



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 1959

INFLATION: ONE THING TO DO ABOUT IT

We have been reading a good deal about inflation lately and we are bound to hear more on the subject. Authorities generally agree that inflation is the most serious threat to our prosperity and our way of life.

For some individuals there may be ways to hedge against a decline in value of the dollar. To most of us such avenues are not open, and to the extent that we count on pensions, social security payments, bonds, insurance benefits, and other future income of a specified number of dollars, we face the danger that these will be worth but a fraction of their present value.

In its current fiscal year our government faces a staggering deficit of \$12 billion. Our Treasury Department is frantically funding short-term paper with more short-term borrowings. With a series of balanced budgets the Treasury would be able to fund its short-term notes with bonds of long-term maturities and thus avoid the disruptive and inflationary effects of its continued trips to the money market.

Economy is seldom popular. As individuals we dislike the need for it, but often have to face up to the harsh reality of self-denial. Congress enjoys being open-handed with the taxpayers' (our) money. As a recent Washington letter puts it, "The practical political facts are that spending is spectacular, refraining from spending is not. Spending has direct, immediate and usually agreeable impact on individuals—reductions in spending benefit the taxpayers at large, but are hard to identify."

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VILLAGE STORIES

By Andy

Ah, there's good news tonight! We have good reason to be happy, as Ole Dad Ring has announced that he will not retire this year. Bless his little ole heart! He keeps saying he still has a few good years left. The old fellow is getting shaky, but he's game. We must admit there is plenty of fight in the old boy yet, especially on the days the Sentinel is delivered.

Dad says he will be glad to move over into the new store. In a way, he hates to leave the Old Village, but business all over the nation is changing, and we must keep up with the times. Today a merchant doesn't sell just a can of beans. These beans are bigger, better and contain XR7Z, and just try to sell a can of beans without XR7Z! No one knows what it is, but there it is, and heaven help the merchant who has beans without it!

Take, for instance, breakfast cereal. It's still wholesome, healthful, and packed with flavor, but something new has been added. It now snapples, pops and cracks. This may sound like a silly improvement, but it does have its good points. They have perfected it to such a point now that the snapping, popping and crackling is so loud that a husband can't even hear his wife nag him at the breakfast table.

The soap manufacturers have really gone all out to sell their products. They have special programs on radio and TV to entertain the little housewife. The trouble with this arrangement was that the little housewife spent all her time looking at TV and listening to the radio, which left her with no

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New VILLAGE STORE Opens-9:30 A.M. Tues., Jan., 27th

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AHWAHNEE ANECDOTES

The Ahwahnee was beautifully decorated, scrubbed, polished, gleaming and unwrapped JUST in time to receive the Squire and Lady Bracebridge and all our guests by Christmas time . . . an exciting, wonderful holiday season. Brilliant pink coats, worn for the first time at Bracebridge by Stuart Cross, the Maitre'd (Bill Meacham) and their assistants were the high spots. Chef Fred Pierson, spotless in white, with his big knife again looked his best striding behind the Boar's Head procession.

Carl Stephens has left the Park for Texas. However, his holiday decorations and his behind-the-scenes help at Bracebridge will not be forgotten.

Holiday help included Jim Guthrie, dining room captain, now back teaching at Stanford; Mary Lou Dauner, dinner reservation assistant and her husband, Bruce, who worked at the bar. The Dauners will operate Os-trander Ski Hut beginning February 12.

Paul Jones swished up to Badger, no snow, so swished right back to our kitchen . . . Ahwahnee wins again!

Eugene Hempel is our new desk clerk. Cashier Sally Rath sack left us for the General Office darn it, but welcome to Jack Elieve, Ahwahnee Gift Shop's on winter schedule—8:00 A.M. to noon and 4:30 to 10:30 P.M. daily. Dean Telfar, houseman is relieving Bill Melton as movie projectionist and our new elevator gal is Emily Catala-notte from Los Angeles.

Best news is the Buffet Ski Dinner Dances now at 7:30 P.M. each Monday and Thursday in The Ahwahnee Dining Room, with Jimmy Smathers new ork (Jimmy Garner and Allen Gaston). Right now, the Indian Room has dancing on Friday and Saturday nights only, as Jimmy plays at Maynard's hacienda, the Mountain Room, on Tuesdays and Wednesdays . . . So, collect all your pals and plan to meet for good dining, dancing, and fun at The Ahwahnee Ski Supper Dances.

LODGE NEWS

It was an old-fashioned Christmas at the Lodge. The hunks of white manzanita, with blue balls and red spotlights, remained stored in the attic of Pine Cottage, while regular old pine trees and regular old trimmings decorated the lobby, the lounge, and the cafeteria.

Ann Westley made stained glass windows for us, the Bracebridge singers sang carols and rolled in the Yule log. Santa Claus attended the kiddies' party in the lounge, and popular holiday hostess, Jeanette Coakley, popped her corn at the fireplace every night, after a session of story telling and cartoons.

All this and more made our guests' holiday season warm and bright. But, it wasn't a white Christmas, like everyone wanted, and it wasn't as busy as Christmas as we wanted. In fact, the busiest business we had was—ping pong. Some people played ping pong before breakfast, went bicycling after breakfast, swam in the pool and then played ping pong. Some went to Badger Pass, but soon returned—to play ping pong.

Yes, it certainly was an old-fashioned Christmas at the Lodge, sans snow. Anyone in '59 for (excuse me) ping pong?

LIKE HISTORY?

Have a little time on your hands? The Yosemite Museum staff is looking for volunteers to read interesting letters, hotel registers, newspapers in connection with planning the Wawona Pioneer Village. If you would like to help, please call FR 2-4611.

TV REPAIR

If your television set is in need of repair, call FR 2-1411, S.P.C.Co. Sales Office. Arrangements are being made to have a repairman visit Yosemite at designated intervals.

FOR SALE

5 room house, partly furnished—also garage. Contact Manuel Senna, El Portal.

WANTED

Old 78 rpm phonograph records—singles or albums. Call Gordon Bennett, FR 2-4875.

FOR SALE

Ladies Henke Ski Boots, size 6, narrow. Call FR 2-4270, Helen Ledson.

HERE AND THERE AROUND THE GENERAL OFFICE

With the holidays over, everyone's settled back to normal (whatever normal is!)

Who were the New Year's Eve party crashers? Let it be said by the crashed, that the crashers are the kind you wished you had invited in the first place, 'cause they're fun-lovers, and really liven up the place.

Have you heard of the lady "golfer" whose name is Audrey Ewing, who would have won top honors at the recent Fresno Ft. Washington vs. Yosemite golf tourney? She would have won, that is, had there been a booby prize! Audrey turned in a sizzling 202 (gross, that is).

More names in news . . . Amos Neal, former manager of Y.P.Co.'s San Francisco Office, is now helping Dana Morgenson as Chief Clerk in the Reservation Office. Says Amos, "I'll take Yosemite to the city life anytime."

It was nice seeing Marshall and Ellen Hall here recently. Dirk Breymann, Manager of San Francisco Office, and the Halls were up for a sales meeting.

Noticed the John Currys and Gordon Warrens heading toward the hospital lately? It's because they're about to fly south to Mexico City, Acapulco and Guadalajara and doing all the fun things like water-skiing, fishing and diving with aqua lungs (like Mike Nelson!) . . . maybe even see a bull fight.

The many friends of Mrs. Stewart Campbell were saddened by her passing on December 19. Midge was a Valley resident for a number of years, and during the past several years, was secretary to Sterling Cramer. She and Stewart met in Yosemite and spent all of their married life here. The kind thoughts of all are extended to Stewart in his loss.

YOSEMITE CHURCH SERVICE

Roman Catholic Masses—

5:45 and 9:00 A.M. Sunday
Old Village Pavilion

PROTESTANT SERVICES—

9:30 A.M. Brief Worship Service
11:00 A. M. Morning Worship
9:00 P. M. Sunday Evening Hour
Old Village Chapel

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE—

7:30 P.M. Sunday Evening
Old Village Chapel

FROM THE HAMMER AND NAILS DEPARTMENT

Miss Tena Hoeksema has taken over the clerical duties of Mrs. Josie Spellman, who has moved to the Carmel area. Tena is not new to a national park having spent a summer with the Sequoia National Park Co.

The Ahwahnee has been the scene of much activity during the past two months. The usual equipment overhaul and painting were done while the hotel was closed, but in addition to this work, 25 new ceiling lights were installed in the first floor rooms, five bathrooms on the third floor were tiled, and a new electric panel was installed for the dining room lights. As for new equipment, the hotel now has a new rheostat dimmer for the Dining Room, a new potato peeler in the kitchen, and a new vacuum pump for the front office tube system is about to be installed.

At the present time renovation of house-keeping hungalows with bath and two cabins with bath is being pursued.

Badger Pass has been relieved of some irksome problems since Joe Sever has overhauled and changed the location of the troublesome refrigeration compressors. Replacement of the electrical panel has helped the electrical distribution problem and has eliminated a safety hazard.

Syd Ledson now has a snow packer and a snow drag thanks to the ingenuity of Doug McFilligott and Syd Carter.

You will also note that the ski school rope tow has been changed. An electrically-driven unit has been installed which is now considered in the experimental stage.

A Glencoe Snow Heaver has been purchased for clearing the porch at Badger. This is a self-powered rotary snowplow which has been mounted on a weasel for transportation. This type of snow remover is new in Central California and we are anxious to see how effective it will be. We know the boys with the shovels at Badger are happy with its arrival.

Continuing the preventative maintenance program, 6, of the employee housing bathrooms will have tile installed around the tubs.

NEW YOSEMITE MINISTER INSTALLED

Installation service for Dr. James H. Woodruff, new minister of the Yosemite Church, was held at 11:00 A.M., Sunday, January 18. The Rev. Warren Ost, Executive Director of the National Council of Churches, Ministry of National Parks, conducted the installation service. Rev. Edwin Brandt, Chairman of the Yosemite National Park Church Board was present for the service.

Dr. Woodruff is currently serving as minister of the First Christian Church of Richmond. He will arrive in Yosemite to begin his resident ministry February 15. Dr. Woodruff's wife is teaching junior high school in Mill Valley and will not be joining him in Yosemite until school is out in June.

L. M. HOSPITAL NEWS

Two pre-Christmas baby girls were born in Yosemite. On December 5, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Corn of N.P.S., became the parents of Virginia and on December 15, Sylvia was born to Mr. and Mrs. Jose Lombardo of Y.P.C.Co. The Sturms are back from Europe and the Doctor hard at work. He reports the first ski accident to have been on December 28.

It was nice having Dr. Ronald Maxson with us during Dr. Sturm's absence. Dr. Maxson left Yosemite on December 10, and following a short vacation, will report for work with the Indian Service of the U. S. Public Health Dept.

Dr. and Mrs. Whinery welcomed 7 lb. 2 oz. Dale Bret to their family on Sunday, January 11. Looks like Dale will take after mom, with his dark hair and eyes.

YOSEMITE GOLFERS DEFEATED IN FRESNO

Some folks, though avid skiers, are avid golfers, too, and a group of 30, organized by Pro Charlie Eagle, played a tournament January 11 with Fresno Ft. Washington Club—ladies included. For the weekend, the Fresno-ites ordered their most delightful weather, for which everyone was thankful.

The Yosemite golfers made a terrific showing, but Fresno managed to win by 3 points—16 to 13. Mary Proctor was low net winner of the women's division and Gene Ewing low net winner of the men's division.

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If we are to save what is left of the value of our dollar, somehow we must persuade Congress that this is our wish. The best way to start is to write our representatives to that effect. Contrary to common opinion, Senators and Congressmen do pay serious heed to letters from their constituents. You may remember the effect of the pre-Sputnik economy wave, which was inspired almost wholly by pressure from constituents for Congress to trim the budget. And the insistence came from Democrats and Republicans alike, as it should once again, for inflation does not respect party lines and can ruin all of us.

VILLAGE STORIES

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time to use the products they were trying to sell in the first place—soap.

But, necessity is the mother of invention, and the result—gadgets that scrub, wash, rinse, dry and use soap. So everyone is happy.

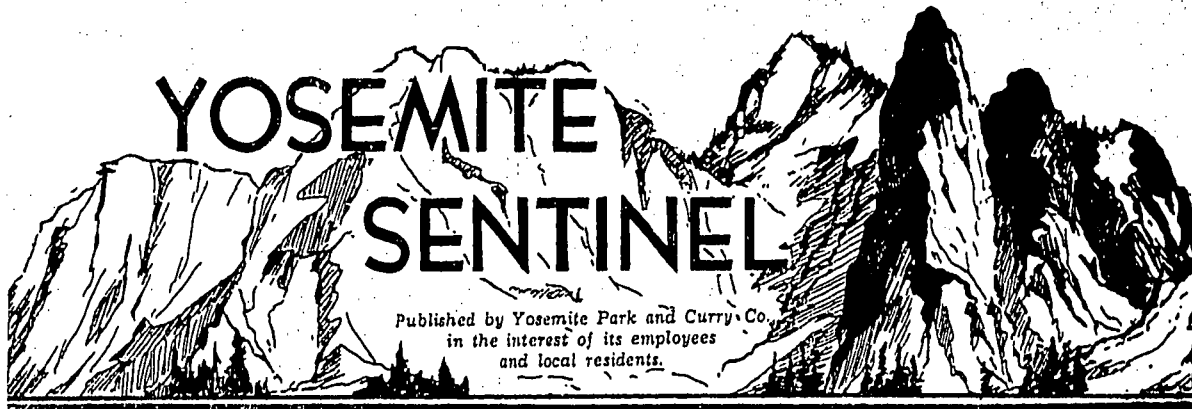
One large soap manufacturer confided in Dad that they were expecting to double their sales soon. Their scientists have perfected a new ingredient that will appeal to little boys for washing behind their ears. Wow! What science won't do for a buck!

Some outfits fudge a little on their advertising, and this causes a little embarrassment to the merchant. One lady brought back a can of peas she had cooked, and told Dad this was the first time she ever had peas with seeds in them. Says Dad, "Madam, these are not peas. They are our large jumbo size green olives!" "Gosh, they are small," said the lady. Dad replied, "Lady, there is no such thing as a small olive. They come in large, extra large, jumbo, gigantic, and colossal sizes. Don't you ever read the advertisements?"

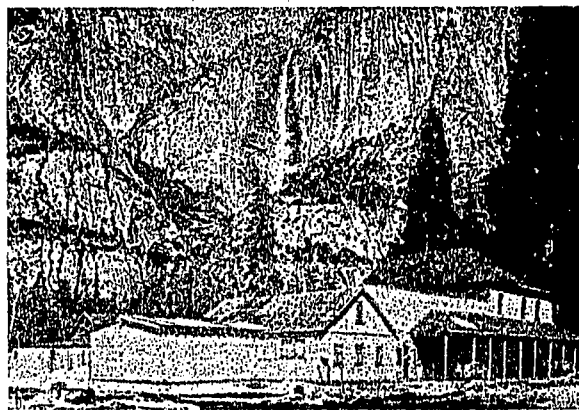
The olive growers have had a tough time pushing their products. They even invented the martini. Still, olives are a slow mover, but boy have the gin sales jumped!

Ole Dad says, "We'll see you in the new store soon. We didn't build it to get more of your money. We just like to do a better job. Money isn't everything. You can't take it with you."

Gosh, we've never heard him talk like that before. Wonder if the old fellow is slipping, or is this just some more of that high-powered advertising?



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1959



In case you have forgotten—or forgot to look—the left hand photo of the Old Village Store was made about two weeks before the wrecking crews attacked the old building. Right, the area's appearance two weeks later.

SUPT. PRESTON HAILS STORE, RESTAURANT, WAREHOUSE PLANT

"The National Park Service MISSION 66 program is designed to bring the National Park System up to the standards which the American people want and have a right to expect. One of the main objectives of the program is "To provide additional accommodations and related services adapted to modern recreational needs within and near the parks, through greater participation of private enterprise." These buildings, store and restaurant and warehouse, are representative of the highest degree of cooperation between Government and private enterprise. To the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., I say: "Congratulations on a job well done."

CONRAD L. WIRTH TO SPEAK AT STORE, RESTAURANT DEDICATION

National Park Service Director Conrad L. Wirth will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the new store and restaurant on May 9. Accompanying Mr. Wirth from N.P.S. headquarters in Washington will be Mrs. Wirth and Mr. Clark Stration, N.P.S. Chief of Concessions Management. From San Francisco are coming Mr. and

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Y.P.C. CO. SPENDS 1½ MILLION ON CONSTRUCTION IN 1959

During the year 1959, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will spend one and one-half million dollars on new structures, built for the service and convenience of Yosemite visitors. This amount is represented by \$800,000 in the Village Store and Restaurant and \$700,000 in the Central Warehouse and Maintenance Shops. It is the greatest single-year expenditure in the thirty-two year history of the concession company and reflects its enthusiastic participation in the Mission 66 program of the National Park Service.

NEW STORE, RESTAURANT DEDICATION MAY 9

Y.P.C. Co.'s new store, coffee shop and restaurant will be formally dedicated in a ceremony at 4 p. m. on Saturday, May 9th.

Though the store opened for business on January 27, both the N. P. S. and Y. P. C. Co. wanted to take public recognition of the facility which, besides providing a superior market, etc., for visitors and locals alike, also has freed a handsome vista site, by the removal of the old store from its location where it operated seventy-odd years.

All locals are welcome. Refreshments will be served following the dedication.

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL REPORT

The Yosemite Community Council Treasurer, Ernest Janiga, reports that a total of \$2,692 was received from 331 contributors as a result of the recent drive, which ended on April 15, 1959.

Checks have been sent to the following National organizations as follows:

American Cancer Society.....	\$450
American Heart Association.....	325
American Red Cross.....	400
March of Dimes.....	250
Salvation Army.....	150

To the local groups the following amounts have been allotted:

Tioga Area Girl Scouts.....	\$150
Boy Scouts, local.....	125
Yosemite Area Boy Scouts.....	150
Cub Scouts.....	150
Yosemite Badgers.....	200
Charles Goff Thomson Scholarship.....	315

The goal set for this year was \$2,500 and it is gratifying to know that contributions received exceeded the goal by a substantial amount.

The Community Council wishes to extend its thanks to all those who helped to make this year's drive the success that it was.

SUMMER HOTEL UNIT MANAGERS ANNOUNCED

Y.P.C.Co. Hotel Division Superintendent Geo. Goldsworthy has announced the lineup for the summer-only hotel units for the coming season. Bill Meacham, formerly Awahnee Dining Room Manager, will take over at Glacier Point. At Wawona, Nick Fiore will replace John Curry, last year's manager, who has been appointed assistant to the superintendent of the Hotel Division. Nick Slijk will take over Housekeeping Camp.

NEW RESTAURANT STAFF

Manning the new Village Restaurant and Coffee Shop will be John Degerman, manager, and Frank Rutka, working chef. John was most recently with the Los Angeles Athletic Club, while Frank chuffed in Canton, Ohio. Mrs. Rutka (Emma) will be the salad maker. Mrs. Degerman will join John at a later date.

OLD BUILDING REMOVED

The razing by Y.P.C.Co. of the old Village Store, which had been in service for seventy-odd years, and the destruction of its maintenance and warehouse buildings has resulted in the restoration to a natural area two choice vista sites, both revealing fresh and uncluttered views of Yosemite Falls and the north cliffs.

According to Dick Ditton of Y.P.C. Co. Maintenance, the old store building fell before the attack of bulldozers, etc. in a matter of 480 man hours. Demolition began on March 3 and by the end of March 11, the buildings were down, burned and their ashes buried beneath the ground where they once stood.

The warehouse and maintenance buildings, being of less stern materials, took but 108 hours, from up to down. The destruction of several of the buildings had been hastened by some of the local ranchers, kindling gatherers, and bad boys.

The old store seems to have been built in 1877, though its original face bore little resemblance to that of its later years. It survived three major floods, had eight managements, and in very round figures, served 23 million customers. (Only Homer Hoyt can challenge this last statistic!)

SKI INSTRUCTOR FROLIC WORK AT MAMMOTH

Several members of last season's ski school staff attended the annual Far West Ski Instructors Association Convention held April 19-25 at Mammoth Mountain. Attending were: Nick Fiore, Marcel Barel, Rick Anderson, Bob Mead, Jerry Moore, Chet Hubbard, Martha Miller and Char Spranger. Also with the group were Leroy Rust and Toney Freitas. Bob Righter, of the Ski Patrol, too, was among those present.

Former Yosemite ski schoolers Bud Johnson and Buck Martin, Jr. now at Shasta attended the meeting as well. Dee and Dick McLaren, N.P.S., and Addie and Buck Martin, Jr.

WALTER LINOTT DIES

Yosemite oldtimers will be saddened to learn that Walter Linott recently passed away in Berkeley. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his widow, Rose, whose address is 1626-A University Ave., Berkeley.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE—Chevrolet, 1954, 2 dr. New tires and brakes, recently overhauled, R & H, Seat covers. See Bob DeLamare at YPC CO. Maintenance.

FOR SALE—Completely equipped 1958 Zuendap Scooter, perfect condition. 75 MPG, 55 miles top speed—4 speeds. See Gabriel Varady, Head wine steward, Ahwahnee.

FOR SALE—House in El Portal. Seen by appt. Ringquist, FR 2-4378.

FOR SALE—Wurlitzer spinet piano, excellent condition. FR 2-4325.

FOR SALE—Large dining table and 6 chairs—\$75. FR 2-4581.

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AHWAHNEE NEWS

Here we go again: Since last edition an early glorious spring has arrived, and The Ahwahnee's dogwood, green lawns, fluffy oaks, singing birds, flowing streams, lovely smells, lunching in the sunshine on the East Terrace, plus greenskeeper Homer Armstrong and his spic and span Pitch and Putt golf course are with us . . . plus ump-teen conventions.

After many years, Miles Cooper has transferred from Ahwahnee transportation agent to the mail department in the General Offices. We will all miss his quiet, friendly, efficient and always courteous service to guests and us. However, it will be good to see him with Emmie, for a while, on their daily rounds. Jim MacDonald will replace Miles as Ahwahnee transportation agent.

Fishing season's here . . . which has made Joe Thomas, Homer Armstrong, Miles Cooper, Glen Power and many others very happy. Licenses are obtainable in the Village Store. Bill Meacham, Ahwahnee's happy assistant manager, has gone (but is not forgotten) "topside" to manage Glacier Point Hotel. Happy summer, Bill, from us all. Ahwahnee's new Maitre d'ess Helen Lais, from Los Angeles has arrived and taken over management of the dining room—Janie Dean, back from her European trip, is Captain. Betty Snyder, up after a Palm Springs winter, is leaving the dining room for the new Village Store Restaurant.

The Ahwahnee Sweet Shop and its lovely East Terrace is open . . . hours 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Three beautiful paintings by artist Widforss now hang in the Sweet Shop, and real ice cream cones are on sale again this year!

Topsy Jackson has been seen working in the Sweet Shop as well as many other places on her "rolling stone" career from warehouse to Gift Shop, eventually to wind up for the summer at the Tuolumne Store, handing out some of that Old Village Spoon charm, no doubt.

Ahwahnee Gift Shop is loaded . . . with lots of new merchandise from Africa and Alaska, some lovely Brayton pottery, gorgeous spring hats, plus Alice Shannon's attractive jewelry—all well worth a visit. Good to see ex-gift shop gal, Barbara McBride here just a day, en route from Phoenix to work at the Hartsook Inn in the Redwoods up north.

Barbara Carr reports all "happy at the front desk"! Cashier Milly Michaels is back again after two months with her sister in Washington State.

Pearl Ditton's back switch-boarding . . . relief to Marilyn Olsen and Bernice Helbing, both from Los Angeles.

Chuck Friman's store room has Joseph Racquette as assistant . . . here, after eleven years in Yellowstone National Park . . . and, Ahwahnee

baker John Wright, back from Los Angeles, was warmly greeted by all his old friends who are happy to have him back. Wes Conner (Landscaping) is losing Carl Stevens who goes to work at the Grand Teton Lodge, Wyoming.

Roy Fisher, from The Oasis, Palm Springs, and two summers at Camp Curry, is now Ahwahnee doorman. Ralph Richardson, San Francisco, and Ed Nasser, from Yosemite Lodge and Wawona are the two new bellmen on Joe Thomas' staff.

That lovely brown-faced girl, here til the end of May, is Mary Lou Dauner . . . with husband, Bruce, down from the snows after their winter "caring-for" Ostrander Ski Hut. They'll spend the summer in Washington State.

Last but not least . . . hail to printer Jack Greener, with his fine printing, in his fine new room in the very fine new warehouse . . . no Jack, no Sentinel!

LODGE PODGE

SUBJECT: Interview

PLACE: Cafeteria

DAY: Inspection

No one was in sight when I came through the cafeteria line for breakfast, but as I passed by the bread counter, I thought I heard a faint scraping coming from somewhere underneath. I tapped on the counter and asked, "Anybody home?" "I am cleaning out my warming drawers," a voice answered, and then Connie Rores' head appeared. "Anything funny in the cafeteria?" I asked. "Well, there's Frenchy Mayer, Robin Lawson, Irene Anderson, and . . ." "No," I interrupted, "I mean incidents for the Sentinel." Jessie Mayes said that she remembered an incident when she asked a fellow what kind of salad he would like and he replied, "Nothing appeals to me today, not even you!" She can't forget that one, but I suggested that perhaps we should write about some of the new cafeteria dishes instead. Roger Briar lifted his head out of the coffee urn, squeezed coffee from his strainer cloth into my cup, and said, "We have Virginia Stinson and Sue McGuigan. They're the best new dishes I've seen." I laughed for a little while, until Art Ayers appeared with a knife. "Scrape the chewing gum from under 50 of those tables," said he. I scraped a few, to be polite, and then I saw smoke billowing from the grill; Bernice had my hot cakes ready, so I started through the line again. At the check stand, I waited, while Marguerite cleaned out her waste basket and polished her little gong for bus boys. "Now, about that bulge under your top hot cake," said she—so I coughed up the price of an extra butter I had hidden there, and decided that perhaps some other day I might write an article about the cafeteria. Not on Friday though; it's strictly for the inspection and not good Sentinel copy at all . . .

VILLAGE STORIES

By Andy

Dad Ring Fiddles While Home Burns.

It has been said many times that history repeats itself, and the reason it has been said so often is that the people who write the stuff can't think of anything original to say.

The Old Village today is but a memory. The dramatic fire that put it to rest will never outshine the fiery spirit by which it lived.

Dad Ring was not on hand to see the flames put to rest the thing he loved most. Many of his loyal admirers have wondered why he would leave the Valley at such a crucial moment. "Does he no longer care? Has he forgotten so soon the many exciting adventures, the drama, he lived through? The fires on the roof top, the floods, the robberies, and even more nerve-racking, the profit and loss statements at the end of each month.

The truth is, some of Dad's friends advised him to leave the Valley. They feared the old fellow would go to pieces when the torch was set to the old place. Yes, he was a very pathetic looking character standing by with his little fireman's hat and Handy-Dandy all-purpose firefighter's axe (available now at the new store). After much debate Dad consented to quietly slip out of the park. He said he thought he would seek the peace and quiet of a little town out in the desert. The fast life in the Park has just been too much for a fellow his age.

"A week in the comparatively serene life in Las Vegas is just what I need. The old store has been like a second home to me, but "fugues tempos." The old must be replaced with the new. Nothing ever stands still except, of course, the loyal employees of the new shopping center."

Dad says that the lack of ceremony for such a momentous occasion almost broke his heart. Real true-life drama has taken place in the Old Village and to just burn it down without giving it one last thrilling fling at glory doesn't seem quite right. The reporter asked Mr. Ring what he would do if he could have his own way on this occasion. The old fellow cheered up, bright as a dollar and said, "Well, son, if I could have my way I would have seen to it that the store got all the respect it was entitled to by having the goldarndest fire sale anyone has ever seen."

WOMEN GOLFERS ORGANIZE

A group of fifteen Yosemite women golfers met April 13 to organize a golf club. Mary Proctor was elected President; Muriel Ouimet, Secretary-Treasurer; Madeline Hickok, Handicap Chairman; and Valerie Eagle, Tournament Chairman.

Membership in the club is open to privilege card holders and those who hold Wawona Golf Course season tickets. Anyone interested in joining should contact Mary Proctor.

Members began establishing Wawona handicaps on May 1. Week end and continuous fun tournaments, as well as club championship competition will be scheduled throughout the season.



NEW ARRIVALS

Bishop, Kathryn and Clifford,
Boy on February 18, 1959

Turner, Delores and Norman
Girl on March 24, 1959

Fiore, Midge and Nick,
Girl on March 24, 1959

Zollars, Lowell and Joan,
Boy on March 24, 1959

Riojas, Beverley and Larry,
Boy on March 26, 1959

CONRAD L. WIRTH TO SPEAK AT STORE,
RESTAURANT DEDICATION

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Mrs. Lawrence Merriam, former Yosemite superintendent, is now Regional Director. Mr. Sanford Hill, N.P.S. Chief, Western Office of Construction and Design will be in Mr. Wirth's party.

Yosemite Superintendent John Preston will serve to introduce the speakers, who will be Mary Curry Tresidder, H. Oehlmann, E. T. Spencer and Conrad Wirth. Also invited to attend the store, restaurant opening will be representatives of most of the major suppliers to the Y.P.C.Co. These will include: Borden Co., Dohrmann's, Lucky Lager Brewing Co., Kraft Foods, Market Wholesale Grocery Co., Goodrich & McWilliams Frozen Foods, San Joaquin Bakeries, Patek-Eklon, Swift & Co., H. E. Verble Co. and Zellerbach Paper Co.

AVERY STURM NAMED TO
OLYMPIC TEAM STAFF

Avery Strum, M.D., Lewis Memorial Director, has been selected as head physician to the American Winter Olympics squad which will compete in February 1960 at Squaw Valley.



National Park Service

Merry Christmas!

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HAPPY NEW YEAR---1959-60

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

The year of our Lord 1959 has been one of accomplishment by all Yosemite personnel, for which we may feel justly proud. The 1960's are just around the corner with the promise of better things ahead. May the Christmas Holidays be one of peace and enjoyment and the New Year one of bright promise for you and yours.

Keith Neilson,

Acting Superintendent

Greetings of the season to Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employees, past and present. To each of you here or scattered about the world, we pause to extend our Merriest Christmas wishes and to express our gratitude for your loyalty and devotion to our Company without which its primary mission, to provide for the comfort and enjoyment of our guests, could never be attained.

Mary Curry Tresidder
H. Oehlmann

HOLIDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Thursday, December 24—

Roman Catholic Midnight Mass at the Yosemite Pavilion.

Protestant — Candlelighting Holy Communion Service at 11 p.m. in the Yosemite Chapel.

Friday, December 25—

Roman Catholic Masses at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. in the Yosemite Pavilion

Protestant Services at 10:00 a.m. with Special Christmas music and worship.

11:00 a.m., Morning worship, Bracebridge Singers participating — Yosemite Chapel.

Friday, January 1, 1960—

Roman Catholic Masses at 6:45 and 9:00 a.m. in the Yosemite Pavilion.

GIRL SCOUTS

Our local Girl Scouts have the true Christmas spirit. As evidence, they have adopted a Mariposa County family for whom they are making up a basket containing a sumptuous Christmas dinner, and are sending along toys and clothing for the six children in the family.

They will carol throughout Valley residential areas on the evening of December 21.

Their smaller counterparts, the Brownies, will decorate a tree and sing carols for the Hospital patients.

BADGER READY FOR SEASON

The information which follows may be all wrong by the time this SENTINEL is printed and distributed, as the abominable fair weather may vanish, and snow, in usual and appropriate amounts may have fallen at Badger Pass. For the present, however, Badger Pass will not operate until there is sufficient snow for skiing, although it was scheduled for opening December 18. The plant, lifts, etc., are ready to go into operation at the drop of a snowflake and personnel is either standing by or awaiting the call to come to work.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

QUESTION:

What are the important differences between Christmas customs in your country and American customs?

ANSWERS:

Kathlyn Beston, from Ireland, now Housekeeper at Yosemite Lodge.

"The big difference, I believe, is the celebration of St. Stephen's Day, December 26, the day after Christmas. The children dress in costume and go

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Santa Claus sends greetings from the North Pole to all kiddies in Yosemite Valley.

The jolly old man reports that he is on his way to Yosemite and will arrive at the school house promptly at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, December 24. Santa says he will miss the friendly fireplace, huge tree and the spaciousness of the Camp Curry Dining Room but understands that the renovations there require this temporary move to the school house.

Although the auditorium will be jam-packed with children and their parents, he promises that he will have no difficulty in reaching the Christmas tree and distributing the gifts.

Each little boy and girl will be expected to receive the gift from Santa Claus personally. There will be candy for the older children.

LOST ARROW

The traditional Christmas Eve Semi-formal dance will be held Thursday evening, December 24, at nine o'clock lasting until one o'clock Christmas morning. Refreshments in abundance will be served.

And don't forget that the Lost Arrow holds Open House on Christmas Day, from one to five, for all employees and their guests.

Because of the Christmas Eve dance, the bingo enthusiasts will have to forego their usual Thursday game.

SQUARE DANCING

There is folk and square dancing for all employees at the Lost Arrow every Wednesday evening at 8:30. The Timber Twirlers, a newly-organized square-dancing club, meets every Friday evening at 8:30 at the School House.

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IT'S NICE TO BE MISSED!

After you have been away for-
awhile it is gratifying to know that
you have been missed.

Your SENTINEL is back, firmly com-
mitted to a regular schedule of pub-
lication: Bi-weekly except for emer-
gency only.

The cooperation of Yosemite
residents will help to make the Sen-
tinel interesting and informative.

Newsworthy items may be phoned
to the editor, FRontier 2-4852, or the
Personnel office, FRontier 2-4631.

**NEW Y.P.C.Co. BOARD
MEMBER CHOSEN**

Lawrence W. Harris, Jr. has been
appointed to the Board of Directors
of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
The appointment was made at the
Annual Meeting of the Board of
Directors held in San Francisco Novem-
ber 20th.

Mr. Harris, who is Executive Vice-
President of Ames, Harris, Neville Co.,
is the second in his family to serve in
this capacity. His father, Lawrence W.
Harris, Sr., was a director of the Yose-
mite Park and Curry Co. at the time
it was formed by a merger of the
Yosemite Park Co. and Curry Camping
Co. in 1925.

Currently Mr. Harris is serving as
a trustee of the Santa Catalina School
Foundation. He is also national chair-
man of the Advanced Gifts Program
of the Stanford Fund, a function of
the Stanford Associates.

Prior to his return to San Francisco
in 1955, he resided in Portland, Ore-
gon, where he was active in civic af-
fairs, including the Community Chest
and United Fund.

ARE YOU A BOOTLEG WATCHER?

Are you a bootleg watcher—a peep-
ing Tom, Dick or Mabel? Or have you
signed up for the Community Tele-
vision Association?

Early in 1958 Yosemite Park and
Curry Co. sponsored the Association
and put up the initial funds neces-
sary to bring TV into the Valley.
Many problems had to be faced, in-
volving time and expense. To date,
the installations at Glacier Point and
Sentinel Dome have cost in excess of
\$10,000.

Below are the rates for participa-
tion in the Association:

\$10.00 initial membership.
\$30.00 Per year - in advance -or
\$ 3.00 Per month, on a monthly basis.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
employees may join the Association
by signing up with Bob Lee of the
Accounting Department. National
Park Service employees may sign up
with Charles Young.

For antenna and hook-up service,
phone Yosemite Park and Curry Co.
Maintenance office - FRontier 2-4686.
The charge for this service is \$10.00
for the initial installation hookup of
set and \$15.00 if an antenna must
be moved to a new residence.

WAWONA GOLF CLUB

The Wawona Men's and Women's
Golf Clubs will make their annual
trek to Fresno for their Home-n-Home
Match and fun fest at the Fort Wash-
ington Golf Club on January 10, 19-
60. Club members will be contacted
for this big event.

NANCY PROCTOR ENGAGED

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Proctor have an-
nounced the engagement of their
daughter, Nancy, to Russell S. Cary,
Jr., of Melrose, Massachusetts. The
groom to be is a graduate of Dart-
mouth College, and did post gradu-
ate work in geology at the Univer-
sity of Colorado in Boulder. He will
be in Yosemite for a short Christmas
visit as will Nancy, who is a senior at
the University of Colorado.

CHRISTMAS TV HIGHLIGHTS

Friday night Dec. 25, 7:00 p.m.
Gillette Cavalcade of Sports brings
a "Year-end sports review", "Walt
Disney presents" an all cartoon treat-
ment of the children's literary classic.
"Alice In Wonderland", 8:00 p.m.

Monday night Dec. 28, 6:30 p.m.
TV Readers Digest, "When The Wise
Man Appeared"

Friday, Jan. 1, 1960
Good programming to start the New
Year. Rose Parade starts at 8:30 a.m.
Rose Bowl Games, Kick-off 1:30 p.m.

LODGE DOINGS

Christmas Eve at Yosemite Lodge
will begin with the singing of the
traditional carols at 5:30 p.m.;
bringing in the Yule Log and the ar-
rival of Santa Claus at 6:00 p.m. The
Bracebridge Singers will entertain
at 9:15 p.m.

Sid Hoff's Band will play for a
Christmas Night Dance in the Moun-
tain Room at 9:00 p.m.

On New Year's Eve there will be
dancing and cocktail service in the
Cafeteria from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.
The regular bar in the Mountain Room
will be open, and there will be meal
service in the Coffee Shop until 2 a.m.

From December 24 through Jan-
uary 2, the Coffee Shop will be open
from 2:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

Something new at the Lodge will
be the opening of the Tent Room from
5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays.

Manager John Curry says there will
be special activities during the ski
season. Watch the bulletin board.

The past weeks at the Lodge have
not been as quiet as they seemed
around the front desk and the cafe-
teria. At a cost of \$10,000, fifteen
cabins and sixty tents have been
moved to make way for the three
new parking lots just completed. All
tents and non-bath cabins have been
re-numbered. General re-furnishing
includes: repainting the interior of the
Cedar Cottage, the exteriors of Pine
and Oak Cottages, and installation of
new fixtures, bed lamps and bed-
spreads in various cabins.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ (continued)

from house to house singing a little ditty about 'King Wren.' This celebration, to the Irish children, is as much fun as the Halloween 'Trick-or-Treat' is to the American children."

Robin Lawson, from England, now at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria.

"The Christmas decorations are not put up until around the 20th of December; then they are all lighted at the same time, making the city light and gay all at once. Parties are the thing at Christmas, more so than at the New Year.

The Queen's speech on Christmas Day is the highlight of the Christmas celebration. Crowds gather in the squares to listen to this traditional message, Trafalgar Square being the most popular gathering place. Turkey is a rare treat and is reserved for the Christmas feast. The children go about in groups, from house to house, caroling under windows, for gifts of money for different charitable organizations."

Alfred Dallinger, from Austria, now at Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria.

"One of the great differences between Christmas customs in Austria and those in America is the number of days celebrated. St. Nicholas' Day is the fifth of December. That is the big day for the children, as St. Nicholas comes to the good children's homes and brings them candy, cookies, nuts and other treats, whereas the naughty children are visited by "Grampus," the patron saint of the devil. Needless to say, there are few naughty children prior to the fifth of December. On St. Nicholas' Eve day, the Gloecker Laufens parade around in their traditional costumes, ringing bells to drive away ghosts.

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day celebrations are similar to American ones. There are family gatherings, presents for the children, and a big Christmas dinner, as the day before Christmas is a fast day. Carols are sung everywhere, and there are many gatherings in the market places.

Then on the sixth day of January the celebration of the Three Holy

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VILLAGE STORIES

Old Kriss Ringle says:

The arrival of the jolly little man dressed in a red suit, with red cheeks and a red nose means only one thing. It's Christmas, and everyone is in the red.

All joking aside, Christmas is the most wonderful time of the year. Everyone is filled with the spirit of the Christ Child. All hearts are as big as the world itself. Even Old Dad Ring gathers his little flock of loyal employees around him to celebrate, exchange gifts, and be grateful that we are alive in such a beautiful place as Yosemite.

It is a tradition at the Village Store to start the Christmas party by Old Dad's requesting Orval Manning to slip away from the gathering and, from a distance, softly sing "Silent Night." It is always sung at such a distance and so softly that no one hears it. The effect is much better that way.

Don Schrader adds joviality to the occasion by explaining the joke he told last year, then telling another one which is almost as easy to understand as the one he just explained to his puzzled, carefree audience.

Then comes the highlight of the evening. Old Dad says, "Please, everyone, I would like to have your attention." He usually says this everyday of the year, but at Christmastime we let him have it. The old fellow, who is getting a little sensitive about his age, usually tells a few Kriss Ringle stories that are so old even dear old Santa would have a hard time remembering them.

The Village Store girls are a great group of ladies. They are the first ones to enter into the Holiday spirit, the first to get all the work done, the first to arrive at the party, the first to hand out the gifts, and the first to exchange the ones they receive. (Busy all the time).

Roy and Mrs. Rorabaugh are the happiest of the Village store group. They have already received their little Christmas bundle. Roy says he has received just what he always wanted — even had the name all picked out

BADGERS END 20TH SEASON

The Yosemite Badgers, under Sterling Cramer's direction, have completed their 20th year of football. Larry Riojas served this season as the head coach. The Varsity ended the season with a 3-1 record; the Junior Varsity turned in a 1-3 showing.

It is interesting to note that the Mariposa-Badgers Series, which started in 1940, shows that Mariposa won 18 straight games. However, since the Badgers first win, 13 — 12 in 1950, the local team has won 12, lost one and tied one. The series now stands: Mariposa, won 19; Badgers, won 12; with one tie.

In the spring of this year the Badger track team won the small school division of the Merced Kiwanis Jr. Olympics (Mariposa-Merced Counties) with a score of 51½ points for first place, over second place Washington of Merced which scored 37 points.

Varsity Won 3, lost 1

Badgers	47	Mariposa	0
Badgers	6	Menlo	0
Badgers	52	Mariposa	0
Badgers	6	Menlo	13
	<u>111</u>		<u>13</u>

Junior Varsity Won 1, lost 3

Badgers	0	Mariposa	13
Badgers	0	Menlo	34
Badgers	14	Mariposa	7
Badgers	6	Menlo	27
	<u>20</u>		<u>81</u>

in advance. However, Betty Jo convinced him that "Barbara Ann" would be a more suitable name for a little girl than William Kelly (Little Mac Rorabaugh, after his favorite general).

Roy agreed — says he wouldn't change her for the world, but Betty says he has already changed her many times.

Mr. Bob Cromer, who just returned from down South, says the Christmas season rejuvenates one's soul — so does a vacation, especially when one visits a foot doctor.

Our ranger force got into the swing of the Holiday festivities by announcing that everyone who gets too full of the spirits would be taken away for a very silent night

—by Andy

CHRISTMAS QUIZ (Continued)

Kings is celebrated. This is the day the Austrian children dress in costumes and go about singing for donations much as American children do for the Halloween Trick-or-Treat.

So from the fifth day of December through the sixth day of January there are many parties and many days of celebration."

Hector Contreras, from Chile, now at Yosemite Lodge cafeteria.

I think the main difference between Christmas customs in Chile and American customs is the weather. We always have a hot Christmas. It comes at the end of Spring and the beginning of our summer. Christmas Eve is the beginning of our summer vacation from school, so the children look forward not only to Christmas but to their summer Holiday of three months. The children look with happy anticipation to the visit from "Viejito Pasqual" which literally means Good Old Man or Old Man of Christmas. The children place their shoes beside an open window or fireplace instead of hanging up their stocking. The Christmas feast is more likely to be chicken than turkey and the Big Christmas Dinner is Christmas Eve either before or after Midnight Mass, with dancing and parties lasting until morning.

EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION RINGS A BELL

Thanks to some alert thinking, Kathy Beston, Yosemite Lodge Housekeeper, is receiving \$25.00 for a suggestion to improve guest service.

Miss Beston's suggestion was "to remove the phones which are now located in the linen rooms of the Oak and Pine Cottages and place them in the hallways," thus making them available for the use of guests. The phones will then be available for calls to the office for bellmen, ice, guest necessities, etc.

Other suggestions are being reviewed by the suggestion committee. Suggestion blanks and instructions for making suggestions will be found at boxes in the various units.

Call Bill Meacham in the Personnel office if you want help with your suggestion.



Opening day at the Lodge's new Ski Shop. Toney Freitas welcomes shoppers.

Toney Freitas, Ski Shop manager, delivers a sales point to Neik Slijk, while Trudel Clark admires the photographer



HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Home for the holidays are: Wyatt Kowski, Gay Young, Charles Young, Nancy Moe, Maynard Moe, Martin Murdock, Maggie Udell, Bill Breckenkamp, and Karen Highfill, all from Wasatch Academy in Utah. From Bellarmine College Preparatory School in San Jose Come Tim and Henny Berrey, Danny Sturm and Bobby Ewing. Ginnie Ann Sturm is home from Stanford Medical School, and Mary Lou Sturm from the University of Arizona at Tucson; Bob Eckert from College of the Pacific, and Jim Byers from Stockton College, both in Stockton; and Chuck Eckert from Los Angeles Art Center, Mike Abbott from San Francisco State, and Peggy and Nancy Proctor from the University of Colorado; and Gretchen Williams from the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington.

Jim and Laurie Ouimet are home. Gail Culver Wilson and son, Russell, are expected for a short visit.

NEW SKI SHOP AT LODGE

Alphabet pants, yet! When you stretch them out, however, they spell Willie Bogner and you can see them for yourselves at Yosemite Lodge's new Ski Shop located in the Redwood Room.

The new shop was opened on December 5th and is managed by Toney Freitas. Until the ski season begins, it will operate on a weekend schedule only, from 3:00 to 10:00 p.m. Thereafter, the shop will be open afternoons and evenings daily.

Niek Slijk, who has gathered and arranged the merchandise at the new shop, reports that there is an outstanding collection of sweaters and ski pants, the best yet offered locally.

WELCOME, STRANGERS!

Four new residents arrived in Yosemite during November. They are:

Laurence Randall, who came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Sutton, NPS, on November 11.

Frank Ralph Dominguez III, who moved in with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dominguez, NPS, on November 22.

On November 23, Betty Jo and Roy Rorabaugh, of the Village Store, welcomed daughter Barbara Jo, named for Aunt Barbara (also of the Village Store) and Mother (Betty) Jo.

Judy and John Degen, NPS, have been getting acquainted with young Sandra Lee since November 28.