the roads, please bring it to the museum. Any dead owls, or owl skeletons, no matter in what condition, are wanted by the University of California for comparison in studies of fossil owls. Your help in this matter will be greatly appreciated by the Park Naturalists.

### JOINT TRAINING MEETING

The third annual training session, organized and conducted by the National Park Service and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will be held on May 23 in the Mountain Room of the Yosemite Lodge.

Chief Ranger Oscar Sedergren and Y. P. and C. Co. personnel office are arranging the program and agenda. Hilmer Oehlmann will preside as chairman.

The purpose of the conference is to acquaint all supervisory personnel with the operations and problems of the government and the concessioner organizations.

### BARBER SHOP HOURS

The Village Barber Shop is now open six days per week, closed only on Sunday; hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

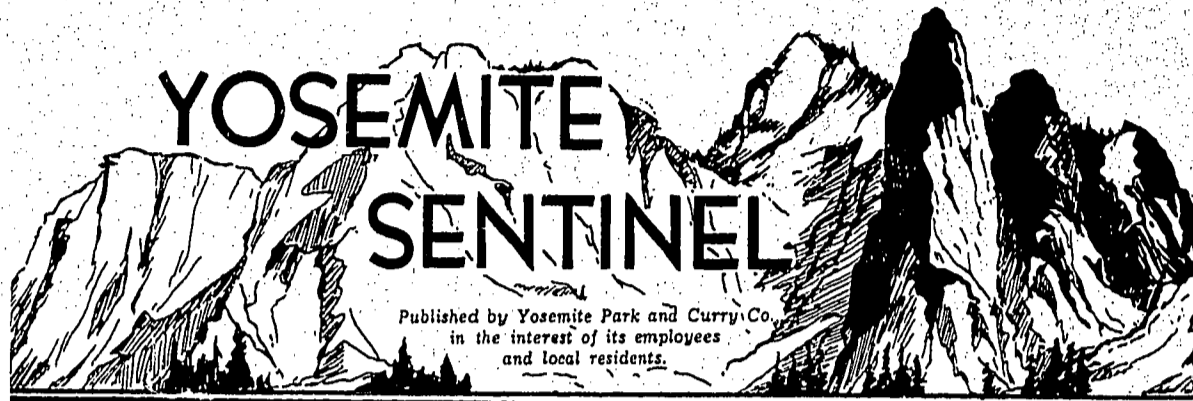
Alice Brashier asked us to tell all her friends that she appreciates deeply the kind words, cards and flowers that she received during her long hospitalization.

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FRIDAY, MAY 24, 1957

#### VILLAGE STORIES

Dad Ring has asked the Old Village reporter to call to the attention of the buying public the fact that we have with us again those two lovable characters, Roy Rorabaugh and Darrol Aslin. They'll be standing in the regular spot at the check stands and with their usual carefree abandon, smiling faces and boyish recklessness, grabbing page after page of your scrip book.

Old Dad Ring says checkers like these two can't be found every day. How true—how true. If only Ole Dad knew how fast these boys disappear on his day off or when he steps out of the store! (to take his afternoon siesta.)

When interviewing Darrol, we found that during the winter he has been working very hard, living a good, clean life and is considered a very substantial citizen in his home town. Gads! what a dull life.

Now with Roy, things are slightly different. He just seems to succeed without these noble characteristics. He is noted especially for his shrewd observation: "Nothing makes a girl more attractive than money."

Upon interviewing this handsome rascal about his activities since his last vacation in Yosemite, your reporter uncovered a hare-raising story. You'll never guess what little Roy has been up to this time! He went into the rabbit business. "Laugh if you will," said Roy, "but the rabbit business is an industry that's on the increase."

Realizing the power of the press, he wishes to make a few comments on behalf of the rabbit industry. The kid really seems to be hopped up over this thing.

Roy is now in process of negotiating with his congressman to find a week that isn't already dedicated to some other worthy cause to be set aside as NATIONAL BE KIND TO YOUR BUNNY WEEK.

The life of a bunny is not an easy one. One day a year he is King. He hops all over the country to make the little boys and girls happy by laying even more eggs than your local reporter. Then he has to head for the hills quick like a rabbit before some gun-happy hunter shoots him in the labonza. Of course, there are a few rabbits who have made good, such as Bugs Bunny and Welsh Rabbit (who is a

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#### Y.P.C. CO. DIVIDEND POLICY CHANGED

At the May 3rd meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, it was determined that dividends to shareholders would be paid on a quarterly basis, in December, March, June and December, rather than annually. This is considered in keeping with current corporate practice and will allow shareholders a more even distribution of investment return.

The Board also authorized the raising of approximately one-half million dollars capital for new construction by the issuance of additional common stock. The new issue will be offered initially for subscription by its common stockholders at the rate of one additional share for each five shares held.

The application for authority to offer these new shares is now being considered by the Interstate Commerce Commission. This body regulates stock issuance inasmuch as the Company's transportation services are involved in interstate commerce.

#### TV TO DATE

Since the last recap on the prospect of television reception in Yosemite, George Oliver reports a slight delay, while the FCC determined whether the local translator instrument would interfere with other standard television transmission. This seems to have been concluded satisfactorily.

Later it was advised that Yosemite apply for UHF channel 72, instead of 70, which is the frequency assigned to Port Chicago, near Oakland. This application has been filed. Oliver also reports that early in June the "interested user" survey will be made.

#### DEN TO OPEN—ARROW CLOSES

On "about June 1," according to Y.P.C. Co. Personnel, the Lost Arrow will close and employee recreation (indoor) will be transferred to the Den at Camp Curry. Hours will be 2 to 5 P.M. and 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. Folk and square dancing are scheduled for Monday and Thursday evenings, with the remaining five nights devoted to ping pong, shuffle board, etc.

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big cheese.) Then there is that guy, Harvey, who has been hanging around the park. But the rest of our long-eared friends are forsaken and all alone, all seventy-five million of them.

If our readers care to lend support to this worthy cause, just drop a note to Roy's business address in Modesto: ROY RORABAUCH RURAL RABBIT RAISER'S ROADSIDE RESIDENCE, or drop into the store here and look him up. I think you will agree with dear ole Dad that a checker like Roy is hard to find.

#### SHOE SHOP—LAUNDRECAR IN HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

Briney Wammack's mobile shoe shop is now in operation in Housekeeping Camp. He's prepared to do all varieties of shoe repairing and his hours are from 8:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M., every day but Wednesday.

Also now in business in Housekeeping Camp is the Laundrecar. At this printing, hours of business were indefinite. The do-it-yourself plant is equipped with washing and drying machines. Bulletin boards soon will carry hours and locations of the second mobile unit, as well as that now in operation.

#### IMPROVEMENTS IN CAMP 6

Five new house trailers to house Y.P.C. Co. employees will soon be installed in Camp 6. These are 40' Beacon units with two bedrooms, electric cooking and refrigeration facilities. They will be hooked-up to the existing water and plumbing supply outlets. Providing space for a family of four, the tenants, if they stay on with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., may exercise an option to purchase their "home-on-wheels."

Three new showers have been added to the facilities in the employees tent area.

#### NEW FACES—SUMMER '57

The General Office of the Y.P.C. Co. is a dandy place to work. Especially for men—or even older boys. This is not because of the pay, the good lighting or that everybody uses the same kind of paper towels in the wash room.

It's because of the girls. Every day there is a new bunch. Mostly, they seem to work for Mr. Brazitis and Mr. Cramer. This is because Mr. Brazitis and Mr. Cramer like lots of girls around. Their offices are also very busy.

Take today's head count, or whatever you'd like to count, for instance. In Accounting there's Joan Crabb, from Newhall; Albertina Feuchter, from New York (a friend of the sisters Conti), Mary Elliott and Louie Crandall, who return each year with the spring blossoms; Mary Hersey and Lenore Fuentes, both from Arizona; Sally Yates from Los Angeles, and there's Leah Hull, who is Wes (YTS) Hull's wife.

Slightly to the west, is Sally Sammons in Mr. Goldsworthy's office.

The real nest, though, is the Reservation Office, with Judith Johnson and Eleanor Sussman, Los Angeles; Marvelene Quartier from North Dakota, Mary Rogers, who is back again as a night clerk; and Helen Gerty from all over; Chris Buyny from Redondo Beach.

Traffic has added Carol Lange, Florida, to its roster.

In his position, you'd think Mr. Ouimet would keep more young ladies than only pretty, little Michele Barham. But he's a kind, generous man.

#### CAMP CURRY

Camp Curry "floated" to the opening of its 59th season in a heavy rainstorm. According to some of the older prophets, inclement weather and its opening are synonymous. In spite of the elements, Camp Curry was able to chalk up a house count of over 600 on May 18th.

As we stroll around the lot we notice: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Miller, proud of their new improvements in Boys Town—the Terrace being readied for occupancy under the guiding hand of Mrs. Thresa Johnson. Neva Swartz keeping time for all of us and Bea Llewellyn back as Assistant Housekeeper; and Marian Worthen back for the first time since 1950. Julie Brun is back at her cashier's wicket.

The following have arrived from the Sherman Institute in Riverside for their first summer: Sarah Dale, Maxine Thomas, Edith Peter and Annie Shipley. And, from the Phoenix Indian School we have Peterson Zah and Lewis Pete.

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### PERSONNEL CHANGES

The last SENTINEL reported the summer's assignments for a number of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Hotel Division people. Since then, there have been changes of interest.

George DeBacker, for 6 years dining room and assistant hotel manager, has accepted a position with the Mark Thomas Inn in Carmel. George is due at his new post May 27. Dorothy White, who was slated for Manager of Camp Curry Cafeteria, is leaving shortly for the Pine Inn, also in Carmel.

Marie and Ralph Emerson will leave the Valley in early June for the Los Angeles area. Marie will resume concert work and Ralph will head the FM & TV departments of National Schools.

With Marie's departure the Tritones will be dissolved. For this, and other considerations, there will be no dancing at The Ahwahnee's Indian Room during the summer season.

Frances Markland, who has many years experience in American Plan resort hotels, such as the Desert Inn and El Mirador in Palm Springs, will assume the duties of head waitress at The Ahwahnee. She will be assisted by Catherine Schneider, also from the Palm Springs area.

New assignments for Camp Curry Dining Room and Cafeteria had not been made at this printing.

### RALPH dePFYFFER RETIRES

Ralph dePlyffer, after nearly 35 years in Yosemite, will retire on June 1 from Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Y.T.S. office.

Ralph and Lenora have bought a new home in San Clemente and will take up residence shortly. Daughter Hilda plans to stay in Yosemite for the summer, while Paul, now in Fresno State College will attend summer session. Margaret Lou will accompany her parents to their new home.

Ralph came to Yosemite from the Raymond Hotel in Pasadena in 1923, and started working in the Camp Curry studio's dark room. In the following years, he taught skating and skiing, operated warehouses and dark rooms, most recently serving with the Yosemite Transportation System.

The dePlyffer family will be missed by the community, where for these nearly-thirty-five years they have contributed enthusiastically in all areas. The SENTINEL wishes them the best in their new home.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Dr. Sturm and family have returned from their spring Balboa visit and report fine sailing. Upon the Sturm's return, Dr. Riechers and the two eldest children motored off for a week's holiday in the north, and, by all reports enjoyed it thoroughly.

Patricia Hogan, R.N. from Greenwich, Conn., is new on the nursing staff replacing recently-departed Edith Klang who is Hawaii-bound. Off to St. Louis for a three week stay is Jerry Happel. Laura McCaw of Porterville has replaced Jane Hemsley as our housekeeper.

Roland Bullock is our only patient and is doing well.

It's another boy for Dorla and Charles Castro. Lawrence Edward arrived on May 5, weighing 5 lbs. and 8½ oz. On April 24, Yulanda Jean was born to Elsie and Frank Domingues. She tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 12 oz.

Arlene Summers, R.N. will arrive on June 16.

### YOSEMITE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Welcome back to drivers Frank Serlés and Leighton Land, who will resume their Fresno division duties next week. Marie Dimock will return shortly, too, to take over her duties as clerk in the dispatcher's office.

To implement the summer-driver force, there will be ten school bus drivers from various areas in the state. School bus driving places the emphasis on safety rather than speed and, as Y.T.S. schedules are comparatively slow, drivers of this background are found to be ideal.

And, working in our motor parts room, we now have Grace McGuire, wife of Y.T.S. mechanic Bill McGuire.

### PARENTS GROUP PICNIC

The Yosemite School Parents Group extends a hearty invitation to all to attend the annual Pot-luck Supper which will be held Tuesday, June 4 in Camp 11 (west end) at 5:30 P.M. Each family is requested to bring either a main dish or a salad and single people may pay 75c and bring only their knives and forks. Coffee, ice cream, plates and cups will be provided.

If you wish to attend, please make a reservation by calling FR 2-4814 before Wednesday, May 29th.

In case of rain the picnic will be in the school house.

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### FROM THE MAINTENANCE

Spike Brochini, tree-feller and cat-skinner, found himself battling with a flying squirrel for possession of the top of the Camp Curry flag pole last week. Performing a routine flag pole maintenance job, Spike was some 40 feet from the ground when a furious flying squirrel leaped from his hole in the pole smack into Spike's face. Spike felt he shouldn't jump and couldn't shinny down because his climbing irons were set fast in the pole. So, he stood there until he recovered his wits. His revenge came when he plugged the hole and displaced his adversary.

Spike incidentally, learned his hazardous and unpopular trade from Clyde Gann. Clyde is now a boiler-house attendant. He was incapacitated in the tree-felling business and can no longer climb.

Housekeeping Camp visitors this summer will see the results of major maintenance work. Tent platforms were straightened and strengthened, rails and post replaced and all frames repainted. The carpentry for this undertaking required 7600 board feet of lumber. One of the men on the post-replacing detail, after having dug his 300th hole, remarked that it would be a lot easier to buy a lot of those old, dry oil wells than do all this digging.

Tents received a spraying of flame resistant paint in two shades of green and several earth colors. In addition, 200 new ice boxes have been installed.

Toby Tobiasin's painting section has an ambitious program for the summer. He will have six painters, instead of the usual crew of three, and has slated for painting exteriors of the dormitories, the redwood portions of the Yosemite Lodge exteriors, all towers on all lifts at Badger Pass, interiors and exteriors of certain residences. And, in the fall, work will begin on Lodge bungalow exteriors.

Machinists Buck Martin and Syd Carter will devote the summer to the inspecting and repairing of all machinery connected with the Badger Pass plants.

Electrician, rodeo rider and photographer, Rick Rimback, has returned to Fletch Acord's crew of electricians. He seems to manage to stay in one piece despite frequent spine-bending participation in the nearby rodeos on his days off.

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FOR SALE—1 Sofa with two tailor-made covers for summer and winter, 1 lounge chair with two tailor-made covers, 1 cocktail table 36"x18", 2 drum lamp tables, 2 table lamps, bronze base, new 16" shades. Above all in good condition. Can be seen at Residence No. 8, Government Center; Jean B. Charron.

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### N.P.S. NEWS

The Carleton Smiths, both looking wonderful, stopped by to see Yosemite friends enroute to Indiana to visit with Carleton's folks. They receive their mail, until October 1, at 1519 Wilshire Boulevard, Santa Monica, and then will return to their winter home at Palm Springs.

Bears continue to damage cars, their most recent maraudings having been in Camp 7 where some food had been left in the cars. Four bears were trapped and removed from the Valley to outlying points beyond Crane Flat.

Yosemite's awfully green telephone booths are undergoing a change in color. The green boxes have proved too much of a vivid contrast with the park landscape. The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. has agreed to replace the green panels with others of a brown tone which will harmonize better with the park's landscape.

### TRAIL OPENINGS

The following trails are now reported as being open:

Rancheria Bridge open to horse travel, Glacier Point to Nevada Fall; Merced Lake to foot travel; Nevada Fall toward Merced Pass as far as Red and Clark Creeks; Meadow Loop at Wawona; Wawona to Big Trees; Wawona to two miles above Chilnucalna Falls; Alder Creek from Wawona to Deer Camp and Empire Meadows.

The Half Dome cable has not been put up as yet because of continuing foul weather. However, the installation will be made on one of the first clear days.

### MORE ON HAPPY ISLES NATURE CENTER

Plans and construction are moving along for the NPS's new nature center at Happy Isles. Park naturalists have been working night and day to get it ready for an opening early in June. Ed and Jane Vella have been running down from San Francisco weekends to paint exhibit panels. Vergena Koller has done some very attractive art work for the exhibit unit "Every Season is 'Best' in Yosemite." George DeBacker and several other local artists will be in the act before the center is completed.

Charles Proctor and Jack Ring have provided clothing for the models for "Backpacking is Fun," which will encourage family use of the high country.

Although the new Nature Center will be a meeting and working place for the Junior Ranger Program, the exhibits are adult in calibre and the Center, with its theme: "Helping You Enjoy Yosemite National Park," will be equally attractive for all members of the family.

### PIANO RECITAL

Nancy Loncaric's piano pupils will present their annual recital in the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee on June 9 at 2:00 P.M. Everyone welcome.

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### VILLAGE STORIES

Dad Ring may be getting old, but, as many of his good friends know, he always has an ace up his sleeve and knows just when to play it.

Our office girl, Pat Hicks, was quite a problem to our ever-forgiving boss during her engagement. She has now been married about eight months, and to be frank, things haven't changed much since. She dashes into the office just before the deadline and rushes to open the safe, so she can give the department managers their banks.

About twice a month she jams the safe combination. Then Dad has to put in a hurried call to Louie-da-Lock. These emergency calls really get results. Dad tells Louie to please get down there right away. So Louie says, "OK. I have just one little article to finish, den I'll be right dere." (The article being Herb Caen's in the Examiner).

After finishing said business on hand he picks up his bag of tools, climbs on to his motor scooter, and kicks the starter a couple of times. "Dat carburetor needs adjusting again," he mutters, so he climbs off and adjusts it. He gets back on, races the motor and takes off in the direction of the Old Village Store.

On his way over he stops to talk with the patrol officer, explaining that some dumb-head at the store had jammed the safe, so he is in a big hurry, and must be off.

Next he stops and kids the road repair crew and tells them he can't stay any longer as he has a rush job at the Old Village.

On the bridge he stops to chat with two girls who are fishing and explains that he is so busy he can't stop to get acquainted.

Then he pulls up at the store, walks across the back dock, greeting Leo Sullivan by saying, "Say, didya see dat red-head at the dance last night?. Nice, eh?"

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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Half Dome cables are now up and the trail is open to the top. Others open are the Four Mile and Eleven mile Trails to Glacier, and the trail to Merced Lake. Employees going on hikes should leave word with someone where they are bound, so that rangers will know where to look for them if they don't come back as soon as planned. Register at Ranger Office for climbs off trails.

### Guns of the Early Frontiers

This new book by Carl P. Russell has been added to the Yosemite Museum Library. Here is a book for the historian, the student, the gun collector. It is a history of firearms from colonial times through the years of the western fur trade. In the 396 pages you will find such subjects as "Arming the American Indian," "Personal Weapons of the Traders and Trappers," "Powder, Ball and Accessories."

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On May 28, Superintendent Preston, with park staff members Sedergren, Peterson, Westley and McIntyre visited Leevining, California, where they were guests of the Leevining Chamber of Commerce at its monthly meeting.

Despite the fact that snow over the park and frozen lakes above 8,000 feet hampered the efforts of fishermen, Yosemite was visited by a normal crowd of motorists over the 4-day Memorial Day weekend. Tioga Pass and its snowbanks was a thrill to hundreds who seldom see snow in the valley of California.

As of the evening of May 31, the month's travel to the park has increased 21.7% over the month of May 1956. It appears that 1957 may be another record year for Yosemite.

The Bureau of Public Roads will open bids on June 13 covering two 3 and one third mile sections of the 21 mile section of the Old Tioga Road.

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#### Village Stories (continued)

After commenting on Jim Press's new garbage truck, "Boy, dey sure are makin' dem garbage trucks fancy dese days. Even the garbage looks better," he finally makes it into the store.

But there are still a few matters to be taken care of, such as looking over the ice cream freezer, picking out a Chocolate Delight, and making a little lively conversation with the beautiful blonde checker we have recently acquired.

Then he walks into the office, clears off Dad Ring's private desk and lays out each tool with great ceremony, calling out its professional name as he does so. After that he sits in Dad's private chair, and lighting a cigarette (borrowed), he says, "Now tell me just exactly what happened." Dad gives him the facts. Then Louie steps up to the safe, gives it a good hard kick and it pops open. He then replaces his tools and says: "Call me any time, and I'll be here in a moment's notice."

Now on the morning of this last Memorial Day, Pat Hicks came dashing into the office. Rushing up to the safe, Dad Ring interrupts her as he hollers: "I'll open the safe—don't touch it!" Too late. The safe is jammed. Dad works feverishly, but to no avail. So he places another hurried call to Louie da Lock.

"Louie," he says, "The safe is jammed and there's a beautiful redhead locked inside."

Before Dad hangs up the phone, Louie comes roaring into the store—motor scooter and all—and leaps over the counter. He rushes up to the safe and places his ear against the door.

"I didn' get here a minute too soon. She's breathin' hard in dere."

He works the combination in his expert style, pops open the door, and exclaims; "Hey! I've been took. Dere's nuttin' in here but a coupla hunnert grand!"

"But Louie," Dad says. "You've just established a new world's record."

"Yeah, but I wish dat red-headed queen had been in dere."

"Well," counters Dad. "You can have your Queens. you handsome rascal, I'll play my Aces every time."

#### National Park Service (continued)

Travel for the year—182,096 a gain of 14% over last year.

Donald E. McHenry visited the park briefly on May 22 to conduct Eastern friends on a tour of the park. He and Bona May revisited Yosemite June 7 and 8 for the graduation exercises of the Yosemite School's eighth graders, Bona May's first class when she started her teaching career in Yosemite.

An inspection of the needleminer plague areas on May 15 showed an extension of the epidemic area to the vicinity of the Tuolumne Meadows Ranger Station.

Are we all wet? It's been a rainy May, with 4.32" of rain in Yosemite Valley as compared with a normal of 1.46".

#### SCHOOL GRADUATION

Eleven proud eighth graders from Mr. Cheney's room in the Yosemite Elementary School were awarded their certificates of graduation by Mr. Cleo Adlesbach, County Director of Education, Friday, June 7. Those graduating were Gayle Acord, Judy Ditton, Gordon Glass, Bill Lamkin, Randy Morgenson, Pat Rhoan, Randy Rust, Sandra Sedergren, Rosalie Taylor, Gerald Telles and Margaret Udell.

Graduation ceremonies were preceded by student speeches, singing, and a piano recital by Randy Rust, with Gordon Glass acting as master of ceremonies.

#### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Deadline time—after a big weekend—in every department comes the weak reply, "No," to The Ahwahnee news reporter's inquiry: Any news for the Sentinel today? So—maybe this is the time to risk all and report the really hilarious happenings, fantastic facts and rumbling rumors that constantly circulate. Better judgment, fortunately, comes to the fore and urges not—so—the big weekend was BIG—has now ended and also the conventions are practically

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over. The Ahwahnee now shows signs of settling down to the Big Tourist season and summer routine.

Miss Bernadt, Housekeeper, is very busy training new maids and there are many new faces in the Dining Room. The Sweet Shop is a very busy place and the Indian Room Terrace, cool, inviting, and popular. The usual early summer number of baby birds are being picked up and brought into the desk by untrained bird watchers, and it has been necessary to hand these over to our good friend Ranger Gibson for foster-mothering.

Trudel Clark and Marilyn Miller are new in the Gift Shop, where the summer straw hats are well worth a special visit—most attractive.

Judy Williams is being broken in for relief on the switchboard while Nell Moc goes off to the Big City for a month.

Weddings are in the air and everyone is wishing Bob Matthews and Barbara Holiday all the very best.

"Butch" the Butcher is asking when the barbecue suppers start as he "sparks" his steaks into shape—a sure sign that summer is almost here.

### SCUTTLEBUTT FROM THE LODGE

Just out of drydock is our Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop. The gangplank was lowered on May 29, amid great festivities. Bert Baker, new manager, and formerly of the Desert Inn, and his crew are in full swing to the tune of lively music, (long hair stuff) piped in from the main deck.

Speaking of pipes. It is a mystery why soda water comes from the water faucet in the coffee shop fountain. What come from the soda faucet?

Under the capable command of Skipper Nick Fiore, the Cafeteria has now settled down to regular hours—breakfast 7 to 9, lunch, 11:30 to 1:30 and dinner, 5:30 to 8.

By the way, has anyone noticed the supply of cute new dishes in the cafeteria?

Lorraine Barrett, Betty Taylor, Diane Depew, Rosalie Arnson, Evelyn Hammond, Eileen Peterson, Sheila Moynihan, and Kathie Vitkouich are the "dishes" we are referring to, of course.

From the kitchen comes the news that "Frenchie" is playing the role of the stern father this summer. He absolutely forbids

his daughter to go on any beach parties.

June still seems to be the month of brides and we have a good number of misses who are setting sail for the sea of matrimony—all the Young girls are making the trek to the altar. Elnora and Pat (former employees) and our own Nancy from the front office. Also signing up for their tour of duty are Mr. Doucette's secretary, Jeanne Harshner, and Delores Key from the coffee shop. S.O.S. to eligible bachelors. You may be drafted too!—and sooner than you think.

Seen cruising around the Valley delivering daily and Sunday papers is our old friend, Mel Potter.

Maintenance—please note: Lodge Bike Shop reports an excellent mechanic in Ann Scott.

Keeping a watchful eye over Lodge female employees for the 4th consecutive year is our "Mother Hubbard" Helen DeLano. She is the navigator-in-charge of steering girls in the right direction.

The Captain issues a warm welcome aboard to all new shipmates.

### LOCAL BOYS COMPETE IN MERCED JUNIOR OLYMPICS

At the 13th running of the Kiwanis Club sponsored Junior Olympics in Merced, May 25, the Yosemite Badgers, representing the local elementary school, placed second for the third straight year to Ballico.

Team results were as follows:  
Ballico, 111, Yosemite 62, Le Grand 21, Washington 12, St. Anthony 4, El Portal 1. Several teams did not score.

Yosemite scoring:  
Class A—  
100 yd dash—Gerald Telles, 3rd, Tim Berrey 4th.

Broad jump—Gerald Telles 2nd.  
Baseball throw—Gordon Glass 1st.

Mike Waldron 2nd.  
Shot put—Tim Berrey 3rd.  
High jump—Mike Waldron 2nd.

Class B—  
Broad jump—Pat Rhoan 3rd.  
High jump—Pete Peterson, Henny Berrey—  
—three way tie, 3rd.  
Baseball throw—Pat Rhoan 1st, Randy Rust 4th.

Class C—  
50 yd dash—Alan Dierksen 1st, Bill Lamkin 3rd.

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Broad jump—Bob Reichers 2nd, Bill Lamkin 4th.

High jump—Alan Dierksen 2nd, Maynard Moe 3rd.

Baseball throw—Maynard Moe 1st, Rob Reichers 4th.

### Class D—

50 yd dash—Danny Sturm 3rd; High jump, Kenny Melton 3rd; Baseball throw—Danny Sturm 2nd; 300 yd relay—Yosemite 3rd; 200 yd relay—Yosemite 2nd.

High point man for the Badgers was Alan Dierksen with a total of 8½ points in three events. Pat Rhoan set a new record in the Class B baseball throw at 193 ft and placed third in the broad jump in an event where each of the four placing contestants broke the old record.

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### QUARTER CENTURY FOR TOM McELLIGOTT

On June 1, Tom McElligott completed twenty-five years with Y.P.C.Co. Tom began working for the Y.T.S. in May of 1932 and is still employed in that department. Congratulations, Tom.

Also celebrating anniversaries were Harold Ouimet, with 15 years; Bob Lee, Accounting and Amy Rhoan, Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping, with five years each.

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### FROM THE MAINTENANCE

Syd Ledson, aided and comforted by carpenter Joe Liskey, plumber Howard Savage and eight other workmen, will start June 10 on their annual trek to erect the five High Sierra camps. Syd has pulled this stint since 1938.

Camp opening is not all beer and skittles, as one might imagine. In the process of dismantling a camp, much system is required, first to get everything under cover, then to put the last item struck where it can be found first when the time comes to put the camp up.

In addition to the maintenance people, the manager of the camp and his crew goes along on the opening trip. Each camp takes, on the average, four days to get ready.

### New Tents at Tuolumne

At Tuolumne Meadows, nine new tents will be built during the summer. These will be of a new type, with concrete slab floors and metal frames. It takes but four bolts to secure the frame.

At Vogelsang Camp there will be an addition of two tents, and to warm the frosty nights at May Lake, ten additional wood-burning stoves are being added.

Doug McElligott is wearing a patch on his noggin. Scootering down the road, Doug had to head for the ditch to avoid being hit by an auto. Result, a split scalp, six stitches.

Dick Ditton reports that the business of readying the five new mobile homes in Camp 6 was much more involved than he had expected. They have to be leveled, braced, steps built, oil tanks, water, power and plumbing installed. When ready, though, they will make an excellent supplement to Y.P.C.Co. employee housing.

Fletch Acord's electricians have just completed installation of \$2000 worth of multi-breaker panels in the Camp Curry Cafeteria and Transportation Office. These will replace the old fuse type boxes and will virtually eliminate fire hazard for this source.

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### CAMP CURRY

We seem to have missed the press deadline, but if this makes the wire, here are some last minute happenings from over "under the cliff."

Darlene and Sonny Temple are back in the Dining Room (from the deep south).

Additions to the front desk include Ralph Owings, and Mildred Bush. And Leota Le Baron, who managed the Lodge Coffee Shop last summer, has arrived to be the hostess.

We expect the Grill to open by the middle of the month and dancing to Sid Hoff's music will start at that time also.

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### FOR SALE

Lamps, tables, chairs, bed and sofa. Name your own price. Call Seach 2-4833.

30-30 Winchester rifle and case. Like new. \$60. Call Alfred Heyne, FR 2-4811.

G.E. Refrigerator, 9 cu. \$40. Record cabinet, large, \$10. Phone table and chair, \$10.

¾ Bed. Simmons innerspring mattress and headboard. \$25.

Wes Hull, Apt H-51, Indian Ck Apts. Phone FR 2-4886.

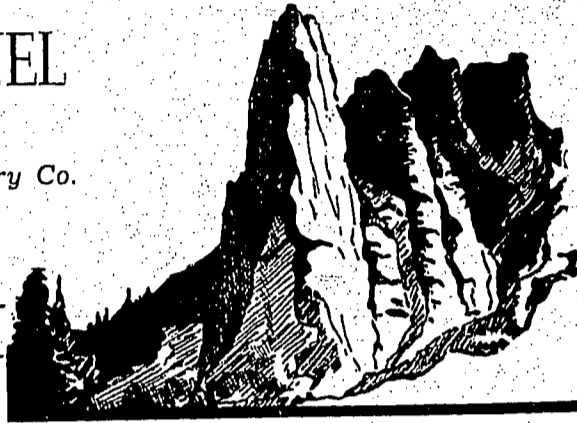
1955 35 ft Rollaway trailer with bath. Will sleep six. Can be seen at Camp 6, space A6 after 5 p.m.

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### VILLAGE STORIES

Unaccustomed as I am to replacing American butchers, average or otherwise, this will be as brief as possible, until you-all have recovered from the fact that Mr. Koller has retired for the summer; as far as his wit and humor column is concerned, at least. He may, however, be seen by appointment daily at his place of business, (or happily enjoying a cup of that delectable Spoon coffee), along with his handsome and efficient accomplices, Fred, Jack and Gene, lounging behind the protection of their glass enclosed wares: dishing out the usual baloney.

Roy Rorabaugh has seemingly become acclimated to Valley life once more. His rabbits long forgotten, he claims to have been most busy of late, opening grocery stores, (Camp 14, Housekeeping and Camp Curry), and training new personnel: Barbara Cook, Vera Barber, Norm Hall, Ed Davis, Jim Dutt, Bill Jamieson, Earl Cripe and Bob Cooper, to name a few. Not to mention, of course, the return of the incomparable "Woody," sans, we fear, 'the' wonderful Model "A."

Without the smiling face of Foster Clarke, this might indeed prove to be a dreary place. As he smilingly grins forth with "Carry your money, lady??" one can be sure of the Rorabaugh influence; however, please be assured that they are both friendly. All in all, Roy really gets a kick out of it all.

We of the Spoon are slowly but surely commencing to catch up with the inevitably ripping pace of summer. Emma Hansen and Ruth McCrary doing wonders on the grill; Dottie Seymour, from Davis, George Rayburn from ol' Miss., Marv Billingsley from Arizona, Lois Cloward from Palm Springs, Kay Robertson, Barb Peterson, Sharon Wylie, Mary Ellen Greenlee, and yours truly,  
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### EMPLOYEE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Employee Recreational Room (Camp Curry)  
Afternoons—2-5 Evenings—7:30-11:00.  
Shuffleboard, ping pong, chess, cards, etc.  
Square dancing Mondays and Thursdays—  
8 PM to 11PM.

Employee Free Swims—Camp Curry Pool.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7 to 10 PM.  
Show privilege card at the back entrance  
near the Timekeeper's Office. Bring your  
own towel and suit.

Camp Curry Dance.  
Privilege card holders admitted free on  
Tuesday nights.

Tennis Tournament.  
Men's Singles Women's Singles  
Men's Doubles

Entry fee \$1.00 to help cover cost of balls.  
Entries close July 15. Matches to be played  
at The Ahwahnee courts.

Volleyball Tournament.  
Matches to be played at Devil's Elbow beach,  
as soon as the water subsides. Time of the  
games—2:30 to 4. 4-man teams.

To enter the tennis or volleyball tournaments,  
leave your name with the Personnel  
Office, at the Den, or with Harry Brownson.

Valley Singers.  
Mondays and Thursdays, 10 p.m. to 11 p.m.  
Old Village Chapel.

### N. P. S. NEWS

During the week of June 24-28, all new National Park Service Fire Control Aides, Seasonal Rangers, Ranger Naturalists and Student Engineers will be participating in an intensive instruction schedule of park orientation and indoctrination prior to their

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### VILLAGE STORIES (continued)

Miz Johnson, honey, make up what we hope will be considered a competent crew.

For those who remember back that far, Dick Johnsen is now stationed in Germany enjoying the scenery, he says. Mort (Deane) Wylie was shipped out to that beloved spot, Oakland Army Base, from whence he writes that he is enjoying *that* life and The City.

And so, while we reminisce a bit with fond thoughts of San Francisco, we can only be happy to be here; and to those less fortunate than we—those City Dwellers, we can only say, "That's San Francisco For You." But there is nothing like Springtime in Yosemite!

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Let's face it—it's really more fun working at The Ahwahnee—particularly with all the bright young ones returning for the summer. Luggi's garden crew is really rolling now, with Thomas Brindley, Toledo; Charles Franks, Ohio; and Leslie Campbell, Omaha, keeping things up to snuff. Chuck Eckart's working out of Publicity, and is in and out of The Ahwahnee combing files for VIPS.

Tony Rohlfes' sister Elaine has taken over elevator duties now that Sally Lewallen has left us to guide the Burro Picnics; Laurie Brown is the new projectionist, and that human fly seen scaling Royal Arches periodically is none other than bellman Frank Wright, who is quite a mountain climber.

Hard working driftwood-hunter-baker John Wright is again scaling the high peaks. His description of the panoramic views of Virginia Lakes is something to listen to. That cheery young (Forestry) cook Jack Farrell breezed in and out just long enough to say "hello;" and Ted Gogolewski is off to the mountains. There's a brand new black-

board on the kitchen wall, edited by Frances Markland; and the front lobby bulletin board has had its legs cut off and now adorns the wall behind Miles Cooper's Transportation Desk.

Miss Housekeeper "B" returned from her "D days" full of enthusiasm about Sequoia Park and the giant trees; George and Cathy deBacker write they are enjoying their new job, home and garden down the Monterey Peninsula.

An unhappy note was having to see the Tritones leave the Indian Room. Marie and Ralph now call Hollywood home. However, "The Gay Knights," four cheerful young musicians, are The Ahwahnee's new orchestra; the El Dorado Diggins' are full of "Jerrys." (Not the Tom-and-kind). Jerry Siegal and Jerry Seps are both working there this summer.

Storeroomkeeper Chuck Friman is busy, if not slightly dizzy these days — poor Ed Sirianni has been hospitalized for some time. We all wish him a speedy recovery, and we miss him.

Pantryman Charley Krohn's turned out to be a real archery fan, and has a fine bale of straw, plus fine bows and arrows to prove it.

Elsie Du Bois' bike was one of the many snatched lately — its innards were found hither and yon in the Church Bowl. Ben Brown's lovely Italian bike now remains un- ridden and chained to a garage radiator for safe keeping. And we have a playful rat in the Writing Room.

No doubt, you can see why it is fun working at The Ahwahnee.

### YOSEMITE LODGINGS

At Yosemite Lodge, the summer season gives evidence of being well under way with the opening of the swimming pool, already a popular place, nightly ranger naturalist lectures, and scenic movies.

A warm welcome is extended to Phil Placier as manager of the Cafeteria. Phil is not a newcomer to the Lodge, and many will remember seeing him at the Front Desk last summer or hiking along the trails, since this is one of his favorite past times—next to old cars, that is.

Bert Baker reports that the new addition to the Coffee Shop should be operating next month. That extra space will be appreciated



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by both patrons and employees. Word is getting around that the hot cakes served in the Coffee Shop (special recipe) are delicious.

Two Chucks (nothing to do with the butcher department) have returned to the Lodge Kitchen, Chuck Boucher—after six years finishing college, teaching school, and raising a family in San Diego. Chuck Had-dad, whose home is in Lebanon, a recent graduate in engineering from Stanford University, before going to Ohio State to get his Master's degree, is showing great versatility as a cook, a terrific dancer, and, in his spare time, assistant bouncer at the Camp Curry Dance Pavilion.

Our Lodge Housekeeping department has its own League of Nations under the supervision of Irish Colleen, Kathlyn Boston. With her family of 55 children are Yosemite and Navajo Indians, Armenians, Czechoslovakians, Spanish, German, Syrian, English, Welsh, and Polish.

**CAMP CURRY NEWS**

With the coming of summer—and, indeed the visitors, Camp Curry seems to be the center of activity for at least the upper end of the Valley. All the units are open, all the employees here and gradually getting situated.

The first contingent of Glenn Willard's people have arrived and the much loved Camp Curry Program is a nightly thing—rangers, musicians, and travel films—capped by the Firefall.

After a stint on the Curry stage, Sid Hoff and his boys play for dancing in the Pavilion. Tuesday is employee's night (free).

Irene Thompson is back as Den mother, to steal a title from the Cub Scouts. Winifred Cahow, the new Terrace Counselor, is much admired by all the Girl Scouts on the hill.

Cruising around Camp, we find Ken Bradley, late of The Ahwahnee, in our Dining Room. Keith Whitfield, assisted by Jim Harvey is Cafe chief. In the Grill is Bill Sturgeon, from San Jose State. Leota LeBaron, last year's Lodge Coffee Shop manager, is our new hostess—with the mostess.

Our "best luck" to Transportation's Toney Freitas whose Elsie had to leave the Valley for medical treatment in Fresno. The bus platform won't be the same without Toney.

**Art Exhibit**

The Employees' Annual Art Exhibit will be on display at the Camp Curry Cafeteria on August 1. Open to all participants. Canvasses, matted or framed, to be entered, must be in by July 31. For further information contact Gertrude Greenwald—Camp Curry Cafeteria Pantry.

**FROM THE GENERAL OFFICE**

The Reservation Office now has a complete crew with the addition of Marilyn Penny. Accounting has its quota with Sue Phillips, Maureen O'Brien (back for her third summer), Barbara Barbis, and newly-wed Adele Osborn Laux.

Last summer the Traffic Office claimed Alice Hart but this summer she has joined the Executive Office crew. Barbara Roth is spending the summer in the Traffic Office. Marge Lamping is back to help out in the Personnel Office again this season.

After calling Yosemite home for many years, Hazel Cramer, Accounting Office, is heading for Los Angeles, to accept a job with the same firm that lured George White away from us.

Dona Belz, who spent several years in the General Offices, is now working for the Department of the Army in Frankfurt, Germany. The post cards her friends have received would indicate it is not all work and no play.

Kay Connolly and Lois Franzen, who left these parts last March for Europe, were last heard from in Rome. They were on their way to Madrid after having wined, dined, and hitch-hiked their way through the northern countries. Gives us all the travel bug.

Marilyn Close Ferrell and husband, Jack, returned to spend a week's vacation in the Park.

**WAWONA REPORTING**

The Mayor of Wawona, Willie Johnson, and his able assistants in WERA (Wawona Employee's Recreation Association) have a busy schedule planned for summer activities. John Rothman, our wonderful Chef, will serve as vice-president. Howie Chenault and Susie Johnson were elected to act as treasurer and secretary.

The traditional enthusiastic spirit of Wa-

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wona employees was demonstrated at a recent pizza party. All are eagerly looking forward to the moonlight rides, dances, weiner roasts, etc.

New to Wawona are Charlie Eagle, our golf pro, and Jim Blain who will serve as the student minister, in addition to his duties on the front desk.

The annual California Alumni House Party received a great deal of our time during the week of June 15-21. It was an active week for them and, we hope, added to their enjoyable memories of their stays in Yosemite. It's easy to understand why they return to Wawona every year.

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### COURTESY AND PATIENCE

Through the rest of the summer, many travelers will be visiting Yosemite for the first time. They will be driving slowly along the park roads, stopping without warning in narrow stretches and on corners, and getting out of their cars, disregarding traffic, to get a closer view of deer. Coming to intersections, they will be undecided as to which way to turn and may get in your way if you are driving.

We can help all these visitors by displaying courtesy and patience, and by remembering that we are working here for these visitors. Let's stop and lend a helping hand by offering information to them when they seem confused. This will not only give the visitors a better impression of the park and the personnel, but will also help to relieve traffic congestion.

Let's practice courtesy and patience during the coming summer and all year long. Let's set a good example by observing park regulations as we hike the trails or drive along the roads.

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### BREEZE FROM THE TREES

There is a rustling and whispering in the tops of the pines and redwoods. If you listen carefully you will hear them saying, "Welcome Home" to Floris and Bill Eske, Annie Soria, Jane Wigston, Ward White and Mickey Fenton in the hotel and Esther Shively, Natalie Moore and Ruth Beckwith in the studio.

That joyous nodding and waving of branches is the warm greeting to our new-

comers, Virgil Ham, our excellent Chef, Lillian Mendoza, baker, Mary Chu, Peter Lopez, Boyce Melton, Jeff Yao, George Ikuma, Sidney Wang in the cafeteria and Valerie Eagle in the studio.

Do you hear that sort of extra note of welcome? That's for Violet Gruetzner, who is back as our salad lady. She and her late husband were in Big Trees Lodge from 1948 to 1951.

The softer, slightly mournful notes are for Floris Eske, who fell while dashing to answer the phone, sprained a foot and her back, so spent a week in Lewis Memorial Hospital. She is back on duty now, fine, except for a slight limp.

The rest of the rustle and bustle you hear is just all of us and our throngs of guests on an average summer's day.

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### HOSPITAL NOTES

Welcome to new summer staffers—Arlene Summers, Robert Rinehart, and Carl Shrieve from University of California Dental School, who will assist Dr. Woessner.

Patients Ed Siriani, Fernando Castillo and Sam Armendarez all doing fine.

Welcome to citizen Maggie Burns, who obtained American citizenship June 24.

Welcome Home from your flying visit to San Francisco and "South Pacific"—Dr. Sturm and family.

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### BILL LALLY IN HOSPITAL

Bill Lally, head of Y.P.C.Co. plumbing department was hospitalized last week suffering from a bowel obstruction. Dr. Sturm reports, as of June 27, that Bill is better than when admitted, though he probably will be hospitalized for some time. Bill has been with the Company for more than 35 years, the oldest employee, in years of service.

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YOSEMITE VALLEY SHOE SHOP  
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### LATE CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—22 cu. ft. deep freeze. See Mrs. Lamkin at Teacherage.

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FOR SALE—9½ cu. ft. Philco Refrigerator. Phone FR 2-4383.

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Y.T.S. fleet additions include two Chevrolet "stretch-outs." Seating twelve, they will be used on the Lake Tahoe-Tioga Pass run.

#### Y. T. S. NEWS

Several new buses have been added to the Yosemite Transportation System equipment and additional drivers are reporting regularly to operate them. Many of the summer drivers who have been returning for several seasons are already on duty.

The Tahoe service will begin for the regular summer schedule on July 3 and will thereafter operate daily between Yosemite and Tahoe and vice versa.

Yosemite employees, here for their first summer, may not be aware that seat reservations on the buses must be made not later than the evening before intended trips. See the Agent at Camp Curry, Yosemite Lodge, or The Ahwahnee for details.

#### HIGH COUNTRY HIKING

The arrival of summer in Yosemite brings with it opportunity to explore once again that fascinating section of the Park known as The High Country. Far removed in mood and general aspect from the warm, somewhat busy Valley Floor, this region of high, sunny meadows and sparkling lakes is, nevertheless, easily accessible to all of us living here in Yosemite Valley. This summer, in particular, employees have the chance to see some of the fine back-country of the Park with ample time at their disposal, under the Company's new Special-Leave-Day policy which will make possible a monthly break of three consecutive days.

This article, and others to follow, will outline suggested overnight trips to the more scenic areas of this high land.

##### Tuolumne Meadows Area

The first region to become accessible after the retreat of the winter snow pack is Tuolumne Meadows. Conveniently enough, too, this region is also a hub from which trails radiate in all directions to some of the finest examples of High Country landscape.

Here are a few suggestions for excursions guaranteed to live in your memories of the Park. The list is by no means complete, as any visitor to the Meadows will soon discover.

##### Water-wheel Falls

An eight-mile trail north from Soda Springs along the roaring, foaming Tuolumne River to the most unusual white-water display in Yosemite. "Reverse Waterfalls," formed by the force of the entire river's volume being deflected upwards against rock ledges in foaming wheels of spray, 60 to 80 feet high. Best seen before the end of June. Located 3½ miles down the Tuolumne Canyon below Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp.

##### Young Lakes Basin

Six miles by trail northeast from Soda Springs. Three little lakes lie beneath the precipitous west face of Mt. Conness, which towers to 12,561 feet. Superb camping, good fishing. Conness can be climbed by trail from this side.

##### Bud Lake

About six miles south of the Meadows. Nestled at timberline—10,000 feet elevation—in a truly alpine basin surrounded by Cathedral, Echo, Cockscomb and Unicorn Peaks. No formal trail, but can be reached easily by following Budd Creek from lower end of Meadows.

##### Sunrise Trail

A beautiful, but seldom used, twenty-one mile walk from the Meadows to Yosemite Valley. From this trail, easy ascents may be made of either Clouds' Rest or Half Dome.

##### Vogelsang High Sierra Camp Area

A delightful loop trip from Tuolumne Meadows can be arranged to Vogelsang (possibly overnight here), then via Evelyn and Ireland Lakes to the Lyell Fork Canyon, returning to Tuolumne. Total mileage, 21½ miles.

—Dana C. Morgenson

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### National Park Service (continued)

work assignments in Yosemite during the summer period. Public relations, park and visitor protection, interpretation, and fire control will be stressed during periods of instruction. For students others than the Fire Control Aids, two full days will be spent in field orientation. The students will cover all sections of the park and facilities that can be reached by road.

#### June 20—Big Day

On Thursday afternoon, June 20, the first building fire of the season was reported in Yosemite Valley. Family quarters behind the Degnan, Donohoe Restaurant caught fire from a defective water heater. Damage to property was not extensive, due to the fact that it was reported soon after the fire began. Despite very heavy traffic, the fire trucks arrived in a short period of time with trained personnel.

At 5:42 p.m. on June 20, a sharp earth tremor of from 3 to 5 seconds duration was felt. The sharp jolt was preceded by a rumbling noise that moved down the Valley. The disturbance was also felt at Arch Rock, Crane Flat and at Tioga Pass. No damage has been reported.

The Office of the Chief Ranger reports that all automobile campgrounds in Yosemite are now open. Visitors may also travel to Devils Postpile National Monument for camping and sightseeing. As of the night of June 20, park travel for the year was up 13.8% over the same time in 1956, the record travel year.

The following points have been taken from a safety notice issued recently by the Superintendent's Office.

1. When hiking, stay on the established trails and don't roll rocks down the canyon walls. Yosemite's cliffs are dangerous. Start hikes early so as to reach destination before dark. When hiking alone, leave word of your plans. *Before attempting cliff climbs, discuss plans with park officials and register at the Rangers' Office.* It is dangerous to hike off the trails and make short cuts.
2. *Avoid promiscuous and unnecessary shouting when hiking or climbing.* Shouting may be misconstrued as a call for help and set in motion rescue operations. Call only when in serious difficulty and help is needed.
3. Swimmers be careful: *Avoid swimming alone; watch your children when playing*

near or in the water as there are many deep holes and the current is treacherous. The shock of plunging into the icy waters and swimming when overheated or too soon after eating, has resulted in a number of drownings.

4. *Deer and bears are wild animals; it is dangerous to feed them and approach them too closely.*

5. Stay away from the streams immediately above the waterfalls.

6. Follow all rules of safe driving. Keep speed down to the posted limit and observe all signs including *STOP signs.*

### IT WON'T WORK, KIT!

Ahwahnee hostess Kit Whitman had occasion to ride in a YTS taxi recently when her car was being repaired after the bear intrusion. She plunked out a red ticket for the taxi ride and thanked the driver. The driver turned in the ticket, then came, jet-propelled, out of the dispatcher's office door after Kit, explaining that the red ticket had been for admission on the San Diego Padres ball park. Kit allowed that she had never been in San Diego, let alone to a ball game there. She dug into her purse for a legal ticket and found what? More tickets to the ball game. Their presence there is still unsolved. A case of un-pickpocketing.

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP MEETING

All young people are invited to attend the Youth Fellowship Meetings held during the summer months. On Sunday nights after the Firefall, there is a hymn sing, worship service, and fellowship at the Village Chapel ending at ten thirty. On Wednesday nights, the group meets informally around the campfire at Church Camp for fellowship, discussions, fun, and refreshments. This meeting begins at nine and ends at ten-thirty. The Church Camp is located in a section of Camp 6.

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Want to buy—YOUTH BED, with springs and mattress. Call Berrey—FR 2-4898.

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Wanted—Girl's bicycle in good condition. Phone Nancy Ringrose, FR 2-4371.

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For Sale—35mm Argus Camera F 3.5 coated lens, case, etc. \$30. Marie Dimock, Tecoya Dorms after 5 or on Sunday.

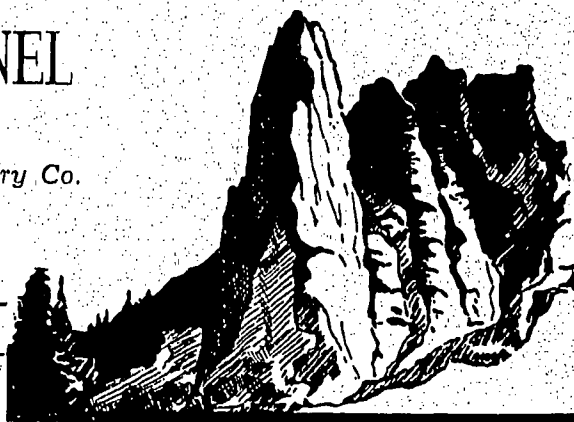
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## YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

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### SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS OFFERED TO Y. P. and C. CO. STOCKHOLDERS

Following approval received from the I.C.C. on June 26, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., through its attorneys and Dean Witter and Co., is offering to common stock holders 113,340 shares of common stock, on the basis of one additional share for each share held. The net proceeds of the sale, which are estimated to be a minimum of about \$508,000, will be added to the general funds of the Company and will be used to assist in financing the construction of the new merchandise center planned to start during the fall of 1957. The cost of the merchandise center, fully equipped, is estimated at approximately \$650,000. The \$152,000 in excess of the amount raised by the stock sale will be paid out of retained earnings or through a loan agreement with the American Trust Co.

### A. R. ROBINSON LEAVES Y. P. C. CO.

Art Robinson, who has been with Y. P. C. Co. for eight years as Assistant Personnel Manager and Employment Manager, will leave mid-July to assume duties as personnel chief of Westinghouse Corporation's plant near Idaho Falls, Idaho. Westinghouse is engaged in research on and construction of atomic reactors, under contract with the A.E.C.

Art has inspected the area and reports that the prospects for fishing, hunting, and skiing are excellent. The Robinsons will live in Idaho Falls, although the plant is some 58 miles from town.

### LOCALS GOLF MATCHES AT WAWONA

Charles Eagle, Wawona's new (this season) pro, has announced four golf tournaments for the enjoyment of local linksmen. The first, scheduled for July 21, will be a Scotch

Foursome, nine holes, draw for partners. Entry fee is \$1 per person, and there will be merchandise prizes.

On July 24, there will be a Local Wives Tournament, over 18 holes. Entry fee, \$2.00.

An 18 hole Local Men's Tournament is slated for August 10 and 11; play round on either day. Entry fee, \$2.00. Finally, during the week of August 19-24, there will be a second Local Men's Tournament for those unable to play in the preceding match. Entry fee, \$1.00. Men may enter one, but not both, of the two last matches.

Trophies will be awarded winner and runner-up for the women's and the two men's events.

Handicapping for all will be under the new Callaway system, so that to play for a net score, a regularly established handicap is not needed.

Eagle stated that everyone is welcome, that his course is in excellent shape and that even the wildest duffer is heartily invited to compete.

### JOHN SCHWEIFLER DIES

John the Barber died on July 6 in the Veteran's Hospital in Fresno after a long illness.

John Schweifler first came to Yosemite in 1916 and, after an absence for service during WW 1, returned to the Valley, where he has lived since. John had the barbering concession for the Valley since 1925. During this time, he gave first haircuts to many Valley residents who have since taken their sons to him for their first haircuts. Over the years, he had been active in the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and the Lions Club.

Funeral services and burial were conducted July 10 in Mariposa.

We will all miss John behind the first chair at his shop, over which he presided pleasantly and well.



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### VILLAGE STORIES

The Fourth of July! Come and gone. It seems impossible that this delicious summer is half over.

The lure of the high country is becoming more and more apparent: Pat Oliver, Foster Clarke, George Rayburn (from Ole Miss.), and Topsy Jackson among the many seen at Tuolumne Meadows recently. (Very happy to see Bill Meacham, Ann Myren, Jan Off and Belle Jorgensen all back at the Tuolumne Lodge. What a welcome these folks extend).

Roy Rorabaugh would like us to reassure you that he has not forgotten those bunnies! Ah! Poor Jack and Bob. What one must put up with these days. Grocery business, indeed. Have you noticed, though, they always have a ready smile, in spite of it all!

We miss: Ice cream cones! (As much as the guests do)! However, we are doing our best to make ice cream bars a comparable institution. We of the Spoon, thanks to Dot Seymour, are the proud possessors of "the only ice cream cone in Yosemite National Park." Should there be any contenders for this title, please see Miz Johnson, honey. Do come in and see our relic—not Dot—the cone!

The epitomy of piscatorial adeptness: the beautiful specimens that our Mr. Boynton (Dick) and Woody persist in catching. How do they do it? They claim they are willing to divulge a few professional secrets with the purchase of each fishing license and bit of tackle. Quite a bargain, at that!

Tom Fern is the industrious gentleman you see in the Spoon after hours, and a commendable job he does, too!

Welcome back to Ruth McCrary, who, on her last three days off, flew south for a bit of relaxation. Had a wonderful time, smog and all. 'Twas her first flight!

### CAMP CURRY

The Kiddie Kamp's little green train is now a little orange train—but it's beautiful, with baby animal pictures adorning the cars. The new paint job is the work of the talented Tony Antonsen, of Maintenance, and worth your trip over to see it.

Hostess Leota Le Baron, who is always doing nice things for somebody, gave a party for all the employees from down south. Latest census shows we have twenty representatives from the Confederacy with us. Leota cooked blackeyed peas with salt pork and confesses that she would have had grits, but thought that grits were for the birds. Canary birds.

Two favorite Lodge Coffee Shop sons, Harkjoon Paik and John "Brett" King are now happy additions to our Dining Room waiters' staff.

The Valley Singers gave their first lovely concert at our evening entertainment program last July 7. Their next performance is scheduled for The Ahwahnee for July 21. Glenn Willard reports that there's still room for good voices in the group and anyone interested is invited to come to the rehearsals at the Old Village Chapel on Monday and Thursdays at 10 p.m.

Moving across the Yard, Jan Moore is now cashiering, having left the cafeteria, and Tommy Thompson has left his houseman duties and is now with Bill Nutley's warehouse crew.

The old, tattered Camp Curry flag was burned with proper regard for ceremony at a recent dining room staff beach party. As the smoke wafted upward, the fifty in attendance sang the "Star Spangled Banner."

Blythe Theilen, of the golden voice, sings Indian Love Call for the nightly Firefall. This talented young lady also plays the violin for church services.

Former employee Bobby Philp (Mississippi) we learn, has a thirty-day leave from service with the Army to be married on July 26. Sonny and Darlene Temple, Dining Room employees who met and married here last summer, celebrate their first anniversary on July 28.

FROM THE STABLES

"Though we have a lot of new faces at the stables, the newcomer that seems to be attracting the greatest attention is a fuzzy, baby burro four weeks old who has been named "Black Coffee." Every day, scores of people come over to admire our little demilasse. Visiting hours are any time after 3:30. During the day he sticks close to his mom, who's on the burro picnic.

We will never, never, have enough horses to accommodate all the people who want to join Bill Norman's two-hour guided ride. We're not sure what he shows his group but they seem to love it.



Newest addition to Stables is 'Black Coffee'

All of us earthboundlings have been enviously watching Hilmer Torgenson, John Taylor and Ed Whittemore and their parties leave the stables for the high country and the six day saddle trips.

Manager Bob Barnett can outstrip all his hands in selling off-the-valley-floor saddle trips. "Mam," Bob says, "You really should go on the Vernal and Nevada Falls ride. Our mules ride just like horses. Why, if you were blindfolded, you wouldn't know the difference."

AT YOSEMITE LODGE

There will be music wherever we go—and the Coffee Shop will no longer have the exclusive rights to the tune department. George Oliver has been busy with his soldering iron, screw driver and pliers, putting in speakers and lines to the Mountain Room,

Terrace, Swimming Pool and Lounge. And soon we will be listening to some new LP recordings.

On Friday night, June 28, under a shining moon, many of the Lodge employees gathered around three blazing campfires at Rocky Point. Planned by four Lodge employees, Betty Morris, Bruce Webster, Jim Adams and Tony White, there was much fun for all. Early in the evening, as the fires were being kindled, the gleaming eyes of a huge black bear watched as if he, too, were part of the merry throng.

The Fourth of July was an occasion for great festivity in the Castro home. Agnes Castro, a Lodge employee for the past fifteen years, had a birthday. As all of us know, there is nothing new about a birthday, but on this occasion, Great Grandmother, Mrs. Leanna Tom, who was born in Yosemite Valley nearly a century ago, arrived from Coleville as a happy-birthday surprise. Mrs. Tom is probably the oldest living Yosemite Indian.

Another birthday surprise was a delicious cake baked for Rosalie Natoni by Barbara Kuntz and enjoyed by all of the housekeeping staff.

Hurrah!! Lodge Annex has six new tents, all with cement floors and plenty of space to hang clothes.

Nancy Young Wilkins (Mrs. Robert Wilkins) is now living in Fresno. She was married midst appropriate solemnity and cheers on June 30.

On Sunday, July 7, Clements Kostuch of Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping married Elsa Corder from the Coffee Shop and on July 9, Bob Staddon, Tent Room, married Mabel DeMerse.

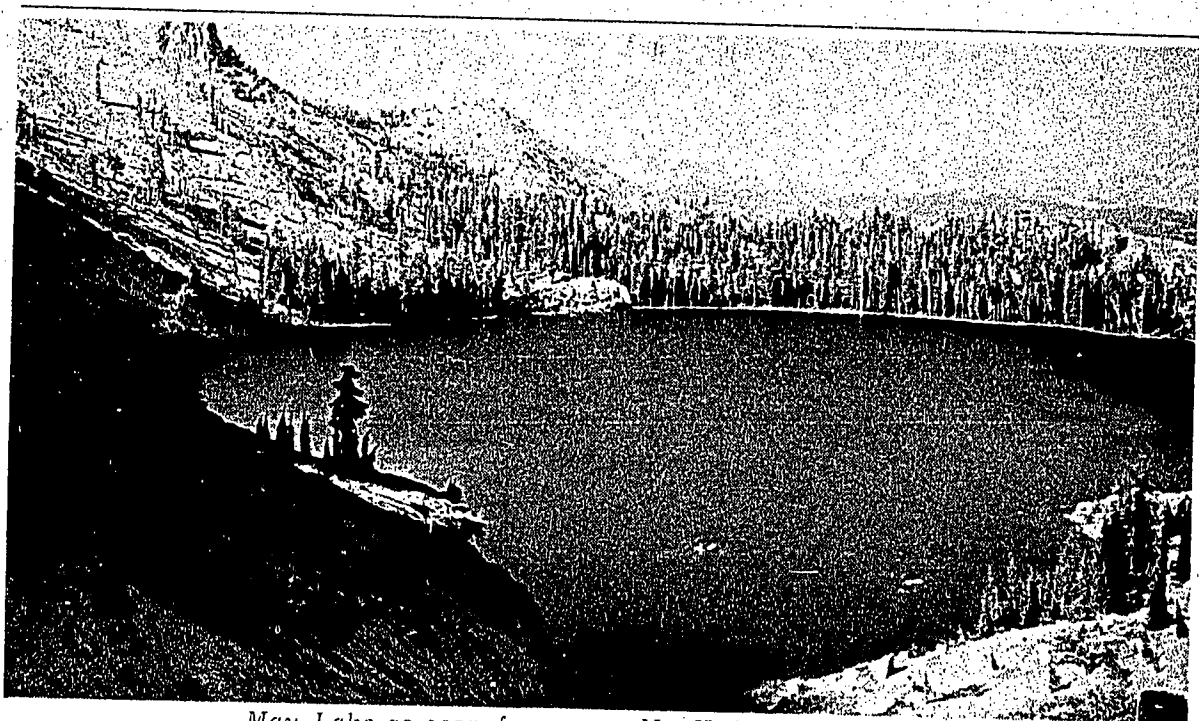
BREEZE FROM THE TREES

It is our funny bone that is prompting our thought today. The kind of humor you occasionally meet with in Yosemite.

Here are a few items we have laughed about together.

While the snowplants were blooming, a guest asked the not uncommon question: "What are those red things we saw along the road?" The answer was "Snowplant." Then the guest gave her version: "Oh, I thought they were a special kind of fire hydrant."

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*May Lake as seen from near Mt. Hoffmann Trail.*

### HIGH COUNTRY HIKING—Part Two

#### Tenaya Lake

Tenaya Lake, the largest natural lake in Yosemite National Park, is well known to most of us as a high country scenic gem. A placid sheet of iridescent blue cupped beneath the polished granite slopes of Tenaya Peak and Polly Dome, its ancient Indian name of Py-we-ack, or "Lake of the Shining Rocks," seems very appropriate. Wide beaches, pleasantly warm water and extensive camp grounds, together with easy accessibility over the Tioga Road, have made it extremely popular with summer visitors to the park. Far fewer people, however, know the interesting country surrounding it. Here are a few suggestions for trips in the area which are fairly representative of the best attractions of the park in its middle elevations.

#### Forsythe Pass Trail

Leaving Tenaya Lake, at 8,150 feet, this trail climbs south up the rocky slopes of Tenaya Canyon to the summit of Forsythe Pass at 9,200 feet. Along the way are fine displays of wild flowers during July. Several small lakes, quite popular with fishermen, are close to this trail. An easy ascent of Cloud's Rest, 9,925 feet, is possible from the Pass. The return to Tenaya Lake makes a comfortable round trip for one day (about 12 miles), or one can continue on to Yosemite Valley via Little Yosemite and Nevada and Vernal Falls, total distance of 17 miles.

#### Tenaya Peak

This impressive summit rises directly from the south shore of the Lake to an elevation of 10,700 feet. It can be climbed without difficulty by starting from the western end of the Lake and walking right up the skyline. The high granite country behind the Peak includes much to interest anyone with time to explore it; for instance, the rocky ridge known as the Devil's Backbone, the sharp pinnacle of Columbia Finger, and several small, rock-girt lakes.

#### Tenaya Canyon

An unusual trip, easily made in one day, can be taken from Tenaya Lake by following the outlet stream as it wanders first through pleasant meadows, and then down polished granite pavements into a deep, glacier-scoured valley under Cloud's Rest. CAUTION—Return to the Lake and Do Not Attempt to continue down canyon beyond the head of the 600-foot Pyweack Cascade, unless in the company of an expert rock climber.

#### May Lake and Mt. Hoffmann

Just a mile from the Tioga Road is one of the High Camps, situated on the shores of beautiful May Lake. Boating and fishing are favorite sports here, as is also the hike to 10,921 foot summit of Mt. Hoffmann. Situated in almost the geographical center of Yosemite National Park, it affords the most comprehensive view of all our peaks.

**HIGH COUNTRY HIKING (continued)**

**Ten Lakes**

Although not in the immediate area of Tenaya Lake, mention should be made of a superlative basin called simply, "Ten Lakes." Trails lead to it either from White Wolf or from Yosemite Creek Ranger Station, on the Tioga Road. In either case it requires eight miles of hiking through magnificent open stands of fir and hemlock to the crest of the divide between the Merced and Tuolumne watersheds. Just north of here, where the land breaks sharply away to the Grand Canyon of the Tuolumne, are the Ten Lakes, snugly reposing on high rocky benches rimmed with woody shores. A side trip of a mile and a half leads to the end of a long ridge, called Colby Mountain, where, at 9,700 feet, one stands almost 5,000 feet above the deepest and narrowest portion of the Tuolumne Canyon at Muir Gorge. This is excellent country for overnight camping, with good fishing practically assured. For variety, the return trip can be taken via the canyon of Cathedral Creek, emerging at May Lake and the Tioga Road. Total distance from Yosemite Creek to May Lake, 28 miles.

—Dana C. Morgenson

**THE AHWAHNEE**

Whatever else you may do, dine on The Ahwahnee "Meadow Loggia." It's truly "dreamy" these nights, and never have the evening primroses, bush lupin and godetia looked lovelier. A large Personnel Department Farewell Dinner party for Art and Janis Robinson was seen enjoying it all—plus a full moon rising after the Firefall. Also, the same evening, Isabelle Dierksen, her husband, and good friends were celebrating Isabelle's birthday—a lovely place for a happy evening.

Decorator Carl Stephens' mullein, hibernia orchids, desert willow, and red fir arrangements are so much admired in the hotel.

Transportation's Don Greenwood is receiving congratulations on his "just received extra tuition scholarship for second year at Harvard."

Two new housemen, Kendall Walton, of Fresno State, and Nelson Gustin, Cal, are learning the various and mysterious ways of using a broom and a mop. Fred Pierson

has a new butcher, Frank Hefner, and Harold "Mickey" Bernstein is working in the storeroom. Everyone is glad Eddie Sirianni is now convalescing, and welcome back (what again!) to old pal, Ted Gogolewski. "Trudel" Clark's got a beautiful new powder blue Volkswagen. Just right for "Trudel."

Guests are enjoying Glenn Willard's fine artists, Jay Griffin, Ann Henderson, Jack Hoberg and others who entertain so delightfully before the Firefall. Bill Thatcher's piano playing during tea time on the Terrace is a real treat. Bill is with Sid Hoff's orchestra.

Just because The Ahwahnee's news scribe is no night hawk, is no good reason our night crew never gets "mention" in the Sentinel. So, from all of us, "We are glad you're here." Steve, Terry, Harry and the "night watchers."

The little old lady guest who borrowed a flashlight to "see the growling bear," which was only a croaking bullfrog, plus Herb Caen's paragraph about beautiful Faye Wright were both fun—and thanks to the magnificent men of Maintenance, the eternal drip, drip drip of The Ahwahnee gutters (roof sprinkler system) is ended. Peace Reigns (rains!).

**FROM THE POINT**

Romance at Glacier Point. Vi Randall and Jimmy Dunn, cafeteria employees, were married during their three-day leave last month. A wedding party was given for them in the Pine Room, with punch, a beautiful wedding cake made by our baker, and a loving cup carved from ice by our chef. Nettie Clark, our thoughtful housekeeper, prepared a bridal suite in Hogan's Alley, and Mrs. Dunn has the distinction of being the first lady to occupy quarters there, which was previously "for men only."

Ted Munson, formerly at Big Trees, has taken over the night watchman job.

Welcome to our new manager, K. N. Slijk, his wife and young son, who arrived about two weeks ago. Mr. and Mrs. Slijk were managers at Glen Aulin a few years ago.

Re-possessed Studebaker for Sale. See Gene Ottonello, Yosemite Credit Union.

**WANT TO BUY:** Wringer-type washing machine. Call Ruby Hoie, FR 2-4287 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

**NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS**

Superintendent John C. Preston announced that two contracts totaling \$1,145,874 for projects on the west end of the 21-mile stretch of the Old Tioga Road between McSwain Meadow and Porcupine Summit have been awarded to H. Earl Parker, Inc., of Marysville, California.

One contract involving an expenditure of \$519,446 calls for grading four parking areas and 3.361 miles of roadway extending easterly from McSwain Meadow. The second contract, \$626,429, calls for grading to begin near Yosemite Creek and extend easterly 2.767 miles to Porcupine Flat. Work involved in both contracts includes clearing, grubbing, excavating and filling, with all work to be completed in 140 calendar days.

The contractor is now preparing to locate a camp near Yosemite Creek on the Tioga Road. Since work on these two contracts will parallel the existing road to the north, there should be only nominal inconvenience to the motoring public.

The total cost of rebuilding the 21-mile section of the Tioga Road under the "Mission 66" program is estimated at \$4,658,000. Later in the summer, it is planned to award a contract for work on the east end of the 21-mile section of the road from Cathedral Summit to the west end of Tenaya Lake.

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Visitation to the park broke no records over the 4th of July, but everyone seemed to be busy with 13,160 arrivals recorded that day. As of July 8, there have been 493,038 visitors to Yosemite so far this year. Travel is still about 10% above the record year of 1956.

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Park Biologist Del Armstrong reports that all but the very highest of the park lakes are now free of ice and that some nice catches of trout are being reported. For those individuals interested in fishing park waters, the latest release on fishing entitled "Information for Fishermen," July 8 to 18, is now available through the Park Ranger Information Office at Park Headquarters in Yosemite Valley.

**STUDENT COUNCIL**

At the beginning of each summer season, when many college students report for work, a council is formed of representatives from each Y. P. C. Co. operating unit. Called the Student Council, it meets once a week with

the Personnel Manager to plan recreational activities and discuss employee problems and suggestions.

The Council, in past seasons, has sponsored special employee activities such as the Annual Blue Moon Formal, penny carnivals, tennis tournaments, and employee talent shows. Over the years the Student Council has passed along many valuable suggestions toward improving both working conditions and service to our guests.

Three meetings of the 1957 Student Council have been held. Rick Mattos, of Standard Stations, is Chairman, and Marge Lamping of the General Offices is Secretary.

**BREEZE FROM THE TREES (continued)**

A bus driver told us this one. He was on the narrowest part of the one-way loop through the Tunnel Tree when he met a car approaching. He asked the driver: "Didn't you see that sign back there, as big as your car, saying this is a one way road?" "Sure I did," was the answer, "and I'm only going one way!"

Just the other day we had one of those not-nature-minded-guests. He asked one of the staff: "What is there up here besides Big Trees?" The answer: "Oh, there are medium sized trees and little trees."

In June we had the celebrated Charles Laughton as a guest for several days. Before making any comments, let me refer you to the June 11 issue of "LOOK." "I have a terrible shape. From the north, south, east or west, I look like an elephant." We agree with Mr. Laughton's statement about his looks. There really is a lot of him. So much, by the way, that in the room christened "Charles Laughton slept here," there was a broken bed.

**WILHELMINA MICHAELIS DIES**

Word has been received from Forrest Michaelis of San Jose, that his mother, Mrs. Wilhelmina Michaelis, passed away in San Jose on July 3, 1957.

Mrs. Michaelis and her husband, Dick, were first employed by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in the early 30s. Mr. Michaelis was in charge of The Ahwahnee wild-flower garden and worked closely with the late Carl Purdy in its creation. After his death, Mrs. Michaelis took over its direction and since 1945 she has been retained as a consultant.

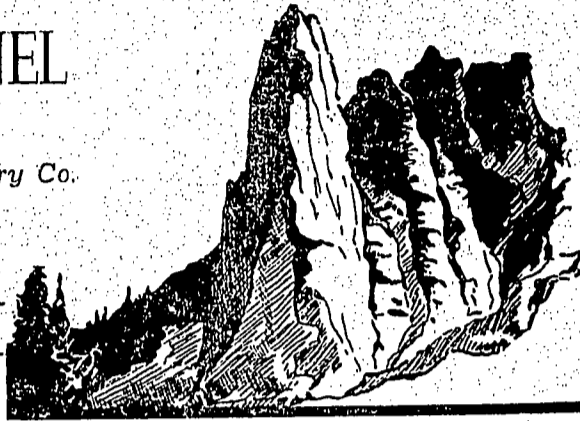


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### Y.P.C.CO. STOCK OFFERING HEAVILY SUBSCRIBED

Of the 113,340 shares of common stock which were offered at \$5.00 par value, 109,696 shares were taken up during the subscription period—July 8 to July 26, according to Sterling Cramer, Y.P.C.Co. Controller. The offer was made to shareholders on the basis of one additional share for each five held.

Dean Witter and Co., the issue underwriters, picked up the remaining 3,644 shares. Revenue from the sale will be used to help finance the new merchandise center, which will cost about \$650,000.

### "TEA HOUSE" BLUE MOON FORMAL THEME

The traditional Blue Moon Formal planned for August 9 at The Ahwahnee tennis courts will be characterized this year by decor reminiscent of the successful "Tea House of the August Moon." Complete with lanterns, fans and pagodas, this tenth annual formal promises to be a gala anniversary affair.

Music will be supplied by Johnny Walker's orchestra (bagpipes?). There will be prizes (Ahwahnee dinners) for the cleverest do-it-yourself corsage—only don't use native shrubs, etc.

Admission is \$1.75 per couple, which includes refreshments. Tickets at Personnel Office or Student Council representative in each unit.

### GOLF FILM AT WAWONA

Wawona golf pro Charlie Eagle, invites all, golfers or not, to come out on Sunday, August 11, for a fine golf film which features a match between Sam Snead and Cary Middlecoff. The film is reported as being educational and highly interesting. It will be shown in the Recreation Hall at 8:45 p.m.

### LOCAL T.V. APPROVAL EXPECTED

The approval by the F.C.C. of Yosemite's TV translator station Channel 72 is expected almost momentarily, according to George Oliver, Y.P.C.Co., who has been working on securing the license. The Fresno BEE received word, via the Associated Press that the license had been granted in Washington on August 2. The BEE called Oliver to inquire about details of the installation. Thus, while the official papers have yet to be received, it probably may be concluded that approval has been granted. A survey to determine the potential number of local subscribers will commence within a month, according to Oliver.

### GRADING FOR MERCHANDISE CENTER STARTED

Hedahl Construction Co. has begun preliminary filling and grading work for Y.P. and C.Co.'s new merchandise center. For the present, according to Gordon Warren, work of this nature will be all that will be undertaken. However, on about September 1 construction of foundations, etc. will be started. Completion of the center is planned for mid-May, 1958.

### RECORD FISH LANDED

A six and ¼ pound squawfish was caught at El Portal by Nat Argento, Camp Curry orchestra, on July 23. Squawfish have been thought not to exceed much over 4 pounds. Ranger-biologists, after examining the fish's stomach, will prepare the monster for display.

Argento caught his prize on a number 10 hook baited with a worm and was using a three pound test nylon line.

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### BADGERS FINISH .500 SEASON

The Yosemite Badgers ball club finished their schedule on July 24, having won two and lost two. The local lads trounced the Merced Rotary Little Leaguers 9 to 4 here on July 20, then lost to Mariposa's All-Stars 3 to 4 on July 24. Pat McElligott was the winning pitcher and Mike Waldron the loser. Though Waldron lost his game, he pitched outstanding ball in all four games. The Badgers team is supported by the Lions Club and coached by club president Leroy Rust.

### VALLEY SINGERS

Featured in the Valley Singers' Church Bowl Concert on Tuesday, August 13 will be a medley of songs from "My Fair Lady," current American stage hit. The concert, presented by some 80 youth employees, will begin at 9:30 p.m. and will include numbers from "Showboat," as well as "The Lord Bless You and Keep You."

The program, including a 20-piece orchestra, will be directed by Glenn Willard in his eighth annual appearance.

During the musical evening an offering will be taken for the benefit of the Yosemite Church Bowl.

### RED CROSS SWIM

Red Cross Swimming Classes start Monday, August 5, at 8 a.m. Length of session is two weeks. Daily from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Yosemite Lodge Pool. The Pool is open to the public from 12 noon to 7 p.m.

### MAINTENANCE NEWS

Fletch Acord, after five years of serving as electrical foreman and nine years in the maintenance left Friday, August 2 to start his new work with Sears Roebuck & Co. in Fresno. Fletch will be with Sears' electrical service department. The Acord's have purchased a new home in the Manchester area.

Upon his departure from the Valley, the Maintenance Department presented Fletch with a gift certificate, good at—SEARS!

Bill Lally, who has undergone major surgery, is back on duty and looking fine. He will spend more time on desk chores and will leave to Howard Savage the more demanding physical tasks.

Up and in use are the nine new tents at Tuolumne Meadows. These are the newly designed type, cement floors, steel frames, etc. Under construction are two tents at Vogelsang. They are slated for completion early in August. Also in the high country, crews are gathering timbers in the Glen Aulin area to be used for repairs to the camp's main tent.

Bob Maynard, Wawona Manager, who added gray hairs worrying over his cantankerous boiler, will have to fret only a few weeks more as a new boiler is on its way and will be installed in early September. Also scheduled for Wawona is a coat of paint for the Annex. Painter Toby figures this job will require 200 gallons of paint and 118 man hours. A good sized house takes about 15 gallons of paint.

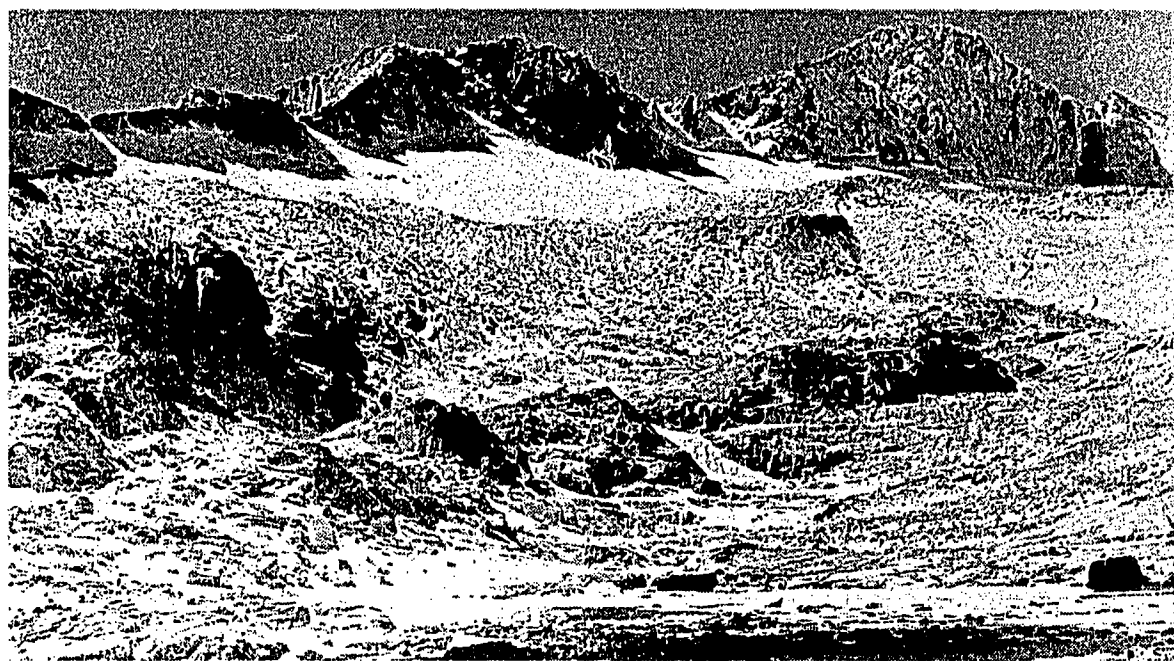
The program of replacing the Camp Curry yard lights is almost complete. The new equipment has eliminated the unsightly old fixtures, and brightened up some dark corners.

Our plumbing and electrical departments are now on extended hours of coverage, and emergencies can be met until 11 p.m. seven days per week.

Spike Brochini and crew have been removing hazardous limbs from trees in all Y.P.C.Co. areas, under National Park Service direction.

These larger problems, plus 1500 service calls per month have kept us awake.

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*Mt. Conness and glacier*

### HIGH COUNTRY HIKING—Part III

For the real devotee of Yosemite's high country, the region surrounding Tioga Pass holds a special appeal. Here, at an elevation of almost 10,000 feet, the finest elements of mountain architecture become dominant in the scene. The peaks rise cleanly into the deep blue sky, thrusting impressive summits far above the last ranks of white-bark pines. The streams, fed by permanent snow fields in the high canyons, seldom feel the late-summer dryness of the lower elevations. The flowers blossom furiously during the short period of growth allotted to them between June's thaw and September's frost. Meadows sparkle with the greenness of a land that knows no drought. There is, in short, a total fascination to this area which brings one back again and again to wonder at the vitality, the freshness, the drama of its superb landscapes.

To appreciate this timberline country to its fullest, one must leave the highway—available at Tioga Pass—its vistas are—and hike into the woods. Here are a few suggestions.

#### Mt. Dana

From its rocky, every landscape from Tioga Pass to the rugged summit of this familiar peak, which rises to an altitude of 13,050 ft. The climb to its top is a truly memorable experience, well within the capacity of anyone who can withstand the altitude. In early

August, the mountain is at its best. One travels through gardens most of the way; fields of lupine and columbine near its base, fragile alpines growing on the plateau, blue sky-pilot crowning the summit. The view from the top is worth every ounce of energy expended. The Sierra crest rises in bold relief far beyond the park boundaries, both north and south, while to the east the landscape plunges abruptly 7,000 feet to the basin cradling Mono Lake, a vast blue mirror shimmering in the sun. Beyond it, the ranges rise in hazy ranks far across the Nevada desert.

#### Glacier Canyon

A variation on the above trip can be worked out by following the contour level from the Ranger Station around to the east, finally arriving at the inlet stream feeding Tioga Lake. Proceeding upstream, one ascends over a series of grassy benches into the deep canyon lying just below the steep east face of Mt. Dana. After climbing over several moraines, past turquoise lakes where ice lies late into summer, one comes at last to the Dana Glacier in a deep cirque at the canyon's end. This is the most easily approached of any of Yosemite's glaciers, but is truly representative of all phases of glacial action. The return trip can be made via the east wall of the Canyon which leads easily to the summit of the Dana Plateau, a sky-high tableland at 12,000 feet with verti-

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cal cliffs dropping 2,000 feet into Lee Vining Canyon. Tremendous views of the great east face of Mt. Dana and its summit pyramid are obtained from here.

### Saddlebag Lake

Just two miles outside the park is the turn off to Saddlebag Lake, some two miles along a dusty, graveled road. A large lake, it has facilities for boat rental and is a favorite of fishermen. Along the west shore a trail leads to the upper end of the lake, where the landscape becomes truly alpine. Here is a rocky upland, under the shadow of Mt. Conness and North Peak, concealing behind its granite reefs and ridges many little lakes, sustained by the runoff from the Conness Glacier. Between North Peak and Shepherd's Crest, a low divide gives access to the McCabe Lakes Basin. This is a knapsack trip easily made in one day, into a wilderness land of unusual beauty. Another suggestion is a one-day trip over the Tioga crest, down into a hanging valley containing beautiful Oneida Lake and the spectacular ruins of the May Lundy Mine, finally arriving at Lundy Canyon and the road head.

—Dana C. Morgenson

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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

#### Park Service Training Program

The establishment of a training center for uniformed employees of the National Park Service during their probational year of employment has been announced by the Department of the Interior. The Training Center at Yosemite is part of the Service's "Mission 66." The center will assist in training the increased park staffs for which 1958 Federal appropriations provide.

Director Conrad L. Wirth of the National Park Service said two three month training courses per year are planned. The first will open September 23, and will extend through December.

Frank F. Kowski, the Service's training officer, will be in charge of the Center. He will be assisted by Robert N. McIntyre, now Management Assistant in Yosemite. The Training Center will be housed in the Yosemite Rangers' Club building, donated to the park by Stephen T. Mather, first Director of the National Park Service.

Miss Lillian Crews has arrived in the park to replace Miss June Brammer who will join the new Training Center staff as secretary. Superintendent John W. Stratton of Tuzi-

goot National Monument, Arizona will arrive on August 4 to replace Bob McIntyre who now holds the dual titles of Acting Management Assistant and Acting Supervisor, N.P.S. Training Center, Yosemite.

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### Fire Violators Fined

Recently three Yosemite Valley employees appeared before the U.S. Commissioner and pleaded guilty to "failing to extinguish their unauthorized campfire." The fire, which spread to surrounding park land, resulted in six acres of needless destruction which could have been prevented. Each employee involved was fined \$50 and was awarded a 10 day suspended jail sentence.

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### Travel Gains

Although the Chief Ranger's Office reports a gain of only two percent for travel to the park through the month of July, the total gain for the year to date is approximately eight percent. Those who wish to speculate might make a guess as to the day when the one millionth visitor will pass through the park entrance stations in 1957.

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### Emil Ernst in Whirlybird Spraying

Don't be surprised if you are driving in the Tuolumne Meadows area and find a helicopter just overhead. Park Forester Emil Ernst is up there spraying the roadside and campground areas with malathion to kill the millions of needleminers that are infesting the Lodgepole pine trees.

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### Tioga Road Bids

On July 16, sealed bids for construction of an additional 4.453 miles of the Old Tioga Road adjacent to Tenaya Lake were opened. A contract for road construction in this area should be awarded shortly. Since work will be on or along the present right of way, there will be some delay in park traffic after Labor Day. On July 19, Superintendent Preston announced that a contract totaling \$123,425.75 was awarded for campground expansion to Mr. Manuel Smith of Atwater, California. This work will include water and sewer systems at White Wolf and Bridalveil Creek campgrounds. Work will also begin in the near future in the Wawona area on expansion of campground facilities as a part of the Yosemite "Mission 66" program.

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### VILLAGE STORIES

With a name like Billingsley, it's no wonder that Marvin is such a gifted restaurateur—(dishwasher). Although we are quite aware that this humble establishment is a far cry from any Stork Club, Old Marv appears extremely content. In fact, drop by almost any time and listen to his lilting refrains pour forth from the back room. The boy IS happy!!!

Cheers to Ruth McCrary, who is reportedly doing a marvelous job at her new post in the wilds of Tuolumne. Although we miss her at the Spoon, we all wish her the best of luck in her new position as manager of the Lunch Stand there. (But oh! how she misses that steam heat!)

Welcome to new Spoon waitress, Betty Buckingham, from Fresno.

Is it true what they say about Andy??? (above average American butcher?) Rhumba lessons? Shades of "Crazy Legs" Ring!

The boys in the back room—who work so hard without mention, ever—(well hardly). Receiving Warehousemen Leo O'Sullivan, Brad Turner, Dick Raun, Tom Bernstein, Stan Whitfield, Bill Stuve, and Dick Hartzell. AND, Ellis Whitley. Thanks, men!

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### CONES ARE BACK

If you are one of the many who insist that an ice cream bar is a poor substitute for a real cone, you may cease grumbling, for now you can get them at The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop in all the popular flavors. The Sweet Shop is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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### WAWONA NEWS

Life at Wawona is no different from life anywhere else except there's more of it—every day is filled, all 72 hours of it, which leaves no time for contemplation of meditation. Parties began to whirl at our annual Pajama Dance.

On the agenda for next week is the Suppressed Desire Dance, a bingo game with Master Caller Benny Reyes performing, a pizza splurge—aftermath of a highly successful taco party prepared by Pat Luccero and Alice Williams.

Waitresses were greeted with a Coleman lantern Monday morning in the dining room. Seems a squirrel tampered with the wires and Wawona and the surrounding area were without lights for eight hours. Due to the early morning darkness, a knowledge of Braille would have been a boon to the guests trying to read their menus.

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### AT YOSEMITE LODGE

The most important news of mid-summer was the arrival of little Robin Lynn Fiore, born to the Fiore on July 25 at the Lewis Memorial Hospital. Papa Nick's grin runs from 'ere to 'ere.

Albert Gordon, Van and crew are in the final stages of completing our Kiddie Kamp. It is a very exciting and attractive area, with a train made from huge pipe culverts, a fine sand pile, little mazes plus some not-too-big granite boulders to give tiny ones the feel and shape of Yosemite rock.

Yards and yards of gleaming stainless steel are going into the Coffee shop addition, as the new dish conveyor takes shape. It will be the most modern of machines to speed dishes from point of use to place of wash.

Just in passing: We heard that when Dick Royle, Lodge Front office hiked to the top of Mt. Lyell with Phil Placier of the cafeteria and Russel Smith of The Ahwahnee, he carried along a few extra dollars, one hundred, to be exact. Dick did not find a place to spend his money, but he did have to "spend" another day searching for his wallet which he lost along the way.

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### LUGGI FOEGER LEAVES FOR SUGAR BOWL

Luggi Foeger, who has been a director of the Yosemite Ski School for 18 years, will leave with his family about September 1 for the Sugar Bowl, where he assumes the position of Ski School head.

In addition to Luggi's contributions and achievements in the ski director's field, he has also done much towards the landscaping of the new Yosemite Lodge area as well as at The Ahwahnee.

He, Helen, Chris and Jimmie will be greatly missed by their Yosemite friends, and, no doubt, by many Badger Pass skiers. At this date, his successor in the Ski School has not been named.



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### BREEZE FROM THE TREES

Magnificent and tall stand the Redwoods  
Amid stately cedars and pines  
Reminding us of a God above  
Inspiring our hearts and minds.  
Pure air and bounteous sunshine  
Offer rest for body and soul,  
So linger awhile when you've come that  
last mile  
And forget you were weary or ill.  
Gay flowers you'll find in the meadow,  
Rare beauty in each little bloom,  
Overhead flit numerous songbirds  
With voices that dispel all gloom.  
Eager chipmunks are scampering yonder  
Odd tidbits to gather and store;  
Furry bears and sleek deer roam the forest,  
And bask in its shade by a brook.  
Into byways where nature is rampant  
Giving scope and deep joy to your life  
Trails lead, like a beckoning dryad  
Running carefree o'er valley and hill.  
Enchantment is here, every day of the year,  
So come, friend, and share, if you will.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

The stork has been working overtime at Lewis Memorial Hospital this July. To date, have been born—

To Larry and Ann Brochini, July 2, a girl, Cheryl Ann.

To Bill and Janet Neubert on July 18, a girl, Judith Arlene.

To Herb and Elizabeth Reichold on July 19, a boy, Ralph Kimball.

To Nick and Midge Fiore on July 25, a girl, Robin Lynn.

To Joe and Joy McConnell on July 26, a girl, Kimberley Anne.

To Eldon and Joyce Dean on July 29, a boy, Richard Franklin.

Paul and Rita Eslick, July 31, a girl, Shirley Lynn.

Congratulations!

### HOUSEKEEPING CAMP

The young looking gentleman with the honest, open expression came into Housekeeping Office in late June. He was by himself, a single tent would do; he would be here several weeks. Doctor Ashton was his name; rather young-looking for a doctor, we thought. Friendly chap though, everybody in Housekeeping got to know him.

He liked it up here, stayed an additional

week, drove around in a handsome, red Cadillac convertible. Nice to see a young fellow doing so well in the world. Well, Doctor Ashton has moved on to greener pastures, we see. There was an item about him in the paper last week. Seems the checks he's been passing aren't worth the paper they're printed on.

Matter of fact, he still owes us for several weeks' rent.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

July has gone—a big fat month full of people, events, and hilarious happenings. Also, Huseyn Shaheed Sarawardy, Prime Minister of Pakistan and his entourage were Ahwahnee guests during their brief visit to the National Park. Later, the Spanish Minister of Marine enjoyed our hospitality.

The twice-a-week (Tuesdays and Saturdays) Firefall Barbecues, complete with fine steaks, smorgasbord and all the trimmings served under the expert direction of Chef Fred Pierson are proving most successful. Pretty girls loaned from the General Office enhance the scene in their colored cowboy shirts and hats, and with their capabilities as waitresses. Jay Griffin and Rich Price provide excellent Western entertainment, and also play for the Firefall on these happy occasions.

After over a year as wine and tea steward, Earl Smith left to continue his literary career with the Los Angeles Examiner.

Paul Kajada is doing fine with his walking cast. His toe met up with a heavy cutting board, but Paul is as cheerful as ever.

Old timers will be happy to hear that Sven Eric Jorgensen is now in training for his exciting new job at the new Havana Hilton.

Indestructable Fred Pierson—who else—could have his Cadillac, or any other convertible, flip over three times, drop over a cliff, land upside down and then be able, minus the Cadillac, to continue on with his friends to their Bass Lake destination, and then return to work looking his usual cheerful self, except for a mild black eye and a scratch here and there.

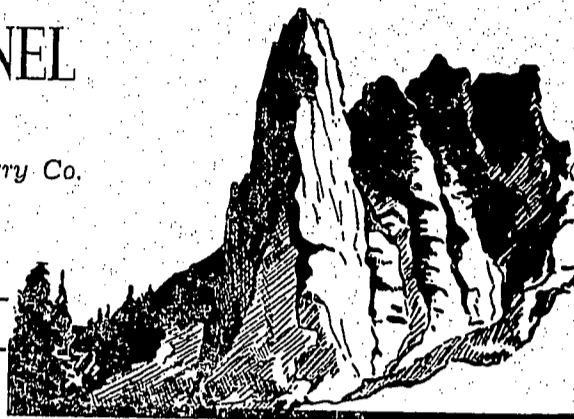
**FOR SALE**—30-30 Winchester deer rifle; checkered stock, like new, \$65. Also Royal portable typewriter, good condition, \$15. See Marie Dimock, room B-2, Tecoya Dorms on Saturday PM or Sundays.

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### T. V.—CONTINUED

George Oliver, Bob Myers representing the Adler TV Company, and Wendell Otter packed television test equipment up hill and down dale last weekend to finalize the location of Yosemite's TV translators. Myers whose company will install the translator, felt satisfied that good reception would be possible, though several details are yet to be worked out.

To determine the cost-per-user a preliminary survey letter is being sent to Y.P.C.Co. and N.P.S. employees. Based on the number of potential subscribers, the costs for installation and use can be estimated.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has agreed to underwrite the initial cost of engineering surveys, translator installations, etc, with the agreement that this outlay be repaid by users. When the note is retired, subscribers will assume all costs of operating and maintaining the service.

### MOON CORSAGE WINNERS

To the 300 people who attended the 10th annual Blue Moon Formal this year, one of the highlights of the evening was the corsage contest in which about 20 couples took part.

The Messrs Goldsworthy, Dierksen and Ledson, who judged the contest, awarded the prize (two dinners at The Ahwahnee) to Sonja Hoff, a maid at Housekeeping Camp.

Depicting the tools of her trade, she fashioned a cart out of cardboard with toothpick spokes and handles and had it loaded with very realistic mattresses, sheets and towels.

No doubt the sight of the toweling, sheets mattress covers, must have made Mr. Goldsworthy wince, but Sonja was justly rewarded for a clever idea.

### NICK FIORE TO HEAD SKI SCHOOL

Nick Fiore has been appointed Yosemite Ski School Director for 1957-58 season, according to C. N. Proctor, Winter Sports head. Nick came to Yosemite from Quebec, Canada in 1948, and, in addition to ski instructing, has served with Yosemite Park and Curry Hotel and Traffic Departments. His most recent assignment has been that of Assistant Manager of Yosemite Lodge.

### STORE FILL IN

According to Pierce Loberg, local superintendent for Hedahl Construction Co., some 3700 yards of fill have been put in place for the Y.P.C.Co's new Merchandise Center. More fill will be needed, but at this writing, grading has been temporarily stopped, pending further revised footing plans from the architect. However, September 1 remains as the date for full scale construction operation to begin.

### LICENSE PLATES NOW REQUIRED FOR ALL VEHICLES OPERATED ON YOSEMITE ROADS

Special regulations which appeared in the July issue of the "Federal Register" require that all motor vehicles driven upon park roads must be registered and properly display license plates. Such registration may be with a State or other appropriate licensing authority. In certain cases where an individual would want to continue to operate his vehicle wholly on the park road system, arrangements may be made so that he may register his vehicle and secure license plates directly from the Park. The charge for this will be \$6.00 annually and proof of ownership would have to be shown. However, license plates issued by the park would not be valid outside Yosemite National Park or on any county maintained road in the park.

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

The Blue Moon Formal, always a fore-runner of the summer season's end has come and gone. The decorated and beautifully illuminated tennis court dance was especially nice this year, it seemed, and, as usual, lots of lovely girls and their handsome escorts danced and danced under the light of the silvery moon.

Hot weather prevails; the bees hum; the housemen spray away the lazy insect creatures down "bungalow way;" the river streams slowly by as young and old enjoy Ahwahnee's "old swimmin' hole" at Sugar Pine Beach; and honest-to-goodness peaches are abloom atop the tree in Luggi's grounds.

Publicity Department's Eckart has been busily "shooting" Ahwahnee scenes; tea in the Main Lounge; Firefall barbecues out on the lawn; as well as early a.m. breakfast rides. No doubt all of which will show up in folder form before the snow flies.

Dining Room's Mary McBride is now Mrs. Larry Phillips—congratulations from us all. Sue Winters from Los Angeles (via Camp Curry), is new in the Gift Shop; Micky Bernstein's switched again—washing dishes. Ben Brown is off for three days sailing at Balboa; Sarah Rath's Aunt Jeanne left for home after seven week's stay. Elsie Du-bois is smoking fantastic Mexican cigarettes, (so she says) and the Sweet Shop is about to spread outdoors into a Patio space . . . How's that for news?

Everyone was shocked and saddened by wine and tea steward Earl Smith's sudden death. Earl had been around for over a year and is greatly missed. Bill Weideman has taken his place as wine steward.

We all wondered "what next" when on the busiest Saturday of a busiest weekend the electricity went phfft. For some seven hours, elevators, stoves, guests and what-have-you slowed up and finally stopped before the cause was found and put together again. Have you ever tried getting an old fashioned invalid wheelchair down five flights of stairs? Bump—bump—bump! Lots of fun!

And we have porcupines in the driveway—nice fat ones all ready to spike-out at you when you're not looking.

Otherwise it's been quiet—no news.

### BREEZE FROM THE TREES

The goings-on at Big Trees have been both sad and glad these recent weeks.

Lillian Mendoza had to leave because of the death of her son and daughter-in-law in a traffic accident. They left three small children that Lillian is caring for. Our sympathy is with her.

Jane Whigston spent four days in the hospital with an injured hip—just jumped off a log while hiking.

Boyce Melton tangled with a sharp knife and is wearing a nice big bandage on his hand—no stitches.

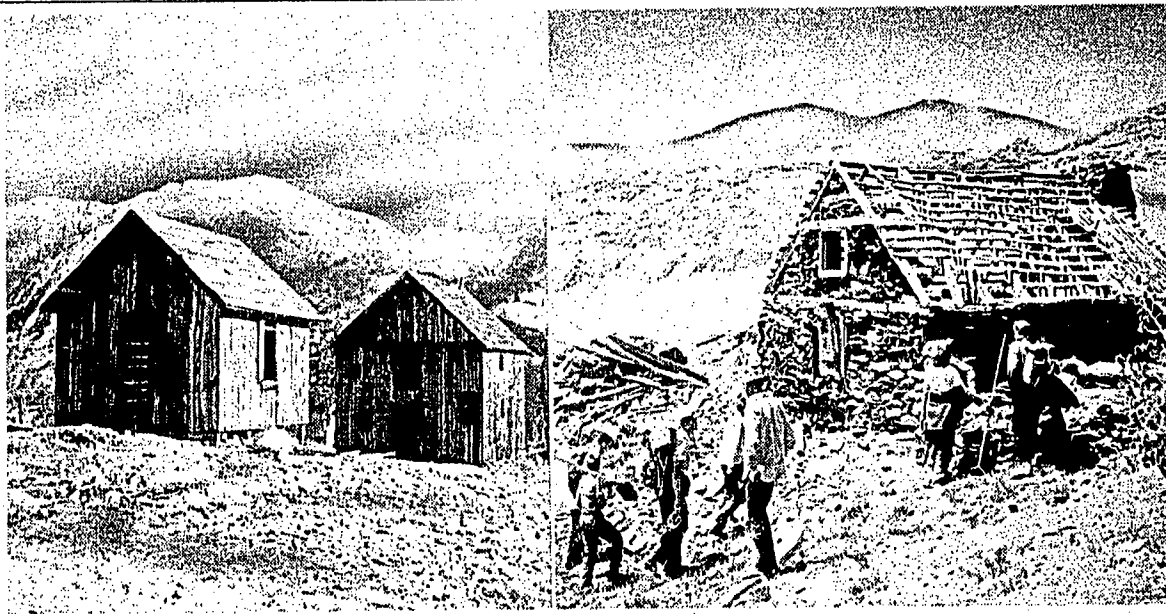
One evening last week in our campfire area, Bill and Floris Eske put on one of their super barbecue feasts, for us and the Rangers. Driftwood Charlie was co-host. Campfire, candle light, good food and good company added up to a wonderful evening for all.

Several times this summer house guests have brought slides and projector and given us interesting travelogs. Bill Eske and George Ikum added their excellent slides and Ward White showed his movies. Now Bill has his own projector and screen, so we are all set for more of those gorgeous views and candid shots.

### YOSEMITE FORESTRY CREW TO SEQUOIA

A Yosemite Forestry Crew headed by Bill Sabo and backed up by Charles Castro, Jay Johnson and Ronald Wilson are leaving soon to help get the BUGS out of our neighbor park to the south.

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*Little remains of the city of Bennettville, headquarters of the Great Sierra Consolidated Silver Co. Two buildings, the stable and what may have been the assay office, weather in the shadow of Mt. Dana.*

*Interested local residents and Sierra Clubbers have helped restore the fine old Great Sierra cabin on Tioga Hill. This is probably the oldest cabin in the Tioga mining district.*

### HIGH COUNTRY HIKING—Part IV

In the last Sentinel we described the interesting region surrounding Tioga Pass. Several suggestions were made as to trips representative of the fine scenic features of the area. These, however, by no means exhausted the subject. In this, the concluding column of the series, we would like to describe a bit more of this country, which will remain always among your most moving impressions of a great National Park.

#### Mono Pass

About five miles from Tuolumne Meadows, a trail leaves the highway to the south, proceeding up the pleasant meadows between Mt. Gibbs and the Kuna Crest. The fine stream along the trail heads in Helen Lake, on a rocky bench under Kuna Peak, at the far end of the canyon, a spot much favored for camping and fishing. Leaving the Helen Lake trail, you climb easily up a long ridge to Mono Pass, about 4 miles from the road.

This area saw considerable mining excitement about 1880. Some of the evidence remains in a row of old log cabins, part of the "Golden Crown Mine," mellowed to rusty amber by 75 years of Sierran sun and storm, but still standing bravely under the northerly slope of Mt. Lewis. Another point of interest is the largest white-bark pine known

in the park, growing beside the trail as it enters the Pass.

Now, you have the choice of continuing another five miles down Bloody Canyon to Walker Lake (if there is a car waiting to transport you home), or of continuing two miles further to Parker Pass and the Parker Creek Glacier, thence returning to the Tioga Road. Round trip, for the latter choice, 14 miles.

If time and energy permit, an admirable extension of this hike leads up the steep switch-backs on the north slope of Parker and Koip Peaks, at an elevation of 12,300 ft. Here, the view sweeps southward along the Sierra Crest to the far peaks rimming the borderland of Kings Canyon National Park. Beautiful Alger Lake nestles in the depths of the canyon, 1,800 feet below. If you are returning to the Tioga Road, this adds six miles to the round-trip.

#### Gaylor Lakes Basin

To the west of Tioga Pass, over a steep little ridge, is a small basin containing five lakes of varying size, easy of access and beloved of fishermen. These, the Gaylor Lakes, are a part of a landscape so wild and apparently untouched as to belie the fact of their closeness to the highway. Two of them—known as the Granite Lakes—are cupped

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in an unusually fine glacial cirque, remarkably beautiful in their rocky, lonely setting.

A short distance above the Upper Gaylor Lake you come out on the top of the ridge, from which the view sweeps the horizon for many miles along the peaks of the Crest. In this spectacular location are the ruins of the old Mt. Dana Summit Mine, part of the extensive effort to develop the alleged potential of the "Shepherd Lode," by the Great Sierra Consolidated Silver Co. Most of the buildings now lie in ruins, only their foundations and the ominously deep mine shafts hinting of the activity of the 1880s. One structure remains, however; a wonderful old cabin whose rock walls, almost two feet thick, have successfully withstood the winter storms of three-quarters of a century on this wind-swept ridge. From the "picture windows" of this old building a panorama is revealed rivaling that of the great resort hotels of the world.

### Bennettville

The headquarters for all this activity involving the Shepherd Lode was at the town of Bennettville, easily reached by a short drive from the Tioga Road at a point about half-way between the entrance station at the Pass and Camp Tioga. It is suggested that—to preserve your tires—you walk the last two miles! Near the town, a massive tunnel was driven straight into the solid rock of the ridge in an expensive but vain attempt to intersect the elusive Shepherd. Though the tunnel runs through the most solid of rock, a stroll far into its depths is not recommended because of the presence of dangerous gases. Most of the old town now lies in ruins, except for two buildings. These are made of handhewn planks which have weathered to a remarkable golden hue. In their setting of rusty cliffs and gray-green sage, against the distant backdrop of Mt. Dana's high cone, they form a memorable picture of historic interest—and scenic delight!

—Dana Morgenson.

### FISH PLANTING PROGRAM COMPLETED

The fish planting program for the park was completed on August 6, with approximately three-quarters of a million fingerling trout having been planted in the park's lakes and streams. The over-all fishing picture in the Park has been good, with most areas reporting better fishing than last year.

### CAMP CURRY

As the summer comes to a close, each unit is losing old faces and gaining new ones. The Grill is welcoming back Betsy Bailey, an employee for many summers. They lost Margaret Manin to the front office, but they have Amy Ponton from the Housekeeping to take her place. Jim Thompson, our Grill porter, was also transferred to the front office as a desk clerk.

Our "most-transferred" employee Jan Moore is back in the Cafeteria as a checker-cashier. The Cafeteria is also boasting the loveliest assistant manager in the park—Yvonne Grandmain is the young lady referred to. Yvonne is announcing her engagement to another Camp Curry employee, Steve McNair, from Mississippi. Steve is working as a waiter in the Dining Room. They will be married September 5 in Los Angeles, and plan to make their home in Mississippi where Steve is attending school at "Ole Miss." Two of Steve's friends won't be here for the wedding, though. Tommy Thompson, who worked in the Food Warehouse, and Jim Stanford, who worked as a houseman, left for Mississippi this week.

The Studio lost two of its favorite employees this week. Agnes Smith and Alma Burris left for home. Some of the Studio girls had a going-away party for them and painted Alma's car, or should we say, "decorated" it.

Mort Dimenstein and his friend Ben Erdreich left for their homes in Alabama. Mort worked in the Store and Ben at the store in Camp 14.

The bellmen lost Jim Deyo to a television school in Los Angeles.

On September 4, Bob Polhemus is leaving for France. He will attend the Sorbonne University next year. He only speaks French now, as practice.

### TRAVEL UP

Yosemite's travel is still booming right along with a total of 270,698 visitors during July—just 978 visitors less than the all-time record of 271,676 visitors in July last year.

Travel for the year now totals 697,100 visitors, a gain of 42,094 visitors over last year, or 6.4%. We are apparently headed for another travel year of over 1,100,000 visitors.



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### Y. P. C. CO. BERTHA SARVER DIES

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employees, who were here in the '40s, will learn with sorrow of the passing of Bertha Sarver in Los Gatos on Tuesday, August 6. For many years she had charge of the decorations at The Ahwahnee and always cheerfully lent her time and talents to the Church and other units when needed.

She was much admired by all who knew her for her friendly disposition and artistic ability.

### AT YOSEMITE LODGE

Many of our boys and girls will soon be going off to school and other far away places.

Steve Barrett of Lodge Transportation, who has been with Y.P.C.Co. for three years, has made the big decision to return to college. Corrine Albinson, our blonde ray of sunshine behind the front desk since the Lodge opened in June of 1956, is going to see for herself what the European situation is this fall. Much good luck is wished them and all who have been with us through the summer. We will miss your smiling faces.

Living dangerously these days—at least her father thinks so—is Janie Dean. Janie has been spending all of her leisure time climbing rocks. The latest feat, ascending Lost Arrow with Wally Reed and Mark Powell, is proof that the expression, "weaker sex" is only a myth.

That day finally arrived—the Coffee Shop now looks spacious as well as beautiful, soft music fills the background while the used dishes and silver slide silently upward on the conveyor belt to be lowered into the far regions of the dishwashing room by the subveyor.

Vickie Falconer reports, enthusiastically, that our wonderful new Kiddie Kamp is in operation. Children of Valley residents are welcome too—ages three through six years.

### FORESTA LOT PURCHASE

Word has been received from Washington that an option from the Yosemite Natural History Association for 39 Foresta lots will

be approved. The YNHA is a cooperating agency and has been acquiring Foresta lots at tax sales for subsequent resale to the park at cost of acquisition. The YNHA has established a revolving fund for this purpose. Park policy contemplates the ultimate acquisition of all privately-owned lands within the park boundaries as private ownership is not compatible with public use.

### N. P. S. NEWS

Park Superintendent Preston and party returned to the Valley after an inspection of the park trail system north of Hetch Hetchy. Members of the party included Hilmer Oehlmann, Dr. Avery Sturm, Dudley Carlson, Chief Ranger Sedergren, Ranger Dick McLaren and Park Packer Wayne Westfall.

Word has been received that Director Conrad L. Wirth and Regional Director Lawrence C. Merriam will visit Yosemite October 4 to inspect the new National Park Service Training Center and review the progress of the local "Mission 66" program.

Supervisor Frank F. Kowski reports that plans for the activation of the National Park Service Training Center in Yosemite Valley are well under way. The first twelve weeks course for 26 uniformed employees of the National Park Service will begin at the Yosemite Museum on September 23. Among the 26 employees selected from the 181 areas of the National Park System, 19 are Park Rangers, 4 are Park Historians, 2 are Park Archeologists and 1 is a Park Naturalist.

From Region Four, which includes Yosemite, the following will attend the opening session:

James W. Corson, Park Ranger, Mount McKinley National Park; Loren N. Gould, Park Ranger, Coulee Dam National Recreation Area; Richard D. Jacobsen, Park Ranger, Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park; James A. Mink, Park Ranger, Mount Rainier National Park; John M. Moorehead, Park Ranger, Yosemite National Park; Theodore W. Sullivan, Park Ranger, Olympic National Park; Sigismund Zachwieja, Park Ranger, Yosemite National Park.

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### GLACIER POINT

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Lea Garzoli, wife of our pastry chef, who was hospitalized last Friday for an operation.

Bob Lynch, one of our cafeteria employees transferred to Camp Curry, is recovering from an injury sustained in an automobile accident. Kenneth Klise, our junior cook who was riding with Lynch at the time, was killed.

Helen Steadman, one of our room clerks, left a few weeks ago to prepare for her trip to Japan, where she has accepted a position as school teacher.

Al Nisnik, our maintenance man, was transferred to the Valley as plumber. Al is quite a fisherman, and supplied trout for our fish fries at Bridaveil camp grounds. Both Al and the fish will be missed.

Armando Onoro, who was in his sixth season at Glacier Point as bellboy has been transferred to The Ahwahnee.

Jay Vaughn and his mother have been transferred from Camp Curry to our cafeteria.

Sad Sack eludes the Chef! Our chef, Chris Jorgenson, has become quite a bear trapper. Got two in one day. But Sad Sack, the bear, that spent most of the summer around the Point, has decided he prefers the campgrounds to Glacier Point. Early in the season Sad Sack was trapped and "taken for a ride" but he found his way back, and is still entertaining and pestering the visitors.

### ART EXHIBIT WINNERS

The annual Employees Art Exhibit in the Camp Curry Cafeteria was judged August 13 and the winners in the three media selected were: Bob Stone's "Portrait of an Old Man" was awarded first for oils, with honorable mention to Chuck Eckart's "Boatman," Stone's "Country Sunday" and Virginia Koller's "Yosemite Scene."

In the watercolor division, Esther Morgenson's "Trailer Camp" took first while her "Half Dome" received honorable mention, as did K. Lee Manuel's "Figure in Bed" and Gertrude Greenwald's "Trees."

Eckart's sketch of Keith McHenry took first, with honorable mention to Kim's "Photo No. 3."

Judges, selected by the Lions Club, were Blanche Murray, Sterling Cramer, Karl Bauer, Vol Westley and Doug Hubbard.

### EMPLOYEE TENNIS

The final match of the employee tennis tournament in the doubles division was won by Lewis Brandt, Y.P.C.Co., teamed with John Goldstein from the N.P.S. The runner up team of Ron Riley and George Boyd was beaten 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.

The women's singles was again captured by Margaret Simoneon, N.P.S. She was extended to move out Judy Rinker in a match which went to 3 sets.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Yosemite's New Fair Lady—Jenny Ann Marston arrived in Yosemite August 1—the proud parents, Don and Veva Marston.

The Fair Side of the Sick List—Janet Whitfield, Lea Garzoli, Fred McCleave, Bruce Webster and Robert Lynch are fast recovering and will be out in the bright sunshine soon.

San Francisco's "My Fair Lady."

The Sturms, Mrs. Phillips, Jerry Happel and Margaret Burns back from a luvrly time in San Francisco, seeing Liza and 'enery 'iggins and company in "My Fair Lady."

### WOE AT HOUSEKEEPING

The boys were out for a good time; they had gone down to Fish Camp many a time before. They knew the road, but were anxious to get back. Going too fast, the driver lost control of the car. He suffered only a few head cuts but his companion fared worse—a crushed vertebra. So we were short a cashier the next morning. Cullen Trover won't be with us for the rest of the summer. We at Housekeeping wish him a speedy recovery and hope nobody else will terminate this way.

The budding romance of Traffic's Carol Lange and George Moran, Maintenance, will blossom into wedding bells about the first of 1958. Lots of luck to these two fine people.

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FOR SALE—1950 four door Chevrolet. Lady's Elgin wrist watch—\$28. For this and the Chevy, see Bill Dunmire, Camp 19.

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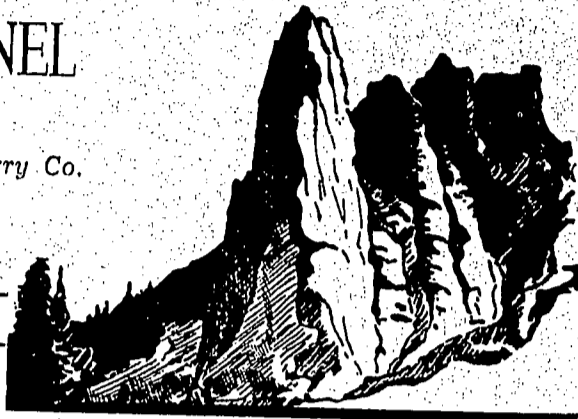
KIT COACH—1953, 30'. Bedroom, bath, kitchenette and dining alcove, living room. Has Philco ref. with freezing unit, oil heat, Butane stove. See Louise Hefta, Camp Curry Housekeeping.

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### Y.P.C.CO. COMMON STOCK OFFERING RESULTS

Of the 113,340 shares of common stock, par value \$5.00 per share, offered by the Company for subscription to its stockholders, 109,66 shares were subscribed for and the remaining 3,644 shares were purchased by the underwriter, Dean Witter & Co.

During the subscription period, the underwriter also purchased by exercise of rights 35,947 shares, in stabilizing transactions 3,422 shares, making a total of 43,013 shares acquired. Of these, 23,068 shares were sold before the end of the subscription period, leaving only 19,945 shares to be sold by the underwriter on the open market. A substantial number of these shares have already been sold. To date, some 183 new stockholders have been brought into the Company's corporate family. Net proceeds to Y.P.C.CO. were \$529,448 to be used as a part of the financing of the new merchandising center.

### T V EQUIPMENT EN ROUTE

TV transmission and pick-up equipment for the Yosemite installation has been shipped from New York by the Adler Corporation, suppliers. It is expected here by September 15. At that time, final tests to determine the exact location for the transmitter will be determined by measuring the signal strength received in the Valley.

Last month, 400 cards were mailed to Valley residents to determine preliminarily local subscriber interest. Two hundred twenty three cards were returned to Sterling Cramer's office. Of this number, 167 indicated interest, 52 were disinterested and 4 "declined to state." The "television committee" considers the results highly encouraging and calculates that user-costs will be about what was expected and that a low installation and monthly charge are indicated, although, at this time, exact costs cannot be computed.

### OLD VILLAGE STORIES

Store reporter Topsy Jackson was last seen in a state of complete collapse, her head in an ice cream freezer. So this effort has been prepared by an unworthy substitute.

The Store, and its branches, as elsewhere, has experienced the fall period of contraction in personnel, dropping from 80 employees to 11 in a matter of days.

On top of this, the task of conducting an inventory of some of the 60,000 items has shoved the store staff from the frying pan into the fire. The actual inventory, conducted by the Accounting Office, involves some thirty people. But, as Jack Ring says, the store will be in business as usual—lowest prices in the park.

Andy Koller, maitre d'fromage, reports that his selection of fine cheeses is now aging and will be ready for local connoisseurs as they (the cheeses) reach the proper state, when they will be cleverly and reverently displayed for sale.

Asked about shopper-trends over the past season, Jack reports two noticeable things: Campers are admittedly bringing less food with them and buying more at the store, and there has been an increasing use of frozen foods, particularly juices, pies, chickens and TV dinners (more use of these here soon).

Marge Quist is now in the office, replacing her daughter Pat Hicks. Ex-checker Sherard Wood, deciding to spend a winter with us, is now doorman at The Ahwahnee.

Expected soon in the clothing department are the hooded sweatshirts, without which one isn't well equipped, and coming, a fine line of men's and women's car coats.

The O.V.S. staff is completely without remorse at the thought that this has been their last summer in the old plant.

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### AHWAHNEE NEWS

Lots of changes . . . comings and goings hither and yon, and there's that first autumn nip in the air.

Fourteen of the Sentinel newsgatherers were dined at The Ahwahnee—a terrific dinner, and a thoughtful gesture much appreciated by all.

Bill Meacham—welcome back, to manage the Dining Room. Bill's been managing at Tuolumne all summer. Frances Markland and Katherine Schneider have left for their old stamping ground of so many years—the Desert Inn at Palm Springs.

Susan Kiser's replaced Barbara Stafford in the Sweet Shop. Bob and Barbara Mathews are headed for Eugene, Oregon, Bob for more school, Barbara to teach.

Sue Winters leaves the Gift Shop for USC. Old Tritone Charley White visited for a day enroute to Kerman where he will teach and live there with his family. Don Morales, another ex-Tritone, is at present playing with the Gay Knights in the Indian Room. Bill Wiedman is the new doorman, and Frank Wright and Russ Smith are taking one last high-country fling, the Minarets, before Frank goes back to Fresno for more schooling.

Carl Stephens has a "lovely" new very-blue Chevie pick-up. Welcome to Bill Laux who takes over Luggi Foeger's groundsman job, and it's certainly nice to have Hiley McGowan over here taking such extra good care of the lawns and shrubs. Congratulations to "Digger" Solon, new head man with the night kitchen crew.

### YOSEMITE BADGERS

Badger coach Sterling Cramer reports 23 boys already suited up and practicing for the 1957 football team. Returning veterans from last year include six lettermen led by Tim Berrey, half back, and 1956 co-captain, Pete Peterson and Bobby Babcock, tackles, Mike Waldron and Dick Odgers, guards, and Buddy Young, center.

The arrival of a number of promising newcomers has allowed the shifting of Waldron and Odgers to the backfield so that the Badgers will field a heavier team than for several years past. All this power allows a return to the single wing from last year's winged-T, and should give the Badgers a consistent and varied attack.

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### THREE YOSEMITE YOUNG PEOPLE AWARDED COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Park Forester Emil Ernst, chairman of a special scholarship committee, has announced that three annual scholarships have been awarded to children of permanent park personnel.

The Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship was awarded to Thomas W. Christenson. This has been awarded annually for more than 20 years in honor of Thomson, who was park Superintendent from 1929 to 1937. The funds for the scholarship are raised locally.

Martha E. Udell won the David A. Curry Scholarship, a grant named in honor of the founder of Camp Curry. Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder, president of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., sponsors the grant.

The Jennie Foster Curry Scholarship was awarded to Anne K. Westly. This grant is also financed by Mrs. Tresidder in memory of her mother.

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### DUNHAM IN JUNIOR SWIM

Bunny and Jon Dunham, children of the Alfred Dunhams, both proved themselves to be among the top junior swimmers in the state by taking third places respectively in the 100 meter Free Style and the 50 meter Backstroke events during the Central California Junior Olympic Swimming Meet held at Fresno September 5 and 6.

Jon also broke the existing C.C.A. record along with the first and second place winners. Both qualified for the finals in the three events they entered.

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The third member of the local Yosemite Swim Club team, Sandy Sedergren, was unable to compete in the final meet.

### LODGE LOG

Birthday greetings to Margurite Radigan, Shirley Manley, Jerry Chaney and Howard Doucette. We don't know the ages of the former three, but Duke says he's 29—and he's the boss.

Congratulations to Jim McDonald, new cafeteria manager, replacing Phil Placier who has returned to the University of Michigan to resume law studies. The cafeteria people pitched a party for Phil at the Masonic Club and gave him a copy of "Yosemite and the High Sierra" as a goodbye gift.

Another farewell party, hosted by Hilda dePfyffer and Diane Mathews, honored Cleo Stewart, who returned to San Francisco City College's Hotel and Restaurant School.

Chief Clerk Bob Stone received a first award in the portrait division for his oil, "Portrait of a Young Girl," entered in the Mariposa County Fair. Bob also took one of the Lions Club awards for his "Old Man" portrait, also in oil, in the Curry Cafeteria Show.

Hostess Virginia Fenton, a member of the employees' saddle trip, reports a wonderful time, though she is sporting a gimpy foot. Most of the group limp in other areas.

Helen DeLano, who housemothered the Annex girls, is moving to duties at the Arrow, as her flock migrates to the dorms for the winter.

### DENTIST ON VACATION

Chuck Woessner, park dentist, is planning on a little change of scenery. The dental office will be closed from September 23 to October 5, inclusive. Other than these dates, the usual office hours will prevail.

### Y.P.C.CO. TRAFFIC—RESERVATIONS OFFICES JOINED

Y.P.C.Co. Executive Office announced recently the consolidation of Traffic and Reservation Departments, to be known as the Sales Department, with George Oliver in charge as Sales Manager. Organization of the two offices will become effective October 1.

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### NEW HOSPITAL HOURS

NO OFFICE HOURS ON  
Sundays—emergencies only  
Wednesday afternoons  
(emergencies only)

|                    |          |                |
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| Monday             | Tuesday  | Thursday       |
| Friday             | Saturday |                |
| 10 a.m. to 12 noon |          | 2 to 5:30 p.m. |

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### BREEZE FROM THE TREES

The time has come when there aren't quite as many buses chugging up our hill. The Doodlebug doesn't make quite so many trips through the Wawona Tree; the Cafeteria line isn't quite so long; you don't hear, "Put your tickets on your tray, please!" quite so often; the cash registers aren't ringing so much; and it is easier to get through the aisles of the gift shop. Also, there are several empty beds in the employees' quarters. It all means that Labor Day has come and gone.

We have had a busy summer and there's a little character called Cupid who has been busy here this summer too.

First, there is Esther Shively and Frank Serles. Cupid's arrow was straight and true, and they are genuine "Love Birds." Gene Hollandsworth returned late in the season, and he and Ann Soria are again enjoying happy hours together. Micky Fenton lost his heart to Lillian Mendoza. The mailman is working overtime since Lillian had to leave us. Mary Chu and Jeffrey Yoo found "True Love" this summer; also, Sue Kim and Jong Lee from Camp Curry. Jane Wigston and Boyce Melton are another couple Cupid has been working on, and we suspect that Dolly Moore has a boy friend stashed away somewhere. Cupid is a good shot, so listen for the wedding bells.

### WEDDING BELLS

September 28 is the date set for the marriage of Clarence (Red) Woelbing, Yosemite Lodge Kitchen, and Louise Ullner, formerly of the General Office. The wedding will take place at the bride's church in Los Angeles. Honeymoon plans call for a trip to Mexico. Red and Louise will reside in Yosemite.



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### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

Superintendent and Mrs. Preston attended the Park Development conference at Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks. They were accompanied by Superintendent and Mrs. Tom Allen of Sequoia and Kings Canyon. The conference was attended by all Park and Monument Superintendents and certain key personnel from the Washington and Regional Offices.

Keith Neilson and Nels Murdock returned last week from a trip to San Francisco. They were chiefly interested in getting answers to questions regarding feeding, transportation, and responsibility for volunteers used in search and rescue operations, an increasingly important item in Yosemite.

Travel over the three-day Labor Day period totaled 31,331 visitors, a slight gain over the 31,178 visitors of last year. On Saturday, August 31, 4,061 cars and 14,323 people entered the park.

Yosemite is headed for another year of over 1,100,000 visitors as we have had 965,482 visitors up to September 1 this year, as compared with 907,894 last year, a gain of 57,588, or 6.3%.

For several days visitors in the Wawona area had been reporting a bear cub with a glass collar around its neck. Many searches for the cub failed 'til one evening, District Ranger Walt (Daniel Boone) Gammil located the cub at the dump. After drawing a bead on the collar he neatly clipped it from the bear's neck with one shot. With this, the cub was delighted, for now he is free to stick his head into another mayonnaise jar.

### SADDLE TRIP RECOLLECTIONS

Anyone at the stables Saturday, September 7, at approximately 4:15 p.m. would have been startled by quite an array of dirty but tanned faces, bowed legs, and happy grins.

It was six days earlier that an eager group of employees set out on the annual employees' six day saddle trip around the High Sierra Camps. The National Park Service was represented by Glenn and Beth Gallison, Al and Marilyn Heyne, Jim Kenney, Wally Steward and Gordon Bell. Y.P.C.Co. employees were Dorothy Conti, Donna Zinser, and Lois Valk from the General Offices, Charlotte Ritter and Virginia Fenton from Yosemite Lodge, and Mimi Bush and Mary

Bradbrook from Camp Curry.

First stop after the Tenaya switchbacks was at May Lake. Joining the group here was the maintenance "wrecking" crew who had the tents dismantled almost before the group was out of bed the next morning. Glen Aulin found Glenn Gallison and Al Heyne busily catching their limit of trout for the next morning's breakfast. After leaving Glen Aulin a brilliant discovery was made—one of the pack mules had been left behind. Torgy thought Jim had it and Jim thought Torgy had it! A lightning and rain storm greeted the travelers at Tuolumne Meadows but did not hamper the sun bathing and fishing. Taking the Lyell Fork to Vogelsang, the group was startled with a run-a-way mule, the gorgeous scenery, and the snow still present from '55 and '56. A windstorm helped make the night at Vogelsang more than exciting.

After a couple of hours stop at Bernice Lake for fishing, the group enjoyed a hot but beautiful trip to Merced Lake where it was met with cool, refreshing glasses of punch—compliments of Charlie Plantier, the chef. Merced Lake, in the light of a full moon, was a true fairyland.

### FROM THE MAINTENANCE

New electrical foreman, Jess Crowe, formerly of Paradise, California, has taken over the position formerly held by Fletch Acord. The Crowes live in the "Y" Apartments. One of Jess' first accomplishments was the installation of permanent wiring in the Camp Curry tent section. Some 1000 man-hours per year should be saved in installations and removal time.

Wawona's Annex is bright and white with its new paint job applied by foreman Toby and a crew of six. All six of the Valley employees' dorms have had a painting and next come the Lodge bungalows—all of them.

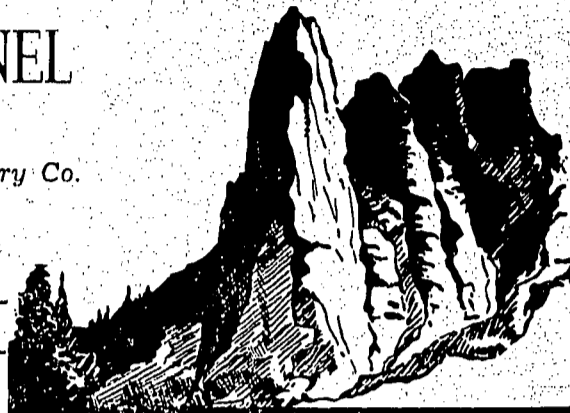
Valley canvas is coming down with two crews systematically knocking down and stowing tents under the direction of Howard Schneider and Ray Stewart. All the High Camps are down.

Carpenters Joe Liskey and Ray Beadle worked a full week building a new main tent frame from native timbers for the Glen Aulin Camp. During their task, they batched in a tent, doing their own cooking. When they finished, they rolled up their own gear, stored it away, mounted their mules and stole away.

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### MARIPOSA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY CAMPAIGN STARTS

The Yosemite Membership Committee of the Mariposa County Historical Society, consisting of Mrs. Mary Curry Tresidder, Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Adams, Stuart Cross, Emil Ernst, is carrying on a campaign for memberships between now and November 1st, when the Charter Member Rolls will be closed. Will anyone interested in joining please call Miss Clare Duval at FR 2-4481, or any of the members of the committee, for information.

### YOSEMITE WOMEN'S GROUP

All new members of the Community are especially welcome to the first luncheon meeting of the 57-58 season of the Yosemite Womens' Group at The Ahwahnee Wednesday, October 23. Time 12:45. Cost \$1.50. At 2 p.m., following a short business meeting, Fran Hubbard and Nancy Loncaric will present a program of duo piano numbers and duets—both modern and classical, and will follow the same program as presented to the Fresno County Music Teachers Association. Reservations should be in by October 22.

### ATTENTION, BOY SCOUTS

Beginning October 8 at 6 p.m., Amateur Radio Station W6DUU Merced, California, owned and operated by Fred Silveira, Southern District Signalling merit badge counsellor, will broadcast Morse Code training sessions for Scouts aiming for First Class rank, Signalling merit badge or a "ham" license. The course will continue every evening Monday through Friday at 6 p.m. until Thanksgiving. For further information contact Fred Silveira, RA 2-7357 Merced.

### ATTENTION, MOTHERS

Do you have outgrown Girl Scout or Brownie uniforms tucked away that some girl could be using? If so, please contact Adrienne Ottonello, FR 2-4206.

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

First big autumn thunder and rain storm has come and gone, and with it, waters came tumbling over the Royal Arches, leaving that first heavenly wet foliage scent all over the place.

Opening of deer season sent Parky and Fred Pierson way off over the mountains. Carroll Clark and Ted Gogolewski took off for the Siskoyous—got a fine buck—but left a big dent in a huge lumber truck we hear tell. The closing of Wawona brought Bob Maynard as Assistant Manager to The Ahwahnee, plus Barbara Carr, front desk, and Marty Miller, dining room.

Everyone's happy over George deBacker's wonderful new job—manager of the Country Club opening round May 1 at Oxnard. Ca-they and George write their Monterey house is already for sale, and off they go November 15. Congratulations.

The Ahwahnee hosted over one hundred of the Women's Auxiliary California Medical Association which happily brought Pat Sturm over here as an important delegate. It was wonderful having Pat 'round. We all wish she'd do it more often.

Eddie Sirianni's big smile partly due to becoming owner of that luscious new green Chevy sitting out in the service yard—now he's all set for that flashy fall vacation. And Chuck Friman, also of storeroom fame's big smile came when Tab Hunter sat down next to him in church. For several days hand-

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some Tab and Tony Perkins kept The Ahwahnee lobby loaded with eager young localites—all hoping to catch them for autographs.

Evelyn Christensen is back in the Gift Shop. Susan Kiser makes a lovely elevator gal. Bill Roth is leaving for the Air Force. Sherard Wood, late from checking at Village Store, is the cheery new doorman.

When you don't see Carl Stephens around you will find him below melting down old candles into great beautiful ones for Ahwahnee Bracebridge.

One dark night the rangers crept in with the big trap and settled it into the service yard—and sure enough, next morning there, comfortably settled inside the trap, was the smelliest bear ever—and off they were 'trailed' into the high country.

Sunday, the 29th was that day again when we all got that extra hour sleep—and The Ahwahnee clocks—all of them, were pushed back. Within an hour the whole bunch were out of order (again?) which added greatly to the confusion of an already confused but cheery flock of Sunday morning guests and employees.

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### LODGE LOG

With the change of seasons from summer to autumn the trees and shrubs are showing their gay colors, our cabins too are being brightened by our own Jack Frost, Toby and his crew. Painting our front office with a splash of blonde, blue and gold is Marian

Worthen. Don Gilfillan's sparkling personality adds to the scene, accented of course, by the basic color (so to speak) of Barbara Duke and Bob Stone. The Cafeteria is now glowing brightly from 7 a.m. til 11 p.m., supervised by Keith Whitfield. Change of seasons also bring farewells, so with the closing of the Coffee Shop we bade farewell to Bert Baker, who captained this operation through the summer season and to all of worthy shipmates who will not be with us this winter.

Other signs of autumn—John Hansen smiling through the bars of the post office window—a fire in the Lounge fireplace, empty spaces in the parking area. Also some blank spaces on the bulletin boards. Bears rummaging more dilligently in the garbage cans. Ranger Naturalist lectures on Wednesdays and Saturdays only. Reports from the kitchen indicate that congratulations are in order for—Red Woelbing, married in Los Angeles on September 28. The love bug appears to have been busy in our kitchen. He bit Bernice Brewer, now Mrs. Jacobs, and then flew over to Housekeeping, causing Ruby Pointer to change her name to Mrs. Eddie Gibson.

With the fall breezes blow conversations of vacations—Mr. Doucette is starting the ball rolling with just a sample—a few well-earned days of golf and play in Carmel.

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### NEW MECHANDISE CENTER

Final working drawings and specifications for the new Merchandise Center were delivered to Superintendent Preston's office, October 7. Preparation of the plans and "specs" from which actual construction takes form is no small task when a large or complex project is involved. In this case there are 50 sheets of blueprints and innumerable pages of typewritten matter. Architect Spencer and his staff have been busy for months getting out this material, and its preparation has necessitated many hours of consultation at intervals with the Company's operating people who will have to make the new facilities function effectively. Also, as in all such projects, the architect has had to call in engineers to assist with the mechanical layouts.

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Most of the planning for the store portion of the development had been completed last spring. Design and details of the restaurant operation have occupied most of the summer. Those concerned with the planning of this feature wished also to profit by experience with the improvements in the Yosemite Lodge Coffee Shop.

The next step is the processing of the plans by the Park Service, and this is now under way. After approval of preliminary plans by the Director, working drawings do not have to go to Washington. But it will still take some time for local approval, which may involve some revision of details. While the plans are undergoing inspection by the Superintendent and his staff the contractor, Mr. Oscar Hedahl, will be getting bids on the various subcontracts.

Since it proved impossible to complete all this preliminary work and to order materials, particularly steel, the decision was reached to begin construction March 1, 1958 instead of attempting any building this fall.

The fill is already in place, and the Park Service has little additional work in connection with the utilities. Mr. Hedahl estimates that if no unforeseen delays occur, the job will be finished next summer.

Those who will be most actively concerned with this new facility are relieved that they will not be subjected to the pressure of such a deadline as accompanied the opening of the new Yosemite Lodge last year. In that case there was no help for it, as the place had to be open and ready immediately after Memorial Day. In the present instance the program merely means a few months more in the Village Store, which after umpty years should be enduring.

### HOSPITAL NEWS

Mrs. Ruth O'Sullivan has joined the hospital staff. Mrs. O'Sullivan is from Pittsburg, California.

Pat Hogan and Jan Kauffold are back after visiting Carmel and Santa Barbara.

Dr. Reichers and family are on vacation—and—Danny Sturm shot his first deer.

FOR SALE—Luggage trailer. Call Frontier 2-4732.

### LIONS ANNUAL BARGAIN SALE

The Yosemite Lions Club 8th Annual Giant Bargain sale will be held from October 23 to 26 inclusive at the Lost Arrow in the New Village. Wednesday will be the turn in day, with Thursday and Friday, sale days, and Saturday will be pick-up day.

Inasmuch as the Lions Club has two major projects in mind, both to be of benefit to the school children of this community, the Club will take as their share of the sale 20% of the value of merchandise handled. This leaves 80% for those bringing in the merchandise. Hours for turnin will be 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sale hours on Thursday and Friday will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. The pickup hours on Saturday will be 9 to 12 noon. Merchandise for sale must be clean and in good repair. No item will be handled that does not have a sale price of 50 cents or more. Socks and underwear will not be handled. (An exception to this is ski socks in good condition). A good point to remember—anything sells if it is priced right. So keep these dates in mind:

### LIONS 8TH ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

Wednesday, October 23—turnin day.

Thursday and Friday, October 24, 25

#### SALE DAY

Saturday, October 26—pickup day.

Clear out the cupboards and get ready! Use the cash for Christmas presents, or that new car.

*Remember—this is another Lions Club Community Service Project.*

### TELEVISION WORK PROGRESSING

Word has just been received from the Adler Corporation in New Rochelle, New York, builders of the translator equipment, that equipment would reach Yosemite National Park about October 10. Mr. Robert Myers, of the Industrial Television Company, Hollywood, California, and local representative for the Adler people, has arranged to be in Yosemite at that time and hopes to begin testing. He will be assisted by the engineering department of the National Park Service and local men from the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company.

It was hoped that television would become a reality for the world's series, but the

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equipment could not be obtained in sufficient time. Yosemite National Park has been awarded channel 72 by the Federal Communications Commission. The present plan is to pick up one television channel from Salinas, California and rebroadcast it into the Valley for local use.

Just as quickly as the engineering tests are completed and the results are known, the charges for installation and monthly use will be made known to our local residents. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has financed the initial installation with the understanding that the local community will reimburse them in full, and also finance any additional channels that will be brought in.

The Village Store will sell several different makes of TV sets. Catalogs are available now, so it is suggested that you see Jack Ring or Bob Cromer if you are interested in checking on television makes and prices.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE NEWS

The National Park Service Training Center opened its first session September 23 in the classroom at the Yosemite Museum. Twenty-five trainees were present from 22 National Parks and Monuments to start the 12-week course under the direction of Frank Kowski and Bob McIntyre.

On hand for the opening ceremonies were Assistant Director Hillory Tolson, Finance Office Clarence Montgomery, and Assistant to the Director Phillip King, all from the Washington Office of the National Park Service.

Mark Powell, a veteran climber well-known in the Valley, suffered a compound fracture and dislocation of his left leg when he fell during a climb on September 20. His companion, Miss Irene Wechselberg, was not involved in the fall and suffered no injuries. The first rescue group left at 8:30 a.m. and contacted Powell by 11:30 p.m. Through the combined efforts of 18 park rangers, naturalists, fire control aids and volunteers, Powell and Miss Wechselberg were brought back to the Valley floor by 3:30 the following afternoon.

The wisdom of carrying matches and a flashlight on off-trail trips was demonstrated again. The Powell party was able to start a small fire which not only provided warmth but assisted the rescue party in locating the injured climber.

Park travel through September 26 was 1,063,308, an increase of 45,189, or 4.4% over the same period last year.

### YOSEMITE GOLFERS ENJOY OUTING

Sponsored by Yosemite Lions Club, a day of golf and general outdoor activities was enjoyed by our Yosemite people on Sunday, October 6. The highlight of the day was a golf competition between the Yosemite Lions Club, North Fresno Lions Club, and the Mariposa Lions Club. All Yosemite golfers were invited to participate with the Yosemite club. Club play was won by the Yosemite club but by a very small margin.

Individual winners for Yosemite were: Curly Dierksen, Les Shorb, Harold and Mrs. Ouimet, and Jane Rust.

The day was climaxed with a barbecue dinner with some ninety persons participating. It was hoped that this could become an annual affair and the North Fresno people have extended an invitation for the competition to be held at the New Belmont Country Club in 1958.

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### EIGHTH ANNUAL LIONS RUMMAGE SALE

AT THE LOST ARROW

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 25

Clear out those cupboards and  
get some extra cash for  
Christmas presents.

Help our community projects by  
visiting the bargain counters.

SALE HOURS 10 A.M. to 9 P.M.

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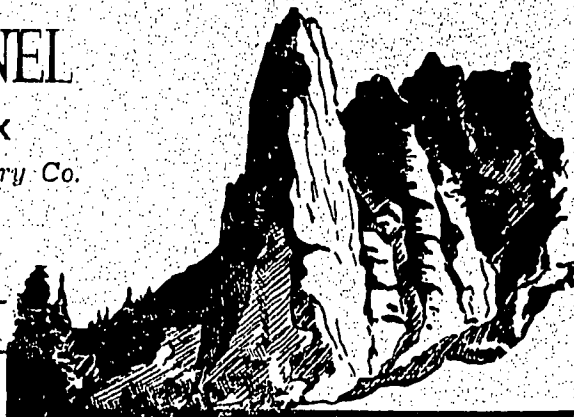


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### YOSEMITE LODGE NEWS

Mmmm—what's happening at the Lodge these beautiful fall days? Our guests are being entertained by the antics of one of mama bear and her chubby cubs. They have quickly learned that their appearance in the Lodge patio pays off with substantial rewards of tidbits from the Cafeteria and lots of goodies from the Studio.

Mr. Doucette attended a Hotelman's Convention in Palm Springs (we hope he found time between business meetings for a game of golf). At the helm while Mr. Doucette was away—Mr. Nick Slijk. Mr. Slijk managed the Glacier Point Hotel this past summer.

Jim McDonald has finally departed from bus schedules and is now busily working on schedules for the boys and girls in the Cafeteria, plus transporting dishes and trays of food.

Replacing Jim at the Lodge desk is Chas. Eagle, our Golf pro from Wawona. We are very happy to have him with us—perhaps we can pick up a few pointers on golf this winter. Charley would like us to be informed of improvements on the golf course at Wawona. These consist of complete renovation of all tees, seeding and fertilizing greens, building and repairing walks and draining ditches. The improvements are progressing on schedule under the supervision of the greens superintendent Lynn Bashaw. Assisting Lynn in this project are Rick Anderson and Wayne Wiswall.

Don't forget our Lodge Studio when looking for those Christmas gift items. You'll find many bargains in Italian leather goods, colorful western style coasters, Seven Seas spice sets, silver plated bar accessories, weather thermometers (everyone asks what the temperature is) and there are small creches, beautiful costume jewelry, interest-

ing pieces of redwood in addition to many other gift suggestions. Studio manager Winona Harper says: "Browsers welcome."

### AHWAHNEE NEWS

No doubt this is the last edition of Ahwahnee news prior to the big Pre-Christmas brush-up and vacations.

Enjoying a visit to Yosemite as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Preston was Mr. Sherman Adams, Assistant to the President, and Mrs. Adams staying at The Ahwahnee. They seemed to thoroughly enjoy a very active weekend.

Lots of vacation-time talk going on: Andy Campbell off to New Jersey; Paul Sylvest, our genial barber, we hope will be here when the hotel reopens; and Pomeroy says he's off to Salt Lake City. And so it goes.

Russell Smith, Coletha and Paul Jones, Martha Miller and Barbara Carr all managed one last trip to San Francisco for two wonderful operas before the season closed; Evelyn Fredrickson is leaving the Gift Shop for San Francisco for the winter.

Tony Tuason's many friends at the hotel were delighted with his letter from the Argentine. Tony is en route back via Mexico after a five month world trip and will be here for Christmas.

Miss Housekeeper "B" is really "hep" to ringtail cats, baited them with delicious "Love Nest" chocolate bars—caught two babies in two traps in the very best Ahwahnee parlor bedroom! Miss "B," incidentally, is planning an early vacation, leaving herself plenty of time on her return to have things shipshape for Bracebridge.

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Faye Wright is leaving the beauty parlor, The Ahwahnee and the Valley. For five years Faye has not only coped with so many of our special beauty problem "whims," but consistently sends us out better looking and happier because of her truth and wisdom—truly rare gifts. Faye will be greatly missed. Best wishes and good luck to the new San Francisco venture from us all.

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#### GENERAL OFFICE

The fall season has brought several re-placements to the General Office. The Personnel Office is experiencing most of the changes. This is the first chance to welcome Gene N. Ewing and his wife Audrey. Mr. Ewing has assumed the position of Assistant Personnel Manager. Recently of Long Beach where he worked in the Personnel Department of Shell Oil Company, Mr. Ewing hails from Ohio. He is a graduate of Muskingum College in Ohio but roots for Southern California, he claims.

Wedding bells rang for Judy Linfor November 10 in Phoenix, Arizona. The lucky groom is William "Punchy" Johnson, better known at the Mayor of Wawona. Punch and Judy will set up housekeeping in Napa Valley where Punch is attending school.

Replacing Judy in Personnel is Valerie Eagle, wife of our golf pro, who will be with us until next summer when she will once again return to Wawona.

Also helping to make life hectic is Lois Valk. Lois is the proud owner of the first 1958 car in the park—a Capri blue Volkswagen, with white sidewall tires no less. Although she has experienced considerable

ribbing about this new mode of transportation, all the ribbers have certainly been eager to have a ride, find out the cost, and how long she had to wait for it.

Barbara Abert from Newall has joined the Paymaster's crew and after only a short time here, became one of the first flu victims of the "Yosemite flu."

Eileen Page from Canada and Alaska is holding down the Secretary's position in the Hotel Division. Eileen is replacing Dorothy MacCulloch who was last heard of somewhere in Scotland. Faith Simonson from San Francisco is helping out in the Sales Department.

Judy Johnson of the Sales Department will become Mrs. John Degan on November 23 in Los Angeles. Judy and John will settle in Yosemite.

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#### OVERSEAS RELIEF CLOTHING DRIVE

Don't throw away those old clothes! Why not give them to the clothing drive which will close on November 15. Clothes may be left in the former Shoe Shop in the Old Village Store or you may give them to one of the high school student who will call at your home in the church pickup on Saturday morning, November 16. Please do not give toys, purses, high heeled shoes or hats. Remember, November 16 is the final collection day.

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#### FROM THE MCKEES

To our many friends in the Valley—  
Though you have not heard from us it does not mean we have forgotten you, and the many kind things you did for us. The letters, cards and flowers were all loved and appreciated. It would be difficult to write each of you, so we are taking this means to thank every one, and let you know we are still thinking of you.

Ray and Pauline McKee

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#### VILLAGE STORIES

The day Pat Hicks informed Dad Ring that she was resigning her position as his secretary because she was soon to become a mother, he broke right down and cried.

After the tears of joy had been wiped away, and everyone had once again re-

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gained his composure, Dad and Bob Cromer began to relive the past, all in the spirit of fun. They counted the number of times she had locked Mr. Cromer in the safe, how often Bob and Jack had to work in secret on Sundays to straighten out the office files because little Patty didn't always keep them straight every day.

The bosses were really enjoying themselves going over the old days when Bob said: "I never saw a kid like Pat. She could think of more excuses to get out of work than any kid I ever saw. She has had tonsillitis, laryngitis, and every kind of flu from A to Z—Asiatic to Zanzibar variety." Right then you could see Ole Dad's mood change. Says he: "Do you think that girl has just made this up about her having a baby? I wouldn't put it past her. She would do anything to get out of work a few days."

So Dad, not to be taken in again, put in a hurried call to the hospital. After thoroughly cross-examining Doc Sturm to make sure that he hadn't been fooled by her tricks, Dad was convinced that Pat was really and truly on the list for a little bundle of joy.

Excitement mounted. Maybe she would name it after Jack, or let him hold it, or even buy it a rattle.

That would be a great day for Dad Ring. Then Jack and Bob really confided to each other that they were glad she was quitting, as they were both too old to stand the pace and excitement that Pat created in the office. Perhaps it was all for the best, as they could now relax, and take things at a slower pace, since Pat's mother, Mrs. Marge Quist, would be in charge of the office to take her place. Things would not be so exciting, but they would surely be more peaceful. Suddenly a horrible thought entered their heckled and harried minds. That old adage: "Like mother, like daughter," might be true.

"I hope not," said Dad Ring. "Heaven help us if it is."

After a moment of pretentious silence, he said: "Bob, you take over. I feel that I need a vacation. I'll call you in a few weeks for a full report. Then I may come back."

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FOR SALE—Red '49 Chrysler New Yorker convertible. All accessories plus near-hi-fi radio. Some work needed. Ridiculously low price. Terms arranged. (Contact Doug Gillan—Yosemite Lodge desk).

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## BADGER FOOTBALL

Just past the mid-point of the 1957 season, the Badgers find themselves with a record of 1 game won and 2 games lost. Still remaining are two games with perennial rival, Mariposa. In company with most big time football teams, the Badgers have had their share of assorted injuries and assorted flus. In no game have they been able to present their full strength.

The season opened with a hard fought 13-7 victory over the lightweight team of Herbert Hoover Junior High School in Merced. Yosemite dominated the first half and scored on a long drive in the first quarter as Captain Tim Berrey smashed off tackle for the first touchdown with a 75-yard return of the second half kickoff to the Merced 10 yard line. Mike Waldron drove through to the five and Bob Riechers, substitute quarterback, rolled out around his own right end on a keeper play for the TD. Merced scored to open the fourth quarter on a 60-yard return of a pass interception. The Badgers, with the help of a clipping penalty, held a desperate closing minutes' Merced drive to gain possession as the game ended. It was a sweet triumph, being the Badgers first in a series going back to 1948.

The Menlo Cubs won two games from the Badgers by scores of 26-0 and 27-0. Yosemite fought hard but was unable to match the precision and experience of the Cub team. Outstanding for the Badgers were tailback Tim Berrey and fullback Mike Waldron.

The Badger Junior Varsity lost its game against Menlo JVs at Yosemite 28-8, but had the satisfaction of scoring the first JV touchdown in history when Bob Riechers got behind Menlo defenders and caught a pass from Ally Dierkson to score on the game's last play. In the return game at Menlo, the little Badgers surprised by holding their stronger opponents to a 0-0 tie.

Nov. 9—Badgers 35. Mariposa 0!

## HALLOWEEN PARTY

Halloween: Pumpkins yellow, pumpkins mellow and many clever costumes at the Lost Arrow's Halloween Party—Allhallows Eve. Costume prizes to Janie Dean—as a buzzy bee—to Laura Genuit as a vampire—green face and long, long fangs—the better to screech and scratch, my dear—to Ole

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Youngberg, as a Sierra Clubber. And Pat Crabb as Cleopatra—Dora Leon—more a pixie than usual.

The decorations committee—Larry Moon, Gary Kruse, Les Lusk, Wayne Simpson, Patti Read, Laura Genuit, Dora Leon, Janie Dean, Faye Wright and Bob Cook outdid themselves and are to be congratulated.

Pumpkin-headed scarecrows joined with 150 Yosemiteites and bowed low to welcome the wandering evil spirits. Helen Delano was proud—as well she should have been.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Two men with a total of almost 40 years of service in Yosemite are accepting transfers and promotions. Forester Emil Ernst is slated to become Regional Chief of Lands in the Region Five Office in Philadelphia. Associate Park Naturalist Glenn Gallison is moving to Olympic National Park as Park Naturalist. Their many friends wish them happiness in their new assignments.

The next good snow up Tioga Pass way will probably close that road until next spring. The State of California has announced that it will not plow the road between the entrance and Highway 395 again this year.

Some folks simply don't grasp the idea of National Parks. Herbert E. Wilson, Jr., of Snelling, California, drove into the Park on October 25 to do his hunting. He shot a buck, but it cost him a \$250 fine and he still has no meat to show for his efforts. A 50-day jail sentence was suspended.

### MAINTENANCE NEWS

Maintenance men of all skills have been readying the properties for the winter season and performing other work to keep the facilities operating without interruption.

At a cost of some \$16,000 all Badger Pass machinery has been given a thorough overhaul. This includes the weasel fleet, so vital in providing over-the-snow service and guest transportation. The Ts for the three constams have been painted, blue, yellow and red. Colors will be scrambled on each lift and should present a colorful sight moving up and down the hills.

In the Old Village Pavilion, some 350 new (to the O.V.P.) seats have been installed. These were bought from the Geary Street Theater in San Francisco.

To protect Printer Greener's pinkies from getting smashed while operating his hand-press, a variable-speed safety transmission has been installed.

The ever-economical Dick Ditton has gathered and disposed of \$5000 worth of scrap and junk that has been accumulating for years.

Painting of all the Lodge bungalows is now complete. By using new types of paints and speedier techniques, Toby Tobiasen chopped \$2000 dollars off his original estimate.

HELP WANTED! Maintenance needs a boy, or a small man, to sweep all the exhaust vents from The Ahwahnee kitchen fans.

Other Ahwahnee jobs include refinishing all bungalow floors, washing the kitchen, top to bottom, and installing two pumps in the boiler room to remove water that seeps in. The thin, high heels currently stylish on ladies' shoes have necessitated replacing much of the hotel's boardwalk, where wide gaps caused lots of broken heels and a few tumbles.

### HAVE FILM—WILL TRAVEL

Nick Fiore has been on the road since early November, speaking before ski clubs, appearing at ski shops, etc, showing Yosemite ski films and otherwise carrying the word about the joys and advantages of skiing at Yosemite. He's criss-crossed the state twice from Long Beach to Treasure Island, from Fresno to Monterey for fifteen appearances and has addressed more than 3500 skiers. His last appearance will be at Huebener's Sports Shop in Fresno. Following the "tour," Nick, assisted by Cappy Cook, will direct the second FRESNO BEE Dry Ski School at Holmes Playground in Fresno.

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It's been like old times to see Luggi Foeger with us. Luggi is on a leave from his duties at Sugar Bowl advising Bill Laux in the Lodge landscaping work. Luggi reports Helen, Chris and Jimmy to be well and happy in their new home.

FOR SALE—Girls Schwinn bike with wire basket, in good condition. A buy for \$20. See Lois Valk, E301 or call FR 2-4476.



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1957

#### H. OEHLMANN ADDRESSES SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GROUPS

Yosemite Park & Curry Co. Executive Vice President, Hilmer Oehlmann was guest speaker on December 6th at the meeting of the Travel and Recreation section of the California State Chamber of Commerce at the Biltmore Hotel. On December 7th, he addressed the American Convention and Travel Institute meeting at the Hotel Miramar, Santa Monica.

The subject for both talks was "The Concessioners Role in National Park Development". After a recap of federal policies regarding concessioners' operations through the years, Mr. Oehlmann concluded with a description of the present enthusiastic and cooperative spirit of concessioners towards the Service Mission 66 Program.

#### SANTA'S COMING

Santa Claus will be at Camp Curry again this year on Christmas Eve. He will have gifts for all valley children from one year olds to and including those in the third grade at school whose parent or parents are employed in the Park.

Will you help Santa Claus by letting him know through the Y.P.C. Co. Personnel Office, FRontier 2-4476, if your child will NOT be at the Christmas Party! Santa delivers the gifts personally and wants each youngster to be at Camp Curry himself to receive his present. Thank you for your help.

#### "THE MESSIAH"—THE CHAPEL—DECEMBER 18

The Christmas section of "The Messiah" will be sung by the Girl's Glee Club of the Mariposa High Schotol on Wednesday, December 18 at 7:30 P. M., at the Old Village Chapel. An offering for a worthy relief cause will be received.

#### LOST ARROW PLANS CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR FUN

If anyone should see a flash of light and then a blur, don't be alarmed, it's not SPUTNIK—it's only Helen Delano preparing for the coming Holiday season at the Lost Arrow. Shepherdess Delano has called in her flock of helpers to prepare for the Christmas and New Year's parties. Gary Kruse and Dorothy Conti head the decorating committee. Chris Buyny, Les Lusk as Volunteer and any others will be appreciated—come help deck the Lost Arrow with holly. The Christmas party is on December 24th from 9 to 12:30. Come on along and be jolly. . . Food, Fire and Tree, guaranteed FUN for everyone.

#### YOSEMITE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

It looks like a good year at Yosemite School, and we want to give our most cordial welcome to our new teachers, Vern Nichols and Glenn Mapes. Mr. Nichols is the principal and teacher for the seventh and eighth grades. He is a Stanford graduate and spent three years in the Marines. Mr. Nichols has been teaching over 10 years and has been a principal at Redwood City two summers.

Mr. Mapes is the teacher for the fifth and sixth grades. His home town is Chico. He got his first 4½ years of college at Chico State, and one at the University of California. Mr. Mapes spent three years in the Navy as an air-intelligence officer. He has had two years experience as a seasonal Ranger here in Yosemite. His hobby is photography.

This year, an election of officers of the student body of the Yosemite Elementary School was held. Bill Breckencamp was elected President, Hoppy Hubbard, Vice President, Karen Highfill, Secretary and Toby Nelson, Treasurer.

Plans for this year's Christmas Program look very good. Mrs. Sedegren will help us put on a musical program. It has been decided that it will be December 19th at 7:30 P. M.



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#### NPS NEWS

As you have probably noticed, things are a bit on the quiet side around the Park. But we are still getting visitors—1,118,743 so far this year, putting us almost 25,000 ahead of last year at this time.

#### BEARS! BEARS! BEARS!

Never underestimate the intelligence of a bear. The latest theory in the attempt to explain the sudden increase in the bear population here in the Valley is that somehow some of the local bears got hold of the recent best seller, "Bears In My Kitchen," by a former Yosemite housewife, and now they are all trying to get into the act.

Whether this is true or not, even the oldest of Valley residents cannot recall a year when there were more bears roaming the Valley. A bumper acorn crop has served to appease their appetite to a degree, but some break-ins and property damage have occurred and in most cases food left in storage sheds or cars have been the reasons.

In an effort to alleviate the situation, one or two of the culvert-type bear traps have been in use almost constantly, and a total of 43 bears have been given a free ride to the high country to date. Although it is known that some individual bears return to the Valley immediately, many do not and people are beginning to outnumber the bears once more.

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#### BUCK BUCHANAN DIES IN MANILA

Gordon "Buck" Buchanan died December 2nd in Manila, P. I., according to word received by Sterling Cramer. Buck was on his way home after vacationing in the Far East. He joined Y. P. & C. Co. as a commercial auditor 14 years ago, but was probably known best for his theater ticket selling activities at the Village Pavilion.

#### FROM THE AHWAHNEE

Hear Ye: Hear Ye—preparations are being made at The Ahwahnee Baronial Castle for the Christmas arrival of The Squire Bracebridge, his court and guests and from cellar to ceiling decorating people are working wonders.

From the depths of the decorator's room comes the sound of hammer and saw as Christmas decorations begin to take shape. The smell of wax wafers upwards as old candles are melted and new ones poured.

Bracebridge banners and spotlights are being hung by maintenance men and down in the alcove, the Bracebridge table is fast assuming its proper place.

The Housekeeping crew is hard at work getting rooms into shape for the coming crowds. The floor in the front lobby has a bright Christmas shine.

Green and red painted boxes are piled in the loading area and all through the house, every creature is stirring in anticipation of a beautiful, bountiful Christmas.

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#### MANAGEMENT MEETINGS

During their recent visit to Washington, Superintendent Preston and Assistant Superintendent Neilson helped to make plans for the Departmental Management Conference to be held at Yosemite, March 17-19, 1958. This meeting will bring together the top personnel men and women of the several bureaus of the Department of the Interior. It is also anticipated that the Regional Director from San Francisco and Superintendents of several of the Western National Parks will be here to attend the session.

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#### LISTEN LADIES

The Ahwahnee Beauty Shop's new beauty operator Miss Maybelle Shepherd will arrive December 15th and will open the shop on December 20th.

Welcome to Mary Boyce, Y.P.C. Co. Personnel department new steno.

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FOR SALE—2 Electric Motors, 1/3 horsepower and 1/6 horsepower, good condition, \$15.00, FR 2-4262.

FOR SALE—Pair of Head Skies, size 7' 3" medium binding ski free safety binding with cables. Price \$40.00. Contact Bud Johnson. 1 pair of Alber Pump-up ski boots, size 8 1/2, price \$25.00. Contact Bud Johnson.

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## YOSEMITE SENTINEL

### FROM THE MAINTENANCE

Badger Pass now has a chair lift—only one chair and it's for the exclusive use of maintenance men. But it's a chairlift, nonetheless. Buck Martin and Syd Carter built a sort of bosun's chair beneath a T-bar clamp. When the upstairs machinery needs greasing, they clamp the chair to the cable, mount up and away they go, to within easy reach of the sheaves. The tri-color Ts are all in place and ready to haul the first load of skiers up the hills.

Recently built is another ingenious machine (designed by Pierce Loberg), a cable carrier to haul huge drums of electrical or steel cable. It will serve in emergencies when substitute heavy duty electrical cable is needed or when one of the Constam cables need winding. Painter Joe Saurbaugh waved his bushes in farewell and headed for Modesto for the winter, and plumber Frank Ellis has been forced to take leave of absence due to illness.

Buck Martin has recently completed a course at the G. M. C. in San Leandro in the operation and maintenance of stationary Diesel engines.

Toby's painters have spent many long and tedious hours repainting parts of the Yosemite Lodge main buildings. The paint was needed mainly to cover the damage caused by the careless handling of various kinds of carts which had been banged into walls and furniture.

Electrical foreman Jess Crowe is, bit by bit, replacing the electric power lines in the Lodge area. Going, are the slightly unsightly 3-wire lines which are being replaced by a new type of three-strand aluminum conductor encased in a single cable. The new type wire is considerably less expensive than the old copper wire and performs just as satisfactorily. Also, Crowe is experimenting with a new style domestic water heater element. It consists simply of metal heating bands wrapped around the water tank. In the old style heater, it is necessary to draw the water from the tank into the heater and return it to the tank. More efficient, the new heater permits repairs to be made by only an electrician, as there is no plumbing involved.

In the 50 Lodge cabins with bath are being installed new Chromolux electric heaters. New design, materials, plus a thermostat control makes these more efficient and less subject to service problems.

Final tally of the year's maintenance man-hours used reveals a total saving of 12,000 over 1956.

### FROM THE LODGE

The Lodge Cafeteria, center of all social life these days, has been busy feeding its thirty guests and some hundred odd employees. Sitting around on their hands, so to speak, are Eileen Farrell, Todd Polacek, Connie Rores, Lee Toman, Carolyn Elias, and Jean Brownlee, etc.

The great fascination for both bus girls and cashiers has been the grey monster (dishwashing machine); they spend hours running it before the dish men arrive. It also serves as a self service laundromat—anyone want some rags? Or you can practice for the "T" bar at Badger. Free rides on the conveyor belt—but watch out for the scroppers.

Wayne Leedy is now spending time learning the complexities of the Lodge desk. The greatest complication is the newly installed teletype writer. Wayne is taking his lessons from that expert—Marian Worthen.

Winona Harper is taking advance studies from Marguerite Radigan on preparations, for her cashiering at Badger this coming season—so watch out for that second butter!

Plans are being made for Yosemite Lodge to have an out-of-door Christmas with weather providing the proper setting. If the weather is right, the many holiday guests will be able to enjoy their Christmas outside, as well as in.

A festive Yule Log ceremony will be the highlight of Christmas activities. As Christmas rushes toward us let us hope it will be a Merry Christmas for everyone.

### TROUT STAMP FOR INLAND WATERS

This may be rushing things a bit, but a little advance warning may soften the blow. Due to legislation recently passed in Sacramento Section 7149 of the California Fish and Game Code reads as follows, "On payment of two dollars (\$2) a sport fishing licensee may obtain two license stamps which if signed in ink by the licensee and permanently affixed to his license authorize him to take all fish and amphibia for purposes other than profit." What all this means is that in order to fish for trout either inside or outside of the Park, it will now cost the angler five dollars. This increase in fees has been necessary in order to defray the increased costs of raising and stocking inland trout waters. You can still fish in the ocean for \$3.

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**BADGERS AWARDS DINNER**

The Yosemite Badgers, with their parents, attended the annual awards dinner at Yosemite Lodge on Thursday, December 5. Lions President, Leroy Rust presided, aided by Chuck Woessner and Sterling Cramer.

Athletic awards were made as follows for Varsity Track: Gerald Telles, Tim Berrey, Gordon Glass, Mike Waldron, Chris Foeger.

For Class B Track: Pat Rhoan, Henny Berrey, Pete Peterson, Randy Rust.

Class C Track: Bill Lamkin, Alan Dierksen, Bob Reichers, Maynard Moe.

Class D Track: Danny Sturm, Kenny Melton.

For Baseball: Bob Reichers, Alan Dierksen, Tim and Henny Berrey, Pat Rhoan, Mike Waldron, Gordon Glass, Gerald Telles, Randy Rust, Chris Foeger, Pat McElligott, Charles Young, Bill Lamkin, Danny Sturm.

For Skiing: Jeannie Evans, H. Berrey, Tim Berrey, C. Foeger, Tim Ernst, Randy Rust.

For Football: Varsity: Mike Waldron, Dick Odgers, Tim Berrey, Bob Reichers, Pete Peterson, Bobby Babcock, Wyatt Kowski, Buddy Young, Jim Lashbrook, Berry Price, Henny Berrey, Dennis Parish, Maynard Moe, Alan Dierksen, Danny Sturm, Marry Murdock, Bobby Ewing, Bobby Cordner, Randy Rust.

Jr. Varsity: Brad Ditton, Boyd Fagan, Kenny Melton, Billy Hulme, Tommy Tucker, Tobey Nelson, Donald Le Master, Ronald James, Darrell Cottrell.

A recap of the season's games reveals the following statistics:

**VARSIITY**

|                |           |                |           |
|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| BADGERS: ..... | 13        | MERCED .....   | 7         |
| BADGERS: ..... | 0         | MENLO .....    | 26        |
| BADGERS: ..... | 0         | MENLO .....    | 27        |
| BADGERS: ..... | 34        | MARIPOSA ..... | 0         |
| BADGERS: ..... | 42        | MARIPOSA ..... | 13        |
|                | <u>89</u> |                | <u>73</u> |

| SCORING            | TD        | PAT       | TOTAL     |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Tim Berrey .....   | 5         | 11        | 41        |
| Dick Odgers .....  | 3         |           | 18        |
| Mike Waldron ..... | 2         |           | 12        |
| Randy Rust .....   | 2         |           | 12        |
| Bob Reichers ..... | 1         |           | 6         |
|                    | <u>13</u> | <u>11</u> | <u>89</u> |

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

|               |           |                |           |
|---------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| Badgers ..... | 8         | Menlo .....    | 28        |
| Badgers ..... | 0         | Menlo .....    | 0         |
| Badgers ..... | 12        | Mariposa ..... | 12        |
|               | <u>20</u> |                | <u>40</u> |

**SCORING**

|                     |          |           |
|---------------------|----------|-----------|
| Bob Reichers .....  | 1        | 6         |
| Alan Dierksen ..... | 1        | 6         |
| Bob Cordner .....   | 1        | 6         |
|                     | <u>3</u> | <u>18</u> |
| SAFETY .....        |          | 2         |
| TOTAL .....         |          | <u>20</u> |

**SKI SCHOOL TRYOUTS**

Ski school director, Nick Fiore will assemble his instructors at Badger Pass on December 13th (he is still looking for more snow).

New people who will be trying out are: Charlotte Spranger, Pasadena, who will work with the youngsters; Max Good; Julien Quemerais and Francis Snyder from Quebec, Canada; Buck Martin, Jr., Stanley Cwack, Pasadena; Harvey Lyon, Long Beach; Ron Archer, Manhattan Beach; returning are Bud Johnson, Marti Miller, Chet Hubbard, Cappy Cook, Ole Youngburg. Coming up from last year's ski patrol will be Jerry Moore of Wawona. Dave Downing resumes his activities as superintendent of special events, Laurie Brown as ski patrol supervisor. Last season's Glacier Point Hotel Manager Niek Slyk, will be superintendent of the Ski House. Syd Ledson will supervise lift operations.

**LOCAL CHILDREN'S SKI TEAM**

The Junior Ski Team, sponsored by the Lions Club, will be activated again and local youngsters are invited to try out for the ten man (or girl) squad.

Team activities start during the Christmas vacation and extended through to Easter. The team skis together on Saturdays and Sundays working on downhill and slalom racing technique, or waxing, etc.

**WEDDING BELLS**

It was recently announced that two of our former local residents formed a merger down in Berkeley. Margaret Simonian of the Government Personnel Office and George Kirby of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Accounting Office were married on November 15 and will reside in Berkeley. We at Yosemite extend heartiest congratulations.

**WEATHER WISE**

Eight days of rainy and cloudy weather in November brought 2.05" of precipitation but only a trace of snow in the Valley on November 16. Skiers found 14" of snow at Badger on that day and the parking lot had 20 cars.