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## KIDS' SKI PROGRAM IN 33rd SEASON



The Yosemite Kids' Wednesday Ski Program at Badger Pass is now in its 33rd season. Started by Luigi Foeger, the head of the Ski School at that time, and Leroy "Rusty" Rust, Yosemite's current Postmaster, the program was offered with the full support of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and Badger Pass. Rusty is still active in the program and coaches the racing team.

This unique program affords a rare opportunity for Yosemite children. Children participating in this program are exposed to skiing at an early age, with all the benefits of outdoor exercise and fresh air. Skiing is free to them on these days and for those not having their own equipment, Badger Pass offers them a special rate of 50¢ on Ski Day for rental gear.

## Surprise for Bears

Most of the bears in Yosemite are hibernating now, and while they sleep action is being taken to surprise them when they wake up in March with a diet of less garbage and more natural food. Dumpsters are being soundly bearproofed, and a campaign is being planned to educate visitors and residents about the bear management program.

No one is sure what the natural number of bears in Yosemite Valley should be, but in most similar areas one bear per square mile seems to be the norm. Yosemite Valley has approximately 27 bears, or a density of 4 bears per square mile. In part this may be due to the high quality natural food available to the bears, such as the large acorn crop, and the apples and pears in the old orchard, but it's mainly due to the great availability of garbage and campers' food.

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Children are transported to and from Badger Pass on YTS buses for a very nominal fee, and Bus Mothers who accompany the children also ski free on Ski Day, as well as receiving one complimentary lift ticket to be used on any other day.

Approximately 40 instructors are involved in the Kids' Ski Program, and are required to attend three clinics taught by the Yosemite Ski School, prior to teaching in the program. Instructors receive the clinics for free as well as a complimentary lift ticket on the day they instruct. In addition, they receive another complimentary lift ticket that may be used any other day of the week.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the management at Badger Pass view the children's Ski Day Program as a fine community endeavor and are pleased that they can support such an outstanding opportunity for the children of Yosemite and El Portal. In addition, Badger Pass offers a similar type program to the children of the Oakhurst School System.

## Bears

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When bears come in close contact with humans the potential for injury always exists. A normal wild bear will only attack when its cubs or food is threatened, or when it is approached too closely. So far this year there have been 28 injuries caused by bears in Yosemite.

The bear management program defines two kinds of bears. There are "problem bears" who regularly hang out around camps and aggressively drive campers from their food. These bears will be trapped and removed to remote areas, where it is hoped they will return to a natural diet and life. The other kind of bear is a wild bear who lives largely on a natural diet, but takes what garbage and human food comes its way. It is at this point that education of the public becomes the only possible solution.

Early in December members of the National Park Service, Curry Company representatives, Forest Service and State Fish and Game biologists, university researchers, and other interested parties met to discuss the Yosemite bear management program. A key element that came up again and again was the need for education of all visitors and residents, so much so that the program might be better called a "people management program".

Dale Nuss, Park Ranger, and Glen Cole, Research Biologist, from Yellowstone National Park presented the results of their work in bear management there. The program had three important components. First was the "sanitation" of garbage containers. This means not only making the dumpsters "bearproof", it means seeing to it that the garbage gets in the containers, and that they get closed. Secondly there had to be an educational campaign to inform the public of the reasons for keeping human food from the bears, and ways to go about it. Thirdly, where voluntary cooperation didn't exist, special regulations were established so that rangers could issue citations when campers carelessly left food available to the bears.

And the program worked. Anyone who went to Yellowstone in the 1940's and 1950's saw as many as 40 to 70 bears begging along the road in one day. Now it is unusual to see even one bear exercising this unnatural behavior.

Similar efforts were begun in Yosemite last summer, and the program is being expanded for next summer. By spring all the dumpsters in the park will be bear-proofed.

## WHERE HAVE ALL THE INSECTS GONE?

If you visited Yosemite during the summer, you were probably impressed with the hordes of mosquitoes, flies, ants, yellow-jackets, grasshoppers, dragonflies, and so on. All of these creatures will be back again next summer, so where are they now?

The majority of insects now exist in the form of eggs. The adults have long ago perished from dryness, lack of food, and cold. These eggs are very resistant and may be exposed to snow and sub-freezing temperatures.

A few types of insects will leave the valley and migrate to warmer places. Monarch Butterflies may migrate up to 2000 miles to seek warmth and nectar.

Many insects will find shelter to keep from freezing and spend the winter in a torpid state - unable to move or feed. Three most common shelters are under rocks, under the bark of trees, and under leaf litter.

Under-water insects have no problem with the cold of winter, since our creeks, lakes, and rivers maintain temperatures above freezing, except for the upper few inches. Many species will continue to produce adults during the winter. These adults must mate and lay eggs before the frosty evening arrives. Their bodies are often found dead on the snow the next morning.

Those bodies do not remain on the snow for long, as a minority of insects has evolved ways of staying active at temperatures far below freezing. These creatures will eat the frozen bodies on the snow and seek out torpid insects in their hiding places.

The program, needs your cooperation. Residents of Yosemite can be leaders in eliminating the sources of garbage available to the bear. Conscientious efforts to place all garbage inside the dumpsters must be made. This may mean taking the time to crush or tear apart boxes that are too big to fit through the dumpster lid, or using smaller disposal bags. But no garbage should be left outside the dumpster. These efforts will be rewarded with fewer incidents of property damage and personal injury.

## EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CORNER

by Jim Edeal

On January 1st each year the Insurance records for Life and Long Term Disability coverages are adjusted to reflect your salary change for the past year. This is not an increase of premium. It is a change of your insured status and increases your insurance values.

The amount of your coverage under the Life and Long Term Disability is determined by your "rated" average monthly salary. Your "rated" salary includes the value for meals and/or lodging when these are part of your salary per your employment contract. The schedule of your salary and the amount of life insurance in force and the amount of your contributive can be found in your Insurance Booklet.

For Example:

*If your "rated" salary a year ago was \$375.00 a month, your Life Insurance coverage was \$7500.00. If during this part year you received a salary increase and are presently earning \$405.00 a month your Life Insurance value increases to \$10,000.00.*

*The same principle applies to Long Term Disability. Basically you are insuring your salary for two-thirds of its value against a disability. Therefore, as your salary increases, your insured value increases.*

Each employee covered by the various insurance plans will receive in the near future a work sheet reflecting their individual insured status. If upon receipt of this information there are any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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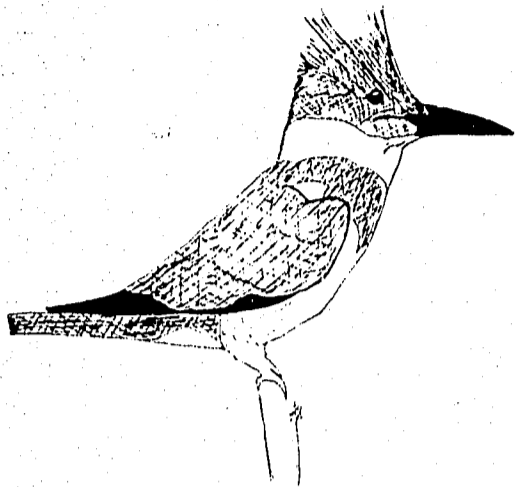
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## Animal of the Week



## KINGFISHER

The belted Kingfisher is a lovely slatey blue bird with a silvery white underside. The breast is broadly banded in more blue-gray and the female also has a bright rusty colored belt below that. Her rust color extends backward along each side.

But the kingfisher is more often identified by its peculiar topheavy proportions than its color. The head is big with a prominent crest and large stout bill. The tail and feet are small. These proportions are beautifully adapted to the life it leads. The large beak and head are built to withstand the shocks of frequent diving and they make an effective spearhead. With this equipment the kingfisher doesn't need to use its feet in fishing, like some fish-eating birds do. Instead the short legs and shovel-like feet are used to dig a long burrow nest in the banks near the water. The feet shove the dirt away after it has been loosened by the strong beak.

When fishing the kingfisher perches on an overhanging branch (or telephone wire) and watches for fish. This may be where you first see one. If the light is from behind the bird its silhouette is unmistakable. But if the bird is in mixed light and shade its blue-gray and white coloration will disguise it to the point of disappearing. The kingfisher doesn't keep one perch very long. It soon either dives to spear a fish, or tries another branch. Or it might rise 30 to 40 feet in the air to scan the water below. It may then hover for a few seconds with rapidly beating wings before making a straight or spiral dive directly downward. It can disappear beneath the water for several seconds.

The kingfisher only takes small fish, usually under six inches. It would probably live exclusively on fish if it could, but this isn't always possible. So it also takes other aquatic life like water beetles. In fact, in areas where the

## Yosemite Sam's Leads League

YPCCo. is being represented by Yosemite Sam's in the Mariposa City Basketball League. The games are played at the Mariposa High School every Sunday night. At the present time, "Yosemite Sam's" is leading the league with four wins and no losses. The team members consist of Del Cozhill, James Peggins, Ray Willis, Mike Foote, John Poe, Mike Ream, and Paul Peters. Ken Ashburner, who heads the coaching staff for the team, would like to congratulate the team and their fans.

streams largely disappear in the dry season, the kingfisher seems to live on whatever it can find: crabs, lizards, frogs, small snakes, grasshoppers, butterflies, young birds, mice, and even berries.

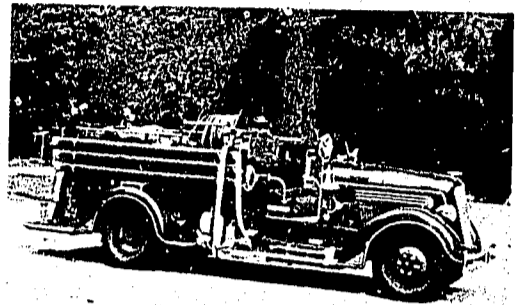
Once the kingfisher has a fish in its beak it flies back to some perch to eat it. The kingfisher first knocks the fish against the tree until the fish is unconscious, or dead. Then the bird tosses the fish into the air, or adjusts it some other way, so it can swallow the fish head first. Otherwise the sharp spiny fins would tear the bird's throat. If the fish is too large to be swallowed in one piece, the tail is left protruding from the kingfisher's mouth until the rapid process of digestion enables the bird to gradually work it down.

The kingfisher's call is most often a wild weird rattling noise. One use of this very harsh sound is to drive off other birds, particularly other kingfishers that may try to intrude on its hunting grounds. Sometimes the voice is quite soft and low, but this is seldom heard and seems to be a conversational tone with its mate.

Its flight is strong, swift, and graceful with a characteristic wingbeat of three quick beats followed by two slower ones. It usually skims over the water following the stream course. It will fly high above the treetops when traveling a distance. As it flies it's recognizable by the broad blue wings, white collar, and banded breast.

The belted kingfisher is common near fish-producing waters all across North America. It is well represented in Yosemite along the streams and the margin of lakes up to at least the altitude of Tuolumne Meadows. It can be seen along the Merced River in the Valley at all times of the year, and we saw one near Camp Curry a few weeks ago. The kingfisher is a hardy bird and will remain as far north in the fall and winter as it can find open water to hunt for fish. In areas where the water freezes over the bird migrates.

## THE SEAGRAVE GOES TO TOWN



For only the second time in its 37 years, our classic Seagrave fire truck and pumper has left Yosemite Valley. The first time was when it responded to the Glacier Point Hotel fire in 1969. On December 17 this year, exactly 37 years after its delivery to YPCCo., YTS driver Doug Murphy loaded it aboard his flat bed truck and hauled it to Fresno where another YTS driver, Jim Jones, completed the long haul to La Crescenta where the old fire truck will receive a complete overhaul of the engine, pump and steering.

The Seagrave is equipped with a straight eight dual ignition Packard engine. The pump is of the parallel series type allowing large volumes at low pressure or can be set for high pressure output. When new, the pump was rated at 500 GPM.

The body is hand-painted with scenes of Yosemite Falls and the striping is gold leaf. The truck features such innovations (for its time) as hydraulic valve lifters and brakes, and cast aluminum grill.

Pat "Tiny" Harley, our assistant fire chief credits the use of the Seagrave with saving the Curry Cafetorium because of its ability to pump large amounts of water.

The work on the truck should be completed in about three months and the Seagrave will once again stand ready for any fire emergency.

## Writers Needed

If you have a piece of prose, and article on history or natural history of Yosemite, or even an idea for an article, why not submit it to the Sentinel office for consideration. We're happy to publish articles by employees. If you have an article you would like us to consider either mail it to the Sentinel Office YPCCo., or come by and visit us in the General Offices.

# The Indian, Brother To The Deer

During the winter months the deer go to the lower elevations of Yosemite. Few people realize the extent to which the Miwok and Paiute Indian people of the Yosemite region used this animal. When an Indian prepared to hunt the deer, he would first use the sweathouse, similar to today's sauna, to remove all human scent. After this he would bathe in a river and stream, and then rub himself with the leaves of the Angelica or wormwood plant to further disguise his scent. The "Deer Mask" was then donned which consisted of the head and skin of a deer with wooden antlers replacing the heavy, actual ones.

After shooting the deer at close range with a bow and arrow, the Indian would then tell the deer spirit, his brother, that he was sorry he had to kill, but that his family had to eat. The deer was taken home, the meat cut up and divided among all the people of the village, and then his family was allowed to eat. The hide was used for clothing, the antlers as tools to make arrowheads, the bones for awls and gaming pieces and tools.

When the deer was completely used in this fashion, all that remained to be thrown away were the intestines and the bladder. The Indians had learned how to live within the environment and become a part of it.

## Employee Housing

by Paul Peters

When we consider the beautiful environment in which we live and then look at the litter in employee housing areas, it becomes difficult to keep it in the proper perspective. There is no reason that litter should exist at all in any of these areas.

We have experienced turned-over trash barrels, beer and wine bottles laying around housing areas, and general trash throughout. This trash is the responsibility of the housing department, but our concern is how does it get in the employee housing areas to begin with.

How many times have we as employees criticized guests for littering in "our" park? It seems that maybe we should take a hard look at some of our habits. Let's all do our part in rectifying this situation, first by not littering anywhere in the park, and second by not being afraid to pick up litter no matter who's responsibility it is.

## employee council meeting

December 19, 1974—8:00 p.m.

Attending:  
 Jim McIlveen  
 Rick Vocelka  
 Dan Slusser  
 Joe Klapp  
 Doug Hammond  
 Donnie Hines  
 Vic Bogdanoff  
 Debbie Rutherford  
 Clarinda Titus

Donnie Hines is leaving the council to return to school in San Luis Obispo. Paula Katz resigned from the council. There are two vacancies to be filled.

Jim McIlveen, Manager of Food and Beverage, and Dan Slusser, Director of Administration, advised and discussed with council plans being made for training programs for employees of the Housekeeping and Food Service Departments at the Lodge. The goals being: better guest service, pride in work and self, more efficient working conditions.

Guest service attitudes were discussed. Waiter-bus boy team concept was discussed.

Vandalism of employee housing areas was discussed.

It was requested that a study be made to determine if a program could be started for murals on dormitory hall walls. An artist would be commissioned to paint a mural on one hall wall in one dormitory as a pilot program. Artists are asked to submit sketches to any Council member to be viewed at the next council meeting.

An employee forum will be the next council meeting. The council will meet with Lodge Cafeteria employees at the Lodge Cafeteria January 2, Thursday, at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 CLARINDA TITUS

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3:

DANCE "James and the Mercedes" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4:

DANCE "James and the Mercedes" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
 Football Special ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
 Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 6:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
 MOVIE "Bang The Drum Slowly" ..... East Auditorium — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7:

Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting ..... YPCCo. Security Office — 7 p.m.  
 Batiking Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8:

Children's Ski Day ..... Badger Pass — 12:15 p.m.  
 Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink — 5:15 p.m.  
 Macrame Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9:

Lions Club Meeting ..... The Ahwahnee Indian Room — 12:00 Noon  
 Leather Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12:

Football Special ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
 Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
 MOVIE "Sound of Music" ..... East Auditorium — 8 p.m.

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## Ice Is Nice For Yosemite School Children



It's hard to conceive of a place which would be any more ideal for children to grow up in than in Yosemite. Those children who are fortunate enough to call this their home are never wanting for things to do, and winter is no exception.

One of the activities which seems to keep Yosemite kids busy this time of year is ice skating at Curry Village.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the Ice Rink offer a wide variety of programs for Yosemite children, including girls' figure skating lessons every Monday and Thursday afternoons. Each Tuesday and Friday afternoon between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m., the grammar school boys take over the rink and have at it in Ice Hockey. Saturday mornings it's the Mariposa High School Hockey team, and the employee

## Job Opportunities

The positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you wish to find out the qualifications for these jobs, please see the job opportunity sheets posted in the employee housing areas, or contact the Personnel Office. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions.

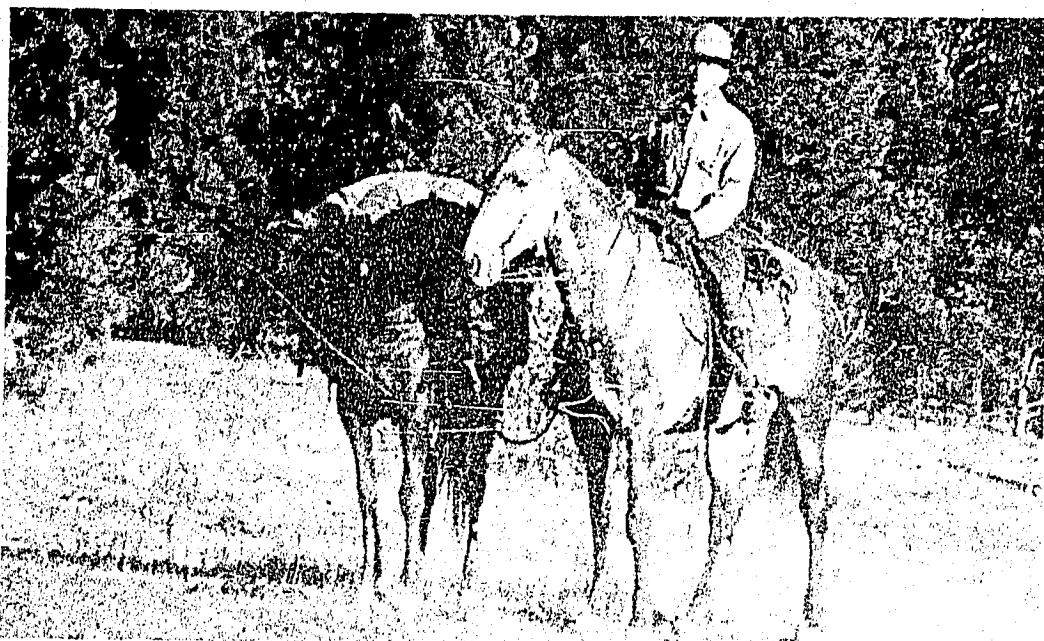
**ROOM SERVICE WAITER** - Neat appearance, courteous manner  
**MAID** - Quick and thorough worker with neat appearance. Heavy work  
**PANTRY HELPER** - desire to learn about food preparation. Experience preferred.

**WINE STEWARD** - Neat appearance, courteous manner. Knowledge of wines and liquors required.  
**NIGHT CLEANER** - Knowledge of floor cleaning materials and waxes.  
**RELIEF COOK** - Must be accomplished cook. Hand tools and uniform required.  
**HOTEL-TYPE PANTRYMAN** - Knowledge of salad and food preparation. Hand tools and linens required.  
**KITCHEN HELPER** - Heavy cleaning work.  
**PLUMBER** - Journeyman; knowledge of regulations for State and National Parks. Hand tools and heavy lifting required.  
**MECHANIC** - Journeyman; gas and arc welding experience. Heavy lifting  
**AUTO MECHANIC** - 3 years experience as mechanic. Diesel experience required and complete set of hand tools.

Broom Hockey league meets on Wednesday night.

Starting this month, the Yosemite Valley School Physical Education classes will begin meeting at the Ice Rink every Monday. While the Ice Rink is used primarily by Park visitors, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is proud to be able to offer Ice Rink programs which the children of our community can enjoy.

# THE GOOD OLD DAYS



In the good old days of 1923, when red-blooded men were rangers, and horses had unending endurance, Chief Ranger Forrest S. Townsley dreamed up patrol duty that would have wearied Paul Bunyan, let alone John Muir. Townsley's detailed instructions were addressed to Rangers Merrill Miller and Bert Sault. (Editor's note: Bert and Merrill were among the team of rangers who laid out the trails in Yosemite between 1923 and 1926.) Both men were back in the Park on September 31-October 1, 1974 for the Oldtimer's Reunion; Bert, at a brisk 90 was the oldest ranger present, and Merrill, a mere 84, the quietest. After the grand and exciting occasion, ex-ranger Moore sent a copy of Townsley's directions so Yosemiteites could see how it was in the old days. Whew!!

Park Ranger Miller,  
Yosemite National Park, California

Dear Sir:

You will arrange to start on the morning of August 20, on a ten day's patrol trip starting from Yosemite Valley over the Vernal and Nevada Falls Trail to the junction of the Mono Meadow Trail; from there you will proceed to Moraine Meadows; From Moraine Meadows to Chiquita Pass over the Gravelly Ford Trail, returning to the Fernandez Pass Trail by a trail just to the north and west of Red Top Mountain, passing by the chain of lakes. You will leave the park at Fernandez Pass, returning again at Isberg Pass, and continue on to Merced Lake, Tuolumne Pass to Soda Springs Ranger Station, reporting to headquarters by telephone at this station for any additional orders that we may have for you. From Soda Springs you will continue around through the northern end of the park to Bonda Pass, returning through

Jack Main Canyon to Lake Eleanor, and from Lake Eleanor to Mather Ranger Station where you will again call headquarters for additional instructions. From Mather Ranger Station you will patrol the western boundary of the park, passing by Aspen Valley Checking Station, Crane Flat Ranger Station, Merced Grove Ranger Station, returning to Yosemite over the Coulterville Road.

Park Ranger Sault will accompany you on this trip and the above instructions will apply to both of you. It will be necessary for each of you to carry about two week's supply of food, fire tools and a small 7x7 tent as you are very likely to encounter bad weather on this trip.

Besides keeping careful lookout for fires, it will be your duty to enforce all park rules and regulations, making careful check for unsealed firearms whenever camping parties are met along the trails.

We will also be very much interested in a report covering the fishing conditions of the lakes and streams that you may pass on your trip, also a statement showing condition of trails and roads that you travel on.

The outline of your trip, as stated above is merely an outline of the country that I wish you to cover. If, in the line of duty, it would seem necessary to change the above itinerary you may do so, following your own judgment.

Please figure your mileage on each day's patrol so that you will be able to report at headquarters not later than September 1st, 1923.

Very truly yours,

F. S. Townsley,  
Chief Ranger

## Employee Housing Corner

by Paul Peters

We've been questioned many times as to why it is necessary to vacate employee housing within 24 hours of separation. It may appear to be a hard rule, but the reason for this is that there is a shortage of housing, and every space must be made available as soon as possible.

This doesn't mean there isn't some leeway to the rule, on some occasions, employees have been granted an extension beyond the 24-hour deadline. We are receptive to granting such requests when asked, providing space is available and conditions warrant such consideration.

If you are laid off and you feel that an extension beyond the 24 hours is needed, come in and see me. Or come in and see me anytime you have a problem related to housing.

### RESIDENTS PHOTOGRAPHY

Ansel Adams Gallery is now offering photography courses for residents. Beginners courses have begun & are being held weekly on Wednesday nights, while the intermediates are on Thursday. The tuition is \$35 plus \$10 lab fee. For further information call 372-4579.

### X-C Ski Trip

All park residents are invited to join in on an al-day cross-country ski trip for Summit Meadows to Dewey Point on Tuesday, January 14.

The trip, lead by Ned Gillette, cross-country instructor, will leave from Summit Meadows, 1 1/2 miles above Badger Pass on the Glacier Point Road, at 10 a.m. Be sure to pack a lunch.

Those not owning their own crosscountry equipment may rent from the Curry Village Mountain Shop for \$2.75 a day, with their privilege card.

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## Animal of the Week

by Aubrey Wallace



### CHICKADEE

By now most of Yosemite's animals have hibernated or migrated. Many birds have left too, but the ones that have remained seem more apparent. The mountain chickadees are even more apparent than most winter bird residents because they travel in flocks of 10 or 12, moving about a great deal and calling to each other frequently. They're very curious little birds and if you sit quietly underneath a tree near them and whistle, one or more of them are likely to come right over to inspect you.

Chickadees' commonest call sounds like "chick-a-dee-dee", sometimes shortened to "chee-chee-chee". But they also have a song, a strikingly clear kind of whistle that carries very far. It sounds like "tee-tee, too-too" sometimes shortened to "tee, too-too". The first part is pitched much higher than the last. This whistle is very easy to imitate and you can often get a chickadee to answer your song. I alternated songs with a chickadee for about half an hour at Tamarack Flat one afternoon last summer. When I stopped it stopped and when I started again it started again.

They sing as well in the winter as the summer but in the winter they have to work harder to get their food and you mostly hear them calling to each other to

## Getting Around

Kathy Blagdon, the chief clerk at Curry Village has recently been appointed assistant chief clerk at Yosemite Lodge. In the meantime, however, Kathy has managed to get married to Derick Cotchett, a carpenter for the YPCCo. Maintenance Dept. They plan to live in the Valley. Kathy has worked at Curry Village for over two years and they will miss her charm and efficiency, but their loss is Yosemite Lodge's gain. Congratulations, Kathy and Derrick, we all wish you the best for your future together.

The new Vega parked in front of the general offices belongs to Dick Gallagher, our intrepid E.D.P. man. His shining new wagon is not to be confused in any way with the bucket of bolts known lovingly as the company car.

The Accounting Dept. is proud to announce that Nellie McPhaul's oldest son is attending Dartmouth! How about that? Now that's an accomplishment.

stay together. The flock moves through the trees for considerable distances in search of small insects and bugs for food. The flock travels intact but spread out so individuals don't cover each other's ground. They call to each other continually to keep in touch and communicate possible dangers. They inspect twigs and trunks of trees for insects. If the top of the twig doesn't yield any food the chickadee will hang upside down to check out the underside. They sometimes forage in manzanita and will rarely hunt on the ground. They will go as high up as 50 feet in the trees.

The flock breaks up in the spring, usually by the end of April. Then they form pairs for nesting. During the summer their foraging range is restricted to a small area the center of which is the nest, or the site chosen for the nest. The nest is in a hole in a hollow tree, sometimes an old woodpecker nest. When the five to eight young are old enough to leave the nest they go about with their parents and the family remains a group until at least the fall molt.

The mountain chickadee is distinguished from other chickadees by the white strip above its eye. The top and back of the head and whole chin and throat are black. The rest of the body is plain gray.

We've seen mountain chickadees all over the main forested regions of Yosemite. This winter we've seen them in the Mariposa Grove, at Wawona, and in the Valley. The mountain chickadee is common along the Pacific coast in the mountain forests from the yellow pine belt to the subalpine regions.

## EMPLOYEE BENEFIT CORNER

by Jim Edeal

### HOLIDAYS

The following holidays are observed by Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

New Years' Day  
 Washington's Birthday (Third Monday in February)  
 Veteran's Day (Last Monday in October)  
 Thanksgiving Day  
 Day after Thanksgiving  
 Christmas Day

All permanent hourly-paid employees who work on any of the above holidays are entitled to receive a compensating day off with pay. This compensating day off cannot be during the same week the holiday occurred but must be taken within 60 days after the holiday.

If a holiday occurs on the hourly-paid employee's normal work day, but the employee is unable to work because his office or department is closed in observance of the holiday, the employee will be paid a straight-time day for the holiday.

If a holiday occurs on the hourly paid employee's regular day off, the employee is entitled to an extra day off with pay to be taken within 60 days after the holiday.

If an approved holiday occurs during an employee's vacation, the employee is entitled to an extra day of vacation with pay providing prior arrangements have been made with your supervisor or an additional day's pay for the holiday at the employee's option.

Straight-time pay is computed at an eight-hour day. Holiday policy for union employees is covered by their union agreement.

Straight-time pay is computed as an with pay will not be given to an employee who is absent from work on a regular scheduled work day immediately preceding or following the holiday unless the absence has been approved by the employee's supervisor.

Any employee receiving benefits on a holiday from the Company's Sick Leave Program, Workmen's Compensation, State Disability Insurance or Long Term Disability, shall not receive either straight-time pay or an extra day off with pay for recognition of the holiday.

None of the above applies to part-time employees or those on commission. Salaried employees are expected to take compensating days off for holidays worked.



## BOB BARNETT, THE QUOTABLE COWBOY

by Elizabeth Shepard

The afternoon was clear and warm and wonderful, as only June can be; it was a perfect day for a wagon ride with your best fella.

I arrived at the Curry Stables to find the old YPCCo. red wagon hitched up to a team and my favorite cowboy holding the reins. "Hi, Sweetie!" Bob Barnett called from the driver's seat as I jumped up next to him for our ride to the El Cap Meadow. I thanked him for driving the wagon for us, and he replied characteristically, "I wouldn't do it for anyone else but you."

"I'm feelin' awful good today," he confided as we got underway, "Isn't it funny how you can feel awful and good at the same time?"

Bob's been feeling awful good since he was born in 1915. The Barnett family came to Mariposa County during the Gold Rush Days. Later, the family had a butcher shop in Madera. But one son, Jim, a cowboy at heart, went to Yosemite to work in the stables. He was later joined by his brother, Fred, who was Bob's father.

Inevitably, Bob followed in his father's and uncle's stirrups. In 1931, at the age of 16, he came to Yosemite, where he worked for his uncle, stable manager "Smiling Jim" Barnett.

For the next decade, Bob worked summers, except for the war years when he worked for Uncle Sam instead of Uncle Jim. After the war, he served as full-time wrangler and guide for the next ten years. Finally in 1954 he became the most popular, affable, and quoted stable boss in Yosemite history. In fact, many people call the stables Barnettsville, and it was there that I had joined Bob for a memorable ride.

On this ride I discovered that Bob Barnett was as expert a raconteur as he was a reinsman. He taught me all sorts of things. I learned how a good team of horses must be raised together so that they know how to work with each other. I also learned that the old wagon we rode on had been the company sleigh I'd seen so many pictures of. And I learned more...

"See those ditches along the side of the road there?" he pointed. "They're called 'moral ditches'. You see, when we were young wranglers courtin' a pretty gal, and no one was lookin', we'd run our cars off the road and through the trees to some quiet place. That's why they put these 'moral ditches' in."



It had been an hour since we set out on Northside drive from Curry Stables, and we were nearing our destination. But Bob had another story to tell, this one about the time he went to pick up a girdle for his wife. He walked up to the salesgirl and said, "Excuse me, ma'am, but I need to get a girdle for my wife." The clerk asked "Do you want a Playtex?" "Gosh, thanks, ma'am," drawled the big cowboy, "but I don't have the time right now."

Bob Barnett pulled the wagon onto the Old Big Oak Flat Road to join the stagecoach and other wagons for the Centennial celebration. Along the road, Don Rees and his family thumbed us down. "Climb aboard!" Bob called. To their thanks he replied, "Well, I wouldn't do it for anyone else but you."

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

Super Bowl Special ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon

Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Sound of Music" ..... East Auditorium — 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14:

X-C Trip ..... Summit Meadow — 10 a.m.

Batiking Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink — 5:15 p.m.

Macrame Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Beginning Photograph Workshop ..... Ansel Adam's Gallery — 7 p.m.

Comedies ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16:

Leather Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Intermediate Photograph Workshop ..... Ansel Adam's Gallery — 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, January 17:

DANCE ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18:

Lion's Club Slalom for Jr. B-C-D ..... Badger Pass — 10 a.m.

DANCE "Sundance" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

Amer. Legion Slalom For Jr. IV & V ..... Badger Pass — 10 a.m.

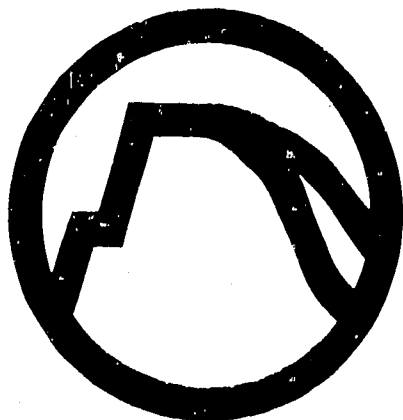
Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20:

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Scalaway" ..... East Auditorium — 8 p.m.

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PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT



ROY MANSON, *Personnel Admin.*



MARGE CROMER, *Employment Manager*

Did you ever stop to think who keeps track of all the employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.? It's the Personnel Department, located in the General Offices.

Personnel Manager Rick Vocelka and his staff handle 10,000 employment applications annually, and during the busy summer season hire some 900 persons under the capable supervision of Employment Manager Marge Cromer, a 15-year employee.

Just processing all those applications is enough to keep any staff busy but Personnel is also charged with the responsibility of affirmative action programs, wage administration, employee relations, and orientation of newly arrived employees.

This very important department is the employee's first contact with the Company, and it is only through this department that an employee can be hired, transferred, or otherwise have his job status changed.

Processing and maintaining such a large number of records is a tremendous job, yet you will always find a helping hand in the Personnel Department. A salute to this key operation of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.



JAN AUYONT



RICK VOCELKA, *Personnel Manager*



SHEILA SLATER

# "The Crow's Nest"



Much has been observed from the "Crow's Nest" during the recent holiday period.

New Year's Eve at The Ahwahnee was a fun night save the comments about excessive noise in the area of Tom Williams and party and the Tom Doyle table. About 500 people packed the Visitor Center to dance to "Rock Slide" (no pun intended), a Fresno group. Word has it the well ran dry before the stroke of midnight.

There was a "Hang-Over Remedy Center" at the top of Eagle lift at Badger Pass New Year's Day, sponsored by the Winter Club. If the activity around remedy dispenser Ken Ashburner was any indication, there was more hang-over than there was remedy. Club President Don Rees couldn't make it--he was home in bed with the "flu"!

Former Chief Ranger Jack Moorehead and his family were in the Park over New Year's. Jack is still living in Los Angeles and expects to be assigned to a park soon.

In Los Angeles over the holidays--Lloyd Hamm and family. The Hamms visited relatives and Universal Studios.

Luke Bradshaw's wife is home from Lewis Memorial Hospital after giving birth to a son. Following a week of TV dinners, Luke looked forward to a huge home-cooked meal New Year's Day. You can imagine his disappointment when all he could find in the Village Store meat counter was three chicken legs.

## BASKETBALL

Yosemite Sam's Basketball Team wins fifth game in a row without a loss. Remember Sam's plays every Sunday night at the Mariposa High School gym.

The Lodge gift shop had a great old-fashioned Christmas tree over the holidays and after the exhausting work of decorating same, Linda McGinnis, Shop Manager, has decided to take her vacation. What a way to rest--Ice Climbing in Canada.

The Accounting staff is resting after their December luncheon at The Ahwahnee--too much lemon pie, we're told.

The beginning of 1975 has brought numerous changes to the Reservations Office. Marylin Rhodes has left and moved to Marin, where she is contemplating Secretarial School. We find this interesting, since Marylin served as secretary while in the Reservations Office. Janet Potts will be the new secretary.

Debbie Ruskett is off to Arizona and then to New England for the winter.

The Crow's Nest has spotted a new face at the High Sierra Desk--Dawn Howell, and a familiar face, that of Wendy Whittenmeyer, has returned to Reservations after a brief absence.

## Job Opportunities

The positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you have the necessary qualifications for any of the positions, you are invited to apply through your unit manager. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions. Applications and resumes are presently being accepted at the Personnel Office.

MAID - Quick, thorough worker; neat appearance. Heavy cleaning. (AHW)

SALADMAKER - Desire to learn food preparation. Experience helpful. (AHW)

MECHANIC - Journeyman; gas and arc welding experience. Heavy lifting. (MAINT)

PLUMBER - Journeyman; knowledge of regulations for State and National Parks. Hand tools, heavy lifting involved. (MAINT)

OFFICE CLERK - Knowledge of office and record keeping procedures. Book-keeping experience helpful. (MAINT)

AUTO MECHANIC - 3 years experience as mechanic. Diesel experience, hand tools required. (GARAGE)



DAN SLUSSER has been named Vice President of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. As Vice President of Administration Mr. Slusser's areas of responsibility are personnel, employee recreation, employee housing, security, and employee benefits. Dan joined the company in June of 1974 and resides in the Valley with his wife Grace and four daughters. We all congratulate him on becoming an officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

## Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons will be offered on a group basis beginning on Monday, February 3. The classes will be taught by Malinda Greeley from the Hospital at 6:30 p.m. on those nights and will be a weekly event. Lessons are \$3.50 each and you must bring a guitar. For further information about the lessons, or for directions to the classes, call Malinda at 372-4836 before 9:30 a.m. or after 6:30 p.m.

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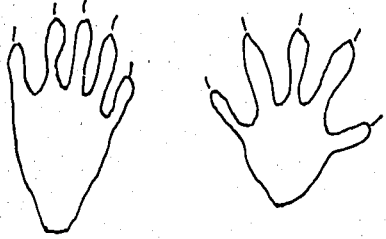
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## Animal of the Week



## RACCOON

Many wild mammals are active by night, and their presence is mostly detected by what they leave behind them, either their workings, like bear scratches on a tree, or mole mounds, or the runways of meadow mice; or by their droppings; or by their tracks.

The tracks above are those of the raccoon. The front feet are handlike, about 1 3/4 inches long, and the back feet are much longer, about three inches, and look like a barefoot baby, or a tiny bear. There are five toes on each foot, and the front and hind feet are usually in pairs. The fifth toe isn't useful as a thumb, so when they pick something up they use both hands.

Unfortunately we no longer need to detect raccoons by their tracks along the river, we can see them begging every night in many parts of the Valley. Not only is it probably bad for the raccoon's health to feed on human food and garbage, it is illegal to feed any wild animal according to park rules, and it can be dangerous. Semi-domesticated begging animals are not as tame as some people think; they might nip you. And raccoons can carry rabies.

Don't worry about a shortage of natural food for raccoons, their diet is even more varied than bears. They like frogs, snails, clams, rodents, and other small mammals, acorns, grains, wild and cultivated fruits, insects, and the eggs and young of waterfowl when they can get them. The young, which average four, are born in April or May and begin going out with mother to hunt for food at two months.

Raccoons climb trees easily, and prefer to den up in hollow trees during the day and in winter storms. They also like hollow logs, rock cavities, holes between tree roots, and old burrows of other animals. In the very far north several raccoon families huddle together in a den for days

## The Story of Tis-sa-ack

Tis-sa-ack, who lived in a far away country, journeyed with her husband to the Valley of Ah-wah-nee. They had crossed the high mountains, carrying heavy burdens, and were footsore and weary from their long journey. They were also very thirsty and were hurrying to reach the Valley, that they might drink from one of the clear lakes or streams, which they knew would be found there. When at last they reached Ah-wei-ya (Mirror Lake), Tis-sa-ack, who was ahead of her husband, sat down to drink. Again and again she filled her basket, and drained it so that when her husband reached the lake she had drunk up all the water and the lake was dry. When he found that she had drunk up all the water, her husband became very angry, and forgetting the customs of his people, he beat her severely. Tis-sa-ack ran, but her husband ran after her and continued to beat her so that she laid down the baby basket containing the papoose. Then, when he did not stop, becoming very angry with the pain and humiliation, she turned and hurled her burden basket at him.

Then The Great Spirit himself, shocked by such conduct on the part of his children, became angry, and turned them all into granite. Tis-sa-ack became that noble mountain now called Half Dome, and today on the broken side of Half Dome can still be seen her face with the tears caused by her pain and humiliation streaming down it. Her husband was changed into Washington Column and North Dome, while beside him, the up-turned burden basket, which Tis-sa-ack in her anger had hurled at him, became Basket Dome. The baby basket containing the papoose, which had been kicked aside during the trouble, became The Royal Arches, and there they may all be seen today.

---Old Indian legend from "The Lore and Lure of Yosemite," 1928

or weeks at a time, remaining dormant during the coldest part of the winter. But in Yosemite they come out again as soon as the storm lifts.

You probably know what a raccoon looks like, about the size of a big bushy cat, gray in color, with a black mask and black striped tail. The only animal you could mistake it for is the ring-tailed cat, which lacks the black mask, and is a Yosemite resident but is more common in the warm south.

Raccoons are common in lowland marshes, around streams, and wooded swamps. They can be found in the Sierra from the Central Valley up to the yellow pine belt.

## Employee Benefit Corner

by: Jim Edeal

### BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Employees with over one year's continuous full time employment are entitled up to three working days of bereavement leave with pay to arrange for or to attend a funeral of a member of the employee's immediate family.

The immediate family is defined as spouse, child, mother, father, sister, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, step-children or step-parents.

An employee may be asked to supply documentation or other proof of a death in the immediate family and of the employee's relationship to the deceased. For purposes of overtime computations, bereavement leave will not be considered time worked.

### Little Litter Slogan Contest

A Park employee wrote a memorandum and pointed out a small but real problem. He wrote:

"Today's project allows us to take a pleasant autumn walk out of doors through the mall. Instead of looking up at all of the beautiful colors in the trees and mountains, let us focus our eyes on the ground. What's this--a cigarette but; and another, another, another! Our autumn walk has suddenly become not so pleasant. Why is all this litter everywhere especially in a National Park? Perhaps people are not aware that cigarette butts are litter.

A small note on the front page of the "Yosemite Guide" declaring cigarette butts are litter would cost practically nothing. A similar note on all cigarette machines and sales counters could help too. Public awareness could greatly minimize a national disgrace. We should reduce the environmental impact on Yosemite, and no "butts" about it."

What is needed is a short slogan and/or design emphasizing butts, but also dealing with other small litter, like pop-tops and small scraps of paper. The winning entry is to be placed on cigarette machines, Coke machines, and sales counters declaring that this small litter is exactly that--litter. A \$25 Incentive Award will be paid by Yosemite Natural History Association to a Yosemite resident who authors the chosen slogan and/or design. Please send your entries, in writing, to Little Litter, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite National Park, California 95389, before 12 noon on January 31, 1975.



### VW CLUB

Unique Auto Counseling Service in El Portal, on how to repair your Volkswagen — a guide for the beginner, your wife, and the mechanically inept — is for the individual who wants a better understanding of what makes his VW tick, and would like to do his own repairs, but lacks the knowledge, and the working space. You can now go to El Portal Motor Service, to find the facilities for everything from an oil change to an engine overhaul.

For \$3.00 an hour fee, you are granted the use of shop equipment and counseling service as needed for your project, as well as a wide range of necessary items for tune-up and repair at discount prices, under the following conditions:

- a. Must be a member in good standing.
- b. Must have your own basic, metric hand tools and coveralls.
- c. Limited to Volkswagens, and their owners only!!
- d. Minimum membership dues \$36.00 which is good for six months. (Membership is limited, so that more personal service is available.)

For further information, call George Hardin, 379-2281 (shop) or 379-2254 (home).

### Babysitter Needed

Full-time babysitter needed. Your house or mine. Salary negotiable. Call Mike Durr after 6 p.m. at 379-2279.

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE - Trailer in El Portal, 10' x 50'. Best Offer. Contact Pat Myers P.O. Box 173, Yosemite National Park, Ca 95389

### THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

January 20 - SCALAWAG, starring Kirk Douglas as a one-legged leader of a band of pirates who rob another pirate band and neatly dispose of crew, ship, and loot. The story continues on with the misadventures of the search for the buried treasure. (G)

January 27 - THE SPLIT, starring Jim Brown and Diahann Carroll. Ex-con Brown and his gang plan a heist of football game receipts at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The story continues with the trouble the robbers have holding on to the money after they have completed the robbery.

### Zone System Workshop

The Ansel Adams Gallery is offering a workshop on the zone system and darkroom technique from January 18 through 25. Anyone is welcome to participate and all camera formats will be accommodated.

The Zone System and Darkroom Technique Workshop is designed to give the student a clear understanding and working knowledge of a precise method of film exposure/development and fine printing techniques. By integrating field demonstrations on exposure with darkroom lectures and by giving the individual student darkroom time to experiment, the workshop staff feels this workshop is ideally suited for those who wish to study and develop a fine photographic technique.

Because it is felt that a strong photograph is not based on technique alone, the Workshop will also encompass lectures on photography, print critiques, slide shows and informal discussions relating fine techniques with the photographic image as a creative effort.

Among the staff for this Workshop will be Oliver Gagliani, who is currently Assistant Professor of Photography at the University of California Extension, San Francisco. He specializes in the zone system and experimentation with darkroom techniques. He has been involved in creative photography for over thirty years and has had 22 one-man shows throughout the U.S.

David Bayles will assist at this Workshop. He has a BA from the University of Colorado and an MA in photography from the University of Oregon, where he also taught.

Norman Locks, Workshop Director for the Ansel Adams Gallery will complete the staff.

The Workshop will be offered to employees with privilege cards at the cost of \$180. Phone the Workshop at 372-4579 for further information or reservations.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20:

- Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.
- MOVIE "Scalawag" ..... East Auditorium — 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21:

- Ski Buffet ..... Four Seasons Restaurant — 6:30 p.m.
- Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.
- Batiking Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.
- Parents' Group Meeting ..... School Multi-Purpose Room — 7:45 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22:

- Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink — 5:15 p.m.
- Macrame Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.
- Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.
- Oldies-But-Goodies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23:

- Lions Club ..... Indian Room, Ahwahnee — Noon
- Winter Club Cocktail Party ..... Winter Club Room, Ahwahnee — 5:30 p.m.
- Ski Buffet ..... Ahwahnee Hotel — 6:30 p.m.
- Intermediate Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.
- Leather Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24:

- DANCE "Shiner" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25:

- DANCE "Shiner" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:

- Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.
- Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 27:

- Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec Office — 7 p.m.
- MOVIE "The Split" ..... East Auditorium — 8 p.m.



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## MANAGEMENT TRAINEES SELECTED

After many weeks of interviews, meetings and discussions, the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Management Training Committee has selected the first group of candidates to be introduced into the program.

Our program is an intensive 18-month period during which each of the candidates will have an opportunity to be exposed to all areas of our business such as food preparation, food service, front desk operations, housekeeping and various support functions.

We are hoping that once this group gets under way we will again be soliciting applicants for future programs.

I'm sure each of you will join the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. management team in wishing each of these candidates the best of everything for the months ahead as they embark on their new journey.



DONALD WILLARD is a newcomer to the Yosemite Valley. Prior to his arrival he has worked in various positions in the hospitality industry for the Hotel Fresno, Oahu Club in Hawaii and Sunnyside Country Club. Don acquired a B.A. Degree in economics from Occidental College.



KATHRYN WRAHTZ joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in September of 1972 and since that time has held a number of different positions, the most recent being as Front Office Cashier at The Ahwahnee Hotel. Kathy received a B.A. Degree in English from U.C. Berkeley.



JOSEPH ANDES has held a number of positions with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. since the summer of 1973, the most recent being as Co-Manager of Glen Aulin High Sierra Camp. Joe obtained a B.A. Degree in Biochemistry from San Jose State.



THOMAS KROON joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in February of 1974, at Badger Pass, and in April of that year was transferred to the G.Y.F. & B. Delicatessen. Tom is a licensed real estate salesman, an ordained minister and an avid fan of the outdoors.



ROGER MILLS joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. in July of 1974 and since that time has held a number of positions, the most recent of which was as Assistant Manager of the Four Seasons Restaurant. Roger was recently married to Karen Mahoney in the Yosemite Valley Chapel.

# "The Crow's Nest"



The "Crow's Nest" spotted Arvin Abbott the other day--he was hardly recognizable now that his "mouse-dash" has been removed.

Yosemite "jet-setters" Bob and Marge Cromer are vacationing on the sunny beaches of Hawaii for a month, while Tom and Lynn Williams, joined by Badger Pass ranger Rick Smith, were in Salt Lake City visiting with former Yosemite-ites Tom and Randy Shellenberger. Would be jet-setter Leslie Hart was to have made the trip, but managed to break her leg--second vacation in a row for Ms. Hart side-tracked by mishap. Is this a sign? Will Yosemite ever let go?

Also to be counted among the "leg in a cast gang" is Terry Satterfield, secretary at Yosemite Lodge. Speedy recovery to both Leslie and Terry.

The female population in the General Offices has been climbing up to the "The Crow's Nest" to get a peek at the newest bachelor in town (I thought this was the age of liberation?). He is Art Valdes, who has joined the Accounting Department as Internal Auditor. Art is a native California from Tulare. We welcome him aboard.

Thanks to all those employees, employee dependents, and other residents who pitched in and helped out at Badger Pass the weekend of Jan. 5th.

We presume you have seen the pictures of the Winter Club Fondue Party currently on display in the Village Store, and how excited the young lady (Kris Crofut) talking to the gentleman in the red bow tie (Don Rees) looks!!

Will the real Don Quixote please stand up?

Historical Note: Cervantes never really did like windmills.

# Job Opportunities

The positions listed below are vacant as of this writing and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you wish to find out the qualifications for these jobs, please see the job opportunity sheets posted in the employee housing areas or contact the Personnel Office. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions. Applications and resumes are presently being accepted at the Personnel Office.

**HOTEL PANTRYMAN (AHW)** - ability to make fancy hot hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, and different salad dressings. Own linens and tools required.

**SECRETARY (Gen. Off.)** - Experience in office procedures, filing, telephone, letter composition, etc. Type 70 wpm, short-hand 100. Dictaphone use helpful.

**AUTO MECHANIC (MNT)** - 3 years experience as mechanic; repair and adjust carburetors, electrical systems, and overhaul engines. Diesel engine experience, complete set of hand tools required.

## FOR SALE

**FOR SALE** — 1963 Karman Ghia Convertible, soon to be a collector's item. Runs well, but needs body work, a little engine work. \$400. Contact Dave Tanner at Tecoya B-33.

And who is the melodious red-headed English gentleman constantly overheard singing just about everywhere he goes?

In the Let's Get Ahead department, Loretta Becker has moved to the front desk at Curry Village, taking the place of Pam Coz-Hill, who is returning to school in Sacramento. At The Ahwahnee, Dave Heistand has taken over as Cashier after working for a time as Food Checker.

Congrats to Tim and Diane Moniz, proud parents of a baby girl born Dec. 16, 1974. The new addition to the Moniz family, Molly, weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 oz.

Ahwahnee buserperson Linda Machia was married Jan. 13 to an engineer on the Alaskan pipeline.

And what's this--has spring arrived early?...is it true that wedding bells will ring soon for Ned Gillette and Stacy Studebaker, Roger Rudolph and Nancy Gorman, Mark Meiggs and Kathleen Manson??

# Employee Benefit Corner

by: Jim Edeal

## SOCIAL SECURITY (Part I)

Forty years ago the federal government established a system of old-age benefits for workers, and public assistance to dependent children, needy aged and the needy blind. This many faceted program is usually only thought of as a retirement plan, but it is much more. This is the first of several columns discussing the various Social Security provisions.

## YOUR PAYROLL DEDUCTION-

The past several years have reflected several major increases in benefits for workers and families. These benefit increases for 1974 totaled 11%. The Social Security law provides for increases each year, based on cost of living increases. As the benefits increase, so have your payroll deductions. However your employer matches dollar for dollar your contribution. For example:

If your gross weekly salary is \$110.00, your Social Security contribution for the year will be \$334.62. Your employer also contributes \$334.62, on your behalf, so that your total Social Security credit equals \$669.24 for the year.

After you have been employed for several years, you should periodically request a check of your Social Security earnings. This can be accomplished by contacting your local Social Security office securing Form OAR-1004. Complete the information required and mail; a statement of your total earnings will be returned to you at no charge.

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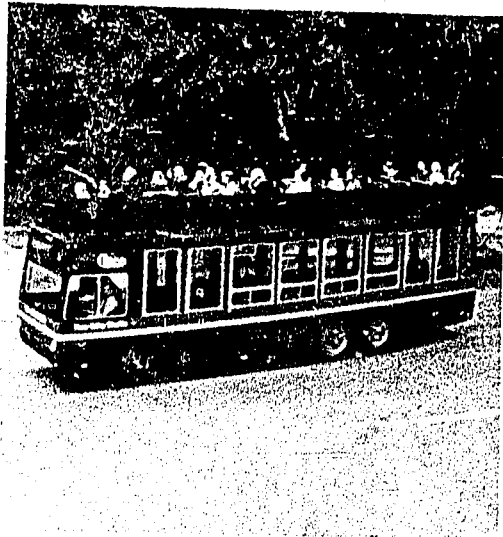


## BADGER

Badgers have a reputation for strength, courage, and ferociousness, and with good reason. Their heavy muscles, tough hide, and long hair enable them to withstand blows that would kill a more delicate creature. If cornered, they will leap at any enemy no matter how large (including humans). A badger can hold off a pack of dogs long enough to make its getaway by burrowing into the ground, showering dirt and stones behind it. It can dig with amazing speed, using all four feet and even its mouth.

Even experienced naturalists don't see badgers very often, but you can easily recognize the area where one lives by the scores of large (about 8 inches) holes that the badger digs to catch rodents in their burrows. Not particularly clever or swift, the badger has an unknown sense (smell?) that takes it right to rodent burrows. It then depends on strength and persistence to get to the animals inside — almost always with success. It eats mice, moles, ground squirrels, chipmunks, rats, snakes, and almost any other animal it can dig out, including insects and bumblebees in underground nests. If a badger is lucky enough to find a sleeping rabbit, it will take it, but the rabbit is usually too large for a badger to eat in one meal, so the badger buries the uneaten portion and comes back for it later.

A large relative of the weasel, the badger is especially adapted for digging. It has a flat depressed body with short legs, large feet, and long, stout claws. The badger digs a deep den where it holes up during winter storms. There isn't any evidence that badgers hibernate, but spells of very cold weather seem to make them drowsy. The den is also a nest and sleeping place. In the summer, they seem to move around quite a bit within a general area. We saw one last summer along the Lyell Fork of the Tuolumne. When we came back about a week later, that particular spot didn't have any fresh holes, but we saw what was probably the same badger a little further along the river.



It's easy to take the Yosemite Shuttle for granted--after all, it's been here for over seven years. But the Shuttle is one of the most progressive changes in transportation the National Park system, and even the whole country, has experienced. In addition to the obvious environmental benefits, the system lets people see that public transit can be fun, rather than a necessary inconvenience.

The badger seeks out open areas of soil with high rodent populations. Because extensive civilization often reduces rodent populations, it has exterminated badgers from a major part of their range. In *Birds and Mammals of the Sierra*, Lowell Summer and Joseph Dixon report:

"Wholesale poisoning of rodents on the western ranges has wiped out badgers: many died from eating poisoned carcasses; others starved in consequence of the removal of their food supplies. Before the white man came, the badger had scarcely an enemy; hence its natural rate of reproduction was low. Now, because of its low rate of reproduction, the species is unable to maintain itself in the face of persecution."

The high meadows near the crest of the Sierra are relatively protected from poison and civilization, and this is where you're most likely to see badgers these days. They range up to 10,350 feet.

Badgers are about twice the size of a house cat, yellowish-brown, and grizzled with white. The feet and top of the head are black with a prominent white streak from the nose over the middle of the crown to between the shoulders. The side of the head is white with a large patch of black on the cheek. Usually silent, the badger will make low grunting, puffing, or hissing sounds. It is usually solitary and most often seen in late afternoon or early afternoon.

## YOSEMITE SHUTTLE

On the local scale, the Shuttle has largely freed the east end of Yosemite Valley from the oppressive over-population of the automobiles that cause noise, fumes, and danger to people and wildlife. As a model transportation system, it has shown millions of visitors each year that a public transit system can provide convenient service as an alternative to the auto. As people become more aware of the basic environmental constraints that limit the amount of materials and energy that a society can expend, there will be more and more emphasis on public transit, like the shuttle, that is tailored to the local situation and achieves enormous savings of energy while being far safer than the private car.

The Valley Shuttle project was begun long before most people had ever thought of an "energy crises". It's an experiment in public transportation--and it works. Not only do the buses save energy, the energy they use is propane, a relatively non-polluting fuel.

The shuttle has suffered one complaint: a slight fuel smell noticed when boarding. This is now being corrected with catalytic mufflers. They're being installed on each unit as it goes in for annual maintenance.

The buses are run by YPCCo. under a contract with the NPS. Plans for the future call for expansion of the mass transit idea, not only within the Park, but more and frequent bus schedules to the Park.

Things didn't look quite so rosy in 1967 when the shuttle concept began. A pilot project was operated from August 15 through September 10 for a fee of 25¢. The conclusion was that when given a choice between taking a fee bus or taking personal cars, most visitors would use their cars. By 1970, the fee for the shuttle was entirely dropped, and the road system was re-designed to discourage car traffic. Since then, the buses have been popular and successful.

The buses operate on a schedule and route that is under constant evaluation to ensure that the most efficient possible service is provided. Current schedules are publicized in the Yosemite Guide.

It's easy for Valley residents who are familiar with the road network and with parking areas to continue to use their cars. But you'll benefit yourself as well as your environment if you use the shuttle or walk more frequently.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE

Jan. 27 - "THE SPLIT" - starring Jim Brown and Diahann Carroll. An action packed drama about a heist of football game receipts.

Feb. 3 - "A NEW LEAF" - starring Walter Matthau and Elaine May. A charming comedy about a playboy bachelor looking for a wealthy spouse.

### YOSEMITE SAM'S

Dancing this week (24 and 25) features "Shiner", a group from Modesto that plays anything from Rock to Country to Blue Grass.

Jan. 31 and Feb. 1, Sam's is having back for the second time, the "Joint Effort Quartet", a soul band, from Los Banos.

Don't forget Sam's new hours...Lunch is Monday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evenings Sam's is open Tuesday through Saturday from 5 p.m. to midnight.

### SPECIAL FREE CLASSES

YOGA - Sunday - YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 to 9 p.m. If you have tensions built up that you want to get rid of, or if you need to be more limber, try the Yoga Class taught by downhill Ski Instructor Steve Lerhner.

FLY TYING - Monday - YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 to 9 p.m. Learn to make your own flies and catch the bigger fishes. Or just take it up as a relaxing hobby. Equipment may be purchased at class.

MACRAME AND LEATHER CLASS - Wednesday - YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 to 9 p.m. Macrame and Leather classes are being combined on one night again. Learn leather cutting, tooling and tanning. Become an expert at the intricate art of macrame. Supplies may be purchased at the class.

## Austria!!! At Home???

The next five months of your life could be culturally broadened in the most pleasurable way imaginable. You and your family could learn about the little customs of Austria that add up to making Austria Austria--and you don't even have to leave your home. Stefan Alton, a high school student from Austria, will be your teacher. All you have to do is share your home with him. Stefan is quiet, well-mannered, and sponsored by the American Field Service. Call Barbara Wendt at 372-4816 or Gail Arnberger at 372-4289 soon, or somebody else may get your European experience.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

The "EMPLOYEE SKI DAY" will be held on Tuesday, February 4 at Badger Pass at 1 p.m. The big feature of the day will be a downhill slalom with prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

### SPORTS

THREE MAN REC. BASKETBALL LEAGUES play every Monday and Tuesday, two games a night, one at 7 and one at 8 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School Auditorium. The games are open to everyone.

BROOM HOCKEY still meets every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at the Curry Ice Rink. Teams are made up of both men and women. For those not owning skates, they may be rented at the rink.

All recreational events and classes sponsored by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Recreation Department are for the pleasure and enjoyment of all Park residents.

## GUITAR MISSING

On Friday, December 27, a 12-string Gibson guitar was taken from an employee's truck parked in front of the Yosemite Lodge. Besides the fact that the guitar serves as part of the employee's livelihood, the guitar case also contained the owner's entire collection of eight years worth of music and hard work. There is no reward that can be offered, only gratitude. If you know of the whereabouts of this guitar and its contents, please contact or return to the Mountain Room Bar at the Lodge or The Ahwahnee front desk. No questions asked.

INCOME TAX SERVICE right here in Yosemite. Prompt service, reasonable rates. Call 372-4705 evenings for information and appointment.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24:

DANCE "Shiner" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25:

DANCE "Shiner" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel - 9:30 a.m.  
Yoga Class ..... YPCCo, Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 27:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "The Split" ..... East Auditorium - 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28:

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink - 5:15 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adam's Gallery - 7 p.m.  
Macrame and Leather Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.  
Comedies ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30:

Intermediate Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adam's Gallery - 7 p.m.  
Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:

DANCE "Joint Effort Quartet" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

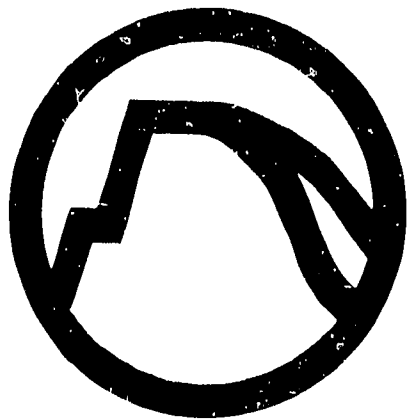
DANCE "Joint Effort Quartet" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel - 9:30 a.m.  
Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "A New Leaf" ..... East Auditorium - 8 p.m.



## THE TELEPHONE MAKES THEIR DAY!



*JAN WHITFIELD, All Expense Tours*



*MARGARET JUDKINS*



*JIM McDONALD, Reservations Manager*



*SANDY NULMAN, Group Tours*



*DEBBIE CANTRELL*



*MARGARET JUDKIN (left) and LAUREL ODEN*

Pictured above are a number of girls in the Reservations Department busy at work answering numerous calls which come into the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Central Reservations Office yearly.

Located in the General Offices, eighteen Reservations Clerks (twenty-four in summer) man the telephones 365 days a

year, making reservations on a computerized system.

This is a key department in company operations, since it is here that the guest has his first contact with our employees. Jim McDonald, head of reservations, and his crew have developed into an efficient team and are always there ready and willing to help make a reservation or

answer any questions the guest might have regarding his visit to Yosemite.

It's no easy task to answer the telephone all day long yet there is always a smile and friendly help in the Reservations Office, and Jim and his staff do their best to come up with a room for the many people who want to visit Yosemite. Hats off to this very important part of our company.



## "The Crow's Nest"



Another new face in Accounting...Mary Saunders, pinch-hitting for Nellie McPhaul who is vacationing in Costa Rico. Mary hails from Santa Maria, Calif.

What Chief Operating Officer was wandering around in the fog? Ed Hardy and family — glad you were able to find your way back to Yosemite out of the San Joaquin Valley! Hardys, fogged in at Fresno on a recent trip to Phoenix, ended up driving to L.A. — only to find the airport there fogged in. The Hardys then were bused to Burbank — only to be delayed another 4 hours, finally arriving in the land of sunshine at 2 a.m., after leaving Yosemite at 9 a.m. . . . the previous day.

Also grounded by the thick grey soup of the Valley was Jack Hicks.

The fog didn't stop Cathryn Louenroth on her daily commute from El Portal, but the ice did — she hit the retaining wall after skidding on a slick spot in the road. Cathryn, incurring bumps and bruises, was most indignant, however, to discover her tire missing after the accident. But alas, all is well — turns out the tire was picked up by a good Samaritan to be saved for her.

Congratulations are in order for the staff at The Ahwahnee on making the Winter Wine Festival (Jan. 17-19) such a great success.

Does anyone know an effective snow dance? If so, please call 372-4691 and speak to Tom Williams — he will be happy to hear from you.

In the believe it or not category.... Beverly Johnson in a dress...having dinner in The Ahwahnee yet!

In the for what it's worth department: there are only 334 days left in 1975; there is only one Friday the 13th this year; Easter is March 30th; January is almost over.

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing (Jan. 20, 1975), the positions listed below are vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you have the necessary qualifications for any of these positions you are invited to apply through your unit manager. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions.

**HOTEL PANTRY PERSON** - ability to make fancy hot hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets and many different salad dressings. Need to have own linens and tools. Rate: \$3.65-4.66/hr.

**BUSPERSON** - must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Hard work. Rate: \$2.10-2.80/hr.

**FOOD SERVICE PERSON** - must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Need own white tennis shoes or oxfords. Rate: \$2.10-2.80/hr.

**PLUMBER** - journeyman; knowledge of regulations for State and National Parks. Hand tools and heavy lifting required. Rate: \$5.66/hr.

**AUTO MECHANIC** - 3 years experience as mechanic. Diesel experience required and complete set of hand tools. Rate: \$5.40-6.80/hr.

**CLERKS** - must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Able to type accurately, and do detailed charts neatly and accurately. Rate: \$2.55-3.32/hr.

**FILE CLERK/TYPIST** - Neat appearance and pleasant manner. Able to type accurately (approx. 45 wpm). Familiar with office/filing procedures. Rate: \$2.40-3.14/hr.

**PERSONNEL CLERK** - Neat appearance and pleasant manner. Must have good typing skills, ability to handle problems spontaneously. Familiarity with office procedures would be an asset. Rate: \$3.15-4.05/hr.

## WINTER ECOLOGY

The YNHA is offering Winter ecology field study in Yosemite Valley on Feb. 1-2 & 8-9. During the 14 hours of the field work, participant will examine inter-relationships between rocks, soil, plants, animals and micro-organisms as they are affected by winter temperatures, wind, light, and moisture condition.

The course is limited to 20 people and the registration fee is \$20. For further information call 372-4532.

## Employee Benefit Corner

by: Jim Edeal

(Part II)

### YOUR FAMILY'S PROTECTION

Social Security isn't just for the elderly... It can mean a lot to young families.

For example, there is the case of the young father killed in an accident, leaving a wife and two young children under age five. His average earnings covered under Social Security were \$500 a month. His widow and children are entitled to about \$549 each month or \$6,588 each year. By the time the older child reaches 18, the family could have received over \$75,000 or more at present rates; not including the cost of living increases. Furthermore, the widow could again receive monthly benefits when she reaches 60. The children could receive benefits until age 22 if they remain in school as full-time students — and are unmarried.

Some of the other situations your benefits cover are:

1. The disabled worker and his dependent family,
2. In some cases the divorced wife or widow and dependent children,
3. And if your disability is caused by blindness.

However, when you feel you might be eligible for Social Security benefits, detailed questions can be directed to the Social Security office for the proper requirements and available benefits.

## FOR SALE

1970 VW Camper. All new parts and rebuilt engine. \$1900....A Real Bargain! Contact Addis Rezene at 379-2678.

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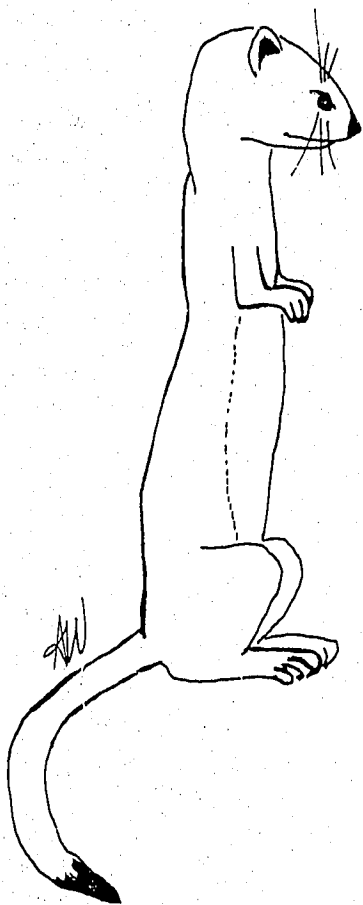
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## Animal of the Week



The long-tailed weasel is one of the most interesting animals in Yosemite. In the summer, it is dark brown above and creamy yellow below. In the winter, it changes to pure white except for the tip of the tail, which is always black. In the fur trade, the white weasel is called ermine. This striking change is unique among predators in Yosemite and allows it to hunt in perfect camouflage any time of the year.

The weasel's shape is stream-lined for quick movements and snake-like suppleness. About the length of a ground squirrel, but much slimmer and with very short legs, the weasel is built for darting down rodent burrows to catch its supper. The weasel is a good climber too, and can run up or down trunks of the smaller trees almost as easily as a tree squirrel can. Weasels mostly eat rats, mice, and squirrels, but also snakes and small birds when they can get them. In the winter, when many of the rodents are hibernating, the weasel stays active but has to work much harder. Now more than ever, it depends on its sharp sense of smell, which is always more important to it than sight. It has to find the burrows of hibernating rodents. Meadow mice stay active in burrows under the snow, and so they're a little easier for the weasel to find.

Like its cousin the badger, the weasel is an aggressive fighter. It will stand and fight to the end if cornered, and sometimes wins over seemingly more powerful opponents.

## SKI FESTIVAL

YPCCo. Employee Recreation is sponsoring a Ski Festival for all Park employees and residents at Badger Pass on Tuesday, February 4, at 1:30 p.m. There will be a variety of events for the young and old, including a slalom race, snow shoe relays, and an obstacle course. Awards will be given and the Yosemite Sam's World Cup will be presented to the outstanding Skier of the Day. There will be a registration desk in the main lobby.

## EL PORTAL ROAD

The National Park Service has announced that the construction of the trunk line sewer has been postponed until the end of February. For the most up to date information on the road closure call the 24 hour NPS information number 372-4222.

Weasels mate in the summer, but the embryos don't begin to develop until about March. The four to nine young are usually born in April. Except for the brief period of mating, the weasels usually remain alone and on the move. A weasel stays in an area only as long as there is food for it. Once it has reduced the population, it moves on. Then the rodent population builds up again, and the weasel may return. If undisturbed, this biological cycle continues through the years.

The long-tailed weasel is known to its prey, who will give voice when the weasel is around. You can see this demonstrated on Tuolumne Meadows in the summer. Occasionally in the late afternoon, the ground squirrels will start chirping and whistling madly, and if you look carefully, you may see a weasel at work. The Soda Springs Campground is a good place to look for weasels — they've been reported there since 1915. Probably the large number of fat, sluggish campground squirrels are easy prey for the weasels. Last year, we got close enough to a weasel by the bridge at Soda Springs to really see its gleaming fur, which is similar to the mink, another weasel cousin. Look for weasels around rock piles, old logs, and burrows. You may see one standing up in an almost snakelike stance in the meadow. Some have also been sighted recently up at Badger Pass.

Because the long-tailed weasel is able to prey on a large variety of animals, it can occupy many habitats and altitudes. Except for the extreme desert areas, the weasel can live from the Atlantic Coast to the Pacific, and from southern Canada to South America. It is found across the Sierra from 4,000 to 10,000 feet.

## Care to rap with a Pastor?

Ever feel like the need is there to talk with someone? A minister?

Yosemite has two such fellows. Fr. James Murphy pastors the Roman Catholic parish and Rev. John Davis pastors the protestant community church.

Either one of them would be glad to get together with you. Fr. Murphy's number is 372-4729 and Rev. Davis' is 372-4885.

## Snow Corn Bread

New snow contains ammonia which causes the batter to rise quickly and acts the same as baking powder. Make certain to gather only fresh, clean fallen snow.

2 c. yellow corn meal	4 c. dry clean
1/2 t. salt	freshly fallen snow
pinch of black pepper	Butter

Mix corn meal with salt, pepper and snow in a chilled bowl. Work fast, blending the ingredients quickly with a wooden spoon. Fill a buttered and lightly floured shallow baking dish about 7/8 full. Bake in a hot oven (400) until the top is crisp and golden brown.

## FOR SALE

1969 Land Rover. New brakes, tires, U-joints. \$2375. Call Brenda after 5 p.m. at 372-9909 or go to "E" Dorm. at Tecoya Rm. 108.

## EMPLOYEE HOUSING CORNER

by Paul Peters

From time to time employees have taken it upon themselves to discard or remove furniture from their dormitory rooms. Doing so causes many problems; if you remove beds, dressers, mattresses or bedding without the knowledge of the housekeeper the next individual occupying that room will undoubtedly come up short. This also presents considerable problems when our housekeepers are inventorying the items to determine what has to be purchased for the coming year.

If you want to rearrange your room in some way, first contact the housekeeper to see if it is feasible. If it is, they will help you store what needs to be stored or help you find the items you want to add to your room.

If we can be any help to you in any area please call on Extension 451 or come in and see us.

### Yosemite Recreation

#### MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Feb. 3 "A NEW LEAF" starring Walter Matthau and Elaine May. A charming comedy about a playboy bachelor looking for a wealthy spouse. (G)

Feb. 10 "CONRACK" starring Jon Voight. A heart-warming story of an idealistic white teacher in the rural South. (PG)

#### YOSEMITE SAM'S DANCES

"Heather" is returning to Yosemite Sam's for their final appearance of the year, on Friday and Saturday (7 and 8). They play a variety of fine music, including country, soul, and rock 'n roll. Dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 with privilege card.

#### THEATRICAL WORKSHOP AND AUDITIONS

All those with theatrical ability or who just like hamming it up--there will be auditions for those interested in being part of a community play. The workshop and auditions will be held at Yosemite Sam's Monday night, Feb. 3, at 7 p.m.

#### OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Wed. at 8 p.m. This week's features are the Three Stooges in "All the World is a Stogie", "Mush and Milk" with the Little Rascals, and Chapter 10 of Flash Gordon. Come in and enjoy some good laughs with your favorite oldies.

#### SPECIAL CLASSES

**YOGA AT WAWONA** - Steve Lesser will be instructing Yoga in Wawona every Wednesday evening from 7 to 9:30 p.m. If you live in Wawona and would like to attend, please contact Steve at 372-4691.

**FLY TYING** - Monday - YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 to 10 p.m.

**YOGA** - Tuesday - YPCCo. Employee Rec. office - 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**MACRAME** - Wednesday - YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 to 10 p.m.

**LEATHER** - Wednesday - YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 to 10 p.m.

(NOTE: Materials for most of the classes may be purchased at the class. All classes are open to all Yosemite residents, free of charge.)

#### SPORTS

**THREE-MAN BASKETBALL** - Now that the spirit of football has faded away for another year, it's time for basketball season again. For all those interested in participating in a basketball league,

teams will be playing on Monday and Wednesday nights at 7 and 8 p.m. at the Elementary School Auditorium.

**THREE-WOMAN BASKETBALL** - Try-outs will be Wednesday (5) at 7 p.m. in the Yosemite Elementary School Auditorium. Contact Kati Manson at 372-4847 for more information. Teams will be organized.

On Saturday, January 18 at 7 p.m. a bus parked in the Yosemite Lodge parking lot began to roll. It was headed directly for a parked car that a woman was leaving. Jack Giles, a bellman at the Lodge, yelled to the girl to hurry out of the way of the on-coming bus that she had not noticed. Because of his quick actions, the result was a no-injury minor car accident. The visitor went into shock when her car was totaled by the bus that had just missed her, but suffered no other injuries. Our congratulations to Jack Giles.

### VISITOR SAVED

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalist Study Room - 8 a.m.

Sierra Slalom for Jr. IV-V (FWSA) ..... Badger Pass - 10 a.m.

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalist Study Room - 8 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

Sierra Slalom for Jr. B-C-D Racer (FWSA) ..... Badger Pass 10 a.m.

Karate Class ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3:

Theatrical Workshop and Auditions ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

MOVIE "A New Leaf" ..... Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4:

Ski Festival ..... Badger Pass 1:30 p.m.

Ski Buffet ..... Yosemite Lodge - 6:30 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink 5:15 p.m.

Macrame and Leather Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

3-Woman Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 p.m.

Yoga Class ..... Wawona - 7 p.m.

Oldies-But-Goodies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6:

Lions Club ..... The Ahwahnee - Noon

Ski Buffet ..... The Ahwahnee - 6:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

DANCE "Heather" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalist Study Room - 8 a.m.

DANCE "Heather" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel 9:30 a.m.

Karate Class ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

MOVIE "Conrack" ..... Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

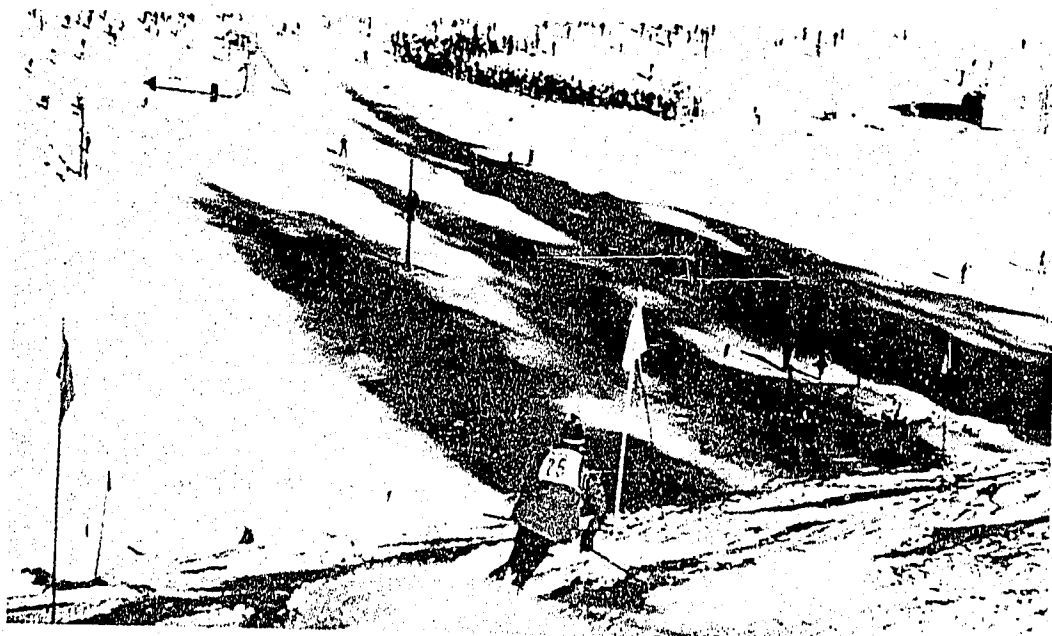
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## FWSA RESULTS

Approximately 100 boys and girls representing ski areas, from Tahoe in the north to Mt. Waterman in the south, came to Badger Pass recently for the 26th running of the Lion's Club and American Legion Slalom. Under the Far West Ski Association sanction, these children range in age from about 8 to 18 and are in the process of losing FIS points (Federation International de Ski) so that someday, should they pursue the sport, they may be in contention for our National Team. Winners in their division were:

### B-C-D

Peter Rishko	Mt. Waterman
Jeff Power	Yosemite Winter Club
Tom Wolfe	Yosemite Winter Club
Tom Christenson	Dodge Ridge

Andrea Sarlo	Dodge Ridge
Betsy Woessner	Yosemite Winter Club
Lynn Cross	Yosemite Winter Club

### GROUP IV & V [12 and under]

Leslie Treat	Sierra Ski Ranch
Chris Thompson	Yosemite Winter Club
Clark Silas	Kratka Ridge

It was a fine showing for the local boys and girls, who then traveled to Kirkwood Meadow for two days of Giant Slalom.

The C and D racers of the Yosemite Winter Club Team journeyed to Kirkwood Meadows for the Sunrise Giant Slalom that saw 200 children competing from all over this state. The course dropped 1000 feet with 40 gates set under icy conditions to test the very best.

Cindy Fiore led the pack Saturday, having the fastest over-all time by a full second. Betsy Woessner, Lynn Cross and Clark Barrett placed among the top three in their class. Sunday Giant Slalom was held again on very hard pack with snow flurries and a 45 mile wind, the icy conditions took their toll of a third of the races who never finished. Yosemite managed to place two racers again among the top three, Lynn Cross and Tom Wolfe.

The Team has worked very hard this year and their placing of six racers among the top three in a field of 200 is an accomplishment they should be proud of. Twenty parents and friends accompanied them on the trip to Kirkwood.

## Job Opportunities

The positions listed below are vacant as of this writing and need to be filled. Appointments with Personnel can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**HOTEL PANTRY PERSON (YL)** - ability to make fancy hot hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, and different salad dressings. Own linens and tools required. \$3.65 to \$4.66.

**FOOD SERVICE PERSON (YL)** - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Need white tennis shoes or oxfords. \$2.10 to \$2.80.

**PLUMBER (MNT)** - Journeyman, knowledge of regulations for State and National Parks. Hand tools and heavy lifting required. \$5.66.

**DIESEL MECHANIC (VEH. MNT)** - 3 years experience, diesel experience, complete set of hand tools required. \$5.40.

**RESERVATIONS CLERK** - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Type accurately; do detailed charts neatly, accurately. \$2.55 to \$3.32.

**PERSONNEL CLERK** - Neat appearance pleasant manner. Good typing skills, ability to handle problems spontaneously. Familiarity with office procedures an asset. \$3.15 to \$4.05.

**SECRETARY** - Prior experience in office procedures, filing, telephone, letter composition. Type 70 wpm, take shorthand. Familiarity with dictaphone helpful.

**MAID (CV)** - Quick, thorough worker, neat appearance, heavy work involved. \$2.25 to \$2.45.

## WHAT'S COOKING

The culinary arts can be fun--downright exciting, in fact--and armed with the right "tools" and a good recipe, cooking can become truly a creative adventure.

If you are one who loves to experiment with various foods, this column will give you a chance to try your hand.

We'll attempt to give you a variety of recipes, cooking hints, and even party ideas that you'll love becoming involved with, from salad preparation to complete meals with a foreign flair.

Good luck to you on your culinary adventure, and by the way, if you have a recipe you'd like to share, send it to us.

### THIS WEEK'S RECIPE

#### ALMOND COFFEE PIE

Serves 6 to 8

- 1 TB unflavored gelatin
- 1/4 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup cold water
- 3 eggs separated
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup cold strong coffee
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 graham cracker pie shell
- 1 can whipped topping

Soften gelatin in cold water five minutes. Beat egg yolks until light; beat in 1/2 cup of sugar gradually, add coffee slowly, then salt. Cook over boiling water five minutes stirring constantly. Add gelatin and stir until dissolved. Chill until mixture begins to thicken. Beat egg whites until stiff, beat in remaining sugar gradually, and add vanilla. Fold into gelatin mixture. Pour into pie shell and chill until firm. Cover with whipped cream topping and sprinkle on almonds.

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## Volunteers Needed for Fire Department

Volunteers are needed for the El Portal Fire Department to fill the vacancies of those who have moved.

The El Portal Fire Department invites you to join the department and learn the operations of the Fire Trucks and equipment — Who knows, maybe the house you save may be your own.

El Portal Fire Department meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Loren West, Ass't Chief, will be the training instructor during February and March.

## MEN WANTED!

Yosemite has a registered Boy Scout troop, interested boys, and an ideal location for Scouting. The missing ingredient, however, is leadership. Boys must have men to have Scouting!

A representative of the area Boy Scout council will be in the Park in the near future to help reactivate the local troupe. Any men willing to serve on the Troop Committee — not necessarily to assume actual leadership — are urged to express that willingness to Arvin Abbott at the Village Store or call Anne Hendrickson at 372-4250.

## Employee Benefit Corner

by: Jim Edeal

### SOCIAL SECURITY (Part III)

#### YOUR FEDERAL RETIREMENT

Calculations of Social Security benefits become very complex. There are several classifications workers or dependents can fall under for benefits. The following questions and answers cover the most common circumstances.

Q. Can I retire before age 65 and still receive benefits?

A. Yes. You can retire at age 62, 63 or 64, at a reduced rate. If you retire at age 62, you receive 80% of what you'd get if you had waited until 65. If you retire at 63 it is 86 2/3% and 64 is 93 1/3% of what you'd receive at 65. The reduced amount doesn't increase when you hit 65. However from a mathematical point of view, by taking a reduced benefit at age 62, you're ahead in benefits until you reach age 77.

Q. Suppose I decide not to retire or receive benefits at 65, can I still qualify for Medicare benefits and continue working?

A. Yes. Contact your Social Security office within three months before your 65th birthday in order to receive hospital protection without delay.

Q. If I decide to retire at age 62, am I also eligible for Medicare?

A. No. Medicare, except for disabled workers, disabled widows, disabled adult children and disabled dependent widowers, is available to persons 65 and older.

Q. What happens if I become disabled and cannot work? Am I eligible for Social Security benefits?

A. If you become disabled at any age, you may be entitled to Social Security and Medicare benefits. You would get the same amount you would be entitled to had you retired at 65. Your wife and children are also entitled to benefits.

Q. If I decide to retire at age 62, will my wife get benefits?

A. If your wife is 65 at the time you retire, she get 50% of your full benefit you would get at age 65. If she is 62 and wants benefits at that age, she'll get 37 1/2%, at 63 it is 41 2/3% and 64 is 45 5/6% of your full benefit.

Q. Does my wife receive benefits even though she's never worked?

A. Yes. And if she has worked, and is entitled to benefits on her own earnings, she'll get the higher amount based on either your account or hers.

Q. What "survivors" benefits is my family entitled to?

A. There is a burial expense. This is a cash payment equal to three times your monthly benefit amount, but not more than \$255. There's a widow's benefit. This benefit is 100% of your full benefit if she is 65 or older. She may elect slightly reduced benefits at age 60, 61, 62, 63, or 64. There are also special rules that apply to disabled widows.

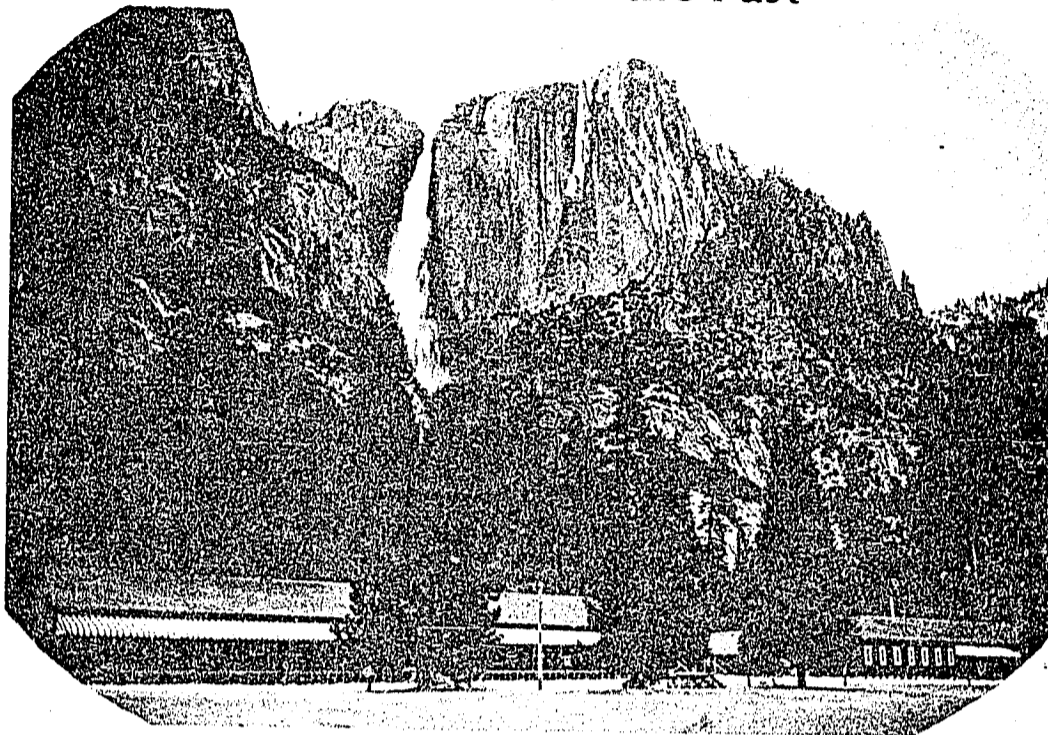
There is a mother's benefit. This goes to your widow, regardless of her age if she's caring for your children. Then there is the children's benefit. These are generally 75% of your basic amount. They are also subject to the standard earnings test and family limitations.



# "The Crow's Nest"



## Pictures from the Past



January 12, 1975 is a memorable day for the Whitfields. After 30 years of boys, the Whitfield family has a baby girl. Heather Marie was the first baby born in Mariposa County in 1975. Her proud father Billy works for YPCCo. in the electrical shop.

Also in the Let's Add a New Resident Department, Ridgley Reese gave birth to a baby girl the night of Jan. 22. Lisa Deann weighed in at 7 lbs. 4 oz. Bobby Reese is a Supervisory Forestry Technician for NPS.

In the believe it or not category:

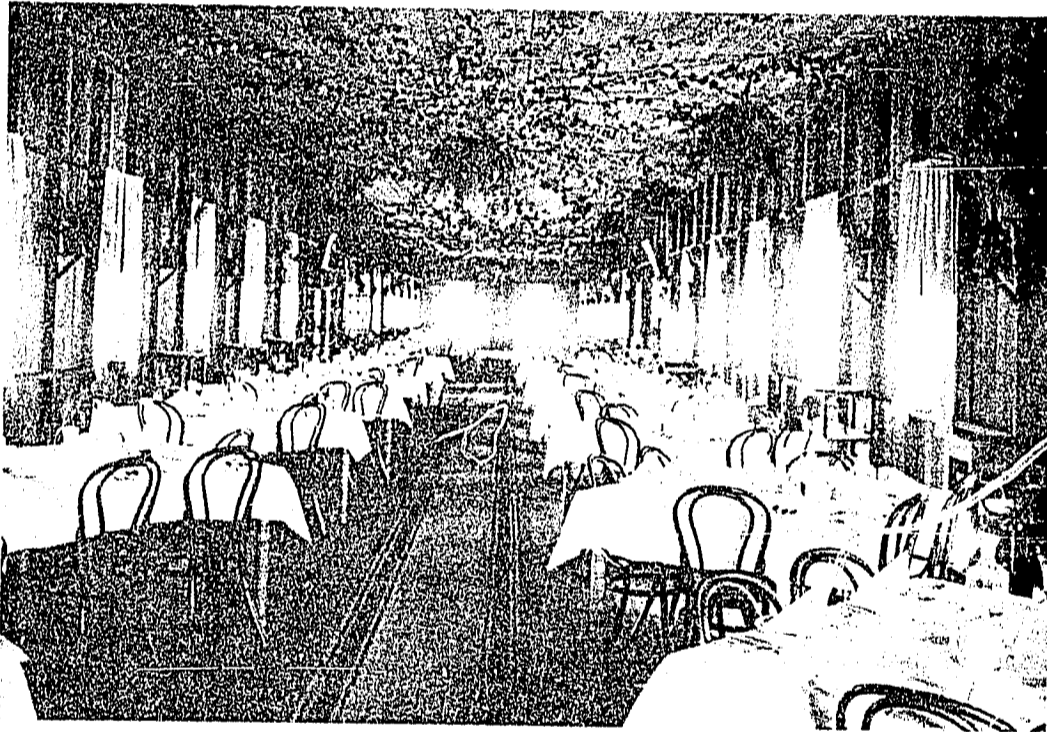
- Rick Smith with a hair cut!
- Sheila Slater (Personnel) showing John Chesarek (Accounting) how to start a company car!
- Dan Slusser learning to ski!

Is it Yosemite Fall or Yosemite Falls? Is it Nordic Ski Touring or Cross Country Skiing?

Rolin Ele and wife Betty have left Yosemite for retirement in the Sacramento area. Mr. Ele served as Manager of the Wells Fargo Bank in the Park and is replaced by Richard Ehrhardt. We welcome the Ehrhardt family to Yosemite.

For what it's worth...the Port Chalmers flu is what's keeping Lewis Memorial doctors and nurses busy looking after the Valley residents this winter! I thought they only named hurricanes? This could be the start of a real fad...can you imagine having a Half Dome Headache, Granite Gastritis, Crane Flat Flu, or how about a Snow Creek Cough? And who knows how you would feel were you to come down with the Fern Springs Fever.

Things are really secure in the Reservations Office now...former Security Person Jan Couron has handcuffed herself to a telephone as the newest Reservations Clerk. Also new to Reservations...Ann



In anticipation of crowds visiting Yosemite Valley after attending the 1915 San Francisco Exposition, the National Park Service asked D.J. Desmond to organize a concession and provide additional visitor facilities. In May of 1915, the new company leased the abandoned four-and-a-half acre Army camp, shoved a couple of barracks buildings together and opened "Yosemite Falls Camp," latter known as Yosemite Lodge, in mid-June. Here is a rare picture of the original building which endured, with additions and alterations, until the present Yosemite Lodge replaced it in 1956.

by Shirley Sargent

Army troopers would have been astounded to see the transformation of a barracks building into this attractive dining room. Another barrack was turned into a lounge for visitors. (These photographs belong to L.W. Harris, Jr., whose father was a director of the Desmond Park Service Company, and its successor, the Yosemite National Park Company which merged with the Curry Company in 1925. Eventually the junior Harris became a director of the then YPCCo.)

Butts, transferring from the Lodge Cafeteria; a newcomer to Yosemite, Laurie Oden; and Leilani Kelsey, who worked at the Village Store last summer.

The Crow's Nest spotted Fred Pierson recently. Retirement, sunshine, and fishing must agree with the former YPCCo. Executive Chef--he looked great.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MONDAY NIGHT MOVIES

Feb. 10 "Conrack", starring Jon Voight. A heart-warming story of an idealistic white teacher in the rural South. (PG)

Feb. 17 "Wild Rovers", starring William Holden, Ryan O'Neal, and Karl Malden. Two easy-going cowpokes, one young, one middleaged, impulsively rob a bank and retire to Mexico. (PG)

### YOSEMITE SAM'S DANCES

"Heather" is returning to Yosemite Sam's for their final appearance of the year on Friday and Saturday (7 and 8). They play a variety of fine music, including country, soul, and rock 'n roll.

"ROCK SLIDE" is also making their final appearance of the year at Yosemite Sam's on February 14 and 15.

Dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 with privilege card.

### GUEST PASSES

YPCCo. employees who need guest passes may pick them up at their housekeeper's office. NPS employees can pick them up at the YPCCo. Recreation Office.

### REMINDER

Don't forget Sam's new hours...Lunch, Monday through Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Evenings, Tuesday through Saturday, 5 p.m. to midnight.

### COMEDIES

February 12: "The Gold Specialist"--W.C. Fields, "Oysters & Muscles"--Road Runner, "Them Thar Hills"--Road Runner, "Guiled Muscle"--Bugs Bunny, Chapter 11 of Flash Gordon.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

KARATE - Every Sunday night from 7 to 9 p.m. at Yosemite Sam's. This will be a beginning Karate class for anyone interested in muscle toning, with a bit of self-defense tossed in.

FLY TYING - Monday, YPCCo. Employee Rec Office, 7 to 9 p.m. Learn to make your own flies.

YOGA - Tuesday, YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

MACRAME - Wednesday, YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office, 7 to 10 p.m.

LEATHER - Wednesday, YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office, 7 to 10 p.m.

YOGA - Wednesday, Wawona, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

### SPORTS

THREE-MAN BASKETBALL - Monday and Tuesday nights at 7 and 8 p.m. at the Elementary School Auditorium.

THREE-WOMAN BASKETBALL - Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Elementary School Auditorium.

BROOM HOCKEY - Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at the Curry Ice Rink. Co-ed.

NOTE: Materials for most of the classes may be purchased at the class. All classes are open to all Yosemite residents, free of charge.

## WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCHEON

Attention, Ladies!! The Women's Club will hold a sandwich luncheon Thursday, February 13, at the Arnberger's house. The guest speaker will be George Lovelace, a psychiatric social worker from the Mariposa County Mental Health Services. The sandwiches will be provided by the Women's Club. Everyone is welcome. Working girls--feel free to drop by during your lunch hour.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7:

DANCE "Heather" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8:

DANCE "Heather" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Karate Class ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.  
MOVIE "Conrack" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11:

Ski Buffet ..... Yosemite Lodge — 6:30 p.m.  
3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.  
Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink — 5:15 p.m.  
Macrame and Leather Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
3-Woman Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 p.m.  
Yoga Class ..... Wawona — 7 p.m.  
Bible Study ..... El Portal — 7 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Services ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.  
Oldies-But-Goodies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13:

Ski Buffet ..... The Ahwahnee — 6:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Karate Class ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.  
MOVIE "Wild Rovers" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## NIC FIORE



"Where in the hell do beginners ski here?" Hardly a question you would expect from the director of a ski school, but that was the question asked by Yosemite Ski School Director Nic Fiore after looking at the high cliffs surrounding Yosemite Valley when he first arrived in the Park in 1948.

A native of Canada, Nic was brought here by then Ski School Director Luggi Foeger.

Apparently the young ski instructor found the slopes. Now 52, Nic Fiore is in his 26th year of teaching people how to ski in Yosemite.

But there is more to Nic Fiore than skiing.

Once the snows of winter melt, Nic stores his skis and gets out his hiking boots in preparation for his trek to the back country, where he runs the High Sierra Camps. All summer he spends his time hiking between the camps, and if you

have ever hiked with him, you know few men can match his speed and stamina on the trail. As if this were not enough conditioning, Nic Fiore has another love--riding his bicycle. Having been a professional bicycle racer at one time, he can now be seen quite often peddling on the road between Crane Flat and Tuolumne Meadows.

Last Summer Nic decided to ride his bike from Yosemite Valley to Mammoth, which he did in one day. The following day on his return he found himself in the middle of an unseasonal snow storm as he started up the Tioga Pass. Clad only in a T-shirt and shorts, what did he do? "I just kept going." Nic does admit that he stopped at the Tioga entrance gate and got a cup of coffee, then continued into the Valley.

Nic Fiore is a man who will always keep going--it's his nature. And it's his nature to help others always with a smile and always with the same friendly greeting "How are you sport?"

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**DIESEL MECHANIC (Veh. Mnt)** - 3 years experience, a complete set of hand tools and diesel experience required. \$5.40-\$6.80/hr.

**CLERK (Res.)** - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Able to type accurately, and do detailed charts. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**CLERK (Pers.)** - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Good typing skills ability to handle problems spontaneously. Familiarity with office procedures an asset. \$3.15-\$4.05/hr.

**SECRETARY (Pers.)** - Prior experience in office procedure, filing, telephone, letter composition, type 70 wpm and take shorthand. Familiarity with dictaphone helpful. \$3.20-\$3.86/hr.

**MAID (CV)(YL)(AHW)** - Quick, thorough worker. Neat appearance. Heavy work involved. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

### WINTER CLUB MEMBERS...

DON'T FORGET...

**ANCIENT  
JOCKS  
RACE**

MARCH 8

# The Yosemite Valley Railroad

## 1907-1945 *by Hank Johnston*



They called it the "Baby Railroad of the Mountains" when it was completed in 1907, and it was clearly small-time stuff when compared with the Southern Pacific or Santa Fe, yet the Yosemite Valley Railroad nonetheless played a salient role in the history and development of Yosemite National Park.

Convenient access to the newly acclaimed Incomparable Valley had proved a thorny problem for fifty years following the first tourist party in 1855. Three stage roads, completed in the 1870's, improved the original hiking or horseback journey to some degree, but it was not until the Yosemite Valley Railroad made its first run on May 15, 1907, carrying 12 passengers, that a "man in a clean shirt without his lungs full of dust, a crimp in his collar, and an ache in his back could appreciate nature," as one early new story hailed the event.

Construction of the 78-mile right-of-way from Merced in the San Joaquin Valley to the newly established settlement of "El Portal" (the gateway) took nearly two years and cost more than four-million dollars of investors' money. The last two-thirds of the route was literally blasted through the canyon of the Merced River in the roughest sort of foothill and mountain terrain. One graphic report tells of it taking "a great horde of men more than 10 months to hew two miles of roadway through a single box canyon."

The new railroad showed a steady increase in both passenger and freight revenue for nearly two decades. In 1925, 85,107 persons paid \$358,234 for the Yosemite journey. Freight traffic from lineside mines and the Yosemite Lumber Company swelled the gross income to more than a million dollars.

The completion of Highway 140 in 1926, the so-called "All Year Route," marked the beginning of the end for the imaginative little railroad. America's aborning love affair with the automobile could not be overcome. Although fares were reduced to \$10.50 in 1929 to compete with a new bus line, only 25,912 passengers rode the YVRR — a figure that dropped to a mere 584 by 1944. In time, the closing of the railroad's principal sources of freight revenue — the Yosemite Portland Cement Company and the Yosemite Sugar Pine Lumber Company — combined with two disastrous floods to force the YVRR into bankruptcy.

On August 24, 1945, the very last run of the Yosemite Valley Railroad puffed into the Merced yards carrying two carloads of zinc bound for Montana. There was no public demonstration — few people seemed to care. A few months later, demolition crews had removed the rails and sold off or scrapped the major items of equipment; tangible evidence of the railroad was largely gone from view.

Today, only the memories of a handful of old-timers, a few faded photographs, and a brief stretch of weed-grown right-of-way along the Merced Canyon serve as reminders of the doughty little short line that conquered the mountains once upon a time. In last month's *National Parks* magazine, a feature article advocated relieving the "automobile problem in Yosemite Valley" by building a new railroad up the canyon of the Merced River to El Portal. Historians of the future may wonder why they didn't keep the one they had.

## SPORTS NIGHT

For kids, their parents, and sports enthusiasts of every age, Yosemite Elementary School and Yosemite Park and Curry Company Community Recreation are co-sponsoring a sports night on Saturday, February 15 at 7:30 p.m.

Featured guests are Ted Kubiak of the Oakland A's and Marv Edwards of the California Golden Seals.

Film clips from the 1974 World Series and 1974 Stanley Cup will be shown. A variety of door prizes will be awarded at this dessert and beverage affair. The program will be held in the East Auditorium of the Visitors Center and the cost is \$1.00 per person.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from Ken Ashburner at the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. recreation office of Derry Kirschman at Yosemite Elementary School. A limited number of tickets available at the door.

## FOR SALE

Green chopper, 160cc Honda. Pull back handlebars. \$150 Call Darlene at 372-4461 Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or evenings at 966-5732

## Photo Workshop

The Ansel Adams Gallery will hold a weekend workshop on Experimental Photography from February 28 through March 2. The intention of this workshop is to deal with exploratory approaches within photography. A variety of methods of experimentation that are currently being used will be explored. The session will involve field work, darkroom demonstrations, print critiques, and slide presentations.

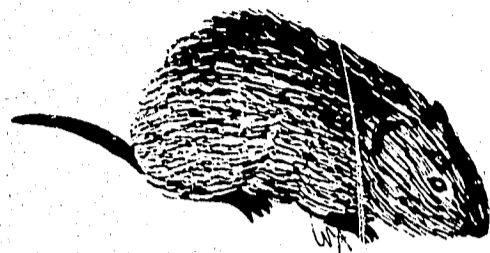
Robert Heineken, currently Associate Professor of Art at the University of California, Los Angeles, will instruct. He has had eleven one-man exhibitions since 1964 and his work is in the collections of ten major museums in the United States and Canada. Norman Locks, workshop director for The Ansel Adams Gallery will assist him.

The workshop will be informal and flexible in order to accommodate the individual needs of each student. It is important that you bring your own prints for the critique sessions. The Gallery will supply all darkroom equipment and materials. Anyone is welcome to participate and all camera formats will be accommodated.

Tuition for this workshop is \$59.50 for residents.



### Animal of the Week



### Mountain Meadow Mouse

The chunky, dark brown mountain meadow mouse, or vole, is characterized by a very short tail, about 1½ inches long, compared to the body length of 6½ inches. Actual mice, by comparison, have tails that are longer than their bodies. The nose is blunt, the eyes and ears are very small. The fur is rather long, soft, dense and fluffy. It is this fur that allows the vole to live through cold, wet winters and to withstand cold.

The vole doesn't hibernate in the winter, even at high altitudes or in the far north. Instead, it makes a warm nest out of grass clippings. The nest looks like a ball of hay when you find it in the spring, but during the winter it is covered over and protected from sight and cold temperatures by snow. The vole clips down the grass to make pathways from the nest. When snow covers the pathways, he can then burrow out a tunnel so he can still scurry around gathering grass to eat. The runways are often very intricate with many intersections.

The vole likes grass best, but will settle for flowers, seeds, stems, roots, tubers and insects when grass is not available. When the vole population is thick, they will even gnaw tree bark. Because of this grass diet, the vole is almost always found in meadows; hence, its common name...meadow mouse.

Voiles are a big part of the diet of coyotes, foxes, badgers, weasels, owls and many kinds of hawks. He doesn't have much defense against predators, only a shallow tunnel. To offset this, meadow mice are extremely prolific, having repeated broods of about 3 to 7 young per litter.

Along the Pacific Coast, more than a hundred kinds of meadow mice are scattered from the Arctic Circle to Guatemala, some kinds found only in a single marsh or on only one mountaintop. The mountain meadow mouse is sometimes called the Yosemite Meadow Mouse because of its location here from 3800 feet up to timberline.



### Nordic Holiday Races Scheduled

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK - The Fifth Annual Nordic Holiday Races will be held on March 8. About 400 cross-country enthusiasts are expected to participate in this 9 to 10 mile skiing event that begins and ends at Badger Pass. Starting time is 10:30 a.m. SHARP!

This is an ALL COMERS race, known to many as a "Citizen's Race." Some will try to better last year's winning time of just under an hour and a half. Others will call it a tour, and pause along the way to enjoy the scenery. Entries last year ranged from kids to grandparents, from beginners to pros.

There is no age limit, but all entrants must be positive that they can ski 9 to 10 miles over intermediate Nordic terrain at an altitude of 7,000 ft. within 5½ hours. An adult must accompany racers 12 and under.

A food station will be set up at midpoint of the course that runs from Badger Pass to the Bridalveil Meadow area and back to Badger. Or entrants may pack their own lunch to eat along the way.

Certificates will be awarded to all finishers, and prizes given in many likely and unlikely categories.

The Nordic Holiday Cross-Country Relays follow on March 9 at noon at Summit Meadow. Teams consist of three racers and can be made up of men, women, mixed, children or families.

Registration fee for the Nordic Holiday Races is \$3, and all entries must be received no later than March 5 at the Yosemite Mountaineering School.

For further information call 372-4611, ext. 244.

### WINTER ECOLOGY

The Winter Ecology Field Study Course offered by YNHA gives a rare opportunity for discovery and study of winter aspects of Yosemite Valley under Dr. Carl W. Sharsmith. During the 14 hours of field work, participants will examine the interrelationships between rocks, soil, plants, animals and microorganisms as they are affected by winter temperatures, wind, light, and moisture conditions. Studies will include: the action of water, snow, and ice; aquatic life; the behavior of resident and migratory birds; the winter habitats and activities of mammals; and the winter adaptations of plants.

An introduction to basic relationships between producers, consumers, decomposers, and the non-living factors in the environment will make it possible for students without previous study in ecology to profit from this course. Special attention will be given to hibernations, dormancy, insulation, migration, and cycles of activity triggered by the short days and long nights.

Seminars are being held now in Yosemite Valley and will meet initially at 8:00 a.m. on Saturdays in the Naturalist Study Room in the Valley District Building which is next to the Visitor Center.

Each course is limited to 20 persons. Fee for the course is \$20. For further information, call 372-4532.

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# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

Feb. 17 - "Wild Rovers" starring William Holden, Ryan O'Neal and Karl Malden. The story is of two easy-going, lovable, de-glamorized cowpokes, one chatty and young, one middleaged and quiet, who impulsively decide to better their future by robbing a bank and retiring to Mexico. (PG)

Feb. 24 - "The Neptune Factor", starring Ben Gazzara, Yvette Minieux, and Ernest Borgnine. On a deep sea exploration, a miniature futuristic submarine laboratory is rocked by a volcanic earthquake and toppled into a deep fissure, trapping three aquanauts inside. To their rescue is dispatched a dedicated crew aboard the Neptune, a "submersible" pressurized to withstand enormous depths. (G)

## YOSEMITE SAM'S

### DANCES

This weekend at Yosemite Sam's "ROCK-SLIDE" will be playing some good, hard Rock'n Roll. They will be playing both Friday and Saturday evenings from 8:30 til midnight. Come to Sam's and do some dancing....Admission is \$1.00 and privilege card.

Next weekend February 21 & 22 a new group will be featured at Yosemite Sam's. They are a group of musicians that can really make you move. They call themselves "ROSEWOOD". Don't miss this one!

### OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Wednesday night we will be featuring Abbott and Costello, The Three Stooges, The Little Rascals and Chapter 12 of Flash Gordon. Movies start at 8:30.

### WRIST WRESTLING CONTEST

Yosemite Sam's will be hosting its second annual wrist-wrestling contest. Sign ups for the single elimination tournament will be taken at Sam's starting today through next Thursday (20). The contest will be held at Sam's on Thursday, February 20th at 8:00 p.m. Show your strength and skill. Enter today.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

KARATE CLASS - Sunday - at Yosemite Sam's from 7 to 9 p.m.

FLY TYING - Monday - in Y.P.&C. Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m.

THEATRICAL WORKSHOP - Yosemite Sam's from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

YOGA - Tuesday - in Y.P.&C. Co. Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m.

MACRAME - Wednesday - in Y.P.&C. Co. Recreation Office from 7 to 10 p.m.

LEATHER - in Y.P.&C. Co. Recreation Office from 7 to 10 p.m.

## SPORTS

### BROOM HOCKEY

Employee broom hockey is held every Wednesday evening from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at the Curry Village Ice Rink. This is a CO-ED event and is a lot of fun. Come play or watch the exciting matches.

### 3-MAN BASKETBALL

The basketball season is underway and may the best team take the Y.P.&C. Co. Crown. There are eight teams and they

all look sharp. The games are played at Yosemite Elementary School on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 7 and 8 o'clock. Root your team!

### LADIES BASKETBALL

Every Tuesday evening the auditorium at the Yosemite Elementary School is open for ladies only. Games will be organized depending on who shows up to play basketball. Give it a try.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14:

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalists' Study Room - 8 a.m.

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalists' Study Room - 8 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal - 10 a.m.

Karate ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17:

Theatrical Workshop ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

MOVIE "Wild Rovers" ..... Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

Ski Buffet ..... Four Seasons - 6:30 p.m.

Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink - 5:15 p.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal - 7 p.m.

Macrame and Leather ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

Yoga ..... Wawona - 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

Oldies-But-Goodies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

Women's Club Sandwich Luncheon ..... Supt. Arnberger's Home - 11 a.m.

Ski Buffet ..... The Ahwahnee - 6:30 p.m.

Wrist Wrestling Contest ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

DANCE "Rosewood" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalists' Study Room - 8 a.m.

DANCE "Rosewood" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalists' Study room - 8 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal 10 a.m.

Sunday Services ..... El Porta! - 6:30 p.m.

Karate ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

Theatrical Workshop ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

MOVIE "Neptune Factor" ..... Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

# YOSEMITE



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## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

"A hotel is a place where you're paying about thirty bucks a day and they're calling you 'guest'." — Shelly Berman

There once was a clerk at The Ahwahnee front desk whose favorite saying went something like this:

"The Ahwahnee Hotel has certain rules and regulations, and it is the responsibility of each guest to find out what they are and to obey them."

Amazingly, many current visitors to this fine old establishment seem to be unaware of their awesome obligation. Victims of a curiously widespread quirk of the modern traveler, they seem to think the policies and procedures of a hotel should be aimed at their maximum comfort and pleasure. It is difficult to pin-point exactly where this rebellious attitude got its start, but it has reached the stage where you really don't know who to trust anymore.

In the midst of this rapidly deteriorating situation (even those over 30 seem to fall victim to the derangement), the age-old standby introduction "for your convenience". No longer! Our modern traveler is never more suspicious than when he is confronted with this preface. No doubt someone has divulged the carefully guarded secret translation of this idiom which goes roughly: "It's much simpler for us to do it this way whether you like it or not, so..."

Perhaps this is only a temporary insanity. Perhaps a new generation of docile travelers will SUDDENLY APPEAR TO RESTORE order and tranquility. But it is not likely. Therefore, those of us who really want to stay in the service business had better be prepared for the worst. We had better resign ourselves to the inevitable prospect of a more secure, better informed, and more demanding clientele each season. We had better carefully reevaluate all of our

policies and practices to make sure they are geared to the needs of the visitor rather than "for convenience". We had better realize that the guest has certain preferences and expectations and it is the responsibility of each of us to find out what they are and to cater to them.

GUESTS ARE EXPECTED TO  
COMPLAIN TO THE MANAGEMENT  
FROM NINE TO ELEVEN EACH  
MORNING.

(sign over desk of an Athens hotel)

## Job Opportunities

The positions listed below are vacant as of this writing and need to be filled. Appointments with Personnel can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

DIESEL MECHANIC (VEH. MAT) - 3 years experience, diesel experience, complete set of hand tools required. \$5.40.

RESERVATIONS CLERK - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Type accurately; do detailed charts neatly, accurately. \$2.55 to \$3.32.

SECRETARY (PERSONNEL) - Immediate; for manager of Personnel. Self starter. EEO experience, typing, shorthand, dictaphone helpful.

PLUMBER (MNT) - journeyman; knowledge of State and National Park regulations. Own hand tools, heavy lifting. \$5.66.

PAINTER (MNT) - journeyman; extensive brush and roller, surface preparation experience. Familiar with paint composition, color matching. \$5.48.

DELI MANAGER (GYF&B) - experienced in Deli operations, sandwich preparation, grocery store operations. Salaried.

## Ancient Jock Slalom & Reunion

It's time to gather again where it all began! Western skiing that is...uphill stem....downhill telemark....Flying Fifty...Gold Y...Baggy Pants and White Spats!! You'll see it all in the 1935-38 films that will be shown after the Third Annual Ancient Jock Slalom on Saturday, March 8 at Badger Pass.

The race starts at 3 p.m. and is open to all past and present Winter Club members ages 30 and over. Your membership card is your entry fee. This year racers will be handicapped on a Beer-to FIS Point Basis. Hopefully, members of the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame will be on hand: Luggi Foeger, Charlie Proctor, Al Sigal, Past President of the U.S. Ski Association Byron Nishkian, and old-time and new-time instructors led by Nic Fiore, of course. To top off the evening, Lowell Thomas has been asked to re-broadcast his news from The Ahwahnee as he did in 1948.

Following the day's skiing, cocktails and a buffet dinner will be served for Winter Club members only in the Under Lounge at The Ahwahnee beginning at 6:30 p.m. Cost of dinner is \$6.

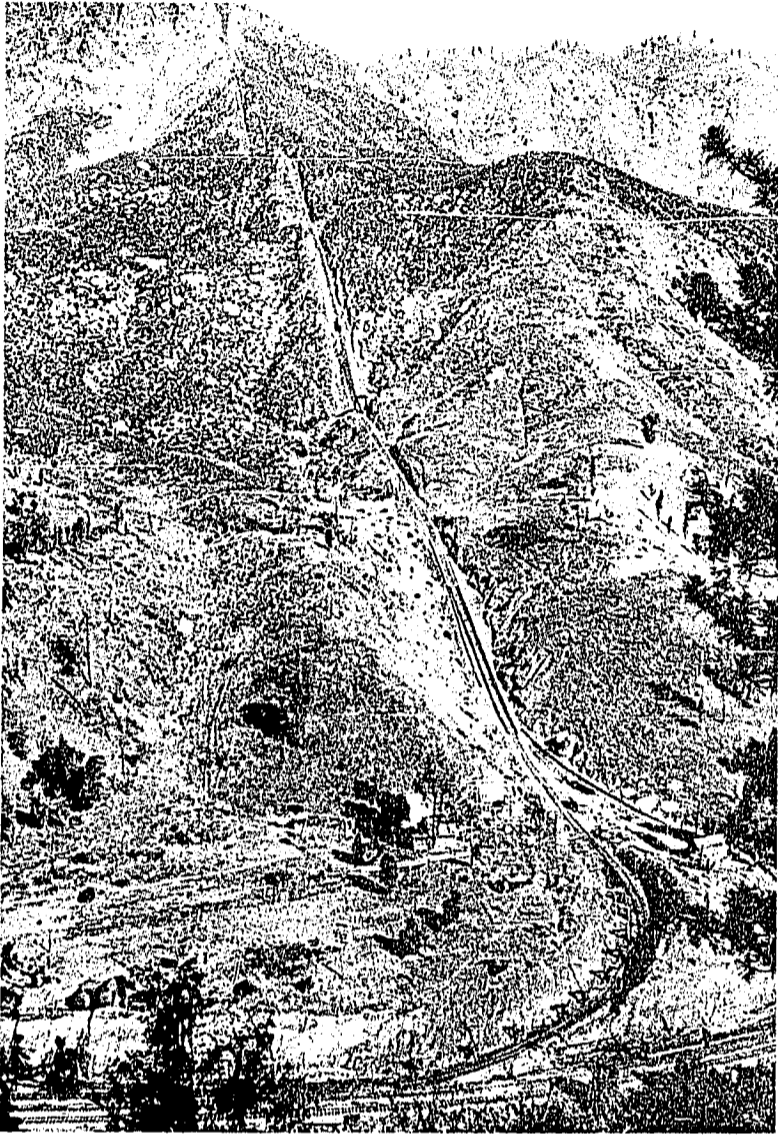
For dinner reservations, which are limited to 130, contact Leroy Rust, Postmaster, Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389 by March 5th. After that date, make your reservations directly with the hotel.

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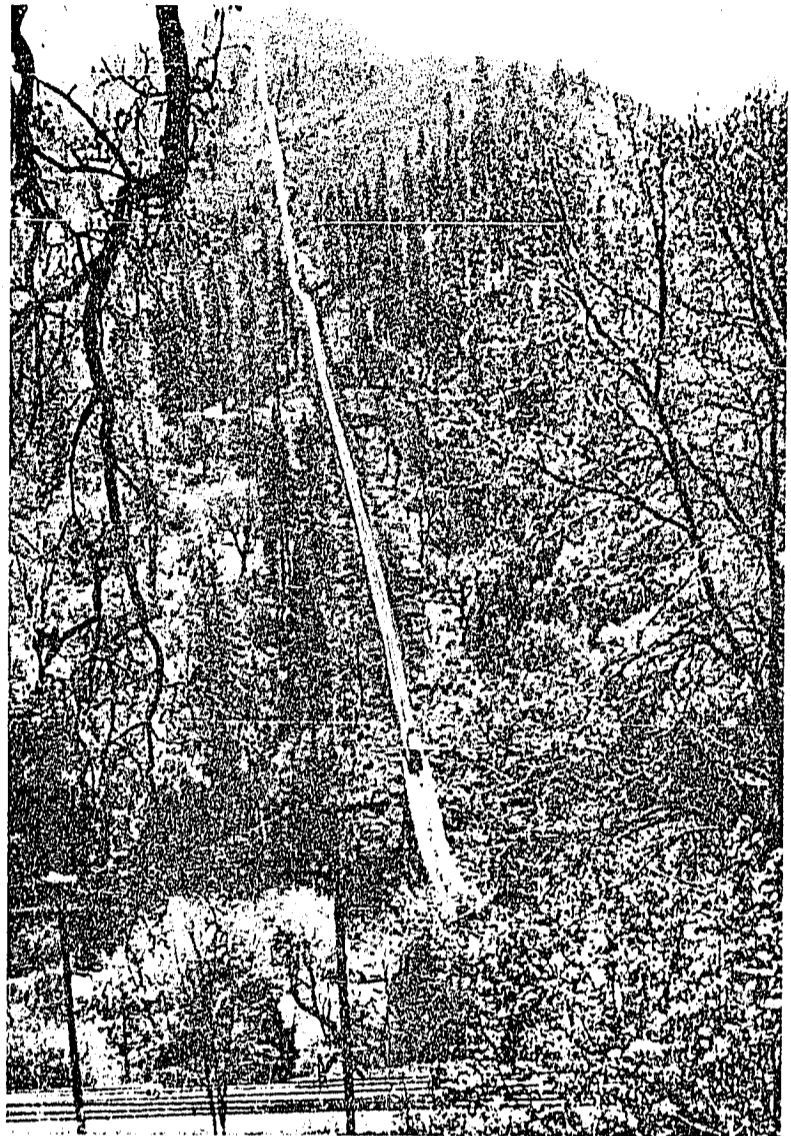
**NORDIC  
HOLIDAY  
RACES**

MARCH 8 and 9

## The Great Yosemite Logging Operations



*Second incline of the Yosemite Lumber Company across from Indian Flat. Note the curve at the bottom where the incline joined the Yosemite Valley Railroad.*



*The first incline at El Portal. The last 1,000 feet to the top were on a 78% grade, the steepest section of logging incline ever built in the world.*

*by Hank Johnston*

Few Yosemite visitors today are aware that the remains of the two steepest logging inclines ever built in the world can be seen within a few miles of each other in the lower Merced Canyon near El Portal.

Almost directly across the river from the El Portal store, a slash in the timber marks the route of the first incline of the Yosemite Lumber Company, built in 1911-12. Here, at the terminus of the Yosemite Valley Railroad, a 7,800 foot standard gauge track ran directly up the mountain to a point on Henness Ridge nearly 3,100 feet above. A huge steam hoist situated at the summit lowered railroad flat cars filled with logs to the river far below by means of a special 1½ inch wire rope cable. Trains of 15 to 25 cars were then transported via the YV Railroad 55 miles to the company's sawmill at Merced Falls.

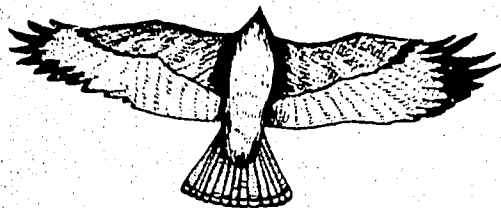
From the head of the incline, a standard gauge logging railroad, powered by Shay steam locomotives much like the one on

display at the El Portal Transportation Museum, pushed southeast along the northern face of Henness Ridge for some 15 miles. The tracks crossed Highway 41 just south of Chinquapin and continued through the National Park itself to Deer Camp. A Park maintenance road marks the route today. The lumber company received the right to log "mature and decaying timber" within the Park as a result of two special acts of Congress enacted in 1912 and 1914. The permit was granted in exchange for title to patented lumber company property lying along the Wawona Road; the Interior Department wanted to preserve this area intact because it was in full view of tourists traveling the highway.

The Yosemite Lumber Company logged above the south side of the Merced River from 1912 through 1923, when its timber became largely exhausted. Operations moved to the north side of the canyon the following season, and a new 8,300 foot

incline was constructed from Indian Flat almost to the top of Trumbull Peak. An extensive logging railroad eventually snaked its way north through the timber toward Crane Flat and Ackerson Mountain to reach virgin cutting areas. With the exception of the depression years, logging continued on a large scale through the season of 1942, when the company ceased operations for good. Several of the choicest sugar pine tracts remained uncut as a result of acquisition by the government through funds donated by the Rockefeller family.

Conservationists have long decried the methods employed by many early lumber companies, and the procedures used in Yosemite were sometimes unnecessarily destructive. But as a matter of pure historical and mechanical interest, the two great logging inclines along the Merced River Canyon were unique marvels of pioneering ingenuity in a bygone time.



### Red Tail Hawk

The red-tailed hawk is a large common hawk frequently seen soaring overhead in Yosemite and the foothills. It is about the size of the turkey vulture and is exceeded in size in this area only by the golden eagle.

The red-tail is one of the soaring hawks with the broad wings and tail needed to stay aloft for long periods with little effort. Some kinds of hawks have shorter wings shaped for rapid flight with quick turns through the trees. The falcons have long and pointed wings for very rapid flight. None of the birds in these last two groups soar much.

The red-tailed hawk sails high with its wings and tail widely spread, or it glides, with hardly a wingbeat, watching for prey. When it sees something it drops on it in a steep dive. It commonly perches in conspicuous places on branches of dead trees where it can see for great distances and it may occasionally perch on a fence post.

Primary food for red-tailed hawks is ground squirrels, supplemented by mice, gophers, rabbits, and occasional small birds or reptiles. The red-tailed hawk's many relatives among the soaring hawks enjoy about this same diet, but for some reason they're more rare. In almost any part of the country the red-tailed hawk is seen about ten times more often than any of its relatives.

The red-tailed hawk is the only large hawk in this area with a red tail, and this is the easiest way to identify it. It is only the back of the tail that is red, but the color shines through when the sun is behind the bird. When the hawk banks so that the tail faces you, the tail flashes bright red in the sun. The underside varies greatly from dark brown to white and all stages in between. But in this area you're most likely to see a light one. The back is always dark brown. Immatures don't have the red tail and are confusing to identify. An adult is 19 to 25 inches long, with a wingspread of 48 to 56 inches.

The red-tailed hawk chooses cliffs, tall pines, oaks, and sycamores for a nesting site, then builds a large nest of sticks which it may use year after year.

### Basketball Schedule

All games will be played at the Elementary School Auditorium, so come out and root for your favorite team.

- FEB. 24  
7 p.m. Tecoya vs Lodge  
8 p.m. Maint. vs Acctg.
- FEB. 26  
7 p.m. Gen. Off. vs Ahwahnee  
8 p.m. Annex vs Badger Pass
- MAR. 3  
7 p.m. Ahwahnee vs Acctg.  
8 p.m. Gen. Off. vs Annex

### Storage Building

The property management section of Yosemite National Park through G.S.A. is offering to the highest bidder a building, metal, storage w/glazed steel sash. (Approximately 25% of building is glazed at this time).

The building dimensions are approximately 10' 6" long, 8' wide and 10' high. Building is located in El Portal, Ca. Building is to be removed in its entirety without damage to concrete slab upon which it is installed. Payment and removal are to be completed within fifteen working days from the date of notice of award. There will be no public opening.

Bids must be received prior to close of business on February 28, 1975 at the bid room, building 530, Yosemite Valley, Yosemite National Park, Ca 95389. Refer to sale, building metal storage. For additional information contact Mr. C.W. Usher, Procurement and Property management officer, 372-4461 ext. 21.

### Ground School

The Red Baron lives in El Portal! If you are interested in learning the basics of flying, come to El Portal elementary school on Thursday at 7 p.m. for a ground school workshop. No flying time required.

The red-tailed hawk is a common resident throughout Yosemite, ranging up to 12,000 feet. It is usually silent, but may be heard to make a scream that sounds almost exactly like that of the Steller's jay.

### Employee Benefit Corner

by: Jim Edeal

Congratulations to the following employees who have completed one year's service. Please come to the Insurance Office at your earliest convenience to discuss and sign for the benefits you are now eligible for.

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| Nancy Lisch        | Peter Crane          |
| David Larson       | Thomas Kroon         |
| Diane Dunlap       | Patricia McGill      |
| Elsie Anderson     | Virginia Schorremans |
| John Chesarek      | Ginger Laughter      |
| Margaret Brockhaus | Kevin Bashar         |
| Renee Lewis        | Michael Goforth      |
| Janet Potts        | Carolyn Gould        |
| Wendy Wittmayer    | Mark Hopkins         |
| Stan Tabler        | Robert Steel         |
| Natalie Lewis      | Linda McGinnis       |
- Mark Hanel

Upon one year of continuous service you are eligible to participate in the three insurance plans. These three plans offer excellent insurance coverage at extremely low premiums on behalf of the employee.

### Part-Time Job

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Roy Manson at 372-4847.

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# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

Feb. 24 - "The Neptune Factor", starring Ben Gazzara, Yvette Mimieux, and Ernest Borgnine. A submarine laboratory is rocked by an earthquake. Attempting their rescue is the Neptune and its dedicated crew. (G)

March 3- "Judge Roy Bean", starring Paul Newman. An exciting cowboy flick in which Paul is the law and also a rich man. (PG)

## YOSEMITE SAM'S

### DANCES

Feb. 21 and 22 - "Rosewood", a rock and roll band from L.A. with a selection from country to blues to soul.

Feb. 28 and March 1 - "Sun Dance", a hard rock group from the Bay Area. The action starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 with privilege card.

### MOLDIE OLDIES

Feb. 26 - Featuring W. C. Fields, Flash Gordon, Chaplin, Abbott and Costello, the Road Runner in "Double Cross at Criss-Cross", and Gill Lamb, Cub Reporter, in "Ghost Buster". A special ski package will also be featured.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

WAWONA YOGA - Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Steve Lesser is the instructor; call him at 372-4691.

FLY TYING - Monday, 7-10 p.m., YPCCo. Rec. Office.

YOGA - Tuesday, 7:30-9:30 p.m., YPCCo Rec. Office.

MACRAME and LEATHER - Wednesday, 7-10 p.m., YPCCo. Rec. Office.

KARATE - Sunday, 7-9 p.m., Yosemite Sam's.

### SPORTS

BROOM HOCKEY every Wednesday at Curry Ice Rink starting at 5:15 p.m. Girls are encouraged to come out and play.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE - Yosemite Sam's basketball team is currently leading the Mariposa City League with a 10-0 record.

THREE-WOMAN BASKETBALL - Girls, here's a chance to work off those pastries. Games start at 7 p.m. Thursday evenings at the Yosemite Elementary School Auditorium.

THREE-MAN BASKETBALL - Every Monday and Wednesday night at 7 and 8 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium. Come and shoot over the rafters.

### REC. HALL

Foos Ball Tournament - February 25 Show your skills and win a package prize of: Lunch for two at Sam's; two pitchers of beer; free skates and session at the ice Rink for two. Participants must sign up at the Rec. Hall by 5 p.m., Tuesday, February 25. Competition starts in the Hall at 8 p.m. Singles and doubles champs may compete.

## LION CLUB

The Lion's Club Student Speakers Contest will be held at the regular Thursday luncheon on February 27 at

noon at The Ahwahnee Indian Room. Lions are invited to bring their ladies for the investiture of new members that will also happen at this meeting. Let's have a big turnout for this all-important meeting.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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DANCE "Rosewood" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

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YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalists Study Room - 8 a.m.

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## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23:

YNHA Seminar ..... NPS Naturalists Study Room - 8 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal - 10 a.m.

Sunday Services ..... El Portal - 6:30 p.m.

Karate Class ..... Yosemite Sam's - 7 p.m.

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

MOVIE "The Neptune Factor" ..... Visitor Center - 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25:

Ski Buffet ..... Four Seasons - 6:30 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel - 7:30 p.m.

Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink - 5:15 p.m.

Macrame and Leather ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office - 7 p.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal - 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 & 8 p.m.

Yoga Class ..... Wawona - 7 p.m.

Oldies-But-Goodies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27:

Lions Club High School Speakers' Contest ..... The Ahwahnee - Noon

Ski Buffet ..... The Ahwahnee - 6:30 p.m.

Ansel Adams Resident Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery - 7 p.m.

3-Woman Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium - 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

DANCE "Sun Dance" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

Experimental Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1:

Experimental Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery

DANCE "Sun Dance" ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 2:

Experimental Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery

Sunday Workshop Service ..... Chapel - 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal - 10 a.m.

Sunday Services ..... El Portal - 6:30 p.m.

Karate Class ..... Yosemite Sam's - 8 p.m.

## MONDAY, MARCH 3:

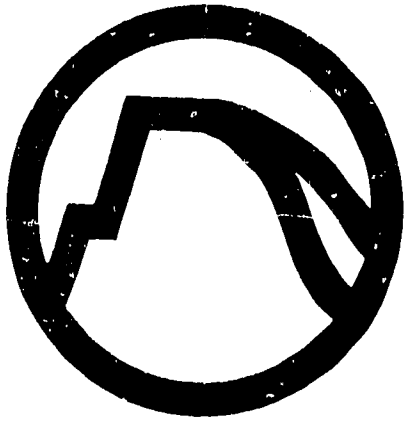
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## Nordic Holiday Races Scheduled



**YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK** - The Fifth Annual Nordic Holiday races will be held on March 8. About 400 cross-country enthusiasts are expected to participate in this 9 to 10 mile skiing event that begins and ends at Badger Pass. Starting time is 10:30 a.m. SHARP!

This is an ALL COMERS race, known to many as a "Citizen's Race." Some will try to better last year's winning time of just under an hour and a half. Others will call it a tour, and pause along the way to enjoy the scenery. Entries last year ranged from kids to grandparents, from beginners to pros.

There is no age limit, but all entrants must be positive that they can ski 9 to 10 miles over intermediate Nordic terrain at an altitude of 7,000 ft. within 5½ hours. An adult must accompany racers 12 and under.

A food station will be set up at midpoint of the course that runs from Badger Pass to the Bridalveil Meadow area and back to Badger. Or entrants may pack their own lunch to eat along the way.

Certificates will be awarded to all finishers, and prizes given in many likely and unlikely categories.

The Nordic Holiday Cross-Country Relays follow on March 9 at noon at Summit Meadow. Teams consist of three racers and can be made up of men, women, mixed, children or families.

Registration fee for the Nordic Holiday Races is \$3, and all entries must be received no later than March 5 at the Yosemite Mountaineering School.

For further information call 372-4611, ext. 244.

## Fire Squelched

Quick action by cross-country ski instructor Tom Cox prevented a fire from spreading in the Curry Village boiler room on February 16. The boiler overheated and started a fire in the wooden platform behind it. Tom put out the fire with an extinguisher and by the time the NPS and YPCCo. Fire Departments arrived, all that remained to do was clean out the charred wood. Tom is to be commended for his excellent work.

## BIRDING CLASSES OFFERED

Bird enthusiasts may join a field study class in Yosemite National Park to learn about the park's feathered populations, have a camping experience, admire Yosemite's natural beauties and earn college credit all in three days, according to Yosemite Superintendent Leslie P. Arnberger.

Yosemite Natural History Association will sponsor two three-day field classes in "birding" on June 21-23 and June 28-30. These will be directed by Dr. David De Sante of Stanford University's biology department.

The 26-hour field course will include discussions of birds as flying organisms, the structure of bird communities in the Sierra Nevada and the phenomenon of bird migration. While the instruction is at college level, amateur "bird watchers" will not only enjoy Dr. De Sante's presentations, but will also learn in some depth about the habits of the resident and migrant bird life of Yosemite.

Class members can elect to earn two quarter-units of college credit through University of California, Davis Extension.

Further information is available from Yosemite Natural History Association, 372-4532

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you have the necessary qualifications for any of these positions, you are invited to apply through your unit manager. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions.

**BUSPERSON** - (YL CAF) - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Hard work. \$2.40-\$2.80/hr.

**FOOD SERVICE PERSON** - (YL CAF) - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Need own tennis shoes or oxfords. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**ASST. MANAGER** - (YL CAF) - (Full fast food operation) Responsibilities include training, scheduling bus and serving staff. Hard worker, able to get along with young people. Previous fast food experience preferable. Salaried.

**ASST. MANAGER** - (YL REST.) - Previous experience in all dining room functions. Kitchen experience helpful but not necessary. Neat appearance, good customer relations. Salaried.

**MAID** - (YL) - Quick, thorough worker, neat appearance. Heavy work involved. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**APPAREL MANAGER** - (YL) - Responsible for scheduling, bank, ordering. Good initiative, at least 2 year previous experience in merchandising for women's fashions. Managerial experience preferred. Salaried.

**FAST FOOD ATTENDANT** - (BP) - Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**DELI MANAGER** - (GYF&B) - Background in Deli operations, sandwich preparation, etc. Experience in grocery store operations helpful. Salaried.

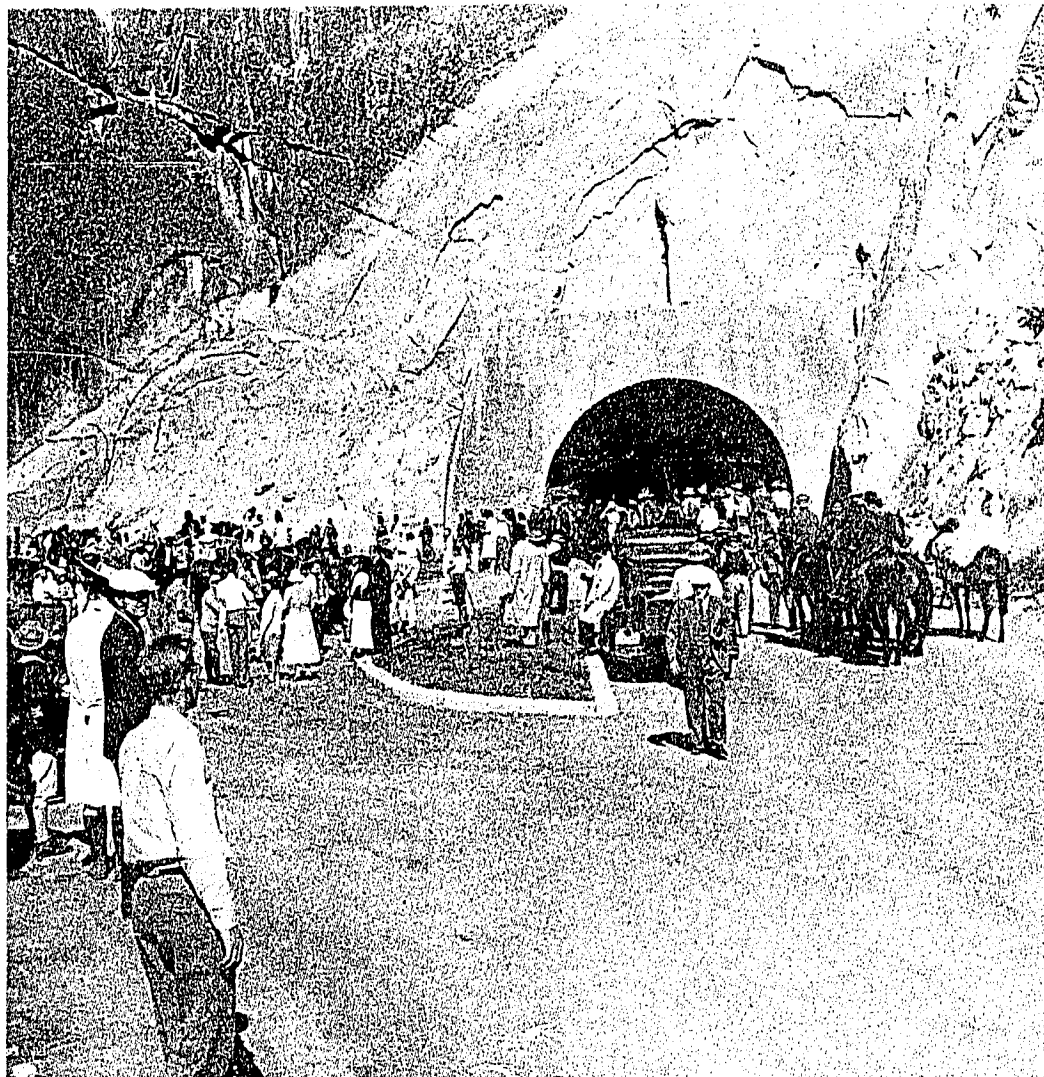
**DIESEL MECHANIC** - (VEH MNT) - 3 years experience, complete set of hand tools required. \$5.40-\$6.80/hr.

**PLUMBER** - (MNT) - Journeyman, knowledge of sanitation regulations for State and National Parks. Own hand tools, heavy lifting required. Base: \$5.48/hr.

**PAINTER** - (MNT) - Journeyman; extensive brush and roller experience, familiarity with paint composition and color matching. Experienced in working with various surfaces and their preparation. Base: \$5.48/hr.

**SECRETARY** - (PERS) - Personal secretary to the manager of Personnel. EEO experience, good office skills helpful. Salaried.

## The Wawona Tunnel Project



Millions of Yosemite visitors receive their first full view of the valley as they emerge from the east end of the Wawona tunnel, yet the convenient passageway through the mountain is now so taken for granted that its remarkable history has become generally obscured by time.

According to Park records, the decision to bore the tunnel (a part of the overall realignment and resurfacing of the old Wawona Road) was made only after "exhaustive studies had been made of every alternative." A road benched out of the palisades would have created an "irremediable scar," and a zig-zag road would have been "unsafe for modern traffic as well as an appalling defacement of the landscape."

"The tunnel permits the preservation of the priceless scenic values," Supt. C. G. Thompson said at the formal dedication on June 10, 1933. "At the lower portal the visitor emerges into a view of the incomparable valley that is fairly explosive in its grandeur, and which a majority of artists and laymen agree surpasses old Inspiration Point itself."

The tunnel was bored through solid granite from the east end for a distance of 4,230 feet (width, 28 feet; height, 19

feet). The grade in the tunnel is 5 per cent, and the maximum depth of the rock above the tunnel is 550 feet. A total of 275 tons of powder was used, with an average shot of 2,000 pounds.

No timbering was required, although reinforced concrete was installed wherever a question of loose rock existed. The project took 698 days to complete at a cost of \$847,500. Not a single man was killed or seriously injured during construction.

"The Wawona tunnel marks a new era in the southern approach to Yosemite," Supt. Thompson said. "The improvement is truly spectacular because of the boldness of its conception, and it guarantees full protection to those incalculable landscape values for which the National Park Service is responsible."

Forty-two years have gone by since the remarkable day shown above when the Wawona tunnel was dedicated to public use. In the intervening period, the vision of the architects and engineers who were responsible for the daring idea has continued to benefit the Yosemite traveler without detracting from the natural wonders he has come to see.

## Houseplant Seminar

Is your pillea pouting? Has your Charley stopped Creeping? How's your aspidistra? Learn more about the care, feeding and pampering of your favorite houseplants during this one night seminar to be held on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center Auditorium.

Carl Stephans, the Chief Gardner for YPCCo., will answer all your questions about houseplant care and help you to have a healthier indoor garden.

For those who have already failed dismally and want a second chance, or for those just beginning their own garden, Carl will have some houseplants on sale.

## Portrait Photography Workshop

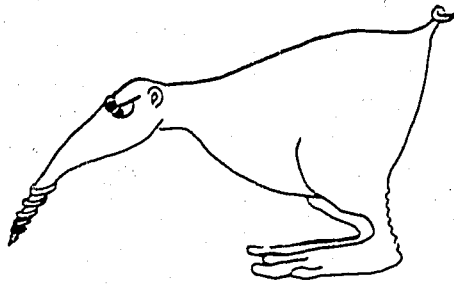
The Ansel Adams Gallery will offer a Portrait Photography Workshop from March 8 through 15. It will be an intensive week studying and practicing natural light photography, discussing the emotional involvement, light, space, form and the personal and non-personal relationship between the photographer and the person or persons photographed. The workshop will involve directed photographic sessions, darkroom demonstrations and lab periods, lectures and critiques.

Roger Minick, manager of the Associated Students University of California Studio in Berkeley, will head the staff for this workshop. He has had several one-man shows in the San Francisco Bay Area, and over the past ten years has been photographing the American rural life for his book entitled "Delta West", a photographic study of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River delta.

Margo Davis, also a member of the ASUC Studio and authoress of the photographic study "Antigua Black" will assist, along with Norman Locks, Workshop Director for the Ansel Adams Gallery.

The workshop will be informal and all camera formats will be accommodated. The Gallery will supply all darkroom equipment and chemicals, but the student should supply his own paper.

Tuition is \$180 for residents with your privilege card. For further information call 372-4579.



## Rumor Rooter

**RUMOR:** That the pet policy has changed to allow residents to own pets.

**FACT:** At the present time nothing has changed, except that more people are acquiring pets. Since there has been no Regional approval for any revised pet policy, it would be best to wait awhile and see which way the wind is going to blow on this one. In any case, the number of feral dogs and cats off leash, free roaming at night, is increasing and evidences of bird kills by cats are to be found in the large meadows. With the number of coyotes and Park Rangers in the Valley, it would be hazardous to turn out your animals. On the one hand, the coyotes will take a very direct action, and on the other hand the action may come about with the impounding of the animal and your paying of impounding fees and a fine. All three things should be avoided, but particularly the killing of wildlife in Yosemite National Park. After all, that is the reason we are all here. Thanks for your cooperation.

Charles W. Wendt  
Chief Ranger, NPS

The Sentinel always has room for fillers, so if you have an upcoming event that you want promoted or an item that you want to sell, just give us a call 372-4611 ext. 257 or sent it in to The Sentinel, Yosemite Park & Curry Co., Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389. There is no charge.

## Babysitters Wanted

Are you interested in babysitting on weekends and evenings? Many times our guests inquire about getting a babysitter. Unfortunately we do not supply this service.

However, if you are interested in part-time opportunities of this nature, we will compile a list of name and telephone numbers to circulate to the various facilities. This will give you an opportunity to be contacted when someone expresses an interest or need for a babysitter. Please contact Roy Manson in the Personnel Office at 372-4611, ext. 236 to have your name placed on the list.



## Hans Brinker Night

Winter Club members are invited to an old-fashioned Hans Brinker Family Skating Night on Thursday, March 6 at the Curry Village Ice Rink at 7:30 p.m.

There will be speed skating for every age group, crack-the-whip and other skating competitions and fun, with prizes offered to the winners.

Hot dogs and marshmallows will be there for the roasting at 25¢ per dog. Cost for the evening is \$1.50 admission (75¢ to employees with privilege card) and 75¢ skate rental.

For further information call Ken Ashburner at 372-4611, ext. 451.

## Part-Time Job

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Roy Manson at 372-4847.

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# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

March 3 — "Judge Roy Bean", starring Paul Newman, who plays the legendary Judge Roy Bean, who is the law of the West and also a sharp businessman. (PG)

March 10 — "Sometimes a Great Notion", starring Paul Newman and Henry Fonda. A fast-moving drama about one of the lumberjack families, the Stampers, who go their own way in life. (PG)

## YOSEMITE SAM'S

### DANCES

"SUN DANCE" Feb. 28 and March 1. Rock'n Roll at its finest.

"ROAD HOG" March 7 and 8. A return engagement to Sam's featuring this San Francisco group. You'll hear a medley of country, bluegrass, and just good dance music.

Dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 with privilege card.

### SPECIAL FEATURE MOVIE

"1984" starring Mike Regrave and Jan Sterling. A totalitarian state in which "War is Peace" and "Big Brother is Watching You." A must to see with a few beers at Yosemite Sam's March 5 at 8 p.m.

### REMINDER

Sam's lunch hour is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Open evenings Tuesday through Saturday, 5 p.m. to midnight.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

**KARATE** — Sunday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Yosemite Sam's. Good physical exercise and valuable self-defense may be gathered from this class.

**FLY TYING** — Monday nights at YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office, 7 to 9 p.m. Become a master fly tier.

**YOGA** — Tuesdays, YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Great instruction; come and join in this physical and mental relaxation.

**MACRAME AND LEATHER** — Wednesdays, YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office, 7 to 10 p.m. Expert instruction given by Ken Ashburner. Pay only for the supplies you use.

**YOGA** — Wednesdays, Wawona, 7 to 9:30 p.m.

### SPORTS

**3-WOMAN BASKETBALL** — every Thursday night at 8 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

**BROOM HOCKEY** — Join the action every Wednesday at 5:15 p.m. at the Curry Ice Rink. Last week Katie Manson scored a goal, so it can be done, girls!

**3-MAN BASKETBALL** — This week's schedule:

MAR. 3  
7:00 p.m. Ahwahnee vs. Acctg.  
8:00 p.m. Gen. Off. vs. Annex

MAR. 5  
7:00 p.m. Lodge vs Maint.  
8:00 p.m. Tecoya vs. Badger Pass

MAR. 10  
7:00 p.m. Lodge vs. Ahwahnee  
8:00 p.m. Acctg. vs. Gen. Off.

### MARIPOSA LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Yosemite Sam's continues to roll, registering their eleventh straight win, by defeating last year's champion, "The Indian Council". Sam's was led by Mike Foote's fine teamwork and John Poe's shooting and rebounding.

# Ski Festival

YPCCo. Employee Recreation is sponsoring a Ski Festival for all Park employees and residents at Badger Pass on Thursday, March 6, at 1 p.m. Events include a slalom race, snowshoe relays, and an obstacle course. Awards will be given, and the Yosemite Sam's World Cup will be presented to the outstanding skier of the day. Sign-ups will be in the main lobby at Badger.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

DANCE "Sun Dance" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1:

Experimental Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery

DANCE "Sun Dance" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 9 a.m.

Sunday Services ..... El Portal — 6:30 p.m.

Karate ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.

Experimental Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery

### MONDAY, MARCH 3:

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Judge Roy Bean" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 4:

Ski Buffet ..... Yosemite Lodge — 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7:30 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink — 5:15 p.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 7 p.m.

Macrame and Leather ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Yoga ..... Wawona — 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.

Volleyball ..... East Auditorium — 7:30 p.m.

Houseplant Seminar ..... Visitor Center Auditorium — 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 6:

Ski Festival ..... Badger Pass — 1:30 p.m.

Ski Buffet ..... The Ahwahnee — 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9:

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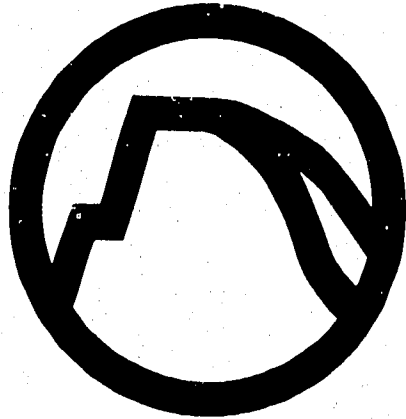
### MONDAY, MARCH 10:

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.

MOVIE "Sometimes a Great Notion" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

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## SO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF DAYS OFF....

Living in a National Park is truly a wonderful thing. You're never at a loss for things to do. Why, depending on the season, you have downhill or cross-country skiing, ice skating, hiking, climbing, swimming, tennis, golf...any number of sports to occupy your free time.

But, some times you just like to get away. So we've compiled a list of one or two day trips that you could take that aren't a great distance from the Park.

### MOTHER LODE COUNTRY —

The name "Mother Lode" defines that main vein of gold-bearing quartz which lured prospectors to the western foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains in 1848-49. Although the main vein was only about a mile wide and 150 miles long, the Mother Lode region extends approximately 265 miles between Mariposa and Downieville.

Gold was panned or mined and diggings flourished here during the gold rush days, when the "forty-niners" poured into California. The legends of the diggings and their bizarre citizens have become western history. Only the names serve as reminders of the makeshift camps or hastily founded towns.

There are many quaint old communities and some ghost towns along this gold belt. Among the cities you'll visit in the Mother Lode Country are Angels Camp, Auburn, Big Oak Flat, Coloma, Columbia, Coulterville, Downieville, Grass Valley, Hornitos, Jackson, Mariposa, Murphys, Nevada City, Placerville, San Andreas, Sonora and Volcano. State 49 is the primary route through the gold rush country. From 1 hour.

### THE WINE COUNTRY —

Miles of fertile vineyards stretch across the hills of Napa Valley. Several of the wineries along scenic State 29 offer tours of wine cellars and visits to the tasting rooms where winemaking is explained. Among the numerous valley wineries open to the public daily are Beaulieu, Beringer Brothers, Charles Krug, Inglenook, Louis Martini, Robert Mondavi and Christian Brothers. About 5 hrs.

### HERSHEY CHOCOLATE FACTORY —

Take a trip back to your childhood fantasies and visit the Hershey Chocolate Factory in Oakdale. This factory produces all the Hershey's for the West Coast. Just a short drive up Hwy. 120 W. About 1½ hrs.

### PETRIFIED FOREST - GEYSER —

Also in the Napa area is Calistoga which boasts three unusual attractions. The first of these is a petrified forest that contains redwoods buried more than 6 million years ago when volcanic ash covered a redwood forest. Uncovered in 1860, some trees are as large as 126 ft. long with details excellently preserved.

Mount St. Helena, the now extinct volcano that caused this phenomenon, is located nearby. This is where Robert Louis Stevenson honeymooned in 1880 and wrote "The Silverado Squatters." There's a statue of the author at the site of his bunkhouse near the summit.

Old Faithful Geyser of California, 60 feet high, is one of few other that Yellowstone's Old Faithful which erupts at regular intervals — approximately every 40 minutes. About 5 hrs.

### STEINBECK COUNTRY —

Were you fascinated by "Cannery Row", "The Wayward Bus," "Grapes of Wrath"? Then come visit the country that John Steinbeck lived in and wrote about...the Salinas Valley and Monterey. Just take Hwy 140 to 152 W. Then take U.S. 101 south to Salinas. About 4½ hrs.

### ANGELS CAMP —

It was here that Mark Twain stayed while gathering the information for his famous short story "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," his first published success. This institution is perpetuated on May this year at the Jumping Frog Jamboree; anyone may enter a frog and compete for cash prizes. Take Hwy 120 W to Hwy 49 N. About 3 hours.

### WEATHERLY CASTLE —

Modeled after a Scottish war lord's castle, it features unique interior and exterior arrangements and objects. Tours last 1½ hrs. and cost \$1. Open Saturday and Sunday all year. Located in Ben Lomond. Take Hwy 140 to 152 W until you reach Hwy 101 N. Take that to San Jose then south on 17 to Ben Lomond. About 4½ hrs.

### MULE DAYS —

If you're one of the lucky few to have Memorial Day weekend off, come root the Yosemite NPS wranglers on to victory once again at the annual Mule Days in Bishop. Our boys have consistently been in the winning. There's a lot of fun to be had with barbecues, mule shows and sales, in a happy holiday atmosphere. About 3 hrs. when Tioga opens.

If you've taken an interesting excursion on your days off, why not share it with us. Send your idea to The Sentinel.



## Job Opportunities

As of this writing the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**ASST. MANAGER (YL CAF)** - (Full fast food operation) Responsibilities include training, scheduling bus and serving staff. Hard worker, able to get along with young people. Previous fast food experience preferable. Salaried.

**ASST. MANAGER (YL REST)** - Previous experience in all dining room functions. Kitchen experience helpful but not necessary. Neat appearance, good customer relations. Salaried.

**NIGHT CLEANER (YL KIT)** - Knowledge of floor cleaning materials, waxes. Heavy cleaning work involved. \$2.55-\$3.32.

**APPAREL MANAGER (YL)** - Responsible for scheduling, bank, and ordering. Good initiative and at least 2 years previous experience in merchandising for women's fashions. Managerial experience preferred. Salaried.

**DELI MANAGER (GYF&B)** - Background in Deli operations, sandwich preparation, etc. Experience in grocery store operation useful. Salaried.

**KITCHEN HELPER (AHW)** - Individual willing to work very hard. Heavy cleaning involved. \$2.40-\$3.14.

**DIESEL MECHANIC (VEH MNT)** - Require 3 years experience, complete set of hand tools. \$5.40-\$6.80.

**SECRETARY (PERS)** - Personal secretary to the manager of Personnel. Previous EEO experience, good office skills helpful. Salaried.

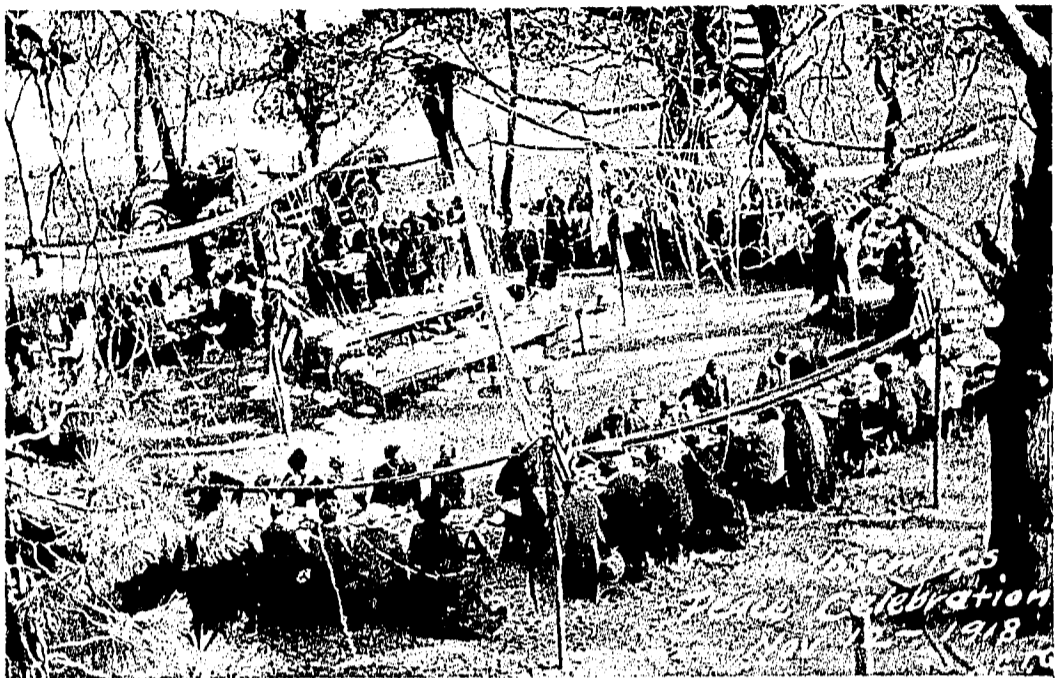
**PLUMBER (MNT)** - Journeyman having knowledge of sanitation regulations for State and National Parks, own hand tools, able to do heavy lifting. \$5.48.

**PAINTER (MNT)** - Journeyman with extensive brush and roller experience, familiarity with paint composition, color matching. Must be experienced in working with various surfaces and their preparation. \$5.48.

## Part-Time Job

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## PICTURE FROM THE PAST



Yosemite Valley residents were so thrilled with World War I's end on November 11, 1918, that they celebrated the Armistice with a gala picnic on the following day. Festivities were held on the abandoned site of Camp Lost Arrow about where the farthest west government housing is today. C. T. Gutleben, one of the two Gutleben brothers who built the Glacier Point Hotel and the original Yosemite Lodge, took pictures. Besides its documentation of patriotism, the picture is extraordinary in that it shows the large number of residents in an era of almost zero winter tourism. Additionally, it exhibits that the Valley was snowless, but hardly summer-like. Note the clothing.

During the war, Camp Curry was the focal point for all patriotic activity. There a Red Cross booth was manned zealously, by nighttime entertainer Grace Jilson. A number of money-raising events were held, and a service flag flew near the famed Gateway. On it, two gold stars honored employees killed in service, and thirty blue stars represented soldiers, sailors and pilots such as Hilmer Oehlmann and Don Tresidder, two college boy porters, who were to become leaders of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. (Photo courtesy of Amy Leavitt Alexander)

by Shirley Sargent

## Employee Benefit Corner

### SOCIAL SECURITY (Part IV)

by Jim Edeal

**WORKING AFTER BENEFITS START**  
During 1974, a retired worker under age 72 will not lose any benefits unless he made over \$2,400 a year. If he does make over \$2,400 a year, the total amount payable to him and the members of his family getting benefits based on his social security account will be reduced by one-half the amount over \$2,400.

No benefits are deducted, however, for any month in which the worker neither earns wages of more than \$200 nor renders substantial service in employment. For example, suppose his benefit is \$100 and he earns \$3,300 in 1974. Normally, the deductions against his benefits would total \$450, but if actually works and earns wages of over \$200 in only three months of the year, his benefits for those three months only would be lost.

At age 72 or over, benefits are paid no matter how much is earned; and you do not have to include earnings in or after in the month in which you reach age 72 in determining whether you come up the annual limit.

If you work after you start receiving benefits, your wages are subject to social security and medicare taxes, regardless of your age. However there is a special provision of the law that increases the worker's benefit by 1% for each year he delays payment of Social Security benefits past age 65 up to age 72. For the person who waits right up to age 72, this can mean a 7% increase in benefits. Only the benefit of the person who delays retirement or benefit is increased under this provision; benefits paid to his dependents or survivors are not affected.

# "The Crow's Nest"



The Crow is back in his nest after a lengthy bout with the flu, and much has happened.

Wedding bells have been ringing--first it was Mark and Kathleen Meiggs (she is the former Ms. Manson). The happy couple honeymooned in Sun Valley for a while with Ken and Patti Ashburner. Then Roger Rudolph and Nancy Gorman were married. Can you imagine being married to the Sub-District Ranger for the Snake River District? Evil Kneivel, where are you now that we need you?

Congrats to Rosie Wiggins who gave birth to a baby girl late in February.

What leading Valley grocer and self-professed ski expert fell off the T-Bar at Badger Pass recently? Hint: He is so old, they won't even let him enter the Ancient Jocks Race.

Speaking of skiing, what a remarkable recovery by Tom Williams. Glad to see you back, Tom!

We started something in a recent issue--submitted recently to the Crow's Nest was the following list of native diseases: Happy Isles Hangover, Backcountry Backache, Merced River Red Eyes, Yosemite Falls Flat Feet, Dana Doldrums, and, our favorite, Badger Bruises.

Feeding the animals can be dangerous to their health and your fingers!

What would Major Savage have done about "ring around the collar"?

Old adage of the week: Never look a gift horse in the mouth! Especially if it's walking away from you.

## Baby sitters Available

The Valley Cadette Girl Scouts (7th and 8th grades) have recently been involved in a "Baby Sitter Training Course", which included safety and first aid; recognizing and handling emergency situations; ethics and responsibility; and creative play with youngsters.

Girls who completed the entire course are: Lynne Cross, Kathleen Krisko, Leslie Sansum, and Karin Wendt. For a list of additional girls who took part in the course, contact Paula Krisko at 372-4212.

## Medical Rate Changes

Due to significantly increased costs, Lewis Memorial Hospital will be initiating revised rates effective March 15th. Both Yosemite Medical Plan and private rates will be affected. The rate changes have been approved by the National Park Service.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employee medical plan deduction of 12¢ per day per adult and 6¢ per child will remain the same. This rate has been unchanged since 1967.

In general, office call rates will be increased by \$1.00 per visit and hospital room rates by \$3.00 per day. As an example, the new office call rate will be \$2.00 during regular hours and the daily hospital room rate for a semi-private bed room will be \$42.00. Emergency room rates (charged only for visits out of regular hours) will increase by \$1.00, and x-ray charges by approximately \$1.50 per procedure. Surgical and obstetrical fees, lab charges for procedures done at the hospital, and x-ray, physical therapy, and emergency room charges will continue to be calculated at 50% of the rates charge to individuals not enrolled in the plan.

Office call rates have been unchanged since 1966, and most x-ray charges have not increased since the 1950's.

Regular office hours will remain in effect 7 days a week — 10-12 and 2-5:30 Monday through Friday and 10-12 Saturday and Sunday. There are no regular office hours on nationally observed holidays, but emergency care is available.

Further information about the plan benefits and charges is available at the YPC Personnel office and the hospital. A detailed summary will be distributed to all employees in the near future.

## FOR SALE

1972 SL70 Honda Motorcycle. Very good condition. \$175.00 Call to see 379-2377.

## Management Trainee Program

At 7:00 p.m. February 12, 1975, the first formal training session of the Management Trainee Program took place. In attendance were our recently appointed trainees Joseph Andes, Thomas Kroon, Roger Mills, Kathy Wrautz and Don Willard in addition to the training committee Mr. Ed Hardy, Dan Slusser, George Spach, Bill Thompsen and William Germany. Special invited guests were Mike Gehan, Controller; and Jesse Sperry, Director of Plant Services.

Ed Hardy conducted the first class dealing with communications which provided a thorough discussion of the necessity of internal communications within an organizational structure. The theme of the night's meeting dealt with the definition of communications which is the transmission or exchange of information or ideas through speech and writing and the vehicles under which these are accomplished. The trainees were given an indepth view of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Table of Organization and the various responsibilities and functions in each of the Divisions.

Plans were discussed for future training sessions and the entire group participated in round table discussion.

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March 17 "Butterflies Are Free", starring Goldie Hawn and Edward Albert. A love story between a sensitive blind man and a loving girl. (PG)

### YOSEMITE SAM'S DANCES

March 7 & 8 "Road Hog" featuring female vocalist Kathy Vaughn.

March 14 & 15 the return of "The Sneakers", the San Francisco rock 'n' roll band.

Action starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1 and privilege card.

### OLDIES BUT GOODIES

*Shivers my Timbers*--Little Rascals; *Dumb but Dutiful*--Three Stooges; *Do-Good Wolf*--Loop de Loop; *North-West Territory*--Wonder Dog.

### HAPPY HOUR

Every day, Tuesday through Saturday, 5 to 6 p.m. Get suds for 35¢ and a pitcher for \$1.50.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Sunday--Karate at Yosemite Sam's from 7 to 9 p.m. Self Defense mixed with great exercise. Come and join in.

Monday--Fly-tying in YPCCo. Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Fishermen unite!

Tuesday--Yoga in YPCCo. Recreation Office, 7:30 p.m. Get down with this total relaxation exercise.

Wednesday--Macrame and leather class in YPCCo. Recreation Office, 7 to 10 p.m. Make something with your own hands that you can be proud of.

(Note: Materials for most of the classes may be purchased at the class. All classes are open to Yosemite residents, free of charge.)

### SPORTS

Broom Hockey--we were rained out last week, but everybody is ready to go this week. Come out and have a ball. Women wanted to liven up the action.

Ladies' Basketball--The girls are really getting together now and playing some fast basketball. All ladies are welcome each Thursday night at 8 pm. in the Elementary School Auditorium. Great weight control!

### BASKETBALL

Yosemite Elementary School A team -- Yosemite 25, El Portal 20; B team -- El Portal 36, Yosemite 18.

Yosemite Sam's continued it's winning streak last week by beating the Oakhurst team 65 to 37. Their perfect record is unscarred at 13-0. There are only two games left, and you can catch your team this Sunday night at the Mariposa High School Gym at 7:00 p.m.

### THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<b>March 10</b>	7 p.m.	Lodge vs. Ahwahnee
	8 p.m.	Acctg. vs. Gen. Off.
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MARCH 7:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's -- 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 8:

Nordic Holiday Race ..... Badger Pass -- 10 a.m.

Ancient Jocks Race ..... Badger Pass -- 3 p.m.

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's -- 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 9:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel -- 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal -- 10 a.m.

Nordic Holiday Cross Country Relays ..... Summit-Meadow -- Noon

Sunday Services ..... El Portal -- 6:30 p.m.

Karate Class ..... Yosemite Sam's -- 7 p.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 10:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office -- 7 p.m.

3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium -- 7 & 8 p.m.

MOVIE "Sometimes a Great Notion" ..... Visitor Center -- 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 11:

Ski Buffet ..... Four Seasons -- 6:30 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel -- 7:30 p.m.

Yoga Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office -- 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12:

Broom Hockey ..... Curry Ice Rink -- 5:15 p.m.

Macrame and Leather ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office -- 7 p.m.

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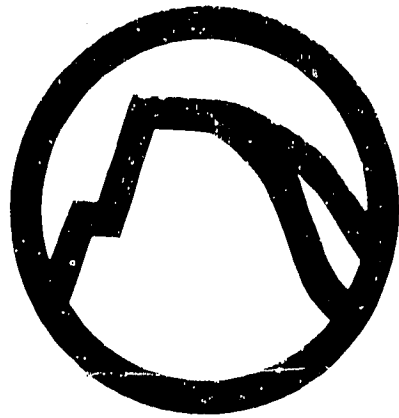
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# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

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*RANGER ROGER RUDOLPH races across the finish line.*



*ANNE HENRICKSON, who won the fastest time for the women in the Ancient Jocks Race, is congratulated by her husband Roger.*



*EILEEN BERREY is offered winner's kiss by John Crofut at the awards presentation. The Berrey's son Tim, who just passed the 30 mark was the winner of the fastest time for the men.*

## WOMEN'S CLUB

### LUNCHEON

Tuesday, March 14

11:30 A.M.

The Ahwahnee

Indian Room

Call 372-4845

for reservations



*DOUG COE salutes Leroy Rust and John Crofut with the silver mug that was presented to him for all his help to the Winter Club.*



## Job Opportunities

The positions listed below are vacant as of this writing and need to be filled. Appointments with Personnel can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**ASST. MGR. (YL CAF)**—Full Fast Food Operation — Training, scheduling bus and serving staff. Hard worker, able to get along with young people. Previous experience. Salaried.

**KITCHEN HELPER (YL CAF)** — Willing to work hard. Heavy cleaning. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

**CAFETERIA COOK (YL CAF)** — Prepare soups, sauces, roasts, etc. Own tools, uniform. \$3.65-4.66/hr.

**ASST. MGR. (YL REST.)** — Experience in all dining room functions. Kitchen experience helpful. Neat appearance, good customer relations. Salaried.

**NIGHT CLEANER (YL KITCHEN)** — knowledge of floor cleaning materials, waxes. Heavy cleaning work. \$2.55-\$3.22/hr.

**FRONT DESK CLERK (AHW)** — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Previous room clerk experience preferred. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**FRONT OFFICE CASHIER (AHW)** — Knowledge of cashiering. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$3.00-\$3.86/hr.

**HOUSEPERSON (AHW)** — Hard worker. Heavy lifting. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**ROOM SERVICE WAITER (AHW)** — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**KITCHEN HELPER (AHW)** — Willing to work very hard. Heavy cleaning. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

**SOUS CHEF (AHW)**—Overall knowledge of all kitchen procedures. Prepare all types of food, draw up menus, order supplies, supervise. Own tools and uniform. Salaried.

**DELI MGR. (GYF&B)** — Deli operations, sandwich preparation background. Experience in grocery store operations. Salaried.

**MAID (CV)** — quick, thorough worker; neat appearance; heavy cleaning. \$2.25-\$3.14/hr.

**SKI FITTER (BP)** — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Mechanical ability preferred. Base \$2.40.

**STORE MGR. (YL APPAREL)** — Responsible for scheduling, bank, ordering. Good initiative; 2 years in merchandising for women's fashions. Managerial experience, good office skills helpful. Salaried.

**WINTER CLOSEOUT SALE!!**  
Curry Village Mountain Shop  
up to 30% off on closeout items  
Sale is on right now!



### The Brown Creeper

The brown creeper is a small brown bird that you will usually see climbing a tree trunk searching for its diet of insects. It captures the insects by using its needle-like bill as tweezers, rather than pounding like a woodpecker. If you look closely, you will see that the creeper has stiff pointed tail feathers, as do the woodpeckers, that are used to balance against the tree trunk. The creeper moves up the tree, often to the top, then flies down to the base of another tree and starts the process over. The creeper doesn't climb down the tree headfirst as do the nuthatches.

Perhaps the most extraordinary thing about the creeper is its nest which is placed behind a slab or large flake of bark on a tree trunk, rather than in a hole. The first time you see a little brown bird disappear behind a flake of bark, you will probably think you are seeing things. The nest often seems precariously perched, but has the advantage to the creeper of being a site not used by the woodpeckers, which prefer holes.

The creeper is dark brown streaked with white above and plain white below. Sometimes you first notice it when what you thought was a piece of tree trunk starts hopping up the trunk. But you can also find it by listening for its call, a fine "See" note, uttered singly and at irregular intervals.

Brown creepers are common on the west slopes of the Sierra all year round and can be seen frequently in Yosemite Valley and up to the upper limit of the lodgepole forests.

## FOR SALE

Fischer Superglass skis, Look Nevada G.P. bindings; Great shape \$60. Topp refrigerator; compact size, but holds a lot \$40. For either item contact Greg Scott at ext. 445 or come to cabin 4 at Curry Village.

## LADY BEETLES

Have you noticed the great gobs of Lady beetles around the Valley? Often thousands will be bunched together at the bases of trees or shrubs, or under leaves. They will be motionless, as if frozen.

For most creatures, winter is a time of food scarcity. Lady beetles run out of aphids in the fall. They must then migrate to areas with aphids, die and lay eggs, or migrate to areas which are so cold that they will not have to eat. Lady beetles have evolved to do the latter. They migrate to the nearest high mountains, form large groups to avoid being frozen, and are refrigerated for the winter. Their body temperature stays so cold that they are practically motionless and need no food.

During a particularly warm day, the beetles may become mobile and will start out in search of food, only to regroup when the cold evening returns.

When the warmth of spring is felt, these beetles become active, mate, and fly back to the waiting aphids in your gardens.

## Scout Dinner

Four dens of Cub Scouts with their parents and guests were in attendance at the annual Blue and Gold Dinner celebrating the 65th Anniversary of the Cub Scouts. Dens 1 and 4 from Yosemite Valley and 2 and 3 from El Portal were represented, and the boys were awarded their yearly pins. Guest speaker for the evening was Dan Slusser, Vice President of YPCCo., who spoke on citizenship. The meal benediction was offered by Ken Brooks from the Baptist Church in El Portal.

## Part-Time Job

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Roy Manson at 372-4847.



## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- March 18 - Yosemite Women's Club monthly meeting. Meet at the Ahwahnee Hotel Indian Room at 11:30 for a salad luncheon and program featuring Jim McDonald and movies of Baja California. For \$2.75 (including tax and tip) make your own salad from a salad bar, have rolls, drink, and cookies. Everyone is invited. R.S.V.P. to Lynn Williams, 372-4845.
- March 19 - Book Discussion Group. The group will meet at Diana Abrell's house at 8:00 p.m. to discuss Eugene O'Neill's play "The Iceman Cometh". Rick Smith will be the moderator. Everyone is invited.
- April 3 - Ski Day Awards Dinner. Everyone who participated in the Ski Day Program - students, their families, instructors, porch and bus parents, ski adjusters, babysitters - are welcome. Each family should bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to the Visitor Center Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. For further information call Lou Carter 379-2634 or Diana Abrell 372-4233.
- April 5 - Wild Flower Walk. Join Roger McGeehe at the El Portal Elementary School parking lot and enjoy the spring wild flowers in bloom in El Portal. Meet at 10:30 and bring a sack lunch. Families welcome.
- April 8 - Bicycle Ride. Meet at the Yosemite Post Office at 11:00 a.m. Bring a sack lunch. For further information call Anne Hendrickson 372-4250.
- April 11 - El Portal PTL Chili Dinner. The dinner will be held at the El Portal Community Hall from 5:00 to 7:30. Call Lou Carter 379-2634 for further information.
- April 17 - YWC monthly meeting. The luncheon meeting will be at the new Curry Cafeteria. There will be a guest speaker.
- April 19 - Rummage Sale. El Portal Community Association is sponsoring a rummage sale at the El Portal Community Hall starting at 9:00 a.m.
- April 24 - 27 American Foreign Service Weekend. Foreign students staying in the East Bay Area will be coming to Yosemite for this weekend. Anyone interested in housing one or more of the students for 3 days call Barbara Wendt, 372-4817. You may like to specify whether you prefer a boy or a girl and the nationality.
- April 25 - Potluck dinner at Glacier Point. Here is a chance for all local residents to meet the AFS foreign students visiting Yosemite and to experience seeing a full moon from Glacier Point. For more information call Barbara Wendt, 372-4817.
- April 30 - Pine Needle Basket Weaving. Meet with Dotty Powers, Barbara Wendt, and others in the Ahwahnee Meadow for a practical lesson in weaving baskets from pine needles. Bring a sack lunch and meet in front of Mary Ann Singer's house at 10:30 a.m.
- May 3 - Cinco de Mayo. The third annual Cinco de Mayo Barbecue Picnic will be at the Rancheria Flat Park, Government Housing Area, El Portal starting at noon. Bring your own meat to barbecue and a side dish. Beer and pop will be for sale. Don't forget your tennis racket!
- May 7 - Cross county ski trip to Taft Point. Call Anne Hendrickson, 372-4250 for more information.
- May 22 - YWC monthly meeting. This meeting is planned for Foresta. Details later.
- June 2 - Yosemite Elementary School Picnic. Save this date. Details later.

B abysitting Co-op - The secretary for March is Mary Ann Singer 372-4284, April is Margene vanWagtendonk, 379-2668, and May is Marsha Lee, 372-4539. To join call Marsha Lee.

Upcoming Plans - Gourmet cooking class with Roger Cortello starting in late April. Tennis lessons in May in El Portal and Yosemite.

MARCH 18 - 7:00 P.M. - REORGANIZE TO ORDER T-SHIRTS & DISCUSS SUMMER PLANS FOR WOMEN'S BASEBALL TEAM (CALAMITY CLUTZ'S) - MARSHA LEE'S HOUSE

## "The Crow's Nest"



The Crow is back to full flying strength once again and looking everywhere for Park happenings.

Someone has come up with a new way to beat inflation: make Rockefeller Treasury Secretary. And how about the new inflation button: CORN (Congressmen Offer Relief Now!).

Fresno Bee Silver Ski Races to be held at Badger Pass this weekend, next it's the Winter Carnival (March 22 and 23), then that weird rabbit show up again—I mean after all, how many rabbits do you know that lay Easter Eggs?

All the old timers were at Badger last weekend for the Third Annual Ancient Jocks Slalom sponsored by the Winter Club. Men like Luggi Foeger, Charlie Proctor, and Al Siegal were all on hand for the event. Even L.L. Branscum was there to defend his Slowest Time title!

But Leslie Hart proved that "Women's Lib" is here to stay, capturing the title from Mr. Branscum.

Ann Hendrickson took the fastest time trophy among the women, while Tim Berrey, son of Henry, took first among the old jocks....this after competing in the Nordic Race and finishing 4th.

Ned Gillette was the winner of the Nordic Holiday Race in the pro category for the second year in a row, coming across the finish line in 1:18:03; not far behind was Hans Burkhardt who finished second.

Other locals finishing in the top ten were Craig Patterson and Steve Darrow who finished 5th and 6th respectively.

Spring is in the air! There have been reported sightings of butterflies at Badger Pass and, yes, even mosquitos in

## PICTURE FROM THE PAST



"What's historic about this picture?" some readers may ask, "That's Jack Ring who managed the Village Store until a couple of years ago."

True, true, but the picture, like his haircut, belongs to yesterday, for it was taken on January 27, 1959, opening day for the modern facility which replaced an aged relic in Old Village. "Old Dad", as

Yosemite Valley! Some sure signs to look for....when the ants go outside; when you find yourself sitting at your desk asking yourself why you're sitting at your desk on such a beautiful day; when you stop working and start daydreaming at 2 p.m....then can Spring be far off? Just think, only 292 days left in 1975.

Monday morning mail at the YPCCo. Accounting Office contained a check for \$37.00 from a Cypress, Calif. man...in the accompanying letter, the man explained that as a departing guest 10 years ago, he had taken with him 3 blankets and a knife belonging to the Company....and he hoped the check would cover the cost of the items. Return letter from the Accounting Office: Dear Sir: "Due to inflation, the value of the items you stole is \$57.00 Please remit another \$20.00 plus \$.37 to cover postage fees. May we hear from you concerning this matter on or before March 3, 1985."

SPECIAL SENTINEL NOTE: John Crofut himself was observed practicing for the Spring Bike Rally recently. He was seen riding son Peter's bike along the Ahwahnee Meadow with his knees tucked up under his chin. The bike had training wheels. Maybe he was fixing to challenge Nic Fiore to a bike race!?

he was affectionately known, is shown greeting the store's first customer, Erma Fitzpatrick, wife of Postmaster Walter (Fitz) Fitzpatrick. Yes, that's history--the Fitzpatricks retired to Canada and Jack Ring's in Mariposa running the '49er Market.

There's only one thing missing in the photo, and that's Andy Koller, wrapped in his butcher's apron, greeting Mrs. Fitzpatrick with some endearing comment such as, "Good morning, you dumb broad...."

(Photo courtesy of Bob Cromer)

## Teen Club Forming in Yosemite

Tired of doing nothing on the weekends? A teen club will be forming for high school students that live in Yosemite Park and El Portal.

The first meeting to get the club rolling will be March 20th at 8 p.m. in the YP&CCo. Employee Recreation Office (General Offices).

At the meeting we'll discuss organization and future events. All teens and their parents are coordinally invited.

For more information call Sandy Cortello at 372-4780, or Ken Ashburner at 372-4611, ext. 451.

Come air your thoughts and give us your suggestions. We are planning to have the best Teen Club in the west.

# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

March 17 "Butterflies Are Free" starring Edward Albert and Goldie Hawn. A love story between a sensitive blind boy and a free, loving girl. (PG)

March 24 "The New Centurions" starring George C. Scott and Stacy Keach. Violent, brutal, realistic tale of police work in Los Angeles based on the book by Joseph Wambaugh. (R)

## DANCES

This weekend at Yosemite Sam's features the return of "The Sneakers", originally from Boston. Dance Friday and Saturday nights, March 14 and 15 to popular favorites plus "The Sneakers" own stuff. March 21 and 22 features "Rock Slides." You've got to see it to believe it.

Action starts at 8:30, \$1.00 admission with a privilege card.

Note: Employees must be at least 18 years of age to get in.

## OLDIES BUT GOODIES

Charlie Chan will be on the screen Wednesday, March 19 at Yosemite Sam's for the Golden Oldies Flicks. Co-hit is "The Great Piggy Bank Robbery" with Bugs Bunny.

## SPECIAL CLASSES

FLY TYING — Monday nights 7-10 p.m. at YPCCo. Rec. Office.

YOGA — Tuesday nights 7:30 p.m. at YPCCo. Rec. Office.

MACRAME & LEATHER CLASS — Wednesdays, 7-10 p.m. at YPCCo. Rec. Office

YOGA at Wawona on Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

## SPORTS

BROOM HOCKEY - Wednesday evenings starting at 5:15 p.m. This is a Co-Ed sport, so everybody come out and get into the action.

THREE-WOMAN BASKETBALL - The girls are shooting better than ever; come out and join them every Thursday night at 8 p.m.

THREE-MAN BASKETBALL - Every Monday and Wednesday night at 7 and 8 p.m. come out and root for your favorite team.

## THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

### March 17

7 p.m. Lodge vs. General Office  
8 p.m. Annex vs. Accounting

### March 19

7 p.m. Maintenance vs. Tecoya  
8 p.m. Ahwahnee vs. Badger Pass

### March 24

7 p.m. Annex vs. Maintenance  
8 p.m. Ahwahnee vs. Tecoya

## BASKETBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF MARCH 5, 1975

	Wins	Losses
Badger Pass	4	0
General Offices	4	0
Accounting	3	1
Maintenance	2	2
Lodge	2	2
Ahwahnee	1	3
Tecoya	0	3
Annex	0	4

Three weeks remain in the season, so anything can happen. Come out and root for your favorite team.

## FOR SALE

AM/FM compact stereo system. Call 372-4870.

Class V Ski Pack, burgundy with internal frame; volume 4,000 c.i. \$50 (\$70 new). Also Bushnell Spacemaster Spotting Scope with mounting attachments for any 35mm camera. Used twice, \$100 (over \$130 new). Contact Bud Rice at 372-4611, ext. 244.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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DANCE "Sneakers" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 15:

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### SUNDAY, MARCH 16:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

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Women's Club Luncheon ..... The Ahwahnee, Indian Room — 11:30 a.m.

Ski Buffet ..... Four Seasons — 6:30 p.m.

Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

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3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.

Volleyball ..... East Auditorium, Visitor Center — 7:30 p.m.

Oldies-But-Goodies ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 20:

Ski Buffet ..... The Ahwahnee — 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 8 p.m.

Teen Club Meeting ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 21:

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

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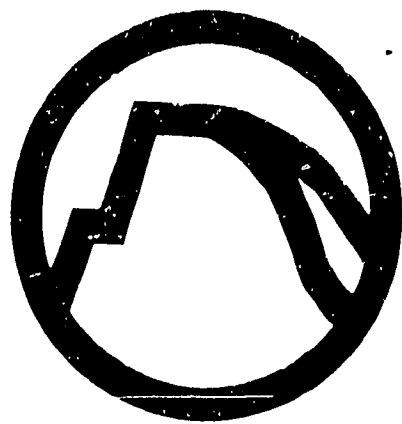
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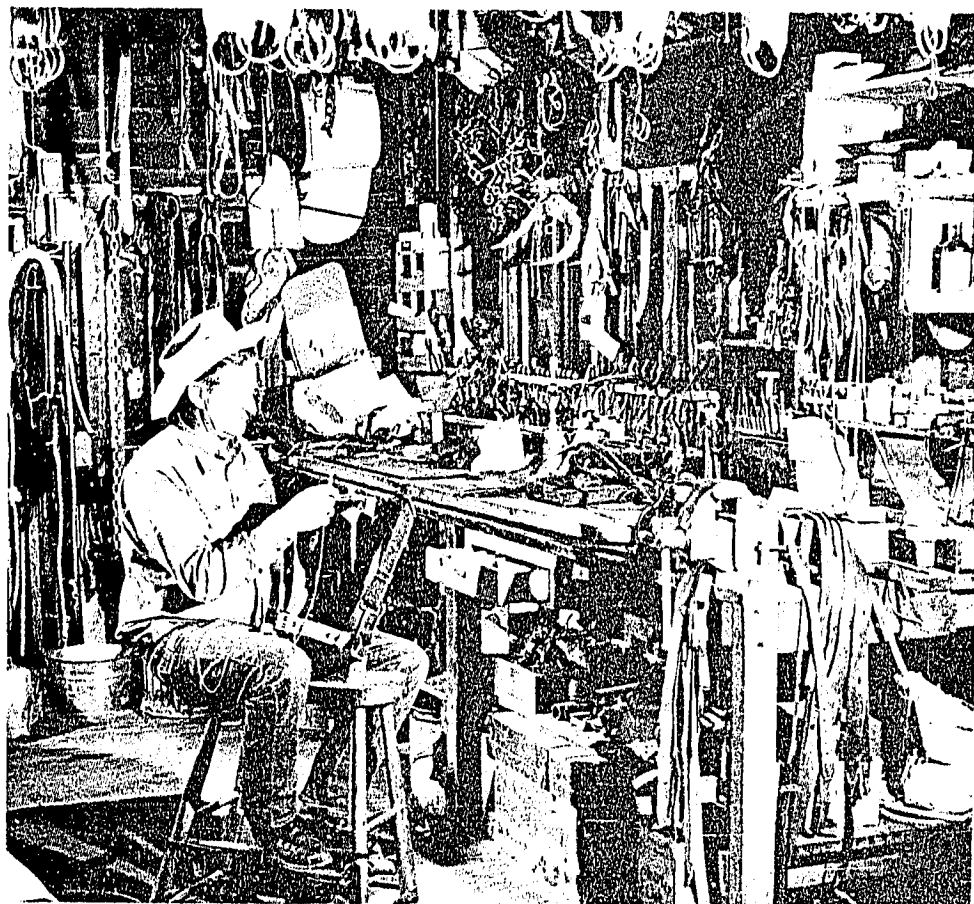
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## *Barnett Retires*

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. announced today the retirement of John Robert Barnett, manager of the Curry Company stables in the Park.

Mr. Barnett, better known as "Cowboy Bob", first started working at the Yosemite stables in June 1931 as a Mule Boy. He has been there ever since with his only absence being for military service. After the war, he served as full-time wrangler and guide for ten years; then finally in 1954, he became the most popular, affable, and quoted stable boss in Yosemite history.





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SECRETARY (PERS) — Personal secretary to manager of Personnel. Previous EEO experience, good office skills helpful. Salaried.

## Badger Winter Carnival



Yosemite National Park — Badger Pass' 5th Annual Winter Carnival will be held on March 22 and 23 reports area manager Tom Williams.

"Spring skiing is the best ever at Badger this year," adds Williams, "So we've planned a full weekend of activities for the entire family to enjoy starting at about 10 a.m. each day."

Highlighting the weekend's events will be the Kneissel Demonstration Team who will display their skiing skills on both Saturday and Sunday. There will be slaloms, lollipops slaloms and hot dog events, as well as the regularly scheduled Saturday NASTAR races.

Sunday's program will be topped off by the Costume Judging at the Badger Lodge, followed by a Steak Barbeque complete with salad, baked beans, apple pie and beverage.

"Rock Slide", a Fresno-based band, will supply music for dancing or listening all day Saturday and Sunday.

Reservations for the dinner may be made by sending a check for \$6 per person to Badger Pass, Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389, or buying you ticket at the Badger Pass office.

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## MARIPOSA LEAGUE RESULTS

Yosemite Sam's finishes in the Mariposa League with an undefeated record of 13-0. There was no hope of any team catching or defeating Yosemite Sam's, and so the league ended at thirteen games. The men below comprised the toughest basketball team in the history of Yosemite:

John Poe (Mister Moves)  
Raymon Willis (Snake)  
Dennis Wahnee (Muscles)  
Mike Foote (Gunner)  
James Peggins (Dead Eye)  
Paul Peters (Mister Hustle)

Top scorer on the team was Mike Foote, averaging over 20 points per game. Top rebounder on the team was Paul Peters, averaging over 15 points per game. Honorable mention goes to Ray Willis for making the most lay ups on the fast break (Cherry Picker). And for his all around contribution to the team, offensive and defensive, John Poe was the most outstanding player. Congrats, boys!!!!

## FOR SALE

'65 MG Midget — 32 mpg. Good running cond. black - needs paint job. \$600. Inquire at L-8 (Annex)

## This Week's Recipe

Since some of us are dieting, or soon will be, as bathing suit season nears, here is an economical, weight watching, scrumptious dish just for you.

### EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA

1 Large Eggplant  
Salt & Pepper  
1 C. Flour  
2 Eggs, lightly beaten  
1½ C. Tomato Sauce, heated  
1 Lb. Mozzarella Cheese  
1 tsp. Crumbled Basil  
¼ C. Parmesan Cheese

Wash eggplant and cut into ¼" slices; do not peel. Season. Dip eggplant into flour and then eggs. Place in refrigerator. Heat 1/8" of oil in a skillet. Fry eggplant slices until tender and golden. Drain well and salt. Line buttered shallow baking dish with some sauce. Arrange layer of eggplant over sauce. Cover with a layer of mozzarella, more sauce, a sprinkle of basil and parmesan. Repeat until dish is full, ending with tomato sauce. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serves six.

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# "The Crow's Nest"



The Winter Carnival gets under way tomorrow at Badger Pass. The two day event is an annual affair complete with costume judging, slalom races, and live entertainment. Badger by the way will be open this year until April 13.

How about Joe Paquette who vacationed in his hometown of Fall River, Mass. It also happens to be the hometown of the infamous Lizzie Borden.

New faces in Personnel: Alice Hernandez, former Ahwahnee maid is now Office Clerk, and Amy Hall is also new to the Personnel Staff.

Sheila Slater, who has left the Personnel Office, now lives in Mill Valley. Can you imagine trading a view of Half Dome for a view of Alcatraz? Can you imagine what it would be like to be in the Interpretive Division at Alcatraz? Please don't give the bears the "old one-two"—remember, they can't buy Alka-Seltzer.

Welcome back Dana and Esther Morgenson after wintering in Sedona, Arizona.

Congrats are in order for Tom Williams, who will manage Tuolumne Meadows Lodge this summer. What a life! Badger in the winter and TM in the summer.

The new Curry Dining Pavilion opened its doors this week. The facility will employ what is known as the scramble system of feeding. Does that mean confusion or convenience?? Or does it mean all food will be scrambled? At any rate, it's a beautiful facility, and all should see it.

### WANTED

Classical or folk guitar, 6 string (nylon preferred). Contact Tricia Moltke at Tecoya Dorm E-310 or call 372-4611, ext. 421 between 8 and 5.

# Environmental Ski Tours



Ski the high country with Yosemite naturalist Warren White on March 28-30 or April 18-20. Ostrander Lake Ski Hut will be the destination of these three-day environmental ski tours sponsored by Yosemite Natural History Association.

First-hand observations of the effects of wind, temperature, water, snow, and ice on the vegetation and animal life within the 6,500' to 9,000' elevations, as well as the effects of glaciation, will be examined.

The first day will be spent skiing 7½ miles (12 km) into Ostrander Lake Ski Hut. The glacial cirques of Hart Lake Basin will be explored on the second day, while the return trip to Badger Pass on the third day will provide opportunities to study the environment of a third area.

The trip is strenuous and should be undertaken only by those in good

physical condition who are more experienced cross country skiers.

Skiers will need to provide their own sleeping bags, backpack, personal necessities, and a lunch for the first day. All other food will be provided.

The cost is \$25 per person, including food and use of the hut.

To register, call YNHA at 372-4532.

### THIS WEEK'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

<b>March 24—</b>	
7 p.m.	Lodge vs. Accounting
8 p.m.	General Office vs. Badger Pass
<b>March 25—</b>	
7 p.m.	Annex vs. Maintenance
8 p.m.	Ahwahnee vs. Tecoya



### RUMOR ROOTER

**RUMOR:** It is proper for employees to feed some wild animals around residences and visitor service areas.

**FACT:** Employees as well as visitors are not allowed to feed, touch, tease, molest, or intentionally disturb any wildlife or nesting and related activities or phenomena thereof. It is difficult to prove that feeding raccoons harms them from a dietary standpoint. However, it may affect their ability to withstand a severe

winter. Hibernating animals, and other animals with more restricted natural diets, may be adversely affected. Feeding may artificially concentrate animals, or support a population increase. They might be more vulnerable to their predators, or unable to maintain themselves when the artificial food supply is removed. Concentration may also cause the outbreak of disease and even transmittal to man. Feeding causes animals to lose their fear of man. They become pests, which leads to their eventual destruction for man's protection. Animals are especially dangerous when small children are about. A bite may destroy a visit, or cause worry until the possibility of disease is negated. Note the word "animals"; not just "mammals".

# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

March 24 — "The New Centurions" starring George C. Scott and Stacy Keach. Violent, brutal, realistic tale of police work in Los Angeles; based on the book by Joseph Wambaugh. (R)

March 31 — "Walking Tall" starring Joe Don Baker and Elizabeth Hartman. Based on the real life tragedy and punishment visited upon a Tennessee County sheriff. Walking Tall tells its story with devastating impact. (R)

## SPORTS

**3-MAN BASKETBALL** — This is the last week of basketball coming up, and much to the fan's pleasure, the championship will be decided in these final games. Come out and see the games go down to the final wire, Monday and Wednesday nights at 7 & 8 p.m. in the Elementary School Auditorium.

**KARATE** — Monday nights at Yosemite Sam's from 7 to 9 p.m. Emphasis will be placed on heavy exercise, stretching and muscle toning, as well as basic karate techniques. Both men and women are invited to attend, for though the workout is strenuous, it could be handled by anyone who is reasonably fit. Loose fitting clothing is appropriate for this class.

**LADIES' BASKETBALL** — Continuing to roll, the ladies are having a good time. All ladies of the Valley are invited to come play on Thursday nights at 8 p.m. at the Elementary School Auditorium.

## SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — With fishing season coming up, you'd be wise to brush up on your technique. Learn how to tie flies each Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the Employee Recreation Office with the **FLY-TYING CLASS**.

Tuesday — **YOGA** in the Employee Recreation Office from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. There's plenty of room to come and enjoy this physical and mental relaxation. A great way to unwind after a tough day. Steve Lesser and crew welcome you.

Wednesday — **MACRAME & LEATHER** in Employee Recreation Office, 7 to 10 p.m. Make a pot hanger, a belt, or whatever you desire with our materials. Pay only for what you use. Ken Ashburner offers expert instruction.

## YOSEMITE SAM'S

### DANCING

Returning to Yosemite Sam's after a month's vacation will be "Rock Slide," putting out a variety of rock 'n roll and a little bit of everything. Come early to get

a good seat, Friday and Saturday nights, March 21 and 22.

"Rosewood" will be featured at Yosemite Sam's March 27 and 28 for the Friday and Saturday night jam sessions. This San Francisco group puts out a medley of great dancing music featuring country, rock 'n roll, and bluegrass. The group is currently in the limelight in San Francisco, so don't miss their Yosemite appearance.

All dancing at Sam's starts at 8:30, with a \$1 admission charge. Privilege cards are required to gain entrance to the dances.

## OLDIES-BUT-GOODIES MOVIES

Wednesday night, March 26, at Sam's features "The Music Box", with Laurel and Hardy, "Basketball Champs", with Ozzie and Harriet, "The Great Chase", featuring W.C. Fields, "Free Eats", with the Little Rascals, and "Acrobatic Bunny", featuring Bugs Bunny.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21:

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 22:

Winter Carnival ..... Badger Pass — 10 a.m.  
DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Winter Carnival ..... Badger Pass — 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service ..... El Portal — 6:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, MARCH 24:

Karate ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.  
Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.  
MOVIE "The New Centurions" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25:

Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7:30 p.m.  
Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26:

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 7 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Wawona — 7 p.m.  
Macrame & Leather ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.  
Volleyball ..... East Auditorium — 7:30 p.m.  
Oldies-But-Goodies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27:

Ladies Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28:

YNHA Environmental Ski Tour ..... Badger Pass — 8 a.m.  
DANCE "Rosewood" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29:

Kite Flying contest ..... Annex Rec. Hall — 10 a.m.  
DANCE "Rosewood" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

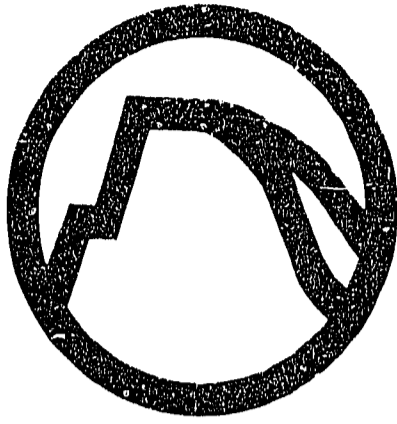
## SUNDAY, MARCH 30:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.

## MONDAY, MARCH 31:

Karate ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.  
Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
3-Man Basketball ..... Elementary School Auditorium — 7 & 8 p.m.  
MOVIE "Walking Tall" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

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## EASTER IN YOSEMITE



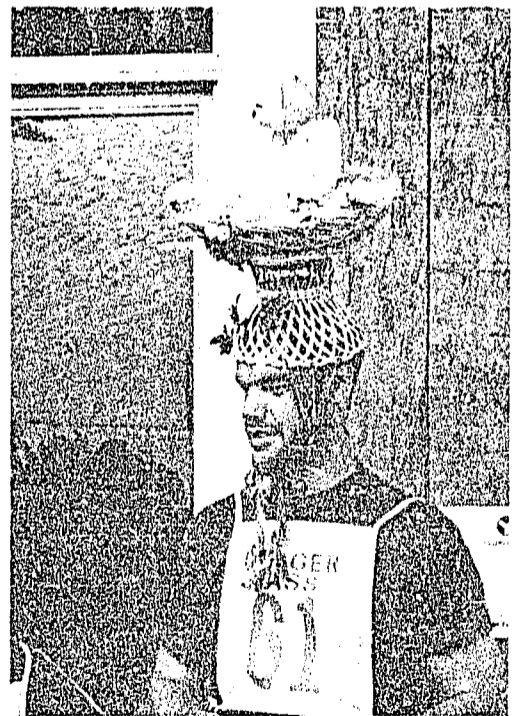
Badger's Easter Bonnet Contest follows at 1:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the wildest creations. Decorate a hat or bonnet and join in the fun.

Easter weekend will be a full time for all Valley children and adults this year.

Activities begin at sunrise with traditional Sunrise Services being held this year in the Lower River Campground (Camp 14). The service is interdenominational and those of all faiths are invited to participate.

Ahwahnee will feature their traditional Easter Brunch of Eggs Benedict and Sliced Tenderloin Tips ala Stroganoff for \$5.35. The buffet has a variety of sweet rolls, fruit, and other accompaniments, and it's all you can eat.

The Easter Egg Hunts at The Ahwahnee at 9 a.m. and at the Lodge at 11 a.m. will accept a limited number of reservations from Valley children. Register your child at the Front Desk of either facility by Saturday afternoon.



Badger Pass' Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 1 p.m. with eggs being placed on the easier slopes and in the snow play area for the youngsters.



# "The Crow's Nest"



Janice Auyong, in Personnel, has been awarded a \$5,000 fellowship to get her Master's at U.C. Santa Barbara. Her field is Ethology with emphasis on aquatic-dwelling creatures. Ethology, by the way, is the scientific study of animal behavior. We have asked Ms. Auyong to study the behavior of "Rumor Rooter", who appears frequently in this publication.

Job Abrell at NPS knows about animal behavior, especially the bear which broke into his car last year. Now you know why he has such a keen interest in the Bear Management Program.

## FOR SALE

Saxony Spinning Wheel, new, made of silver beech wood. Price: \$95. Call 372-4566 evenings.

Beautiful handmade dresses. Each an original. All sizes. Reasonable prices. Call 372-4540 after 5 p.m.

CAUTION: Wild bears should be careful of tame people.

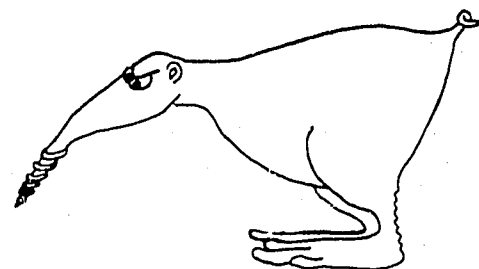
Yosemite Sam look-alike Ken Ashburner has moved from Employee Rec. to Guest Activities. He will be Bike Stands Manager. Congrats, Ken--now you can really spin your wheels!!

NPS Ranger Butch Farabee and his wife Annie are the proud parents of the first boy born in Yosemite this year. Eight lb. Lincoln Charles was born March 18.

Dan Slusser is on vacation with his family in Southern California.

Speaking of Southern California, a no-smog day in Los Angeles is one when you can see through the air.

Badger Pass will close April 13 this year — for those die-hard skiers, Mammoth Mountain usually has Spring Skiing until mid-July. When Tioga opens, it's a short two-hour drive to the east side.



## Rumor Rooter

RUMOR: It is proper to kill snakes within residential areas and areas of visitor concentration.

FACT: The hunting, killing, wounding, frightening, capturing, or attempting to kill, wound, frighten, or capture at any time any wildlife is prohibited, except dangerous animals when it is necessary to prevent them from destroying human lives or inflicting personal injury. Employees should call a ranger to assist in removing a rattlesnake from a congested area, or a residential area. Usually, the snake will remain quiet unless disturbed, and present no hazard. If someone is bitten, it might be necessary to kill a snake for identification. Transferring animals from one place to another may change the distribution of the species, or overload an area. However, it is often preferable to killing individuals. Don't take risks in handling poisonous animals.

## Employee Council

With the approach of the full busy season, Employee Advisory Council is in need of additional members.

The Council is made up of employees who are interested in working with management to improve working and living conditions for all employees of Yosemite Park and Curry Company.

We try to meet every other week at a time convenient to most of the members of the Council. Members of the Council take the time to listen to concerns and suggestions of fellow employees, then present them to Council Meeting for discussion and recommendation.

We feel a group effort such as this will attain positive results.

Representatives are needed for all working areas.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 3, at 8:00 p.m. at the Personnel Office building. Please join us or call Doug Hammond, 372-4537, or Clarinda Titus, Ext. 437.

## Yosemite Road to be Closed Intermittently

Beginning Monday, March 31, the El Portal road (Route 140) from the Park entrance to the Big Oak Flat Road (Route 120) intersection will be closed intermittently due to construction activity.

Acting Park Information Officer Ed Gastellum said that the road will be open on weekends. During the day, the road will be closed from 8 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday. A second construction shift will work Sunday thru Thursday from 8:30 p.m. to 6:30 a.m. The road will be open between 10-10:30 p.m. and subject to delay between 12-6:30 a.m. Arrangements have been made to permit emergency vehicles and school buses thru the construction zone.

Construction on the road will end May 16 and will resume tentatively, September 15, after the peak travel to Yosemite National Park.

Pestana, Inc., of Fountain Valley, Ca., was awarded a 5.1 million dollar contract to construct a 12.25 mile sewerline from El Portal to the west end of Yosemite Valley.

Gastellum suggested that motorists call the 24 hour-a-day Park number, 372-4222 for latest traffic advisories and information.

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## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The positions listed below are vacant as of this writing and need to be filled. Appointments with Personnel can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**ASST. MANAGER (YL CAF)** — Full fast food operation — Training, scheduling bus and serving staff. Hard worker, able to get along with young people. Experienced. Salaried.

**SOUS CHEF (AHW)** — Overall knowledge of all kitchen procedures. Prepare all types of food, draw up menus, order supplies, supervise. own tools and uniforms. Salaried.

**STORE MANAGER (YL APPAREL)** — Responsible for scheduling, bank, ordering. Good initiative, 2 years merchandising for women's fashions. Managerial experience. Salaried.

**ASST. HSKPR. (CV)** — Good working assistant able to take over duties, responsibilities of housekeeper. Familiar with sanitation, laundry duties. Able to get along with young people. Salaried.

Do you speak a foreign language fluently? Individuals are needed to act as volunteer and emergency interpreters to help foreign visitors at Yosemite. If you wish to help, please contact the Valley Interpretive Division Office at 372-4461, ext. 61, and leave your name, address, telephone number, and language specialty.

## Bay Laurel

In various areas of Yosemite National Park one can find the California Laurel or Bay tree. This tree, sometimes called the Oregon myrtle or peppernut was very important in the economy of the Indian People of the Sierra Nevada. The leaves were not used as flavoring in foods as we do today, but rather used as mothballs, as their aroma drives the moths away. The nuts, which you will find lying on the ground at sometimes of the year, were gathered and then removed of their outer, skin-like coating not unlike that of a walnut. The nut, still in the shell, was roasted in a basket with hot coals. They were then shelled and eaten, a rich and nutritious food.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

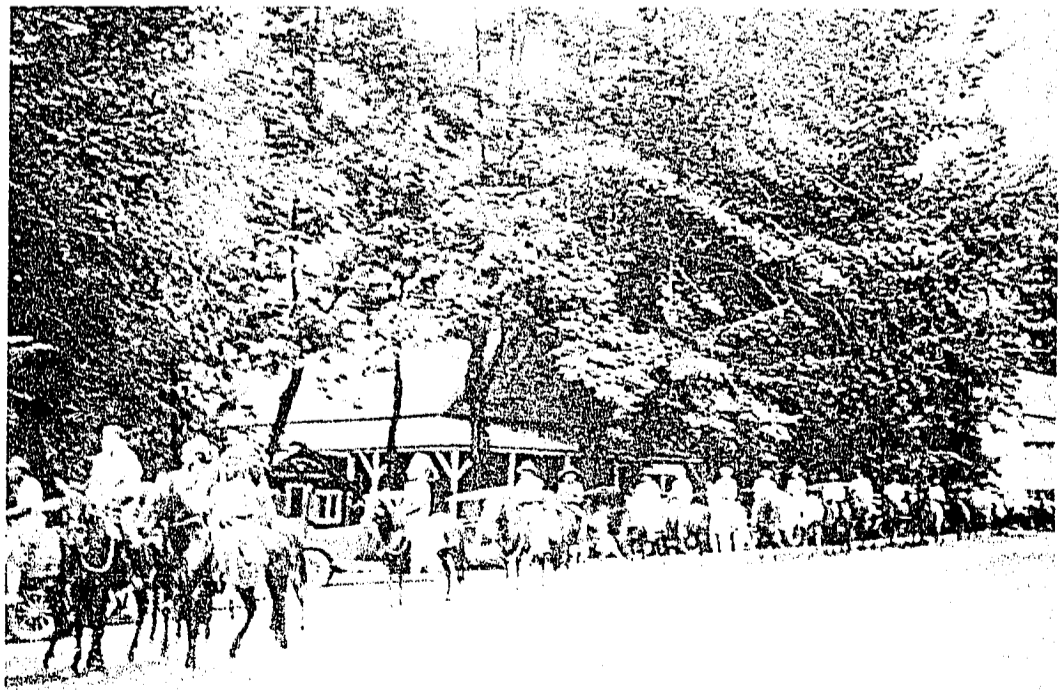


by Shirley Sargent

Beginning in the 1910's, and all during the 1920's, Indian Field Days was an exciting late summer event in Yosemite Valley. About fifty local Indians, and up to 450 more from areas adjoining the Park, participated in a parade, horse races, trick riding, basket and beadwork exhibitions, baby shows, and ceremonial dances which took place in the meadow west of the Chapel. Rangers and cowboys joined Indians in the spirited competition. In 1915, a twelve-year-old grandson of John Muir's outraced Indian youths to win the pony race. Chief Ranger Forrest S. Townsley and author-lecturer Herbert Earl Wilson directed the annual program whose chief purpose was to encourage and preserve traditional Indian arts and sports.

Here the 1922 parade is shown below, led by Herbert Earl Wilson, friend, supporter and chronicler of the Yosemite Indians. In the left background is the tiny office of Horseshoe Route Stage Line, operated by "Captain" Ed Huffman, the Cosmopolitan Bathhouse and Saloon, built in 1872, and at the far right, the main Sentinel Hotel building. (Photo courtesy H.E. Wilson, Sr., Three Rivers.)

In the photograph above, taken by ranger J.V. Lloyd, Indians entertained onlookers with one of their chants. Prizes were given for costumes, too. Tabuce, (or Maggie Howard) is shown at extreme left, Chief Lemee (Chris Brown) third from right.



## Yosemite

## Recreation

## Part-Time Job

### MOVIES

March 31 "Walking Tall," starring Joe Don Baker and Elizabeth Hartman. Based on the real life tragedy and punishment visited upon a progressive Tennessee county sheriff, "Walking Tall" tells its story with devastating impact. (R)

April 7 — "The Learning Tree," an idyllic story about less than one year in the life of a boy born into a poor black family residing in the historically Free State of Kansas in the mid-1920's. (PG)

### DANCES

At Yosemite Sam's Friday and Saturday, March 28 and 29 will be "Rosewood," playing out the popular favorites for you. This San Francisco group plays rock & roll and funky bluegrass.

Special Mystery Band to play at Sam's Friday and Saturday, April 4th and 5th. There's no mystery to the music though, as dancing starts at 8:30 p.m. Admission is \$1.00 at the door with privilege card.

### GOLDEN OLDIE FILMS

Wednesday, April 2nd movies at Sam's features "I Was a Teenage Werewolf," the classic picture of all time, plus, as a second attraction, "Old Man and the Mountain." To top off the visual extravaganza, "Betty Boop" will entertain on the screen. Don't miss 'em.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

FLY-TYING in YP&CCo Recreation Office from 7 to 9 pm. Catch your limit after learning the art of tying flies.

Tuesday — YOGA taught by Steve Lesser, runs from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the YP&CCo Recreation Office. Give your muscles some toning and put your mind at ease by attending this class. Always open to new people.

Wednesday — MACRAME & LEATHER taught by Ken Ashburner and Penne Bapista. The class goes from 7-10 pm. in the YP&CCo. Recreation Office. Your imagination is the limit, so come out and make something with your very own hands.

Interested in white-water rafting on the Kings River? Contact Employee Recreation for details on Meander Tours, or write to P.O. Box 511, Pinedale, Calif. 93650

### RUMOR CONTROL REPORT

The rumor has it that Sam's would close March 15th at midnight. You'll be glad to hear that the rumor is erroneous. We at Sam's will be open evenings and weekends, 5-12, until at least April 19th. The employee sanctuary has cold beer and tasty wine to quench your thirst, so come on in and celebrate our reprieve.

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Roy Manson at 372-4847.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MARCH 28:

DANCE "Rosewood" ..... Yosemite Sam's -- 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 29:

Kite Flying Contest ..... Annex Rec. Hall — 10 a.m.  
DANCE "Rosewood" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 30:

Easter Sunrise Service ..... Lower Pines Amphitheater — 7:30 a.m.  
Easter Brunch ..... Yosemite Lodge — 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Employee Ski Carnival ..... Badger Pass — 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.  
Easter Brunch Buffet ..... The Ahwahnee — 10:30 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt ..... Yosemite Lodge — 11 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt ..... Badger Pass — 1 p.m.  
Easter Bonnet Contest ..... Badger Pass — 1:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 31:

Garden Club ..... Parkline Restaurant — Noon  
Karate ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.  
Fly-Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Walking Tall" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 1:

Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7:30 p.m.  
Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2:

Yoga ..... Wawona — 7 p.m.  
Bible Study ..... El Portal — 7 p.m.  
Macrame & Leather ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Volleyball ..... East Auditorium — 7:30 p.m.  
Oldies-But-Goodies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 4:

DANCE "Mystery Band" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5:

DANCE "Mystery Band" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.  
Sunday Service ..... El Portal — 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 7:

Karate ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.  
Fly-Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "The Learning Tree" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

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# SENTINEL

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## Stables, Climbing School, Bike Stands Open for Season

Three of the most popular spring activities in the Valley are now open for the season. Employees enjoy half price benefits at all the areas listed below.

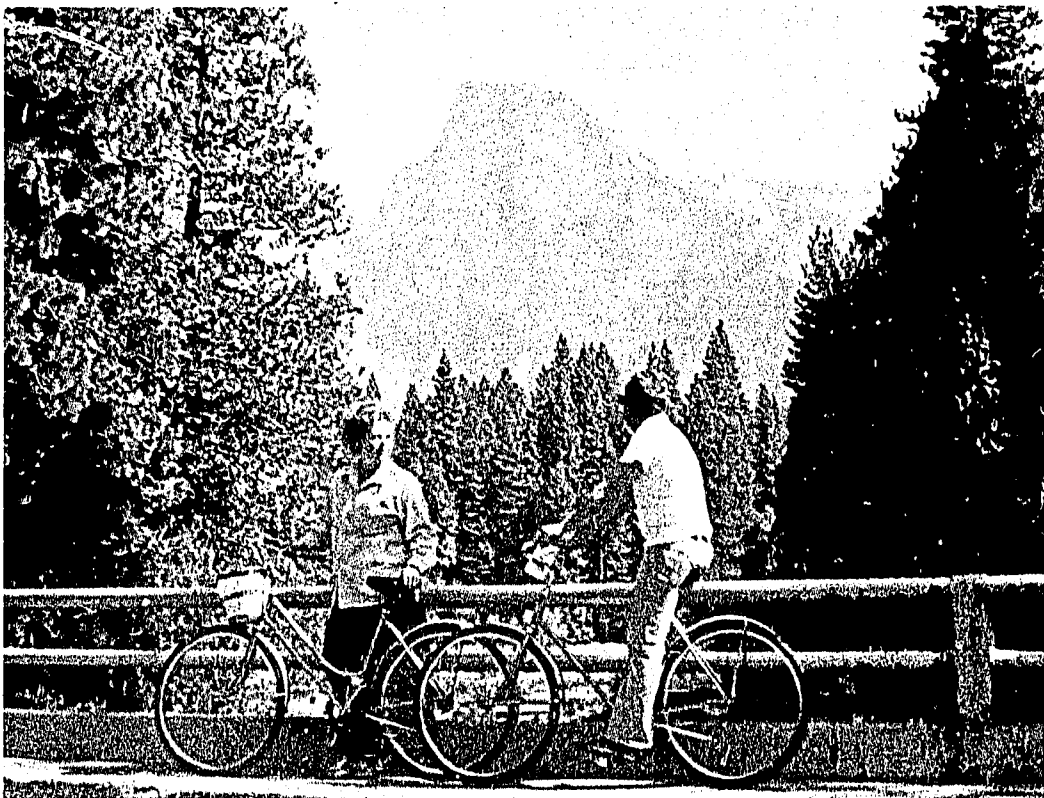
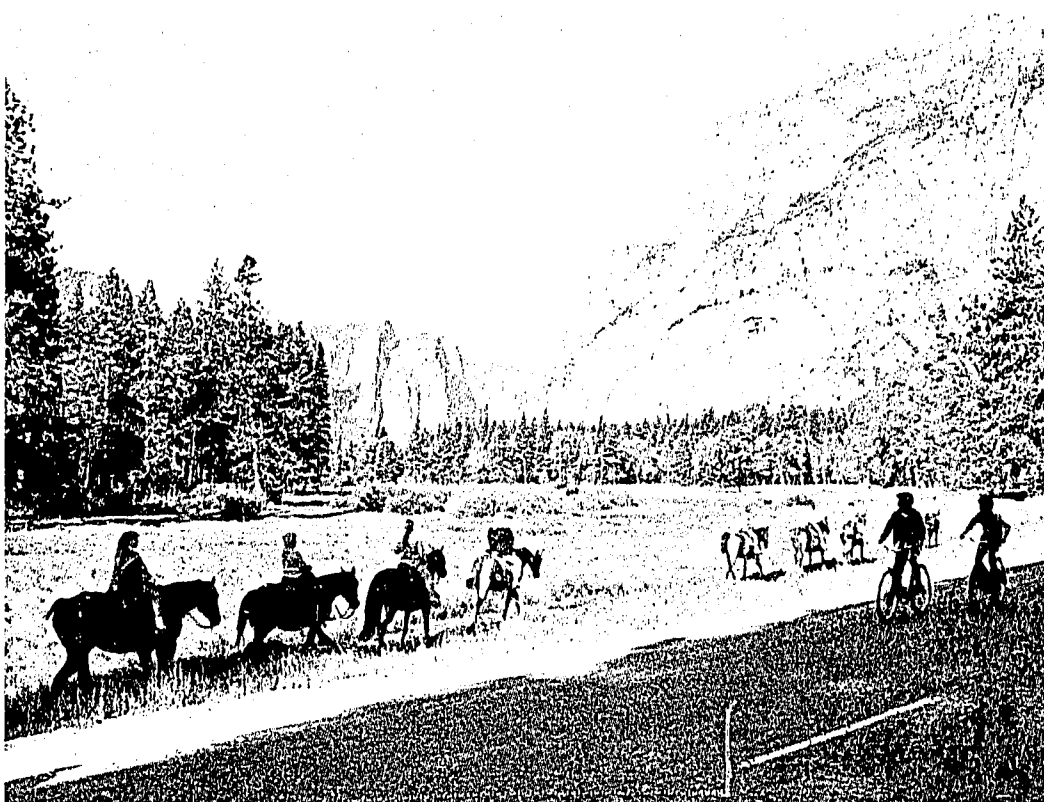
**YOSEMITE MOUNTAINEERING SCHOOL** — Learn to climb a rock from those who have mastered the technique of Yosemite climbing. The school, located at the Curry Village Mountain Shop, offers classes for beginning, intermediate, and advanced climbers. The instructors are among the top climbers in the country. They teach everything from the elements of simple rock climbing, to friction-brake rappels and some aid climbing. Guided climbs are also available by reservation. Employee rate for the classes is \$7.50 with privilege card.

**VALLEY STABLES** — The horses are back up to the Valley for the season, and the Valley stables are offering two-hour guided rides either around Mirror Lake or to Yosemite Falls four times every day. The cost with privilege card is \$3.

**BIKE STAND** — Cycling is the nicest way to see the Valley, next to walking. You can go at your own pace, stopping wherever and whenever you like. The Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Curry Village stand will be open the same hours on the weekends. A standard Schwinn bicycle rents for 50¢ per hour with reduced rates for the more hours used. Ten-speed bikes rent for \$1.25 for two hours with a four hour minimum. These are employee rates with your privilege card.

## CHILI DINNER

The El Portal PTL Chili Dinner and Cake Walk will be held Friday, April 11 at the El Portal Community Hall, serving 5 to 7:30 p.m.





## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As of this writing the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you have the necessary qualifications for any of these positions, you are invited to apply through your unit manager. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions.

**NIGHT CLEANER (YL)** — Floor cleaning materials, wax knowledge. Heavy cleaning work. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**PANTRYPERSON (YL)** — Make fancy hot hors d'oeuvres, buffets, salad dressings. Own linens and tools. \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

**TRANSPORTATION CLERK (AHW)** — Neat, well-groomed, well-dressed appearance. Quick thinking, enjoy talking to people. Handle cash, detailed record-keeping. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**SOUS CHEF (AHW)** — Knowledge of all kitchen procedures. Prepare all types of food, draw up menus, order supplies, supervise. Own tools and uniform. Salaried.

**MANAGER (YL APPAREL SHOP)** — Scheduling, bank, ordering. Good initiative, two years experience in merchandising women's fashions. Managerial experience. Salaried.

**ASST. HOUSEKEEPER (CV)** — Good working assistant, able to take over duties, responsibilities of housekeeper. Familiar with sanitation, laundry duties. Able to get along with young people. Salaried.

## FWSA Testing

After serving one full season's apprenticeship as ski instructors under the direction of Yosemite Ski School Director Nic Fiore, Brian Anglin, Frank Elliot and Robin Fiore went to Dodge Ridge recently where they were tested to receive their official credentials as instructors by the Far West Ski Association.

The trio was tested on various phases of instructing along with three runs of free skiing by board of twelve examiners and passed with high laurels.

## Management Trainee Program

At 7:30 p.m. on March 13, 1975, the second formal training session of the Management Trainee Program took place in the Executive Office of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

In attendance were our trainees: Joseph Andes, Thomas Kroon, Kathy Wrahtz, and Donald Willard. In addition to the Training Committee, Dan Slusser, George Spach, Bill Thompsen and William Germany also attended. Special invited guests were: Jesse Sperry, Director of Plant Services, and Mark Meiggs, Assistant Manager of the Retail Division.

Dan Slusser, our Vice President of Administration, conducted the training session which dealt with "The Handling of Grievances and Complaints". The two hour session covered one of the most important aspects of sound employee relations.

## Grooming Standards

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s dress, grooming, and hygiene standards are based on plain common sense.

Use good taste, avoid clothing that may be offensive to others, and keep clothing neat and clean. Uniforms, where applicable, may only be worn during the hours an employee is on an assigned work shift. They should be neat, clean, and complete at all times. Beards are not permitted; however, sideburns and mustaches are permitted — sideburns to the bottom of the ear, and mustaches trimmed to the corners of the mouth. Employees are expected to follow good personal hygiene habits.

It's all just a matter of common sense — we're here to serve the public, and we do it best when we are pleasing to them. If you have any questions regarding grooming standards, ask your supervisor.

## Book Discussion Group

The book discussion group will meet Wednesday, April 9, 8:00 p.m. at Barbara Wendt's to discuss William Falkner's *The Sound and the Fury*. Rick Smith will moderate.

## AFS WEEKEND

The Yosemite Women's Club will be sponsoring an American Field Service Weekend in Yosemite April 21-27. Thirty four students and three chaperones will be arriving Thursday evening and stay until Sunday noon. These students are from countries all over the world, have been studying in high schools in the Oakland-San Francisco area for almost a year, and will be meeting together in Yosemite before returning to their own countries. For many, coming to Yosemite is a highlight of their stay in the U.S.

A potluck dinner is planned at Glacier Point for the evening of the 25th for the community to meet and visit with the group. For anyone interested in further information or in having a student or several students stay in their home, please call Barbara Wendt, 372-4817.

## QUICK LUNCH

If you don't feel like brown-bagging it one day, you'll find a wide selection of great foods at Village Hamburgers, the Great Yosemite Food & Beverage Co. Fast Foods, and the G.Y.F.&B. Deli.

Village Hamburgers offer — in addition to hamburgers — fishwiches, french fries, onion rings, shakes, and hot apple pies. Opening daily at 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., it's a quick stop for everything from a ice cream cone to a full meal.

The G.Y.F.&B. Fast Foods open at 10 a.m., close at 6 p.m., and besides soft drinks, spaghetti, and Yosemite-fried chicken, they have the best pizza in the Valley — and a fireplace! (Closed until May 1st.)

The G.Y.F.&B. Deli, open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., carries a full line of meats, cheeses, macaroni and potato salads, breads, grocery stock, and their famous made-to-order sandwiches. A lunch from the G.Y.F.&B. is particularly enjoyable when shared with friends and the outdoors on the log rounds in the Village Mall.

An extensive remodeling has been done at G.Y.F.&B. The floors are carpeted, and the cases and paneling are all new. Steve Hornstra, present Manager of the Deli, and his wife Debbie will be moving to the Bay Area where she will be finishing college. Larry Lopez, former Asst. Manager of the Village Store, will take over the Deli operation. Larry has had considerable experience in gourmet foods, wines, and deli.

## HORACE MARDEN ALBRIGHT: Friend of the Wilderness

by Hank Johnston



On January 6, 1975, Horace Marden Albright, second director of the National Park Service, celebrated his 85th birthday. Probably no other living American has contributed so directly to the conservation and preservation of our natural resources, and those of us who love Yosemite owe him an enormous debt.

Born in Bishop, California, Albright graduated from the University of California in 1912 along with classmates Earl Warren and Newton B. Drury. In 1914 he received a Bachelor of Laws degree from Georgetown University and was admitted to the bar in the District of Columbia and in California. He joined the staff of Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane in 1913, and two years later became Assistant Attorney for the Department of the Interior.

In December, 1914, Secretary Lane asked Albright to spend a few months assisting a forty-seven-year-old Chicago businessman named Stephen T. Mather who was about to begin his career as the first director of the new National Park Service.

"I didn't intend to make any long-range commitment to Mather and his park ideas at the time," Albright later confessed, "but when he began to speculate about the great things that might be accomplished in wilderness preservation, I just couldn't resist him." The team of Albright and Mather went to work in January, 1915, and the national parks would never be the same.

From 1917 to 1919, Albright served as assistant director of the Park Service. He was acting director (1917-18) and later superintendent of Yellowstone National Park from June 28, 1919, to January 12, 1929. He was temporarily in charge of Yosemite (1927-28), and then after Mather became critically ill, succeeded his colleague as Director of the Park Service on January 12, 1929. He continued in this capacity until August 9, 1933, when he voluntarily resigned to accept a position in private industry. His efforts, both as Mather's right-hand man and later as director, helped shape the policy and direction of the National Park Service in indelible fashion. He provided strong leadership in a pioneer field at a most critical time.

From 1933 to 1946, Albright was vice-president and general manager of the United States Potash Company. He became president in 1946 and remained in that position until his retirement ten years later, in the interim guiding the company to new heights in a difficult industry.

Albright has known and advised ten presidents and seventeen secretaries of the Interior over the years. Additionally, he has numbered hundreds of senators and representatives among his acquaintances. For more than half a century, often on his own time, he has remained in the thick of National Park Service affairs, enthusiastically lobbying for conservation goals in every session of Congress from Woodrow Wilson to John F. Kennedy.

"No other man," said Albright's able biographer Donald Swain, "not even the redoubtable Steve Mather, defended the national parks more faithfully and contributed more creatively to the institutional strength of the National Park Service during its first fifty years."

A director, advisor, and trustee for many nationally known conservation groups, Albright has received a multitude of honors and awards from around the world too numerous to list in this brief space. The National Park Service itself paid him fitting tribute by naming its new ranger training school in Grand Canyon National Park the "Horace M. Albright Training School." In 1974 the prestigious Cosmos Club in Washington presented Albright with his most recent honor. The citation accompanying the award summed up his accomplishments in appropriate style:

## New Community Members

LYNN SHULER — Executive Secretary for Vice-President of Administration - formerly was a legal secretary at 20th Century Fox and was also a para-legal secretary for an attorney in Los Angeles. Lynn attended UCLA, and lists skiing, sailing, antique collecting, needlepoint, and astrology as hobbies.

VICTORIA HOLLIMAN — Secretary to Personnel Manager - received a B.A. degree in Spanish and French from San Jose State and also attended San Diego State. She was a secretary in the history department at Saratoga High School. Victoria is a skier, and swam for the Santa Clara Swim Team.

DELIA SIMON — Food & Beverage Secretary - was assistant to the Administrator in Public Relations and Development at Hawthorne Community Hospital for three years. Delia is a tennis player and golfer, and has nine grandchildren.

BRUCE LOEB — Manager of GYF&B - majored in psychology at San Diego State. He was Asst. Operations Manager of Universal Studio Tours and also served as Asst. Director of Food & Beverage. Bruce was also a ski instructor at Mammoth.

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"Conservationist at a time when the word was hardly known, he realized the immense value of preserving our natural resources for posterity. He had the foresight to sense their value, the courage to protect them, and the ability to persuade legislators to support conservation."

Albright was an honored guest at the "Old Timers' Day" reunion held in Yosemite last fall. "The Valley is in beautiful condition," he said during his brief visit, "and people are enjoying it. That was always our goal — to preserve a pleasuring ground for the benefit and enjoyment of all the people."

On July 4, 1932, a bronze plaque was dedicated at Happy Isles in tribute to Stephen T. Mather. Part of its text, quoting the words of former Congressman Louis Cramton of Michigan, spoken of Mather on the floor of Congress, might be equally well applied to Mather's friend, colleague, and successor, Horace Marden Albright:

"There will never come an end to the good that he has done."

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

April 7 — "The Learning Tree", an idyllic story about less than one year in the life of a boy born into a poor black family residing in the historically free state of Kansas, in the mid-1920's (PG)

April 14 — "Shamus" starring Burt Reynolds and Dyan Cannon. A hip, contemporary private eye thriller.

### DANCES

Friday and Saturday, April 4th and 5th features "Road Hog" at Sam's. Come listen to country, bluegrass and rock-and-roll in this group's final appearance at Sam's this season.

"March Hare" from Fresno will be jamming April 11 and 12 at Sam's. One of the big city's more popular groups, "March Hare" features an 8 piece versatile band including horns, vocals and a steel guitar.

Yosemite Sam is taking a vacation this spring to go gold mining, so sorry to say, our doors will be closing at midnight, April 19 for the season. Sam's house will become the Village Sport Shop, where all your needs will be taken care of in the hiking, camping and outdoor equipment line.

We at Sam's extend our thanks to all who visited and cooperated with us this last year. Be watching for Sam's opening next fall when dancing, bar and lunch programs swing into action once again.

Employee Recreation now offers a multitude of opportunities to gain discounts at vacation areas across the U.S. We are able to grant club memberships to Disneyland, Marineland, Lion Seafari Country, Knotts Berry Farm and Cypress Gardens, so come into the Employee Recreation Office and check out the program. Steve will give you more details.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY-TYING. Fishing season is well under way, so learn how to tie flies to catch that beauty that always got away. Class runs from 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday — YOGA 7:30 to 9:30 in the Employee Recreation Office. Steve Lesser gives instruction in the art of meditation, come out and join even if its for the first time.

Wednesday — MACRAME & LEATHER in the Employee Recreation office 7 to 10 p.m., taught by Penny Baptista and Ken Ashburner. Come out and see what you can make.

KARATE CLASS which was scheduled for Monday is cancelled.

BROOM HOCKEY — Employee Recreation wishes to thank all who participated in Broom Hockey this past winter, and we encourage all of the employees to come out and join us again next winter in making a good co-ed sport.

## Women's Club

Bicycle ride on April 8. Bring a lunch and meet at the Post Office at 11 a.m. Call Anne Hendrickson at 372-4250 for further information.

## Rally Volunteers

Volunteers are now being accepted to help with Yosemite's Spring Bike Rally that will take place on April 26 and 27 this year. People are needed to man six checkpoints on both days as well as help serve at the picnic and assist at the awards ceremony and party.

Lunches are provided for the volunteers, as well as admission to all Bike Rally functions and a volunteers party sometime after the Rally.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, APRIL 4:

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 5:

Wildflower Walk ..... El Portal Elementary School — 10:30 a.m.

DANCE "Road Hog" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.

Sunday Services ..... El Portal — 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 7:

Fly-Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "The Learning Tree" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8:

Women's Club Bicycle Ride ..... Main Post Office — 11 a.m.

Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9:

Yoga ..... Wawona — 7 p.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 7 p.m.

Macrame & Leather ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Golden Oldies Movies ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 10:

Employee Ski Festival ..... Badger Pass — 1 p.m.

Ground School ..... El Portal Elementary — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11:

DANCE "March Hare" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12:

DANCE "March Hare" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.

Sunday Services ..... El Portal — 6:30 p.m.

### BADGER PASS CLOSES

### MONDAY, APRIL 14:

Fly-Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Shamus" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## 'TWIXT DRAGONS & POPPIES

The Yosemite Elementary School students have done many things; two of their latest accomplishments are holding a Delightful Dragon Day and being cited for contributions to save the California Poppies.

The 3rd and 4th graders' Delightful Dragon Day, held February 26, was the culmination of many days and hours of hard work for the students in Mrs. Tom (Dee) Doyle's class. The students had finished a unit of creative writing based exclusively on dragons. Topics included "How to Capture a Dragon" — complete with where to find one and how to get it home, "If I had a Pet Dragon", and "How it Felt to Ride a Friendly Dragon".

About two weeks before Delightful Dragon Day, each student was given a home project of making a dragon. The dragon could be made out of almost anything. Dragons could be friendly or ferocious, puppets or one-dimensional, edible or permanent. Each student could get any help he needed from his family as long as he did the actual work himself. All the dragons were brought to school on February 26 to vote for "The Most Delightful Dragon of the Day". One dragon was a large cookie, two dragons were cakes (these were eaten by the class, along with punch), and the puppet dragons put on a show for the class. Each child read a story he had written about his dragon. In addition, each one made a map complete with compass points, colors, and key (legend) that showed where his dragon could be found.

The students also sang "Puff, the Magic Dragon", saw films, heard records and stories, and read books about dragons.

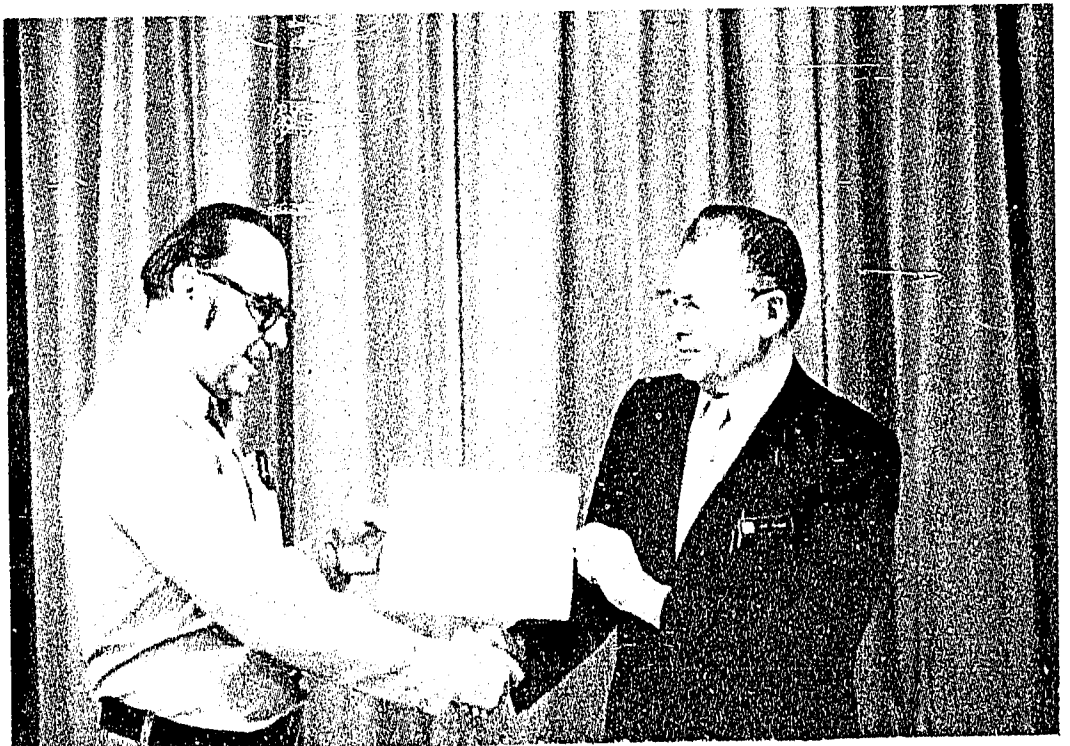
What could be a more fun way to absorb english, literature, art, music, geography and social science?

The 1973-1974 students of Yosemite Elementary School voluntarily gave money to "Save the Poppies". The money was given by pennies, nickels, and dimes, and



it all added up to \$7.58. Bank of America matched the funds from all the schools in California. With the \$36,000 collected, 72 acres of land was purchased in northern California to be a wildflower reserve, principally for California Poppies. Of this, 295 sq. ft. has been 'deeded' to Yosemite Elementary School.

Mr. Joe Rivers of the Bank of America in Mariposa was at a recent Yosemite Elementary School assembly to present the school with a conservation certificate for their achievement. Mr. Derry Kirschman, principal, accepted the certificate on behalf of the students.





## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**PANTRYPERSON (YL)** — Make fancy hot hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, different salad dressings. Own linens, tools. \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

**BUSPERSON (YL, AHW)** — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Hard work. \$2.10-\$2.30/hr.

**FOOD SERVICE PERSON (YL)** — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Tennis shoes or oxfords. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**MAID (YL)** — Quick, thorough worker, neat appearance. Heavy work. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

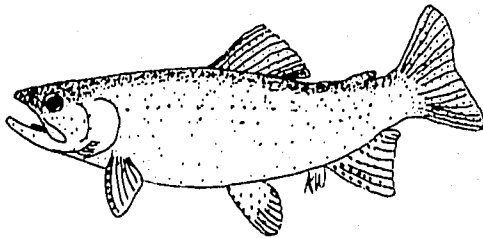
**SOUS CHEF (AHW)** — Overall knowledge of all kitchen procedures. Prepare all types of food, draw up menus, order supplies, supervise. Own tools, uniform. Salaried.

**HOUSEPERSON (AHW)** — Hard worker. Heavy lifting. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**MANAGER (YL APPAREL)** — Responsible for scheduling, bank, ordering. Good initiative, 2 years experience in merchandising women's fashions. Managerial experience. Salaried.

**ASST. HOUSEKEEPER (CV)** — Good working assistant, able to take over duties, responsibilities of housekeeper. Familiar with sanitation, laundry duties. Get along with young people. Salaried.

## Rainbow Trout



Before Europeans came to Yosemite, there were no fish in the High Country because the waterfalls prevented fish from traveling that far up the rivers. Below the falls, in Yosemite and Hetch Hetchy Valleys, and around Wawona, there were plenty of rainbow trout and a few other kinds of fish. Early pioneer settlers began transplanting some of the rainbow to high lakes near their summer campgrounds. Other kinds of trout have since been introduced, but the rainbow trout is still best adapted to most parts of the Park.

The extreme fluctuation in the level of Yosemite waters cuts down greatly on the number of trout. In the fall the low levels leave room for only a small part of the population. Many small fish get stranded in side pools where they are easy prey, or where they die when the pool dries up.

Different species spawn at different times, but the rainbow trout spawns from March to June depending on the water temperature of the area. Where they have been stocked in the High Country they have been observed spawning in mid-summer. They sometimes interbreed with golden trout, another spring spawner that is native to the Southern Sierra and has been introduced in Yosemite.

The trout's primary predator is, of course people. But they are also eaten by birds, such as ospreys, gulls, and kingfishers. Small trout are eaten by giant water bugs, garter snakes, and larger trout. Trout are carnivorous, and their primary food is insects, aquatic insects mostly, but also flying insects that fall in the water.

Trout are distinguished from other fish by the small fleshy fin on the back over the tail. This may be hard to see on young trout, but the young have a distinctive series of short, vertical marks, called "parr marks", on their sides. The rainbow trout has tiny black spotting on its sides and back, and is easily identified by the rose-colored band extending along both sides of the body. Rainbow trout rarely weigh more than three pounds. They are year-round residents of Yosemite. Fish are the only animals allowed to be killed in the National Park.

## Employee Council Meeting

Employee Council was held April 3 at 8:00 p.m. Several interested employees attended in response to our last article in the Sentinel.

We know there are employees with housing and work related concerns. Here is an opportunity to talk things over with fellow employees on the Employee Council who will relate these concerns to management representatives. Don't be shy. Come on out.

The next meeting will be April 16. We will be offering something different. This meeting will be held at Curry Cafeteria, Wednesday, April 16, at 8:00 p.m.

Discussions were held about the availability of materials for the construction of such things as bookcases, flower boxes, barbeques, etc.; landscaping the Dorm areas; and the possibilities of flower and vegetable gardening projects.

For further information, call Doug Hammond at 372-4537 or Clarinda Titus at Ext. 437.

## GROUND SCHOOL

Certified instructor will teach ground school classes for private license on Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., at the El Portal Elementary School IMC room. Minimum of 4 students.

The instructor's fee of \$10 per class session will be pro-rated among the students for equal sharing. Texts, plotter, and computer will cost between \$20 and \$25.

The course will cover Flight Theory, Meteorology, Navigation, Radio Communications, and FAA Regulations. No flight time is required.

April 17 is the deadline for joining the class. For more information, call Lorne West at NPS ext. 17.

## Gourmet Cooking

Learn the arts of gourmet cooking from YPCCo. Executive Chef Roger Cortello. The two-hour weekly classes will give you many secrets — a note pad and pencil are a must! The six week course will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays beginning April 22. The cost is \$20 for the course, which will be used to offset the needed supplies. For further information, call Lynn Williams at 372-4845.

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## McKENNEY RETIRES California Redbud

Raymond McKenney retired after 28 years of service to Yosemite Park and Curry Co. on March 30, 1975.

He first joined the Company in December of 1945 as a houseman at Yosemite Lodge. He also served in the Laundry, was a YTS driver, a trackman at Badger Pass, a gardener's helper, and a warehouseman. He became a night janitor at the Village Store in April of 1963, and was promoted to Chief Custodian in April, 1967, a position he has held ever since.

Ray served in the Navy from 1942 to 1945. He was a baker for the National Biscuit Co. prior to coming to Yosemite.

## WANTED

10 cubic foot or smaller refrigerator in excellent working condition. Please contact Ann at Tecoya A-34 or 372-4611 ext. 211.

## RUMMAGE SALE

The El Portal Community Association is sponsoring a rummage sale at the El Portal Community Hall at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 19.

## WHAT IS A YTS BUS DRIVER

A YTS bus driver is a person who smiles in the morning and smiles in the evening and eats Roloids in between.

A bus driver is the epitome of patience and perfection of skills; he also has a good understanding of human nature and Mother Nature.

A bus driver communes with the elements. He has a grudging friendship with the glaring sun, the beating rain, and the driving snow. And he knows all about dust and the geological formation of gravel.

A bus driver's worst apprehension involves passengers with motion sickness — especially in the winter when the windows are closed and the heater is on.

To be a bus driver, a person must be able to memorize the number of the bus garage and the Supervisor's number.

He can read maps.

Sometimes a bus driver gets tired — but he seldom gets mad; and always, most faithfully, he gets there.

On the entrances to Yosemite National Park, in particular the route 140 from Merced and Mariposa, one will notice many bushes along the road sporting magenta-colored blossoms. These blossoms give the plant its name, California Redbud. In late fall, red, bean-like pods hang from the Redbud. Few people realize that this plant is what gives the red color in the baskets made by the Miwok and Paiute people of the Yosemite region. The young shoots were gathered, split lengthwise, and then cracked and re-split to remove the pithy section. The split sections of woody material on which the bark adheres was saved and wound into coils to dry. When needed in the making of a basket it was soaked in water and trimmed to the proper size. This same material was gathered in the spring when the bark slips from the shoots to supply the white background material used in many baskets.

## Rally Volunteers

Volunteers are now being accepted to help with Yosemite's Spring Bike Rally that will take place on April 26 and 27 this year. People are needed to man six checkpoints on both days as well as help serve at the picnic and assist at the awards ceremony and party.

Lunches are provided for the volunteers, as well as admission to all Bike Rally functions and a volunteers party sometime after the Rally.

Contact Elizabeth Shepard at YPCCo. 372-4611, Ext. 257.

## AFS WEEKEND

The Yosemite Women's Club will be sponsoring an American Field Service Weekend in Yosemite April 24-27. Thirty four students and three chaperones will be arriving Thursday evening and stay until Sunday noon. These students are from countries all over the world, have been studying in high schools in the Oakland-San Francisco area for almost a year, and will be meeting together in Yosemite before returning to their own countries. For many, coming to Yosemite is a highlight of their stay in the U.S.

A potluck dinner is planned in the Valley for the evening of the 25th for the community to meet and visit with the group. For anyone interested in further information or in having a student or several students stay in their home, please call Barbara Wendt, 372-4817.

## FOR SALE

NISHIKI Super Sport 10-Speed, Silver-Gray, \$80. Extra-heavy-duty lock-n-chains \$5. Spoke wrench FREE with purchase.

Rotamat-Marker bindings made in Germany, Austrian 195 Fisher Imperators \$40 both.

Boosey & Hawks wooden B flat Clarinet, French Pourcelle mouthpiece. Made in London, England. Series 2-20 I.D. No. 233997, \$80.

For the above, inquire at Box 1483, Yosemite Lodge, Yosemite Nat'l Park, CA 95389.

1966 VW Sedan 1300. Rebuilt engine, new paint, five new radials. Like new condition \$900. See Bradford in the Four Seasons Restaurant.

Boys Hockey Skates, size 8, good condition \$20. Call 372-4794.

## Expanding to Unexpand

Meet at the Village Store parking lot Monday thru Friday mornings at 6:30 to cycle a loop or two before going to work. Only 45 minutes every morning will get you in shape for the summer.

## OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held at the upcoming Parent's Group Meeting at Yosemite Elementary School. The meeting will be held on April 15th at 7:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and see the students' work.

## New Community Members

CHRIS LOEB — Manager of Village Hamburgers - was a unit manager in Food & Beverage at Universal. She is an avid skier and also plays tennis. She and Bruce have been married for 1½ years.

BILL RAMSEY — Cashier Trainer - comes from the Roadway Inn in Claremont, Calif. where he was Assistant Manager for 1½ years. He also worked at the Beverly Hills Hotel for 2 years. Bill's hobbies are camping, fishing, and music.

# Yosemite Recreation Women's Club Luncheon

CINCO DE MAYO

### MOVIES

April 14 — "Shamus" starring Burt Reynolds and Dyan Cannon. A hip, contemporary private eye thriller. (PG)

April 21 — "Executive Action" starring Burt Lancaster and Robert Ryan. Based on the assassination of President Kennedy by conspirators and how they might have set about arranging it, from the training of expert marksmen to influencing the route of the Presidential Motorcade in Dallas and setting up Lee Harvey Oswald as a decoy. (PG)

### DANCES

Jamming at Sam's Friday and Saturday nights, April 11 and 12 will be "Mystery Band", bringing you tunes to bump and grind by.

"Rock Slide" returns to Sam's for our week-end finale, April 18 and 19. What better way to close Sam's for the season than to go out dancing to one of Yosemite's favorite rock and roll groups.

### GOLDEN OLDIE MOVIES

Yosemite Sam's brings to you, "Stop Look and Laugh," a full feature length showing by the original Three Stooges. Come around to Sam's about 8 p.m. for the best laughs in the park. Action starts at 8:30, with one dollar admission charge. Everyone must show their privilege card at the door.

### NOTICE:

To assure space for Yosemite residents, guest passes are limited, and may be picked up only from Steve or Chris at Yosemite Sam's and the Employee Recreation Office.

### BELLY DANCING

Belly Dancing will be a special attraction at Sam's Thursday, April 17. Linda will put on a professional show starting at 8 p.m., so don't miss this out-of-the-ordinary talent.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY-TYING in the Employee Recreation Office from 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday — YOGA taught by Steve Lesser. Stretching starts at 7:30, beginners very welcome. Great exercise at a leisurely pace.

Wednesday — MACRAME & LEATHER scheduled for 7 p.m. is cancelled for the season.

If there is a special interest you have concerning a class, let us know about it at Employee Recreation and we'll see if we can get something going.

The Bear Management Program in Yosemite will be the topic of a talk by Dick Riegelhuth, Chief of the Division of Resources Management for the local NPS, at the Women's Club luncheon meeting to be held on Thursday, April 17, at Yosemite Sam's at noon.

Everyone is invited to attend this "samplet" luncheon. Cost of lunch will be \$1. The election of officers for the coming year will follow the talk.

Mark May 3rd off on your calendar for the fun-filled family day of the year! Everyone is invited to come to Rancheria Flats Park in El Portal and join in volleyball, horseshoes, and tennis.

Bring your own table service, perhaps a community salad or dessert, a little charcoal to keep the fire warm, and your meat for the barbeque. Beer will be on sale for 15¢ and soft drinks will also be available. The celebration starts at 11 a.m. and goes to ?.

## MEN WANTED!

Yosemite has a registered Boy Scout troop, interested boys, and an ideal location for Scouting. The missing ingredient, however, is leadership. Boys must have men to have Scouting!

A representative of the area Boy Scout council will be in the Park in the near future to help reactivate the local troupe. Any men willing to serve on the Troop Committee — not necessarily to assume actual leadership — are urged to express that willingness to Arvin Abbott at the Village Store or call Anne Hendrickson at 372-4250.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, APRIL 11:

DANCE "Mystery Band" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 12:

DANCE "Mystery Band" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.

Sunday Service ..... El Portal — 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 14:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Shamus" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 15:

Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

Christian Gathering ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17:

Lions Club ..... The Ahwahnee — Noon

Ground School ..... El Portal Elementary School — 7:30 p.m.

Belly Dancing ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 18:

YNHA Environmental Ski Tour ..... Badger Pass — 8 a.m.

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19:

DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20:

Sunday Worship Service ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.

Bible Study ..... El Portal — 10 a.m.

Sunday Service ..... El Portal — 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, APRIL 21:

Fly Tying Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Executive Action" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

# YOSEMITE



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## CYCLING INTO SPRING

Spring is the time of year when Yosemite comes alive with water bursting from the falls and new life sprouting up in all the meadows and trees. A leisurely way to enjoy the scenic pleasure of this wonderful time of year is to participate in Yosemite's Spring Bike Rally. The two-day rally will be held on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27. On both days the bike touring events will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m.

The six checkpoints were selected for the magnificent views they offer. Stop at El Capitan Meadow, Yosemite Falls, the old Chapel...explore the Indian Caves, or, at Fern Springs, have a cup of cold sparkling mountain water.

Cyclists must register at the Curry Village Bike Stand and are given a validation card that they have stamped at each checkpoint. When they have cycled the entire 14+ mile loop, participants receive a Yosemite Spring Bike Rally patch and a certificate. Trophies will be awarded to those who cycle the loop the most times on Saturday. A special award will be offered this year to the person who cycles the greatest distance to get to the rally.

Events planned for this rally include a bike picnic at Sentinel Beach with an all-you-can-eat menu, awards presentations, a rally party with live entertainment and a Rally Breakfast at the Curry Village cafeteria.

There is no age requirement for any of the bike rally events. Entry fee for the rally itself is 50¢





# "The Crow's Nest" Nature Photography



Getting Around — Loyd Price named Manager of Yosemite Mountaineering School and Dean Conway has been promoted to Stables Manager. Mr. Price will oversee what is agreed on by the experts to be the finest climbing school in the U.S., while Mr. Conway will oversee one of the largest rental stock herds of horses and mules in the U.S. Asked by Mr. Price if he would like to take a climbing lesson, Mr. Conway replied, "The only thing I want to climb is up on my mule; if I can't make it there on my "ass", I don't need to go!"

The Department of Manpower (Person Power) has issued its new guidelines to eliminate sex discrimination in job descriptions. A few examples: Dear Sir becomes Dear Person, Woman/Wo-person, Women/Wo-persons, stockman is now stockperson—does that mean he should live at the Stables? Manager is now personager, a manakin is really a personakin; no longer can you issue a mandate, but how about a persondate; houseman is houseperson, Gentlemen becomes Gentlepersons, Men's and Women's room will now become Persons' Rooms — how will you know which to

The Ansel Adams Gallery and the Yosemite Mountaineering School will be sponsoring a Nature Photography Workshop on May 2 through 4.

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The workshop is open to everyone and will accommodate all camera formats. Students should bring their own slides or prints for the critique sessions if they have done prior work in nature photography.

Tuition for employees with a privilege card is \$58.50.

use? This could prove interesting! And so it goes, but our favorite is Mailman, who under the strictest interpretation of the new guidelines is now a Person-person.

The Curry Cafeteria is now running smoothly after some opening day difficulties with the new cash registers; for instance, one man (person) was surprised to find his bill total \$212.00 for a glass of orange juice—what is worse, he had a cup of coffee.

How about the opening line in a recent newspaper account of NPS efforts to resolve the bear-people problem this summer, "NPS officials announced a new Bear Management Program this week, noting that the bare inhabitants of Yosemite have become more aggressive in recent years and...bare people encounters have risen dramatically."

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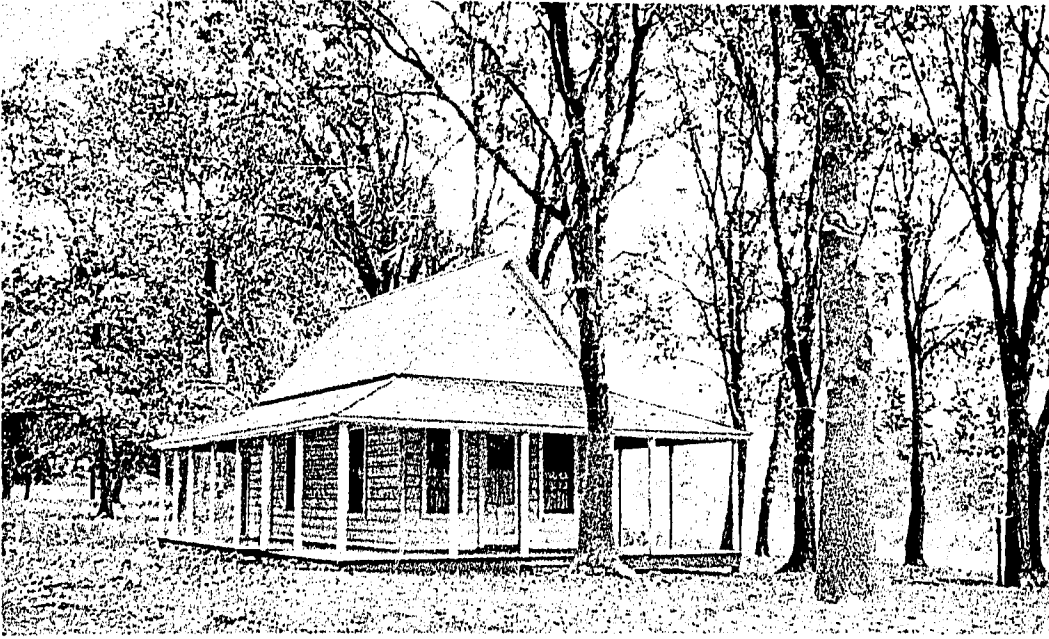
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## PICTURE FROM THE PAST



*Original stage office turned schoolhouse. located near the old Sentinel Hotel.*

Because of acrimony between the managers of the Sentinel Hotel and the Stoneman House as to the placement of the stage and telegraph office, the Yosemite Valley Commissioners ordered that a new one be built halfway between the competitors. It stood near the site of the present Le Conte Memorial Lodge and began operations in the summer of 1896. A few weeks later, on August 24, the operator sent out wires announcing the razing of the Stoneman by fire. Soon thereafter, the building was abandoned as the stage and telegraph office was moved back to the Village, close to the Sentinel Hotel.

In June, 1897 the structure was turned over to the local schoolboard to replace the decrepit school, southeast of Sentinel Bridge which had served pupils since 1876. Before that a tent had served briefly as schoolhouse. (Until 1916, school ran from about mid-April to November 1.) The well-porched stage office made an ideal school except for its isolated

location, and that was corrected in 1910 or '11 when the building was moved to a grove of oaks at the fork of the road about 300 yards from the present YNP headquarters. Virginia Best Adams recalls that recesses were spent tasting the fruit in the old Hutchings' apple orchard, and walking around the rock foundations of the never-finished Grizzly Hotel.

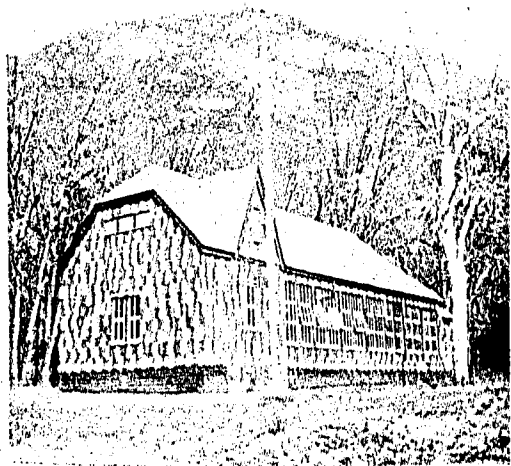
That attractive but uninsulated little white schoolhouse was not replaced until 1918 when a large, many windowed, multi-colored shingled school was built on what is now the basketball court of the present modern (1956) school. The shingled edifice boasted inside plumbing, a heating system, two large classrooms, and a principal's office. Among notable Yosemite-ites who learned a few thousand things, most of which they have forgotten, in this school, are Herb Ewing, Leroy Rust, Charlotte Ewing Wilson, John Degnan, and the author.

(Both pictures courtesy of Amy Leavitt Alexander.)

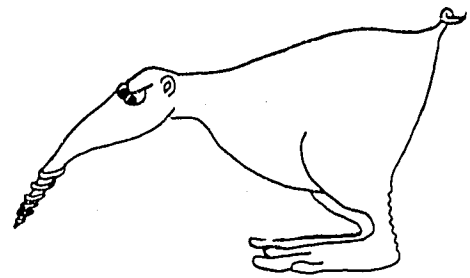
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*New schoolhouse built in 1918 on site of present school.*



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**RUMOR:** Employees should be allowed to drive faster than visitors since they are more familiar with the roads and more alert to wildlife.

**FACT:** You cannot exceed the posted speed limit. We are all aware that driving carelessly or with disregard for the safety of others is against the law. The speed that you drive should never be greater than is reasonable under the prevailing conditions — weather, traffic, light, road, wildlife.

The employee's driving experience should enable him to protect the visitor because of his ability to anticipate wildlife, road conditions, and erratic movements of visitor's vehicles. Especially at high speeds, it is difficult to avoid wildlife darting into the road. Swerving into an approaching car or braking too suddenly is usually the result. Around the approaching curve, the employee may suddenly encounter an animal, accident, bear jam, or fallen rock or tree. And it's almost impossible to anticipate every icy spot in the road.

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Lunches are provided for the volunteers, as well as admission to all Bike Rally functions and a volunteers party sometime after the Rally.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

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### EMPLOYEE DANCES

"Rock Slide" will close out Sam's season this week-end, playing Friday and Saturday nights, Apr. 18 and 19. Don't miss this finale, come out and cheer on one of Yosemite's favorite groups. Admission is \$1.00 with privilege card.

### YOSEMITE SAM'S CLOSING

Once again, we wish to thank all of you who came and enjoyed yourself at Sam's this past season, and we look forward to your return when Sam's opens back up in the Fall.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY TYING in the Employee Recreation Office, 7-9 p.m. With spring weather coming, the fishing will be good, so come and learn how to tie your own flies.

Tuesday — YOGA in the Employee Recreation Office, 7:30-10 p.m. This is the best form of relaxation and exercise combined in the Park. Come out and join in, beginners welcome.

NOTE: If there is a special interest you have concerning a class, let us know about it at Employee Recreation and we'll see if we can get something going.

### SOFTBALL SEASON

You can smell baseball season in the air at Yosemite, so break out the glove and start limbering up.

We're going to have both a man's and a lady's league going pretty soon, so you'd be wise to get that arm stretched out and the batting eye focused.

There will be a meeting of team representatives in the very near future, so be thinking about it. We emphasize that participants play for the team they work for, i.e., an Ahwahnee Bus Boy plays for the Ahwahnee team. BATTER UP!

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### FRIDAY, APRIL 18:

YNHA Environmental Ski Tour ..... Badger Pass — 8 a.m.  
DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19:

Rummage Sale ..... El Portal Community Hall — 9 a.m.  
Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Interdenominational service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.  
DANCE "Rock Slide" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20:

Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9 a.m.  
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### MONDAY, APRIL 21:

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Executive Action" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 22:

Gourmet Cooking ..... 10 a.m.  
Christian Gathering—Protestant ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23:

Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 24:

AFS Weekend Begins  
Ground School ..... El Portal Elementary School — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25:

AFS Potluck .....

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Bike Rally ..... Curry Village — 9 a.m.  
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## LOCAL RACERS

Three local youngsters traveled to Bear Valley recently to represent the Yosemite Winter Club in the Mt. Reba Junior IV & V Championship Giant Slaloms. The race is sponsored jointly by the Mt. Reba Ski Area and the Bear Valley Ski Club with assistance from the Bear Valley Junior Race Team and the Buddy Warner League.

Competing from Yosemite were Chris Thompsen, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. (Gail) Bill Thompsen, manager of Yosemite Lodge, and Vik, 10, and Mitch, 7, Hendrickson, sons of Dr. and Mrs. (Anne) Roger Hendrickson, Lewis Memorial Hospital.

Near-blizzard weather and deep snow forced the postponement of Saturday's race until Sunday, at which time two races were held. The youngsters skied under stormy conditions with snow falling and visibility limited. The course started at the top of Feather Duster, at

8,300 feet, the same start used by the recent Suzuki Cup World Pro Racers. It covered the steep, upper 1/3 of Feather Duster, wound left to the upper part of Nastar, curved right to Rodeo, and back to approximately 40 gates during the 600 vertical drop giant slalom.

Class V racers are nine years and younger, the "babies" of the racing world. Mitch Hendrickson finished fourth in this class in the second race, and he was awarded an appropriate ribbon at the Awards Ceremony.

Chris Thompsen and Vik Hendrickson are both Class IV racers (ten or eleven years of age at the first of the year) and skied against an impressive field of racers in this age group. Chris finished fourth in the first race, for which he, too, received a ribbon. He was third in the second race, and was awarded a bronze medal at the Olympic-type Awards Ceremony Sunday afternoon.



Chris receiving his third place bronze medal in the Olympic-type Awards Ceremony Sunday afternoon. [Other two boys are: #2 Scott Norton from Heavenly Valley, and #1 Vic Mettler from Bear Valley.]



The three junior racers representing Yosemite Winter Club at the Mt. Reba Junior IV/V Championship Giant Slalom: [left to right] Chris Thompsen, 12, son of Bill and Gail Thompsen, Vik Hendrickson, 10, and Mitch Hendrickson, 7, sons of Roger and Anne Hendrickson.



Mitch Hendrickson receiving his fourth place ribbon. [Other boys l-r are: Richard Watkins from Incline, Mitch, Steven Henderson and Kyle Warren from Big Bear, and Greg Norton from Heavenly Valley.]



# "The Crow's Nest"



This we should have never started:

Arriving in the Crow's Nest mail (person) bag this week the following: Hey, man is now Hey, person. Emancipate is now epersoncipate, which is Greek for we don't know what. A real he-man is a he-person which really should be a personperson which is the same as Mailman who is already a personperson. Does that make him quadruplets?

Meanwhile someone has reported another of those confusing marriages, that of Manley Upman to Samantha Downman, now legally they are Personly Upperson and Sapersontha Downperson. What ever happended to Mister & Madam (Mr. & Mrs.) — is it now Person & Person (Pr. & Pr.)? Just think you have all those radial wo-person libbers to thank for this mania...I mean personia.

### PLEASE STOP!

Spring has finally arrived, although we are sure you will never convince Tom Williams, Badger Pass Manager (Person-ager) of that. You can tell its Spring. . Panhandlers have picked their territory

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How to stop a panhandler: When he asks you for money, inform him he is working your territory.

### BEST LINE OF THE WEEK:

A smart Consultant is a guy who borrows your watch to tell you what time it is, then tells you to buy a new watch so he can come back next year. Can you imagine how many watches Ralph Nader must have by now?

### LAST MINUTE THOUGHT:

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For an elegant dessert for company, or just for a special treat for your family, try

### CREPES GEORGETTE

1 c. Flour  
 1/4 c. Sugar  
 1/8 tsp. Salt  
 3 Eggs  
 2 Tbsp. Apricot Brandy  
 1 tsp. Grated Lemon Rind  
 2 Tbsp. Melted Butter  
 Enough Milk to give the batter the consistency of thick cream  
 1/4 C. Apricot Brandy  
 1 C. Apricot Jam  
 1 Can Crushed Pineapple, drained

Put the first eight ingredients in your blender and mix. Make the crepes in a well buttered 6" pan over a fairly brisk heat. Pour a little of the batter in the pan and tip so that it runs over the entire surface. When set, turn over and brown lightly on the other side. This make 12 crepes, two per serving.

Then mix the final three ingredients together and heat slowly. Heat some additional brandy, if desired, and light. Pour flaming into the hot sauce. Serve over the crepes.

## Merced College Courses

Is there a class you would like to take, either for college credit or non-credit? Or can you teach an adult education class? If so, please call Diana Abrell at 372-4233.

Merced College Extension will again offer a few classes this coming fall in the Yosemite-El Portal area. We are in the process of setting up the schedule now, and we would like your input.

## FOR SALE

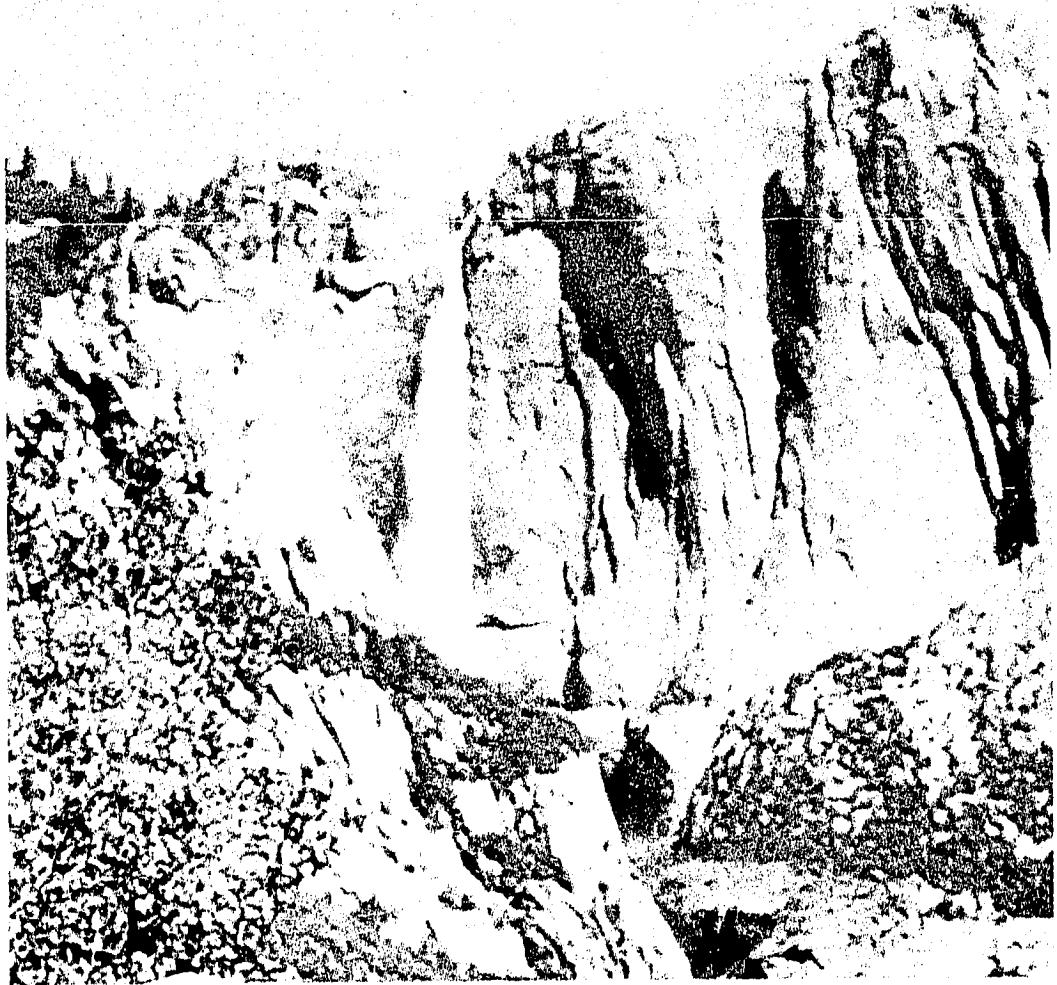
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Saxony Spinning Wheel, new, \$95. New Zealand Silver Beech Wood. Call evenings 372-4566.

Ricoh Singlex SLR Camera, excellent condition, with 50 mm f 1.7 lens. Accepts Pentax lenses. \$100 with case and uv filter.

Also Dunham hiking boots, excellent condition, size 10 1/2. \$15. Call 372-4337 or write Box 899, Yosemite.

## LEGEND OF LOST ARROW



Kos-soo-kah, a young chief of the Ahwahneeches, was one of the tallest, bravest, and most men in the tribe. Tee-hee-neh was the fairest and most beautiful of all the fair daughters of the Ahwahnee, and her love for Kos-soo-kah had been approved by her parents. In preparation for the royal wedding feast, Tee-hee-neh and the maidens of the tribe would gather acorns, prepare acorn bread and mush, collect wild fruit and edible roots, while Kos-soo-kah and the best hunters of the tribe made their way into the high country on a big hunt to provide an abundance of meat for the whole tribe.

As the lovers said good-bye, it was agreed that at sunset Kos-soo-kah would appear at the column of rock just east of Choo-look (Yosemite Falls) and shoot an arrow from his strong bow into the valley below. To the shaft of the arrow there would be fastened a number of grouse feathers corresponding to the number of deer that had been killed.

At sunset Tee-hee-neh was at the appointed spot, watching for the form of her lover on the high cliffs above, but he never appeared. Long after sunset and all

through the night she waited and listened and prayed to The Great Spirit for her lover's safe return. With the arrival of dawn and still no sign of his return, she frantically made her way up the steep trail to the top of the cliff. She called to Kos-soo-kah, but the only reply was the echo of her own voice. Looking over the cliffs where a great piece of rock had given way, she saw the lifeless, blood-stained form of her lover on the ledge below. She signaled to her friends in the valley, and when help finally arrived, she insisted on being the first to be lowered to the depths below. When Tee-hee-neh and her lover's body were finally raised to the top of the cliff and she awakened to the full realization that Kos-soo-kah had gone never to return, she fell back lifeless. She died of a broken heart, and her gentle spirit had winged its way to join her lover in El-o-win, the spirit land beyond the setting sun.

The signal arrow was never found, so the people of Ahwahnee named that slender shaft of granite near where Kos-soo-kah's body was found, Hum-moo, or Lost Arrow, in honor of the beautiful maiden and her young chief.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

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### VISITOR CENTER DANCES

Since Yosemite Sam's is no longer open to offer employee dances, the Curry Co. Recreation Department will put on dances this summer at the Visitor Center Auditorium. First dance is scheduled for May 8, with a dance following every other week on Wednesday. Stay tuned in for developments.

### CLASS INSTRUCTORS ANYONE?

Employee Recreation is looking for new talent to lead classes this spring, so if you specialize in something that others may enjoy and benefit by, give us a call in the General Offices and we'll get it going.

### VOLLEYBALL

Teams are forming for Wednesday night volleyball at the Visitor Center. Games may be moved to Camp Six later on. Get on a team and have some healthful fun.

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### WOMEN'S CLUB

Pine Needle Basket Weaving  
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#### MONDAY, APRIL 28:

Garden Club ..... Parkline — Noon  
Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "The Chinese Connection" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 29:

Gourmet Cooking ..... 10 a.m.  
Volunteer Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.  
Christian Gathering—Protestant ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30:

Pine Needle Basket Weaving ..... 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 1:

Ground School ..... El Portal Elementary School — 7:30 p.m.

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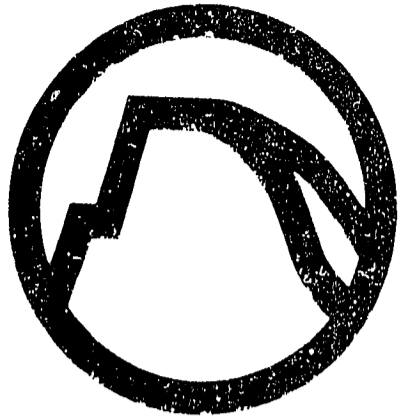
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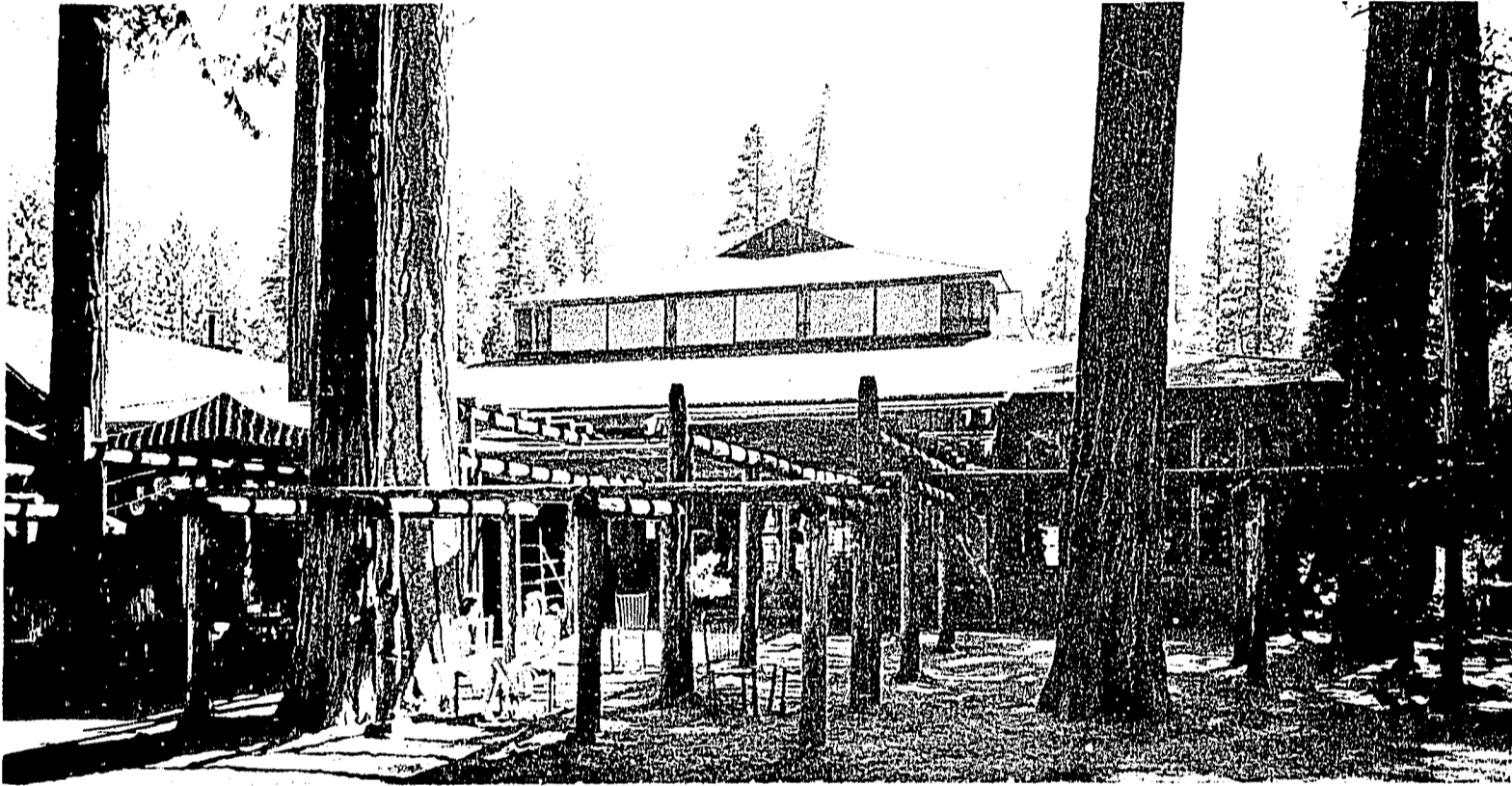
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#### MONDAY, MAY 5:

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Catch-22" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## Curry's Chef and Cafeteria



Willie Otto Alderman, Chef of the new Curry Cafeteria, was born December 5, 1924. Willie lived in North Carolina and Virginia until he joined the Navy in 1943. From the time his stint with the Navy was over in 1946 until he joined the Company in 1967, he was a Merchant Seaman with the duty of cook. Willie was tired of going to Vietnam, and so he got off the ship at San Francisco in 1967, went in an employment office, and was hired as a dinner cook for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Soon after he arrived in Yosemite he also became a breakfast cook. He spent 1968 back East as a cook at Williamsburg Lodge in Williamsburg, Virginia. Willie has come back every year about Palm Sunday since then, with the only exception being 1974. Willie was promoted to Chef in 1971.

Chef Willie has had lots of experience. Besides being a cook with the Merchant Marines, Willie was a chef in the 1930s for a country club back East, and in 1974, he was Food Service Supervisor for the city of Baltimore, Maryland. Willie lists reading and his work as his hobbies. His father was 86 on April 20. Willie also has

four brothers, two sisters, a step-mother, and two step-brothers, all living in the East.

The rebuilt Curry Cafeteria will employ the scramble system. This system enables you to just choose the food item that you desire and take it to the checkout counter without waiting in a long food line behind everyone else. That way, if you want a dish of ice cream, you just select it and take it to the cashier...That quickly!

The cafeteria will serve a variety of dishes from hot entrees to hamburgers and hot dogs to steaks. Both fruit and cream pies, cakes and ice cream will be offered for dessert.

The Cafeteria opened today, May 2, for dinner, and is serving breakfast and dinner daily. Lunch will also be served starting May 19.

Mr. Alderman personally guarantees that the quality of the food will be constant throughout all meals that will be served

at the cafeteria to assure the guest of high quality fare.

The equipment in the kitchen is mostly the original pieces. All the serving area equipment is new — including the grill and beverage and ice dispensers. Also new are the cash registers — they print the name of the item purchased next to the price. The dishwashing machine is the latest available. Attached to it is a booster, which completely dries the dishes.

The Cafeteria was designed to use the most modern equipment for faster service, while retaining an atmosphere and decor like the old Cafeteria. The interior is done in redwood, the chairs are padded and covered in brown and orange, and the tables are modern wood. Coffee and condiments are distributed throughout the interior of the Cafeteria for easy service.

Chef Willie says, "To me, food is something special." Anyone eating in the new Curry Cafeteria will agree.



## Earn College Credits

This summer, you can participate in a field experience program in ECO Education (Environmental, Camping, and Outdoor Education). On your days off, you can work in the interpretive programs of the National Park Service and earn college credits from San Francisco State University. You will be supervised and trained by employees of the National Park Service, who will be assisted by Dr. William Hammerman of San Francisco State University.

For a 15-hour investment in the NPS seasonal training program, you will receive 1 semester hour unit of credit, and for an additional 45-hour investment in a directed experience in one of Yosemite's living history or youth programs, or in a special study, you will receive 3 semester hour units of credit. The tuition fee is \$31 per semester hour unit of credit (\$124 for 4 hours).

For additional information and an application, send the coupon to: Chief Naturalist Leonard McKenzie, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, Ca 95389.

## Writers Needed

If you have a piece of prose, an article on history or natural history of Yosemite, or even an idea for an article, why not submit it to the Sentinel office for consideration. We're happy to publish articles by employees. If you have an article you would like us to consider either mail it to the Sentinel Office YPCCo., or come by and visit us in the General Offices.

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## New Community Members

ROBERT LEAGON — YPCCo. Manager of Purchasing — was Director of Purchasing for Royal Inn chain in San Diego for 1 year; was assistant to the Vice President for Atlas Hotel chain, also in San Diego, for 1½ years. Tennis and swimming are his hobbies, and he hopes to take up skiing now that he's here.

HERSCHEL WATSON -- NPS Electrical Foreman — transferred to Yosemite from Yellowstone, where he was the Building and Utilities Foreman. He has been with the NPS 5 years. His wife Virginia is working at the gift shop at The Ahwahnee hotel. Their daughter Valerie is a Junior at Mariposa High School. Both Hersch and Virginia like fishing. Hersch also plays golf, and Virginia enjoys bridge.

LEON PORTER — NPS Janitor Foreman — comes from Death Valley. He is responsible for the Administration Building, Visitor Center, and Ranger offices.

## Kindergarten Registration Immunization Clinic

On Thursday, May 22, Kindergarten registration will be held in room 5 (Kindergarten room) at Yosemite Elementary School for residents of Yosemite and El Portal between 2 and 4 p.m. Please bring health and immunization records and proof of birth (birth certificate or baptismal certificate).

Registration will include a conference with Miss Trabucco, Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Carol Davis, school nurse. Following registration, those students needing additional immunization will be able to receive them at the clinic 2 to 5:30 p.m.

The Immunization Clinic is for everyone in the community, May 14, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School in the multi-purpose room. Immunizations to be offered include polio, rubeola, rubella, DPT and DT. DT (Diphtheria-Tetanus) need only be taken by adults once every ten years.

I am interested in the ECO Education program. Please send me additional information , an application .

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 PARK ADDRESS (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 YP&C ENTRANCE ON DUTY DATE \_\_\_\_\_

THIS PROGRAM MUST NOT INTERFERE IN ANY WAY WITH YOUR YP&C EMPLOYMENT.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

HOTEL PANTRYPERSON (YL) — Make fancy hot hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, different salad dressings. Need own linens, tools, \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

NIGHT AUDITOR (YL) — Experience on NCR 4200, other adding and posting machines. Neat appearance, courteous manner. \$3.00-\$3.86/hr.

SOUS CHEF (AHW) — Overall knowledge of all kitchen procedures. Ability to prepare all types of food, draw up menus, order supplies, supervise. Provide own tools, uniform. Salaried.

BUSPERSON (AHW) — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Hard work. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

COCKTAIL SERVER (AHW) — Must be 21 or over. Meet public with pleasant congenial manner. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

MANAGER (YL APPAREL) — Responsible for scheduling, bank, ordering. Good initiative, 2 years experience in merchandising for women's fashions. Managerial experience. Salaried.

SANITATION-CUSTODIAM (CV BOYS TOWN) — Responsible, hard worker. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

## TRASH DISPOSAL

If our Bear Management Plan is to succeed, all residents will have to help. How? By being sure all garbage is placed inside dumpsters. If the dumpster nearest you is full, please take your garbage to another one and call Tony Gorham at 379-2652 to empty the full dumpster. Garbage outside the dumpster means bears in the neighborhood.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Enjoyed by the peasants in France, this economical vegetable dish may be served as a side course or as a meal in itself with a glass of wine and some good french bread. The cost is less than 50¢ per person.

### RATATOUILLE

Serves Eight

2 cloves Garlic, minced

1 Onion, thin sliced

½ c. oil

1 medium Eggplant, diced

3 medium Zucchini, sliced

1 Green Pepper, sliced

¾ c. (29 oz.) Italian Tomatoes, canned  
(whole peeled tomatoes may be substituted)

1 tsp. Oregano and Basil

Salt and Pepper to taste.

Wash all vegetables and cut them as indicated above. Do not peel. Saute garlic and onions in oil until clear. Add eggplant and toss. Add zucchini and green pepper. Cook for 10 minutes. Add the rest of the ingredients, toss together, and simmer covered for 30 minutes. Uncover, and simmer 30 minutes longer. Either serve on a dinner plate with the meal or put it in individual casseroles, top with Jack cheese, and place in 400° oven for 5 minutes, or until the cheese is melted.

(From the files of Elizabeth Shepard)

## Women's Club

### Cross Country Ski Trip

Get the skis out and join the Women's Club on May 7 for a trip to Taft Point. If the Glacier Point Road is not open, the trip will go somewhere else. Call Anne Hendrickson for more information at 372-4250.

### Mother's Day Wild Flower Walk

What better way to celebrate Mother's Day than by enjoying an easy all-day hike (it's mainly downhill) with family and friends? Naturalist Roger McGehee will be on hand to interpret along the way. The hike begins in Foresta at 10:30 a.m. and winds up in El Portal about 7 miles later at about 4 p.m. A YTS bus will await the group there to take them back to Foresta to get the cars. The bus ride will be \$1 per person. Be sure to bring water, a sack lunch, and perhaps a hat for sun protection on this May 11 outing.

The hike will be on the old Foresta Road, and there will be many wildflowers and waterfalls to enchant you. Call Diana Abrell by May 9 to make reservations for the bus at 372-4233.

## Part-Time Job

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Roy Manson at 372-4847.

## MEN WANTED!

Yosemite has a registered Boy Scout troop, interested boys, and an ideal location for Scouting. The missing ingredient, however, is leadership. Boys must have men to have Scouting!

A representative of the area Boy Scout council will be in the Park in the near future to help reactivate the local troop.

Any men willing to serve on the Troop Committee — not necessarily to assume actual leadership — are urged to express that willingness to Arvin Abbott at the Village Store or call Anne Hendrickson at 372-4250.

## Employee Housing

Your Employee Council at work:

Clarinda Titus, housekeeper at the Ahwahnee dorms, has been selected by the council to work on various ideas for summer recreation in employee housing areas. Some of the ideas that are still in the suggestion stage are barbeques, picnic tables, and possibly portable garden boxes. If you have any suggestions on the above or any ideas for improving housing areas you can contact Clarinda at the Ahwahnee dorms, extension 437.

Clarinda is also handling the experimental project of painting murals in the "L" dorm hallway at the annex. She has formed a committee of motivated artists and believes the work will begin within a couple of weeks.

## CINCO DE MAYO

Don't forget! Cinco de Mayo is Saturday, May 3, at Rancheria Flats Park in El Portal. This popular event begins at 11 a.m. Come join in the games and bar-be-que.

## The Legend of Loi-Ya



It was many long years ago that Loi-ya, a beautiful Ahwahneeche maiden, and her mother were gathering grass seed in the Po-ho-no meadow beyond the valley's rim. Their baskets were filled and they were returning by the old trail leading down from Patill-ima (Glacier Point) to the valley below. Loi-ya was ahead of her mother when she suddenly stumbled on a rock, lost her balance, and fell over the cliff never to be seen again. The

heartbroken mother refused to return to the valley, insisting that she would await her daughter's return. The years passed, and the poor woman grew old and bent with age until finally The Great Spirit took pity on her and turned her to stone.

From that day to this, the great majestic rock form of Sentinel Rock has been a monument to this Indian mother's love and devotion for her daughter Loi-ya.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

May 5 — "Catch 22" starring Alan Arkin, Jon Voight, Orson Wells, Art Garfunkel, and Richard Benjamin. Highly unusual adventures of Captain Yossarian who is trying to be grounded from the mad-house flying routines of W.W. II. The movie makes a barbed anti-war comment cloaked in the veil of comic exercises. His attempts to escape are hindered by "Catch 22", condemning those who are insane and those who feign insanity. (R)

May 12 — "Some Came Running", starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Shirley MacLaine, and Arthur Kennedy. Sad but true disillusionment of a worldly wise, hard drinking, young man who comes home from the Army to his small town and sees through the hypocrisy of "respectable" people, then seeks solace in companionship of seedy characters, who are at least honest about the way they live. (PG)

### VISITOR CENTER DANCES

Wednesday, May 25 will make the opening night for employee dancing at the Visitor Center. The dances will continue every other Wednesday night after that. Here's your chance to boogie through the summer, so come on out.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY-TYING in the Employee Recreation Office 7-9 p.m. Learn the art of fly-tying — it's easy! Like the other special classes, you can join at any time. Girls welcome.

Tuesday — YOGA in the Employee Recreation Office 7:30-9:30 p.m. Our new instructor Barbara is well-versed in this art, and will be glad to show you the specifics of relaxing while exercising.

Wednesday — BEAD CLASS in the Employee Recreation Office 7-9 p.m. Make anything you can dream up with beads, corals, etc. Two instructors will give you a hand.

If you would like to learn something or just brush up on your technique, let Employee Recreation know. If you have a favorite sport you would like to participate in with fellow community members, give us a call. Employee Rec. can be reached through ext. 451 — and we'll be happy to see what we can get organized.

## El Portal Elementary School

The El Portal Elementary School Father-Son Night will be held May 7. Mother-Daughter Night will be May 8. Both events are potluck dinners. Contact Pat Sinclair, Principal, for more information.

## Merced College Courses

Is there a class you would like to take, either for college credit or non-credit? Or can you teach an adult education class? If so, please call Diana Abrell at 372-4233.

Merced College Extension will again offer a few classes this coming fall in the Yosemite-El Portal area. We are in the process of setting up the schedule now, and we would like your input.

## FOR SALE

SX 70 Land Camera. New \$150—sell for \$75. Like new, good condition. Contact Dave Tanner at Tecoya B-33 or Ahwahnee Kitchen.

Saxony Spinning Wheel, new, \$95. New Zealand Silver Beech Wood. Call evenings 372-4566.

Ricoh Singlex SLR Camera, excellent condition, with 50 mm f 1.7 lens. Accepts Pentax lenses. \$100 with case and uv filter.

Also Dunham hiking boots, excellent condition, size 10½. \$15. Call 372-4337 or write Box 899, Yosemite.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MAY 3:

Cinco de Mayo ..... El Portal — 11 a.m.  
 Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
 Interdenominational Service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 4:

Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9 a.m.  
 Mass ..... Visitor Center — 9 & 11 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship—Protestant ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
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 Sunday School—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 10 a.m.  
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### MONDAY, MAY 5:

Fly-Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
 MOVIE "Catch 22" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 6:

Gourmet Cooking Class ..... 10 a.m.  
 Christian Gathering—Protestant ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.  
 Yoga ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 7:

Cross Country Ski Trip—Women's Club .....  
 Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 7 p.m.  
 Bead Class ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 8:

Ground School ..... El Portal Elementary School — 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
 Interdenominational Service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
 Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9 a.m.  
 Mass ..... Visitor Center — 9 & 11 a.m.  
 Sunday Worship—Protestant ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
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 MOVIE "Some Came Running" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

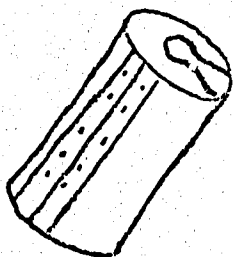
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# RECYCLING CENTER

Behind Village Store  
Open 7 days

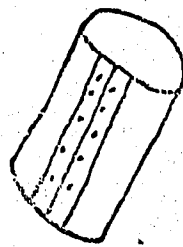
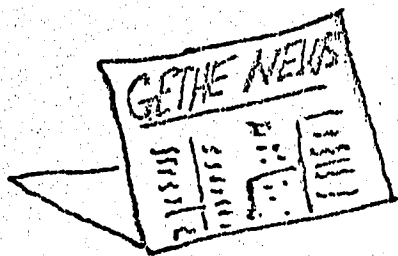
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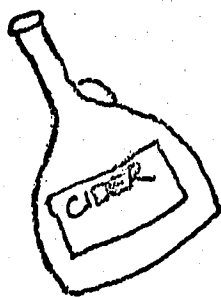
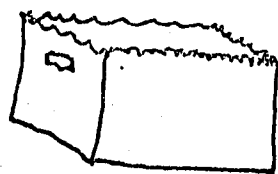
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side seam

**TIN CANS:** side seam,  
can opener  
needed to open them



**NEWSPAPER:** no magazines  
please

**CARDBOARD**



**GLASS:** all colors,  
neck rings off,  
paper labels OK

**ALL CONTAINERS MUST  
BE EMPTY -**

**SOLID FOOD CONTAINERS  
MUST BE CLEAN**



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Yosemite National Park, CA



The Yosemite Valley Shuttle Bus System, which serves many points in the Valley, is now in its fifth year of carrying Park visitors.

Conceived and operated by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the shuttles have carried millions of visitors and served to greatly reduce auto congestion since the buses first began running in 1970.

Eight double-decker buses and five smaller buses (Power unit and trailers)

run year around on three loops serving most Valley campgrounds and visitor facilities.

The buses generally run from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. and frequency varies from season to season and according to visitor needs.

Visitors are encourage to park their cars and ride the bus for myriad reasons: Less congestion, less noise, a car-free Upper Valley, and a fun, easy way to move around. The goal, of course, is to enhance enjoyment of the Park.

In addition to the shuttle buses it operates in Yosemite Valley, the Company also operates an entire transportation system which serves Yosemite from Merced (year-round), Fresno and Lee Vining (summer only). Once in the Park, there are regularly scheduled bus tours which serve most major points of interest in Yosemite.

Hats off to the men and women who make the Yosemite Transportation System the great success that it is.

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you have the necessary qualifications for any of these positions, you are invited to apply through your unit manager. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions.

**HOTEL PANTRYPERSON — YL —**  
Make fancy hot hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, many different salad dressings. Own linens, tools. \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

**NIGHT AUDITOR — YL, GEN. OFF. —**  
Experience on NCA 4200, other adding and posting machines. Neat appearance, courteous manner. \$3.00-\$3.86/hr.

**SOUS CHEF — AHW —** Overall knowledge of kitchen procedures. Prepare all types of food, draw up menus, order supplies, supervise. Own tools, uniform. Salaried.

**BARTENDER — AHW —** Experienced only. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**COOKS —** Overall knowledge of kitchen procedures. Own tools, uniforms. \$4.05-\$5.15/hr.

**SANITATION-CUSTODIAN — CV Terrace and Boystown —** Responsible worker. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

## WANTED

Babysitter, five days a week. Contact Martha at Annex Dorm H-11 or K-13. Salary open.

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## ATTENTION ALL BOOKWORMS

Get out of the apples and into the books!

Merced County Library has a branch library located here in Yosemite. The library is located downstairs in the Valley District Building, which is the building immediately to the left of the Visitor Center. The library is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Sundays from noon to 4:30 p.m.

## WHAT'S COOKING

Here's a different, exotic-tasting entree that's easy to fix.

### MEAT BALLS IN SWEET AND SOUR SAUCE

1 lb. ground beef  
1 Tbsp. minced onion  
1 tsp. salt  
¼ tsp. pepper  
1 Tbsp. corn oil  
1 can (13¼ oz.) pineapple chunks  
⅓ cup cider vinegar  
¼ cup sugar  
2 Tbsp. teriyaki sauce  
1 clove garlic, minced  
2 Tbsp. cornstarch  
½ cup water  
½ green pepper, cut into 2-inch strips

Mix together beef, onion, salt, and pepper. Shape into 1-inch balls. Heat corn oil in skillet over medium heat. Add meat balls and cook, turning or shaking, until browned on all sides. Add pineapple and juice, vinegar, sugar, teriyaki sauce, and garlic. Mix cornstarch and water; stir into meat mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to boil and boils 1 minute. Stir in green pepper. Reduce heat; cover and simmer 5 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Makes 4 servings.

## CORRECTION

The caption on last week's cover photo was inadvertently omitted. The picture was that of the old Cafeteria that had burned down, so that those of you who have seen the new Cafeteria could see the similarity of the two structures.

## Writers Needed

If you have a piece of prose, an article on history or natural history of Yosemite, or even an idea for an article, why not submit it to the Sentinel office for consideration. We're happy to publish articles by employees. If you have an article you would like us to consider either mail it to the Sentinel Office YPCCo., or come by and visit us in the General Offices.

## A Good Friend is Lost

The entire Yosemite community was saddened on Sunday, March 28, 1975, with the tragic death of Harris Corbett.

Known to most everyone as "Corkey", he was liked by all who knew him. A 20-year employee of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Corkey Corbett first went to work in Yosemite on March 24, 1955; he was still employed by the Company at the time of his death.

Corkey was an easy going, friendly man who spent the major part of his working career as a driver in the Yosemite Transportation System.

Corkey was a well-known resident of the community, and his absence is sure to be felt by all of us, for truly a good friend of Yosemite has been lost.

## LIONS CLUB

The next Lions Club meeting will be held on May 15 at The Ahwahnee at noon. Miss Pauline Trabucco, Kindergarten teacher at Yosemite Elementary School, will be the featured speaker. She will be showing slides and talking about her trips to Europe.

## Lions Eyemobile Coming

The Lions Eyemobile will be at the Yosemite Elementary School on Saturday, June 7, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Two ophthalmologists will be present to provide free eye checks for glaucoma. It is recommended that anyone over 30 or who has a family history of diabetes be checked annually.

## El Portal Community Association

The El Portal Association will be meeting at the Community Hall on Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Plans will be formulated at this meeting for the clean-up of the Community Hall. Tentatively, the first clean-up party is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, at 10 a.m.

The Community Association hopes to not only get the Hall scrubbed up but painted also.

The El Portal Community Association also reports that the Rummage Sale held on April 19 was a big success, and they'd like to thank everyone who supported this event.

## TIME CLOCKS

In recent weeks a number of time clocks have been installed in various operating units throughout Yosemite Park and Curry Co. To some employees this may be a new experience and their first encounter; to others it will probably be a welcoming of an old friend. Whichever the case may be, it is important that all of us understand what these little grey boxes are all about. This means knowing what the philosophy, the intent and the value is of such a system. There isn't any mystic reason, just a simple reality. They establish three basic factors: (1) employee trust; (2) accurate records; and, (3) an awareness of time. Let's review each of these items in an effort to more fully understand just what they are.

(1) **EMPLOYEE TRUST** — no matter how good an employee's memory may be, rarely are they equipped with an adequate amount of information to support their concern when they think a problem may exist on their pay check. The existence of an electronically punched time card provides them with a factual record of what actually has taken place.

(2) **ACCURATE RECORDS** — The use of electronically punched cards provide the employer and the employee with a document that can be referred to at any time.

(3) **AN AWARENESS OF TIME** — It is easy for a person to stop at the entrance of a building to talk to a friend or get side-tracked and not knowingly inconvenience his fellow worker or supervisor by not being at an assigned workstation on time. The existence of time clocks provides an awareness of timeliness.

As we can see, they truly are the employee's helper, the term that was associated with them in the mid-1940's when they first became a reality in most work environments.

## Curry P.O. Opens

The Curry Village Post Office will open for the summer Monday, May 19, and close September 5, 1975.

This is a full service Post Office with 270 boxes to rent and we encourage anyone working in the area to have their mail addressed simply CURRY VILLAGE, CALIFORNIA 95389, and to utilize these facilities as the Main Office is about out of boxes at this early date and our conditions become more crowded as summer approaches.

## Picture from the Past



*John Muir met Emerson 104 years ago today.*

*by Steve Harrison*

Many people, upon the mention of Ralph Waldo Emerson, think of an old New England philosopher and poet who is too often quoted somewhere or another. And when John Muir is mentioned, many envision a crazy mountain man who must surely be the most quoted person in history.

Yet to mention Emerson to John Muir would have created a glow on Muir's face as if he had just seen a water ouzel in Yosemite Creek, or a tall sugar pine full of chickarees. And to mention Muir to Emerson would have made him recall some of the great men he had met in America and Europe.

An important event occurred in Yosemite on May 9, 1871. Ralph Waldo Emerson, who had been in Yosemite Valley several days with a party of friends from Boston met John Muir at the sawmill he was tending for James Hutchings on Yosemite Creek. Emerson was 68 years old and one of the leading thinkers and lecturers in America. Muir was just 33 years old, unpublished and unknown except to a few friends. Yet their friendship was immediate. Muir was full of zeal and enthusiasm. He had read some of Emerson's writings and respected his philosophical ideas and he was at the beginning of a part of his life that would bring those ideas to life. Upon meeting Muir, Emerson probably wished that he was 33 years old again and able to be exploring the Yosemite

## FOR SALE

Sears Coldspot Portable Refrigerator with freezer section. Approx. 10 cu. ft. Brand new, never used. \$135. Contact Bradford at Four Seasons.

'65 GMC Van. 6 cyl., 3 speed. Very good condition. \$800. Dennis, 379-3674, evenings.

## TRASH DISPOSAL

If our Bear Management Plan is to succeed, all residents will have to help. How? By being sure all garbage is placed inside dumpsters. If the dumpster nearest you is full, please take your garbage to another one and call Tony Gorham at 379-2652 to empty the full dumpster. Garbage outside the dumpster means bears in the neighborhood.

region. Emerson was cheerful, accessible and sympathetic and Muir found a very interested audience for his many dried specimens of plants and his graceful pencil sketches of the mountain peaks and forest trees.

After several days together in the Yosemite Valley, they rode south to Clark's Station. Emerson questioned Muir on his literary points and Muir taught Emerson some of the trees along their route. The following day, with the company of Galen Clark, they went on to the Mariposa Grove where Emerson and his party remained but a few hours. Muir protested their quick departure pointing out that "It is as if a photographer should remove his plate before the impression was fully made." Not heeding his suggestion that they remain for the night, they left John Muir to pass the night alone beneath the towering sequoias.

John Muir's reaction to the grand scenery of the Yosemite region upon his arrival in 1868 has been influenced greatly by his reading of some of Emerson's works, especially his essay, *Nature*. The transcendental philosophy which Emerson's writings revealed to Muir seemed to have suited his needs at the time and also to blend with his strong Christian background. This allowed Muir to see Yosemite as no one else has and to work and fight for its preservation long after others had given up.

And it was this meeting with Emerson which solidified some of Muir's ideas concerning the role of nature in the growing industrial society and the rewarding relationship that man could have with nature in the wilderness of places like Yosemite.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

May 12 "Some Came Running", starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Shirley MacLaine. Sad but true disillusionment of a worldly wise, hard-drinking young man who comes home from the Army to his small home town and sees through the hypocrisy of "respectable" people, then seeks solace in companionship of seedy characters, who are at least honest about the way they live. (PG)

May 19 "Little Fauss and Big Halsy", starring Robert Redford, Michael Polard, and Lauren Hutton. Brash Big Halsy takes shy little Fauss on as his mechanic and they share the excitement of motorcycle racing and the same girl who cooks, cleans, and pacifies them along the road. As Halsy's fame rise, the pressure forces a crack in his self-confidence, and the two partners split, with Fauss the winner. (R)

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY-TYING in the Employee Recreation Office 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday — BEADS CLASS. Exotic coral, trade beads, abalone, hishi, and many, many more. Attend the Bead Class Tuesday nights 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Two instructors to help you design original chokers, earrings, and handi-crafts. Come Wednesday for a friendly evening and a chance to enjoy your own craftsmanship.

### VISITOR CENTER DANCE

Wednesday, May 28 marks the date of the first employee dance at the Visitor Center for this Spring. "Rosewood" is the scheduled band for that evening, so come out and dance like we did last summer, baby! Action starts at 8 p.m. with privilege card required plus \$1.00 admission.

### VOLLEYBALL

We are thinking of forming a volleyball league, to be played Wednesday nights in the Visitor Center and later Camp 6. If interested, come out and join us Wednesday nights about 7 p.m., and get your name on the list.

## Part-Time Job

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Roy Manson at 372-4847.

## Kindergarten Registration Immunization Clinic

On Thursday, May 22, Kindergarten registration will be held in room 5 (Kindergarten room) at Yosemite Elementary School for residents of Yosemite and El Portal between 2 and 4 p.m. Please bring health and immunization records and proof of birth (birth certificate or baptismal certificate).

Registration will include a conference with Miss Trabucco, Kindergarten teacher, and Mrs. Carol Davis, school nurse. Following registration, those students needing additional immunization will be able to receive them at the clinic 2 to 5:30 p.m.

The Immunization Clinic is for everyone in the community, May 14, from 2 to 5:30 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School in the multi-purpose room. Immunizations to be offered include polio, rubeola, rubella, DPT and DT. DT (Diphtheria-Tetanus) need only be taken by adults once every ten years.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SATURDAY, MAY 10:

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Interdenominational Service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11:

Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9 a.m.  
Mass ..... Visitor Center — 9 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship—Protestant ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service—Church of Christ .. El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday School—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 10 a.m.  
Wildflower Walk ..... Foresta — 10 a.m.  
Worship Service—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 11 a.m.  
Worship Service—Church of Christ .. El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 6:30 p.m.  
Worship Service—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 6:30 p.m.

### MOTHER'S DAY

### MONDAY, MAY 12:

Fly Tying ..... YPCCo. Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Some Came Running" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 13:

Gourmet Cooking ..... 10 a.m.  
Volunteer Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.  
Christian Gathering—Protestant ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 14:

Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 15:

Lions Club ..... The Ahwahnee — Noon  
Ground School ..... El Portal Elementary School — 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 17:

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Interdenominational Service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 18:

Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9 a.m.  
Mass ..... Visitor Center — 9 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship—Church of Christ .. El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9:50 a.m.  
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## FIRE GUTS MOUNTAIN SHOP



Firefighters fighting from both inside and outside of the blazing structure contained the fire within about one hour and 45 minutes. However, hardworking crews fought on until well after 5 a.m. dousing the smoldering embers.

At approximately 11:54 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 1975, a siren sounded that would mark the beginning of a five hour seige for Curry Co., NPS and other community fire fighters.

A fire, shooting flames twenty feet into the air, had broken out in the Curry Village Mountain Shop and spread through the Mountaineering School headquarters, hamburger stand and a visitor lounge area.

NPS investigators believe the fire was started in an animal nest within a wall.

Losses were estimated to be between three-quarters to one million dollars for the four areas of service.

While the fire will cause some disruption in visitor services, all efforts are being made to accommodate the visitor's needs.

The Mountain Shop was originally built in the early 1940's and during its checkered career has served as a grocery store, apparel shop, and The Art Place before becoming a center for climbing, back-packing and hiking needs.

In a letter to Superintendent Leslie Arnberger, Edward Hardy, Chief Oper-

ating Officer of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., expressed gratitude to community citizens who participated in squelching the Curry Village fire and demonstrated the cooperative spirit of working together in concern for Yosemite.

"The cooperation displayed by the National Park Service personnel, Company personnel, and residents of the community served to reinforce my belief that we all share a common love for the Park and truly are concerned for the safety of the Park visitor," Hardy stated. "once again, my thanks to you personal and to all the men and women of your staff who assisted the Company during a very difficult situation. It's a pleasure to see such fine community spirit."

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you have the necessary qualification for any of these positions, you are invited to apply through your unit manager. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions.

**KITCHEN HELPER — YL, CV —** Willing to work very hard. Heavy cleaning involved. \$2.40-3.14/hr.

**NIGHT AUDITOR — YL —** Experienced on NCR 4200, other adding, posting machines. Neat appearance, courteous manner. \$3.00-\$3.86/hr.

**BUSPERSON — YL, AHW, CV —** Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Hard work. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**FOOD SERVICE PERSON — YL —** Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Tennis shoes or oxfords required. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**BREAKFAST COOK — AHW —** Prepare morning meals. Own tools, uniforms. \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

**POTWASHER — AHW —** Work very hard. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**NIGHT CLEANER — CV —** Knowledge of floor cleaning materials, waxes. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**STOREROOM PERSON — CV —** Keep kitchen storeroom supplied. Experienced. Get along with people. \$3.15-\$4.05/hr.

**GREENSKEEPER HELPER — WAW —** Assist Greenskeeper. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**RECYCLING ATTENDANT —** Assist recycling supervisor. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

## Women's Club

All Yosemite women are invited to bring their plants and plant problems to the Women's Club luncheon on Thursday, May 22 at the Curry Village Cafeteria at noon.

Carl Stephens, Head Gardner for the Curry Co., will give advice on the care and feeding of houseplants. If your plant is sick and you can't describe its illness, bring it along for consultation.

The election of officers will also be held at this meeting. Babysitting is available. Call Mary Anne Singer at 372-4284.

## POTLUCK

A lost-and-found potluck luncheon will be held Saturday, May 17, at Gwen Brady's house, from 10 a.m. on. Bring your favorite salad or bread to share; drinks and dishes will be furnished.

Have you got a dish in your cupboard that was left over from some potluck and never claimed? Or maybe at that same potluck you lost a spoon. Maybe your child brought home the wrong pair of mittens. Now's your chance to reunite belongings with owners. Clean out those articles and bring them to Gwen Brady's house. They will be spread out on a table and connected with their owners. Any dishes not claimed will be given to the Ranger Club and clothing donated to charity.

Jan Warner will be the guest of honor as she will be visiting that weekend before moving to their new assignment back east. Come over for a last visit.

## Recycling Center

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is beginning a recycling program in an effort to make it easy for all of us to help reduce their impact on Yosemite National Park.

The Center, located to the right of the back entrance to the Village Store, will operate daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. In its initial stages, the materials being accepted for recycling will be aluminum cans, glass bottles of all colors, tin cans, bi-metal cans, cardboard and newspapers.

Tins and bottles should be rinsed out before being brought for recycling, so that no solid matter remain in them.

Karen Hajek and Lou Good will run the program. Karen Hajek, recycling supervisor for the project, is from Lafayette, California. She is a native of Oakland and has lived in England and South Africa, besides the Bay Area. Karen ran a recycling center in Walnut Creek for two years.

Lou Good has been a Yosemite resident for the last 3½ years. Though Lou is relatively new to this field, he did have some recycling experience in high school.

You are urged to bring your recyclables to the Center. Don't throw them away. If you don't have a car to come to the Recycling Center, ask a friend to bring you.

This venture will be a success with your cooperation and is planned to expand to all areas of related waste in the Company.

## Don't Feed the Animals

Every year the problem of visitors feeding the animals around the Park gets worse. This year we plan to put up signs in strategic locations telling people that feeding the animals is bad for their health.

We need help with the wording. If you have an idea for getting across the message in a positive and friendly way, being brief and to the point, you have a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate from the Village Sports Shop. At the same time you're helping the wildlife.

Send your entries to the Yosemite Sentinel, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389, or drop them at the Sentinel office in the General Offices. Entries must be received by May 31.

## Attention: Yosemite Housewives

If you are interested in working part-time as a Tour Guide this summer, please contact Roy Manson at the Personnel Office, ext. 236.

Arrangements for your services can be adjusted according to your schedule.

## Writers Needed

If you have a piece of prose, an article on history or natural history of Yosemite, or even an idea for an article, why not submit it to the Sentinel office for consideration. We're happy to publish articles by employees. If you have an article you would like us to consider either mail it to the Sentinel Office YPCCo., or come by and visit us in the General Offices.

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## Management Trainee

On Thursday evening, April 24, 1975, at 4:30 p.m., the Management Trainees of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. met with the Training Committee, which consisted of Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer, George Spach, Ahwahnee Manager, Bill Thompsen, Yosemite Lodge Manager, and Dan Slusser, Vice President of Administration.

The session was occupied by discussing first session reports submitted by the Trainees of their experiences during the first three months in the program. Many helpful suggestions and a review of our operations were submitted by the Trainees. They were advised of future classroom training sessions which will be scheduled in areas such as Reservations, the Garage, YTS, Maintenance, Service Stations, Purchasing, Warehouse, Personnel, Employee Recreation, and Employee Housing.

Trainee Joe Andes was assigned to accompany Jim McDonald as Assistant Week End Duty Officer in an attempt to acquaint the Trainees with the Company's current program.

Ed Hardy spoke to the group, outlining cost controls of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the necessary steps of being able to react rather swiftly in the areas of labor and cost of sales as a result of changing or variable business trends.

The Committee reviewed Operating and Financial Reports of the Company, asked questions, and engaged in a general round-table discussion. Each of the Trainees were given a new assignment for the second phase of the program. This change will take place on or about May 1, 1975, and is as follows:

Joseph Andes is now leaving the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria and will be assigned to the Rooms Department at The Ahwahnee hotel.

Tom Kroon is finishing at the Yosemite Lodge front desk and will be assigned to the Food and Beverage area at Curry Village.

Roger Mills just completed his assignment at the front desk of The Ahwahnee hotel and has been assigned to the Housekeeping Department at the Yosemite Lodge.

Don Willard is finishing up in his Food and Beverage function at The Ahwahnee hotel and is now being assigned to the front desk at the Yosemite Lodge.

Kathy Wrahte has moved from food service at Badger Pass over to the Sales Department where she will assist Jack Hicks.

## Picture from the Past



(Photo courtesy of the YNP Archives.)

BY Shirley Sargent

Once upon a war-time, the Ahwahnee Hotel was commissioned by the Navy as a hospital for convalescent sailors who needed rehabilitation and recreation, but wanted girls and beer. The mole-like appendages, pictured, erupting west of the hotel, devastated the wildflower gardens, but housed all kinds of craft

shops for everything from woodworking to fly tying and a bowling alley. Needless to say, the buildings were one of the first casualties of peace as they were razed by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. soon after the hospital's decommissioning on December 15, 1945.

## Rally Volunteers

TO ALL BIKE RALLY VOLUNTEERS:

You've sat through freezing cold weather where your fingers were turning blue, and you've been blistered by the sun. Whether it rains at the last minute or the food arrives five minutes before the appointed hour, you always make sure the picnic is on time and everyone is served.

Without anyone asking, you're the first to help carry the heavy loads, pick up a broom or man a door.

And through it all, you always manage to smile. And, you may not know it, but your smiles make the whole weekend for the visitors. It's true! They always mention the sunny attitudes of the people that work the rally.

For this and for all that you've done to make the rallies the success that they are, thank you.

## FOR SALE

Speaker cabinet (1) — contains one 15" woofer, one 8" mid-range, and two 5" tweeters. Call 372-4210.

Ladies 10-speed Suntour bicycle — Good condition, all aluminum body, new chrome rims. Call 372-4716.

1964 Mercury Station wagon; two small bikes; 1950 Ford Pickup. Make offer. Sansum, phone 372-4875.

## GOOD MORNING BIKE RIDE

Wake up each Monday through Friday with a cycle around the short loop. Meet at 6:30 a.m. in the Village Store parking lot.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

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May 26 — "Zabriske Point", starring Rod Taylor, Daria Halprin, and Paul Fix. The final explosion of material and substance is the director's comment on the Great Society and the personal commitment. (R)

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY TYING in Employee Recreation Office, 7 to 9 p.m. Fishing season will soon be in full swing again. Learn the art of tying your own flies.

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in Employee Recreation Office, 7 to 9 p.m. Make your own jewelry.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Recreation Office, 7 to 10 p.m. Bob Nunes of Rock Slide will give weekly lessons to those interested in learning to play this instrument. Bring your own guitar.

### SPORTS SOFTBALL

Teams are practicing regularly for the coming men's and women's softball league. If you desire to play, talk to one of the established teams or get your own going.

### VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday evening is the time for all volleyball buffs to unite. Beginners and experts are welcome. Games are currently being played in the Visitor Center, but action will move to Camp 6 once the weather turns sweet.

### VISITOR CENTER DANCE

Wednesday, May 28 marks the date of the first employee dance at the Visitor Center for this Spring. "Blue Emage" is the scheduled band for that evening, so come out and dance like we did last summer, baby! Action starts at 8 p.m. with privilege card required plus \$1.00 admission.

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students needing additional immunization will be able to receive them at the clinic 2 to 5:30 p.m.

## WANTED

Upright piano in reasonably good condition. Call 372-4611, ext. 257 or 227.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MAY 16:

Highland High School Symphony Orchestra . . . . . Yosemite Lodge — 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 17:

Mass . . . . . Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Highland High School Symphony Orchestra . . . . . Curry Village — 7 p.m.  
Interdenominational Service . . . . . Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 18:

Bible Study—Church of Christ . . . . . El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9 a.m.  
Mass . . . . . Visitor Center — 9 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship—Protestant . . . . . Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service—Church of Christ . . . . . El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday School—Southern Baptist . . . . . El Portal Chapel — 10 a.m.  
Worship Service—Southern Baptist . . . . . El Portal Chapel — 11 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . El Portal Chapel — 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 19:

Fly Tying Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
El Portal Community Association . . . . . El Portal Community Hall  
MOVIE "Little Fauss and Big Halsy" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 20:

Bead Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Christian Gathering—Protestant . . . . . Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 21:

Bible Study—Church of Christ . . . . . El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 22:

Women's Club Meeting . . . . . Curry Cafeteria — Noon  
Mitchell Jr. High Concert Band & Choir . . . . . Curry Village — 6:30 p.m.  
Guitar Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7:00 p.m.  
Ground School . . . . . El Portal Elementary School — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 23:

Castro Valley Orchestra . . . . . Yosemite Lodge — 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 24:

Mass . . . . . Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Castro Valley Orchestra . . . . . Curry Village — 7 p.m.  
Interdenominational Service . . . . . Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 25:

Bible Study—Church of Christ . . . . . El Portal Old Schoolhouse — 6:30 p.m.  
Worship Service . . . . . El Portal Chapel — 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 26:

Fly Tying . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Zabriske Point" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### MEMORIAL DAY

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

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## AHWAHNEE BAR STAFF

To enjoy a bottle of wine at The Ahwahnee is more than just an adventure in fine taste, for often the serving is accompanied by a short history of the wine, a study of the grape or the vintner, and, sometimes, a lesson in how to properly taste the wine.

Each new wine steward at The Ahwahnee, depending on the extent of his past experience, may receive instruction on the proper selection and serving of wines prior to being assigned his own station for wine service in the Dining Room.

Along with this instruction, The Ahwahnee Bar Staff is invited to monthly lecture tastings given by Jeff Scott. Jeff, who has been with YPCCo. for about 6 years, and serves as Dining Room Host, is a qualified Sommelier (Master Wine Steward). He brings his own knowledge of wines to the tastings where everything from the structure of the appellation controllee laws of France to the nature of clarets is discussed. The meetings are held in the afternoon during off duty hours and last for about two hours. Categories and histories of each wine are reviewed. Soil content as it pertains to winemaking is studied, as well as the technical nature of the wine, the taste, aroma and the relationship of the grapes used in the production of that particular wine.

The lecture-tastings are limited to members of the bar staff and some dining room staff on a space available basis, with a maximum of 12 participants. "People in the industry have been very helpful by providing literature for these lectures," Scott notes.

Last February, members of The Ahwahnee Bar Staff, along with Jeff Scott and some members of the dining room staff, took a trip to the wine country to further their knowledge of their trade. Among the highlights of the trip were visits to the Hanzell Winery and the Simi Winery.



Hanzell, originally built by Ambassador Zellerbach, has a reputation for producing fine wines for sale mostly to friends, with only a limited retail business. The winery is not open to the public and may be viewed by appointment only. It took the group one year to get an appointment.

The Simi Winery was of interest to the group for two reasons. Some of the principle people in the wine industry are involved in the production of Simi's wines, and they are believed to have the only woman winemaker. It was at this winery that they were allowed to taste wine out of the barrel. Jeff explained that wine has a particularly fine taste when it is in the barrel. However, when the wine is bottled, it goes through a phase called "bottle shock" when the wine is usually unpalatable. It takes from two to eight months for the wine to return to the "barrel taste," after which time the wine continues to improve in flavor.

The group continued on to Korbel Winery where they saw the "riddling" methods used in the making of champagne from the traditional hand turning method to the new mechanical method developed by Korbel. Other vintners visited on the trip were Fetzer and Freemark-Abbey.

Because of the useful information they have learned on their various trips and lectures, George Spach, the hotel manager; Peter Hand, assistant manager; and Jim McIlveen, the manager of food and beverage; count on the opinions of Jeff Scott and some members

of the Bar Staff when The Ahwahnee's wine list goes through partial revision every two to three months. Sometimes new wines are found at wine import houses or new California wineries, while others may just be a variety by a familiar vintner that has never been tried before.

"The challenge for me," says Jeff Scott, "is working together with the wineries to find out what the people really want."

The Bar Staff, includes Bill Mazzeo, Dave Johnson, Bob Lazeres, Vince Goetz, Barbara Tice, Eric Herzog, Theo Wilhelm, along with recent additions to the staff, Ida Crawford, Michael Root, Carol Rigan and Debbie Bird.

Because of the time and interest these people take to increase their knowledge of The Ahwahnee wine list and the wine industry, they are able to provide the guests with a more enjoyable wine experience.





## Recycling Center

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has opened a recycling center on the parking lot side of the Village Store. The center operates daily accepting recyclable materials from residents and visitors. The center will expand to accept waste materials from any park source as the demand warrants. The goal is to reduce the amount of resources disposed of in garbage dumps outside the park. Two full time employees are operating the center now and with popular acceptance of this program it will be expanded. Any financial losses in running the center will be subsidized by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Any revenue from sale of waste materials that is in excess of costs will be used to increase the scope of the program.

Edward C. Hardy  
Chief Operating Officer

## Attention: Valley Residents

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## Writers Needed

If you have a piece of prose, an article on history or natural history of Yosemite, or even an idea for an article, why not submit it to the Sentinel office for consideration. We're happy to publish articles by employees. If you have an article you would like us to consider either mail it to the Sentinel Office YPCCo., or come by and visit us in the General Offices.

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## TEEN CLUB

The high school students of Yosemite and El Portal have combined to form a teen club under the sponsorship of Sandy Cortello, Ken Ashburner, Robert Koehler and Ed Smith. The club has named itself Yosemite-El Portal Socialities — or YES, for short.

Currently the club is forming a softball team under the coaching of Ed Smith.

YES is made up entirely of high school students. Twenty-two students have already joined. Dues are only \$5 a year, and YES meets once a week.

Officers are:

President ..... Ray Gray  
Vice President ..... Clint McVeigh  
Treasurer ..... Tanya Graham  
Secretary ..... Kathy Slusser  
Sergeant-At-Arms ..... John Barton

If you would like to help this worthwhile organization, or if you have suggestions for activities for the group, please contact Sandy Cortello at 372-4780.

## Earn College Credits

This summer, you can participate in a field experience program in ECO Education (Environmental, Camping, and Outdoor Education). On your days off, you can work in the interpretive programs of the National Park Service and earn college credits from San Francisco State University. You will be supervised and trained by employees of the National Park Service, who will be assisted by Dr. William Hammerman of San Francisco State University.

For a 15-hour investment in the NPS seasonal training program, you will receive 1 semester hour unit of credit, and for an additional 45-hour investment in a directed experience in one of

## Wrahtz Promoted



Kathryn Wrahtz has been promoted to the position of Sales Coordinator. In her new position, Kathy will report directly to Jack Hicks, Sales Manager.

Kathy joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. on September 11, 1972, and has occupied various positions such as Room Clerk and Cashier at The Ahwahnee, Room Clerk at the Tuolumne Lodge, and most recently as a participant in the Management Trainee Program, assigned as an Assistant Supervisor in the Food Service unit of Badger Pass. Kathy received a B.A. in English from U.C. Berkeley.

Kathy Wrahtz will continue to participate in the weekly classroom training sessions conducted by the program. Her promotion is a credit to the program and indicative of its participants.

Yosemite's living history or youth programs, or in a special study, you will receive 3 semester hour units of credit. The tuition fee is \$31 per semester hour unit of credit (\$124 for 4 hours).

For additional information and an application, send the coupon to:  
Chief Naturalist Leonard McKenzie, P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, Ca 95389.

I am interested in the ECO Education program. Please send me additional information , an application .

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARK ADDRESS (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

YP&C ENTRANCE ON DUTY DATE \_\_\_\_\_

YP&C EMPLOYMENT DATE \_\_\_\_\_

THIS PROGRAM MAY BE DONE ON YOUR OFF DUTY HOURS.

## WHAT'S COOKING

(from the files of Mary Kowalski)

### SOUR CREAM PIE

1 C. Sugar  
1 C. Sour Cream  
1 Egg  
1 Tbsp. Flour  
1 Tsp. Cinammon  
dash nutmeg  
1 small tsp. vinegar  
8" pie crust

Add vinegar to sour cream, then dry ingredients. Add beaten egg last. Pour into an 8" unbaked pie shell and bake at 450° until crust is lightly browned, then lower to 350° until the filling is set like a custard; approximately 1 hour. Double amounts for a 9" pie.

## What do you think?

We're half way through the first year of publication of the Sentinel, and we'd like to hear from you.

What articles do you enjoy the most? Is there a particular topic you would like to see included? How would you improve the Sentinel? Or do you like it just as it is?

Your opinions will help us make the Sentinel the kind of paper you're interested in. Send your views to: Yosemite Sentinel, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389, or come by the Sentinel Office located in the General Offices and talk to us.

## New Community Members

**ED HOOD** — YP&C Carpenter, Maintenance Division — Was a Carpentry Foreman for E.W. Hahn two years prior to coming to Yosemite. He and his wife have made their home in Cathey's Valley. Ed is an avid fisherman.

**ROWENE HOOD** — YP&C Stat Typist, Purchasing — Was the manager of Big Bear Life stationery store and wrote a fishing column for the Big Bear newspaper. Her hobbies include cooking, sewing, and canning. Rowene is also looking forward to skiing next winter.

## GOOD MORNING BIKE RIDE

Summer's almost here and everyone wants to get into shape. Why not join a few friends for an early morning bike ride to start the day off right. The group meets behind the Village Store every morning at 6:30 a.m. for a quick turn around the loop.

## Yosemite's Snow

### "Melts into Music"

by Barbara Mathews

"The snow is melting into music..." wrote conservationist John Muir in 1869.

The music of the melting snow can once again be heard in Yosemite National Park as Yosemite, Ribbon, Bridalveil, Vernal and Nevada Falls tumble over the grey, glacier-formed cliffs of this magnificent park.

The voice of Yosemite Falls can be heard thundering through the western part of the valley as the white water dashes in and out of huge caverns that form the pathway from the uppon to the lower falls. Also from the valley floor, Ribbon and Bridalveil Falls add to the joyous chorus of newly freed waters that hail the coming of spring.

The warmer water of meadow ponds have produced the added sounds of the jovial, deep-throated tree frogs.

Not all of Yosemite is grandeur. The gentleness of tiny flowers can be witnessed by those who are "tuned-in" to the miracle of the newness of this season. In the meadows, new shoots of green have worked their way through the brown of last autumn's leaves, forming patterns from chartreuse to deep green. Tiny yellow violets surround Fern Springs, a favorite watering spot of travelers for many years.

Growing along the many creeks and springs that feed the Merced River is the giant saxifrage, with its delicate pink blossoms. This plant thrives on melted snow water. Snow plant is found poking its bright red head out of the thawing earth as though released from a long sleep. Tiny pink bells cover the manzanita bushes and the dogwood trees with their snowy white blossoms are slowly reaching out for the warmth. Bleeding heart is displaying its lacy foliage and tiny bright pink hearts.

The best way to see this gentle season in Yosemite is to....stroll and experience the warm sweet smell of pines. Look up through the California black oaks and see the mist of warm tones against the blue sky.

A bicycle tour of the Valley will take you to some of the small out-of-the-way spots that will give you an opportunity to experience the "oneness" of man and nature.

Spring is a time for increasing your awareness of natural wonders, great and small, of Yosemite.

### IMPORTANT!!

The road between the Village and Yosemite Lodge is now one way only. The direction of traffic will be westbound, toward the Lodge. Those traveling to the Lodge must return by going around the short loop (El Capitan). Official vehicles and shuttle buses are the only exceptions.

The road will remain one-way throughout the summer.

## Life in a Dead Snag

The life of an individual is finite, even Giant Sequoias or Bristle-Cone pines. For one reason or another, something always happens which results in a recycling of the elements which from time to time become a part of living being, plant or animal — a necessary process which maintains the health and fertility of the living, which grows from the dead or dying, and assures the success of future generations which will reconstitute from the living when it too, has fulfilled its life role.

Thus, there can be no dead tree, really. Sure, the tree no longer grows when it is "dead", but it still teams with life. And, the longer the tree is dead, the more life it contains! The hundreds of species which get nourishment and shelter from a standing, non-living tree range from moles to mammals. Some of the species can live nowhere else.

Life in a dead tree is varied, and the interrelationships complex. The complete food chain exists in and on the snag, but other relationships are broader, tying the snag into the rest of the forest community. It is food and shelter for plants and animals until it crumbles and falls to play its final role in enriching the soil and building a new generation of living things.

## Moonlight Tours

A full moon night is different in Yosemite from anywhere else you've ever been. The granite cliffs are awash with an indescribable ethereal light that changes all of your perceptions. And Yosemite Falls wears a unique phenomenon all its own — a lunar bow.

YTS offers Moonlight Tours of the Valley floor on these special nights. This month the tours will be held on May 22, 23, 24 and 25. The cost for employees with their privilege cards is \$1.75. Call the transportation desk at the Lodge, Curry Village or The Ahwahnee for the time of departure.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

May 26 "Zabriske Point", starring Rod Taylor, Daria Halprin and Paul Fix. The final explosion of material and substance is the director's comment on the Great Society and the personal commitment. (R)

June 2 "Hot Rock", starring Robert Redford, George Segal and Paul Sand. An offbeat constant caper that offers suspense, satire, broad comedy, and no violence with a refreshing amoral ending in which the amiable quartet not only outwits the police, but a rival gang as well. (PG)

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY TYING in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. The creeks are filling and fly fishing is the order of the day. Come to the class and learn to tie your own flies.

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Design your own choker or necklace of African trading beads, clay beads or shells. Tie it all together with some simple knots, or decorate it with a few macrame knots. Make it with string or leather; anything goes.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" will provide professional instruction. Everyone's invited, but be sure to bring a guitar.

Friday — NEEDLECRAFT in Employee Recreation Office from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Have you always wanted to learn to sew, knit, crochet, quilt, embroider or do needlepoint? Yoko Savage and Gloria Russell will teach you all the finer points of needlecraft. You can be modeling your own creations this fall.

### SPORTS

Softball leagues are under way. Men's and women's teams to be scheduled. Get your roster together! Form a new team, or join an existing one.

Volleyball — Wednesday nights are volleyball nights. Camp 6 will be the playing area, so come out for some healthy fun.

VISITOR CENTER DANCE — "Blue Emage" from Fresno will jam for the first time in Yosemite. Dance your blues away to the tunes of this funky 9 piece band.

## WANTED

Upright piano in reasonably good condition. Call 372-4611, ext. 257 or 227.

## Don't Feed the Animals

Every year the problem of visitors feeding the animals around the Park gets worse. This year we plan to put up signs in strategic locations telling people that feeding the animals is bad for their health.

We need help with the wording. If you have an idea for getting across the message in a positive and friendly way,

being brief and to the point, you have a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate from the Village Sports Shop. At the same time you're helping the wildlife.

Send your entries to the Yosemite Sentinel, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389, or drop them at the Sentinel office in the General Offices. Entries must be received by May 31.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, MAY 23:

Castro Valley Orchestra ..... Yosemite Lodge — 7 p.m.  
Moonlight Valley Tour ..... YTS

### SATURDAY, MAY 24:

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Castro Valley Orchestra ..... Curry Village — 7 p.m.  
Interdenominational Service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.  
Moonlight Valley Tour ..... YTS

### SUNDAY, MAY 25:

Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 9 a.m.  
Mass ..... Visitor Center — 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship—Protestant ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday School—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 10 a.m.  
Worship Service—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 11 a.m.  
Worship Service ..... El Portal Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Moonlight Valley Tour ..... YTS

### MONDAY, MAY 26:

Fly Tying ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Zabriske Point" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 27:

Gourmet Cooking Class ..... 10 a.m.  
Volunteer Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Christian Gathering—Protestant ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 28:

Bible Study ..... El Portal Chapel — 7 p.m.  
DANCE "Blue Emage" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, MAY 29:

Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 30:

Needlecraft Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6:30 p.m.  
Acalanes High Choral Ensemble ..... Yosemite Lodge — 7 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 31:

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Acalanes High Choral Ensemble ..... Curry Village — 7 p.m.  
Interdenominational Service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 1:

Worship Service ..... El Portal Chapel — 6:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, JUNE 2:

Fly Tying Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Hot Rock" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

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## SO YOU HAVE A COUPLE OF DAYS OFF...

Here are a few more suggestions for things to do on your days off that are both enjoyable and educational.

### WINCHESTER MYSTERY HOUSE

This rambling mansion was begun in the 1880's by the widow of the firearms manufacturer's son who was told by a medium that she would never die as long as she kept building. Mrs. Winchester kept a crew of carpenters busy until her death in 1922, 36 years later. The cost of the house was over \$5 million and it includes 160 rooms, thousands of doors and windows, 40 stairways (most with 13 multiples of steps, many that go nowhere), blank walls, blind chimneys, trap doors, secret passageways. The house and accompanying museum are open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and admission is \$2.50 for adults, \$1 for children. Just drive west on Hwy. 140 to 152 North. This will run into Hwy. 101 North to San Jose. About 4½ hours. San Jose also has many fine gardens — rose, Japanese, zoological — as well as an Egyptian museum.

### POINT REYES NATIONAL SEASHORE

Shipwrecks and explorers, including Sir Francis Drake who is believed to have landed here, brighten the history of this area; traders, whalers, fur hunters and ranchers followed. There are 64,000 acres on the Point Reyes Peninsula that make up this National Seashore. The area is especially beautiful during the spring flower season which lasts from about February through July. Access to all beaches is available, as well as picnicking, surf fishing, and some excellent birding. There are over 80 miles of trails (some self-guiding) to upland country. Rangers offer interpretive programs at the headquarters. There are four hike-in campgrounds available. Take Hwy 120 West to 580, then north on 17. Go across the Richmond-San Raphael Bridge and take the Olema turnoff. Point Reyes is ½ mile west of Olema on the Bear Valley Road. About a five hour drive.

### CARMEL

Take a trip to the ocean and drive along the famous Seventeen Mile Drive. There are sea lions and birds in abundance and you can enjoy a day of leisure along this beautiful part of the coastline just lazing, fishing, swimming or picnicking. Every year in late July Carmel holds a Bach Festival with concerts, recitals and lectures. Write Box 575 in Carmel, California 93921 for details about the Festival. To get to Carmel go out Hwy 140 to 5 south. Get off on 152 west and take it until you reach Hwy 101 at Gilroy. Head south to 68 West to Carmel. Five hour drive.

### DEVILS POSTPILE

Just southeast of Yosemite in Inyo National Forest, thousands of blue-gray basaltic columns were spawned some nine thousand centuries ago. Forests and streams form a natural setting for these pillars, now protected by the National Park Service. Devils Postpile is about 900 feet long and 200 feet wide, with exposed columns 40 to 60 feet high. An easy trail leads to the tip of the columns where glaciers have polished the surface to resemble tilelike inlays. Pumice, a porous lava, and several bubbling hot springs are evidence of recent volcanic activity.

Rainbow Fall is two miles down the river trail from the Postpile. Here the San Joaquin River drops 140 feet, the foam-white water starkly contrasting with the dary basaltic cliffs. Its name was suggested by the rainbows that play across the fall around noon. Fishing is permitted with a license, but hunting is prohibited. There is one campground from mid-June through mid-October. Soda water springs south of campground. Take the Tioga Road to Lee Vining, then south on Hwy 395 to Devils Postpile. About 3½ hours.

### BODIE

Bodie State Historic Park is an unrestored ghost town from the mid-1880's. Between 1879 and 1881 more than 10,000 people lived here and reputedly there were six murders a week. Fires in 1892 and 1932 took their toll and now only about five percent of the town remains. A self-guiding tour takes you through the main part of town: the church built in 1879, jail, two-room school, Miners Union Hall (now a museum), hillside cemetery with a monument to James A. Garfield. There's picnicking and primitive camping. Take the Tioga Road to 395 north just south of Bridgeport. Then go 13 miles east on an unpaved road to Bodie. About 3 hours.

## RECYCLING FACT

Each year we spend 3% to 4% of the entire Gross National Product on packaging. This processing of raw materials into packaging required 5% of the total U.S. industrial energy consumption in 1971.

And the shame of it is that 90% of all packaging is discarded after one use.

### BRING YOUR RECYCLABLES TO US!

YPCCo. RECYCLING CENTER  
behind the Village Store  
daily 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Name Tags

Dear Mr. Hardy and Mr. Slusser:

On behalf of the Employee Advisory Council and certainly many, many employees, I would like to thank you for sponsoring a most successful party on Thursday, May 8 at the Curry Cafeteria.

More than any other dance, this one provided management, supervisors and fellow employees the opportunity to meet one another in a relaxed atmosphere and really fine setting.

A special thanks to Elizabeth Shepard, Ken Ashburner and Bill Germany for their well organized efforts — even with so little time for preparation.

Perhaps we can look forward to a similar good time in the late fall.

Thanks again,  
Doug Hammond  
President  
Employee Advisory Council

### TRAILER SITES

Trailer sites in the El Portal Trailer Village are provided to NPS and Curry employees so they may live in their own trailers near the Park. When the site is assigned, it is stated that sub-leasing is not permitted. The reason for this is that housing and trailer sites are assigned on a priority basis. If an employee no longer needs the housing, it should go to the next higher priority person. Renting it yourself may deprive someone of housing.

Your leasees should be able to get housing through the appropriate housing committee. Please don't force the NPS to become sleuths to catch these violators. You may be forcing your neighbor to live in lesser housing instead of their own trailer because there are no empty sites available.

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Yosemite is, of course, a beautiful place, and each year many people come to Yosemite to see its beauty. The visitors leave behind their homes, friends, routine, and city, and come to nature. Nature, when one is not used to it, can at times seem unfriendly, or even remote. Some visitors feel lonely, because they are all alone when in Yosemite — whether in groups of people at a ranger talk or by themselves on a forested path. Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is in the hospitality business, and we strive to make our visitors feel at home in Yosemite and with nature. One way we can do this is to be sure to wear our name tags to work every day. This will also give you a means to easily establish a close service rapport.

Your supervisor will be able to supply you with your name tag. Your name and hometown, such as Los Angeles, Fresno, or Boise, will appear on your name tag.

Throughout Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s long history, one of our most important assets has been the hospitable welcome and guest rapport our employees have demonstrated. Wearing your name tag daily continues this tradition.

### Red Cross Swimming Lessons

Red Cross swimming lessons will be conducted at the Lodge swimming pool from June 9 to 20 in the mornings. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jan Haag at 379-2384 or Paula Krisko at 372-4212.

### WANTED

Ride to Sacramento on weekends. Will share cost of gas. Leave anytime Friday after 6 p.m. Contact Pamela at 372-4611 Ext. 428.

### CAUTION

FOOD IN YOUR TENT CAN ATTRACT UNWELCOME VISITORS

This year garbage cans are being bearproofed, so bears will be attracted a great deal more than usual to any tents (or cars) with food in them. It is no laughing matter to wake up with a bear in your tent. Last year 28 people were injured by bears and over \$80,000 damage to people's property was reported. Much of the damage and injury was due to carelessness with food storage.

The only safe place to store food is in the trunk of a car (this usually works), or in a solid building, not a tent.

### PICTURE FROM THE PAST



David Curry quickly became a Yosemite institution, his Stentorian calls a tradition. His morning call was rousing. He began it gently — "Have you used your Pears soap?" — and ended aggressively: "It is now 7:30 in the morning. Those who do not rise for breakfast by 8:00 a.m. will have to postpone it till tomorrow. At eight o'clock the cook get hot and BURNS THE BREAKFAST!" Not even a sound sleeper could miss that warning. As bath facilities were limited, sign-up was necessary, and Curry's public announcement of "Mrs. Jones, your bawth is ready," amusing if not embarrassing. Once a family of five registered for baths, which keep Curry busy stoking the wood-fueled boiler to provide hot water. At appropriate intervals, he would shout, "The second Garthwaite bawth is ready...", etc. By the time the last child was bathed, the Garthwaites were clean, decent, and redfaced!

(An excerpt from "Yosemite & Its Innkeepers", a new book by Shirley Sargent. Reprinted with permission of the author.)

### FOR SALE

Baby changing table, like new condition. Folds up for storage. White, four drawers. \$10. Call 372-4806.

### Attention: Valley Residents

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## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**KITCHEN HELPER** — YL, AHW — Work very hard. Heavy cleaning. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

**POTWASHER** — YL, AHW — Work very hard. \$2.55-\$3.31/hr.

**CAFETERIA CHECKER** — YL — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Work under pressure, meet the public. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**BUSPERSON** — YL, AHW — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Hard work. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**RESTAURANT HOSTESS/CASHIER** — YL — Work under pressure, meet the public. Experience in cashier work. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**MAID** — AHW — Quick, thorough worker with neat appearance. Heavy work. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**WINE STEWARD** — AHW — Neat appearance, courteous manner. Knowledge of wines and liquor. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**BREAKFAST COOK** — AHW — Knowledge of morning meal preparation. Own linens and tools required. \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

**RESERVATIONS OFFICE** — Typing experience needed. Neat appearance, courteous manner. Deal with public. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**INVENTORY CLERK** — Purchasing — Warehouse storeroom. Experience in inventory procedures. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**SERVICE PERSON** — GARAGE — Work very hard. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**MECHANIC** — GARAGE — Experienced only. Heavy work. \$5.40-\$6.80/hr.

## Summer Recreation Committee

Attention activists! There will be a meeting Wednesday, June 4, at 8 p.m. in the Employee Recreation Office to select the Park Recreation Committee. This committee will supply the guidelines for special events and activities to be formed during the summer. Ideas will be exchanged, all opinions are welcome. Employee Recreation appreciates your help. See you there.

## SHORT STOPS

You know that it's summer when the guy in front of you slams on his brakes in the middle of the road and jumps out to take a picture. Or when the car next to you almost runs you off the road because they're sightseeing. And don't forget the people that walk right off the curb in front of your car and don't even see you.

There's so much for a visitor to see in this Valley that sometimes they completely forget to watch the road. It's understandable when we realize how much there is to see and how high up it all is. So summer driving is more difficult in Yosemite than in most places.

A lot of accidents can be avoided if local residents remember that the fellow in front of you may do just about anything, and you should be prepared. That means driving a little bit slower than you normally would so you can make quick stops. It also means paying attention to all the cars and people around you at all times.

If we're all a little bit more alert and aware, we may be able to keep our cars out of the trees more this summer.

## Mountain Medicine Symposium

The Yosemite Institute announces a four day symposium on Mountain Medicine, to be held in Yosemite Valley beginning on Wednesday, October 29th through Saturday, November 1st. The four day program will include: (1) Injury from Heat and Cold; (2) Nutrition in the Mountains; (3) First Aid - immediate; (4) First Aid - secondary; (5) Special Mountain Problems (altitude, panic, sleep and others); (6) Environmental Issues in the Mountains. The final full day will be given to a review of the sessions, with special attention to some of the more important questions raised during the symposium.

Each session will be lead by a recognized authority in the field and will consist of a general meeting where background will be established, followed by several smaller discussion groups on specific sub-topics where more detail will be covered; each of the small group discussions will be given twice. Field demonstrations will be included. In the evenings there will be slide shows, motion pictures and demonstrations, all relating to climbing, rescue, environmental issues and the like.

The symposium has been planned to appeal to a wide variety of persons: mountain walkers, rock climbers, serious expedition members, trip leaders, rescue personnel, research workers and health personnel.

For further details write: Mountain Medicine, Yosemite Institute, Yosemite, California 95389.

## Koehler Promotion



Robert Koehler has been promoted to the position of Manager of the Employee Recreation Department. In his new position Bob will report directly to Mr. Daniel Slusser, Vice President of Administration.

Bob joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. on March 6, 1974 as a Bell person in The Ahwahnee and prior to that time he served as an Intern in the Employee Recreation Department.

Bob Koehler received his Bachelor of Science Degree in recreation administration from Cal State University, Fresno.

## Rumor Rooter



**RUMOR:** Since I have money taken out of my paycheck for meals, I can give the food to anyone I want to.

**FACT:** This is not true. The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. meal program is part of the terms and conditions of employment, as is life insurance, hospital plans, vacation, pension, housing, sick leave, discounts and other benefits you receive as an employee. These terms and conditions of employment are provided for the individual employee and are not transferable to someone else.

The question of money being taken from an employee's paycheck is misleading. What actually takes place is a credit and a reduction of the base hourly rate. What this means is that the credit is not subject to Federal and State withholding, however it is subject to F.I.C.A. which is a cost shared by the employer and employee alike.

When an employee realizes that they can eat three meals a day, seven days a week (21), for a maximum cost of \$20, it is easy to understand the benefit of this program.

### Yosemite Recreation

#### MOVIES

June 2 — "Hot Rock" starring Robert Redford and George Segal. An offbeat caper that offers suspense, satire, comedy, and no violence. It has a refreshing ending in which the "amiable quartet" not only outwits the police, but a rival gang as well. (PG)

June 9 — "Some Came Running", starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and Shirley MacLaine. Sad, but true, story of a worldly wise, hard-drinking young man. He sees through the hypocrisy of "respectable" people, then seeks solace in the companionship of seedy, but at least honest, characters. (PG)

#### SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY-TYING in Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. The river is rising and the creeks are filling up. Fly fishing is in order. Come and learn to tie your own flies.

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in the Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Design jewelry, chokers, necklaces from African trading beads, clay beads and shells. All materials are available at the class.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" fame will provide instruction along with a few tunes. All you need to bring is your own guitar.

#### BOB KOEHLER WANTS TO KNOW

If you would like to learn something or just brush up on your technique, let Employee Recreation know. If you have a favorite sport you would like to participate in with fellow community members, give us a call. Employee Rec. can be reached through ext. 451 — and we'll be happy to see what we can get organized.

#### SPORTS

##### SOFTBALL '75

Men's and women's leagues are already under way. The first men's game is set for June 9th. Katie Manson is helping "Commissioner" Bob Koehler organize the ladies' teams. Hurry and get your rosters together!

##### VOLLEYBALL

Wednesday nights are Volleyball nights. Camp #6 will be the playing area. Come out for some healthy fun and exercise.

### FOR SALE

Carl Zeiss Binocular Microscope. Professional research quality. Four lens turret. Several lenses, eyepieces, accessories, case, stand, and transformer. Used once! Like new \$750 or offer. Bob Bradford - 375-6345

Stereo tuner, turntable, and speakers. \$50. Call 372-4520.

## Don't Feed the Animals

Every year the problem of visitors feeding the animals around the Park gets worse. This year we plan to put up signs in strategic locations telling people that feeding the animals is bad for their health.

We need help with the wording. If you have an idea for getting across the message in a positive and friendly way,

being brief and to the point, you have a chance to win a \$25 Gift Certificate from the Village Sports Shop. At the same time you're helping the wildlife.

Send your entries to the Yosemite Sentinel, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389, or drop them at the Sentinel office in the General Offices. Entries must be received by May 31.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### FRIDAY, MAY 30:

Needlecraft Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6:30 p.m.  
Acalanes High Choral Ensemble ..... Yosemite Lodge — 7 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, MAY 31:

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Acalanes High Choral Ensemble ..... Curry Village — 7 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1:

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m.  
Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship—Protestant ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday School—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 10 a.m.  
Worship Service—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 11 a.m.  
Worship Service—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Worship Service—Southern Baptist ..... Chapel — 8 p.m.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 2:

Fly Tying ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Hot Rock" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 3:

Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4:

Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Bible Study ..... El Portal Chapel — 7 p.m.  
Pick-up Volleyball ..... Camp 6 — 7:30 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 5:

Lions Club ..... The Ahwahnee — Noon  
Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Christian Gathering—Protestant ..... Chapel — 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

Lions Eyemobile ..... Yosemite Elementary School — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Mass ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Interdenominational Service ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 8:

Mass ..... Visitor Center — 8, 9, 10 & 11 a.m.  
Bible Study—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 9 a.m.  
Sunday Worship—Protestant ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 9:50 a.m.  
Sunday School—Southern Baptist ..... El Portal Chapel — 10 a.m.  
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Worship Service—Church of Christ ..... El Portal Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Worship Service—Southern Baptist ..... Chapel — 8 p.m.

#### MONDAY, JUNE 9:

Men's Softball Game ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Fly Tying ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Some Came Running" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## OTTONELLO CELEBRATES 30 YEARS



On May 26th Judge Gene J. Ottonello was called into court to handle a case of an "indiscretion". The plaintiff was a mini-skirted young lady (?) with extremely broad shoulders, but cute legs, who bore a striking resemblance to one of our Rangers, as did the ponytailed, leather-clad defendant. They were escorted into court by a Ranger and his faithful horse, Yo-yo, who acted as witnesses.

### Planning Deadline

This is to alert you that the Yosemite Master Plan process is nearing the end of the data collecting phase (Phase I). All views and issues that you wish included in the formation of alternative plans should be submitted no later than June 15.

The Yosemite Master Plan that is being developed will be a document that guides the long-range development and management of the Park.

The National Park Service would appreciate hearing from you at this early stage so your point of view can be reflected in the options for the Park.

Send your comments to: Yosemite Master Plan Team, National Park Service c/o Golden Gate National Recreation Area, Fort Mason, San Francisco, Ca. 94123.



The occasion for this mock trial which was staged by the Law Enforcement Officer of the NPS, was to honor Judge Ottonello on his 30th anniversary in Yosemite.

Gene Ottonello came to Yosemite from Oakland in May of 1945 with his wife Adrienne and two daughters to serve as U.S. Commissioner. He attended the

University of California, Hastings College of Law in 1938. He was appointed U.S. Commissioner in Oakland in 1943. In 1971 the job of U.S. Commissioner was retitled U.S. Magistrate.

Judge Ottonello has two daughters — Susan Wolfe who is married to a ranger at Point Reyes National Seashore, and Carol Ottonello who lives in Oregon.

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**MAID -- YL. AHW --** Quick, thorough worker; neat appearance. Heavy work. \$2.55-\$2.95/hr.

**KITCHEN HELPER -- AHW --** Dish-washing; Varied cleaning and kitchen duties. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

**FOOD SERVICE PERSON -- G. P. --** Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Tennis shoes required. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**PBX OPERATOR -- AHW --** Neat, well-groomed appearance. Courteous manner, pleasant and articulate speaking voice. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**AUDITOR -- GEN OFFICES --** Experience on NCR 4200, other adding, posting machines. Neat appearance, courteous manner. \$3.00-\$3.86/hr.

**OFFICE CLERK -- GEN OFFICES --** Background of office skills, able to type. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

## Lions Club Eyemobile

The Lions Club Eyemobile will be in Yosemite, Saturday, June 7. Come to the Yosemite Elementary School between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and have your eyes checked -- free -- for glaucoma. Two ophthalmologists will administer the tests. It is recommended that anyone over 30 or who has a family history of diabetes be checked annually. This important service is provided free of charge to Yosemite community members by the Yosemite Lions Club.

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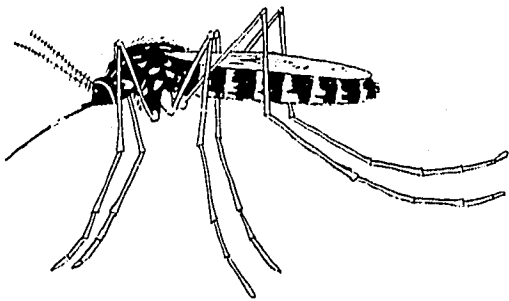
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## Animal of the Week "MOSQUITO"

What is your first impulse when you see a mosquito? Even though it is not permissible to harm wildlife within the Park, only very dedicated naturalists will hesitate to swat a mosquito.

Mosquitos certainly have not become popular with people. In the process of borrowing a little of your blood, mosquitos may cause pain, swelling, and itching.

Since we are forced into so many intimate encounters with mosquitos, we might as well learn something about them.

The mosquito is a true fly in the order Diptera. The pests which are emerging now are individuals in the Genus *Aedes*. Last summer the adult females laid their eggs on the grass stems and leaves near the shorelines of ponds. These eggs endured the hot dry summer and cold snow of winter. When the ponds filled during spring, the eggs began to hatch.

Young mosquitos, called wrigglers, emerged from the eggs and began to eat and grow. Their diet consisted of algae, protozoa, and aquatic debris. In turn,

they were food for fish and aquatic insects, especially dragonflies, and damselflies.

You may frequently see the wrigglers come to the surface and hang by a projection tube. This tube is used for breathing, as the wriggler cannot get its oxygen from the water.

After days and weeks as a wriggler, the mosquito changes into another stage, called a tumbler. This tumbler is really a pupa. The mosquito is now undergoing complex changes to become a land creature. Although the tumbler does not eat, it must come to the surface for air, which it gets with two siphon tubes on the back. Within a few days, your tumbler will come to the surface, its outer shell will break open, and a mature mosquito will emerge.

The adult male mosquito cannot bite. He lives on nectar and other plant juices. When you see a large, dark ball of mosquitos, do not fear. This swarm of males is awaiting a female mosquito. As long as you do not resemble a female mosquito, you have nothing to fear.

The female must feed on blood at least once to get enough protein for her eggs to develop. The pain, swelling, and itching are responses to the digestive enzymes which are injected into you. The female mosquito then sucks up the partially digested blood. When people are not present, mosquitos may suck the blood of other mammals, birds, and amphibians.

As obnoxious as mosquitos appear to us, they are important items in the diets of dragonflies, damselflies, swallows, swifts, night hawks, fly catchers, frogs, and fish.

The next time a mosquito bites you, take a good look at her before you swat....

## CLEAN IT UP!

A grocery cart is a useful piece of equipment in a store, but is unsightly debris when abandoned after someone has used it to take groceries home.

If you see a grocery cart that has been left somewhere, help out by taking it back to the store when you're going in that direction.

Each of us has a responsibility to help keep Yosemite beautiful.

Send your clean-up suggestions to the Yosemite Sentinel at the General Offices.

## Valley Vegetation

In 1964, Harold Heady and Robert Gibbens of U.C. Berkeley School of Forestry published a study "The Influence of Modern Man on the Vegetation of Yosemite Valley." It compared the present vegetation of Yosemite Valley with that existing in 1851 as depicted by early writings and photographs, and discussed changes which have occurred since then.

The publication, 44 pages, was out of print for a number of years, but has been reprinted recently in its original content by Yosemite Natural History Association; it is available at the Valley Visitor Center.

## "The Crow's Nest"



Summer has arrived, but not without a last ditch effort by Winter — Can you believe snow in mid-May?

Terry Satterfield has finally shed her cast after a five-month stint with plaster of paris. Her friends at the Lodge threw a party in honor of the cast coming off. And while Terry was getting her cast off, Jackie Hardy was getting one put on — a fall from a pair of platform shoes, we are told!

It is not true that George Spach is trying to start his own basketball team, but it's true that the Spachs are expecting their fifth child sometime in October.

Another victory for women's (wo-person's) lib! Roy and Katie Manson are leaving for the Bay Area, she-person to return to school and he-person to pay for it! Gloria Steinam where are you now that we need you?

E. Dillon Gillies has returned from Sun Valley to manage (personage) Wawona this summer, while Nancy Lyons (Sales Office) is leaving the Company to become General Manager (Personager) of Drakesbad, a guest ranch in Lassen National Park.

How about Tom William's new Volvo! For the price he paid we understand the Volvo company provides a Swedish chauffeur with the car 6 months of the year. Then there are various other gadgets in the car which make the dashboard more complicated than the cockpit of a 747. Perhaps the most unusual feature is a device which heats up the driver's seat any time the temperature drops below 57°. Talk about being in the hot seat!

## Riding Lessons

The Valley Stables will offer riding instruction for all YPCCo. and NPS employees and their dependents that are six years of age and up.

This five-day program will run for one hour, from 6 to 7 p.m., each evening, Monday through Friday. The basic fundamentals of good horsemanship will be taught, and all levels of riding ability will be accommodated.

The package of five lessons, including the use of the horse, will cost \$20. For those employees who work evenings, the five lessons need not be taken in sequence. To register for the weekly courses that begin on June 9, call the stables at 372-4611, ext. 248.

## WOMEN'S CLUB OFFICERS CHOSEN

At a recent meeting at the Curry Village Cafeteria, the Yosemite Women's Club announced the new officers for the coming year. Serving as Co-Chairpersons Linda Parker and Gail Thompsen. Other officers will be Donna Mackie - Activities, Barbra Wendt - Programs, Coleen Bradshaw - Secretary/Treasurer, Elizabeth Shepard - Publicity, and Judy Sansum - Hospitality.

The Club offered special thanks to last year's officers: Margene VanWagtendonk and Maryanne Singer - Co-chairpersons, Lynn Williams - Programs, Lou Carter - Secretary/Treasurer, Diana Abrell - Activities, and Anne Hendrickson - Publicity.

The next regular meeting will be held at Shirley Sargent's house in Foresta on June 26.

Loyd Price has a new hang glider — he doesn't care about having a chauffeur for it, but he would like a guarantee of sufficient air. With his keen interest in this new sport and his enthusiasm, you might say Loyd is an individual who needs to get his feet on the ground.

Walt Dabney and his wife Mary have left Yosemite for a new assignment in Mt. Rainier National Park. Good luck to the Dabneys.

A new NPS regulation will require Euell Gibbons to tape his mouth shut when he visits National Parks from now on! Did you know that according to the Guinness Book of World Records Euell Gibbons can eat a Kansas barn in 28 seconds.

## POOL OPEN

The pool at the Yosemite Lodge is open for the season. Employees with privilege cards are invited to use the pool free of charge. If you don't have your card with you the admission will be 50¢ per person.

The facilities available include a changing room and showers. Lifeguards are on duty during the hours of operation, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## YNHA Field Seminars

Field studies in the natural and human history of Yosemite will be offered during July and August in Yosemite.

The five-day courses are sponsored by the Yosemite Natural History Association and cover a broad range of subjects, including, for example, a study of Yosemite's living glaciers, the ecology of the giant sequoias, plants of the sub-alpine and alpine zones, a look into the life-style of the Yosemite Miwok Indians.

Courses are instructed by professors from California universities or by National Park Service naturalists. The instruction is at college level and can earn 3 quarter units of extension credit from University of California, Davis, but the subjects are presented in an informal fashion enjoyable to interested laymen. In each class, the total environment and the ecological balances are discussed.

In addition to the 5-day seminars, 2-day courses on flower photography are offered.

Most of the field classes are held in the Tuolumne Meadows area of the park, 60 miles from the Valley.

A catalog of courses is available from the Yosemite Natural History Association, Box 545, Yosemite National Park, CA. 95389.

## Campfire Singalong

We need two employees to play at the Campfire Singalongs on Sunday evenings from 8 to 10 p.m. Your guitar work doesn't have to be showy and you don't have to be able to carry a tune. Just be reliable and consistent and we can use you.

The Singalongs are a casual affair where all ages of people can come together around a campfire and sing old favorites, either off key or on. Some people even bring other instruments along to join in.

If you're interested call Elizabeth Shepard at 372-4611, ext. 227.



# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

June 9 "Some Came Running" starring Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Shirley McLaine. Sad, but true story of a wise, hard-drinking man. He sees through the hypocrisy of "respectable" people, then seeks solace in the companionship of seedy, but at least honest characters. (PG)

June 16 — "The Legend of Hell House", starring Roddy McDowall and Pamela Franklin. A "humdinger" of a ghost story. It will grip your attention and send chills up your spine from start to finish. (PG)

June 23 — "The Only Game in Town", starring Elizabeth Taylor and Warren Beatty. Ms. Taylor as a "floozy" and Warren Beatty as a compulsive gambler. Together they set up a casual relationship which eventually blooms into love (PG)

## SPECIAL CLASSES

Monday — FLY TYING in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. The creeks are filling and fly fishing is the order of the day. Come to the class and learn to tie your own flies.

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Design your own choker or necklace of African trading beads, clay beads or shells. Tie it all together with some simple knots, or decorate it with a few macrame knots. Everything you'll need is provided at the class.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" will provide professional instruction. Everyone's invited, but be sure to bring a guitar.

## VISITOR CENTER DANCE

"Skalliwag" makes its return to Yosemite on June 11th. See you at the Visitor Center at 8:30 p.m. for Rock-n-Roll at its best! Only \$1.00 and privilege card.

Dances are open to both YPCCo. and NPS employees.

## SPORTS

The men's softball league is underway. Monday's "season-opener" features the Mariposa Express vs. Tecoya. The rest of the league is composed of General Office, Curry Village, Yosemite Lodge, and Maintenance. All games will start promptly at 5:30 p.m. From our scouting reports, it looks like the team to beat again this year is the Mariposa Express.

# WANTED

Boy's 20" Stingray frame or bicycle, under \$18. Call 372-4700 after 6 p.m.

The ladies teams have not quite gotten it together as of this moment. The Recreation Manager needs a list of teams and rosters before he can schedule any league games. Last year's teams consisted of: the Lodge, Tecoya, Curry Terrace, and the Women's Club. Any suggestions?

Volleyball — Wednesday nights are volleyball nights. Camp 6 will be the playing area, so come on out for some good, healthy fun.

# IMPORTANT!!!

The road between the Village and Yosemite Lodge is now one way only. The direction of traffic will be westbound, toward the Lodge. Those traveling to the Lodge must return by going around the short loop (El Capitan). Official vehicles and shuttle buses are the only exceptions.

The road will remain one-way throughout the summer.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## SATURDAY, JUNE 7:

Lions Eyemobile . . . . . Yosemite Elementary School -- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## MONDAY, JUNE 9:

Softball, *Mariposa Express vs. Tecoya* . . . . . Yosemite School — 5:30 p.m.

Fly Tying Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Some Came Running" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 10:

Softball, *General Office vs. Curry Village* . . . . . Yosemite School — 5:30 p.m.

Bead Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting . . . . . Fire House — 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11:

Masonic Lodge Meeting . . . . . Masonic Hall — 8 p.m.

DANCE "Skalliwag" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 12:

Softball, *Maintenance vs. Lodge* . . . . . Yosemite School — 5:30 p.m.

Guitar Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JUNE 14

FLAG DAY

## SUNDAY, JUNE 15

FATHER'S DAY

## MONDAY, JUNE 16:

Softball, *Tecoya vs. General Offices* . . . . . Yosemite School — 5:30 p.m.

Fly Tying Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

El Portal Community Association . . . . . El Portal Community Hall

MOVIE "The Legend of Hell House" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 17:

Softball, *Curry vs. Maintenance* . . . . . Yosemite School — 5:30 p.m.

Bead Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18:

Volleyball . . . . . Camp 6 — 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 19:

Lions Club . . . . . Ahwahnee — Noon

Softball, *Lodge vs. Mariposa Express* . . . . . Yosemite School — 5:30 p.m.

Guitar Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

## MONDAY, JUNE 23:

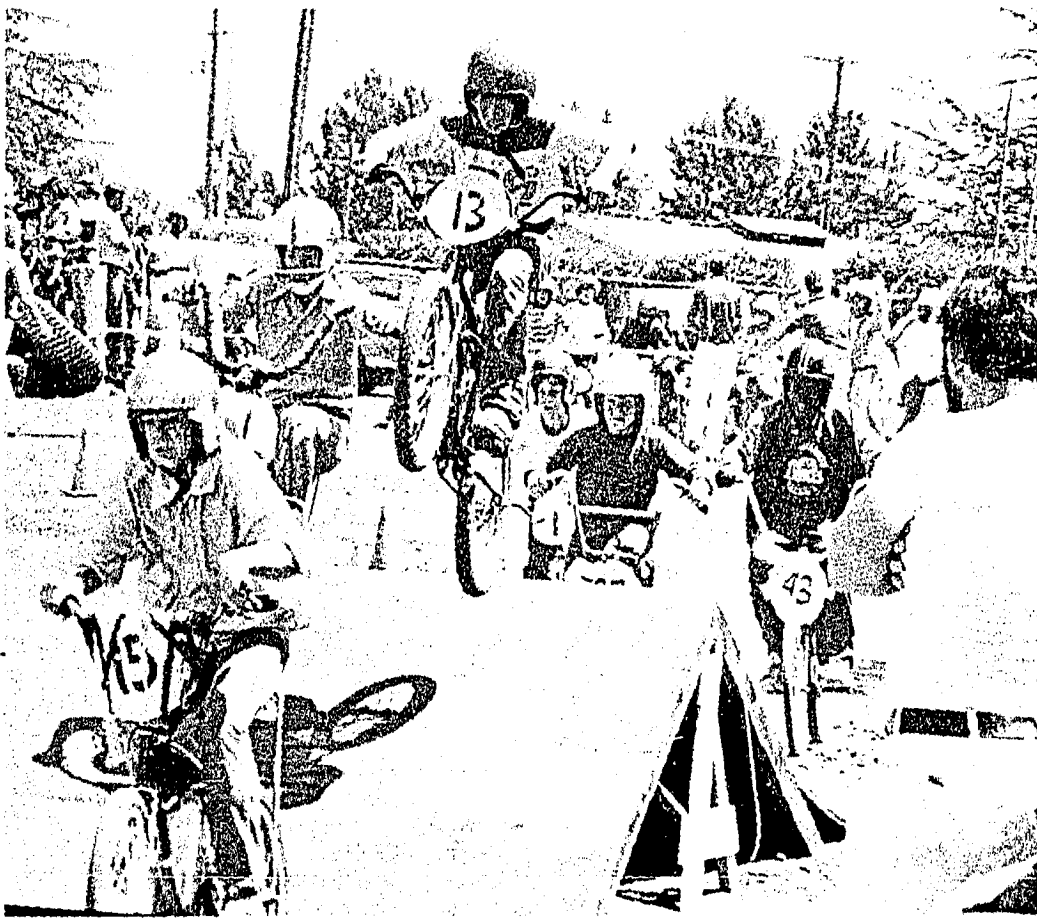
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Fly Tying Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "The Only Game in Town" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## Local Boys Take Up Bicycle Motocross



On Sunday, June 1, Eric Abbot, Clark Hardy, Vic Hendrickson and Chris Thompsen traveled to Merced to enter a bicycle motocross race.

Bicycle motocross racing is new to Merced and is a strenuous and demanding sport requiring endurance from both the rider and his bicycle. The race is run on a dirt course, much like a motorcycle motocross race, with four jumps and two hairpin turns. All this is done in sometimes 100 degree heat.

Though the boys did not bring home any trophies from this their first race, they and a few others plan to enter the June 22 race to be held at the Merced Fairgrounds.

For those interested in taking up this sport, the rules are as follows:

1. 20" bikes only.
2. One-speed bikes only.
3. Kick stands must be removed or taped.
4. No protrusion over 1/4 inch (bolts, etc.)
5. Handlebar, gooseneck and cross bar must be padded.
6. Handlebars must have hand grips.
7. Helmets are required.
8. Long sleeves and long pants are required, and pant cuffs must be taped.

Also recommended for the boys or girls that try this sport are boots, jacket, heavy pants, and gloves which are almost a must.

For more information about bicycle motocross racing write Bicycle Motocross, 14 Camp Evers Lane, Santa Cruz, California.

## CORTELLO LEAVES



*Cortello in his days as a professional bike racer.*

Ahwahnee Executive Chef Roger Cortello, his wife Sandy, and son Stephan have left Yosemite after five years in the Park. Roger, who started work for the Company in the summer of 1970, has accepted a position as Executive Chef at the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City.

Before coming to Yosemite he worked as chef in hotels in France, Canada and just prior to coming to the Curry Co. at the Del Monte Lodge in Pebble Beach.

Aside from being an excellent chef, Roger is an avid bicyclist and was a professional bike racer (pictured above) in his native France. He is also a golfer, although he won't say what his handicap is.

The Cortellos will be missed, and I know all of you join with The Sentinel in wishing them much success in their new endeavor.

### Women's Club Picnic

The Yosemite Women's Club will meet at Shirley Sargent's house in Foresta this month for a picnic at her mountain-top home. The author of the new book, "Yosemite and Its Innkeepers", will offer a talk on "How Not To Write a Book".

All those wishing to attend are asked to bring their own picnic lunch and meet at the Yosemite Elementary School at 11:30 a.m. for a car caravan to Shirley's house.

### Moonlight Tours

A full moon night is different in Yosemite from anywhere else you've ever been. The granite cliffs are awash with an indescribable ethereal light that changes all of your perception. And Yosemite Falls wears a unique phenomenon all its own — a lunar bow.

YTS offers Moonlight Tours of the Valley floor on these special nights. This month the tours will be held on June 20, 21, 22 and 23. The cost for employees with their privilege cards is \$2.00. Call the transportation desk at the Lodge, Curry Village or The Ahwahnee for the time of departure.

For those who prefer to do it on their own, the Curry Village Bike Stand will offer a full moon bike tour around the El Capitan loop. It's an easy 8.2 mile ride on level ground. Those who will be joining the tour are asked to wear either light colored or reflective clothing for greater visibility. Ride your own bike, or you can rent one at the Curry Village Bike Stand which will be open at 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, June 21 and 22, for this purpose. Employees wishing to join in the full moon bike tour meet at the Curry Village Bike Stand at 10 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday nights.

### Scholarship Offered

Congratulations to all of our high school graduates on completion of their high school careers!

The Yosemite Scholarship commission wants to call to the attention of these graduates the annual award of \$675.00 to be made in August for the school year 1975-1976.

Any graduate whose parent or parents are employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park is eligible to apply. The scholarship of \$75.00 per month for nine months is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council. The following items are taken into account personality, health and

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

Information as to applications and procedure may be obtained from Marian Woessner, Secretary of the Commission, or Leroy J. Rust, Postmaster, Chairman. Applications will be accepted until about July 15, 1975.

### WANTED

Ride to Bay Area (specifically Oakland area) on weekends, leaving any time after 5 p.m. on Fridays. Contact Sherry, 372-4611, ext. 211 or 220, or E-306. Will help drive and pay for gas.

### S.O.S.

To acquaint newcomers and reacquaint old timers, we would like you to know about the SOS Program in the Park, established in 1973. SOS stands for help, and that is what this program is all about — lending a helping hand to residents and visitors alike.

Frequently there is a lost child (not runaways) who needs a home until his parents are located; maybe an individual has had a heart attack and his family needs comforting, a meal, or transportation; possibly a camper has returned to his camp to find all of his belongings stolen and needs a sack lunch or even diapers for an infant.

Recently a hiker with frost bite was provided overnight lodging and a meal by one of our residents. We have people in our group who speak Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, French, Italian, etc., who can

help with a foreign visitor. Many women in our group have nursing experience, others are experienced with certain illnesses. We have men and women who can help with child care, donating of blood in emergencies, transportation to a hospital or doctor's in Fresno or Merced. We DO NOT donate money to individuals. We DO NOT provide services to those on a drug "trip" or services to indigents. We ask the Ranger Office to check out those who request our help and verify their need.

Below is a form listing those services we can and do provide. Please keep us in mind and complete this form and return to Gwen Brady, Box 642, Yosemite National Park, California 95389. If you have a form already on file from last year, please fill in a new one so we can update our records. Thank you for lending a helping hand.

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- Provide a meal
- Housework for the sick
- Transportation to clinic or hospital
- Provide meal and visit to shut-ins
- Provide lodging
- Used clothing (indicate size & sex)
- Will do emergency laundry
- Will donate blood — Type \_\_\_\_\_  
(hospital will type blood if desired)
- Provide emergency transportation to Fresno or Merced
- Will donate money

Familiarity with foreign language: \_\_\_\_\_

Familiarity with illnesses (diabetes, epilepsy, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Other ways and ideas in which we could serve: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

## BOOK PREVIEW



[Hank Johnston and Shirley Sargent, the "adorable partners" at Flying Spur Press]

Not all publishers are located on Madison Avenue, and not all literary "teas" take place in Manhattan. On Saturday, May 17, for example, Flying Spur Press celebrated the publication of its latest book, "Yosemite and Its Innkeepers," with a party in Foresta featuring lots of Sierra sunshine and a typically California feast of spaghetti and french bread.

About thirty people gathered from near and far under the ponderosa and incense cedars atop a mountain looming high above Yosemite Valley in order to toast the appearance of this definitive volume on the history of the National Park's hotels and camps. The book has sold over 800 copies in its first three weeks out, and received an excellent review in the San Francisco Chronicle from Bill Hogan.

Shirley Sargent, author of the new book, handed out gift copies to individuals who had helped her bring the book to publication.

Those attending the party included Shirley's "adorable partner" Hank Johnston and his wife Betty. Hank is the author of "Short Line to Paradise" and "Death Valley Scotty". Another author, Richard Dillon, in attendance with wife Barbara, gave Shirley a copy of his new McGraw Hill volume, "Siskiyou Trail". Photographer and author, Dana Morgenson, and his artist wife Esther were on hand along with Len (NPS Chief Park Interpreter) and Linda McKenzie. YNHA was represented by Bea Weiss, who did the paste-up on Shirley's new book, and Marie Duncan, whose husband Irvin is an Electrical Engineer for NPS. Others attending were Curtis and Conrad Knoll, the photographer; Winnie Adams, on the staff of Yosemite Institute; Rick and Mary Vocelka, she the daughter of Bea Weiss and he the Personnel Manager for Yosemite Park and Curry Co.; Donna Zinser of YPCCo, who typed the manuscript for the book; Peg Plummer, granddaughter of John Swett — the father of California education; Linda and Don DeVere, he the map maker for the

## RECYCLING FACT

What happens to the glass you take to a recycling center?

1. All metal and plastic is taken off. If left on, it will melt with the glass and cause air pockets in the new glass.
2. It is taken to a glass factory where it is crushed until it fits through a hole smaller than 3/4" across. This is called "cullet".
3. Most cullet is melted down to be made into bottles and jars.
4. Cullet can be used for many things.
  - a. It can replace the stones in asphalt to make "glasphalt"
  - b. It can replace gravel in barnyards. Chickens can eat it, and it helps them digest their food because they have no teeth.
  - c. It can replace sand in cement, bricks, tiles, and on man-made beaches.
  - d. It can be used in the center strips on highways because it reflects light well.

NOTE: It takes less energy and cost less for a manufacturer to use cullet in making bottles and jars than to use raw materials that have just been mined.

### YOSEMITE SUMMER OLYMPICS

The Second Annual Summer Olympics will be on Wednesday, July 2nd, and Thursday, July 3rd. Track and field events will take place Wed., 9:30 a.m., at the Elementary School field. The swimming events will be on Thurs., 10 a.m., at the Lodge Pool. Trophies and ribbons will be awarded to the individual and team winners. Employee Recreation is urging everyone to participate in these great outdoor events.

book; Jan D'Moor, who does editorial work; Margaret Perati, chef d'cuisine for the occasion and neighbor of Shirley; Henry P. Gunderson, retired from the Bureau of Public Roads and another neighbor; Elizabeth Shepard, YPCCo. Public Relations; Joel Sheffler, representing Peter G. Levinson Associates, San Francisco, Ms. Sargent's printer and binder; and Alice Sargent, Shirley's mother, of whom Shirley commented that "if it hadn't have been for my mother, there wouldn't have been a book at all."

"Yosemite and Its Innkeepers" is available at gift shops throughout the Park, or by writing Flying Spur Press P.O. Box 278, Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389.

by Richard Dillon

## Employee Housing

Sharing a room with someone is not always easy. It requires patience and understanding, to keep the peace when you become annoyed at something your roommate has done. It is necessary to talk things over with them. If he or she does something that bothers you, tell them so nicely. People generally do not know they are annoying you unless you tell them so. Very seldom do people do things just to annoy another person. Talking things over releases the tension and clears the air. Often you may find that after telling them what was bothering you, it doesn't seem to bother you any more, or as William Blake put it "I was angry with my friend: I told my wrath, my wrath did end. I was angry with my foe: I told it not, my wrath did grow." Airing your feelings and listening to theirs makes a sort of partnership for both of you — and most people would rather share a room with a partner rather than a stranger. Get to know your roommate's tastes in music, books and sports. If you do get mad about something they did, remember that anyone who likes your favorite whatever, can't be very bad at all. If you don't agree on many things, remember what Gary B. Wright said, "Personal differences are often a great stimulus to monumental collaborations." Only the sky is your limit.

All facilities at Tuolumne Meadows are open for the summer.

## LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club will hold their next meeting on July 3rd at the Indian Room at The Ahwahnee. The newly-elected officers for the coming year will preside over the meeting. They are as follows:

President ..... Jack Gyer  
 1st Vice President ..... Joe Windsor  
 2nd Vice President ..... Arvin Abbott  
 3rd Vice President ..... Len McKenzie  
 Secretary ..... Dick Ehrhardt  
 Treasurer ..... Dick Fries  
 Lion Tamer ..... Rick Vocelka  
 Tail Twisters ..... Dan Sholly  
 ...Bill Wendt  
 One-year Directors ... Bill Breckenkamp  
 ...Jim McIlveen  
 Two-year Directors .... Tom Bumgarner  
 ...Bill Thompsen

Many thanks go to Dan Sholly for organizing the Lions Eyemobile that was in the Park for its annual visit on June 7. Many people received free eye checks for glaucoma due to this fine service.

# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

June 23 — "The Only Game in Town" starring Elizabeth Taylor and Warren Beatty. Ms. Taylor plays a "floozy", Beatty a compulsive, debt-ridden gambler. Together they set up a casual arrangement that eventually blooms into love. (PG)

June 30 — "The Grapes of Wrath" starring Henry Fonda and John Carradine. One of John Huston's best. The story concerns a family that is forced to leave Oklahoma because of the "Great Dustbowl". Along the road to California they battle injustice, poverty, disillusion and hardships. This film is considered a classic by many critics. (PG)

July 7 — "Good-bye Columbus" starring Ali MacGraw and Richard Benjamin. A poor Jewish librarian begins a summer affair with the beautiful, spoiled girl of very rich, social climbing parents. The events that follow are hilarious! (PG)

## VISITOR CENTER DANCE

They dazzled you last winter at Sam's and now they're back! Wednesday, June 25th, "Heather" makes its return to Yosemite. See you at the Visitor Center at 8:30 p.m. for rock-n-roll at its best.

## YOSEMITE LODGE REC. HALL

The recreation hall at the Yosemite Lodge Annex has expanded its hours. We are now open 12 noon to 12 midnight weekdays and 3-5, 8-12 on weekends. We don't have much to offer — only a T.V., pool, ping-pong, pin-ball, quiet games, books, a juke-box and everything from A to Z to satisfy those munchies. Check it out!

## SPECIAL CLASSES

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in the Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Design jewelry, chokers, necklaces from African trading beads, clay beads and shells. All materials available at the class.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" fame will provide instruction along with a few tunes. All you need to bring is your own guitar.

## MEN'S LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L
Mariposa Express	1-0
General Office	1-0
Yosemite Lodge	1-0
Curry Village	0-1
Maintenance	0-1
Tecoya	0-1

## SOFTBALL '75

MON. JUNE 9 — Mariposa Express 21, Tecoya 5. Last year's league champions, Mariposa Express, looked very impressive in our season opener against Tecoya. Led by the hitting of John Walbloom, Bob Howard and Tim Shaffer, they easily overpowered the Tecoya team 21 to 5. W.P. John Calkins; 1-0, L.P. Dave Larson; 0-1.

TUES. JUNE 10 — General Office 13, Curry Village 12. In a very close and well-played game the General Office team outlasted Curry 13 to 12. The Office jumped to an early 10-4 lead only to

watch Curry tie the game at 11 apiece after 5½ innings. However, the Office came right back with 2 runs in the bottom of the 6th, which proved to be the winning margin. W.P. Ken Ashburner; 1-0, L.P. Steve Pittman; 0-1.

THURS. JUNE 12 — Lodge 22, Maintenance 20. The Lodge team came from behind to beat Maintenance in a very action-packed game. Both teams could only field 8 players. But the players' "enthusiasm" made up for the shortage. Home runs were hit by Doug Martin, Dave Burke and John Osborn of Maintenance. W.P. Gregg Lochemes; 1-0. L.P. Dave (Anne Green Springs) Burke; 0-1.

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## MONDAY, JUNE 23:

Softball, *Tecoya vs. Curry Village* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
MOVIE "The Only Game in Town" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JUNE 24:

Softball, *General Offices vs. Lodge* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Read Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Volunteer Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25:

Girls' Softball ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
DANCE "Heather" ..... Visitor Center — 8:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 26:

Women's Club Picnic ..... Flying Spur, Foresta  
Softball, *Maintenance vs. Mariposa Express* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JUNE 27:

Girls' Softball ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, JUNE 30:

Softball, *Maintenance vs. General Office* ... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
MOVIE "The Grapes of Wrath" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JULY 1:

Softball, *Mariposa Express vs. Curry* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Read Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 2:

Summer Olympics ..... Elementary School — 9:30 a.m.  
Girls' Softball ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Volleyball ..... Camp 6 — 7 p.m.

## THURSDAY, JULY 3:

Summer Olympics ..... Lodge Pool — 10 a.m.  
Lions Club Meeting ..... The Ahwahnee — Noon  
Softball, *Lodge vs. Tecoya* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JULY 4:

Girls' Softball ..... **INDEPENDENCE DAY**  
Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, JULY 7:

Softball, *Curry Village vs. Lodge* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
MOVIE "Good-bye Columbus" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

For schedule of religious services, see your local bulletin board.



## Resident Photography Course

The Ansel Adams Gallery is offering a summer photography program for park residents which will include courses for both beginners and advanced students. There will be four, five-week classes comprised of two basic and two intermediate/advanced courses. The first basic course will begin Monday June 23rd from 7-10 p.m. The first intermediate course will begin Thursday June 26, from 7-10 p.m. The second basic course will begin Monday July 28, from 7-10 p.m. and the second intermediate course will begin July 31st. There will be five sessions each course, meeting once a week. The courses are open to all residents on a sign-up basis. The enrollment for each class will be limited to ten persons and the fee is \$25. The Gallery will supply all darkroom equipment and chemicals and the students must supply their own camera, film and printing paper. Further information and a sign-up sheet is available at the photo counter at the Ansel Adams Gallery.

The instructor for this program will be Dan Vandevier. Mr. Vandevier currently teaches photography at El Rancho High School in Los Angeles where he has participated in developing one of the largest high school photography departments in the country. He has exhibited widely and has taught at past Yosemite workshops.

Saturday window service at the Main Post Office has been extended to 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Check the outgoing schedule for hours of mail departure.

## YOUTH WANTED

Once again the Valley District Interpretation will be hiring local children to help in Naturalist Activities. Included in this will be Junior Ranger Program helpers, Indian Cultural Demonstrators, and Assistant Helpers.

To qualify you must be a Junior High or High School student. Application can be obtained at the Chief Park Interpreters office and must be returned to that office or to Craig Bates by June 27th. Work will start on the 1st of July and last through Labor Day. All positions will be on a part time basis.

If you have any questions, please contact Craig Bates or Jim Skvarla, 372-4461 extension 61 or 62.

## Animal of the Week



If you think you're seeing things because you seem to be seeing prairie dogs, take heart. There's nothing wrong with you -- you're seeing Belding ground squirrels. Belding ground squirrels are nick-named "picket pins" because they stand upright on their hind feet and tail, looking much like one of the pickets in a picket fence.

They are only 7 to 8½ inches tall, and weigh a meager 7 to 10 oz. They are a light yellow-brown and have a wide patch of bright, reddish brown down their back.

Picket-pins have burrows about 2" in diameter, usually in flat ground. They inhabit meadowlands and occasionally dry slopes, at elevations ranging from 6,500 to 11,800 feet. We have often seen them scurrying around the Tuolumne Lodge; they like to make their homes under the tent platforms at the Lodge where it is nice and warm. They also can be observed standing in the meadows, alerting each other of the danger that is approaching by calling to one another with shrill whistles. If you see a Belding in a tree, you will have seen something unusual for the picket-pins are not climbers.

If you were disappointed, as I was, when told that bears don't hibernate, then here's some good news -- picket-pins do! They go into hibernation in late September or early October and come out in early spring when there is still a lot of snow on the ground. Young appear about two months later, with normally eight in a litter. As in most animal families, the young learn to forage for grass and grass seeds, their basic diet. When they are half-grown, the young picket-pins come out of the burrow and live about the mouth of their parents' burrow.

## WANTED

Lounge chair or recliner wanted. Call 372-4807, Colleen.

## WHAT'S COOKING

For those of you who have been to The Ahwahnee and marvelled at their cream soups, Roger Cortello offers us the recipe for The Ahwahnee's unusual

### TOMATO SOUP

½ C. Bacon Grease  
½ C. Vegetable Oil  
2 Carrots, chopped  
1 Onion minced  
1 Bunch Celery, chopped  
2 Cloves Garlic, minced  
1 C. Flour  
1 Tbsp. Baking Soda  
3 Tbsp. Sugar  
6 Fresh Tomatoes, chopped  
1 - 1 lb. Can Tomato Puree  
2 Cubes Beef Bouillon  
Pinch Rosemary  
Pinch Thyme  
2 Bay Leaves  
3 Cloves  
Pinch Pickling Spice  
Salt to taste  
1 C. Half and Half

Brown carrots, onion, celery and garlic in combination of grease and oil. Add fresh tomatoes and tomato puree and cook for 5 min. Add rest of ingredients except half and half and cook for 1½ hours over low heat. Strain through a fine strainer. Add heated half and half. Heat through.

## FOR SALE

9' x 14' two-room tent, vinyl floor, tent bag and pole bag included. Excellent condition. \$100. Call 379-2400.

Stereo Component Set. Pioneer speakers, Pioneer receiver, and Garrard turntable. Best offer. Call Roy Manson, 372-4847.

Sofa and matching swivel rocker and maple end table. Best offer. Contact Sue Arvola at 372-4746 after 6 p.m.

## BIKE REPAIR

No longer do you need to cart your bicycle all the way to Merced or Fresno to get it repaired. Kirk Habib, Mike McKenna, and Joe Schaffer, bike mechanics, come to Yosemite with many years of repair service behind them, and can repair anything from a standard to a ten-speed. They have a special introductory - get acquainted - prepare for summer offer, too.

Through June 30, you can get a tune-up at a special employee rate. The tune-up includes packing the bearings; complete lubrication, truing the tires, adjusting the derailleur and brakes, and other normal tune-up procedures. Privilege cards must be presented to get the special rate. Repair hours at the Curry Village Bike Stand are from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., with one day service in most cases.

## PICTURE FROM THE PAST



John and Bridget Degan left Ireland shortly after their marriage, and came to Yosemite in 1884. The couple set up house in the end of a barn in the area of the present Yosemite Lodge.

While John did road work for the State, Bridget busied herself with raising their children, taking in boarders, and baking loaves of bread in their fireplace that she sold to campers.

Eventually, through the success of Bridget's famed "two crusty loaves for a quarter", the Degan family acquired a herd of Holstein cows and began operating a dairy. The open fireplace for baking was soon replaced by a wood range and, later by a fancy new oven, shipped all the way from San Francisco, that could bake over 100 loaves at once.

As their family number increased to ten, John found it necessary to build a new house. In 1898 he constructed a home for his family in Upper Village across from the Chapel. Although additions were made and remodeling took place, this house still stands and housed the Degan family and Donohoes until last year.

Of the four boys and four girls, only two remained active in the family business. Mary Ellen (Nell) never married and spent her life working at the Degan store. Dr. John's daughter and her husband (Frank Donohoe) ran the business in its later years.

The Degan business thrived, and, besides owning a Cadillac, Bridget and

John were able to spend their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Ireland and also Rome, where they were granted a private audience with Pope Pius XI.

Bridget and John enjoyed success until they died, in 1940 and 1943, respectively. They spent over 55 years in their beloved Valley; they form an important part of Yosemite history.

## UNICEF

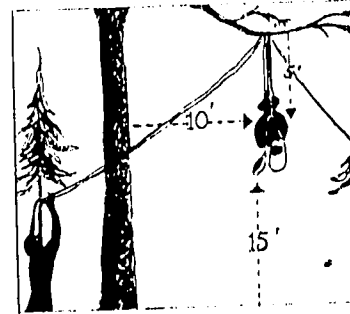
Millions of children and mothers displaced and made refugees by recent hostilities in the Indochina Peninsula face desperate needs of unprecedented proportions for food and medical supplies.

To help meet the needs of children caught in the upheaval, UNICEF is gearing for a large-scale emergency relief effort. Funds are desperately needed to buy and transport shelter materials, medical supplies, and children's foods, and to provide help wherever it is needed, irrespective of military lines and political divisions.

UNICEF has a particular capability for assistance in this new situation because its relief and rehabilitation programs have encompassed all parts of the peninsula over the past two years, helping children's services on all sides of the conflict.

Your support is urgently needed to help children caught in the Indochina conflict. Send donations to: U.S. Committee for UNICEF, P.O. Box 3662, Grand Central Station, New York, New York 10017.

## BEAR FACTS



Bears are clever animals — and those in Yosemite are no exception. In fact, Yosemite bears are, as Jellystone's famed Yogi Bear puts it, "smarter than the average bear". The tantalizing odor of backpacker's food has often led to the loss of both packs and food.

Bears have trouble getting at food that is properly hung. If your stuff sack is hung too close to the trunk the bear will climb the tree and get it. If you don't drop your stuff sack far enough below the limb, a mother bear will have one of her cubs climb the tree and relieve you of your food. They also have learned that gnawing through a line will make food drop from the sky.

Stuff sacks are best to hang your food in (and your garbage, too), and be sure to tie two pots or metal cups outside of the sack. This way, if a bear tries to get your food, the noise of the metal banging may enable you to chase him away and save your food. Suspend your stuff sack with nylon cord across a medium branch — about 4 or 5 inches thick at the trunk. Pick a branch at least 20 feet above the ground, and hang the stuff sack so that it is five feet below the branch and fifteen feet above the ground. It should be ten feet from the trunk and any surrounding trees. Tie the rope to a small tree (so the bears can't climb it) as high as you possibly can. Make sure there is no slack in the rope.

Bears are curious animals. They will go through your pack to see what is there, and if you have it closed up, they will tear it open. The best way to avoid a torn pack is to leave all the pockets unzipped, unbuttoned, and open, and have the flap turned out so that the bear can explore it easily.

If a bear does get your food, don't attempt to get it back. Possession may be nine-tenths of human law, but if you try to persuade a 515-lb. bear of that fact, he may turn on you.

Backpackers and bears share the same popular areas, such as the High Sierra camps, Little Yosemite Valley, Cathedral Lakes, Lyell Canyon, Pate Valley, Rancheria Falls, Pleasant Valley, Ten Lakes, and Laurel Lake; their tastes seem to be the same as far as backcountry beauty. And, as one ranger told us, the bears snooze in the warm sun, dreaming of the gourmet meal someone is packing in just for them.



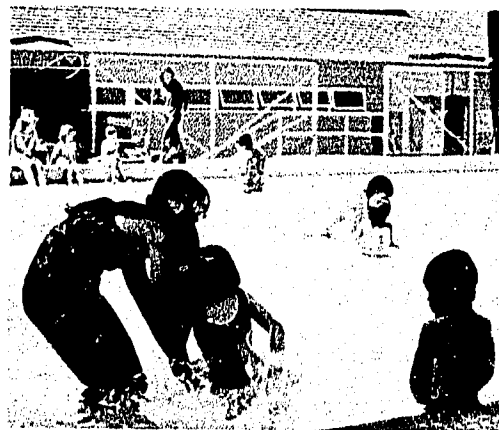
## Getting Summer Off To A Splashing Start



*Donna Habecker instructs a class of older girls in advanced swimming strokes.*



*Gayle Sleznick [seated] reviews the swimming lesson with her class before they enter the water. Boys pictured are from Yosemite, El Portal, and Wawona. L to R Jay Sansum, Jon Hoag, Tim Domingues, David Haley, and John James.*



*Older girls in the Swimmers Aide Class do "practice teaching" with the smallest children. Here Kathleen Krisko is convincing Karey Spach and Carter Williams that splashing can be fun, while in the background Gretchen Foster is working Kevin Corday.*

For many years, cooperation between the American Red Cross and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has made possible an excellent program of swimming instruction for children of permanent and seasonal park employees. The Company provides the Yosemite Lodge pool for two weeks each June, and the Red Cross operates their widely-respected program of graduated instruction.

This year was no exception. One hundred and fifteen children from Yosemite Valley, Wawona, and El Portal were enrolled for swimming lessons, which started shortly after the close of the school year.

The program is coordinated locally by Jan Haag with assistance from Paula Krisko. The volunteer teaching staff this year included Gayle Sleznick, Anne Hendrickson, Cheryl Corday, Claire Haley, Donna Habecker, Bibson Wing, Kathleen Meagher, Jan and Paula. All of these gals either are currently Water Safety instructors or have had such ratings in the past. Linda McKenzie was in charge of taking roll and getting the classes organized each day.

The youngest class is a pre-kindergarten "splasher" group, who learn to relax and enjoy the water. They may progress from this class to a more advanced Low Beginner Class or into the Station Program, which is an assembly-line approach to teaching individual skills.

After completion of either the Station Program or the High Beginner Class, the child moves, year by year, through a consistent progression of Red Cross classes and ultimately has the possibility of learning Junior Life Saving.

For youngsters eleven years of age or older, Paula Krisko offers a teacher aide course. Techniques of teaching swimming to small children are discussed and demonstrated, following which pupils get actual practice by assisting with young classes.

An older boys "Fun Class" was added to the program this year. Donna Habecker worked with some of the boys who have already completed most of the Red Cross program. She coached them on fancy diving, aerobics, water polo, endurance and racing strokes.

Not only does the program help "water-proof" the local youngsters for a safe and happy summer, but mothers from various parts of the Park seem to enjoy their poolside chats while classes are in progress. The Red Cross Swimming Program gets the summer off to a fine start, and Yosemite Park and Curry Co. participation is very much appreciated.

### CONTEST WINNER

Allen Sanborn, doorman at The Ahwahnee, was the winner of the \$25 Gift Certificate in the Don't Feed The Animals Contest offered by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Allen's entry read: "Please, respect nature by not feeding the animals. Through much trial and error nature has planned a specific diet and meal time for each animal. By feeding them you disrupt her carefully laid plans — and upset her delicate balance. It is healthier for the animals and safer for you if you let nature provide for them. Thank you."

# CROW DISCLOSED



In answer to the many requests that we have had about the identity of the "Crow", and in an effort to protect the innocent, we feel that it is time that the identity of the "Crow" be disclosed.

John Crofut, writer of the "Crow's Nest" column that appears in the Sentinel, is the Manager of Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations for the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and has been in this position since June of 1973. Among the many areas Mr. Crofut is responsible for are brochure development and overall coordinator of media contacts. Mr. Crofut is also active in the Yosemite Winter Club and the local Lion's Club.

Among John's favorite sports is skiing, a hobby that he began only since his arrival in Yosemite. You may remember his performance at this year's NASTAR dual slalom race against a wo-person, namely Lynn Williams, where John proved that the sexes are not equal. Lynn beat John by two gates. Then John totally exploded the myth about his skiing prowess during this year's Ancient Jocks Race. John was out to set an all-time course record when, in a final burst of showpersonship, he missed the last gate. However, John Crofut redeemed himself at the end of the ski season by receiving a gold medal in the NASTAR competitions.

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# NPS Discount Policy

In a recent directive, National Park Service Director, Gary Everhardt, ruled that N.P.S. employees may not receive a special discount in concessionaire stores or other facilities. The reason for such a ruling comes from the possibility of a conflict of interest. The new directive serves to apply the decision uniformly throughout the System.

In order to comply with the Park Service directive, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is now prohibited from providing discounts in any of our facilities to those residents of Yosemite who are employed by the National Park Service.

There are several types of NPS-Yosemite relationships: •

1. The head of the household is employed by the NPS and no other family member works in the Park. We are required to discontinue this discount to all family members.
2. A member of a Yosemite family works for anyone in the Park other than the NPS (YP&C, Ansel Adams, the Wells Fargo Bank, Lewis Memorial Hospital, post office, telephone company, etc.). This person's discount is continued, even though other family members may work for NPS.

The NPS directive should not be confused with the contractual arrangement the Park Service has with Concessioners under which Federal employees on official travel and business away from their regularly assigned stations may receive reduced rates on accommodations at the Concessioner's facility.

We hope that the Park Service's decision will not place excess burden on Yosemite NPS employees and we look forward to continuing to provide essential services to the community.

## FM Radio Selection

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is reviewing their FM radio transmission selections and would like community input on choosing the stations you would most like to listen to.

# The Good Old Days



As the demand for more accommodations became apparent, in 1885 \$40,000 was appropriated from the State for a modern, first class hotel capable of accommodating 150 guests. The bulky four-story structure was built in front of the present site of Curry Village and the building and the meadow surrounding it were named for the then-governor of the State of California, George Stoneman.

After the opening of the Stoneman House, the Commissioners decided that the older, well-worn Black's and Leidig's Hotels should be torn down. This was in 1888. Eight years later, due to faulty interior design, the Stoneman House burned to the ground

## LEAGUE STANDING

General Office .....	3-0
Mariposa Express .....	2-0
Lodge .....	1-1
Tecoya .....	1-2
Curry Village .....	1-2
Maintenance .....	0-3

Vote for only TWO and send your reply to the Sentinel, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., General Offices, Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389.

### CLIP THIS COUPON

The stations I would like to hear on the FM dial are:

- KFOG-FM (Adult album selections; quiet music)
- KFRC-FM (Top 40 Rock and Roll)
- KDFC-FM (Classical)
- KNBR-FM (Quiet music and songs)
- K-101-FM (Adult contemporary; soft rock)

PLEASE PRINT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

- NPS
- YPCCo.
- OTHER



## "The Crow's Nest"



Now that everyone knows who the "Crow in the Nest" is, this column will most certainly become much more low key.

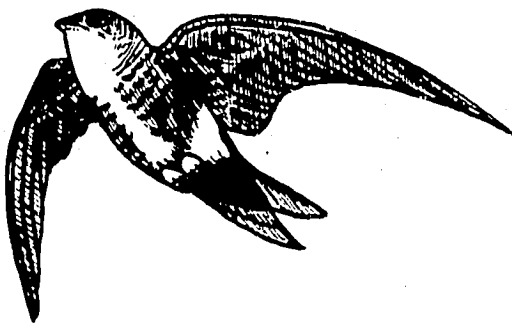
Summer is upon us — a sure sign is the mosquito population, which makes hourly strafing runs on Park residents and visitors alike. Is it true that Curry Co. Environmental Consultant Garrett De Bell kills mosquitos? Someone has suggested that NPS form a S.W.A.T. unit to deal with those pesty little needle-nose critters.

Everyone knows that horses love to roll in the dirt. Everyone, that is, but Donna Zinser who was quite surprised recently when during her very first riding lesson her horse decided to get a little dirt on his back. Trouble is, Donna was already on his back when he decided to roll. The horse escaped without injury....so did Donna.

Craig Patterson, who teaches Alpine Survival for the Yosemite Mountaineering School, may be an expert on wilderness survival but he would never survive in the concrete jungle. While transporting one of his classes recently, he ran out of gas and didn't know what to do. "I thought it would just coast into the gas station", says Craig!!!

With the true pioneer spirit, the local chapter of the Kon Tiki fan club, including charter members Don (Huckleberry Finn) Hartley, Doug (Captain Hook) Hammond, Dan (Peter' Pan) Slusser, L.L. (Blue Beard) Branscum, Steve (Tugboat) McLain, and Bill (Caine Mutiny) Thompsen, put in at Briceburg for a rafting expedition down the mighty Merced River a few days ago. By the end of the first day they had reached El Portal. In a radio communique, Caine Mutiny Thompsen reported the crew in good spirits, or was it drinking good spirits. Thompsen also noted the party hoped to make Pohono Bridge by the end of the second day. We will keep you posted on the progress of this expedition, which some are now calling Ship of Fools.

## Animal of the Week



"WHITE THROATED SWIFT"

A common sight along the cliffs of El Capitan and around Lembert Dome in Tuolumne Meadows is the streamlined swift as it goes into a rapid dive in pursuit of an insect.

The white throated swift is swallow-like in appearance, but with a longer tail and longer, more slender wings. Generally black except for some white on the throat, midbreast and sides of the rump, they differ from swallows in having a crossbow outline because of the backward sweep of the wings. The adult birds measure about 6¾" in length and their call is rapid shrill twittering notes.

Swifts forage high in the air, often in loose companies, climbing by rapid fluttering flight, then diving at tremendous speed. Swifts are abroad from early morning to dusk. They never alight on the ground or a perch but roost and nest only in crevices of cliffs usually inaccessible to other animals.

The saucer-shaped nests are usually built in cliff cavities and made of feathers and twigs. Three to six white eggs, measuring about 11/16" x 9/16", are usually laid.

The white throated swift is commonly located on the western slope up into the Yellow Pine belt.

### "Retort to Roger" or "Invite a Mosquito to Lunch"

*Anonymous*

The naturalist says that we're certainly not fair—

We should have more respect for this plague in the air!

I wanted to agree that the mosquito is fine,

From its painful sting to its irritating whine.

So I decided to invite a mosquito to lunch,

And while it sucked its fill, I continued to munch.

As it sat on my knee, satisfied and inert, I proceeded to serve it some "just desserts".

## Women's Club Summer Activities

**JULY 8 - WAWONA PLAY DAY** - All Park women are invited to spend a leisurely day at Wawona golfing, playing tennis, rafting, swimming or just lying around the pool. Activities start around 10 a.m. or whenever you get there. Then at noon everyone will get together for lunch off the menu at the Hotel. For further information, or to set tee times or tennis reservations call Judy Degen at 372-4503.

**JULY 12 - HISTORY HIKE.** Visit the remains of the mining town of Bennettville located near Tioga Pass and learn Yosemite mining history. It's just an easy hike of about two miles, via Gaylor Lakes. Bring a lunch and meet at the Tuolumne Meadows Lodge at 10:30 a.m. For further information call Elizabeth Shepard at 372-4611, ext. 256.

**JULY 16 - SOUTHWESTERN COOKING** - Learn how to make tortillas, sopapillas, rellenos, green enchiladas and other Mexican-influenced dishes during this evening of cooking. Working girls and husbands are invited to come for dinner and special demonstrations. For those attending, recipes for the day's cooking will be available. The cooking begins at 5:00 p.m. with dinner at 7:30 p.m. Fee for the course and/or dinner is \$1.50. Call Donna Mackie at 372-4590 for course and dinner reservations.

## Yoga Classes Offered

A continuous beginner's Yoga class is being offered Monday through Friday in the Employee Recreation Office at YPCCo. General Office. Meeting at 5:30 p.m., the class is open to all Park employees and their families. The classes will focus on Yoga exercises and will also include nutrition and living hints.

Instructor Bob Ashway feels that Yoga should be done daily, just like eating or sleeping. He claims that Yoga exercises "stretch and activate all the muscles in your body in a way no exercises can", and cites jogging, which uses 7% of your muscles; swimming, which uses 10%; and bicycling, which uses 12%, as moderate to rigorous exercises that use less than 1/8 of your muscles.

The exercises also help relieve tension and keep wrinkles away as they relax you after a day at work. Being rested and refreshed, you can think more clearly, work better, and have more energy. Yoga can also assist you in shaping up or slimming down.

For a quick picker-upper, stop by the Employee Recreation Office any weekday at 5:30 p.m. Take as big or little of a dose of Yoga as you want and then enjoy your evening, enlivened and renewed.



# Yosemite Recreation Employee Terrace

## Grand Opening

Now there is a place where you can go to get away from the confusion and unwind after a busy day, a place with a quiet mellow atmosphere and the best coffee and home baked goods in town. The new coffee house is located in Curry Village and situated between Glacier Point and North Dome (in back of the pool.) Watch the moon come up while listening to fine music by "Matthew," the opening night entertainer. Or, if you have some hidden musical talent you would like to share, contact Pam or Wendy at 372-9981 and they will arrange for your debut.

Be sure to bring your privilege card and your mellow mood for an evening of quiet relaxation. Tentative opening date is Monday, July 7 at 7:00 p.m. The Terrace will be open Sunday through Thursday from 7:00 - 12:00 p.m.

## FOR SALE

1972 Super Beetle (Volkswagen). Has sun roof, and AM-FM stereo radio. \$1,650. Contact Keith Clark, 379-2329 or 379-2311.

Honda 350, 4 cyl. 1973. Excellent condition, all original. Inquire at Camp 6, Cabin #70 or #68. Ask for John Murphy. \$825.

1969 Rambler, excellent condition; excellent gas mileage. Call 372-4377 before 9 p.m.

Antelope backpack and frame; 2 lb. down bag; light down bag; extra large rucksack. Best offer. Contact Eric Moen, Tecoya D-4, 372-4370.

Mamiya C-3 Professional 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 with 105 mm and 55 mm lenses. Standard and Magnifier Focusing hoods, sunshades and filters. \$320 or best offer. David Norris, Box 183, Wawona or contact at Wawona Dining Room.

### MOVIES

July 7 — "Good-bye Columbus", starring Richard Benjamin, Ali MacGraw, and Michael Myers. A poor Jewish librarian begins a summer affair with the beautiful, spoiled daughter of social climbing Jewish parents. The caustic satire climaxes in a rollicking parody at the Jewish wedding of her basketball-playing brother. (PG)

July 14 — "Barbarella", starring Jane Fonda, John Phillip Law, and David Hemmings. In the year 40,000 a girl-type mini-clad astronaut is assigned to locate a missing scientist. This twilight zone, pop film pokes fun at sex, the Bomb, the Pill, religion, philosophy, etc. (PG)

### VISITOR CENTER DANCE

"Wild Blue Yonder" will take a leave of absence from their club in Fresno on Wednesday, July 9th and make a return trip to Yosemite. This 7-piece group has been performing in their own very successful night club for over a year now. Come to the dance and enjoy! Only \$1.00 and a privilege card.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Tuesday — **Bead Class** in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m.. Design your own choker or necklace of African trading beads, clay beads or shells. Tie it all together with some simple knots, or decorate it with a few macrame knots. Everything you'll need is provided at the class.

Thursday — **Guitar Class** in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" will provide professional instruction. Everyone is invited, but be sure to bring a guitar.

### SOFTBALL SCORES

MON. JUNE 16

General Office 24 — Tecoya 14  
Ramone Willis slammed 2 home-runs along with solo efforts by Ken Ashburner and Tom Bumgarner to lead the Office past a very "spirited" Tecoya team. Tecoya, thanks to a 15-gallon keg, was never quite in the ball game. W.P. Larry Carlisle, 1-0. L.P. Dave Tanner. 0-1.

TUES. JUNE 17

Curry 14 — Maintenance 8  
Curry Village evened their record at 1 and 1 with a close, but well-earned victory over Maintenance. Home runs were hit by Kevin Carr of Curry and John Osborn of Maintenance. W.P. Kim Cochrane, 1-0. L.P. Larry Maves. 0-1.

## GARAGE SALE

A garage sale will be held on July 18 and 19 at Riverside Haven in El Portal (Mary Tanner's home).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JULY 4:

Girls' Softball, *Lodge vs. Kalamity Klutzes* . Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

### INDEPENDENCE DAY

### SUNDAY, JULY 6:

Campfire Sing-a-long . . . . . Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 7:

Softball, *Curry Village vs. Lodge* . . . . . Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Beginning Photography Workshop . . . . . Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Good-bye Columbus" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 8:

Women's Club Wawona Playday . . . . . Wawona

Softball, *General Office vs. Mariposa Express* . . . . . School — 5:30 p.m.

Bead Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Volunteer Fire Department Meeting . . . . . Fire House — 7 p.m.

Square Dancing . . . . . Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 9:

Girls' Softball, *Kalamity Klutzes vs. Camp 6* Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

DANCE "Wild Blue Yonder" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

Masonic Lodge Meeting . . . . . Masonic Hall — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 10:

Softball, *Tecoya vs. Maintenance* . . . . . Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Intermediate Photography Workshop . . . . . Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

Guitar Class . . . . . Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

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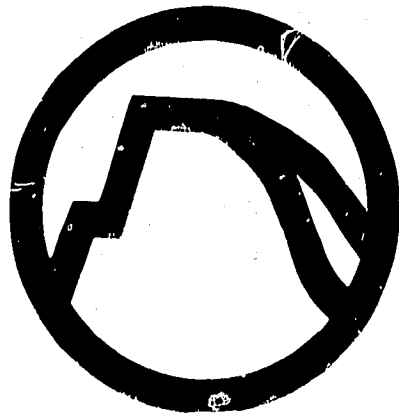
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Softball, *Tecoya vs. Mariposa Express* . . . . . Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Beginning Photography Workshop . . . . . Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Barbarella" . . . . . Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## Apply For The Management Trainee Program

As most of you are aware, on November 1, 1974, we distributed a bulletin to all of our employees attaching a copy of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Management Trainee Program, a program that we designed to provide the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. with a continuing source of trained management personnel to develop its middle-management employees for opportunities that lie before them; to encourage upward mobility from within our ranks giving opportunities to employees who possess demonstrated capabilities, educational background, positive attitudes and a strong desire to become part of an aggressive management team. During that period we received applications of 54 candidates. After weeks of interviewing we selected 5 individuals and introduced them into our program. This program has been both beneficial and successful. At the present time we are once again accepting applications for more trainees. If you made application during the November period and were not selected and continue to have an interest in this program, we would appreciate your submitting a new application during this period. If you have not applied and are interested, I urge you to contact your supervisor and request an opportunity to complete an application form. Each member of the Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our trainees for their outstanding performance and for making the initial aspect of this program a success, in addition to thanking all of our employees for their interest in our program.

### RECYCLING FACT

According to Keep America Beautiful, cleaning up litter along highways, in forests, on beaches, and in other public areas costs the taxpayers \$500 million annually. In 1971, clean-up of camper areas in National Forests cost \$22 million.

## Curry Village Employee Cafeteria

May 25, 1975, marked the opening of the Employee Cafeteria at Curry Village. This facility, located in the rear of the Cafeteria Pavillion, can serve 95 employees at one time and offers a full variety of tastily prepared entrees, soups, salads, and breakfast items. The room, arranged with rustic wooden tables and chairs and old lithographs of points of interest in the Park on the walls, affords employees the opportunity to enjoy their meals in a relaxed and casual atmosphere.

We urge all those with meal privileges at Curry Village to stop by and enjoy a pleasant meal in the newly-opened Employee Cafeteria. The hours are as follows:

Breakfast	6 a.m. to 10 a.m.
Lunch	11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Dinner	4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Woelbing Celebrates 29th Year

One of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s outstanding employees is Clarence Woelbing. "Red", as he is known, has not missed a single day of work due to sickness or ever been late to work — and Red just completed 29 years of service to the Company on June 15th!

It was in 1946 that Red first began working for YP&C Co. as a butcher's helper at Camp Curry. In the fall of the same year, he was promoted to butcher/cook's helper at the Lodge. Then, in April of 1947, Red was advanced to cook, the position that he has held ever since.

Prior to working for the Company, Red was a sheet metal worker for L.B. Douglas Aircraft.

Red's wife, Louise, is the secretary for the Chief Ranger. They have three boys, Keith, Mark, and Chris.

## LIBRARY NOTES

### SUMMER READING CLUB

The Summer Reading Club is now in progress at the Yosemite Library, a branch of the Merced County Library. The Club is open to children of both seasonal and permanent Park employees ages 2 and up. With the completion of each book read, a "brick" is pasted in the library drawn on the certificate. The library is completely "built" after 30 books are read. A picnic is given late in the summer for those who read 15 books or more, and special recognition is given to the person who reads the most books. Although the word "children" has been used, there is no age limit — teen-agers are most welcome. If you're an adult, young-at-heart, and can't resist joining, you're welcome to the Club, too.

### FOR EVERYONE AT THE LIBRARY

The Library has just received a shipment of new books, records, and magazines. Come in and browse on Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday afternoons. If you want to read a particular book or magazine, or hear a certain record, the Library will be most happy to order it for you. The library is located downstairs in the District Building (the old museum).

## 50's DANCE

"Butch Whacks and the Glass Packs" will return to Yosemite for their 3rd summer show on Wednesday, July 23rd. If you came to the dance last year, you know just how great these guys are. If you haven't seen them, you are in for a big surprise! Advance tickets will be sold for \$2.50. It will be mandatory to dress for the occasion (50's style) to get in the door. See you at the Visitor Center at 8:30 p.m. and we'll dance like we did last summer. Anyone wishing to help sell tickets please see Bob or Terry in the Employee Recreation Office. All Park employees and their dependents are invited to attend.



## Riding Lessons

The Valley Stables is offering riding instruction for all YPCCo. and NPS employees and their dependents that are six years of age and up.

This five-day program runs for one hour, from 6 to 7 p.m., each evening, Monday through Friday. The basic fundamentals of good horsemanship are taught, and all levels of riding ability are accommodated.

The package of five lessons, including the use of the horse, costs \$20. For those employees who work evenings, the five lessons need not be taken in sequence. To register for the weekly courses call the stables at 372-4611, ext. 248.

## Wawona Front Porch Thoughts

by Oscar Nersesian

Life is settling back into the mostly by-passed hotel along Highway 41, just before the South exit.

A lot of last year's faces are back to work and play for yet another season, while the new and eager are finding for the first time pools and benches of granite along Big Creek.

Solitude, peace, and serenity are complementing well our family staff that gives Wawona its life and feel.

Larry Naumcheff, in charge of golf cart maintenance, has his own whimsical version of how this old stage stop got its name.

"...As the turn came about, their speed was too great. The stage driver said to her lead horse, whose name was "Wona", while tugging on the reins, "Stop!" But Wona didn't and none have been seen since they went splashing up the creek, that frightfully dismal day..."

Larry goes on saying, "Legend has it that she still drives her team through the beautiful valley trying to stop her team, calling 'Wo-Wona'."

(Editor's note: Wawona actually received its name from an Indian word that may have meant "big tree".)

## GOOD MORNING BIKE RIDE

Wake up each Monday through Friday with a cycle around the short loop. Meet at 6:30 a.m. in the Village Store parking lot.

## EVA

by Lillian Hertzell

Eva was a pediculous person  
With two long ears and a tail  
And a bray that was likened by many a  
one  
To the screech of a rusty old nail  
Being pulled from a board!

Now Eva was the all famous leader  
Of that famous five mule string\*  
That wound amid masses of rocks, cliffs,  
and cedar  
Driven by swear words that sting  
To Merced Lake!

Now Eva is just half of the size  
Of those that follow behind.  
But don't let that fact fool both your eyes  
She's a handful all of the time  
Half the size, twice as onery!

The trail goes this way, she goes that  
Because of a tree which once fell flat  
Which years ago she had detoured round  
And still detours not giving ground  
Though the tree's long gone!

That rock upon the side of the hill  
(Which has been there since all time)  
Today is a lion all poised for a kill;  
Off she runs with the whole mule line  
Down to the river!

So Fred with many a swear word curt  
Drives her up on the trail again  
Where Eva, deciding her feelings are  
hurt,  
Runs away with the whole pack train.  
The tomatoes get smashed!

At last Eva comes with her wonderful  
bell  
Which she loves as a cat loves cream  
A-leading the mule train and pacing them  
well  
As queenly a mule ever seen  
Merced Lake at last!

Now Eva had a definite passion  
For Fred's big yellow trail horse\*\*  
Him she tagged after to adore in her  
fashion  
When all were turned out in due course  
To pasture at night!

Now to keep mules from straying, the  
horse wears the bell;  
And if indeed the truth I must tell;  
Which did she love, her bell or the horse?  
And the answer I shall leave to you, of  
course.  
Don't try to understand females!

\*The famous five mules were: Eva,  
Snake, Lady, Jumbo, and Jeep.

\*\*Fred's big yellow trail horse was the  
buckskin Duke.



## Snorkel the Merced

Penny Otwell

Now that warm days are finally here, and the thought of snow is somewhere in the past, we're thinking about swimming and rafting in the Merced again. Are you curious about how the river looks from the inside out? Why not try snorkeling!

Get yourself an inexpensive face mask, a snorkel tube, and fins, if you want to go all the way (these are not really necessary), and take a good long look at life inside the Merced. There's a whole other world visible beneath the surface of the water, and one you won't easily forget. The lack of sound is so relaxing, and you'll find yourself feeling fish-like, moving slowly around while observing the other fish in their usually private world.

Find a deep pool. The trout will be larger and faster, and there's more excitement. In some areas near El Portal, you can see the Sacramento Squawfish, which get up to 48" long! Quite a surprise when one of these large fellows comes alongside you to investigate who you are!

The terrific play of light upon the rocks and shadows makes this underwater experience a memorable one — another facet of Yosemite National Park.

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### SOFTBALL '75

#### MEN'S SOFTBALL

MONDAY, JUNE 30 —

General Office 18 — Maintenance 8  
The General Office remained undefeated and upped their record to 4-0 as they over-powered Maintenance 18 to 8. Ramone Willis had another big night at the plate hitting 2 home-runs and a double. General Office coach, Ken Ashburner, did a fine job of calling the close ones for the umpires. W.P. Larry Carlisle, 4-0. L.P. Dave Burt, 0-2.

TUESDAY, JULY 1 —

Mariposa Express 18 — Curry 6  
The Express continued to roll as they chalked up their third victory of the season. The tough Express defense shut out the hard-hitting Curry boys 4 innings straight. Tim Shafer belted another home-run for the winners. W.P. John Wallblom, 1-0. L.P. Kim Cochrane, 1-1.

THURSDAY, JULY 3 —

Tecoya 19 — Lodge 8  
Tecoya evened their record at 2 and 2 with a well-earned victory over the Lodge. Steve (Slick) Gutman, playing in his first game of the season, made some keen grabs in center field along with 2 triples at the plate (not bad for a rookie). James Peggins and Neil Osborn homered for Tecoya. W.P. Dave Tanner, 2-1. L.P. Greg Lochemes, 0-3.

### WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

JUNE 18

Ralliers 31 — Curry Village 8  
The Ralliers were extremely impressive in their season opener against Curry Village crushing their opponent 31-8. Sally Steig led the way with 3 homeruns and some amazing fielding efforts with Vicki Bumgardner picking up a home run and a triple to set the pace for what appears to be a promising season for the Ralliers. W.P. Maggie Kohlberg, Ralliers. L.P. Judy Albano, Curry Village.

JUNE 25

Ralliers 23 — Kalamity Klutz's 8  
The Ralliers did it again walloping the Kalamity Klutz's 23-8. Although not as good as in their last game, the Ralliers still succeeded to field and bat their way to a clean victory. "Inky" of the Klutz's was her team's power hitter and leading fielder and Marsha Lee made a tremen-

dous catch at 3rd base to thoroughly surprise Debbie Rippetoe, a consistent hitter for the Ralliers. Yet the Klutz's conceded gracefully to the total team strength of the Ralliers, never losing their spirit and enthusiasm for the game. W.P. Maggie Kohlberg, Ralliers. L.P. "Inkey" Ringrose, Kalamity Klutz's.

JUNE 27

Mountain Mamas 26 — Vagabonds 8  
Even after combining forces, the Vagabonds (Camp 6 and Yosemite Lodge) surrendered to the Mountain Mamas (Curry Village) 26-8. The "Mamas" way out-hit the Vagabonds with Nancy Lawton, Darcy Owens, and Teresa Varant blasting in home runs, and, some of your men could take a lesson from Nancy in fielding. What a glove! W.P. Linda Brown, Mountain Mamas. L.P. Dawna Johnson, Vagabonds.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2

Kalamity Klutz's won by forfeit over the Vagabonds.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JULY 11:

Girls' Softball, *Ralliers vs. Lodge* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 12:

Women's Club History Hike .... Tuolumne Meadows Lodge — 10:30 a.m.

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Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

MOVIE "Barbarella" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 15:

Softball, *Curry vs. General Office* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Square Dancing ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 16:

Women's Club—Southwestern Cooking ..... Girls' Club

Girls' Softball, *Curry vs. Kalamity Klutzes* . Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Volleyball ..... Camp 6 — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 17:

Lions Club ..... Ahwahnee — Noon

Softball, *Lodge vs. Maintenance* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Intermediate Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 18:

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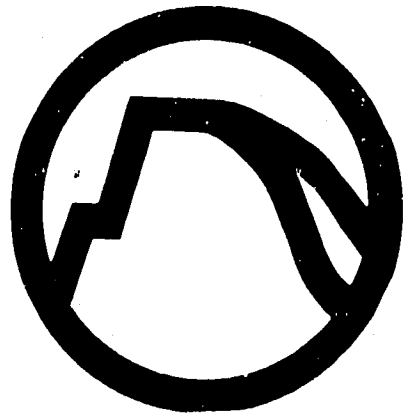
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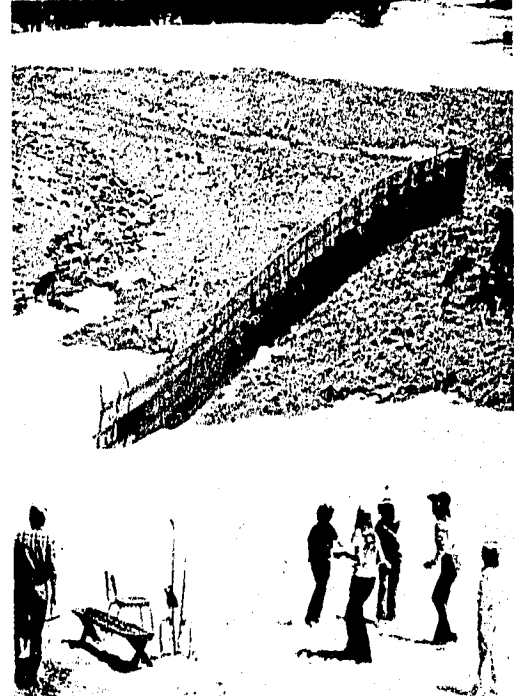
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*Rusty and some of his team.*



*Young racers inspect the summer snow at Mammoth.*

## Summer Skiing for Racers and their Coach

*by Anne Hendrickson*

At a season when most Yosemite youngsters were engaged in swimming, fishing, rafting, and other summer activities, a few local young people managed to extend their favorite winter sport well into June. Through the generosity of the Yosemite Winter Club, the Yosemite Lions Club, Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the parents involved, eight member of the Junior Ski Team attended summer racing camp at Mammoth Mountain.

Sponsored by Rossignol Ski Company, Solomon Binding Company, and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, this popular training camp for young racers is headed by Annie Famose and features a number of distinguished coaches.

During their ten days at race camp the youngsters were on the slopes shortly after dawn when snow conditions were best. They ran gates under race conditions and received coaching in slalom,

giant slalom, and dual course technique. During the practice sessions video tapes were made for replay and analysis during the noon break. Later in the day, when the snow softened too much for racing, the young racers spent time on conditioning exercises and in clinics on waxing techniques and care of skis and equipment.

Participating from the Yosemite race team were Cindy Fiore, Vik Hendrickson, Clark Hardy, Clark Krause, Jeff Power, Chris Thompsen, Elizabeth Woessner, and Tom Wolfe.

Meanwhile up north at Squaw Valley, "The Coach" was putting in four twelve-hour days in an effort to become fully certified through the Far West Coaches Association to coach nationally. Leroy Rust, Yosemite Postmaster and long-time coach of the local junior racers, worked out with some of the top Alpine coaches

in the country lead by Hearald Schanhaar of the national team, Jean Pierre Pasca and Dick Dorworth of Squaw Valley during this exacting certification session. Rusty accomplished his goal of national certification on the last day, and he was one of 6 to succeed out of 36 making the effort. Only after achieving the rating on his own merit did he learn that, had he failed, they intended to make him an honorary member anyhow, based on his twenty-seven years experience.

Of his Squaw Valley experience, Rusty says, "Hopefully I can pass the fine training on to our group and look for better results than ever, still keeping in mind that they are children and should be having fun as well as improving their racing ability and character." Perhaps this statement helps to show what the parents of Yosemite racers already know — that the youngsters learn far more than just ski techniques from their association with this coach!

## Good Old Days

From the first sighting of Yosemite until 1870, tourists traveled on horseback from Mariposa into the Yosemite Valley by way of Wawona. It was in 1870 that Galen Clark's wagon and stage road (now known as Chowchilla Mountain Road) was completed from Mariposa to Wawona. With that road completed, Clark began surveying for a wagon road from Wawona to Yosemite Valley.

Work began at Alder Creek with James Ridgway of Mariposa in charge of a force of 50 "Chinamen" on December 4, 1874. Gradually the force increased in number to almost 300 and were divided in two groups. James Ridgway and his group worked from the Valley toward Wawona, and his brother John and his group continued working from the Wawona side. The road was completed on April 18th, 1875 with the exception of approximately a 300-yard stretch between the two forces near Inspiration Point. A stagecoach arrived on that day with a load of tourists at the end of the completed road from the Wawona side. The Ridgway brothers and a number of the men of the crews took the stage apart, carried the parts over the uncompleted section, reassembled the stage, and the passengers and driver "went on their way rejoicing at having the honor of being the first to ride in a vehicle to the Yosemite". This established the pattern that other stages used, with tourists enjoying the daily service and unique short walk.

That novelty was ended with the completion of the Wawona Road to the Valley floor on July 22, 1875, marked by a big parade and celebration. Later a connecting road was built to Glacier Point.

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## Animal of the Week



"The Great Gray Owl"

The Great Gray Owl is the largest of the owls. Its coloring is a uniform dusky gray-brown and grayish-white with rather small yellow eyes. The owl is 25 to 30 inches in length with a 54 to 60 inch wingspread. His head is very large, round and completely out of proportion to the rest of the body. Actually, neither its weight nor body size is greater than the Snowy or Great Horned Owls, but the large head, long wings and tail, and loose fluffy plumage make it appear bigger than it really is.

The nest of the Great Gray Owl, usually in poplar, spruce, or fir woods about 12 or more feet off the ground, is constructed of sticks and lined with feathers or hair. Owl nests often exude a foul odor due to the partial remains of small squirrels or mice that may be left in there for days. Two to five (usually three) eggs are laid, and, unlike most owl eggs, they are oval in shape and very small for the size of the bird.

The call of the Great Gray Owl is a tremulous, vibrating note, somewhat resembling that of the Screech Owl. The voice is a musical whistle, like oo-ih, sometimes uttered softly and at other times quite loudly. They also hoot at times.

Great Gray Owls are uncommon in the United States though Yosemite has had at least one or two known families of the large birds since about 1915. They are most usually observed at Crane Flat Meadow and Bridalveil Campground, although sightings have been made at Summit Meadow, McGurk Meadow, Peregoy Meadow, Gin Flat and the Tuolumne and Wawona regions. Yosemite is thought to be the southernmost range of the Great Gray Owl.

## Women's Club

July 18 — RESERVATION DEADLINE for the Golden Chain Theater play "The Curse of an Aching Heart" or "Trapped in the Spider's Web", an old-fashioned melodrama. Make reservations now for the premier performance, a night of hissing, booing and popcorn. Call Bev Siglin at 375-6417. Admission \$3.50.

July 22 — THREE-DAY HIKE to May Lake, Glen Aulin and Waterwheels Falls. Children able to hike 6 or 7 miles a day may join their mothers on this trip. Two nights will be spent at Glen Aulin. Call Diane Abrell at 372-4233 by July 18 for reservations.

## FOR SALE

GE Filter Flo Washer \$60; Whirlpool Dryer \$60; All in excellent condition. Bob Bradford, 375-6345.

1974 MG Midget. Low mileage; perfect condition. \$3,000. Call 379-2616 days; evenings, 966-3383.

House in El Portal \$4,000. Contact D.D. Shepherd, P.O. Box 47, El Portal, Cal. 95318 or contact Carrol N. Clark, 379-2311.

House in El Portal, furnished. Contact Beatrice M. Miller at 379-2419.

Polaroid SX-70 Land Camera. Hardly used. Sold new for \$159; will sell for \$110. Contact Ed Collins at Night Security or at Tecoya F-306 after 3 p.m.

## 50's DANCE

"Butch Whacks and the Glass Packs" will return to Yosemite for their 3rd summer show on Wednesday, July 23rd. If you came to the dance last year, you know just how great these guys are. If you haven't seen them, you are in for a big surprise! Advance tickets will be sold for \$2.50. It will be mandatory to dress for the occasion (50's style) to get in the door. See you at the Visitor Center at 8:30 p.m. and we'll dance like we did last summer. Anyone wishing to help sell tickets please see Bob or Terry in the Employee Recreation Office. All Park employees and their dependents are invited to attend.

## YOSEMITE SUMMER



A year ago, I needed a job and a lifestyle which would at once fulfill the financial, spiritual, and intellectual needs of a destitute, future-shocked college student. With a bleak national employment picture, the possibility of steady work which would return enough to pay tuition in addition to mellowing out an over-worked homework machine, was limited indeed. Beyond being literate and healthy, I just didn't have the qualifications to lead a safari into the Amazon, get a research grant to study the Mic-Mac Indians in Nova Scotia, or work for Ralph Nader like several of my more talented friends. I was about to resign myself to a hot, dusty summer on a construction crew where the ratta-tat of a jackhammer would probably shatter what little equilibrium I had left, when I chanced to notice the picture on the calendar which hung above the kitchen meadows and groves of Ponderosa pines capped river surrounded by green meadows and groves of Ponderosa pines against a backdrop of sheer granite cliffs. "What I wouldn't give to spend the next few months in a place like Yosemite Valley!" I thought. A few seconds more reflection on the yummy picture of Spring in the Sierras convinced me that such an idea was worth looking into. After all, didn't the National Park Service operate the hotels and services in Yosemite National Park through a private concessionaire?

Further inquiries to the National Park Service offices in Washington, D.C., yielded the information I had been hoping to hear. Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the government-sanctioned concessionaire, employs nearly 1,500 seasonal workers during the busier months of April to September.

Two months later my application and prayers were answered with a job offer to work as a "bellperson" at a tent-cabin-hotel complex called Curry Village.

### Employee Golf Tourney

The 2nd Annual Employee Duffer's Day has been set for Sunday, July 27th, noon, at the Wawona Golf Course. It will be a "bling-boggie" handicap scoring system with a men's and women's division. A \$4.00 fee is being charged to cover your round of golf, mid-day snacks and refreshments, and a Burger Bar-B-Q afterwards. All Valley employees are welcome to participate. Sign-ups will be in the Employee Recreation Office. For further information call 372-4611, ext. 451. Sign up now!

I couldn't turn down the opportunity to work in an environment where I would have the cool mountain breezes and the friendliness of vacationers.

I arrived at the Park in April, and began a summer job which turned out to be a Utopian existence for me. To understand what I mean by the latter, try to imagine living in a tent in the Sierras for six months. The large, heavy canvas-covered A-frame supplied by the Company had all the accoutrements for roughing it in style: An oil heater, a raised wooden floor, a bed, a chest of drawers, and an electric outlet. This not-so-humble abode was set well back from the road in a beautiful wooded area in Yosemite Valley.

Each day I would be awakened by the birds and early morning cold. After a few deep breaths of crisp morning air, I'd walk over to the cafeteria for a breakfast of all I could eat. The cafeteria had widely varied traditional American fare, and with the price of food these days, I was glad it was part of my salary.

After breakfast, I'd begin my day as a bellperson. In this capacity, I had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world, and sometimes I was even able to develop close friendships. Yosemite always seems to bring out the best in people, and it was often easy to look upon the hotel guests as my own personal guests. Despite this spirit of camaraderie, it was always rejuvenating to hike into the backcountry on my days off.

By putting me in touch with myself, different types of people, and the peace of the mountains, my Yosemite experience sated every aspect of my being. The opportunity to tune into the rhythms of nature within the framework of a nine-to-five job made for a gently mind-blowing summer.

### "The Crow's Nest"



The Crow has gone into hiding since being disclosed in the July 4 issue of the Sentinel, and this Crow's Nest comes to you from high atop a granite dome which shall go unnamed.

And a certain ranger who showed up in his living room clad only in jockey shorts to find some 30 people listening to his wife give an interpretive program shall go unnamed; but you know who you are, don't you! And so do those 30 Park visitors.

Someone has suggested making the Crow "Animal of the Week" -- not funny, not funny at all. Speaking of animals, can you imagine what it would be like to be a kangaroo on a rainy day and have the children playing inside?

Here's one for the books. Garrett De Bell, Curry Co. Environmental Consultant, Editor of the "Environmental Handbook", naturalist, and leader of backpack trips left Yosemite Village one day not too long ago headed for Sentinel Beach -- and couldn't find it!! Mr. De Bell says he was told there were three or four places called Sentinel Beach??? Then to top it all off, the Crow had to carry Mr. De Bell the last half mile of a July 4th trek to Half Dome when this great outdoorsman turned up with blisters. The hike to the top of Half Dome is well worth it, I might add. The only difficult part is Little Yosemite Valley where bare-people encounters do seem to slow one's hiking pace down a bit.\*

Our apology to the local Kon Tiki Fan Club for referring to one of its river expeditions as "Ship of Fools" -- it should have been called "The Marx Brothers Take a Vacation". We have learned that Dan (Peter Pan) Slusser decided not to make the trip after seeing "Jaws" the night before.

\* (Environmental Consultant's Note: The aging Crow often gets confused, as in the above, where the names were changed to protect the guilty.)

# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

July 21 — "Nevada Smith", starring Steve McQueen, Brian Keith, Karl Malden. Seeking revenge for the death of his father and Indian mother, McQueen hits saloons, brothels, gambling games, and prison in his relentless search for the killers. (PG)

July 28 — "Such Good Friends", starring Dyan Cannon, James Coco, Jennifer O'Neil. In the hospital for a simple operation, a man contracts a number of diseases due to the incompetence of Groucho Marx-type physicians and dies. Meanwhile, back in the waiting room, his sexually-neglected wife makes the shocking discovery that he had a series of non-stop affairs with her good friends and wants to get even. (R)

## Yosemite Olympics '75

If you stayed in bed on Wednesday and Thursday instead of participating in the 2nd Annual Summer Olympics you really missed out on 2 fun-filled, action packed days. Wednesday began with the track and field events. Thursday's swimming proved equally exciting and was followed by a hot dog barbeque enjoyed by all. The Ahwahnee girls and guys easily outran their opponents in the track and field competition, but the Lodge gave them a run for their money in the swimming events. For awhile it looked as though the Lodge might overtake the Ahwahnee and steal the coveted trophy. But, thanks to the Ahwahnee girls relay team of Ginny Southerland, Sally Steig, Kathy Drechsler and Ann Lowry the final scores were Ahwahnee 98, Yosemite Lodge 60, Service Division, led by John Monson with a softball throw of 288'6" finished 3rd with 16 team points.

A trophy was presented to the male and female athlete was scored the highest number of individual points for both days. James Peggins, Ahwahnee, scored 11 points for himself by winning the 100 yard dash in 10.5 and coming in 2nd in both the broad jump and the 440 yard run. Sally Steig, super-jock of the year and another Ahwahnee, accumulated 23 points by sweeping four 1st's in the track and field events and a 2nd in the 100 meter medley swimming event. Finishing right behind James with 10 points was Don Willard from the Lodge. Ginny Southerland, Ahwahnee, accumulated 15 points to finish 2nd behind Sally.

Employee Recreation would like to thank each and everyone who participated in the '75 Olympics and made is such a success and special "thanks" to Bill Thompson at the Lodge for his fine cooperation.

# BASEBALL SCORES

## MON., JULY 7

Curry Village won by forfeit over the Lodge Boys. This was the Lodge's second forfeit loss this season.

## TUES., JULY 8

General Offices 9 — Mariposa Express 7  
The General Office rose to the occasion to upset the defending league champions, the Mariposa Express. It was a very close and well-played game with very few errors made. The Office is now the only undefeated team left as we approach the half-way mark in league play. Don Fyfe and Ray Willis homered for the winners. Bobby Howard blasted a 2-run homer for the losers. W.P. Larry Carlisle, 4-0. L.P. Steve Medley, 0-1.

## THURS., JULY 10

Tecoya 26 — Maintenance 14  
Tecoya moved into 3rd place in the league standings with a well-earned victory over Maintenance. The Tecoya teams is really shaping up as we finish our first round of play. James Peggins hit 3 home runs for the winning team. In losing, Maintenance kept their record perfect at 0-5! W.P. Dave Tanner, 3-2. L.P. Larry Mayes, 0-2.

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

### Kalamity Klutz's 21 — Curry 8

After a little confusion and a lot of patience on the part of the Klutz's, Curry finally pulled together a team that looked as though they might provide a challenge. But the Klutz's were determined to win and in the 5th inning pulled way ahead to easily defeat Curry. W.P. "Inkey" Ringrose. L.P. Liz Tice.

### Ralliers 21 — Vagabonds 4

If you missed seeing this game, you missed seeing the first triple play in the history of women's softball at Yosemite. Initiated by the Ralliers wonder woman, Sally Stieg, she helped her team to a 21-4 victory over the Vagabonds. The sole home run of the night was hit by the Vagabond's newest recruit, Joy Alwen, but her strength was not enough to topple the Ralliers from their first place, undefeated position, in the league. W.P. Maggie Kohlburg, Ralliers. L.P. Sally Pogue, Vagabonds.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, JULY 20:

Campfire Sing-a-long ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 21:

Men's Softball, *General Office vs. Tecoya* ... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.  
El Portal Community Association ..... El Portal Community Hall  
MOVIE "Nevada Smith" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 22:

Men's Softball, *Maintenance vs. Curry* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.  
Square Dancing ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 23:

Women's Softball, *Ralliers vs. Klutzes* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
50's DANCE, "Butch Whacks & the Glass Packs" .. Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 24:

Men's Softball, *Mariposa Express vs. Lodge* . Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Intermediate Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JULY 25:

Women's Softball, *Curry vs. Vagabonds* .... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 26:

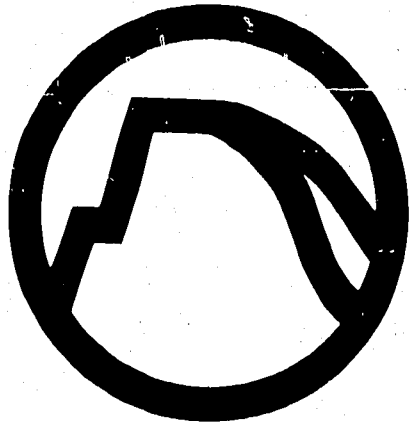
Ecology Float Trip and Picnic ..... Women's Club

### SUNDAY, JULY 27:

Employees' Golf Tournament ..... Wawona — 10:30 a.m.  
Campfire Sing-a-long ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 28:

Men's Softball, *Curry vs. Tecoya* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Such Good Friends" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## MARIPOSA COUNTY FAIR

### ENTRIES SOUGHT

The Mariposa County Fair, to be held on August 30, 31 and September 1, is seeking entries to be exhibited in its Floriculture, Home Arts, Arts and Crafts, Photography and Horse Show Departments.

All entry blanks must be submitted by August 22 and sent to P.O. Box 187, Mariposa, Ca. 95338 along with the entry fee. Fees range from 25¢ to \$1 depending on the division. Entries must be received at the fairgrounds by August 28 unless otherwise indicated.

Further details and some entry blanks are available at the Sentinel office located in the YPCCo. general offices.

In the Home Arts Department, some of the following entries are being sought:

#### BAKED FOODS AND CONFECTIONS

Breads, plain and fancy (23 classes)  
Biscuits and Rolls (includes doughnuts and coffee cake)  
Layer Cakes (9 classes)  
Decorated Cakes  
Loaf or Pound Cakes (20 classes)  
Cookies (29 classes)  
Pies and Pastries (12 classes)  
Candies (11 classes)

#### CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Adult Wearing Apparel  
Afghans, knitted, crocheted, etc.  
Bedspreads  
Quilts, hand or machine made  
Rugs, hooked, crocheted, latchet-type  
Tableclothes, crocheted, etc.  
Pillow slips, embroidered, crocheted, etc.  
Doilies and Centerpieces, crocheted, embroidered  
Pictures, needlepoint, embroidery, crewel

Infants Apparel, sewn, crocheted or knitted  
Dresses, Sweaters, skirts, pants, tops  
Gift Items  
Kitchen and bath furnishings

#### PRESERVED FOODS

Fruits  
Vegetables  
Jams  
Jellies  
Juices

In the Arts and Crafts Department there are the following categories:

#### FINE ARTS

(Amateur, Advanced Amateur, and Professional)  
Acrylics, Oil, Watercolor Paintings  
Charcoal, Ink, Pencil Sketches  
Collage

#### HANDCRAFTS AND HOBBIES

(Amateur and Professional)  
Beadwork  
Candles  
Ceramics  
Wood carving  
Christmas ornaments and crafts  
Decoupage  
Jewelry  
Leather work  
Metalwork  
Mosaics  
Pottery  
Sculpture  
Weaving  
Antique collections  
Bottle collections  
Coin collections  
Doll collections  
Stamp collections  
Woodwork

## Harris B. (Corky) Corbett Memorial Golf Tourney

Sunday, August 3rd is the date set for the 1st Annual Harris B. Corbett Memorial Golf Tournament.

Tee-time will be at 10:00 a.m. at the Wawona Golf Course. All Wawona Club members and Y.P.&C. Co. employees are invited to attend. There will be (one) gross and net score handicap flight and (one) non-established handicap flight. Net and gross winners will have their name engraved on a perpetual trophy. Prizes and gifts will be awarded to winning individuals. The fee is only \$2.00 Sign-up at the Wawona Golf Shop or call 375-6291. Y.P.&C. Co. is looking forward to seeing all you local Duffers participate in this memorial event.

#### PHOTOGRAPHY DEPARTMENT

(Amateur and Advance Amateur)  
Categories according to subject matter  
Color or Black and White  
Slides

#### GEM STONES AND LAPIDARY ARTS

Lapidary Arts  
Mineral Specimens  
Special Displays

#### FLORICULTURE

(Beginners and Advanced)  
Dry flower arranging  
Plaques  
Swags  
Collages

#### HORSE SHOW

Many divisions are open including Stock Horses, Trail Horses, and Junior Saddle Mounts

For further details and more extensive coverage of categories, Mariposa County Fair books are available in the Sentinel office.



## SIERRA SILVER MINING

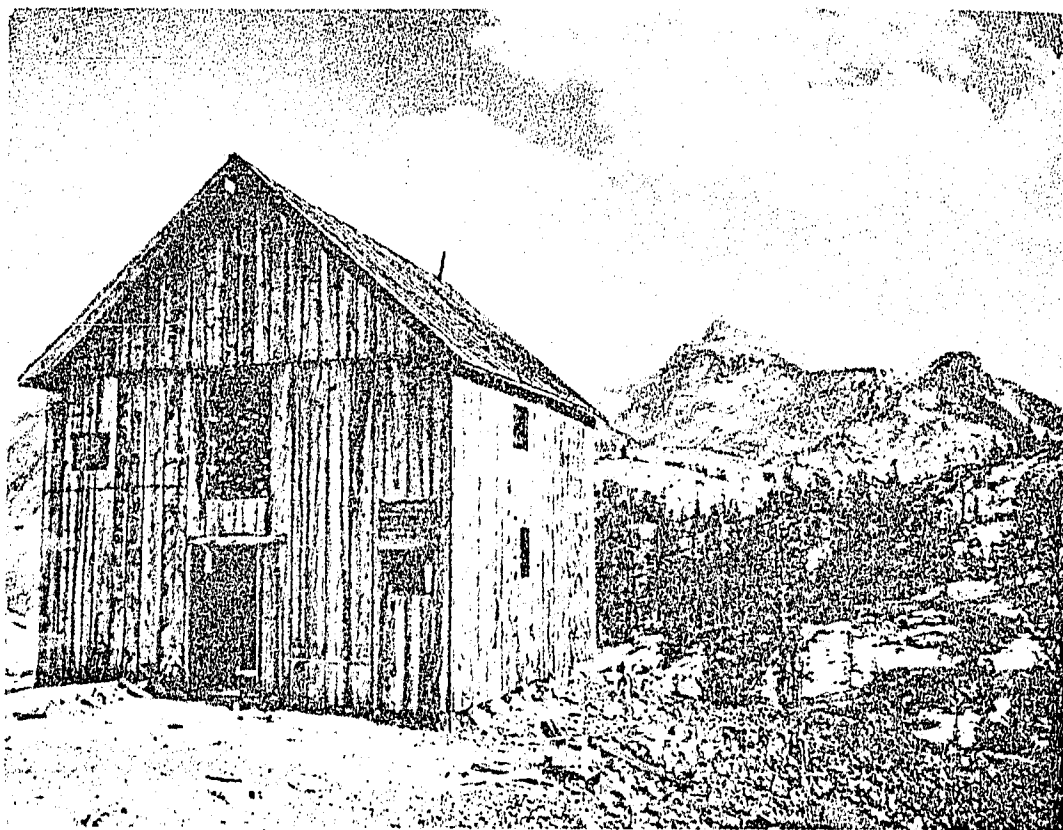
On the edge of Yosemite National Park lies Tioga Hill, and somewhere within its rocky mass stands the fabulous Sheepherder Lode — estimated by some to be worth twelve and one-half million dollars. And get this, "Great Silver Ledge", as it was called, was never tapped. Though the Sheepherder Tunnel was driven over 1700 feet into Tioga Hill the drilling stopped at what was thought to be less than 200 feet from the Lode. But why?

In 1859, "Doc" Chase, a dentist, discovered the Sheepherder Lode. Early the next year Chase returned to mark his claim which he scratched on a tin can, securing it with two large rocks. But he was sidetracked by the word of rich strikes in Aurora and Virginia City, and took off, forgetting "the biggest silver ledge ever discovered", never to return to Tioga Hill.

The story passed into tradition until fourteen years later when William Brusky, a boy from Sonora who was herding his father's sheep, discovered the rusting tin can with the remainder of it's note. Brusky's claim was considered worthless until 1877 when someone assayed the rock and found it to be rich in silver.

In 1881 the Great Sierra Consolidated Silver Company was formed with backing from both the West and some Eastern support in the way of Oliver and Almon Brooks, Cole Nye Swift and his brother Rhodolphus Nye Swift and Thomas J. Bennett, Jr., who headed the company.

With this strong financial backing it was decided to drive a tunnel into Tioga Hill to cut the Sheepherder vein at depth and in a zone of greater richness than on the surface. But driving a tunnel by hand through such hard rock was impossible. So heavy machinery was to be brought in. It took two months to move the eight



tons of materials a distance of about nine miles through the high country in the dead of winter. Ten or twelve men, two mules, 4,500 feet of one-inch manila rope, heavy double block and tackle and all the available trees along the route were employed to snake the machinery up the mountains.

Bennettville, named after the company's president, sprung up at the base of the mountain, and people began to envision this area as one day being a town of at least 50,000 people. But its beginnings were humble with only a boardinghouse, assay office, stables, some of which were lost in the many avalanches experienced in these areas, and others eventually by fire.

The mining continued in Bennettville and the tunnel drew ever nearer its goal. As the word got out that they were nearing the vein, the price of the stock went from \$1 a share to \$2 and finally to \$5. Then the trouble began. The move to \$5 stopped all sales and, to secure money to continue the operation it became necessary to secure loans. Tensions were building between the eastern and western factions when the Eastern stockholders made a move to acquire controlling interest. Relations in the company were strained, with the East carrying the major financial burden, but the work progressed until the close of the year 1883 when the company was without money, and no more loans were available.

At the same time that excitement was reaching a crescendo in the Tioga district as the date neared for cutting the Sheepherder Lode, the Executive Committee of the company decided on July 3, 1884 to suspend all operations.

When the property went up for auction in 1888, William Swift bought it. After his death, however, the property was transferred to his brother Rhodolphus to whom he was indebted.

No one went near the mine again, until 1933 when Antoinette, widow of Rhodolphus' son Edward, started the drilling again. The drilling continued on a few hundred feet further without striking the Sheepherder Lode, though the engineer on the project was assured by his findings that the strike would be a rich one.

The saga of Tioga ended in 1949 with the death of Antoinette Swift and the subsequent sale, for taxes, of the Great Sierra claims, leaving the "greatest silver ledge ever discovered" still untapped.

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### Animal of the Week



One of the Park's most popular animals is the Mule Deer, commonly seen grazing in a meadow — a perfect picture of gentleness and serenity. The bucks' antlers are bowed down, and the razor-sharp hooves of the deer are hidden in the long grass.

Deer are from 2½ to 3½ feet high at the shoulders. They are a grayish brown in winter and a bright reddish brown in the summer, with the rump and throat being white. Their velvety ears are 8 or 9 inches long and about 4 inches wide, while the top of the tail is black, with white underneath. The antlers of the bucks are just spikes in their second summer, but they branch as the buck gets older, adding a point each season. After shedding the previous year's antlers in March, the new set begin growing and mature by late summer. There is a skin covering the antlers, which gives a velvet effect, and it is generally rubbed off by September.

The deer mate in early winter, after they migrate to the foothills, and the fawns, which generally number two, are born in June. They have spots which disappear when the winter coat is grown. The fawns stay with the doe approximately a year, and part when the doe's next young are expected.

Deer graze in morning, late afternoon, and early evening. They are vegetarians, and eat many different plants, ranging from shrubs and bushes to grasses and herbs.

It seems that someone steered us wrong. Contrary to our last request for your choice of FM radio stations, KFRC-FM is not Top 40 Rock and Roll, but rather oldies.

We're nearing our deadline for your selections (Friday, August 8) so we would like to explain the stations more in depth.

KFOG-FM: This is one of the stations

that we already have. They play album selection of quiet music. All background music.

KFRC-FM: Oldies from the 50's and 60's

KDFC-FM: This is the other station that we already receive. It plays classical selections.

KNBR-FM: Background music, album selections; this station carries Warriors basketball.

K101-FM: Rock and roll album selection without some of the louder sounds.

## ERROR!!!!

PLEASE VOTE NOW!!!

### FM Radio Selection

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. is reviewing their FM radio transmission selections and would like community input on choosing the stations you would most like to listen to.

Vote for only TWO and send your reply to the Sentinel, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., General Offices, Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389.

CLIP THIS COUPON

The stations I would like to hear on the FM dial are:

- KFOG-FM (Adult album selections; quiet music)
- KFRC-FM (Oldies)
- KDFC-FM (Classical)
- KNBR-FM (Quiet music and songs)
- K-101-FM (Adult contemporary; soft rock)

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The deer have two natural enemies, the mountain lion, which can kill any age or size of deer, and the coyote, which kills fawns and older deer encumbered by snow. Normally the mountain lion and the coyote only attack those deer that are old, sick, or starving.

However, one of the worst enemies of the deer is man, and he has harmed deer in many unknowing ways. The mountain lion has long been thought of as a dangerous predator, and many were killed by men. This upset the delicate balance of nature. Suddenly there weren't enough mountain lions to rid the herd of their sick and old and lame. When winter came, too many deer were trying to live on too little land and too little greenery. Otherwise healthy deer died of starvation because those in ill health were eating their food. Man has tried to correct this overpopulation that occurred, but it will be several years until there are enough mountain lions to control the deer as there should be.

Deer are often out along the roads, and at night they are particularly hard to see. Whenever you see one or two green 'lights' or 'reflectors' anywhere near the road, go slowly. Deer are often blinded by headlights, become confused, and may run right into the path of the oncoming lights. They will also suddenly "jump" out on the road at times. If one deer crosses the road, be on the lookout for more, as deer commonly travel in groups.

Mule deer are a part of Yosemite and are one of the things that make Yosemite what it is. Enjoy them from a distance.

### RECYCLING FACT

Each year 3,500 tons of solid waste is generated as landfill in Yosemite National Park. Help reduce the environmental impact by recycling your bottles, can, newspapers, and cardboard at the Recycling Center in the Village Store parking lot.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

MON., JULY 28

"Such Good Friends" starring Dyan Cannon and Jennifer O'Neil. While her husband lies in a hospital "death-bed", a sexually-neglected wife makes a shocking discovery. Her dying hubby had a series of non-stop affairs with her good friends. Now, she wants to get even. (R)

MON., AUGUST 4

"Blow-Up" starring David Hemming, Vanessa Redgrave and Sarah Miles. The fact that "Blow-Up" was made nearly a decade ago has nothing to do with the film's greatness, but it does cast a pallor over the defunct Swinging London era of music and mod dress. A masterpiece to some, a cinematic landmark to most. (PG)

## WOMEN'S CLUB

July 26 — FLOAT TRIP AND BARBEQUE. Come along for a group float down the Merced, followed by a barbeque at Leidig Bridge. Families or singles are welcome. Meet at Stoneman Meadow at 1 p.m. For details call 372-4716 or 372-4807.

Aug. 7 — THEATER — OPENING NIGHT. Premier of "The Curse of the Aching Heart" or "Trapped in the Spider's Web". Enjoy an evening of hissing, booing and popcorn at the Golden Chain Theater in Oakhurst. Admission \$3.50. Advanced reservations required.

## Resident Photography Course

The Ansel Adams Gallery is offering a summer photography program for park residents which will include courses for both beginners and advanced students. There will be two, five-week classes comprised of a basic and an intermediate/advanced course. The basic course will begin Monday July 28, from 7-10 p.m. The intermediate course will begin Thursday July 31, from 7-10 p.m. There will be five sessions each course, meeting once a week. The courses are open to all residents on a sign-up basis. The enrollment for each class will be limited to ten persons and the fee is \$25. The Gallery will supply all darkroom equipment and chemicals and the students must supply their own camera, film and printing paper. Further information and a sign-up sheet is available at the photo counter at the Ansel Adams Gallery.

## The Dashing Young Man Of The Curry Cafeteria

BY Stuart Warren

You'd never guess by looking at him, but the usually easy-going Curry Cafeteria Manager Rick Nolan belongs to an exclusive fraternity of athletic supermen. Perhaps the only time you'd suspect his latent abilities might be while watching him dash about the Curry Cafeteria on a holiday weekend. The strides are powerful, and the eyes have an intensity which belie the fierce drive of this perpetual motion machine. After all, it takes more than bones and sinew to run to the base of Half Dome and back in 1 hour, 35 minutes. That's right, I said "run". While this feat is beyond the conception of most of us, for Rick it's just another workout. When you've run in over fifteen marathons (26 miles) and in a 100-mile race, you can take any hill in — if you'll excuse me — stride.

In a Park where a popular form of exercise seems to be running to catch the shuttle bus, the sight of Rick blasting to the top of Yosemite Falls or pounding the steps on the Mist Trail is like an apparition to weary once-a-year hikers.

"I enjoy doing things that are different, and running hills is something I've always done naturally. It's such a basic way of testing yourself — not only your leg muscles, but your will. For me, it's become a form of meditation where I have to shut off a lot of thoughts and really concentrate. And then of course, it's excellent training for the marathon."

Having run several qualifying times for the last Olympic marathon trials\*, Rick plans serious training once his managerial duties permit. This is going to mean runs to Merced Lake and into the Tuolumne Meadows area. "You can't beat high altitude training," Rick explained. "For now, working in the Curry Cafeteria is a good enough workout for me. Say, I gotta go, we have to get things ready for the dinner rush."

With those words, he was off and running again.

\*(a time below 2 hours, 30 minutes for 26 miles is sufficient to qualify to compete in the trials to select the top three American marathoners for the Olympics.)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, JULY 25:

Women's Softball, *Curry vs Vagabonds* .... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JULY 26:

Women's Club Riverfloat Picnic ..... Stoneman Meadow — 1:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JULY 27:

Employees Golf Tournament ..... Wawona — 11:30 a.m.

### MONDAY, JULY 28:

Softball, *Curry vs Tecoya* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7:00 p.m.

MOVIE, "Such Good Friends" ..... Visitor Center — 8:00 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JULY 29:

Softball, *Lodge vs General Office* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7:00 p.m.

Square Dancing ..... Village Mall — 8:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30:

Women's Softball, *Vagabonds vs Klutz's* .... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Volleyball ..... Camp 6 — 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JULY 31:

Softball, *Mariposa Express vs Maintenance* . Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7:00 p.m.

Intermediate Photography Workshop .... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 3:

Campfire Sing-a-long ..... Village Mall — 8:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 4:

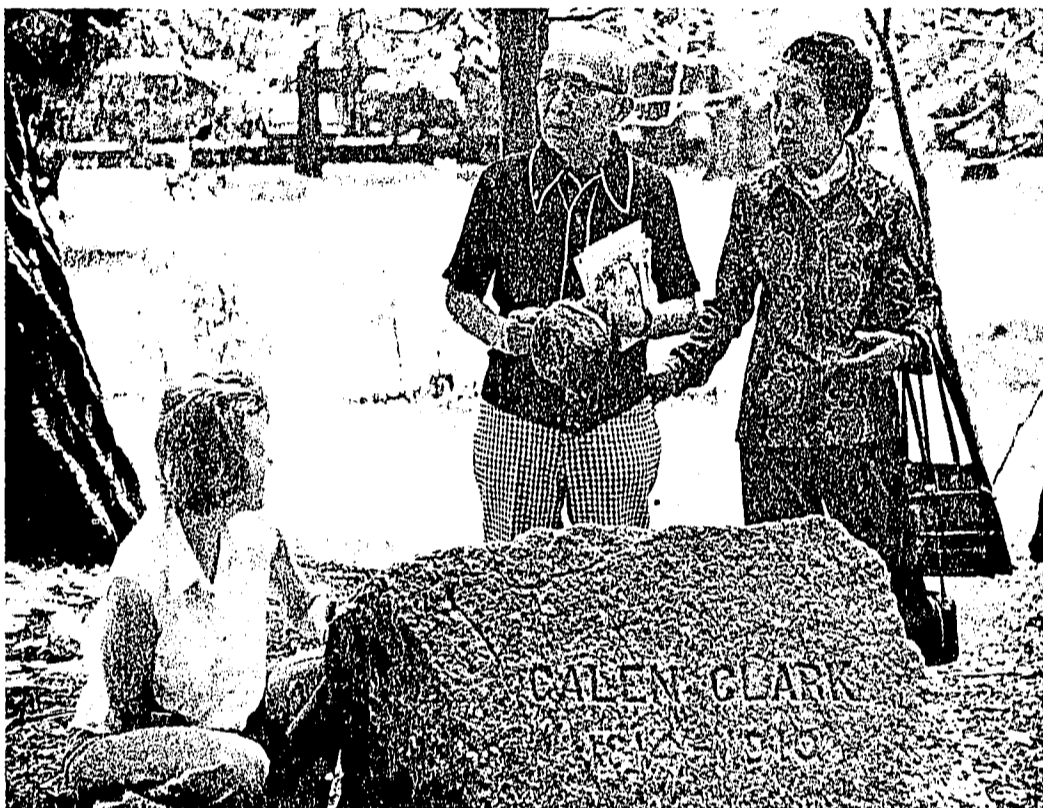
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MOVIE, "Blow-up" ..... Visitor Center — 8:00 p.m.



## PICTURE FROM THE PRESENT



BY Shirley Sargent

"I mountain man, I love Yosemite!" So enthused 86-year-old Ryozo Azuma on his recent visit to Yosemite which he termed a "much loving land....the garden of the God." Mr. Azuma, the John Muir of his native Japan, where he was a founder of Japanese national parks, returned to Yosemite Valley on July 10 to show its beauties to his wife, Tsuyo, as a highlight of their sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration. It was her first trip to Yosemite, but his eighth and most exciting. Their hosts were Maymie and Bill Kimes, John Muir specialists, who live near Mariposa.

Mr. Azuma asked to see the grave of Galen Clark, Yosemite's first guardian, who was a friend of Muir's and meet Shirley Sargent who wrote a biography of Clark. Both wishes were answered in a tour of the Pioneer Cemetery under the guidance of Miss Sargent, the Kimes, Linda McKenzie and Elizabeth Shepard.

In the afternoon, Park Superintendent Les Arnberger, who Azuma delighted in

calling, "My friend, Mr. Hamburger," hosted a reception for the Japanese couple in the Girls' Club. Those who attended were most appreciative of hearing Mr. Azuma recount his 1914 visit with John Muir, a meeting that dramatically changed the then young student's life. After that encounter, Azuma was inspired to devote his life to conserving and interpreting nature as well as writing about America for the Japanese. The twenty-eight national parks in Japan, and the 25 books written by him including one about John Muir, testify to his dedication to Muir's inspiration. Besides his professional work, Mr. Azuma has proved himself to be a veritable mountain goat with 148 ascents of notable peaks such as Mt. Rainier, Shasta, Hood and Long's Peak.

While he no longer climbs mountains, Azuma's youthful spirit, zest for living and enjoyment of Yosemite impressed everyone he met. "It was most interesting and happiest days in our long life," he wrote after the day of sightseeing, "which will be fresh in our minds forever and ever."

### VISITOR CENTER DANCE

On Wednesday, August 6th, the "Valley Boys" will make their first appearance in Yosemite Valley. This four-piece group, out of the Bay Area, specializes in country-rock, blues and good ole rock-n-roll. Let's give these guys a warm "Yosemite Welcome". See you at the Visitor Center at eight, and don't be late!

### MOONDANCE TERRACE & LOUNGE

is the name of the new employees' coffee house operating 5 nights a week at Curry Village. Moondance's specialty is its uniqueness. It is the only place in the Valley where an employee may go and enjoy a cup of freshly ground coffee (Columbian, Mocha, Java, and Mexican), along with freshly baked cookies, cupcakes, pies, and of course the famous rice-crispie things.

Entertainment is provided almost every night by your fellow employees. We have an antique up-right piano, in excellent condition, just waiting for your use. However, you must check with the management first.

Come visit, take your shoes off, and savor Moondance. We're located in back of the Curry Pool and we open every night at 7:00 p.m. (Closed Friday and Saturday).

## LEAGUE STANDING

MEN'S	
General Office	6-1
Mariposa Express	6-1
Tecoya	3-4
Curry	3-3
Lodge	2-4
Maintenance	0-6

WOMEN'S	
Rallier's	5-0
Kalmity Klutz's	2-2
Mountain Mama's	1-4
Vagabonds	0-3

## MOSQUITO FESTIVAL

Watch for it....Plan for it....August 20 is the Lion's Club Annual Mosquito Festival. Tickets are necessary, so see a friendly Lion. There'll be beach music, prizes, steaks, and time for attitude adjustment.

# "The Crow's Nest" Job Opportunities



Nancy Lyons, a former Sales Coordinator for YP&CCo., will be married to Mike Mitchell in September. He is a ballistic missiles physicist from Maryland and Nancy says his chemistry isn't bad either!

Dick Johnson in the Curry Co. Accounting Department says he has received a check from President Ford for Susan Ford's stay last month at Yosemite Lodge. Dick says the check will have to be returned though, it was one of those two party checks from a Nelson A. Rockefeller and the company will not accept two party checks!!

Rose Roscoe is back from an extended vacation to Reno, New York, Ontario and Vancouver. She had a fabulous time in New York, but doesn't dare elaborate. I wouldn't dare elaborate either, it I had a good time in New York. A good day in New York City is when the trash gets picked up!

Curry Village manager (personager), Bill Germany, has a new secretary, Julie Asbury. Julie is a graduate of University of San Francisco with a degree in psychology. Bill are they trying to tell you something?

Lewis Memorial Hospital nurses Kathy Loux and Alis Schmitt are grateful to the person who anonymously donated a water sprinkler to their front lawn, renamed Death Valley by the local beautification committee.

Is it true that Sally Goertzen and Kris Crofut beat Art Geortzen to Yosemite Valley on a recent hike of the Panorama Trail?

**CAMP HELPER (TM)** — All around housekeeping work. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**BUSPERSONS (AHW)** — 21 years, food experience. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**CHECKER/CASHIER (GYF&B)** — Grocery or Cashiering experience. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**SAN-CUSTODIAN EMPLOYEE HOUSING** — Responsible person. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**GATEKEEPERS (YTS)** — Public contact \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**FRONT DESK CLERKS (YL)** — Neat appearance, pleasant manner. Room Clerk experience preferred. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**NIGHT AUDITORS** — Experience on NCR 4200, other adding and posting machines. Neat appearance, courteous manner. \$3.00-\$3.86/hr.

**KEYPUNCH OPERATORS** — 6 months Key punch experience. \$2.85-\$3.72/hr.

**HOUSEMAN (AHW)** — Responsible person, heavy lifting \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**INVENTORY CLERK** — Purchasing Dept. — Excellent typist \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**HOSTESS/CASHIER (AHW)** — Food Service. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**FOOD CHECKER (AHW)** — Some cashiering experience. \$3.00-\$3.86/hr.

**MAIDS (AHW, CV, WAW)** — Quick thorough worker, neat appearance. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**GIFT SHOP CLERK (CV)** — Retail sales experience preferred. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

**WINE STEWARDS (AHW)** — 21 years of age. Some bar or food service experience. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**GARAGE SERVICEPERSON** — Bus washing and cleaning. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**COOK (CV)** — Good, all around cook, must be able to cook soups, sauces, etc. Must have own uniforms and tools. \$4.05-\$5.15/hr.

**POTWASHER (CV)** — Responsible person. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

### AUGUST EVENTS

**AUG. 7 — OPENING NIGHT AT THE THEATER.** This is the premier performance of the Golden Chain Theater Players "The Curse of an Aching Heart" or "Trapped in the Spider's Web." Hissing and booing are the order of the evening.

**Aug. 12 — DAY AT MC CLENDON'S BEACH.** Bring your friends, your children and a picnic lunch. For directions call Donna Mackie at 372-4590.

**Aug. 17 — COMMUNITY CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST AND REGETTA** at Tenaya Lake. Members and non-members alike are invited to meet for an old-fashioned chuckwagon breakfast in the high country. Be sure to bring your boats, yachts, rafts, inner tubes, or anything that floats. Call Gail Thompsen, 372-4518 or Judy Sansum, 372-4875 for details and coordination.

**Aug. 21 — MT. CONNESS BY MOONLIGHT.** This overnight hike during the full moon phase goes to possibly the most dramatic of all the mountains in the high country. Anne Hendrickson will lead the hike. Call her at 372-4250.

## Recycling Fact

Every ton of paper that is recycled saves 17 trees. Only 1/5 of the paper in the United States is recycled. Other countries recycle a larger percentage; e.g. Japan—about 1/2.

## FOR SALE

One pair Hiebornal double mountaineering boots. Size 9. Never been used. \$100. Call Les at 379-2355.

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## Does Anybody Remember Us?



by The Wawona Reporter

Life at Wawona, The Ole' Soldiers home for Curry employees, is not as easy as many think. It can be very difficult trying to find things to do between shifts or after work. One can not imagine what a chore it is to find ways of occupying one's leisure. Yet, we at Wawona do our best in adapting to this slow-paced environment.

We could, for example, play several sets of tennis or go for a couple rounds of golf. But one of our biggest chores is trying to find out where to cool off after all this exercise. The swimming pool? The South fork of the Merced? Or at the employees haven up the river? Decisions, Decisions! And if all else fails, and if we are in a lethargic state, we might possibly kick back and complete the books that we have been putting off for several years.

In all honesty, though, the crew here at Wawona has done a good job at living in this unique setting. We all live together, eat together, and generally spend most of our time around each other. It could possibly be that the high level of compatibility is due to our respect for each other's feelings, opinions, and most importantly, our privacy.

I also find it interesting to see how many different characters and personalities exist under one roof; ranging anywhere from the totally logical to the totally insane, with variations in between. This blend or mixture of the minds is never at a loss to come up with activities for the staff. We had, for example, a very successful 4th of July party by the pool with its traditional games and activities; gunny sack and 3-legged races, potato relays, tug-o-way, and the All-American sport "Let's dump the girls in the pool." Ah the life! And if that wasn't enough, we ended our fun-in-the-sun with a "Happy Birthday America" party later that night. Yet we all need a little something for our soul, so we organized a little good-cheer and brother-

## LAWS OF LIFE

Every day of our life is controlled by many factors over which we have no ability to change. The one time you do something, that is the time you get 'caught'. A few of the many laws of life are listed below, both to warn you and to add a bit of humor to your day. If you have a favorite "law of life", why not send it to the Sentinel Office? We're always glad to publish contributions by members of the Yosemite community.

**WEILER'S LAW:** Nothing is impossible to the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

**MURPHY'S RULE:** If something can go wrong, it will.

**RUDIN'S LAW:** In a crisis involving a choice, most people will make the worst one possible.

**THE LAW OF RASPBERRY JAM:** The wider it is spread, the thinner it gets.

## What's Cooking

When the summer sun gets you down and you don't want to reach for one of those sugar and water pops to refresh you, why not try a yogurt pop?

### YOGURT POPS

1-8 oz. pkg. orange-flavored jello  
 1/4 C. sugar  
 1 C. boiling water  
 1 C. milk  
 1 C. orange yogurt  
 8-5 oz. paper cups

Dissolve gelatin and sugar in boiling water; stir in milk. Chill till partially set. Whip till fluffy; stir in yogurt. Pour into eight 5-oz. paper cups. Place wooden stick or spoon in each. Freeze till firm. Peel off paper to serve. Makes 8 pops. (Other flavors may be substituted)

hood for kids in the way of our Christmas party on July 24th, an annual event if there ever was one. Christmas in the middle of summer, you ask? Sure, why not, we say! It only goes to show that we at Wawona are either 6 months ahead of everyone else, or, six months behind.

But life isn't all fun and games, you know. Our crew is hard working and usually goes out of its way to make Hotel Wawona the success that it is.

More to come!

## Employee

## Housing

## Corner

by Paul Peters

The question that is asked most frequently by employees is "How do I get in a single dormitory room?" To define single eligibility in Yosemite we must cover three points; 1) How many exist. 2) Which employees are eligible. 3) What are the criterion for determining who gets a single room.

First there is a limited supply of single rooms. In the Tecoya area there are 78 single rooms; these are the only true single rooms in the company. There is a limited amount of double occupancy cabins, dorm rooms, and tents that are set aside as singles throughout the Valley. The double occupancy — singles total 24, 14 in the Yosemite Lodge Annex area and 10 in the Curry Village area, totaling approximately 102 single rooms.

The amount of single rooms puts a limit on who can be considered. Your job descriptions will determine eligibility, subsequently the wage grade letter such as "A", "B", "C", "D", and so on will generally be the positions considered first. There have been and will continue to be exceptions made for a long and meritorious service. If you are not aware of your wage grade ask your supervisor or look at your YP&CCo. agreement. Being eligible means that you will be considered for single occupancy using that criterion.

In essence to define it more clearly the following will give you an idea of the factors considered: 1) Job description (what are your responsibilities?). 2) Potential with the company (have you demonstrated an ability to advance with in the company?). 3) Time with the company. 4) Need. The two main considerations are job description and potential with the company, the tie breakers will normally be time with the company and need.

Being eligible doesn't mean that you can move into a single room immediately. There are approximately 150-200 employees that are eligible for 102 rooms. The list that is maintained is for information purposes only. The period of time that an employee's name remains on the Housing List will not normally determine when they are assigned a single dorm room. If you want to get your name on the list, or if you have a specific question regarding housing matters, please come by or call the Housing Office at ext. 451.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

Monday, August 4 — **BLOW-UP**

"Blow-Up" starring David Hemming, Vanessa Redgrave, Sarah Miles. The fact that "Blow-Up" was made nearly a decade ago has nothing to do with the film's greatness, but it does cast a pallor over the defunct Swinging London era of music and mod dress. A masterpiece to some, a cinematic landmark to most. (PG)

Monday, August 11 — **PAPER CHASE**

"Paper Chase" starring Timothy Bottoms, Lindsay Wagner, John Houseman. This is the story of one man's battle against the competitive grind of academia. A first year law student at Harvard, Hart develops a healthy passion for the professor's temperamental daughter (who helps undermine his beliefs). At film's end Hart decides that a Harvard Law degree can only buy things — not happiness. (PG)

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Tuesday — **BEAD CLASS** in the Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Design jewelry, chokers, necklaces from African trading bead, clay beads and shells. All materials available at the class.

Thursday — **GUITAR CLASS** in Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" fame will provide instruction along with a few tunes. All you need to bring is your own guitar.

Daily — **YOGA** in the Employee Rec. Office at 6:00 p.m.

## Softball Scores

### MEN'S SOFTBALL

MONDAY, JULY 14:

Mariposa Express 29 — Tecoya 9  
Errors plagued the Tecoya team as the Mariposa Express easily chalked up their 4th league victory. Tecoya dropped to 3 and 3 in league play. Home runs were hit by Brian Kane of the Express and Tom Olivera of Tecoya. W.P. Bob Howard, 1-0. L.P. Dave Tanner, 3-3.

TUESDAY, JULY 15

Curry Village 17 — General Office 13  
Curry Village upset the league - leading General Office team in one of the most action-packed and exciting games this reporter has seen all year. Kevin Carr, the brilliant Curry shortstop, led his team with 2 triples and a single. Ray Willis homered (thanks to an error) for the losers. W.P. Tom Jabro, 1-0. L.P. Ed Hardy, 0-1.

THURSDAY, JULY 17

Here's a switch: for the first time this season the Lodge fielded a full team only to find that Maintenance had to forfeit due to lack of players. So, Lodge Boys won by forfeit over Maintenance.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MONDAY, AUGUST 4:

Men's Softball, *General Office vs. Maintenance* Elementary School—5:30 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Blow-up" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 5:

Men's Softball, *Curry vs Mariposa Express* Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6:

Women's Softball, *Kalamity Klutz's vs Curry* Elementary School—5:30 p.m.  
DANCE "Valley Boys" ..... Visitor Center — 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7:

Lion's Club Meeting ..... Ahwahnee Indian Room — 12 noon  
Men's Softball, *Tecoya vs Lodge* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Intermediate Photography ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.  
PLAY "Curse of the Aching Heart" ..... Golden Chain Theater, Oakhurst

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8:

Women's Softball, *Vagabonds vs Ralliers* ... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10:

Campfire Singalong ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 11:

Men's Softball, *Lodge vs Curry* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE "Paper Chase" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

Monday, July 21

General Office 24 — Tecoya 11

The General Office bounced back from their loss to Curry Village last week to over-power Tecoya 24-11. The Office exploded for 14 runs in the 1st inning, which was backed by some fine fielding and Tecoya just couldn't close the gap. Pitcher Larry Carlisle showed his "blinding speed" as he turned a "Texas League" single into a triple. Paul Peters homered twice, along with a solo effort by Ken Ashburner, for the winners. James Peggins homered for the losers. W.P. Larry Carlisle 5-1, L.P. Dave Tanner 3-3.

Tuesday, July 22

Curry Village won by forfeit over Maintenance

That's 2 forfeits in a row for the Maintenance gang. What happened to all those enthusiastic ballplayers?

Thursday, July 24

Mariposa Express 28 — Lodge 5

Due to Wawona's Christmas Party, this reporter was unable to attend the game, but rumor has it that John Wallbloom homered twice to help his team, the Mariposa Express, to a 28-5 victory over the struggling Lodge Boys. W.P. Steve Medley 6-1, L.P. Greg Lochemes 2-4.

### WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

JULY 16

Ralliers 18 — Curry 6

The Ralliers remain in number one position with 5 wins and no losses as they tumbled Curry 18-6. Who will upset the Ralliers? Will it be the Kalamity Klutzes in next week's game? W.P. Maggie Kohlberg. L.P. Linda Brown.

Wednesday, July 23

Ralliers 34 — Kalamity Klutz's 12

The 2nd place team, hopeful of upsetting the Rallier's winning streak, couldn't pull it off as they were downed 34-12 in Wednesday nights action-packed thriller. The first 4 innings were neck and neck and when the score became 7-5 with the Klutz's 2 runs behind, the Ralliers looked scared. They began fumbling and over-throwing the ball and as a result they errored 3 times in one play allowing Lucy Furr as unearned home run closing the gap to 7-6. However, the Ralliers pulled themselves together and in the remaining innings earned 27 runs to put them 3 games ahead of the 2nd place team and insure themselves of the championship in the league.

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## New Hotel Director Named



Steven Lew joined Yosemite Park and Curry Co. August 4 as Hotel Division Director. In his new post he will assume overall responsibility for all Hotel and Food Service facilities, reporting directly to Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Lew is 34 years of age, a graduate of Oklahoma State University and comes to the Company from the Mariner Corporation in Houston, Texas where he was Vice President of Operations with responsibility for over 1700 rooms.

He has also been associated with Colony Inns in Atlanta, Georgia and Holiday Inns, Inc. in Memphis, Tenn.

Steve Lew's extensive background in both the lodging and food and beverage aspects of the hospitality industry are a fine addition to Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and I know all of you join with the Sentinel in welcoming Steve Lew, his wife, Marci and their daughter to Yosemite.

## THINK SNOW

"Think Snow!" As long as there's any of the cold, white commodity around, Yosemite Winter Club members do exactly that! In fact even when most of the snow below 13,000 feet has melted, club members are still remembering the good times of last winter.

In June the Winter Club held the final event of the 1974-75 ski season. In conjunction with Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the YWC hosted FIS delegates from around the globe. Following the world congress in San Francisco, a number of FIS delegates visited Yosemite. During their visit, they were entertained at a cocktail party in the Ahwahnee Solarium. We were entertained attempting our languishing foreign languages. (Help! Hilfe! Secours!)

The last party on the ski slopes was April 13. It featured a snow bar built by Rudy Staufer, Chris Rees, and Jack Saulsbury and decorated with fresh flowers by club secretary-treasurer Jo Ann Rees. A steak dinner in the Snowflake Room completed "Clean-Out-Your-Locker-Day" at Badger Pass. Among those who helped in various ways on this affair were Kathy Wrahtz, Len Singer, Ed Hardy, Gordon Lienhard, Anne Hendrickson, Dick Fries, and chefs Ken Ashburner and Wally LeBourdais.

The past season, which began with a barbeque in the Ahwahnee Meadow in early September, saw a variety of Winter Club activities. At that first event, funds were raised for support of the local junior race team, coached admirably by LeRoy Rust.

As the ski season approached in late November, Winter Club members gathered for dinner at The Ahwahnee, and in December the picturesque El Dorado Diggins was the location of a fondue party. (Fondue prepared by Rudy and Luce Stauffer is a Winter Club claim to fame!)

Chuck Woessner and helpers built a snow bar at the top of Eagle Chair Lift on January first to help club members celebrate the new year with refreshments on the hill. Later in January, "Meet Your Ski Instructor" was the reason for yet another party before the ski buffet.

Plans for a family "Hans Brinker Night" at the Curry Village Ice Rink had to be scrapped when the weather was uncooperative; but conditions and spirits could not have been better when on March 8 the Club sponsored the Second Annual Ancient Jock's Race and Party. This event, covered in an earlier issue of the Sentinel, is a real highlight of winter in Yosemite.

Throughout the race season, Doug Coe and his crew of volunteer officials ran junior ski races at Badger Pass in a smooth and professional manner.

So, from September through June there were pleasurable activities planned and implemented for Winter Club members. As President Don Rees reluctantly proclaimed the end of the 1974-75 season, he thanked all those who worked to make the Yosemite Winter Club such a strong organization of five hundred members, the largest enrollment since 1934. See you in October!

## WOMEN'S CLUB FLOAT TRIP

On Saturday, July 26th the Yosemite Women's Club sponsored a River float trip departing from Stoneman Meadow and finishing at Cathedral Beach. After several mishaps and misadventures, including one of the members arriving at the wrong beach and another member getting lost, everyone arrived to participate at a barbeque presided over by Bob Reece. A special thanks to Bob Eastman, the only male participant, who rode herd on the 10 children during the trip, and also to the various people who helped with the barbeque.

# SCOUTING

by Anne Hendrickson

Local adults find that working with Cub Scouts really keeps them hopping! The Cubs themselves, perhaps merely by the fact they are boys aged eight through ten, are full of life. Add an active and varied Cubbing program, and you'll know why the volunteer leaders sometimes have a weary look!

Once a week the eight and nine-year-olds meet in a small group, or den, with a mother who is their den leader. She guides them in activities and fun, much of which is geared toward fulfillment of the achievements and electives of the prescribed Cub Scout program. Den mothers in Yosemite and El Portal are Anne Hendrickson and Jan Haag.

The ten-year-olds fall into another group. Called "Webelos", they pursue a program planned to prepare them for their entry into regular Boy Scouts when they become eleven. They do more independent work than do the younger boys, and they have a male leader. Bob Ringrose, with a little help from Inky, and Howard Woods are local Webelos leaders.

Once a month the whole family gets into the act as all the dens, plus parents and siblings, come together for a pack meeting under the leadership of Arvin Abbott, Cub Master. Arvin gets help in his job as head man from Ray Wilson, Assistant Cub Master.

Each pack meeting has a different theme. Some especially memorable evenings have seen a magic show worthy of Mandrake, a Great International Paper Airplane Contest, and a bicycle inspection and clinic. Picture, if you can, twenty-four knife-wielding youngsters all carving pumpkins at the same time for a Jack-o-Lantern contest (seeds all over the floor!) Or two dozen little boys decorating cakes for judging and sale (frosting all over their faces!) At a film festival, two original movies made by the boys were premiered. "Westward Ho Ho" was



Assistant Cub Master Ray Wilson and Webelos Leader Bob Ringrose make a last-minute check of miniature race cars in the popular Pine Wood Derby, an annual Cub Scout activity.

a comedy western complete with horses and scenes at an old mine, while "The Mad Scientist" had its ghoulish moments.

For Genius Night the boys displayed the results of a month of construction from identical scrap materials. Give a boy a few nails, a sponge, some cords, wire, spools, wood, and "junk", and you'll be surprised what he'll come up with!

An annual favorite is the Pine Wood Derby, when the fathers become as involved in building and racing miniature cars as do the boys. Also an annual affair is the solemn Blue and Gold Banquet, Cub Scouting's birthday party and awards evening. This year Dan Slusser, as guest speaker, addressed the boys and their families on Citizenship.

Besides den meetings and pack meetings, there are occasional field-trips and outings. Last fall the group hiked to the old Tioga Mine. Before Christmas they collected toys for distribution to needy children in Fresno. The toys were delivered on a pack outing, which included a tour of a firehouse, lunch at Farrell's Old Fashioned Ice Cream Parlour, and attendance at a play as guests of the Yosemite Women's Group.

The Yosemite Lions Club provides local sponsorship and financial aid.

Cub Scouting is indeed a busy, active program for equally busy, active boys. So if you catch any of the adult leaders yawning, you'll know the yawn is from fatigue — not boredom!



Part of the Cub Master's job turns out to be dishing up ice cream on an outing. Here Arvin Abbott does the honors for Jay Sansum.



A history lesson was combined with some hiking last fall when the Cub Scouts visited the Old Tioga Mine at Bennettville.

## What's Cooking

Since it's summer, most of us don't feel much like cooking. We'd much rather just sit in the sun and sip something cool. Here's something to try on those rare days.

### SNOW PUNCH

- 6 ripe bananas
- 1 C. lemon juice
- 2 C. light cream
- 1 C. sugar
- 6 7-ounce bottles lemon-lime soda (about 6 C.)
- 1 pint lemon sherbet
- 1/3 C. flaked coconut

Peel bananas; slice into blender container. Add lemon juice. Cover and blend till bananas are pureed (about 3 cups). Combine with cream and sugar; chill. Just before serving, add carbonated beverage, stirring gently to blend. Serve in tall glasses. Top with spoonfuls of sherbet; sprinkle with coconut. Makes about 6 glasses.

## Recycling Fact

In 1974, 40,500 cubic yards (2,500 tons) of solid waste were taken out of the Park to the Mariposa County landfill. To minimize the pollution landfill produces, please recycle all your glass and cans.

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**VILLAGE STORE APPAREL CLERK** — Retail experience preferred. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

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**BATH HOUSE ATTENDANT (TM)** — Able to handle cash and deal with the public. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**YOSEMITE LODGE ROOM CLERK** — Able to deal with the public. Responsible, well-groomed, pleasant manner. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**COCKTAIL WAITRESS** — Experienced only, 21 years of age. Neat appearance, well-mannered. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

## Animal of the Week



The Sierra Flying Squirrel is relatively common in the main coniferous belt of the Sierras, and a considerable population live right in Yosemite Valley. However, since they usually come forth only under the cover of darkness and move about very quietly, few people know they even exist.

In size, the Flying Squirrel is  $\frac{2}{3}$  the size of a ground squirrel. Its coat is dense, soft and silky in texture and generally a leaden gray above and dull white on the underside with a flat, thick, dark grey tail that resembles a large single tail feather of a bird. The heavy furring serves to keep this animal warm during the cool Sierra nights and also makes his passage through the air near silent, a necessary precaution where owls are abundant. The head and eyes are larger and somewhat out of proportion with the rest of the body. It's believed the eyes are larger to enable better night vision.

Probably the most adept of squirrels at traveling through the branches from tree to tree, it has the added ability to volplane, or glide, across openings between trees where the branches are not close enough to be spanned by a single jump. These glides are as near to flying as the squirrel ever achieves. It leaps from a height, extends the web of fur that connects wrist and ankles, straightens out the tail and glides downward sometimes covering as much as 150 feet in a single glide and usually landing near the base of the tree.

The young are produced during the summer season and usually one brood of from 2 to 4 is reared each season. The squirrels, no matter how young, all have obvious "flight membranes".

Sightings of the Sierra Flying Squirrel are not common because of their nocturnal habits. It sleeps during the daylight hours curled up, with its tail over its face, in an old woodpecker hole or rotten snag. The most recent observation on record was made by Jim Warner in June of 1974 in the government housing area, and another unrecorded sighting was made in October of the same year in the Yosemite Lodge area.

## Hike the Panorama Trail

*Penny Otwell*

One of the joys of living in Yosemite is being so close to so many of the Sierra's finest trailheads. One of the most rewarding, and really close to the Valley, is the Panorama Trail, which has expansive views of the high country, the Valley, and four waterfalls.

Get a ride to Glacier Point and start this 7.9 mile hike just east of the gift/snack shop. Enjoy the high country view as you descend the Illilouette Ridge through the Bush Chinquapin lining the trail. The Illilouette Fall is still rushing this time of year, and you'll see the white-throated swift and the violet-green swallows swooping above and around the rainbows. You then climb from the fall about 1,000 feet to the rewarding views of the Panorama Cliff. Upper and lower Yosemite Falls can be seen from here. The sound of the Mountain Chickadee keeps you company.

Dropping down to Nevada Falls through the Red Fir and Jeffrey Pine forests, you see a colorful array of wildflowers. The Single-stemmed Groundsel abounds from the start of the hike, and this time of year you can also see some Monkey-flowers, Pussy-paws, Pennyroyal, and a few remaining Snowplants.

There are view-stops along the trail at the top and bottom of both Nevada and Vernal Falls as you descend the steep steps along the Mist Trail.

The spray from Vernal Falls is perfectly timed, as you are hot from your hike, and it cools you as you take the final steps towards Happy Isles Trail Center. You will have just seen some of Yosemite's finest falls and overlooks, and feel more a part of this beautiful Park by entering its unique backcountry.

## Executive Baseball

*by Linda Plant*

What goes with summer more than baseball (along with hard work for all of us)? Now is the time to come out and root for the team of your choice when the National Park Service "Executives" play the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. "Executives." The place is the baseball diamond behind the Elementary School in the Valley and the date and time is Sunday, August 17th at 1:30 p.m. From the rosters of both teams it looks like we will see a battle royal. It should be a good time for all so bring the whole gang and do some yelling for your boss. The activity is sponsored by the Yosemite Outreach Program.



# Yosemite Recreation

## SPECIAL CLASSES

Daily — YOGA in Employee Recreation Office at 6 p.m. Enjoy mental and physical relaxation by learning the art of meditation.

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Design your own choker or necklace of African trading beads, clay beads or shells. Tie it all together with some simple knots, or decorate it with a few macrame knots. Everything you'll need is provided at the class.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" will provide professional instruction. Everyone's invited, but be sure to bring a guitar.

## MOVIE PROGRAM

Monday, August 11, PAPER CHASE, starring Timothy Bottoms, Lindsay Wagner, John Houseman. This is the story of one man's battle against the competitive grind of academia. A first year law student at Harvard, Hart develops a healthy passion for the professor's temperamental daughter (who helps undermine his beliefs). At film's end Hart decides that a Harvard Law degree can only buy things — not happiness (PG)

Monday, August 18, CANDY, starring Eva Aulen, Marlon Brando, James Coburn, Richard Burton, Walter Matthau. In her journey to find her half-maimed father, Candy encounters a gallery of lecherous men. Add this to an egotistical uncle and Candy finds herself in a ridiculous quest verging on the absurd and surreal. (R)

## CURRY "T.G."

"T.G." is short for "Thank God It's Friday", and Curry Village celebrates every Friday with a pool party for all valley employees. There is music, refreshments, and lots of good "clean" fun. That is every Friday from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Curry Village pool.

## MOSQUITO FESTIVAL

Watch for it....Plan for it....August 20 is the Lion's Club Annual Mosquito Festival. Tickets are necessary, so see a friendly Lion. There'll be beach music, prizes, steaks, and time for attitude adjustment.

# Beside The Merced River

by Lillian Hertzell

Time is the river flowing, relentlessly onward; each particle on an endless journey. At times, the river appears to flow slowly and silently, in other places hurrying over rapids audible with the sound of its passage. Far beyond, on the silent riffles, the sun creates a dance of sparkles, and these, flashing forth their light, send out their own music; a memory of what was or is to be, for the water once flowing past cannot return within this cycle.

Tell my friends in your far meadows that I have returned, and when the spring-time is full with flowering I shall come to see them again, I once said to Illilouette.

I would tell them, she replied, but this I cannot do, for I cannot return back along my course; always I must flow onward, ever onward. But they in my meadows, even those beneath the whiteness of this winter's snow have heard within of your message, and when the days of spring have come upon them they shall clothe themselves with even greater care than usual for you, for they are proud of what they are and wait eagerly to display themselves to your understanding; for your understanding is as a gift to them, and so they return their own gift measure for measure for you.

Time is the river flowing, relentlessly onward; each particle on an endless journey within its cycle. And when the cycle is complete and a particle returns from it's long journey through space; this portion of place past which it now flows will have altered, and even if I too am here once more in this place beside the

# INSPIRATION POINTS

BY Stuart Warren

Sierra runoff,  
crystalline truth,  
spits forth through crevices like rapier  
thrusts,  
leaving its mark for the summer day of  
eternity,  
Once a flowing cascade,  
Now your droplets are like a single ray  
through  
the trees,  
Slow and spare in contrast to days gone  
by,  
but leaving no doubt that we will again  
bathe in your abundance.

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I have learned to be like a mountain  
standing still.  
Moving  
Wind always blows and snow settles in  
those hard times  
but spring always shows up  
and there really isn't much difference  
just all that gentle flowing of life  
rivers down my sides.

river, having counted the many snows of winter, then so will I also have changed in this cycle of time. And so time is not a circle as some would have or a straight line traveling into the beyond, but perhaps a spiral. For time, like the particles of the river returns, but returns altered, and in returning, passes by this place which has also been altered by the elements working upon it through all the long years.

Time is the river flowing relentlessly onward; changed yet unchanging within its endless cycles; within its endless spirals.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 8:

Women's Softball, *Vagabonds vs Ralliers* ... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Pool Party ..... Curry Village Pool — 7:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 11:

MOVIE, "Paper Chase" ..... Visitor Center — 8:00 p.m.  
Softball, *Lodge vs Curry* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 12:

Softball, *Mariposa Express vs General Office* Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7:00 p.m.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 14:

Softball, *Maintenance vs Tecoya* ..... Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.  
Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7:00 p.m.  
Intermediate Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15:

Pool Party ..... Curry Village Pool — 7:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17:

Campfire Singalong ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 18:

MOVIE, "Candy" ..... Visitor Center — 8:00 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

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## LINK WITH THE PAST

by Shirley Sargent

Marjorie Curry Williams, 80, the last of Jennie and David Curry's three children, died in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she had lived with her husband since 1936, on July 10. Survivors included her husband, Bob Williams, son Bob, Jr., daughter, Marjorie Williams Wood who is a member of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Board of Directors, and eight grandchildren. Her only brother, Foster Curry, died in 1932 and her older sister, Mary Curry Tresidder, in 1970.

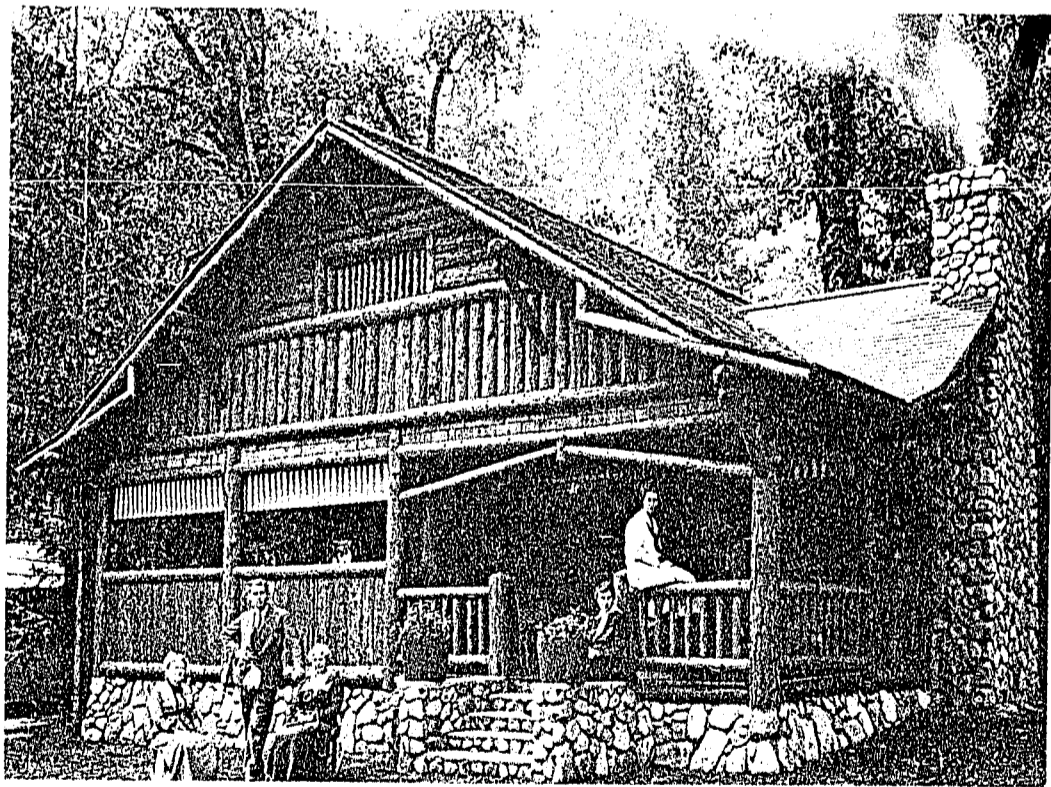
Although she was born in Ogden, Utah, on April 11, 1895, and spent much of her youth in Redwood City and Palo Alto, Marjorie Curry was a vital spark at Camp Curry, from its inception in 1899 until 1927. Pretty, vivacious and daring, she was a great favorite with employees and guests who applauded her feats as an equestrian riding 20 miles a day, a fisher-

woman (once she caught 49 trout in two hours at Tuolumne Meadows), and a stagecoach driver.

At the age of five, her grandmother Curry, a "strict disciplinarian", Marjorie recalled in 1972, "set me to peeling apples much against Mother's wishes, until I cut my thumb." That terminated her first job at Camp Curry! As teenagers, she and Mary worked as waitresses and, "were terribly disappointed because we were seldom tipped." In 1914 Marjorie became the camp's first hostess. At that time the camp boasted 254 guest tents, 46 employee tents, and a new swimming "tank". After her father's death in 1917, Marjorie assisted her mother, sister, and brother in running the camp. She attended Stanford and Columbia Universities before marrying Lt. Robert T.

Williams of Quincy, Illinois. After World War I ended, both she and her husband worked at Camp Curry, she as hostess and he as assistant manager. They and their two children lived with Mother Curry in her bungalow, which is still standing. Among entertainment features provided by the camp was a bowling alley where Marjorie bowled twenty games a day and earned the Yosemite Women's Champion title. Additionally, she became a skilled bridge player.

The Williams family left Yosemite in 1927 and settled in Honolulu in 1936, but they visited often and retained strong ties with the Park and YP&CCo. Until a stroke felled her, Marjorie was active, traveled widely and took a keen interest in Yosemite affairs. Her favorite place was Camp Curry; her favorite things were a horse, a fishing rod and the Firefall which her father had made a nightly spectacle.



In 1918, after eighteen seasons of living in a tent, Mother Curry posed with her family outside her new home at Camp Curry. Left to right, Grace Jilson, a popular entertainer, Foster, Jennie, Marjorie and Mary Curry. Later Marjorie planted ferns and flowers around the bungalow and rooms were added to it to accommodate her, her husband and children.

### Badger Pass Job Opportunities

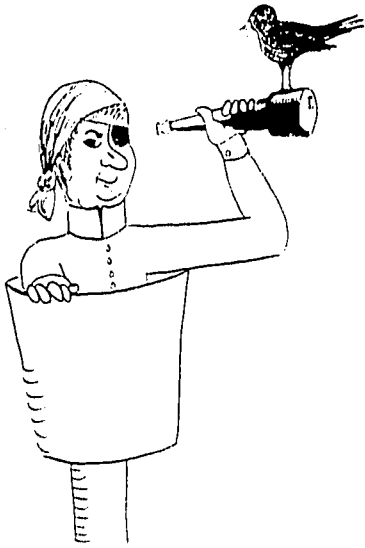
Although the temperature is in the nineties now, it won't be long until the snow flies. The Personnel Office is now beginning to fill positions at Badger Pass for this coming winter season.

Positions at Badger Pass are numerous and include such areas as ski lift operations, slope maintenance, ski rental shop operations, food service, and office and clerical functions.

The Badger Pass season spans from approximately mid-November to mid-April.

Interested persons should contact Mrs. Cromer, Employment Manager, in the Personnel Office for further details.

## "The Crow's Nest"



How about this heat? Even the mosquitos can't stand it.

Can you believe a football game on TV already? Can Fall be far off? Watch the Crow's Nest in the coming months for football forecasts and other weather information. Some sure bets in the weeks ahead! Two teams will compete in the World Series, one team will win the series. The Rose Parade will be held in Pasadena. Two brothers will invent the airplane and it will fly Wright! Hockey is a game played on ice. Labor Day comes after Memorial Day and our pick of the week — When it snows, summer is over!

And speaking of snow, have you got your skis out yet?

Someone in the YP&CCo. accounting office managed to lose a company car!!! That's right, a lost car or "A funny thing happened on the way to the Post Office this morning."

In a recent letter to the Curry Co. Public Relations office a guest complained that her trip to Yosemite was ruined by mosquitos. The letter read in part "...my husband and I were on our honeymoon and returned to our room at 11 p.m. because there isn't anything to do in Yosemite after 11 o'clock. On entering our room, we were attacked so there wasn't really anything we could do in our room either. Needless to say our honeymoon was ruined. What suggestions can you offer?" The reply thanked the women for taking the time to write and informed her that spraying to eliminate mosquitos was against NPS policy. As for suggestions — "come to the park in winter and next summer on your first anniversary go somewhere that doesn't have any mosquitos. Apparently mosquitos have never heard the old adage, "Don't bite the hand that feeds you".

## The Good Old Days



John Baptist Lembert, the first white man to homestead in Tuolumne Meadows in 1882, occupied himself at his Soda Springs summer quarters raising angora goats and collecting plant and insect specimens from surrounding meadows for museums all over the country.

A striking figure of a man, Lembert was described by one visitor to his high country dwelling as having a head "that looked more like the head of an ox than that of a human being. A heavy shock of grey matted hair covered his shoulders and a beard of equal size and texture covered his chest. He was about six feet, four inches tall, giving him the appearance of an unkempt patriarch of old."

Though he was originally from New York his life prior to arriving in Yosemite is mostly unknown. He was obviously not well-educated but showed a fine command of the English language and was well versed in Latin.

Despite his lack of formal education, Lembert was a fair all-round naturalist, though entomology was to become his specialty. This great interest in Lembert's life was introduced to him by the members of a government scientific expedition that had camped for a time on his homestead. Little collecting had previously been done in the Sierras where there were many plants and insects new to science. Since the expedition could only remain in this area a short time, they instructed John in the art of collecting and left with him addresses where he might send specimens he collected. Collecting became a great source of enjoyment for him and provided him with some small income. Though he felt handicapped by his lack of basic knowledge, he was eager to learn and greatly relished science books that passersby would leave him. Butterflies were among his favorite specimens and several species that he discovered in and around the local meadows bear his name.

John Lembert was very fond of the Soda Springs and, realizing their importance, constructed a small 8' x 10' cabin around them. There is some question as to whether he actually lived in this cabin or whether he had constructed another of about the same dimensions to reside in a few feet in front of and a little toward the Soda Springs from the present Parsons Memorial Lodge. The remains of the former are still apparent around the Springs, while no sign of the latter exists today.

Visitors to his cabin on a warm summer evening were treated to fanciful legends that he entertained himself with. In his dreams he was the king and ruler of Tuolumne Meadows and a young woman from Yosemite, that in real life he had vainly courted, he fancied as his queen. However, she fell into disfavor and he turned her into the hen-shaped tree growing on Lembert Dome which could be seen from his cabin. Lembert imagined this shape because he envisioned himself to be a hen-pecked husband. He also collected water-worn stones a little larger, but similar in shape to hen's eggs which, he claimed, were laid by his wife after she turned into a hen.

To John, Lembert Dome represented his life and development. By invoking a bit of imagination, when viewing the face of the Dome from the site of the cabin, the features of a young man can be seen. Moving easterly, and somewhat to the south, the visage of a middle-aged man appears, and while looking at the dome from directly across the river, it has the appearance of an elderly man with a long flowing beard sweeping out toward Soda Springs from the base.

Winter's severity caused John Lembert to leave his Soda Springs summer residence each year and move to a cabin in the Merced Canyon below El Portal. It was in this cabin that John Lembert was murdered in 1896 at the age of 56. It is believed that robbery was the motive since he often kept sizable quantities of money with him in the cabin.

After Lembert's death, the Soda Springs homestead was purchased from the state by James McCauley, former hotel proprietor at Glacier Point, who built a log cabin a little west of Parson's Memorial Lodge. With money contributed by its members, the Sierra Club purchased the property from McCauley's heirs. This land and its buildings were turned over to the National Park Service in 1973, and stands as a memorial to this most colorful pioneer.

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**RESERVATIONS CLERK** — Must be a typist, neat appearance, courteous manner. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

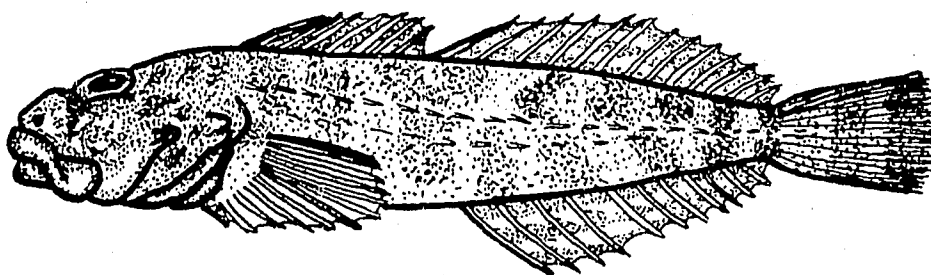
**RECYCLING ATTENDANT** — Work with our Environmental Specialist. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**FOOD ATTENDANT (GLACIER POINT)** — Cash register experience required, able to deal with the public. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**SAN CUSTODIAN (HOUSEKEEPING CAMP)** — Responsible person, heavy lifting. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**LAUNDROMAT ATTENDANTS (HOUSEKEEPING)** — Responsible person. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**STABLE PERSONS** — Stable experience necessary. Saddle and work with horses, etc. \$20.00-\$26.75 per day, no set hours.



Most sculpins live in the ocean. However, a few members of this large family are found in fresh water. The Riffle Sculpin, or "muddler", is the only variety found in Yosemite.

The fish is odd in appearance because of its large, much depressed head, its small eyes which are placed high on top of the head, and its enlarged pectoral fins. The sculpin is able to maintain itself among the loose rocks in the gravel of swift riffles (small sections of waves in shallow stream beds).

It is a small scaleless fish which is rather dark and usually mottled in coloration.

The average length of the Riffle Sculpin is between 3 and 7 inches.

The few records of sightings indicate that this sculpin is uncommon within the Park. The first recorded specimen was taken from the Merced River above Arch Rock immediately after the December 1937 flood. A few others were taken in 1938 near Incline and at Steamboat Bay, and in 1948 and 1951 from the west boundary of the Park.

The most recent sighting of this fish was on July 22 of this year when local fisherman, Roy Seal, caught one in El Portal near the new sewage treatment plant.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

**COMMUNITY CHUCKWAGON BREAKFAST AND REGETTA** everyone's invited to meet for an old fashioned chuckwagon breakfast at Tenaya Lake on Sunday, August 17. Be sure to bring your boats, yachts, rafts, inner tubes, or anything that floats. Call Gail Thompsen, 372-4518 or Judy Sansum, 372-4875 for details and coordination.

**HIKE TO MT. CONNESS** Participants will hike from Tuolumne Meadows to Young Lakes on Thursday, August 21. The distance will be about 7.5 miles, and the elevation change is from 8600' to 9900'. The trail starts in lodgepole and red firs and climbs through a boulder-strewn meadow (hopefully with wildflowers) to an area of whitebark pine and three pleasant lakes.

Fishing, swimming, dinner and overnight (full moon!) at this lovely spot at the foot of Mt. Conness.

On Friday the final ascent to the summit is planned for the cool, early morning hours. No packs. (Anyone wishing to skip the climb can sleep in and spend the morning in camp.)

Return to Tuolumne Meadows Friday afternoon.

If you think you are interested in coming along, please contact Anne Hendrickson 372-4250 or Donna Mackie 372-4590 as soon as possible. More details will be forthcoming when we know how many people will be participating.

## 27th Annual Mosquito Festival

The 27th Annual Mosquito Festival complete with live music and steaks is taking place Wednesday, August 20 at Sentinel Beach. Tickets for this event are only \$6.00 per person, drinks will be 50¢ each. The fun begins at 6 p.m. but you must obtain a ticket from one of the friendly local Lions before August 18 to partake.

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## MOVIES

August 18 — "CANDY" starring Ewa Aulin, Marlon Brando, Richard Burton, Walter Matthau, and Ringo Starr. In her journey to find her father, Candy encounters a gallery of "lecherous" men. It is a ridiculous quest verging on the absurd and surreal. (R)

August 25 — "JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL" starring J. L. Seagull with the voices of James Franciscus, Hal Holbrook, and Juliet Mills. Eye-popping aerial photography along with J. L.'s "discoveries" make this movie well worth watching. Sound-track by Neil Diamond.

## SPECIAL CLASSES

Nightly — YOGA in the Employee Recreation Office 6:00 p.m. Our new instructor, Bob, is well-versed in this art, and will be glad to show you the specifics of relaxing while exercising.

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Design your own choker or necklace of African trading beads, clay beads, or shells. Tie it all together with some simple knots, or decorate it with a few macrame knots. Everything you'll need is provided at the class.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Recreation Office from 7 to 9 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" will provide professional instruction. Everyone is invited, but be sure to bring a guitar.

## Softball Scores

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 5:

Mariposa Express 22 — Curry Village 14  
The co-leaders of our summer softball league and defending champions continued to roll as they over-powered a hopeful Curry Village team. Curry rallied for 5 big runs in the bottom of the 7th but still fell 8 runs short. W.P. John Wallblom 2-0, L.P. Tom Jabro 2-1.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 7:

Tecoya 20 — Lodge Boys 19  
Tecoya squeaked-out their 4th victory of the season by 1 run in a very close and action-packed game with the Lodge team. The lead see-sawed back and forth throughout the game with Tecoya coming out the victor. The Lodge Boys had a big rally in the bottom of the 7th only to fall one run short with the winning runs on base. W.P. Dave Tanner 4-4, L.P. Greg Lochemes 2-6.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6:

Kalamity Klutz's 24—Mountain Mama's 2  
In their final game of the season, the Mountain Mama's were no match for the Klutz's who are still out to prove their superiority over the undefeated Ralliers. After a 5-2 score in the 2nd inning, the Klutz's pulled their defense together and held the Mama's allowing no runs to score. W.P. "Inky" Ringrose, L.P. Linda Brown.

## MEN'S

General Office	8-1
Mariposa Express	8-1
Curry Village	5-4
Tecoya	4-5
Lodge	2-7
Maintenance	0-9

## WOMEN'S

Ralliers	5-0
Kalamity Klutz's	4-2
Mountain Mama's	2-4
Vagabonds	0-5

Summer is nearly over and it is about time you had a chance to come and do some yelling for your boss. Or vent some other emotions. The occasion? A baseball game between the YP&CCo. on August 17th (Sunday) at 5 p.m. at the valley diamond. The activity is sponsored by Yosemite Outreach and refreshments will be sold. From the look of the rosters, the game has amazing potential! Rumor has it that recruitment scouts from the Mariposa Express, General Offices and Kalamity Klutzes will be there with a sharp eye out for next year's teams.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 15:

Yoga	Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.
Pool Party	Curry Village Pool — 7 p.m.
Women's Club Chuckwagon Breakfast	Tenaya Lake

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 17:

Campfire Singalong	Village Mall — 8 p.m.
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### MONDAY, AUGUST 18:

Softball, Men's All Star	Elementary School — 5:30 p.m.
Yoga	Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.
Beginning Photography Workshop	Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.
El Portal Community Assoc.	Community Bldg. — 7:30 p.m.
MOVIE "Candy"	Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 19:

Yoga	Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.
Fire Meeting	Fire House — 7 p.m.
Bead Class	Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20:

Yoga	Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.
Lion's Club Mosquito Festival	Sentinel Beach — 6 p.m.
Volleyball	Camp #6 Court — 7:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 21:

Yoga	Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.
Mt. Conness Overnite	
Guitar Class	Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.
Intermediate Photography Workshop	Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22:

Yoga	Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.
Pool Party	Curry Village Pool — 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24:

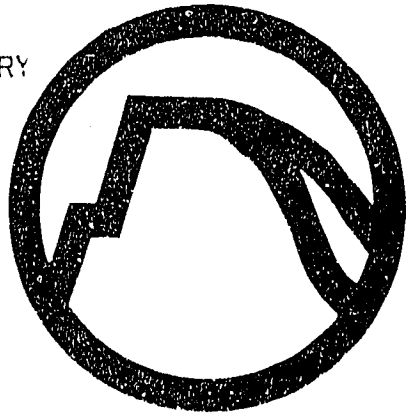
Campfire Singalong	Village Mall — 8 p.m.
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### MONDAY, AUGUST 25:

Yoga	Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.
Beginning Photography Workshop	Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.
MOVIE "Jonathan Livingston Seagull"	Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



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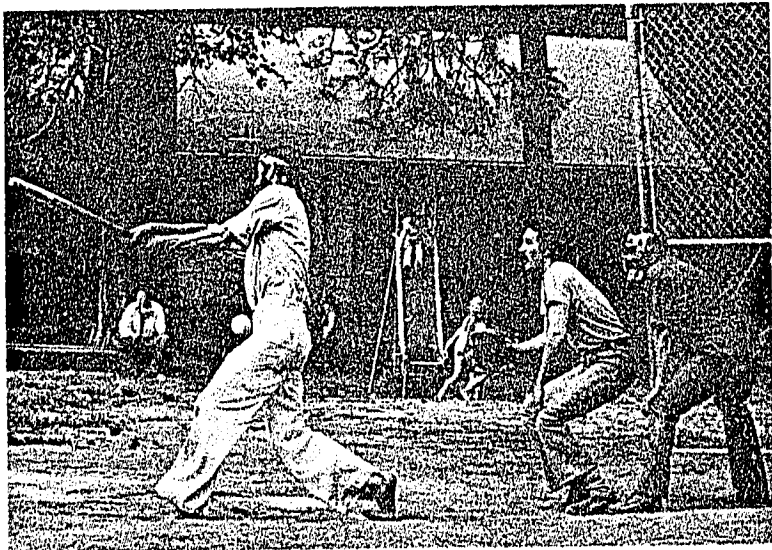
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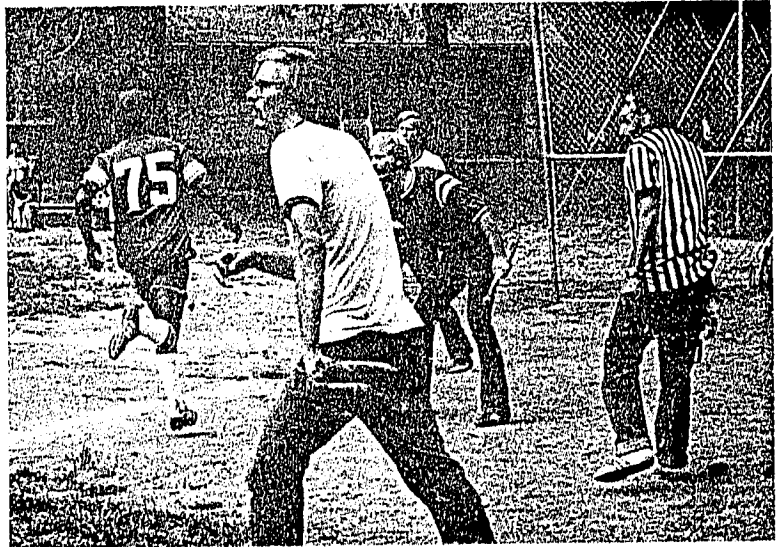
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## THE BIG GAME

by Steve Medley



A fast one gets by NPS batter Joe Evans. Mark Meiggs catching.



Raymone Willis comes across home plate cheered on by Paul Peters. Steve Medley, NPS in foreground.

The mood was festive, and the scene colorful at the world's most scenic baseball field last Tuesday night. Yosemite's two strongest softball teams (sporting identical 8-1 records) were preparing to do battle for the Curry Recreation League championship. Moments later, the Curry General Office team and the Mariposa Express took to the Yosemite Elementary School diamond before a demonstrative assemblage of fans that was perhaps the largest gathering of people in Yosemite Valley since the riot of 1970. In the seven innings that ensued, the dominance of the Mariposa Express was to evidence once again. For the second straight season, the Express convincingly took the league crown, this time with a 23-11 victory over General Offices.

Going into the contest, the psychological edge had to be with the Officemen. Not only had they defeated their opponents 9-7 in an earlier encounter this season, they came clothed in crisp, new, red and white uniform jerseys (each bearing a personalized name inscription). In addition, strong hitting Express team captain, Bob Howard, was out with a serious knee injury. In an effort to counter this seeming advantage, a Mariposa Express cheerleading corps (replete with letter sweaters and pom-poms)

adorned the sideline, and the Expressmen drank freely from a seemingly inexhaustible supply of beer.

The teams were soon reduced to dependence on their baseball skills, however, as umpire Derry Kirschman threw out the first ball. As visitors, the General Office players batted first and were held scoreless. But the Mariposa Express rose up for three in their half of the inning, as nervous errors plagued the defense and paved the way. The Curry team was blanked again in the second, and the Expressmen exploded for nine big runs in their turn at bat. Twelve hitters came to the plate as Joe Evans, 4 for 5 on the evening, sparked the rally with a bases-loaded home run to right center.

The General Office team finally got to starting (and eventual winning) pitcher Johnny Wallbloom in the third. Booming drives by Paul Peters and Ray Willis were key hits as five runners crossed home plate. The relentless Mariposans (who scored in every inning) responded with another run, and after shutting out their opponents once again in the fourth, put together a string of hits, this time good for seven more markers. With the score 20-5, the game seemed to be just about decided.

Adding a pair of tallies in their half of the fifth inning, General Offices fought to

stay in the game. The Express got back a single run in their turn as Dennis Waheed scored from third on an infield ground ball in the highlight play of the game — a spectacular sliding collision with stalwart catcher Ed Hardy. Inning six yielded nothing for Curry, but it saw Expressman Tim Schafer cap a brilliant evening at the plate with a two run homer to rightfield. Schafer haunted the rightfielder all night with his searing blasts that included a ground rule triple into the propane enclosure.

A final inning comeback try by the General Office team was ill-fated. The Curry bats spoke for four more markers, but they were too few and too late. The Mariposa Express had evinced an awesome show of softball power and an indomitable team spirit. To complement a sterling defensive effort, the team "expressed" itself by banging out 30 hits, and every team member reached base safely and scored at least once. In so doing, it also pinned a first defeat on General Offices pitcher Larry Carlisle, who finished the year at 8-1.

It was a fine ending to an exciting softball season. Thanks are extended to all participants in the league, and special appreciation is due Derry Kirschman, Bob Koehler and all others who organized and officiated the games.

## BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE

by Stuart Warren



The ever-smiling countenance of Ron Cohen has graced Yosemite's post offices for the past five years. Through rain, sleet and snow his toothy grin has never seemed to vanish, no matter how long the general delivery line gets. One day, I decided to ask him how he does it.

After describing the natural highs of transcendental meditation and a vegetarian diet, he let me in on another aspect of a lifestyle built around inner peace. Ron spends five months each winter in the beautiful Hood River Valley of Oregon in a teepee. While there, along with laying the foundations for the agricultural development of his fifteen acres, Ron continues his postal duties for the surrounding community. Despite the usual non-stop Northwest winter rain and snow, he views his lifestyle as both pragmatic and satisfying.

"You get in touch with your environment in a way which is impossible in your typical house. Heat and light are not available with the flick of a switch and as a result, soon your body is in tune with the natural cycles.....and then of course living in a teepee in the woods is most conducive to a contemplative lifestyle. On another level, it enable me to live at a zero energy deficit and in the best way to deal with the impending earth changes."

Even if you don't have apocalyptic visions or ascetic inclinations, you must admit that Ron's teepee might be the way of the future to meet energy crises, urban sprawl and psychological stress.

## The Great Escape

By Valerie De Marinis

Undoubtedly, the 'Great American Dream' of every Easterner is to have a bear adventure on a visit at Yosemite. I, being a native citizen of Manhattan, shared in this dream. Thus, with a hopeful heart, I ventured up Vernal and Nevada Falls — with a company of fellow employees — in search of that dream. Ah! would that I never had dreamed a dream — or heard of that unusual Freudian maxim!!

On our way to the top of Half Dome, our camping party decided to spend the night in Little Yosemite. I heard legends that this place was the abode of numerous unusual bears. Yet, I failed to believe such was true. The night passed quietly and only occasionally did the furry animals tread lightly on our sleeping bags. But, as of yet, there was nothing earthshaking about these furry creatures. Although one did groan a bit when I got up for a drink of water at 2:45 a.m.

The next morning all four of us awoke. However, not all of us awoke in the same condition. Three of us were well — but one of us was suffering from a strange malady: altitude sickness. And so — while the others journeyed toward the cables of Half Dome — I waited patiently at Little Yosemite.

Since there was little more to do than sleep, I decided to engage in that endeavor. I found a nice, secluded sunlit spot and crawled inside my sleeping bag. The sunshine, being quite strong, I placed huge mountains of coconut oil and lotion on my face. Having considered all operations finished, I zipped up my mummy bag and went to sleep.

Not being much of a dreamer, I thought it a bit strange that I was not only seeing mental images but actually feeling, and hearing strange sounds in my ears. But I was too tired to wake up. Finally, I knew things were a bit much when I felt this thick, wet, textured slab run across my face. Still half asleep, I opened my eyes!!!! Just an inch away from my nose was the hugest, brownest, furriest face of a giant bear. I threw open my eyes again — he smiled. Not knowing what next to do, I closed my eyes and in spite of the fact that I was shaking from my head to my ten toes, I pretended to sleep. Mr. Bear licked away until all of the coconut oil traces were gone. At that point, he burped quite unmannerly and walked away. My only reaction was to burst out into peals of laughter.

The excitement of the bear's visit reminded me that I was indeed hungry. All that my comrades had left for me was one orange. The very thought of that succulent morsel made me spring up and run to it. I brought it back to my secret place and began to peel it. Suddenly, the bear appeared. He looked puzzled, first at the orange and then at me. He came closer and closer. Finally, I threw it at him. He gently took his paw and rolled it back to me. Instinctively, I said "Thank you". I resumed my mission. But Mr. Bear came even closer. I asked him "well, what do you want?" He grunted. Therefore I rolled the orange back to him. He smiled, laid down just a foot away, and began to munch. Frustrated, confused and very hungry was my countenance's description when my friends arrived a few minutes later.

There is an old, Buddhist teaching that states "From the barest episode in life — there is a wealth to be gained." From this barest of episodes in life — loss was the only thing gained!!!! The dream is ended, I'm going home!

## Preschool Coop

Preschool for 3 and 4 year olds will start the first week in October. Help is needed to run this program. We survive each year with volunteer cooperation from mothers and/or fathers. Classes are held two mornings each week.

We are looking for a room to house our preschool and supplies for two mornings a week.

We would appreciate any suggestions or help that you can offer.

To register your child, please call Mary Lou Hicks at 372-4826 on Wednesday or Thursday, the 27th or 28th of August.

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## A Walk With the Giants

by Debbie Kroon

When you make your plans for your next day off, consider a visit to the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. The trams run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, and there are quite a few trails for deeper exploration of the Grove.

The trams are open-air, so there's nothing to block your views. An informative narration is given on each tour, telling the story of the sequoias' growth and the important roles the elements, animals, and other plants play in the life of a sequoia. The trams stop at the fallen Wawona Tunnel Tree, the Mariposa Grove Museum, and the Grizzly Giant.

Although the entire tour can be completed in just over an hour, your experience will be more rewarding if you walk among the magnificent trees.

The tunnel in the Wawona Tree was cut in 1881 by the Scribner brothers, who charged \$75 for that. The tree fell in 1969, victim of severe winter storms. When the tree fell, it twisted 90 degrees before landing on the upward slope, and in so doing broke into several large sections. A walk alongside this famous tree will give a better impression of the immensity of these forest giants.

There is another tunnel in the Grove, and that is the California tree, whose tunnel was cut in 1895. This tunnel tree was never widely publicized, and in long-ago winters, it acted as an alternate when snow blocked the road to the Wawona Tree. Winter visitors still clamored for the Wawona Tree, however, so eventually someone yielded to temptation and placed the sign "Wawona Tree" on the California Tree. The visitors were happy, and none seemed to notice the tree moved and the tunnel changed in size.

The Fallen Monarch has laid in the Grove for centuries, and even in Indian legends it is fallen. The bark was gone long ago, but the wood is sound and has survived stagecoaches and Cavalry units atop it, to say nothing of the people who have climbed on it. Just as a comparison, the Massachusetts Tree fell almost fifty years ago, and its bark is just beginning to decompose.

One tree that is often bypassed is the so-called American Legion Tree. This tree, located by the road about ¼ mile down from the museum, was dedicated in the 1920's to the Unknown Dead of World War I by American Legion Post 278 of Yosemite. A plaque has been placed at its base facing the road.

The first sighting of the species (*Sequoiadendron giganteum*) by white man was made by the Walker party in 1833 when they passed through either the Merced or Tuolumne Grove. The discoverer of the Mariposa Grove is controversial, but most agree that it was largely through the efforts of Galen Clark that the Grove became famous, which led to its inclusion in the 1864 Yosemite Grant.

Scientists have found that sequoias were the contemporaries of dinosaurs, each coming into dominance about the same time, and were once spread through much of the earth. Now, only 67 groves of the *Sequoiadendron* remain in all the world, and all of these groves are located on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada.

There's more to the Grove, too, than just giant sequoias. You'll find pines and firs, some whose form and stature would make them the pride of any (other) grove. Wildflowers also grow in abundance from snow plants and azaleas to lupines and dogwood. Squirrels and Stellar's Jays chatter about, and an occasional deer wanders through.

The Indians believed that the trees were sacred. The Miwoks thought that the owl was the guardian spirit of the giant sequoias and named the trees after the owl's warning call — Woh-Woh-Nav, which exists in its presently corrupted form as Wawona.

"Let us be reverent a little as we stand here in the hush of these leafy sanctuaries — be reverent a little, if reverence in this age is possible. These great trees belong to the silences and the millenniums. Many of them have seen more than a hundred of our human generations rise, and give out their little clamors and perish. They chide our pettiness, they rebuke our impiety. They seem, indeed, to be forms of immortality standing here among the transitory shapes of time."

(from *California the Wonderful*, 1914)

## FOR SALE

Nordica Pro Ski Boots, size 11. Used once—\$100. Solomon 555 Ski Bindings. Brand new—\$70. Pioneer 8 track FM car stereo plus four speakers. Six months old—\$100. 80 minute 8 track tapes. Choice of 50—\$4 each. See Mark C. in Lost Arrow Dorms #5.

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

MAIDS (AHW, C.V., Y.L., T.M.) — Quick, thorough worker, neat appearance. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

LAUNDROMAT ATTENDANTS — Responsible person. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

RECYCLING ATTENDANT — Work with our Environmental Specialist. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

COCKTAIL WAITRESS — Experience only. 21 years of age or older. Neat appearance, well-mannered. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

FOOD ATTENDANTS — Cash register experience required, able to deal with the public. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

BUSPERSONS — 21 years old, food experience. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

NIGHT CLEANER — Knowledge of floor cleaning materials and waxes. Responsible person. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

FOOD SERVICE PERSON — Must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Need tennis shoes. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

BARTENDER (AHW) — Experienced only, 21 years or older. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

KITCHEN HELPER (AHW) — Responsible individual. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

COOKS — Overall knowledge of kitchen procedures. Provide own tools and uniforms. Experienced only. \$4.10-\$5.15/hr.

WAITER/WAITRESS — 21 years of age. Must have neat appearance and courteous manner. Previous experience necessary. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

PANTRY PERSON — Ability to make fancy hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, and many different salad dressings. Need to have own linens and tools. \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

BATHHOUSE ATTENDANT (T.M.) — Able to handle cash and deal with the public. \$2.25-\$2.75/hr.

GIFT CLERK (AHW, Y.L.) — Retail experience. Responsible individual and able to meet the public. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

ICE VENDING ATTENDANT — Responsible person, neat appearance. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

Monday, August 25 — JONATHAN LIVINGSTON SEAGULL

A parable of freedom starring an altruistic rebellious gull searching for self-fulfillment whose striving for superiority proves a threat to his flock's status quo. However, at another level of existence he learns how to achieve the best he is capable of, physically, emotionally and spiritually. This visually beautiful pastoral allegory offers superb nature photography and stunning camera work. (G)

Monday, September 1 — YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN

"Young Frankenstein" starring Gene Wilder, Cloris Leachman, Marty Feldman. If you liked "Blazing Saddles", you'll love this one. A classic Mel Brooks comedy spoof of the original Mary Shelly novel. You'll die laughing! (PG)

Monday, September 8 — MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

"Murder on the Orient Express" starring Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery. Murder, suspense, drama are just a few of the things you'll encounter on your train ride through Europe. Don't miss this Agatha Christie "Who-Done-It" starring many of Hollywood's greatest actors and actresses. (PG)

### SPECIAL CLASSES

Tuesday — BEAD CLASS in the Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Design jewelry, chokers, necklaces from African trading beads, clay beads and shells. All materials available at the class.

Thursday — GUITAR CLASS in Employee Rec. Office at 7:00 p.m. Bob Nunes of "Rock Slide" fame will provide instruction along with a few tunes. All you need to bring is your own guitar.

Daily — YOGA in the Employee Rec. Office at 6:00 p.m.

## Softball Awards Banquet & Pool Party

Employee Recreation is inviting everyone who participated in our summer softball program to a party in your honor on Friday, August 29 at the Yosemite Lodge Pool. The fun will begin at 6:00 with music provided by "Mid-day Heat" from Fresno who specialize in music to swim by, and will be followed by a bar-b-que and awards presentation.

WHO WILL GET THE MUCH COVETED "GOLDEN GLOVE AWARD" THIS YEAR?????

## Employee Flea Market

Monday, September 1 is the day we set aside for the big employees Swap Meet and Flea Market. Employee Recreation is well aware that many employees will be leaving the Valley after Labor Day. This event will give you people a chance to get rid of those items that have accumulated over the summer. It will also give us "lifers" a chance to pick up on some good bargains. We will meet at the Elementary School Gym area after lunch, and start the "wheelin'-n-dealin'" at approximately 1:00 p.m. See Y'all there...or be square!

## Employee Information Golf

Fees for employees who wish to play golf at the Ahwahnee Hotel Golf Course are as follows:

- 50¢ club rentals (set of 3)
- 75¢ green fee

## WHAT'S COOKING

For an elegantly simple dessert, try this next time you have company.

### COUPE DEMON

- 1 qt. Pineapple Sherbet
- 4 Oranges
- Grand Marnier
- 1½ C. Frozen Berries, thawed

Shape sherbet into balls and place in sherbet glasses in freezer. Soak orange wedges in enough Grand Marnier to cover for 15 min. Top sherbet balls with berries and arrange orange wedges around sherbet.

## FOR SALE

Mobile Home in El Portal. Excellent condition. 24' x 60'. Contact Lee Buescher 379-2439.

17' Ski Boat with a 75 hp. engine, outboard; good condition, with skis, ropes, etc. \$2,500. Call 379-2486 between 5:30 and 7 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 22:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Curry Pool Party ..... Curry Village Pool — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 24:

Campfire Singalong ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, AUGUST 25:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Beginning Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.  
MOVIE, "Jonathan Livingston Seagull" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 26:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Dance, "WINDANCE" ..... Visitor Center — 8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 28:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Guitar Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Intermediate Photography Workshop ..... Ansel Adams Gallery — 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29:

Softball Awards Banquet ..... Yosemite Lodge Pool — 6 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Curry Pool Party ..... Curry Village Pool — 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31:

Campfire Singalong ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

Employee Flea Market ..... Elementary School Gym — 1 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Young Frankenstein" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



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## County Fair This Weekend

The Mariposa County Fair will be held this weekend, August 30, 31 and September 1 at the fairgrounds in Mariposa. Admission for adults is \$1 and children under 12 is 25¢. Those under 6 are admitted free.

Besides the displays of livestock and home and fine arts that are available for viewing, there will also be demonstrations in rug hooking, quilting, blacksmithing and crafts. A collection of antique engines will be on display along with a very unusual new animal, the beefalo. As always, the Fairway will have loads of rides, food and games.

### SCHEDULE OF FAIR ACTIVITIES

#### SATURDAY, AUG. 30:

- 10 a.m. Fairgrounds open
- 11 a.m. Parade
- Noon Flag raising and official opening of the fair — Gold Bowl
- 2 p.m. Variety Show at the bandstand
- 3 p.m. Indian demonstrations at the outdoor exhibit area
- 4 p.m. Clowns for the kids at the bandstand
- 5 p.m. Entertainment at the Beer Garden
- 6:30 p.m. Variety Show at the bandstand
- 8 p.m. Square dancing
- 8 p.m. Destruction derby at the Gold Bowl
- 9 p.m. Western Dance at the Dance Pavilion—"Western Ramblers"
- 1 a.m. Fairgrounds close

#### SUNDAY, AUG. 31:

- 9 a.m. Amigo de Oro Foot race
- 10 a.m. Fairgrounds open
- 2 p.m. Variety Show at the bandstand
- 3 p.m. Diaper Derby
- 3:30 p.m. Indian demonstrations at outdoor exhibit area
- 4 p.m. Clowns for the kids at the bandstand
- 5 p.m. Entertainment at the Beer Garden
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## New Face at Yosemite Elementary

by Anne Hendrickson

When the doors swing open for the new school year on Wednesday, September 10, the returning students will be greeted by a new principal. He will be Dr. Robert S. Elkins, starting his first year as teaching principal in Yosemite. Besides his administrative duties, he will serve as seventh and eighth grade teacher.

Dr. Elkins started his career as an educator in 1961 with the Los Angeles City School District. During the following eleven years, he gained experience as a teacher at various schools in the district in various grade levels, as an In-Service leader for teachers throughout the district, and as administrator in the capacity of building principal.

Since 1973, upon completing his doctorate at the University of Southern California, he has served on the staff at California State University at Chico, as an Assistant Professor of Education. His responsibilities entailed, supervising and training student teachers, conducting graduate and undergraduate seminars in methods of teaching, and leading workshops for credentialed teachers in the Chico Unified and Marysville Unified School Districts.

- 7 p.m. Variety Show at the bandstand
- 8 p.m. Square dancing
- 8 p.m. Rodeo at the Gold Bowl
- 9 p.m. Dance at the Dance Pavilion — "Country Cousins"
- 1 a.m. Fairgrounds close

#### MONDAY, SEPT. 1:

- 10 a.m. Fairgrounds open
- Noon Senior Citizen's Entertainment and prizes at bandstand
- 2 p.m. Variety Show at the bandstand
- 3 p.m. Indian demonstrations at the outdoor exhibit area
- 3:30 p.m. Banjo Land at the bandstand
- 4 p.m. Clowns for the kids at the bandstand
- 6 p.m. Rodeo in the Gold Bowl
- 8:30 p.m. Dance to the "Wooden Nickels" at the bandstand
- 9:30 p.m. Fireworks at the Gold Bowl
- Midnight Fairgrounds close



Dr. ROBERT ELKINS

Dr. Elkins says, "I have always found the field of education an exciting and fascinating profession. This year our goals at Yosemite School include setting high standards of achievement, encouraging active parent participation, and opening fully lines of communication among the staff, parents and students. We look forward to a very exciting school year which begins formally with the opening of school on September 10."

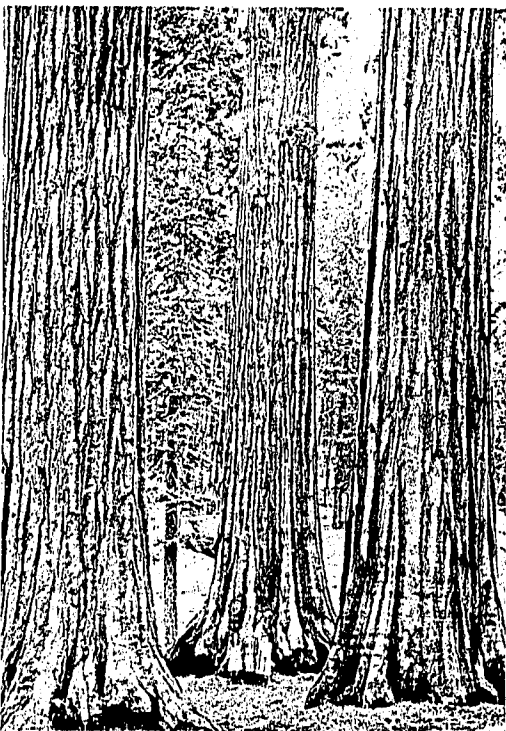
## AMIGO DE ORO FOOT RACE

The First Annual Amigo De Oro Race will be held Sunday, August 31, 1975. This foot race, sanctioned by the Association of Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, begins at 9 a.m. at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds for a distance of 10 miles with trophies to be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in 4 classes: Men's Open, Women's Open, Men's Masters (over 40), Women's Masters (over 40). Entry fee is \$1.00 per person. Registration forms may be picked up in the Sentinel Office, or before 8:30 a.m. the day of the race at the Fairgrounds Parking Lot.



# Plant of the Week

by Debbie Kroon



GIANT SEQUOIAS

Scientists have found that sequoias were the contemporaries of dinosaurs, each coming into dominance about the same time, and were once spread through much of the earth. Now, only 67 groves of the Sequoiadendron remain in all the world, and all of these groves are located on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada. A close relative, the Coast Redwood, also has had its range limited to less than a 300-mile stretch along the Pacific in California and Oregon. The only other living relative of these two species is the Dawn Redwood, the only deciduous sequoia. The Dawn Redwood was thought to have been extinct for several million years until 30 years ago when one was found 100 miles northeast of Chungking. Since then, others have been found, but they are confined to a small area of China. All of these sequoias grow well in much of the earth when transplanted, but occur naturally in scarce groves.

Giant Sequoias begin life as a tiny seed weighing less than 1/5,000th of an ounce, and grow to be over 300 feet tall and weigh 12 million tons! The sequoias, once started growing well, will generally grow 2 feet taller each year until they are 50 to 100 years old. They then continue growing and spreading their roots, but at a slower pace. Incidentally, the roots of the sequoias are generally four to five feet below ground, so do be careful about trampling around the base of these trees. It is interesting to note that sequoias apparently don't die of old age — it takes an outside force to bring them to their death. Trees that die standing up may continue standing for many years.

# Equal Employment Opportunity

**What is it?** It is a legal obligation dictated by and pursuant to the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972. It is a moral obligation dictated by conscience and concern so as not to discriminate in any way, shape or form for any reason whatsoever.

## WHAT THIS ACT MEANS TO YOSEMITE PARK & CURRY CO.

The basic obligations imposed on employers under the 1972 Act are virtually the same as those imposed under Title 7 of the 1964 Act, which states under Section 703A of the Act, it is an unlawful employment practice for an employer to do the following:

1. Fail or refuse to hire, promote or discharge any individual or otherwise discriminate against any individual with respect to his compensation, terms, conditions or privileges of employment because of his race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This now applies to applicants for employment as well as those presently employed.

2. Limit, segregate or classify employees in any way that would deprive or tend to deprive any individual of employment opportunities, or otherwise adversely affect his or her status as an employee because of his or her race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The above are the basic unlawful employment practices that employers are forbidden to commit. The scope and application of this act has been delineated in numerous court decisions handed

down since 1964, however, it is not sufficient to understand that employment or promotional discrimination is a violation of Federal Law. It is more important to realize that discrimination of any kind is a poor business practice. It is unsound, unrealistic and carries with it very stiff financial penalties. Like any law, rule or regulation it is not so much the legalistic terms in which that law is set forth and what it permits or prohibits, the real concern should be the spirit and intent of that particular law and what was to be accomplished. The spirit and intent set forth in the Equal Employment Opportunity Act was simply to provide that all individuals had every opportunity to be dealt with on an equal basis and to be considered on an individual basis as to whether or not they were, in fact, qualified and able to perform the job that was available.

For employers in this day and age to make statements and put forth opinions that women or members of certain religious groups, races or certain colors are not capable of performing certain jobs based on subjective opinion, is not only unlawful and a poor business practice but is somewhat shortsighted.

It is the practice and intent of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to consider each applicant as an individual and comply in total with the spirit and intent of the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, and to demonstrate this practice and intent by our compliance, our policies, and our employment procedures and practices.

### FOUND

Small package dressed in purple floral paper, tied with a green ribbon in General Offices. Will the "loser" please call Sue Arvola in General Offices.

## FOR SALE

'74 VW Bus, Red/White, 30,000 mi. New tires, excellent condition. Call Bob Laymon at 379-2386.

Nordica Pro Ski Boots, size 11. Used once—\$100. Solomon 555 Ski Bindings. Brand new—\$70. Pioneer 8 track FM car stereo plus four speakers. Six months old—\$100. 80 minute 8 track tapes. Choice of 50—\$4 each. See Mark C. in Lost Arrow Dorms #5.

1970 Mobile Home, 12' x 60', 2 bedroom with front kitchen. Complete with wood skirting, built-in dishwasher and large water cooler. Wawona. \$5,900. Call Cindy or Paul Dettman at 372-4441 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; 375-6472 after 6 p.m.

Bianchi 10-speed racing bike. 22" frame. \$210. See Kirk at Curry Bike Stand.

Washer-Dryer combination (Kenmore); excellent condition. \$50. Call 379-2364.

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## Flags, Trucks & Trivia

by Jody Martin

Contrary to popular opinion, a truck is not always a four-wheeled vehicle. It is also the name given to that knob at the top of a flag pole and came into being during the American Indian Wars "for the preservation of the Union". The original trucks were spheres, containing a razor, a match and a bullet, placed on top of the pole. It had been specifically designed to break into 3 pieces when knocked off the pole. It was felt that we were not defeated as a country, if the flag could not be captured intact. Therefore, if the Fort looked as if it would fall to the "enemy", a soldier shimmied up the flag pole, and knocked the truck off. Out of the three pieces lying on the ground, the soldier took the razor and cut the flag at least in half (it would no longer be a flag if it was in pieces), and if he had time, he cut it into many pieces. Then he took the match to burn what was left of the pieces. The bullet represented the "last bullet to be fired in defense of the Fort".

The end result was that although the Fort may be defeated or captured, the American Flag and thus the "union" had not.

## Bike Rally Dates Set

Yosemite's Fall Bike Rally is scheduled for September 26, 27 and 28. Events for this year, besides the daily cycling program, include the traditional barbeque, party, movie classic and breakfast.

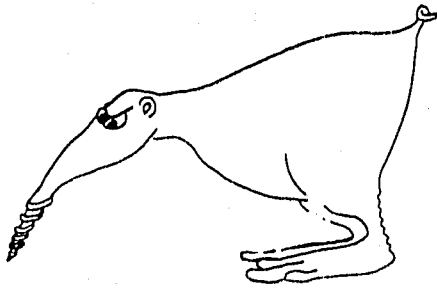
Volunteers are needed to man checkpoints at Curry Village (the starting point of the rally), Indian Caves, Yosemite Falls, El Capitan, and the Chapel. We will also need help with the party and the picnic. Volunteers are provided with lunch on the days that they work as well as free admission to all bike rally events. A special bike rally dinner will be held in early October for all those who helped with the rally.

If you are interested in helping out, call Elizabeth Shepard at 372-4611, ext. 445.

## Employee Flea Market

Monday, September 1 is the day we set aside for the big employees Swap Meet and Flea Market. Employee Recreation is well aware that many employees will be leaving the Valley after Labor Day. This event will give you people a change to get rid of those items that have accumulated over the summer. It will also give the year round residents a chance to pick up some good bargains. We will meet at the Elementary School Gym area after lunch, and start the "wheelin'-n'-dealin'" at approximately 1:00 p.m.

## RUMOR ROOTER



RUMOR: MCA, Inc. plans to sell Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

FACT: There is no basis to the statement; it is absolutely not true. MCA, Inc. purchased Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as a long term investment. This is clearly indicated by the fact that since acquiring YP&CCo. MCA, Inc has spent or budgeted over 5 million dollars in capital improvements, expended in excess of 1.3 million dollars on an annual basis for repairs and maintenance and has spent approximately three quarters of a million dollars on salary increases for employees.

The short term profits realized to date surely do not justify the expenses referred to and the above expenditures should indicate to even the most naive businessman that MCA, Inc. is committed to a long term investment in Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

The rumored sale of the company undoubtedly came from an Associated Press story which originated in San Francisco and for which there was no basis. It is unfortunate that many recent newspaper articles based primarily on innuendo, and mis-information have portrayed our parent company in a negative light and, while such articles do cause us great concern, our main concern still remains with that of our guests. We are dedicated to providing the visitor to Yosemite National Park with the best guest experience possible and we should continually strive toward that end.

## Beauty Shop Addition

June Roupe has been added to the staff at the El Portal Beauty Shop to help out Verna Clarke. The shop is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday thru Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Call 379-2321 for an appointment.

## WANTED TO BUY

Portacrib or bassinet. Call Patricia Spach at 372-4805.

## Employee

## Housing Corner

by Paul Peters

Throughout the summer months a number of employees have asked questions regarding overnight guests in Employee Housing. In order to more fully understand our existing guidelines it is important that we realize that living in a dormitory environment presents some unique problems. Since there are many individuals housed in one area, using common facilities, it is extremely important that each of us respect the rights, privileges, and privacy of others. Your understanding and cooperation will insure the comfort and safety of all concerned.

Overnight guests are permitted, providing you have the consent of your roommate. However, for space reasons, the number is limited to one guest per employee or two guests per room. The length of stay is five days per guest, not to exceed three visits per guest, per year. Guests are required to register with the housekeeper and there is a small registration fee of \$1.00 per guest for the period of their visit. As you will recall, the prior registration fee was \$2.00 per night: the above fee was reduced upon a request by the Employee Advisory Council. Also, it is important to note that terminated employees who have been discharged for cause by the YP&C Co. or N.P.S. are not permitted as guests in Employee Housing.

Three important points are made in the above: 1) The facilities in which we live are designed to accommodate the number of present occupants, if every employee had a guest the use of these facilities would be doubled, 2) We must respect the privileges and privacy of our fellow employees, 3) The dollar registration fee is small compared to a maximum fine of \$500.00 if convicted of trespassing in Employee Housing.

If you have any questions or suggestions please call ext. 451 or stop by the Employee Housing Office. Thank you.

## WANT ADS

The Sentinel is happy to run your for Sale or Wanted ads at no charge to all Park employees and their families. If you have something you would like to sell, an item you would like to find, or a service to offer, either drop it in the mail to Yosemite Sentinel, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite National Park, Ca. 95389 or call 372-4611, ext. 445. Ads must be in no later than the Monday before the Friday publication date.

# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

SEPT. 1 — YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN starring Gene Wilder, Cloris Leachman, Marty Feldman. If you like "Blazing Saddles" you'll love this one. A classic Mel Brooks comedy spoof of the original Mary Shelly novel. You'll die laughing! (PG)

SEPT. 8 — KOTCH starring Walter Matthau, Felicia Farr. Lonely 72 year old "Kotch" leaves his family to live alone in a small house in the desert and befriends a pregnant teenager who consents to live with him until the birth of her child. "Kotch", loving children, attends prospective father classes, buys baby furniture, clothes and serves up advice. (PG)

## New Yoga Class

With the success of our previous program a new beginner's Yoga class is being offered Monday through Friday in the Employee Recreation Office. Meeting at 6 p.m., the class is open to all Park employees and their families. The class will focus on Yoga postures and will also include nutrition and living hints.

Our instructor emphasizes the importance of taking it "slow and easy", as no beginning student is expected to have the strength, flexibility, or balance to accomplish any of the complete postures.

Join us for a dramatically different 6-week exercise plan that unlocks the secrets of a lifetime of health, beauty, and profound peace of mind.

## Planning An Event???

If you or your group is planning a meeting or an event, why not check with the Sentinel office to make sure that your event doesn't conflict with any other events that have been previously planned. We keep a Community Calendar for at least a month ahead and would be happy to help you plan a good date for your event. Call us at 372-4611, ext. 445.

## Softball Award Party

Just a reminder that tonight, August 29th, is the annual Summer Softball Awards. This time we will be partying at the Yosemite Lodge Pool. The fun begins at 6:30. There will be live music (to swim by) provided by "Mid-day Heat", from Fresno, and will be followed by a Bar-B-Q and award presentations. Employee Recreation is inviting everyone who participated in Men's and Women's softball to this event. See you there!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 29:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Softball Awards Party ..... Yosemite Lodge Pool — 6:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 31:

Campfire Singalong ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1:

Employee's Flea Market ..... Elementary School Gym — 1 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Young Frankenstein" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### LABOR DAY

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Volleyball ..... Camp #6 — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

Campfire Singalong ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Kotch" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

## Softball Wrap-Up

### MON. AUG. 11

Curry forfeits to Lodge, Lodge forfeits to Curry?! Both teams forfeit, therefore both teams lose!

### WED. AUG. 13

Women's All Stars 21 — Ralliers 20  
Well, the Office Ralliers finally got beat! However, it took 10 of the best ballplayers from the other 3 teams to do so! The All Stars jumped out to a quick 12-3 lead on the strong hitting of Inky Ringrose and Joy Alwen, then watched the Ralliers, lead by the hitting power of Vickie Bumgarner and Sally Stieg, battle back to tie the score at 15 all after 6 innings. In the 7th the All Stars exploded for 6 big runs on a 3-run homer by Donna Habecker and seemed to have the game "iced". But the Ralliers, being the true champs that they are, rallied back 5 quick runs and left the winning run on 2nd base before they could be subdued. For those who stayed home....you missed a heck of a ball game! W.P. Inky Ringrose, L.P. Maggie Kohlberg.

### THURS. AUG. 15

Tecoya 23 — Maintenance 21  
Tecoya ended this season at 5 and 5, and in a 3rd place tie with Curry Village, with a hard fought battle over Maintenance. As for Maintenance, they kept a perfect record clean at 0-10! James Peggins homered for the winners. W.P. Dave Tanner, 5-4. L.P. Mike Maltzberger, 0-1.

### FINAL STANDINGS

Men	
Mariposa Express	9-1
General Office	8-2
Curry Village	5-5
Tecoya	5-5
Lodge Boys	2-8
Maintenance	0-10
WOMEN	
Office Ralliers	6-0
Kalamity Klutzes	4-2
Mountain Mamas	2-4
Vagabonds	0-6

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## WATCH OUT! THE WOODS ARE FULL OF KIDS!



*Five local families [minus fathers] shared this lovely spot one night in July.*

*by Anne Hendrickson*

A glance at any of the various outdoor magazines, or a few miles on a backcountry trail, and one is aware that backpacking has become very much a family activity. While this is true here in Yosemite, it occurs among local residents with one slight variation — a Yosemite family out on the trail usually does not include a daddy. The women and children seem to have taken over the woods!

The explanation is simple enough. Whether a Yosemite father is a Park Service employee or works for a concessionaire, summer is his busy season. Free time for hiking with his family is very limited. Therefore many mothers have realized that waiting for Dad may mean foregoing the activity entirely, so they are rounding up the kids, shouldering their packs, and taking off on their own (leaving T.V. dinners in the freezer for Dad.)

It isn't quite as clear why the ladies started joining together for these outings. Perhaps it was comradeship for themselves and playmates for the children. Or, more likely, it was confidence gained from shared experiences as

together they learned what it was all about. Tentatively they experimented with new things like hoisting their food into trees at night. They weren't always successful; a bear commandeered five out of six packs one night at Glen Aulin. But gradually skills increased and with them courage grew. Two-day trips gave way to three-day and longer ones, and the miles covered increased. As they taste-tested each others' freeze-dried foods and experimented, kitchen abilities were transferred to the trail. Most important, it soon became obvious that everyone was enjoying themselves.

Sometimes the trips have been sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group, and other times they have happened spontaneously among neighbors or friends. One typical hiking party was five women and thirteen children coming down the Yosemite Falls trail in July. Each group has been different, with some repeaters and some newcomers. Almost every week these fractured families have been on the trail somewhere.

The object isn't purely fun, although there's no shortage of good times. As one mother put it, "We hope to teach them

## The Original Glacier Point Flier

*by Caroleen Kroon*

Today's hang gliders have nothing on the original Glacier Point flier who began sailing off Glacier Point around 1882.

Early visitors to Glacier Point found great pleasure in throwing small objects over the 3,000 foot high cliff and watching their slow descent. Small stones were thrown, stones with handkerchiefs attached, or even empty boxes. But the crowds would grow hushed, except for several gasps, when James McCauley, early hotel owner and Yosemite pioneer, would rush through the crowd and toss his old hen over the side. A shocked silence followed and necks craned to watch the chicken's furtive flapping as she fell out of sight.

In answer to the cries of protestation, McCauley would merely chuckle and tell the people not to worry. "That old hen goes over that cliff every day during the season," he explained.

Hikers going up the trail to Glacier Point were often surprised to pass a rather bedraggled looking chicken making her way back up to Glacier Point and home.

some hiking and camping skills as we go along, not to mention lessons in trail etiquette and backcountry behavior."

Problems have been few. The result of food loss to bears is often sharing and a feeling of mutual help. One time five children were missing for a short period. When found, they responded with the old line that they hadn't been "lost" — they knew where they were and it was the trail that had been "lost"! Perhaps the biggest potential problem may be Daddy back at home with unironed shirts and a sink full of dishes?

It goes without saying that this activity has added a pleasant dimension to summer for the mothers and children involved. And, who knows, maybe one of these days Dad will have a day or two off so Junior can take him backpacking and show him how!

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**NIGHT CLEANERS** — Knowledge of floor cleaning materials and waxes. Responsible person. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

**MAIDS (AHW, Y.L., C.V., T.M.)** — Quick, thorough worker. Neat appearance. (\$2.25-\$2.95/hr.)

**FOOD ATTENDANTS (GYF&B, VILLAGE HAMBURGER, G.P. H.I.)** — Must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Willing to work hard. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

**INVENTORY CLERK (PURCHASING DEPT.)** — Experience in inventory procedures. (\$2.70-\$3.51/hr.)

**RESERVATIONS CLERK** — Typing experience needed. Neat appearance, courteous manner. (\$2.55-\$3.32/hr.)

**CAMP HELPER (WHITE WOLF, VOGELSANG)** — All around housekeeping work. (\$2.25-\$2.95/hr.)

**CHEVRON STATION ATTENDANTS** — Efficient. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**GARAGE SERVICEPERSON** — Responsible person. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**SAN CUSTODIAN (CAMP 6)** — Responsible person. \$2.25-\$2.95/hr.

**POTWASHER (AHW)** — Responsible person. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**PANTRY-PERSONS** — Ability to make fancy hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, and many different salad dressings. Need to have own linens and tools. \$3.65-\$4.66/hr.

**FOOD SERVICE PERSONS (Y.L., C.V.)** — Must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Need tennis shoes. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**BUSPERSONS** — 21 years old, food experience. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**HOSTESS/CASHIER (Y.L., C.V.)** — Food service experience. Able to operate cash register & meet public. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

**HOUSEPERSON (C.V., AHW)** — Responsible person, heavy lifting.

**LAUNDROMAT ATTENDANT** — Responsible person. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**KITCHEN HELPER** — Responsible person. Cleaning involved. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

**WAITER/WAITRESS** — 21 years of age. Must have neat appearance and courteous manner. Previous experience necessary. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**PBX OPERATOR** — Neat, well-groomed appearance. Must have a courteous manner and a pleasant speaking voice. Able to speak good English and pronounce words distinctly. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**COOKS** — Overall knowledge of kitchen procedures. Provide own tools and uniforms. Experienced only. \$4.05-\$5.11/hr.

**WINE STEWARD/WAITER** — Neat appearance, courteous manner. Knowledge of wines and liquors required. Must be 21 years of age. \$2.10-\$2.80/hr.

**CAPTAIN (AHW)** — Supervises Buspersons' work, conduct and appearance. Assigns stations and other duties to Buspersons. assists in seating guest. As assigned, sets up and takes down banquet tables. \$2.85-\$3.72/hr.

**ROOM CLERK (T.M.)** — Greets, registers, and assigns rooms to incoming guests. Checks out departing guests. Maintains records of reservations. Neat appearance, able to meet public. \$2.70-\$3.51/hr.

**GIFT SHOP CLERKS** — Retail experience preferred. \$2.40-\$3.14/hr.

**CLERK/CASHIER (VILLAGE STORE, GYF&B DELI, CRANE FLAT)** — Grocery or cashiering experience necessary. \$2.55-\$3.32/hr.

## GUARDIAN OF THE EMPLOYEE CAFETERIA

by Rosie Wiggins

If you happen to be fortunate enough to take your meals in the employee cafeteria at Curry Village, you have probably had the pleasure of meeting "Frenchy" (Henrietta) Dillon, the official Guardian of the employee cafeteria. Her cheery "Hello there", in her inimitable accent, has been warming the hearts of her co-workers and other employees for the past 28 summer seasons. Frenchy, who will celebrate her 79th birthday this year, has been in this country since the end of WWI. She came here as the bride of an American soldier, lived for some time in Kansas and then eventually migrated to California. She decided to remain in the Golden State, as she found the climate and the terrain reminiscent of her girlhood home in France. (Not to mention the wine!)

Aside from her duties of overseeing the employee cafeteria, Frenchy and her two companions, Mary Lamm and Ora Martin are responsible for the preparation of the delectable box lunches one may obtain at the Curry Cafeteria. Frenchy, when the discussing the quality of the lunches, claims "We used to have our own box lunch room. Although this room was not included in the reconstruction of the cafeteria after the fire, this omission does not seem to have seriously affected the quality of the product, as your taste buds will surely testify."

Many thanks and warmest regards to Frenchy from the employees at Curry Village. We certainly look forward to her return again next summer.

## JOIN US

Have you just moved to Yosemite and would like to meet your neighbors in the community? Or have you lived here for a while and find that you don't know anyone anymore?

If you're a women who lives or works in Yosemite and would like to get to know the other women in your community, the Yosemite Women's Club wants to get to know you.

The group is made up of women from both the National Park Service and the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. who are interested in bringing the community closer together and sharing in the varied activities that the club sponsors.

If you are interested in learning more about the Yosemite Women's Club, call Judy Sansum at 372-4875, or just come to the meeting on September 11.

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## WOMEN'S CLUB

### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Sept. 11 (Thur.) — "KING ARTHUR'S BRITAIN". Jim McDonald will narrate his latest film taken during his fifth trip to England. He traveled 2,000 miles in this historically rich country to bring you a glimpse of Stonehenge and its many mysteries, along with visits to the real Camelot and the real Avalon. A free salad buffet will be provided by the Club and served from 11:30 a.m. in the Mountain Room Broiler at the Yosemite Lodge. The film will begin shortly after noon. All women are invited to the presentation even if you don't join in the luncheon.

Sept. 23 (Tues.) — "WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD OF WOMEN". Learn about the Equal Rights Amendment. Is it a good thing, or not really necessary? What's happened to women's roles in the last few years? And men's? What is N.O.W. and what kind of people belong to this organization? Jane Edgett, president of the Fresno chapter of the National Organization of Women will be at the West Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. for a round-table discussion on the world of women. Men are invited, too.

## PIANO TUNED

Do you need your piano tuned? Bob Bradford would like to collect the names of all those who are interested and bring a piano tuner up for the day. If you are interested, call him at 372-4391 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. for details.

## FOR SALE

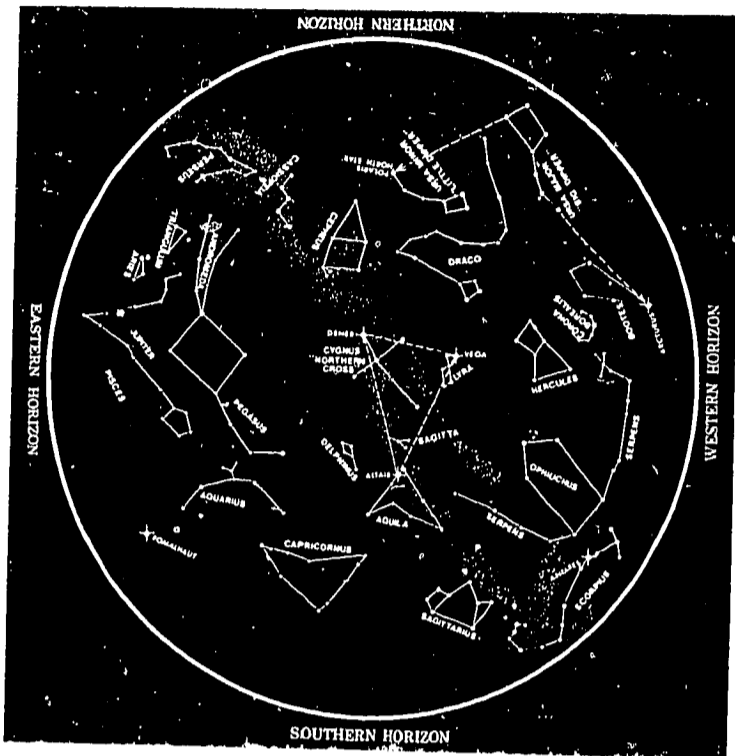
One two-man raft and one six-man raft....cheap. Contact Mike Lehner at Tecoya D-7, or the Loft Restaurant.

### FALL AND WINTER APPLICATIONS

Employees, hired on a seasonal basis, who wish to continue working the winter season may obtain a "Fall & Winter Application" from their Unit Manager. After completion (be sure your Supervisor's recommendation is filled in), return the application to the Personnel Office. Marge Cromer will be happy to discuss the procedures from that point.

Employees who wish to return to work during the Christmas and Easter holidays should follow the same procedure as outlined above. Check the holidays you wish to work and write the address where you can be contacted on the upper right hand side of the application.

## SKY CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER



Hold chart vertically and turn so the direction you are facing shows at the bottom.

by Larry Huggins

Yosemite's clear, dark skies provide a fine opportunity to view the summer Milky Way, planets, star clusters and other celestial phenomena. For your convenience in locating these objects, a star chart and sky calendar are featured in this issue of the Sentinel.

All objects listed can be seen with the naked eye, though much extra detail can be gained from binoculars and small telescopes.

**SUN** — The sun moves from Leo into Virgo during September

**MOON** — New moon September 5; First Quarter September 12; Full Moon September 20; Last Quarter September 28

**MERCURY** — This planet reaches greatest eastern elongation September 13 at which time it sets shortly after the sun. Well south of the sun it is not easily visible to observers in Northern latitudes this month.

**VENUS** — Look for this brilliant morning "star" in the eastern sky shortly before dawn

**EARTH** — The autumnal equinox occurs at 8:55 a.m. on September 23. The Earth's axis at this time is oriented so that our day and night are equally long.

**MARS** — The red planet rises just before midnight in the constellation Taurus.

Valley resident will see it in the eastern sky somewhat later because of the high valley walls.

**JUPITER** — This exceedingly bright, yellow planet, in Aries this month, rises several hours after sunset.

**SATURN** — The ringed planet rises 3 hours before the sun at the beginning of the month. It moves from Gemini into Cancer during September.

**OBSERVING HINTS** — Many exciting observations can be made with modest-priced binoculars mounted on a tripod for steadiness. Low power instruments will often reveal:

*Lunar Detail* — "seas", mountain ranges, and large craters

*Phases of Venus*

*Jupiter's moons* — The four large "Galilean" moons can be seen to change position from night to night

*Saturn's Rings*

*Globular Cluster in Hercules* — near the north-west corner of this constellation lies a dense cluster of several hundred thousand stars

*Gaseous Nebulae in the Milky Way* — near the Sagittarius "teapot" clouds of hydrogen gas probably in the process of star formation

*Great Galaxy in Andromeda* — an "Island Universe" 2 million light years away. Contains 200 billion stars. Shown on this month's star chart  $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the "O" in Andromeda.

\*\*Star chart from Griffith Observer magazine courtesy of Griffith Observatory, Los Angeles.

## Brighter Light — Better Sight?

by Dr. Jules Stein

For many years, I have been requested to arrange for brighter lights for various executives, secretaries and employees within MCA. While the company has done everything possible to accommodate these requests, it has always been against my better judgment that stronger light is helpful for better work or better sight. If you were to visit my offices at MCA, you would notice I use very little light, and mostly 40 watt lamps, since I find it extremely comfortable to work in dim light. The use of intense light causes the pupil to constrict, thereby developing a pull and often a spasm on the ciliary muscles within the eyeball, which is not particularly beneficial, and often creates head and eye aches.

I was very surprised when I read an article in the New York Times Magazine Section (Section 6) dated July 20, 1975, which includes the following statements:

"We have long known that looking at the sun directly burns the retina, and that even suntan lamps can be harmful. Where the eye is already failing, the researchers suggest, one's tolerance for light may decrease."

"The distinguished Dr. David Cogan, who was Chairman of Harvard Medical School's department of ophthalmology until 1968 and now is in research at the National Eye Institute in Bethesda, contends that 'illuminating engineers and manufacturers have oversold the American people on the need for bright lights.' Some years ago, one company threatened to sue him when he challenged its 'Better Light Better Sight' campaign in the press. 'Better light doesn't necessarily mean more light', Dr. Cogan argued. 'It may mean less.' Anything over 20 footcandles, he believes is probably excessive and he keeps his own laboratory not much brighter than a dimly lit restaurant. 'I can see fine', he says, noting that increased visual acuity stops at 10 footcandles. The fallacy that bright lights are essential is just one of the misconceptions people have about their eyes and vision."

I urgently recommend that everyone should try to do their work in offices with the least amount of light possible, and I am also in support of colored glasses for those exposed to strong day light.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

SEPT. 8 — KOTCH starring Walter Matthau, Felicia Farr. Lonely 72 year old "Kotch" leaves his family to live alone in a small house in the desert and befriends a pregnant teenager who consents to live with him until the birth of her child. "Kotch", loving children, attends prospective father classes, buys baby furniture, clothes and serves up advice. (PG)

SEPT. 15 — THE HEARTBREAK KID starring Charles Grodin, Cybill Shepherd, Jeannie Berlin, Eddie Albert. A Neil Simon comedy about a nice Jewish boy from New York City on his Miami honeymoon who falls in love with Cybill Shepherd, the perfect "schiksa", while his new wife is suffering from a severe case of sunburn. (PG)

**MOONDANCE BIDS YOU FAREWELL**  
Moondance Terrace and Lounge, otherwise known as the Curry Coffee House, will close for the season this Thursday night, September 11, at 12:00 midnight.

For those of you who haven't gotten around to visiting Moondance, this will be your last chance to enjoy all it has to offer. For those of you who have dropped by to visit, we know that you know what a success Moondance has been.

Employee Recreation would like to thank each and everyone who helped out in our venture and a special "thanks" to Pam and Wendy for a job well done. (Has anyone seen Yosemite Sam?)

### EMPLOYEES DANCE

Back by popular demand, the band that opened our summer dance program in May, direct from Fresno, Ca., is "Blue Emage". Yes, on Wednesday, September 10, "Blue Emage" will provide the music to "bump" by at 8:30 p.m. Admission is only \$1.00, guests must be registered and show their pass at the door. See you at the Visitor Center.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7:

Campfire Singalong ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

MOVIE "Kotch" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

Fire Department Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

Merced College—Silkscreen ..... El Portal Elementary — 7 p.m.

Merced College—Family Living ..... Elementary School — 7 p.m.

Bead Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

Square Dancing ..... Village Mall — 8 p.m.

### ADMISSION DAY

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10:

#### FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

Merced College—Conversational Spanish ..... Elementary School — 7 p.m.

Masonic Lodge Meeting ..... Masonic Hall — 8 p.m.

DANCE "Blue Emage" ..... Visitor Center — 8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11:

"King Arthur's Britian" (YWC) ..... Mountain Room Broiler — 11:30 a.m.

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

Merced College—Chorus ..... Elementary School — 7 p.m.

Merced College—Auto Maintenance ..... Elementary School — 7 p.m.

MOONDANCE Grand Closing ..... Curry Village — 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

MOVIE "Heartbreak Kid" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

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## CURRY — NPS EXECUTIVES "BAT" TLE TITLE



by Brian Kane

The first annual Curry vs. Park Service executive all-star softball game, sponsored by Outreach as a fund-raising event, was a romp for Curry execs. with a final score of 25 to the Park Service 7.

Outstanding players for Curry were Tom Williams, who hit 6 for 6, two of them triples, "Short short" Slusser, who was such a power he drew a walk his third time-up, left-fielder Joe Wheeler, who received the Most Valuable Player Hot Dog Award for his excellent fielding and hitting (4 for 5 with three triples), and Ed Hardy, whose pitching kept the Park Service team from ever being a threat.

The Park Service team had their share of heavies with Rusty Rust and Herb Ewing getting on base everytime their team

allowed them to stand at the plate, Joe Abrell who made a number of spectacular catches way out in centerfield (and he was second base! — just kidding, gang). The Park Service played a fine game against a team that had a lot of experienced players from Curry Co.'s two best teams of the regular season.

This writer recommends that the Park Service execs. get warmed up during the regular season next year to turn this losing streak around.

It was a fun time, and we look forward to another good game next year. Thanks to all who participated as players or spectators. The rumor mill has it that next year's game will be a double-header — so maybe you executive wives should be prepared!

## Lewis Memorial Hospital Rate Increase

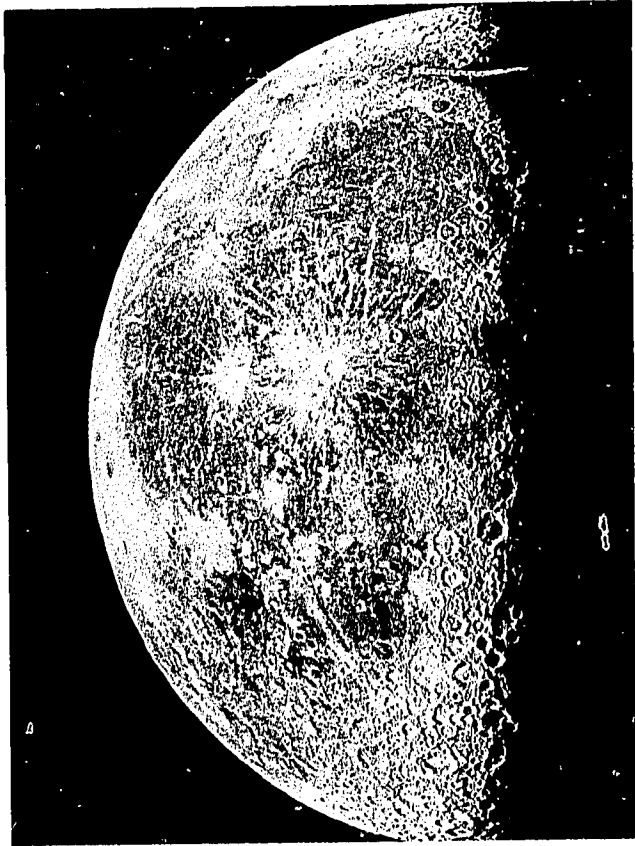
On September 2, 1975, we were advised by officials of Lewis Memorial Hospital and the National Park Service that as of Sunday, September 14, 1975, increased rates for hospital and out-patient care would become effective.

It is our understanding that need for this increase is a direct result of the rising cost of hospital and medical care in addition to the significant increase in the cost of malpractice insurance.

In order that you may fully understand these new rates, they are as follows:

	Patients Under Medical Plan	Patients Not Under Medical Plan
NEW PATIENTS (office calls)		
Regular office hours	\$6.00	\$12.00
5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.	7.50	15.00
10 p.m.-10 a.m.	7.50	15.00
Noon-10 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.	7.50	15.00
10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Holidays	7.50	15.00
Established Patients (office calls)		
Regular office hours	\$4.00	\$8.00
5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.	6.00	12.00
Noon-10 p.m.; Sat. & Sun.	6.00	12.00
10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Holidays	6.00	12.00
Private room, per day	\$61.00	\$71.00
Semi-private room, per day	58.00	68.00
Ward room, per day	57.00	67.00
Nursery	20.00	30.00
Hospital visits (doctor visits to in-patient's room, per day)	4.00	8.00

## STARS OVER YOSEMITE



### The Moon in September

by Larry Huggins

*Last quarter moon. Three craters can be seen with prominent ray structures. Clockwise from center they are Copernicus, Kepler, and Aristarchus. Above them, the Jura, Apennine, Caucasus, and Alps Mountains border the nearly circular Mare Imbrium [Sea of Rains].* Photography courtesy of Hale Observatories.

The waxing first-quarter moon, seven days into its journey around Earth, presents a beautiful half-illuminated face as the weekend begins. Rising at noon on the twelfth, it crosses the sky six hours behind the sun, reaching the zenith at sunset.

Thus, first quarter is a convenient phase to begin a month-long moon watch. Earth's satellite is high in the early evening sky this weekend, though it rises nearly an hour later each evening as it travels eastwardly around Earth.

Closely approaching the red giant star, Antares, at first quarter, the moon moves through Sagittarius, Capricornus, Aquarius, and Pisces (see Star Chart, September 5 issue) where it reaches full phase on September 20th. The full moon rises at sunset and sets at sunrise. It's position directly opposite the sun gives it the fully-lighted aspect of that phase.

Observers without optical aid can enjoy following the moon's travels through the constellations of the zodiac. It passes in front of (or occults) several faint stars and closely approaches the naked eye planets during the month.

Viewers with tripod-mounted binoculars or small telescopes, however, will have a field day (field night?). The changing

phase and illumination causes new areas of lunar topography to be highlighted each evening. The zone between lunar day and night (the terminator) displays surface detail to best advantage.

Mountain peaks, 14,000 feet high, rise from immense lunar plains and cast elongated shadows across arid "seas". Craters, some more than 100 miles in diameter, dot the moon's landscape. Many have walls more than 10,000 feet high which surround them.

The first astronomers to examine the moon through telescopes believed the dark areas were seas. Some even reported seeing ships sailing ancient lunar trade routes. Less imaginative scientists today report, however, that the moon possesses neither water to float a ship nor wind to fill a sail. In fact, the moon's airless surface is perfectly noiseless. Unmanned spacecraft which crash into the moon at great speed do so in total silence!

We can hardly fault 17th century astronomers for projecting their hopes and dreams onto that world. The romantic names they gave to lunar features — Marsh of Sleep, Lake of Dreams, Sea of Vapors, Bay of Rainbows, Sea of Nectar, etc. — tell us that, long before the space age, ancient astronomers were getting high on the moon.

## Road Closure

It has been established that the All Year Highway (Route 140) from the west boundary of Yosemite National Park to Yosemite Valley will again be closed intermittently from September 15, 1975 to May 15, 1976 for construction purposes. A major sewer line project is to be resumed beginning September 15 and requires intermittent closure of the road during time periods listed below.

The hours of closure are from:

8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Midnight to 6:30 a.m.—Subject to delay

Closure may require minor time changes and shall be posted on Route 140. The road will be opened to controlled traffic on Federal holidays, weekends, during day and night lunch breaks, and the weeks of Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

Weekends begin at 5 p.m. on Friday and end at 8:30 p.m. Sunday night.

Motorist are advised that the following routes are available: Route 41 (Fresno/Wawona); Route 132-J20-120 (Modesto/Coulterville); Route 120 (Big Oak Flat/Manteca); Route 140-49-41 (Mariposa/Oakhurst/Wawona); and are suggested as alternative routes to avoid construction delays. For latest traffic advisory, please call (209) 372-4222 for 24-hour recorded messages concerning road conditions and latest National Park advisories.

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## "The Crow's Nest"



As the Crow flies, summer is officially over — hard to believe, you say; the Crow agrees.

How about that tilt between the NPS and Curry VIPs (Very Impossible People) Sky Ball — Ed Hardy limited the boys from NPS to just seven runs, while the hitting of Tom Williams and Joe Wheeler and base running of L.L. (Slide) Branscum and Steve Lew led the Curry charge. It would have been overcharge, but Art Goertzen didn't play. The NPS team was hitting of Herb Ewing and Postmaster Leroy Rust, who got executive permission from GAO to play for the Park Service team. Special plaudits to Joe Abrell who catches a baseball better than he catches bears.

Speaking of bears, is it true that a certain National Park Service VIP lost his saddle bags to a bear on a recent outing in the back country? Has "Cruncher" returned? Don't you know bears like apples?

The Lions Club held their annual "Mosquito Festival" in mid-August. Rain threatened for a time but the weather held and the next day everyone was under it.

How did Don Rees (rumored to be the next Senator in the Mariposa County Legislature) get elected Winter Club President again? Tricky Dicky should have known this guy. By the way, can you find anyone who voted for Nixon? A random sampling by the Crow last week shows Hubert Humphrey was actually elected to the Presidency in the last election. Has anyone told him yet?

If I see one more picture of Susan Ford taking pictures, I'll throw my camera away.

## The Good Old Days

by Debbie Kroon

Nowadays there are special naturalist walks and programs just for children, but for many years activities for children were almost non-existent. Camp Curry provided two of these — Kiddie Kamp and the Grizzly Club.

Kiddie Kamp was founded in 1921, and is with us today. The Curry grandchildren attended it, and their favorite past time was riding the electric train. The orange engine, which was beloved by all of those who were 'babysat' at Kiddie Kamp, pulled a car that carried four children at a time. In the 1960s, when Mrs. Whitaker was there, the train clickety-clacked around the perimeter of Kiddie Kamp twice. The nickel that was charged was used to defray the expenses of the train. K.K. Railroad operated daily every summer until just a couple of years ago.

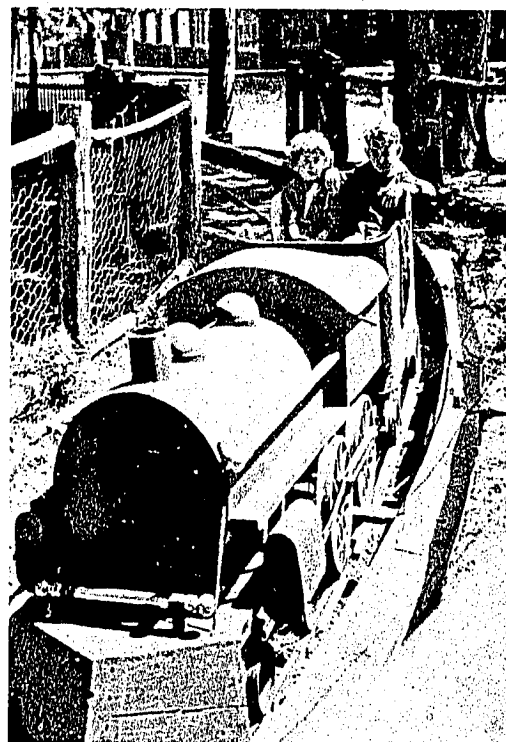
Other than the discontinuance of the railroad, Kiddie Kamp hasn't changed much from its earlier days. The swings, sandbox, playhouse, and coloring tables are still there. Crafts are very much a part of Kiddie Kamp, and the tent for naps seems the same.

Kiddie Kamp — although now for children walking through 10 years — used to be for the younger set, (walking through 6 years) and it was with much sadness when one left Kiddie Kamp for the last time. The bright side to this was that now one could attend the Grizzly Club!

Grizzly Club was located just outside Kiddie Kamp, by a large garden of ferns. Meeting every morning and afternoon, the Club was for kids ages 7 to 12. The set-up was perfect for parents who had planned for a strenuous hike or a fast-paced day. The little ones could be left at Kiddie Kamp and be under constant supervision, while the older kids would be entertained (and watched) morning and afternoon, and were old enough to either go "home" and fix their lunch or buy it at what is now Meadow Deck.

Grizzly Club usually had two leaders about 20 years old. Sue, Kathy, and Jeri were three of the many girls who spent their summer planning and carrying out activities for Grizzly Club members.

The schedule for each week was posted on the Grizzly Club bulletin board. Activities listed would range from plaster-cast animal prints (the members made the 'animal' prints!), to contests, to afternoons of drawing and roasting chocolate marshmallows.



The purpose of the Grizzly Club was to increase awareness of nature and the need for its protection by its members. A point system was begun to encourage learning about nature. Points were given for naming trees, shrubs, fishes, birds, mammals, points of interest in Yosemite, etc. This was later expanded to include attendance and activities at the meetings. Of course, there has to be a reward for garnering points, or what's the use of points? So, an armband was given when 100 points had been amassed, a pin for 250 points, the Grizzly Club Medal for 500 points, and for 1,000 points, the member was awarded a Gold Bar. In addition, a star was given for each successive year of membership.

To many, these awards quickly became unattainable. Fond hopes of the gold bar, medal, pin, or even armband were shattered when the Grizzly Club was discontinued in 1967. Perhaps a more crushing blow to seven-year-old minds was the disappointment of those who had been to Kiddie Kamp and eagerly anticipated the day when they, maybe like an older brother or sister, would be a member of the Grizzly Club. They, as well as members of the Grizzly Club, still make a visit to the site of the Grizzly Club, and instead of seeing just a pipe and bare ground, then envision the drinking fountain, bulletin board, picnic tables, and the log storage lean-to that housed all the Club treasurers.

It is not fanaticism that has gripped the Grizzly Club members and Kiddie Kamp "kampers". It is a love that has developed over several seasons in their early years, made up of fond memories, happiness and fun, and many new friendships. As such, no matter what happens, the Grizzly Club and Kiddie Kamp always will be alive in the hearts and minds of these Yosemite devotees.

### Yosemite Recreation

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SEPT. 22 — THE TOUCH Starring Elliott Gould, Bibi Anderson, Max von Sydow. Love comes in many forms. The ability for any person to express or receive love is manifold. The implications of this are once again explored by the world's greatest living director, Ingmar Bergman, in his first American Language Film. (R)

FALL RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING There will be a meeting Wednesday, September 17, in the Employee Recreation Office to establish a fall Recreation Committee.

Employee Recreation is asking everyone who is interested in exchanging ideas to attend this meeting.

We need your thoughts! We need your help!

See all of you at 8:00 a.m. in the Rec. Office.

ALL-STAR GAME The West All-Stars closed out our softball season with a 29-13 victory over the East All-Stars. It was the second win in a row for the West team. As for the error-prone East squad...maybe next year!

West All-Stars: Ron Cohen, John Wallblom, Dennis Waheed, Brian Kane, Bobby Turnage, Bob Howard, Bobby Reese, John Chesarek, Jeff Gideon, Steve Pittman, Tom Jabro, Paul Brousseau, James Peggins, Jeff Devoto, and Steve Gutman.

### Gift of a Flower

by Jerry Coe

Deep in the green of moss and fern  
A small spring captures portraits of the Sun —  
At its cool edge  
a small flower opens full  
to touch a single ray of light.  
Its small blue petals float like soft down;  
Its hearts is a gold mist;  
And its life is a whisper on the mountain air.  
When this day ends  
it will not be with the sadness of the setting sun,  
but a pause before the dawn.

### Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally. M/F.

MAIDS (AHW, C.V., Y.L.) — Quick, thorough worker. Neat appearance. (\$2.25-\$2.95/hr.)

FOOD ATTENDANTS (GLACIER POINT, GYF&B FAST FOOD, VIL-LAGE HAMBURGER) Must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Must be able to deal with the public. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

BUSPERSONS — 21 years old, food experience. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

FOOD SERVICE PERSONS — Must have neat appearance and pleasant manner. Need tennis shoes. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

HOST/HOSTESS/CASHIER — Food service experience. (\$2.55-\$3.32/hr.)

COOKS — Overall knowledge of kitchen procedures. Provide own tools and uniforms. Experienced only. (\$4.05-\$5.11/hr.)

KITCHEN HELPER — Responsible person (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

WAITER/WAITRESS — 21 years of age. Must have neat appearance, courteous manner. Previous experience necessary. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

WINE STEWARD/WAITER — Neat appearance, courteous manner. Knowledge of wines and liquors required. Must be 21 years of age. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

CAPTAIN (AHW) — Supervises bus- persons' work, conduct and appearance. Assigns stations and other duties to buspersons. Assists in seating guests. As assigned, sets up and takes down banquet tables. (\$2.85-\$3.72/hr.)

ROOM CLERK — Greets, registers, and assigns rooms to incoming guests. Checks out departing guests. Maintains records of reservations. Neat appearance, able to meet public. (\$2.70-\$3.51/hr.)

VILLAGE STORE APPAREL CLERK — Retail experience preferred. (\$2.40-\$3.14/hr.)

BELL PERSON — Age 21 or over. Must be neat, well groomed and present a courteous and friendly manner at all times. Good health and able to carry up to 80 lbs. of luggage. California State Driver's License. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12:  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15:  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
El Portal Community Association Meeting ..... El Portal Community Hall  
MOVIE "Heartbreak Kid" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16:  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Visitor's Center — 7 p.m.  
Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17:  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Recreation Committee Meeting ..... Employee Rec. Office — 8 p.m.

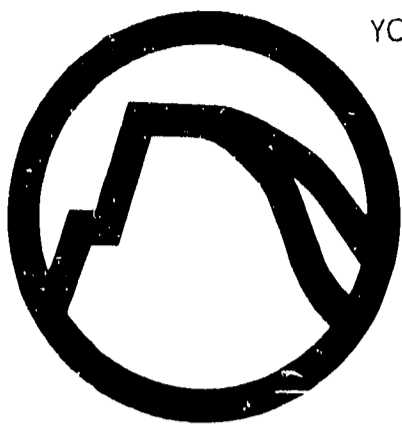
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Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "The Touch" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

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## BIKE RALLY



This year's rally, as in the past, will be a two day family touring event. Cyclists will bike around an easy fourteen mile loop around the Valley floor, stopping at six scenic checkpoints along the way. Those who complete this loop will receive a Yosemite Fall Bike Rally patch and a certificate. There will also be an all-you-can-eat barbeque at Sentinel Beach on Saturday; \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for children 12 and under, as well as a movie classic. The Bike Rally party will be open **only** to those who participate in the rally. On Sunday, other members of The Wheelmen will join Jerry Grulkey and Philip Lawrence to display their antique bicycles and tricycles in the Village Mall area. Then they will lead an antique bike

parade around the Valley floor.

Besides the patches and certificates, awards will be presented to those who cycle the loop the most times between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, and a special trophy will be awarded to the person who cycles the greatest distance to get to the rally.

Checkpoints are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, and registration takes place at the Curry Village Bike Stand. Or pre-registration forms may be obtained by writing to Yosemite Fall Bike Rally, Yosemite Park and Curry Co., Yosemite National Park, California 95389, or by stopping by the Sentinel Office in the General Offices.

### EMPLOYEE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Our Employee Advisory Council has requested that we establish an impartial Grievance Procedure for our employees. A procedure which would enable our employees to express their dissatisfaction in areas of promotions, terminations, transfers, and wage disputes. A procedure which would provide the employee with an opportunity to present these problems and others to a panel of their fellow employees.

The Council has expressed concern that employees find themselves in a position of no place to turn when they are faced with disciplinary action. In all cases any form of discipline should be designed to be corrective and not punitive. The only reason a supervisor should ever discipline an employee is to give the employee an opportunity to become aware of a problem and correct it.

If you are interested in participating in the drafting of this program and the establishment of a system of this nature please contact Doug Hammond (Ext. 274), President of our Employee Advisory Council so that you can attend the next meeting.

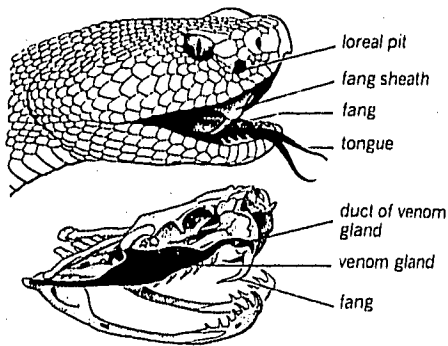
### Lion's Club River Clean-Up

The First Annual Lion's Club River Clean-up will be held Saturday, September 20th, beginning at 10 a.m. behind the Village Store. All those interested in helping to clean up the Park after the summer season are invited to come along and help. Then join the Lions for a barbecue and some beer. The location of the barbecue will be announced during the clean-up.

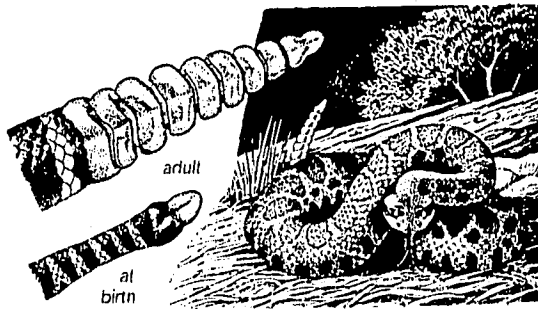
So bring your waders, your wet suit, your bathing suit, or just roll up your pant cuffs and lend a hand. For further details call Dan Sholly at 372-4461.

## Animal of the Week

by Jody Martin



Venom mechanism of rattlesnake.



Rattle structure in rattlesnakes.

### Pacific Rattlesnake

"While strolling through the Park one day...in the very merry month of May....I was taken by surprise...by a pair of Rattler's eyes...and he struck which sent me swiftly on my way!!"

The Pacific Rattlesnake (subspecies of the Western Rattlesnake) can be, and has been, found almost everywhere in the Park although sightings are not nearly as frequent as one might expect.

The nice thing about these critters is that when you find one, there'll be no question in your mind what it is!! The adults usually average 3 to 4 feet in length with a thick body. Upon sighting one, if you both wish to stick around long enough you might get a chance to see his triangularly shaped head, the diamond patterned markings on his back and see and hear the rattle which by this time will probably be fairly close to the head as he is coiled to strike. (Trying to feed this "animal" will be far more injurious to your health than his!)

Facts: 1) he generally moves less than 10 feet in a day; 2) is most abundant during April through June, although you'll find him any time of the year that the temperature is 70 degrees or above; 3) breed and bear young in September and

October (sperm is carried in the female until March and April when she ovulates); 4) prefers to live in grass with rocky outcroppings but will also take over rodent burrows; 5) food consists of ground squirrels, mice, chipmunks, quail, lizards, frogs, small rabbits, and pocket gophers.

Contrary to tall tales, these reptiles don't chase people, can't strike a distance greater than their body length, are not always deadly, cannot be made harmless by pulling their fangs (they grow new ones), and don't always rattle before they strike.

On the other hand, the Rattler will die from its own bite, can strike without inserting his fangs, sheds several times per year adding a rattle each time he sheds, is "blind" just prior to shedding, and tends to congregate in dens with others to hibernate in winter.

They generally are not found near well traveled trails but can be found while blazing your own trail. If you want to see one before they hibernate for the winter, try Indian Canyon or the old Big Oak Flat Stagecoach Road, but take a snake bit kit and warn your doctor, or better yet, make an appointment in advance.

## Mountain Medicine Symposium

Session leaders for Yosemite Institute's four-day, October 29—November 1, Mountain Medicine Symposium have been selected. They include:

1. Dr. Cameron Bangs — Internist. Author & speaker on cold weather survival.
2. Dr. Warren Bowman — Medical Advisor to the National Ski Patrol System, Inc.
3. Dr. Robert Groves — Director of the High Altitude Research Laboratory, Leadville, Colorado.
4. Dr. Herbert Hultgren — Professor of Medicine, Stanford University.
5. Dr. Berton Janis — Assoc. Professor, Univ. of Utah College of Medicine.
6. Dr. T. H. Jukes — Professor in Residence, Space Sciences Laboratory, University of California, Berkeley.
7. Mr. Dick Mitchell — Author of "Mountaineering First Aid". EMT Instructor.
8. Dr. James Morrissey — Leader of the 1973 Dhavlagiri Expedition.
10. Dr. Bruce Paton — Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado.
11. Dr. Drummond Rennie — Responsible for the U.S. relief effort following the 1970 Peruvian earthquake.
12. Dr. Gil Roberts — Chief Medical Officer for the 1963 Everest Expedition.
13. Mr. Galen Rowell — Member of the 1975 American K1 Expedition.
14. Ms. J. A. Syrotuck — Authority on heat and cold syndromes, nutrition, and physical conditioning.
15. Mr. William Syrotuck — Authority on Search and Rescue. Operational Leader and Dog Trainer/Handler.

The Symposium will be under the direction of Dr. Charles Houston, Professor of Community Medicine, University of Vermont. Dr. Houston has led several expeditions to the Himalaya and is presently director of High Altitude Research for the Arctic Institute.

The four-day program will include sessions on: (1) Cold Injuries; (2) Cold, Survival and Nutrition; (3) First Aid; (4) Trauma, Search and Rescue; (5) Altitude Problems; and (6) Environmental Health.

For further details write: Mountain Medicine, Yosemite Institute, Yosemite National Park, Calif. 95389.

## GARDEN CLUB

The El Portal Garden Club will have its first meeting of the season on Monday, September 29th at the Parkline Restaurant, at noon. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Mary Pitt of Mariposa who is head of a group who does charity work with the handicapped. Luncheon will served off the menu. If you have any questions regarding this service group, call Mary Tanner at 379-2484.

## What's Happening in the World of Women

On Tuesday, Sept. 23, join the Yosemite Women's Club for an evening to find out what's happening in the world of women. Learn about the Equal Rights Amendment. Is it a good thing, or not really necessary? What's happened to women's roles in the last few years? And men's? What is N.O.W. and what kind of people belong to this organization? Jane Edgett, president of the Fresno chapter of the National Organization of Women will be at the West Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. for a round-table discussion on the world of women. Men are invited, too.

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## The Story of Hodag Lake

Hodag Lake? Ever hear of it? How about a plain old hodag? If you're like most people, you haven't. In fact, the only person I found who did lives outside the Park and was the person who named Hodag Lake. So, for your amusement, here is the story of Hodag Lake.

Charles Adair was one of the first rangers in Yosemite National Park, and he apparently had a well-developed sense of humor. As Ranger Adair spent a lot of time in the backcountry and around campfires, he had time to tell some of the most marvelous stories. One which was rather terrifying was his story of the hodags.

In case you didn't know it, the mountains in this area are filled with hodags. Hodags are very dangerous creatures. They will appear without any warning and attack people. There's only one thing, though, that the hodags are afraid of — water. So whenever you're in the mountains, either alone or with a group, it's best to always have a bucket of water handy to use if a hodag should come. To frighten him away, merely throw the water at him, and he'll leave.

Where Charlie Adair got the idea of hodags no one knows, but it was a sure-fire way to insure a water supply in the camp, especially if a green ranger was there! Nowadays, though, thanks to two seasonal rangers in 1929, it's no longer necessary to fear the awesome hodags.

Rangers Otto Brown and Warren "Jack" Moody were planting fish in August of that year in the high country surrounding Tuolumne Meadows. While Mr. Brown and Mr. Moody were seeking to find a way to get fish to Echo Lake, they stumbled upon a lake that was completely isolated. Since there was no trail to it and people were not likely to come upon its shores, the rangers decided to christen the lake "Hodag Lake". Their 'platform' was a large rock on the southwest side of the lake fairly close to the shore. They gave the lake a full ceremony, including the famed "a few well chosen words". Then, after uncovering their heads in due respect to the solemn occasion, Ranger Brown expounded, "Let all hodags know, that from this day henceforth the total woodland surrounding this lake is their one and only sanctuary." He then simultaneously fired a shot from his revolver into the lake and said "I now christen thee 'Hodag Lake'".

## Where Has Outreach Gone?

As of midnight, September 3, 1975, the Yosemite Outreach program closed. The members of the Steering Committee for the program and the staff would like to thank all the members of the community who helped to make this year's program a success. Both the National Park Service and the Yosemite Park and Curry Company made equal monetary contributions and gave active support without which we would not have been able to exist. Both organizations and the community as a whole supported the baseball game.

Throughout the winter months, the Steering Committee will be making plans for next year's program. Anyone with ideas for next year or remarks (negative or positive) about this year's program are encouraged to contact a member of the Steering Committee. Those persons are: Joe Abrell and Michael Osborn of NPS, Linda Plant of LMH, Elizabeth Shepard of YPC, Lynn Williams or Kris Crofut.

To fill the void that is created since Outreach is no longer available, there are agencies close at hand to help people. Mental Health Services for Mariposa County provides emergency psychiatric services throughout the county. Emergency services can be obtained by calling the clinic in Mariposa (966-2000) or the Mariposa County Sheriff (966-3614) during non-business hours, nights and weekends. SOS members can be reached through the NPS dispatcher (372-4461).

## The Deadline is Near — Oct. 6

Apply for the Management Trainee Program.

If you have not responded to our July 11, 1975 request for candidates and are interested, I urge you to contact your supervisor and request the opportunity to complete an application form.

Each member of the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our trainees for their outstanding performance and for making the initial aspect of this program a success; in addition, we would like to thank all of our employees for their interest in this program.

Quoting from Mr. Moody's book, **Summer Ranger** — Experience of a 'Ninety-day Wonder': "The splash of water from that shot shall forever remain a symbolic warning to "all hodags", that no hodag shall ever again attack a human being."

You're safe!

## YOU'RE NEEDED EVERY DAY

If you weren't needed on the job every day, you would not have been hired in the first place. Nobody knows your job like you do. When cave men felt like taking a day off from work it really didn't matter much. No one was effected except the cave man and his wife and as long as there was enough food in the cave she probably didn't care either. Things are different today. Nobody but nobody is self-sufficient any longer. We all depend on each other. We've broken down the job of making the goods and services we need into thousands of parts. Each of us is responsible for a tiny part of the job. Each of us is an essential link in the chain. When we slack off or take time off it doesn't effect just us, it effects everyone. Most companies and most departments plan their work carefully so that each person has a reasonable amount to do. But, what do you do when someone is absent and the work has to go on regardless? The obvious answer is to overwork the others or get a stand-in of someone who can't possibly do the job as well because he isn't familiar with it. **That's what makes absenteeism.** Needless absence from work is so costly it is one of industry's most important problems. It hurts quality, it makes things cost more and its competition is stiff and can even knock the company right out of business. A certain amount of illness and absenteeism is to be expected. But, when the absenteeism is not necessary, it is costly, it is an unfair imposition on the company, and it is unfair to other employees. When you were hired for your present job, did you warn the company that you would probably take a day off now and then whenever you felt like it — probably not. If you had, you wouldn't have gotten the job. Most of us were hired with the understanding that we would be on hand regularly, full time, every day — unless we were seriously ill. That's the understanding we had with our employer regardless of whether it was stated in so many words or not. You know it and I know it. As fair minded people, shouldn't we do our best to live up to it? One of the most helpful things any of us can do for our company and for our fellow employees is simply to be on the job every single day. It will be noticed, appreciated and you will be respected for your attitude. You will also be able to respect yourself.

## ROAD CLOSURE CHANGES MAIL SERVICE HOURS

Due to the closure of Hwy. 140 for the sewer project, all mail to be sent from Yosemite Valley on a particular day MUST arrive at the main Post Office NO LATER THAN 12:30 p.m. that day.



## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

#### SEPT. 22 — THE TOUCH

Starring Elliott Gould, Bibi Anderson, Max von Sydow. Love comes in many forms. The ability for any person to express or receive love is manifold. The implications of this are once again explored by the world's greatest living director, Ingmar Bergman, in his first American Language Film. (R)

#### SEPT. 29 — HAROLD & MAUDE

Starring Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, Vivian Pickles. A comic love story of a necrophilic teenager and an 80 year old lady. The black slapstick humor pokes fun at suicide, mother love, patriotic fervor and funerals and could be called shock-funny. (PG)

### SPECIAL CLASSES

#### EXERCISE — MODERN DANCE

Beginning on Wednesday, September 24, the Employee Recreation Dept. will offer a class in modern dance and ballet. The class will be open to all employees and will be held in the Elementary School Gym. Our instructor, Anita, is urging everyone interested to participate. This class offers you a chance to learn and enjoy while exercising your way to perfect muscle tone. See you there at 7:00 p.m.

### FLAG FOOTBALL

The time is now to start organizing your teams for the upcoming flag football league. All coaches should bring their completed rosters to the Employee Recreation Office. The defending champions, The Over-the-Hill-Gang (formerly the Ahwahnee Hotel) is looking forward to a challenging season. League play should be under way by October 1st. So get your teams together.

### SOFTBALL '75 AWARDS PARTY

On Friday, August 29th, the Annual Softball Awards party was held at the Yosemite Lodge Pool. All the participants and rooters of the '75 season were honored.

Live music was provided by "Mid-day Heat" from Fresno. After the Burger Barbeque, directed by "Head Chef", Derry Kirschman, awards were presented to the winning teams, the Mariposa Express and the General Office Ralliers.

Special awards went to John Wallbloom, Men's MVP and Sally Stieg and Vicki Bumgarner tied for Women's MVP. Paul Peters and Jeri Slater were honored with the much coveted "Golden Glove" award. And Bobby Turnage was awarded a huge rubber bat (temper, temper!) Employee Recreation would like to thank each and everyone who made this summer season the success that it was.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 MOVIE "The Golden Touch" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.  
 Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.  
 "World of Women" ..... Visitor Center — 7:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Volleyball ..... Camp #6 — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Exercise — Modern Dance ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 MOVIE "Harold & Maude" ..... Visitor Center — 8:30 p.m.

## CALLING ALL FOOTBALL FANS

The Mariposa High School Grizzlies start their football season Sept. 12. Approximately fifteen local boys (Yosemite-El Portal) are either Junior Varsity or Varsity team members this year, and several local Misses are Song or Cheer Leaders.

All HOME games are played in the Gold Bowl at the Mariposa Fairgrounds. This is a Home game year, so Season Tickets will be available at a reduced rate. Game time is 6:00 P.M. (Junior Varsity) and 8:00 P.M. (Varsity) on Friday nights.

Show your support by attending some of their games!

SCHEDULE		
Sept. 12	Bret Harte	at Altaville
19	Jackson	at Jackson
26	Summerville	Home
Oct.		
Oct. 3	Mesa Verde	Home
10	Hilmar	Home
17	Denair	at Denair
*24	Le Grand	Home
31	Orestimba	Home
Nov. 7	Ripon	at Ripon

\*Mariposa Homecoming Game

## FOR SALE

1972 Ford Bronco — four wheel drive, low mileage, mud & snow tires, excellent condition. Call 379-2665 after 6 p.m.

Gulbransen Student Console piano, bench, blonde finish...best offer over \$300.00; 4 open metal-frame chairs, ideal for fabric, woven, etc. covering...\$6.00 each; small, 4 drawer desk, 16" x 37" x 29", needs refinishing...\$20.00; school desk, formica top...\$20.00; bookcase, simple but sturdy...\$20.00. Call 372-4700 after 5:30 or weekends.

## HELP WANTED

Yosemite Elementary School has an immediate opening for a Noon-time Supervisor.

The position consists of supervising the children on the playground or in the multi-purpose room between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. Mondays through Fridays during the school year.

Applicants should contact Dr. Robert Elkins at Yosemite School (telephone 372-2791).

## LOST

2 rings in the Ladies washroom of Executive offices, gift from dying mother. If found, please return to Jody Martin, Executive office.

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## BIKE RALLY TOMORROW



Tomorrow marks the beginning of the 1976 Fall Bike Rally. The day's cycling events begin at 9 a.m. at the Curry Village Bike Stand with cycling lasting until 3 p.m. During this time any cyclist that completes the 14 mile loop from Indian Caves to Fern Springs and back will receive a Yosemite Fall Bike Rally patch and a certificate. Trophies will be offered to those who cycle the loop the most times during the day in various age categories. A special award is being offered to the person who cycled the farthest to get to the rally.

Rally events include an all-you-can-eat picnic at Sentinel Beach, \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. The menu is hamburgers, baked beans, salad,

corn on the cob and milk or soft drinks. The picnic starts at 4 p.m.

Later in the evening there is the awards ceremony at the Visitor Center at 7 p.m. followed by a movie classic "Lost Horizon", to be shown in the auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Admission to both these events is free.

The Bike Rally party, open to participants of the bike rally only, will begin at 8:30 p.m. at the Curry Village cafeteria. You must have your bike rally map and \$1 to get in. There will be no exceptions.

There's more cycling on Sunday for those who didn't get their patch the day before, so come on our and join us for Yosemite's Fall Bike Rally.

## MANAGEMENT TRAINEE PROGRAM

If you have not responded to our July 11, 1975 request for candidates and are interested, I urge you to contact your supervisor and request the opportunity to complete an application form. The Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Management Trainee Program was designed to provide the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. with a continuing source of trained management personnel, to develop its present middle-management employees for opportunities that lie before them, to encourage upward mobility from within our ranks giving opportunities to employees who possess demonstrated capabilities, educational background, positive attitudes and a strong desire to become a part of a progressive management team.

The first phase of our program went into effect on November 1, 1974. The candidates selected during that period have performed exceptionally well and each member of the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the trainees for making the initial aspect of this program a success.

If you have not applied and are interested, I urge you to contact your supervisor prior to October 6, 1975. We will keep you up-to-date as we progress in this area and hopefully we can continue our program with the same success as it has had in the past.

## Book Discussion

The first meeting of the year for the Book Discussion Group will be held Monday, October 6 at 8 p.m. at the home of Marian Woessner. The discussion will center around *The Sound and The Fury*, by William Faulkner, and will also be a planning meeting for future books and meetings. Whether or not you've read the book, come join us and help to plan programs of interest.

## THE CURRY TRADITION

The Curry tradition of warm friendly hospitality began with the Curry's original seven tents in 1899. Each guest who visits any of our facilities is to be treated as a guest in our own home, because, in actuality, this is our home. Sometimes it's easy to lose sight of this goal. Following are some important points which have been emphasized since the Curry Co.'s early days and should be remembered continually.

1. A guest is not dependent upon us, we are dependent upon him.
2. A guest is not an interruption of our work, he is the purpose of it.
3. A guest does us a favor when he calls; we are not doing him a favor when we serve him.
4. A guest is part of our business, not an outsider.
5. A guest is not a cold statistic; he is a flesh and blood human being with emotions like our own.
6. A guest is not someone with whom to argue nor with whom to match wits.
7. A guest is a person who brings us his wants; it is our job to fill these wants.
8. A guest is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give him.
9. A guest is the person who makes our salary possible, whether we are a dishwasher, a busboy, a Department Head or Chief Operating Officer.
10. A guest is the life blood of this and every other business.
11. A guest likes to trade with a progressive hotel that is the social and civic center of its community.

Warm and friendly hospitality is the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s way — make sure you are continuing this tradition.

12. Finally, we have always said the most important person is our employee, but the most important person to that employee is the guest, whoever he is or wherever you might be serving him.

Edward C. Hardy  
Chief Operating Officer  
YPCCo.

## Square Dancing

If you are interested in learning to Square Dance, call Lou Carter at 379-2634.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS



JAMES CHENOWETH LAMON was the first person to live in Yosemite Valley year-round. The Virginian took a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in the east end of the Valley in the fall of 1859. Mr. Lamon built a cabin near the present Curry Stables and planted a garden and his two orchards. The orchards, one at Curry parking lot, the other by the stables, contained apple, peach, pear, and plum trees. James Lamon's garden and trees provided many of the visitors of the '60s and '70s with welcomed fresh fruit and vegetables.

One true story of his hospitality provides us with a glimpse of some of his traits that we otherwise would not know about. A group of visitors to the Park had run out of bread. They had the flour and other ingredients, but they lacked something with which to make the bread rise. There was no store in those days, so if you ran out of something you were out of luck, unless you could obtain the item from one of the residents. This particular group of visitors asked James Lamon if they could have some sour dough, and he was most happy to oblige. In those days (around 1870), visitors were rather few, so the residents were glad to help out once in a while for a chance to talk with someone. Well, Mr. Lamon looked in his cupboards. Then he looked in the drawers. Then he looked all over the cabin, remarking that he "just knew he had some around here somewhere". Finally, Mr. Lamon decided to look under the bed. He took a big stick and started pulling things out. First came old shoes, then socks, dirt, and — believe it or not

— a saddle! Then, way back in the corner he reached with his long stick, and pulled out a big glob of sour dough. The visitors were very appreciative of the sour dough — they also were very careful to use some from the center of the mass where it was fairly clean.

James Lamon recorded his claim in May of 1861, and lived in the Valley until his death in the May of 1875, but his orchard still lived on after his death. In 1889, the Yosemite Valley Commissioners granted Etienne Manet a permit to operate Lamon's orchards. Mr. Manet lived in the lower orchard at the Curry parking area and grew vegetables to sell at the upper orchard. After the orchards were no longer used for agricultural purposes, the trees were permitted to stay. The current policies were formed in the 1930s and 1940s and say basically:

These trees, although they are not native to the area, have been and will be allowed to remain here due to their association with the early history of Yosemite.

and

The trees will die here naturally — some hastened by the cars parking over the roots — and the foresters will remove any first generation trees that they find. A few of the first generation might escape, but eventually no non-native trees will exist in the Park.

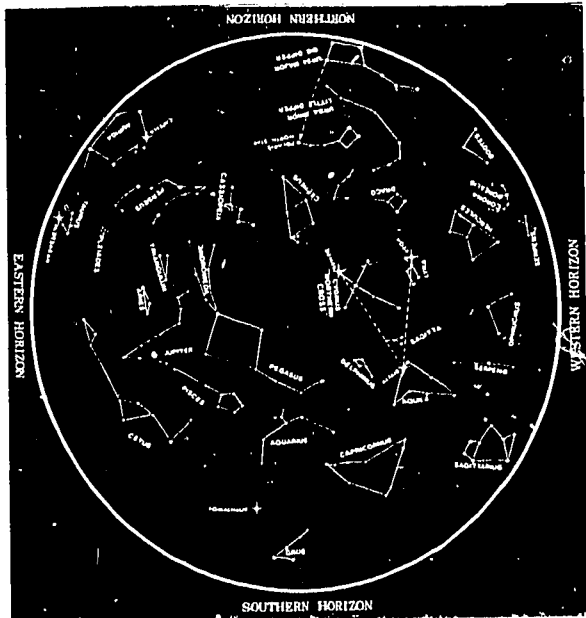
Although Lamon's orchards will only be memories in the not-too distant future, he will never be completely forgotten, for over his grave in the Pioneer Cemetery (by the Visitor Center) stands a tall spire of marble erected by his heirs at a cost of \$1,500. The 20' monument is made of white granite from one of the "Three Graces."

## Dance Band

Do you long for an evening of dancing? Come and join us at any one of the following locations:

- Sat. Sept. 27 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee  
7:30-11:30 P.M.
- Sun. Sept. 28 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee  
9:00-11:30 P.M.
- Mon. Sept. 29 — Curry Village-Cafeteria  
9:00-11:30 P.M.
- Tues. Sept. 30 — Lounge - Ahwahnee  
8:30-11:30 P.M.
- Fri. Oct. 3 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee  
7:30-11:30 P.M.
- Sat. Oct. 4 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee  
7:30-11:30 P.M.
- Sun. Oct. 5 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee  
9:00-11:30 P.M.
- Mon. Oct. 6 — Curry Village-Cafeteria  
9:00-11:30 P.M.

## SKY CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER



by Larry Huggins

The Star Chart for October shows the sky as it appears in the predawn hours during the middle of the month. Four planets (Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn) are shown, as well as the radiant of the October 20 meteor shower.

To locate early evening constellations, use the chart which appeared in the September 5 issue. Rotate it 30 degrees counter-clockwise around the North Star. Using both charts, one can locate most of the constellations and all of the planets (except Mercury) visible during October.

**SUN** — Our star moves through Virgo during most of October. The stars of Leo (through which the Sun traveled during September) are now emerging into the morning twilight.

**MOON** — New Moon October 4; First Quarter October 11; Full Moon October 19; Last Quarter October 27

Observers situated on Sentinel Dome or some other elevated point will see an impressive display on the evening of October 19. As the sun sets on the western horizon, the moon will be rising over the eastern Sierra Nevada.

Atmospheric refraction causes both bodies to appear 1/2 degree higher on the horizon than they actually are, when we see the sun just "touching" the western horizon, it will actually have set. Similarly the moon will "appear" before it actually clears the eastern horizon. Thus, both objects, somewhat flattened and distorted, will be visible simultaneously at sunset.

### Moon — Planet Passages

Oct. 1 - 1 a.m. - Venus - 1° north  
 Oct. 19 - 10 a.m. - Jupiter - 5° south  
 Oct. 25 - 4 a.m. - Mars - 4° north  
 Oct. 27 - 2 p.m. - Saturn - 5° north  
 Oct. 30-31 - midnight - Venus - 5° north

**MERCURY** — This planet is never easy to see because of its proximity to the sun. However, observers with a clear eastern horizon will see it in the morning twilight for a few days around October 25.

**VENUS** — There is no brighter object in the sky, except the sun. Look for Venus in the morning sky during October. It waxes from a thin crescent early in the month to half phase on November 6.

**EARTH** — Spaceship Earth continues to speed around the sun at nearly 70,000 mph during October. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, it will continue to do so for the rest of the year, causing some interesting effects on the apparent movement of Mars (see below).

**MARS** — In Taurus last month, Mars moves into Gemini during October. By November, however, Earth will begin to "catch up" to Mars and pass it. Thus Mars will appear to slow down, then move backwards, returning towards Taurus. It will be in Taurus when we pass closest to it December 25. Have your telescopes and binoculars oiled and ready in December. This will be the best time to view Mars for more than a year.

**JUPITER** — Reaching opposition on October 13 (at which time it is closest to Earth), Jupiter remains in Pisces for the rest of the year. It too appears to move slightly backwards (called retrograde motion) for the same reason as Mars.

**SATURN** — Moving now into Cancer (early morning sky), it rises at 11 p.m. at the end of the month.

**METEOR SHOWERS** — The orionids, an annual shower in Orion, reach maximum intensity October 20. Normally producing 25 meteors per hour in pre-dawn hours, this shower will likely be a dud. The bright, nearly full moon will outshine all but the brightest meteors. Bad timing.

## Merced College Classes still open

Most of the classes offered for YPCCo. and NPS employees and their dependents are still open. Only the Art Class has closed its membership.

If you are interested in joining one of the free classes, but have not done so because you do not have the transportation necessary to get you there, either call us at the Sentinel office at 372-4611, ext. 445, or call Diane Abrell at 372-4233 and we'll try to work out car pools where possible.

The following is a list of the classes available, and the days, times and places that they meet: (All classes in Yosemite meet at the Yosemite Elementary School, and at the El Portal Elementary School in El Portal.)

Silkscreen	Mon	7-10	Yos
Art	Tue	7-10	EP
Family Living	Tue	7-9	Yos
Business Math	Tu-Thu	3-5	Yos
Spanish	Mon	7-10	EP
Auto Maintenance	Mon	7-10	EP
	Thu	7-10	EP
Chorus	Thu	7-10	Yos

## FOR SALE

VW Bus, 1969, 81,000 miles, rebuilt engine, \$1,500. Call Sonja Hoie, 372-4319

1970 VW Delux, with sun roof, excellent condition, low mileage. Call 372-4716

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## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

**SEPT. 29 — HAROLD AND MAUDE**  
Starring Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort, Vivian Pickles. A comic love story of a necrophilic teenager and an 80 year old lady. The black slapstick humor pokes fun at suicide, mother love, patriotic fervor and funerals and could be called shock-funny. (PG)

**OCT. 6 — THE STERILE CUCKOO**  
Starring Liza Minnelli, Wendell Burton. A chapter in the Perils of Pookie. Anxious to be loved yet so emotionally immature, she even makes a joke waiting for the first time to "be peeled like a tomato". This is her first love affair. It's kinda sad... (R)

### SPECIAL CLASSES

**EXERCISE/MODERN DANCE**  
The Modern Dance class will be held on Wednesday, September 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary school gym. The class with an emphasis on ballet, is open to employees. Our instructor, Anita, urges all interested parties to attend. Be sure to wear loose clothing.

### BEAD CLASS

Exotic coral, trade beads, abalone, hishi, and many, many more. Attend the Bead Class Tuesday nights 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Two instructors to help you design original chockers, earrings, and hand-crafts. Come Tuesday for a friendly evening and a chance to enjoy your own craftsmanship.

### FLAG FOOTBALL

This serves as reminder to all prospective coaches to turn in their completed rosters to the Employee Rec. Office. The season will get underway the first week in October. The deadline date for completed rosters is Tuesday, September 30, at 5:00 p.m. So get your teams together!

### NEW FACE IN RECREATION

Mr. Tony Caputo has just recently joined Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s Employee Recreation Department. Tony, a senior at California State University, Fresno, will serve as a Recreation Intern and be involved in all aspects of the program.

Let's all join in wishing Tony a successful semester in Yosemite.

### WILDERNESS PERMITS

Don't forget that wilderness permits are required for everyone, for travel through any area of Yosemite's backcountry at any time of the year. Permits may be obtained at the Visitor Center.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.  
MOVIE "Lost Horizon" ..... Visitor Center, E. Aud. — 8:00 p.m.

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Harold & Maude" ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic ..... Lewis Memorial Hospital  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.  
Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Exercise/Modern Dance ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

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Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

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### FREE MOVIE

"LOST HORIZON" — The original 1937 version with Ronald Coleman and Jane Wyatt. This classic Frank Capra production taken from James Hilton's novel, is the story of Shangri-La, an isolated paradise of peace and joy. The opening sequence has been regarded as one of the most beautifully photographed in cinema history. This film was an Oscar winner. (G)

This movie is being offered free to all residents with identification on Sunday, September 28 at 8 p.m. at the East Auditorium.

## FOR SALE

Stephenson "Warmlite" sleeping bag. Excellent condition. 5'8" length, medium girth. \$85

Woolrich 60/40 Jacket. Orange, medium. Excellent condition. \$25.

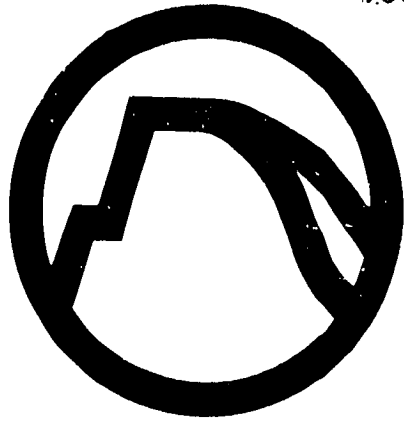
Vasque lightweight trail boots. Good condition. Vibram soles. Women's size 7½ (American sizing) \$20

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## WHERE THERE'S SMOKE....



If it's looked a bit smokey to you lately, it's not smog, it's actually a new forest fire policy being used by the National Park Service call "Let Burn".

Prior to 1890, lightning fires frequently burned uncontrolled over most forest lands in California. Also, Indians used fire in the management of vegetation for several thousands years prior to Spanish occupation of California. As a result of this frequent light burning, Sierran forests, including those of Yosemite, were composed of large, widely spaced pines and firs with little under growth other than small shrubs and herbaceous plants. Today, as a result of approximately 100 years of fire control, this situation is much different. Forests have become dense and choked with understory vegetation composed primarily of white fir and incense-cedar which are replacing the mature pines. Meadows are being encroached upon by trees, and brush fields have become thick and impenetrable.

With the endorsement of most ecologists, the National Park Service embarked on a

program of environmental restoration. One phase of this program allows fire of lightning origin to burn over certain areas where risk of catastrophic fire and danger to the public is minimal.

Last year's Starr King Fire was such a fire. That fire burned over 2,000 acres. Since it was burning at elevations around 8,000 feet, relative humidity was fairly high and burning conditions were mild. Such fire kills small trees and consumes litter, while leaving thick-barked, mature trees largely untouched. Studies have shown that such fires generally reduce fire hazard, speed-up nutrient recycling, and increase wildlife habitat, and overall plant and animal diversity.

These fires are monitored regularly by Park ecologists, and if they continue to behave safely, they are allowed to burn until extinguished by the first snowfall.

So far this year, only 15 such fires have been allowed to run their course, but only one has achieved a size of over 30 acres. Most such fires burn out by themselves in two to seven days.

## Volunteers Thank You!!!

What do you need to put together a Bike Rally? Start with thirty volunteers, a previous history to work from, 1500 cyclists, a Barbeque, an Awards Presentation, a movie and a party. Put all together into one weekend and mix well. What is the result? Some kind of order in what theoretically should be chaos!!!

What starts out on Saturday morning is a set of people running around at 7 a.m. putting up tables, chairs, "cars keep left" signs, stamps, etc. Next you have the volunteers at Curry Village Reservation Desk arriving at 8 a.m. to receive instructions and begin registering the arriving cyclists. It's due to these people that registration went smoother than ever. 9 a.m. has additional volunteers showing up at the checkpoints suffering from cold and hot depending on the time of day.

When the Rally itself ended, still more volunteers showed up at "Sentinel Beach" helping set up food, pots, trash cans and serving. The Party was no different, from "out of the woodwork" came still more people to help clean-up at 11:30 p.m...all day long people just jumped in to help...were never asked...who's names aren't even known right now.

Thanks to volunteers who sat at checkpoints and froze in the morning, cooked in the afternoon, picked up dirty beer cans, mopped floors, picked up papers, drove in from San Francisco, on and on. We all know a Rally can't take place without you...the cyclists thanked you with a standing ovation at the Awards Presentation...WE THANK YOU.

John C. Crofut  
Public Relations

### SPEAKING OF SMOKE....

Monday, September 22, 6:15 a.m. Bill Kritchlow on his way to work as a waiter at the Four Seasons Restaurant, saw flames coming from a room in the first floor of C dorm. He raced in and broke down the door, taking an extinguisher with him. He put out the fire and calmly went on to work. Many thanks to Bill Kritchlow for his quick response in the situation.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

### OCTOBER EVENTS

Oct. 7 — DAY HIKE AROUND MIRROR LAKE. Take a hike on Tuesday around Mirror Lake. Call Anne Hendrickson for details at 372-4250. Starts at 10 a.m., bring a lunch. Meet at shuttle bus stop at Village Store.

Oct. 9 — FALL & WINTER FASHION SHOW. YPCCo's Retail Department will present a show of some of the newest, and some of the funniest fashions available to Yosemite women through our local stores. A buffet luncheon will be served at 11:30 a.m. costing \$3.75 per person in the Mountain Room Broiler. Or just come to the show which begins around noon. For luncheon reservations call 372-4611, ext. 445 by Thurs. October 9.

Oct. 15 — DRY FLOWER ARRANGING Carl Stephens, head gardner for YPCCo, instructs in the making of dry flower arrangements using materials found on the ground or outside the Park. Meet him at the Visitor Center at 8 p.m.

Oct. 17 — BIKE TRIP AROUND YOSEMITE. Meet in front of the main Post Office at 10 a.m. for an easy ride around the Valley. There'll be donuts and coffee for everyone.

Oct. 22 — DAY HIKE TO HARDEN LAKE. See the fall colors on this Wednesday hike out of White Wolf. Bring a picnic lunch, too. If you need a ride or have a car to share, call Marian Woessner at 372-4832.

## Mental Health Clinic

Mental Health Clinic at Lewis Memorial Hospital next Tuesday and every other Tuesday. Call 966-2000 for details.

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## Job Opportunities

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

**BUSPERSONS (AHW)** — 21 years old, food experience. Neat appearance, pleasant manner. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

**WAITERS (AHW)** — 21 years of age. Must have neat appearance and courteous manner. Previous experience necessary. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

**HOSTESS (AHW)** — Food service experience. Able to operate cash register. (\$2.55-\$3.32/hr.)

**COCKTAIL WAITRESS (Y.L.)** — Experienced only. 21 years of age. Neat appearance, well-mannered. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

**GARDE MANAGER (HEAD PANTRY-PERSON) (AWH)** — Ability to make fancy hors d'oeuvres, elaborate buffets, and many different salad dressings. Need to have own linens and tools. (\$4.05-\$5.15/hr.)

**BAKER** — Knowledge of all types of baking and dessert preparation. Able to lift heavy bags of flour. One year's experience in hotel or restaurant bakery is necessary. (\$4.05-\$5.15/hr.)

**TOUR GUIDE** — Must be neatly dressed and well-groomed. Have a pleasing personality and a sense of humor. Should like talking to people and be quick thinking. (\$3.00-\$3.86)

## Yosemite Lion's Bargain Sale

October 23 & 24  
 Open to the Public

**THURSDAY, October 23:**  
 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: "Check-in" Time. 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.: **THE SALES BEGINS!!**

**FRIDAY, October 24:**  
 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. — **THE SALE CONCLUDES**

**SATURDAY, October 25:**  
 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. — Pick up of unsold items. Left overs will be donated to charity.

Tickets for tagging items can be obtained from "Rusty" at the Post Office beginning October 9th.

The proceeds of this sale are used towards supporting the Eyemobile, The Yosemite Ski Team, etc.

## Animal of the Week



The largest western frog, the Bullfrog is not a native here, but was introduced into California from the eastern United States about 1905-1915.

Bullfrogs are strictly aquatic and very seldom venture far from water. During the breeding season the adult males may establish a croaking post at which they may be found repeatedly. At night they may move out into shallow water among emergent grasses, take positions, and give their typical bass call notes that sound like "jug-o-rum".

The female stays close to shore unless ready to lay eggs. When ready to spawn, they make their way to the area occupied by the males.

Breeding season is from around June to July in the Sierras. The egg mass of 10,000 to 20,000 eggs is deposited in a disc-shaped layer about a yard in diameter on the water surface commonly among the water plants and bushes.

The larvae spend a year or more before becoming young frogs about 2 inches long.

Adults measure about 8 inches in body length and have relatively smooth skin. Bullfrogs are usually greenish to almost black, often with spots or dull brown that grade to almost blackish at centers of larger marks. There are often dark crossbars on hind legs. The underside of the frog ranges from yellow to white.

The bullfrog is easily identifiable because it has no dorsolateral fold and the eardrum is as large as the eye (in the case of the female). The males eardrum is larger than the eye.

It's food is varied: many kinds of insects, earthworms, snails, small fish, small snakes, frogs and mammals. It is a great enemy of the yellow-legged and the red-legged frogs, both native to Yosemite.

Probably the easiest place to observe the bullfrog is at the pool in front of the Ahwahnee. The adults may be heard singing regularly at night and clusters of tadpoles can be seen scuttling along the bottom of the pond.

## TEAMWORK

by Dan Slusser

In sports or business, the secret of success is for each player to put the team's goals first. "Quarterbacks don't win or lose football games," says Fran Tarkenton, veteran quarterback of the Minnesota Vikings, "teams do."

Football is a team game. The same is true in the world of business. When everybody pulls together, the team wins and everybody benefits. When the team loses, nobody wins.

Teamwork is easier to talk about than to produce. Each of us has his own likes and dislikes, personal ambitions, and share of fixed ideas about how things should be done. Also, rivalries are bound to crop up between individuals in different jobs, no matter how much we wish they wouldn't. A lot of people tend to think their contribution is more important than the next fellow. However, when differences do arise, it's hard to put your interests second and do the best for the outfit. Nevertheless, it's the only way to have a good team or a good company.

A good way to start is to get into the habit of thinking of yourself and everyone else in the Company as working towards the same goal, backing each other up to get the job done. How well you cooperate

to this end is an important measure of your value. Some people won't cooperate because they think they'll be taken advantage of and wind up doing more than their share. Others think someone else might grab the credit for their efforts. A few don't cooperate because they think that other people's work isn't as important as theirs. One excuse is as short-sighted as the other. None of them will help make you or your company a winner.

Your cooperation is important to the success of this company, and the Company's success is important to you. Every organization needs people working together. If the chef doesn't cook the meal, the waiter can't serve it, and the customer can't eat it. We sink or swim together.

Without each of us doing our specific share in a cooperative manner, there is no way that we can provide the visitor to Yosemite with the best guest experience possible. When one thinks or realizes that our only purpose for being in Yosemite National Park is to devote a team effort to making the guests' stay a most enjoyable experience, we really have no alternative but to pull together as one big team, dedicated to the guest.

## 75th Anniversary of Horseless Carriage

On October 4 and 5, the Sonora Regional Group — Horseless Carriage Club will be touring Yosemite in celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the automobile in Yosemite.

Co-ordinated by Mrs. Joan Van Veldhuizen, there will be forty-seven antique autos, vintage 1902 to 1915. All participants will be clothed in antique attire.

On Saturday October 4th, the group will depart Yosemite West Condominiums at 8 a.m. and tour to Hetch Hetchy Reservoir via the Tuolumne Grove. From there they will tour to Yosemite Valley, then on back to Yosemite West.

On Sunday, October 5th, the group will depart Yosemite West Condominiums and tour to Glacier Point arriving at 10 a.m. They will depart Glacier Point at 11:30 a.m., lunch at Bridal Veil Camp Ground and then depart for Yosemite

## FOR SALE

2 bunk bed mattresses, and 2 floral pattern twin inner spring mattresses, all in good condition. Call 379-2435.

Dear Community Members:

We need your assistance and would appreciate your filling in this questionnaire and returning it to the Yosemite Elementary School or mail to the school at P.O. Box 485.

Sincerely,  
Robert S. Elkins, Principal  
Yosemite Elementary School

**WORKSHOP** PARENT VOLUNTEER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER VOLUNTEER \_\_\_\_\_ DAY & TIME AVAILABLE \_\_\_\_\_  
ESTIMATED NO. OF MEETINGS \_\_\_\_\_

CALLIGRAPHY \_\_\_\_\_  
ART WORKSHOP (Indicate preference) SCULPTURE\_\_\_\_, PAINTING\_\_\_\_, DRAWING\_\_\_\_, OTHER\_\_\_\_

GREAT BOOKS CLUB \_\_\_\_\_  
SCIENCE WORKSHOP (Indicate preference) ECOLOGY\_\_\_\_, LIFE SCIENCE\_\_\_\_, BIOLOGY\_\_\_\_, OTHER\_\_\_\_

MATHEMATICS (Indicate preference) ALGEBRA\_\_\_\_, GEOMETRY\_\_\_\_, SLIDE RULE\_\_\_\_, OTHER\_\_\_\_  
PHOTOGRAPHY \_\_\_\_\_

ATHLETICS (Indicate preference) FOOTBALL\_\_\_\_, BASKETBALL\_\_\_\_, TRACK\_\_\_\_, OTHER\_\_\_\_  
DRAMA and/or DANCE \_\_\_\_\_

SHOP (Indicate preference) WOODSHOP\_\_\_\_, METAL SHOP\_\_\_\_, ELECTRIC SHOP\_\_\_\_, OTHER\_\_\_\_  
INDIAN LORE \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER (Please indicate any area that you would be willing to work with our boys and girls be it cooking, sewing, or whatever. I can't begin to imagine or guess all of the various talents we might be able to draw upon in our community. We need you to speak up in this space, to inform us!!!

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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## Yosemite Recreation

### YOSEMITE MOVIES

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**OCT. 13 — MEPHISTO WALTZ**  
Starring Alan Alda, Jacqueline Bisset, Barbara Parkins, Curt Jurgens. A neglected wife becomes suspicious when she and her ex-concert pianist husband are suddenly befriended by an aging world famous pianist and his exotic daughter. Her worst fears are confirmed: the plotting pair, incestuous devil worshippers with supernatural powers, transpose souls and cause Bisset to make a pact with the devil. (R)

### RECREATION HALL

Looking for something to do after work? Why not try the Rec. Hall. The Rec. Hall has pin-ball machines, pool tables, assorted table games, as well as music books. Why not try the Rec. Hall at the Yosemite Lodge. The Rec. Hall has pin-ball machines, pool tables, assorted table games, as well as music books and T.V. for your enjoyment. In addition the Rec. Hall offers hot and cold sandwiches, candy, sodas, ice cream, and specials of the day. Ed, Tony, and Bob invite all employees to stop by. Try us, you might like us.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

#### BEAD CLASS

Our bead class has been such a big success that it has been extended into the fall. Get together with instructors Ken and Eileen on Tuesday nights at the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. and find out why!

#### EXERCISE/MODERN DANCE

The exercise class is well under way meeting every Wednesday night at the Yosemite Elementary School Gym at 7:00 p.m. Drop in and find out how to firm up and tone those muscles through Modern Dance technique.

### Dance Band

Do you long for an evening of dancing? Come and join us at any one of the following locations:

- Fri. Oct. 3 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee 7:30-11:30 P.M.
- Sat. Oct. 4 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee 7:30-11:30 P.M.
- Sun. Oct. 5 — Indian Room-Ahwahnee 9:00-11:30 P.M.
- Mon. Oct. 6 — Curry Village-Cafeteria 9:00-11:30 P.M.
- Tues. Oct. 7 — Lounge-Ahwahnee 8:30-11:30 P.M.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

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Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
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### MONDAY, OCTOBER 6:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Movie "*The Sterile Cuckoo*" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.  
Book Discussion Group ..... Woessner's House — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Women's Club Hike — Mirror Lake ..... Village Store — 10 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.  
Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Exercise/Modern Dance ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.  
Mason's ..... Masonic Hall — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Women's Club Fashion Show ..... Mountain Room Broiler — 11:30 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

## Book

### Discussion

The first meeting of the year for the Book Discussion Group will be held Monday, October 6 at 8 p.m. at the home of Marian Woessner. The discussion will center around *The Sound and The Fury*, by William Faulkner, and will also be a planning meeting for future books and meetings. Whether or not you've read the book, come join us and help to plan programs of interest.

## STOCKPERSON

### WANTED

Yosemite Natural History Association wishes a permanent, part-time stockperson; two or three days a week now, full time during summer. Duties involve work with books — receiving, inventory, shipping, cash handling and record keeping. Must be bondable. Position description available in YNHA office. Hope to find someone who has a place to live. Call 372-4532 or stop in YNHA office to talk about it.

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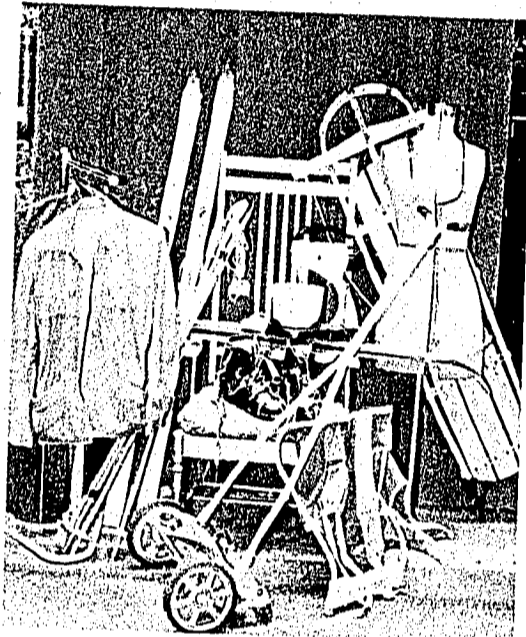
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## JUNK DAY ON JUNIPER STREET

by Anne Hendricksen



Lillian Moore, author of a number of children's books, has written a charming story by this title. The book describes one day when the residents of a fictitious Juniper Street clean their various closets, attics, basements, and garages and discard the unwanted items on the curb to await the junkman. However, as the story progresses, each person discovers that his neighbor's junkpile contains an item or two which exactly fills one of his own needs. When the junkman finally comes by, there is nothing left to be collected, thus helping to prove the old axiom that, "One man's trash is another man's treasure."

Here in Yosemite, too, it's about to be junk day on Juniper Street. Well, not exactly on Juniper Street, but rather in the Visitors' Center as the Lions Club sponsors their annual Rummage Sale.

Tom Bumgarner is the Lion-in-charge this year. He promises bargains galore plus a good excuse for fall house and garage cleaning. Dates selected are October 23 and 24, with Thursday morning designated as check-in time for items to be sold. Actual sales begin Thursday afternoon and run through 7 p.m. Friday. Any unsold items should be reclaimed by their owners by 10 a.m. on Saturday or they will be donated to charity.

Prices are set by the seller, who may pick up price tags in advance. These tags are available at the Village Store front office or at the Post Office. Twenty percent of the purchase price is retained by the sponsoring Lions Club for use in their service projects for the community and its youth.

Lions and their wives have been asked to provide the sale personpower, but other volunteer help would be most welcome.

Ski equipment and accessories sell well. Ice skates and other sporting goods, kitchen appliances, books, records — all sorts of outgrown or excess items are potential sources of profit for the seller. On the buyer's side, the rummage sale provides an excellent opportunity to outfit himself for skiing or to furnish his dorm room at small cost. So the Lions Sale is good for the buyer, for the seller, for the community, and, in addition, it's fun for all!

### RECYCLING FACT

Aluminum, one of the most useful metals, can easily be recycled into new aluminum. It has been estimated that last year over 920,000 cans were used in Yosemite, about 45,000 pounds of aluminum. If they are discarded, these cans are hauled to landfill. The waste and environmental impact of that solid waste disposal operation can be eliminated by recycling your aluminum cans, saving approximately 374,000 kilowatt hours of electricity as well as reducing solid waste.

## El Portal

### Cross Country Race

El Portal's third annual Cross Country Race will be held Saturday, October 18, 1975. The first race will begin at 10:00 A.M. Thirteen schools have been invited to participate.

There will be 16 races, one for boys and one for girls in grades 1 thru 8. There will also be an adult race, after the school children finish their meet. Anybody who cannot qualify for the elementary races can enter the adult race.

A total of 85 ribbons, purchased by the P.T.L. will be awarded at the track meet. The first 5 finishers in each run will be given a ribbon.

Two exquisite trophies, also purchased by the P.T.L. will be given to "high point" schools: one for boys and one for girls. Points will be recorded in the following manner: First place—6 points; Second place—4 points; Third place—3 points; Fourth place—2 points and Fifth place—1 point. This year, we are going to count the points scored by grades 1, 2, & 3. Hopefully, this will encourage more participation at that level and will also give schools that are strictly grades 1 thru 6 a shot at trophies.

There will be 3 different courses: "The Loop", which is approximately 1/2 mile will be run for grades 1 thru 3. "The River Road", which is approximately 1 1/2 miles will be run by 4th and 5th graders. "The Saddle", which is a gruelling 1 3/4 miles, will be run for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades and also for the adults. "The Saddle" is especially challenging as it requires intelligence as well as strength to run the course well.

"I Ran In El Portal" T-shirts will be on sale at the meet.

As you see, there is much to be had at the El Portal track meet. Encourage all to come and participate or just come to root and meet new people. Everybody is welcome! Refreshments will be served.



## Yosemite Scholarship Commission



The Yosemite Scholarship commission has announced that Penny Lou Fraley has been selected as the recipient of the Yosemite Scholarship for the academic year 1975-76.

The scholarship, which was first presented in 1934, is awarded to a deserving high school graduate whose parent or parents are employed on a year round basis in Yosemite National Park. It is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council.

Penny Lou is the daughter of Jim Fraley, NPS dispatcher for the last 3 years and Louise Fraley, who for the last 2½ years has worked in the accounting offices of YPCCo.

Miss Fraley was also awarded a \$900 scholarship by Pepperdine University to cover tuition cost for 2 trimesters based on grades she accumulated both from her first 3 years at Hoover High School in Fresno (where she achieved Honor Roll both her Sophomore and Junior years) and for her Senior year at Mariposa County High School.

She is presently majoring in Special Education and Sociology at the Malibu campus of Pepperdine University. Miss Fraley, who worked this summer as a grocery checker at the Village Store, plans to return to that job in the early spring following her second trimester and work until next fall when she will return to Pepperdine.

## WANTED

Bass Player — must have previous experience in dances. Call Bob at 379-2605.

## Yosemite's First Rock Climber

by Shirley Sargent

October 12, 1975 marks the centennial of the first ascent of Half Dome, a historic ascent rated impossible by Yosemite pioneers Galen Clark, James Hutchings and John Conway. The man who made the impossible possible, the man who hauled a forge to the saddle back of Half Dome and there hammered out hundreds of eyebolts, the man who balanced one foot on a bolt while reaching far above him to insert another in the solid granite and finally threaded cable through the half circles of the bolts, was at once a daredevil, a dreamer, a realist and a skilled mechanic. His name was George Anderson.

John Muir, a native Scot, called Anderson "an indomitable Scotchman," but equally he was an unyielding American, for he became a naturalized citizen in 1866. Anderson had been born in Scotland in 1838, coincidentally the year of Muir's birth, and had at least one brother, Charles, thirteen years his senior. Before emigrating to the United States, George Anderson had been a sailor and climbed the heights of masts. By 1866 he was a miner working at Hite's Cove, an extensive gold mine west of Yosemite Valley. From there he drifted to the already-famed Valley where he utilized his talent to work as a blacksmith and carpenter. "George was a curious man," hotelkeeper Hutchings said, "but one of the best men that the Yosemite Valley ever had; one of the most useful." Hutchings' daughter, Cosie, described Anderson as a "brawny, powerful man with tattooed arms, a splendid specimen of manhood." His strength was astounding. Once he lifted a boulder weighing 234 pounds, and another time he carried a 525 pound section of iron bridge.

Part of the time, Anderson worked with George Meyer at his Big Meadow homestead on the Coulterville stagecoach road twelve miles west of the Valley. There the two Georges built a large barn which is still standing. Additionally, Anderson built a 13 x 20 foot log cabin for himself on Meyer's property. Today that cabin is part of the Pioneer Center at Wawona.

By 1874, most of the prominent peaks lining the spectacular walls of Yosemite Valley had been scaled. Only lofty Half Dome, with its strange vertical face and precipitous sloping back, had not been climbed although Hutchings and Conway had tried to climb the eastern side. In 1871, aided by a lizard-like nine-year-old son, Conway had pounded in eyebolts and linked them with a rope, but given up because of the peril. Anderson determined to make the climb, traversed



Conway's rope and studied the last seemingly unscalable 700 feet, before experimenting by climbing in his stocking feet, then barefooted and finally, with pitch-covered sacking on his feet. All methods were dangerous and unsuccessful until he began the tedious, hazardous practice of drilling a hole, hammering in a bolt he had made and bent into a half circle, tying rope to each one, all the dizzying while balancing with one foot on a lower bolt. The work was frightening, time-consuming and laborious, but, ultimately, he propelled himself onto the flattish summit and stood triumphantly atop Half Dome at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 12, 1875.

That conquest, and the ropeway's popular success, gave him employment as a guide to party after party of tourists who made the climb, and also gave him the idea of building a hotel at the base of Half Dome. In 1876 he and his brother hauled great loads of shakes and timbers to the site, but no backer appeared to aid him financially. In 1882 and '83, Anderson expended 222 days' labor on a trail from Happy Isles to the top of Nevada Fall before being blocked by solid granite adjacent to Vernal Fall, and insolvency. The \$5.00 a day promised him by the Yosemite Valley Commissioners never materialized. During the winter of 1883-84, 400 feet of his ropeway was swept away by ice and snow. By the following spring Anderson was so destitute, he had to beg for jobs to buy food. Indomitable as ever, he refused charity, and took a job washing a house in Yosemite Valley. When a spring snowstorm descended, he refused to quit, caught a cold and died of pneumonia on May 8. Oddly only a small boulder, inscribed solely with his name, in the Yosemite Cemetery, was his memorial, but today's strong, safe Half Dome cableway perpetuates his perilous pioneering of a century ago.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

October 15: DRY FLOWER ARRANGING by Carl Stephens, head gardner for YPCCo. He will instruct in the making of dry flower arrangements using materials found on the ground or outside the Park. Start about 8 p.m.

October 22: HIKE TO HARDEN LAKE. See the fall colors on this Wednesday hike out of White Wolf to Harden Lake. Bring a picnic lunch too. If you need a ride or have a car to share, call Marian Woessner at 372-4832.

## Noon Supervisor Need at Elementary School

Yosemite Elementary School is in need of a noon supervisor from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. at \$2.73 an hour. Call 372-4791 for an appointment.

## DOOR PRIZES

Those who attended the sale held at the Village Sport and Apparel Shop, Sept. 30 should pick up their tickets for the drawing of door prizes between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., October 10 thru 15 at the Village Sport Shop. Door Prizes include: dinner for 2 at the Four Seasons, 2 Porterhouse Steaks (1" thick), a Camp 7 Sleeping Bag, a Camp 7 Parka and a Sierra Designs Ruksack. The drawing will be held Friday, October 17. Drawing winners need not be present at that time.

## Sentinel Articles

Due to publication deadlines, proof-reading, setting, pre-printing, and bus schedules due to road closures, any articles submitted to the Sentinel office for publication should arrive here 2 weeks before the actual date you wish to have it published. Please do keep us in mind for any upcoming events, but please give us time to publish them.

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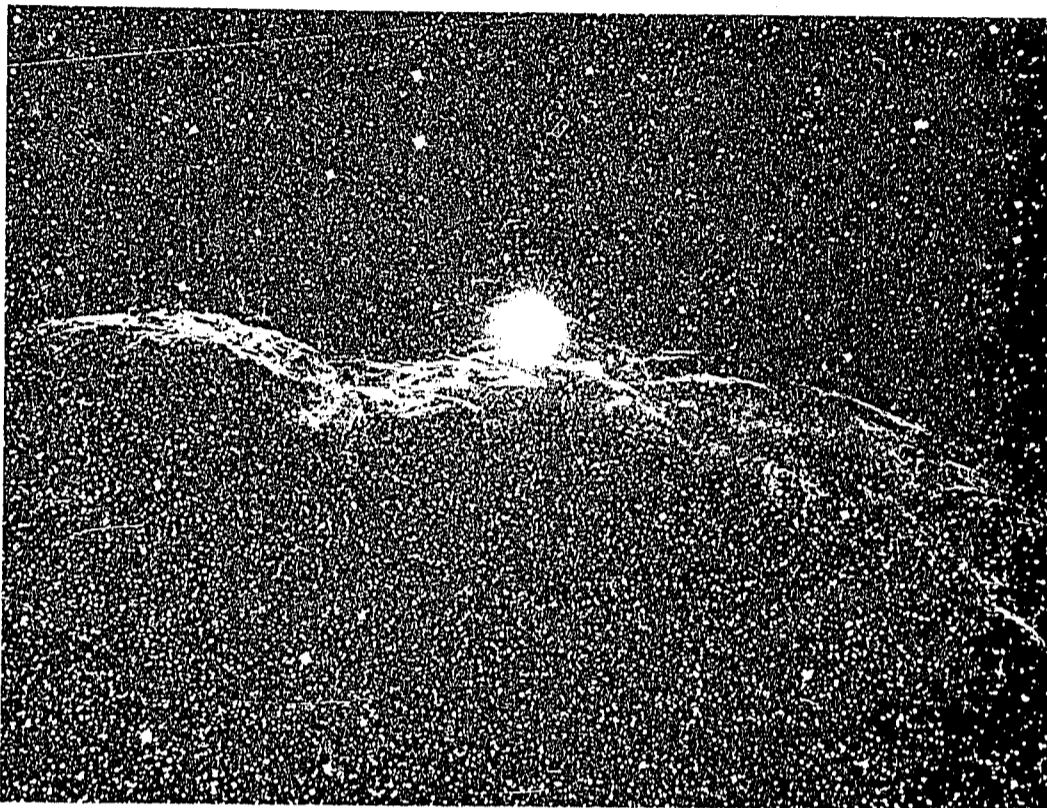
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## STARS OVER YOSEMITE

by Larry Huggins



*Veil Nebula in Cygnus: probably the remains of supernova explosion which occurred 100,000 years ago. The bright central star is barely perceptible to the naked eye. Light from the countless background stars combines to form the Milky Way. [Hale Observatories Photo.]*

### THE MILKY WAY

On clear, moonless nights you can see it: from Sagittarius to Cassiopeia a faint, softly luminous band arches across the summer sky. The belt of light extends into the winter constellations, Perseus, Auriga, Orion and Canis Major. The ancient Greeks called it "galaxias kyklos" ("milky circle") and the Romans, "via lactea" (Milky Way). From the Greeks we derive the word "galaxy."

In the 365 years since Galileo first examined the Milky Way telescopically, scientists have constructed a relatively clear picture of our galaxy. Our sun resides within a flattened, spiral-shaped cloud of stars. The nearest star, Alpha Centauri, lies 4 light years away (given present technology, that's a journey of 50,000 years duration). The central region of the galaxy, containing 90% of its mass, lies 30,000 light years off, towards Sagittarius.

We cannot see the galactic nucleus, however. Dark clouds of gas and dust in the intervening space obscure our view, forming intricate rifts and dark lanes in the Milky Way. One especially dense cloud forms the famous "Coal Sack," a region of intense darkness near the southern hemisphere constellation, Crux.

In our own hemisphere, the delicate interweaving of dark and light is quite a gigantic land of dust cleaves the milky way in half. Between Sagittarius and

Aquila, the scutum star cloud shines like an island of light in a black sea. Throughout the summer triangle, dark lanes link in a network of lace like design.

Yet, all that we see is only a hint of the immense complexity of our Galaxy. Visible to us is only a small fraction of the "Island Universe" which we inhabit.

Arthur C. Clarke, in the Foreword to his novel, *2001: A Space Odyssey*, provides a poetic description of the scope and immensity of the Milky Way Galaxy. "Behind every man now alive stand thirty ghosts, for that is the ratio by which the dead outnumber the living. Since the dawn of time, roughly a hundred billion human beings have walked the planet Earth.

"Now this is an interesting number, for by a curious coincidence there are approximately a hundred billion stars in our local universe, the Milky Way. So for every man who has ever lived, in this Universe there shines a star."

"But every one of those stars is a sun, often far more brilliant and glorious than the small, nearby star we call the Sun. And many — perhaps most — of those alien suns have planets circling them. So almost certainly there is enough land in the sky to give every member of the human species back to the first apeman, his own private, world-sized heaven — or hell."

# Yosemite Recreation

## MOVIES

**OCT. 13 — MEPHISTO WALTZ**  
 Starring Alan Alda, Jacqueline Bisset, Barbara Parkins, Curt Jurgens. A neglected wife becomes suspicious when she and her ex-concert pianist husband are suddenly befriended by an aging world famous pianist and his exotic daughter. Her worst fears are confirmed: the plotting pair, incestuous devil worshippers with supernatural powers, transpose souls and cause Bisset to make a pact with the devil. (R)

**OCT. 20 — CHARLY**  
 Staring Cliff Robertson, Claire Bloom. For his sensitive portrayal of a man in his thirties with the mind of a six year old, Cliff Robertson won overwhelming critical acclaim and a well-deserved Academy Award for Best Actor. The man, through experimental neuro-chemistry, achieves normalcy, even genius, only to learn that he will tragically soon revert to his former state. (PG)

## SPECIAL CLASSES

### THEATRE WORKSHOP

Interested in the theatre workshop? Classes are now forming in mime, reader's theatre, stage, theatre, and improvisation. For more information contact "Spot" through the Lodge House-keeping or stop by the Rec. Office for schedule and location of the next meeting.

- Oct. 7 Green Machine vs General Office
- 8 Village Mallers vs Tecoya
- 9 Lodge Raiders vs N.P.S. Trails

- Oct. 14 Village Mallers vs General Office
- 15 Lodge Raiders vs Tecoya
- 16 Curry Hurries vs N.P.S. Trails

- Oct. 21 Green Machine vs Tecoya
- 22 Lodge Raiders vs Curry Hurries
- 23 N.P.S. Trails vs General Offices

- Oct. 28 Village Mallers vs Curry Hurries
- 29 General Offices vs Tecoya
- 30 Green Machine vs N.P.S. Trails

- Nov. 4 Green Machine vs Lodge Raiders
- 5 Village Mallers vs N.P.S. Trails
- 6 Curry Hurries vs General Office

- Nov. 11 Tecoya vs N.P.S. Trails
- 12 Village Mallers vs Lodge Raiders
- 13 Green Machine vs Curry Hurries

- Nov. 18 General Offices vs Lodge Raiders
- 19 Curry Hurries vs Tecoya
- 20 Green Machine vs Village Mallers

All games played at Elementary School field. All games start at 4:45 p.m.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.  
 Transcendental Meditation Lecture ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
 Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
 Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
 Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 13:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
**COLUMBUS DAY**  
 MOVIE "Mephisto Waltz" ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Mental Health Clinic ..... Lewis Memorial Hospital  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.  
 Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Exercise/Modern Dance ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.  
 Women's Club Dry Flower Arranging ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Women's Club Bike Trip ..... 10 a.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
 Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
 Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
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## Special Yoga Class

Troubled with stubborn aches and pains? Looking for a natural way to get rid of them once and for all? Try Yoga — the all natural pain reliever. A new beginner's Yoga class is being offered Monday through Friday in the Employee Recreation Office. Meeting at 6 p.m., the class is open to all Park employees and their families.

Instructor Bob Ashway emphasizes the importance of taking it "slow and easy", as no beginning student is expected to have the strength, flexibility, or balance

to accomplish any of the complete postures.

The exercises also help relieve tension and keep wrinkles away as they relax you after a day at work. Being rested and refreshed, you can think more clearly, work better, and have more energy. The course will also focus on nutrition and living hints.

Join us for a dramatically different 6-week exercise plan that unlocks the secrets of a lifetime of health, beauty, and profound peace of mind.

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## THE LAST HORSE DRIVE

by Elizabeth Shepard

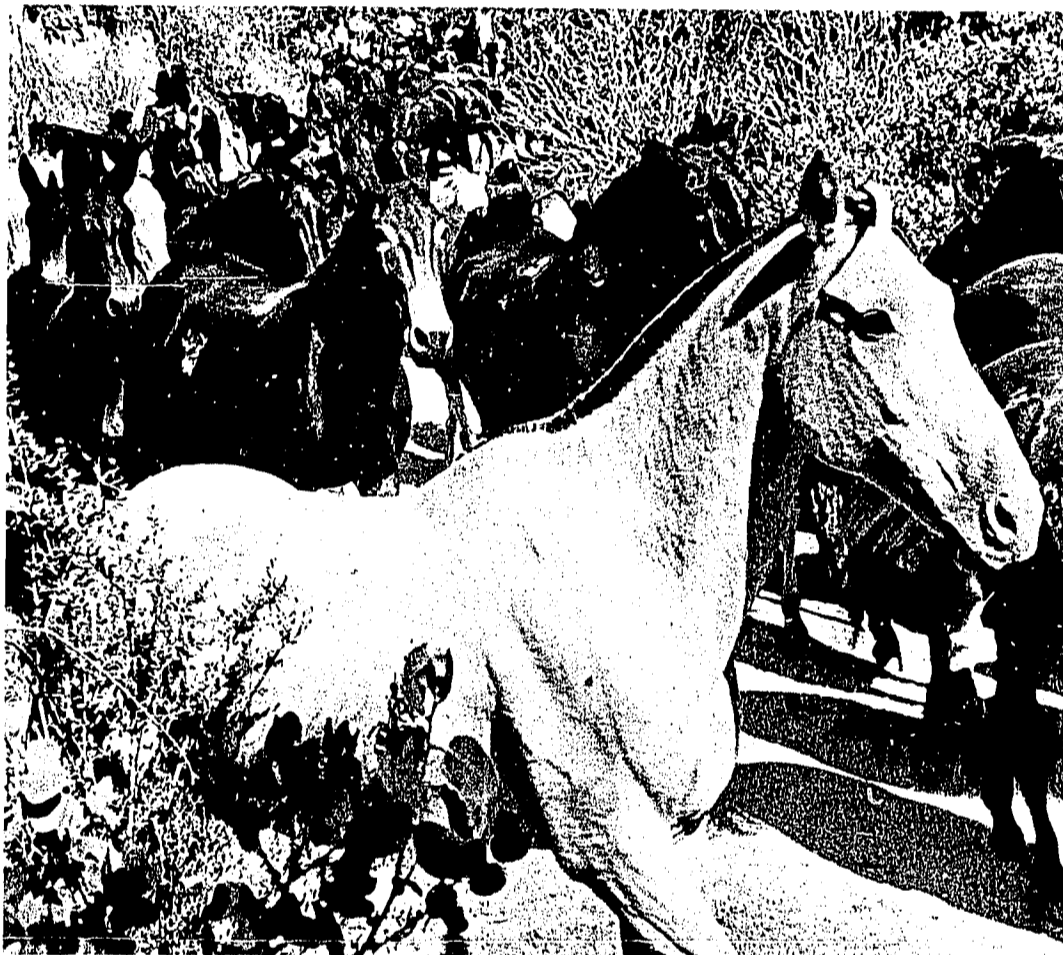
We stood in the frost-fettered meadow braced against the early autumn chill as the sound of distant hoofbeats wakened the senses of the animals standing nearby. Then, as the predawn sky brightened, causing a low haze to rise from the meadow, the wranglers appeared from the forest edges, and the last horse drive had begun.

With whoops and hollers they rode across the grass, sending the entire herd of 300 horses and mules galloping in a display of flying hooves to the far end of the meadow, then around again and into their holding pen to await the 35 mile journey over Chowchilla Mountain to their winter pasture in Mariposa.

The frost numbed our toes as we stood around the corral watching the wranglers settle the anxious animals and prepare their own mounts for the long journey.

Inside the pen there was constant motion as the animals, sensing the end of another season, nervously milled and kicked and nipped at each other. Off to the side, one wrangler was deftly pouring tobacco from his pouch and, with the casual air of experience, rolling his own cigarette. His well-worn hands struck a match and lit the cigarette, then swung the corral gate wide and the ride had begun.

The next time that we caught up with the herd was just off Highway 49 on the Chowchilla Mountain Road. In the distance you could hear them coming — the hoofbeats pounding and the wranglers shouting at them to keep them moving. We ducked down in the bushes along the side of the dirt road and watched them come. The horses and mules were spread across the road from edge to edge and sometimes over into the bushes, forcing us even further back. Sweat matted their coats, saliva foamed at their thirsty mouths, and a wild excitement could be seen in their eyes as they rushed past us down the road and onto the paved highway.



Here was the real contrast of the old and the new as the traffic was stopped on this modern roadway to let the wranglers drive their herd to winter pasture. Hooves were clicking noisily on the asphalt as the herd stretched for a mile along the road. Cattle in a pen along the roadway gathered together in a corner to issue a loud plea as they watched the horses and mules trot by.

We all stopped along the side of the road for some lunch, and watched the riders roping unwilling horses for fresh mounts. One paint balked so much at the first rope that a second was required. But it seemed that his desire was stronger than the wranglers as he broke away trailing both of their ropes behind him.

Finally caught and mounted, the paint and the other fresh mounts led the rest of the trip over Highway 49 and down into Mariposa. As their pasture neared,

excitement built up in the animals, and by the time that they reached the ridge above their pasture, they were all galloping at full bore, and it was a cascade of pulsating, sweating animals that poured into the meadow below.

It's been a tradition to drive the stock up and back from their winter pasture for over 100 years, but the drive on October 8th was the last. Next year the animals will be trucked back and forth between the Park and the pasture in stock trucks to save the few days grazing that occurred in the Wawona Meadow in the spring and the fall.

For many it was a sad time — the end of an era — as you watched a piece of history come to a close. This was the last horse drive. It would never happen again. And somehow it's sad to see a tradition die.



## POSTAL SERVICE

On October 11, 1975 the Postal Service will initiate a First Class Improvement Program...under the program First Class Mail will receive service that is equal or better than Air Mail. This will extend to all First Class mail weighing 13 oz. or less. Priority Mail (now starting at weight in excess of 13 oz.) which includes Air Parcel Service and International Mail by Air are unaffected by the improvement program and continue in their present form.

**THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO ADVANTAGE IN CONTINUING THE USE OF DOMESTIC AIR MAIL SERVICE.**

Air Mail stamps will be sold for use on Priority and International Air Mail. They can also be used in various combinations with other stamps for First Class Mail.

Customers can exchange Air Mail stamps, stamped envelopes and cards at FULL postage value for ordinary stamps, stamped envelopes and cards. Stationery bearing Air Mail indicia will be allowed to be mailed at the First Class rate.

L.J. Rust  
Postmaster

## LOST

Beige, fisherman-knit, turtleneck sweater. Great sentimental value \$25 reward, no questions asked. See Rob Wilke, camp 6, tent 15.

## WANTED

Bicycle or sewing machine. Contact Mary Berquist at 372-9945, Ahwahnee Dorm, room #4.

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## WOULD YOU HIRE YOURSELF?

by Dan Slusser

If you ran the company you worked for, would you be glad to hire a person like yourself? Would you feel you would be getting your money's worth? Most of us think we are pretty good workers and well worth our pay — but are we really? Or are we kidding ourselves, giving ourselves the benefit of every possible doubt? Sometimes it pays to put yourself in the other fellow's shoes and see how you look from the other side of the fence.

A famous doctor once said, "when I treat a patient, I try to imagine what kind of doctor that patient would like me to be then I try to be their kind of doctor." With that attitude, the doctor would probably have succeeded in anything he tried.

So lets sit in your employer's seat and apply the same measure to you. What kind of employee did he hope you would be when he hired you? Probably the same kind of employee you would hope for if you were in his shoes. Someone who felt a conscientious obligation to give a fair day's work in return for his pay and benefits....who appreciated the Company's need to make a profit in order to stay in business and felt a responsibility to help in every way possible...who appreciated the need for keeping our services up and our costs down in order to complete successfully in a highly competitive market...someone who recognizes the importance of using tools, supplies and equipment carefully without unnecessary damage or waste....a person who tries to please the Company's customers with the kind of work and service he would like to buy if he were in their shoes. You can probably think of many things you would like in your employees — but why guild the lily? Any employee who gives their company the things we've already listed is a great buy. Any company would be delighted to have him aboard. The best employee in the world is the employee who works as though he were working for himself, as though he owned the company, as though he were going to use the product or services himself. We must all think of the Yosemite National Park visitor as our personal guest because that is in fact what they are.

## FOR SALE

VW Bus, 1969, 81,000 miles, rebuilt engine, \$1,500. Call Sonja Hoie, 372-4319.  
24' x -40' Two-Bedroom Mobile Home. Located in El Portal trailer site G30. Assume payments of \$132/mo. for balance of \$11,000. Contact (415) 829-5800

## OPEN LETTER

TO OUR PATIENTS:

On October 15, 1975 Lewis Memorial Hospital ceased to function as an in-patient facility. As a result patients needing hospitalization (overnight or longer) will be referred to other hospitals.

There will be no change in the present office practice availability of physicians, nurses in the facility 24 hours, 7 days per week office hours, x-ray, laboratory, pharmacy and physical therapy services. In other words, the same medical care as has been provided will continue to be available with the exception of hospitalizing a patient overnight.

This change has been precipitated by drastic increases in liability insurance and other operating expenses, although it has also been contributed to by ever increasing hospital administrative requirements, and a steady change in the nature of our practice, with increasing office visits and diminishing hospital inpatient days.

In addition to the above, on October 15 the Yosemite Medical Plan was also terminated. This too has been predominantly an economic decision in an effort to control costs and diminish administrative overhead.

We regret that we must make these professional decisions on the basis of economics but see no other alternative at present. We will continue to assess the problems in cooperation with the National Park Service and other concessioners in an effort to determine whether a summer time operation is becoming feasible or necessary.

As a result of the above changes, we feel that it will be possible to implement an appointment system to minimize the long waits that have frequently been necessary. This was instituted October 15 and will be a modified appointment system that we anticipate will leave ample time to take care of the many injuries and acute illnesses that our practice must accommodate. It is possible to call 372-4240 and make appointments for your visits.

We appreciate your understanding and patience. It will continue to be our goal to provide the best medical care we can to the visitors and residents of Yosemite.

Drs. Hendrickson, Le Bourdais, Wurgler

Girl's 26" Schwinn bicycle. \$15. Call 372-4547.

35mm camera outfit, Mamiya/Sekor MSX 500. Three lenses, filters, accessories and carrying case. \$400. Prince negotiable. Call Brian Grogan at the Ansel Adams Gallery.



## LOOKING BACKWARD

by Stuart Warren

Several hours after the sun had set, Yosemite Valley was blessed with a shimmering full moon. The three-thousand foot granite walls, serving as a series of reflecting mirrors, trapped the moonlight within the seven mile expanse of the valley and transformed it into a lunar landscape. All night long I was held captive within the huge valley crater until the morning sunlight brought the familiar markings of mother earth into sight. My space walk was now at an end, much to my chagrin. Suddenly I realized that I had to be at work in a short while. Gathering what little composure I could muster from three hours of sleep, I walked up to the main desk to meet my first customers of the season, the Ralph Klines.

Ralph, Harriet and their ten-year old twin sons, Jimmy and Timmy, had come all the way from San Diego for a week's vacation. The Klines ran a marina near La Jolla and looked every inch of what may be described as the "golden tribe of the southern beaches." They were blonde, tan and athletic enough to have surfed in on a wave from Malibu.

Ralph and his crew had a full schedule planned. In addition to hiking and swimming, they had brought along a volley ball net, trout fishing gear, a canoe and bicycles.

"You don't know how long we've looked forward to this," he bubbled as we carted a hundred-pound load up to their cabin.

"Apparently, a long time," I gasped, looking down at the sea of equipment I had just deposited in the doorway. Much of the load consisted of small jars of vitamins and food supplements.

"Never without 'em," Ralph said proudly. "A year ago we read Adelle Davis and now we're believers."

"Oh, that's only you, Ralph. My husband is a fitness nut," Harriet explained. "It you're up early tomorrow, you'll see him jogging."

"Only if we've recovered from climbing Half Dome today," Ralph corrected.

"Only if you've recovered. I'm not climbing Half Dome with you today."

"Well, me and the boys, then."

Jimmy and Timmy, however, appeared to have other ideas on how to spend the afternoon. They were down by the parking lot having a snowball fight with the few remaining remnants of Yosemite's long winter. Like so many kids from Southern California, they were relishing this rare opportunity.

"Mommy, mommy, could we take some home in the ice chest?" yelled Timmy.

For the next week I saw the Klines in a blur of perpetual motion. In the mornings, Ralph would come huffing by in a bright red jogging suit just as Harriet had forecast. Later in the day I'd greet the family as they passed by on their way to their daily swim. At night they could usually be seen portaging their canoe back to their cabin. During the week our conversations were usually limited to a hasty "Enjoy your hike," or, "How was horseback riding?", punctuated by a wave.

The Klines were no different from many of their counterparts, who seemed possessed by a understandable desire to "get it all in." When the time finally came for them to leave, their bloodshot eyes, mosquito-bitten arms and droopy shuffles stood out as battle scars from a long hard week. As we loaded up the car, Jimmy and Timmy whined about pulled muscles, while Ralph wondered aloud, "How could a vacation be so exhausting?" Harriet said it best, however, as I helped her into the car. "Whew! Now to get home and relax."

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### OVERSTUFFED ARTICHOKE

Parboil

1 large globe artichoke  
in abundant water with a little lemon juice. While it is boiling make a stuffing of

1/2 cup cooked rice  
1/2 cup ground cooked lamb  
1/4 cup deviled ham  
A few chopped mushrooms

Pine nuts  
Currants  
Finely diced onion

which, when mixed together, should be heated up in

1/2 cup stock or consomme.

When the artichoke is cool, place it in a casserole after having removed the inner leaves and choke. Fill it with the stuffing and wrap the artichoke tightly with

Bacon

Place a piece of bacon over the top of the artichoke. Now bring to a boil in a small pan

1/4 cup sherry  
1/2 cup mushroom consomme

1 large tablespoon tomato paste  
and boil for 2 minutes. Pour this over the artichoke, cover the casserole tightly, and place in a 400 degree oven for 30 minutes.

## Highway 140 New Schedule

Superintendent Les Arnberger announced today a revised traffic schedule for Highway 140. The new schedule will increase the daily work hours available for construction of the sewage line to serve the new wastewater disposal plant being constructed at El Portal. It is hoped that the new construction schedule will expedite completion of the project and thus reduce the construction period with its resultant inconvenience to the public.

Clip this and save:

7:45 AM	Road Closed at Parkline and Intersection 120/140
12:10 PM	Parkline Gate Open to Upgoing Traffic
12:30 PM	120/140 Intersection Open to Downgoing Traffic
1:10 PM	Parkline Gate Closed
1:30 PM	120/140 Intersection Closed
5:00 PM	Parkline and 120/140 Intersection Open
7:00 PM	Parkline and 120/140 Intersection Closed
9:30 PM	Parkline Open to Upgoing Traffic
10:00 PM	120/140 Intersection Open to Downgoing Traffic
10:30 PM	Road Closed (Vehicles will be permitted through construction area — subject to delay)
6:30 AM	Road Open

The public is reminded that the road is completely open weekends, from 5:00 PM Friday to 7:00 PM Sunday.

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**Yosemite Sam's  
Employee Saloon**

**Oct. 31**

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

#### OCT. 20 — CHARLY

Starring Cliff Robertson, Claire Bloom. For his sensitive portrayal of a man in his thirties with the mind of a six year old, Cliff Robertson won overwhelming critical acclaim and a well-deserved Academy Award for Best Actor. The man, through experimental neuro-chemistry, achieves normalcy, even genius. (PG)

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### FLAG FOOTBALL

The 1975 flag football season is underway with seven teams competing for the title this year. The league consists of: The Lodge Raiders, Curry Hurries, Tecoya Get-Downs, Village Mallers, N.P.S. Trails, General Offices, and the Green Machine.

Game days are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the elementary school field. Be there at 4:30 and enjoy the excitement.

This week's schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, October 21  
Green Machine vs. Tecoya

Wednesday, October 22  
Lodge Raiders vs. Curry Hurries

Thursday, October 23  
N.P.S. Trails vs. General Offices

## Flag Football

### Lodge Raiders win in overtime

The Yosemite Lodge defeated the muscular N.P.S. Trails 24-18 in our season's first "sudden-death" overtime play. The score see-sawed back and forth with Trails, Tim Ludington, scoring on a 5 yard run and on a 10 yard pass from quarterback Bill Gorgas. Later, Gorgas found end Van Nadler in the end-zone to end their scoring. Fleet-footed halfback, Donnie Hines, scored all four touchdowns for the Winners. The final score came on the last play of the "sudden-death" when quarterback Joe Clapp found Hines all alone for the winning T.D.

### Green Machine rolls over General Offices!

The defending champions opened the '75 season with an easy 36-6 victory over the General Office team. Halfback James Peggins scored 4 touchdowns (birthday present) for the winners. Also finding "pay-dirt" was end Hands Koehler on a 10 yard pass from quarterback Paul Peters and linebacker Terry Swift on a pass interception.

The Office's solo score came on a 5 yard pass play from quarterback Dave Zdunich to halfback John Chesarek. Final score; Green Machine 36, Office 6.

### Village Mallers outscore Tecoya

In a very close and action-packed game, the Mallers opened their season with a 24-18 win over the Tecoya Get-Downs. Maller quarterback, Bob Calkins, threw two touchdown passes to "\$1.09 a lb. Bumgarner" and halfback Danny Gardella scored on a 20 yard run for the winners. Gardella also picked off two passes on defense, one of which he returned for another Maller touchdown. Tecoya quarterback, Brian Flanagan, looked very impressive as he rifled 3 touchdown passes for the day to Paul Foreman, Gary Bernier, and Paul Elmore, respectively.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market, Wawona — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 20:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Movie "Charly" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Football, *Green Machine vs Tecoya* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.  
Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Football, *Lodge Raiders vs Curry Hurries* .. Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Exercise/Modern Dance ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Football, *NPS Trails vs General Offices* .... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

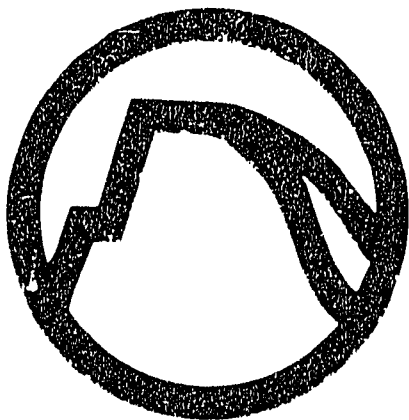
### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

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Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
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YOSEMITE

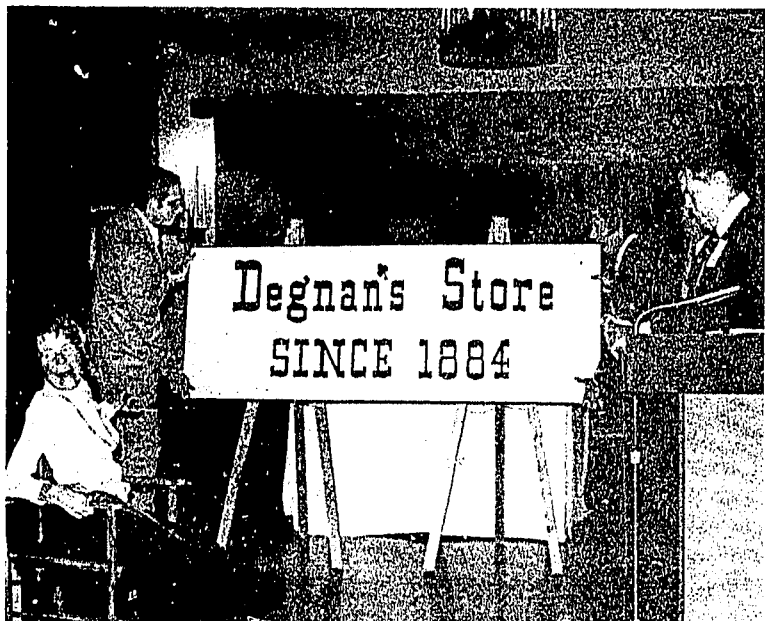


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## SHIRLEY SARGENT'S PARTY



SHIRLEY SARGENT (left) expresses surprise at a change made in her honor and unveiled at the party. Holding the sign are George Spach (left) and L.L. Branscum (right). Ed Hardy stands at the podium after the presentation.



DELLA AND HIL OEHLMANN, Hil started with the company as a porter at Camp Curry in 1915, and later worked his way up to president of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. In 1972 he retired as honorary Chairman of the Board.



JOE DESMOND, JR., son of the founder of the Yosemite Park Company. This company operated the Yosemite Lodge, Glacier Point Hotel, and most other operations other than Camp Curry prior to the joining of the two companies in 1925.



BOBBIE AND DAVID CURRY. David, the grandson of the founder, remarked that though he shared his grandfather's name, he did not possess the same vocal powers. That point is under contention after his performance at the party.



BOB DOHRMANN, son of ABC Dohrmann, who served as the president of the Yosemite Park and Company before the merger with the Curry Camping Company.

**THIS WEEK'S FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

- Oct. 28 Village Mallers vs. Curry Hurries
- 29 General Offices vs. Tecoya
- 30 Green Machine vs. N.P.S. Trails

(Lodge Raiders)  
Bye

**CONSUMER SERVICE CARDS**

Of the 90 Billion pieces of mail a year handled by the Postal Service...we know there will be some delay and losses. We have launched a new program this month designed to solve any problem our customers may have with their mail service. The program involves use of a Consumer Service Card to handle complaints, suggestions and inquiries from consumers...as well as any compliment they may have.

Its purpose is to encourage people to let us know what their mail problems are, so we can solve them. In the process we hope to correct errors and convert dissatisfied customers into satisfied ones. We feel we work hard to provide this community with good service, but we can always do better and with the help of this Service Card, I believe we will.

Cards will be available in the lobby or from window clerks, help us make it work for a better Postal Service in Yosemite.

L.J. Rust  
Postmaster

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**Shirley's Party**

Last Sunday night, concessionaires, both past and present, were on hand to honor Shirley Sargent, author of "Yosemite and Its Innkeepers" and those who helped to make that history.

Over 75 "old timers", with personal histories in the park dating back as far as 1910, came back to Yosemite for that nostalgic evening.

The Master of Ceremonies, appropriately enough, was David Curry, son of Foster Curry and grandson of the founder of the Curry Camping Company for whom he was named. David explained some of his family's history in the concessions operations that date back to 1899. Our speaker claimed that even though he had inherited his grandfather's name, he had not acquired his vocal cords.

Then David introduced Hil Oehlmann, former president of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and honorary Chairman of the Board before his retirement in 1972. Hil had begun his career with the company in 1915 as a porter at Camp Curry.

Other historic names in Yosemite history were introduced. Robert Williams, who married one of David and Jenny Curry's daughters, Marjorie, was the oldest member of that historic family present. Joe Desmond, Jr., son of the founder of the Yosemite Park Company told of the feuds that used to go on between the two rival companies prior to their merger. And Bob Dohrmann, son of ABC (Alphabet) Dohrmann, former president of the Yosemite Park Company talked about his memories as a boy in Yosemite.

To commemorate the evening, Ed Hardy presented Shirley Sargent with a gift certificate entitling her to a motorized vehicle of her choice. Then, in honor of Shirley and her suggestion to change the name of The Great Yosemite Food and Beverage Company, Mr. Hardy unveil the new sign for the store that went up the following day that read "Degnan's Store, since 1884".

To close the program, David Curry again took the microphone. And as he led everyone in the old calls for the firefall, the statement that he did not inherit his grandfather's vocal cords seemed to be very much under contention. And with a strong F-A-R-E-W-E-L-L the program came to a close.

**MOVIES**

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Starring Burt Reynolds. This time Burt plays an ex-pro quarterback who is thrown into prison after a drunken rage. Eventually he organizes the "Mean Machine", a team composed of convicts, to play against the prison guard team. However, this is not just a film about football. Don't miss it! (PG)

NOV. 3 — AT THE CIRCUS  
Starring Groucho, Chico and Harpo Marx. The story: how a strong man's assistant, a night watchman and a lawyer save the funds of a circus owner from a band of crooks. Majestic Margaret Dumot becomes a human projectile in one demented scene and the songs include Groucho's noted "Lydia, The Tatoed Lady". (G)

**Job Opportunities**

As of this writing, the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally.

BELLPERSON (AHW) — Age 21 or older. Must be neat, well-groomed and present a courteous and friendly manner at all times. Good health and able to carry up to 80 lbs. of luggage. (\$2.10-\$2.80/hr.)

MAID (AHW) — Quick and thorough worker with neat appearance. (\$2.25-\$2.97/hr.)

NIGHT AUDITOR — Experience on NCR 4200, other adding and posting machines. Neat appearance, courteous manner. (\$3.00-\$3.86/hr.)

COOK — Overall knowledge of kitchen procedures. Provide own tools and uniforms. Experienced only. (\$4.05-\$5.11/hr.)

**Attention Marines**

Any U.S. Marines personnel interested in attending the 200 birthday party. Contact Dan Sholly at 372-4461, ext. 24. Semper Fidelis.

**FOR SALE**

2 bedroom trailer, 10' x 50', Air conditioned, \$3500. Located in El Portal. Call Nancy, Reservations, 372-4611, ext. 213.

**WANTED**

Used car in good condition. Call 372-4611 ext. 256 during business hours.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

On November 1, the Yosemite Women's Club will hold its annual Halloween Costume Ball at the Visitor Center auditorium.

There will be dancing to a live band and the party is open to anyone in costume. There will be a prize for the most traditional costumes as well as refreshments. Admission is \$1.50 per person.

Anyone wishing to make a reservation, or help with decorating the auditorium, please call Donna Mackie at 372-4590.

## River Clean Up

The Yosemite Lions want to thank Dan Sholly and the other members of the Yosemite community who helped with the First Annual River Clean-up.

Over 40 gunny sacks full of cans, bottles, tennis shoes, cigarette butts and other assorted trash were picked up on that day. Even a wallet was found at the bottom of Mirror Lake that contained \$40. The owner was identified through some rather soggy I.D. cards and the wallet was returned to him.

Hope to see you all next year for the River Clean-up.

Jack Gyer  
President  
Lions Club

## ENVIRONMENT YOUR HELP NEEDED

The first step in solving environmental problems is in finding them, a big job in a park of 1200 square miles, Garrett De Bell, the environmental consultant to Curry Company, reports that many Curry Company and Park Service employees and park visitors have come to him with problems which were then investigated and solved. Reported problems often aren't as serious as they seem, but it is important to check to be sure that there isn't a serious environmental impact.

Any park employee, resident, or visitor should feel free to call Garrett at 372-4611, ext. 224, or write c/o General Office of Curry Co. with any problems in need of attention. Be specific as to location and nature of problem.

## NEWS FROM THE WINTER CLUB

### BADGER PASS OPENING

Hard to believe, but none the less true, ski season is just one month away. At Badger Pass, the white stuff has fallen already (not enough to ski on yet) and Area Manager Tom Williams says Badger is scheduled to open November 15th for the season. An expanded NASTAR program will be highlighted at Badger this year, with races three days a week and every day during holiday periods. Who knows, even Rusty might win a Gold medal before season's end.

### KICK-OFF FOR WINTER CLUB

Last year's Winter Club membership was the largest since the 1930's, and we want this year to be even bigger. We will be kicking off our activities with a Steak Barbeque at Badger Pass on November 7, 1975. The dinner is for Winter Club members only so plan now to join the club and be at our first event of the year, the Kick-Off Dinner at Badger Pass November 7, 1975.

The price for this dinner is \$2.00 (includes your first drink and a YTS bus to and from Badger) with proceeds going to support the Yosemite Junior Race Team and U.S. Olympic Nordic Team. (Sorry, adults only at the dinner.)

Antifreeze (beer & wine, apres ski) — 6:30-8 p.m.

Dinner—8 p.m.

If you wish to join the Winter Club, fill out the form below and send it to:  
Yosemite Winter Club, P.O. Box 3, Yosemite Nat'l Park, CA. 95389

Membership fees remain the same as last year — \$10.00 for family and \$7.00 single.

### IN THE MONTHS AHEAD:

Ski Exercise Classes — These are designed to stretch you into shape for the slopes and will be conducted in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center on November 11, 13, 18 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. each night. This is your chance to get into shape and learn from the pros, Rusty Rust and Nic Fiore.

### LATER IN THE YEAR WE WILL SEE SUCH ACTIVITIES AS:

A January Fondue Party at Crane Flat

A Hans Brinker Family Night at the Curry Village Ice Rink

An overnight Cross Country Ski Trip to Glacier Point and more

We look forward to your Winter Club participation this year in what promises to be a great season.

-----CLIP AND RETURN-----

I want to join the Yosemite Winter Club:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check one)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Family member first names \_\_\_\_\_

Please find my \_\_\_\_\_  
(check, money order, BankAmericard or Master Charge Card number)

in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We plan to attend the Kick Off dinner November 7, 1975.

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ at \$2.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

THINK SNOW



## Yosemite Recreation

### YOSEMITE SAM'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

Yosemite Sam's will be opening this year in a new location, The Loft, on Friday, October 31st at 8 p.m. The festivities will begin with a Halloween Costume Party, with music provided by the "Joint Effort". All employees must bring their privilege cards, and all guest must obtain guest passes at the Employee Rec. Office. Costumes will be mandatory for admission.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

#### BEAD CLASS

Meets Tuesday, 7-10 p.m. in the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center.

#### EXERCISE/BALLET

Meets Wednesday, 7-10 p.m., in the Yosemite Elementary School Gym.

#### THEATRE WORKSHOP

Meets Thursday, 7-10 p.m., in the Employee Rec. Office.

#### YOGA

Meets daily at 6 p.m. in the Employee Rec. Office

## FLAG FOOTBALL

### General Office upsets Mallers

In a very close and defensive game the Office team upset the 12 point favorite Village Mallers by a score of 12-6. The Mallers seemed to be on their way to win number 2 when quarterback Bob Calkins found "Hands Too" Bumgarner in the end zone early in the game. However, the Office came right back with a pass from Dave Zdunich to Steve Hosler to tie the score at 6 all. Then the defensive units took command until late in the game when halfback John Chesarek rambled in on a screen pass from Zdunich. Both teams are now 1 and 1 in league play.

### Lodge beats Tecoya

The Yosemite Lodge Raiders upped their record to 2-0 with a 26-0 win over the Tecoya Get Downs. Both teams were plagued with interceptions early in the game until Raider Q.B. Joe Clapp found halfback Donnie Hines for the first score. Tecoya tried to punt and yielded a safety when center "Sure-shot" Elmore snapped the ball over the punter's head and into the end-zone. "O.J." Hines then broke loose for a 40 yard touchdown run to make the score 16-0. Later in the game Clapp put the icing on the cake with touchdown passes to Danny Spurgeon and Len Hammond.

### N.P.S. defeats Curry Village

The N.P.S. Trails evened their record at

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.  
 Transcendental Meditation Lecture ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26:**  
 Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
 Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
 Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
 Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 27:**  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 MOVIE "Longest Yard" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Mental Health Clinic ..... Lewis Memorial  
 Football, *Mallers-vs-Hurries* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.  
 Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Football, *Offices-vs-Get-Downs* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Exercise/Modern Dance ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Football, *Green Machines-vs-Trails* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
 Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 5:30 p.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Yosemite Sam's Grand Opening ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 & 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2:**  
 Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
 Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
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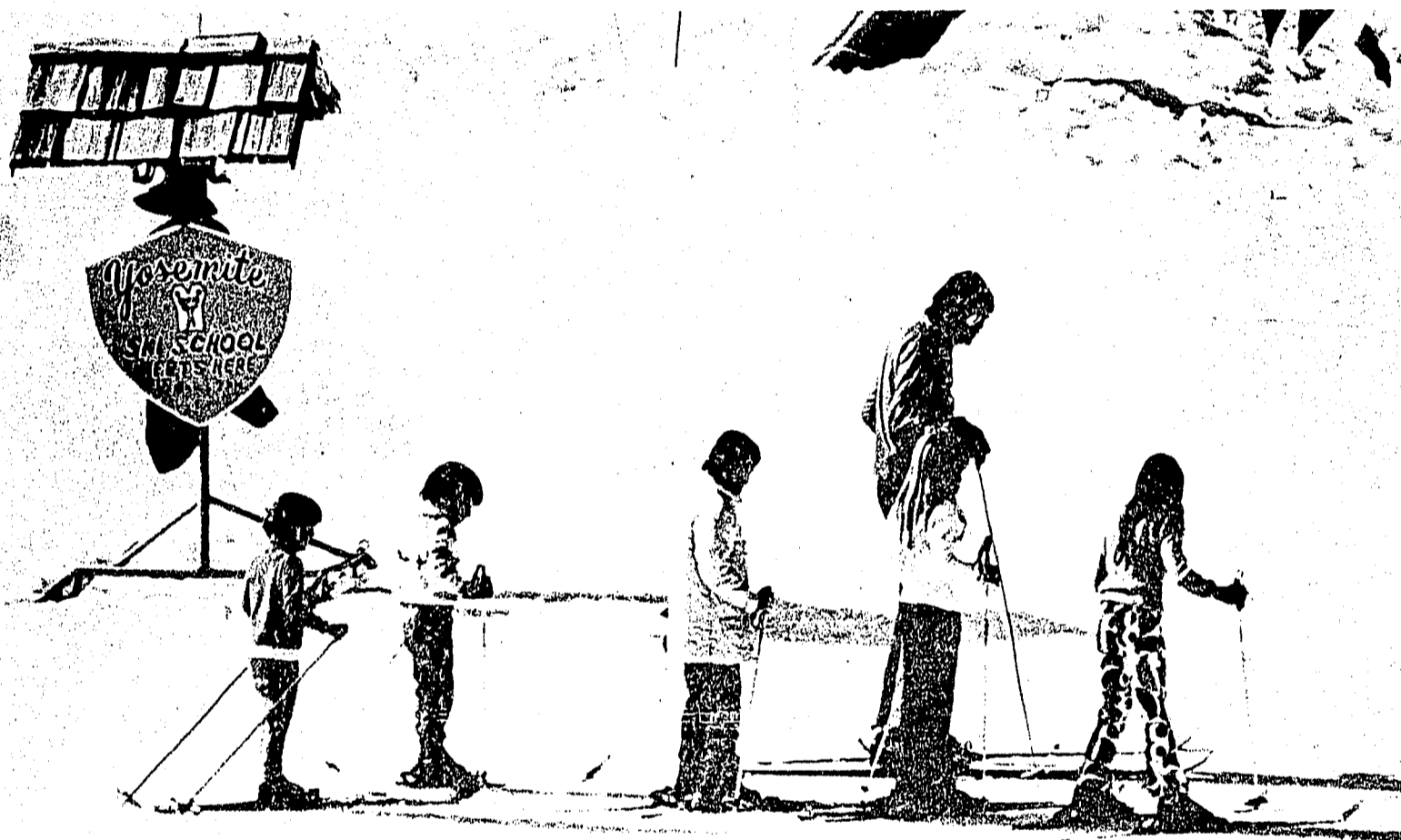
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3:**  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 MOVIE "At The Circus" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

1 and 1 with a 26-6 win over the Curry Hurries. Trails quarterback, Bill Gorgas, threw 3 touchdown passes, two to end Van Nadler, and one to Time Ludington. Halfback, Joe Lopez, ran one in from 20 yards out. The Trails were also granted a

safety when Curry Q.B. Jack Anderson, bobbled a ball in the end zone. The Hurries, coming off a bye, just couldn't generate any offense. Their only score came on a 10 yard pass from Anderson to Kim Cochrane.



## KIDS LEARN TO SKI FOR 34th SEASON AT BADGER



This winter marks the 34th season of the Kids Wednesday Ski Program at Badger Pass.

Fully backed by the Yosemite Park & Curry Co., the Badger Pass staff and the Yosemite community, this program offers the children who participate a rare opportunity to be exposed to skiing at an early age, with all the benefits of outdoor exercise and fresh air.

Children participating in the program are offered Rental equipment (if needed) Lift Ticket, and transportation to and from the area on YTS buses for only \$1.00 per week.

Bus Mothers who accompany the kids ski free on Ski Day, as well as receiving one complimentary lift ticket, for their skiing enjoyment.

Yosemite Ski School Instructors clinic some 40 Ski Day instructors prior to their going on the slopes with the kids.

Ski Day Volunteer Instructors receive their clinics free and ski for free while teaching the children. Like Bus Mothers, they, too, receive an additional complimentary lift ticket.

There are two minor changes this year,

extra day complimentary lift tickets given to Ski Day Volunteers will be non-transferable and will be valid for skiing only through the following Tuesday.

Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the management at Badger Pass view the children's Ski Day Program as a fine volunteer community endeavor and we are pleased that we can participate in and support such an outstanding opportunity for the children of Yosemite and El Portal. In addition, Badger Pass offers a similar type program to the children in the Oakhurst School System.

# YOU CAN HELP

Ever had a yen to teach modern dance? Are you a whiz with a slide rule? Or is macrame your thing? Whatever your area of special interest or skill, there's a good chance that Yosemite Elementary School needs YOU!

The school year seems to be off to a fine start at Yosemite Elementary. Dr. Robert Elkins and his staff have expressed their hopes, and have demonstrated their efforts, to foster an academic atmosphere while stimulating growth and learning in a wide range of areas. In an effort to reach even beyond the fields in which the teachers possess excellence, Dr. Elkins is calling upon the whole community for help. He would like to draw upon others in Yosemite to share their specific talents with the school children.

It certainly isn't required that you be a teacher. You don't even have to be a parent. But if you would be willing to help the staff at Yosemite Elementary broaden their program, your talent would be most welcome. The questionnaire below may be sent to Dr. Elkins at the school, or give him a call at 372-4791 for more information.

The children, their parents, and the teachers all will appreciate your efforts, and it's more than likely that you will thoroughly enjoy the whole experience yourself!



First experiences in photography, provided by a volunteer, serve as enrichment to regular school curriculum.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Days and time available \_\_\_\_\_

Calligraphy \_\_\_\_\_

Art Workshop (sculpture, painting, drawing, other?) \_\_\_\_\_

Great Books Club \_\_\_\_\_

Science Workshop (Ecology, life science, biology, other?) \_\_\_\_\_

Mathematics (algebra, geometry, slide rule, other?) \_\_\_\_\_

Photography \_\_\_\_\_

Athletics (football, basketball, track, other?) \_\_\_\_\_

Drama and/or Dance \_\_\_\_\_

Music \_\_\_\_\_

Shop (woodshop, metal shop, electric shop, other?) \_\_\_\_\_

Indian Lore \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## TOPS

A new chapter of TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) weight-control organization has been formed in El Portal. The chapter meets each Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. at the El Portal School House. Officers of the chapter are: Sheila Lyn Uptain, leader; Lila R. Acosta, secretary; Catherine T. O'Brien, treasurer; Ruby F. Woods, weight recorder; Grace E. Ray, reporter. For further information about TOPS and the new chapter call Sheila Uptain at 379-2365.

## Attention Marines

Any U.S. Marine personnel interested in attending the 200th birthday party, contact Dan Sholly at 372-4461, ext. 24 no later than Friday, October 31. If he is out, please leave a message at that number. Semper fidelis.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

NOV. 1 — HALLOWEEN DANCE AND COSTUME BALL. Start making your costume now. Clowns, witches, goblins — anything counts. There will be prizes for the most traditional Halloween costume. Want to help coordinate this activity or decorate the auditorium? Call Donna Mackie at 372-4590. Admission is \$1.50 per person. Refreshments will be served and there will be a bar.

NOV. 6 — MASTER PLANNING - PART II. Join Leslie Hart, member of the Yosemite Master Plan Team and Yosemite resident, for breakfast at The Anwahnee. Leslie will explain Phase II of the planning process — the workbooks — and how to fill them out. She will also be available for any other questions you may have about the planning process and what it means to you. For reservations call Barbara Wendt by Nov. 3.

NOV. 20 — CHRISTMAS CRAFTS BAZAAR. If you have a special craft or hobby that you would like to sell at this year's bazaar, now is the time to get in touch with us. Or if you know someone that makes something special, let us know. The Christmas Crafts Bazaar is planned to be a display of the talents of Yosemite's locals. It's also a nice way to get your Christmas shopping done. Call Judi Sansum 372-4875.

NOV. 21 — WREATH MAKING WITH CARL STEVENS. Join Carl Stevens in making Christmas wreaths. Starts in the East Auditorium and runs from 1 to 4 p.m. All the materials for making your wreath will be provided for only \$6.00.

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## WELCOME NEW IDEAS

Do you resist change? It's a dangerous habit. Companies that don't change die on the vine while others move ahead. Progress is a wonderful thing. If things hadn't changed, most of us would still be working 10 or 12 hours a day to make a living.

Progress is okay, as long as it involves someone else. But when a new idea crops up in your job, your department, how do you react? Do you welcome the idea and try to appraise it with an open mind, or are you more apt to drawback, perhaps unconsciously, and look for some excuse to kill it?

For most of us, resistance to change is almost instinctive. Doing things differently would upset our old habits, and what if a new idea doesn't work? What if it isn't as good as the old method? Why take a chance? But you have to take some chances in this world in order to survive. The company that doesn't try new methods and ideas soon finds itself behind the times. The business and the jobs go to competitors who have developed new methods and better services.

Employees and companies that resist progress are their own worst enemies. Nobody can succeed in a competitive market by just sitting still. Hundreds of companies go out of business every year for precisely this reason. That's why it pays every once in a while to take a look at your own attitude. Do you give new ideas a fair and honest chance? Do you try to make them work? Or do you

sometimes greet them with comments like this:

"WE'VE NEVER DONE IT THAT WAY BEFORE".

"IT WON'T WORK IN OUR DEPARTMENT",

"WE'RE DOING FINE WITHOUT IT",

"IT'S TOO COMPLICATED",

"THEY TRIED THAT BEFORE",

"NOBODY ELSE DOES IT THAT WAY".

These aren't real reasons, they are merely the excuse of people who for one reason or another don't want to change.

Nothing stops progress faster than people who automatically dash cold water on every new idea, procedure, process, or method of doing things. When we harden our opinions, it can be as dangerous to the company's health as hardening of the arteries is to the individual.

No one can stop progress everywhere. All you can do is kill it in your own department or your own company. If an idea is a good one, someone somewhere is going to think of it and put it to use. Why shouldn't it be you and your company? For your own best interests, it had better be you and your company. The employee who kills progress is killing his own future.

## WINTER CLUB

It's still not too late to join the Yosemite Winter Club and attend the November 7 Kick-Off Dinner. Just fill out the form below and return it.

-----TEAR OFF AND RETURN-----

I want to join the Yosemite Winter Club:

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_  
(\$10.00) check one (\$7.00)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_ Family member first names \_\_\_\_\_

Please find my \_\_\_\_\_  
(check, money order, BankAmericard or Master Charge Card number)

in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

We plan to attend the Kick Off dinner November 7, 1975.

Number in party \_\_\_\_\_ at \$2.00 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

THINK SNOW

## The Chief Returns

by W. Stephen



With the opening of the Ahwahnee Hotel in July of 1927, the local Indians believed that a stone-faced spirit had returned to the valley to perpetuate the memory of Chief Tenaya, the last of the Yosemite rulers.

To substantiate their claim they pointed out the stone face of an Indian, 75' above ground, unknowingly worked out by a stone mason in placing the granite trimming around the Ahwahnee Hotel.

"Him, the Spirit of Tenaya returned to bring good luck to Ahwahnee Valley" declared Chief Ungwah-Too-Tah, "Somebody guided by Indian Spirit put face of Tenaya on fine new hotel — bring plenty luck — now Indians all happy, dance plenty."

This formation can still be seen on the South Side of the hotel near the 4th floor balcony. As you contemplate this phenomenon keep in mind the words of Chief Tenaya in an impassioned plea to Major Savage upon the deaths of the Chief's two sons, "You may kill me, Sire Captain but you shall not live in peace, I will follow in your footsteps. I will not leave my home, but be with the spirits among the rock, the waterfalls, in the rivers and in the winds. Where so ever you go I will be with you. You will not see me but you fear the spirit of the old Chief and grow cold. The great spirits have spoken, I am done."

## FOR SALE

2 bunk bed mattresses and 2 floral pattern twin inner spring mattresses. All in good condition. Call 379-2435.

Ladies Schwinn bike, 10 speed Varsity, \$60; two pair junior skis, fiberglass Tigers, 150 cm and 160 cm, each \$20; junior ski boots, about size 5, \$10; K2 Holiday skis, 170cm, \$40; Lady Nordica boots, about size 6, \$80 (worn only one season). Call Gwen Brady, 372-4461, ext. 31 or 372-4255.

## OPEN LETTER

Mr. Russell Train, Director  
Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street, S. W. — Room 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Train:

I understand that the Environmental Protection Agency is preparing to publish proposed guidelines that will require a 5-cent refundable deposit on each carbonated soft drink and beer container sold at Federal facilities. This procedure, as we understand it, is being carried out under provisions of the amended Solid Waste Disposal Act, and it will affect about 2 to 4 percent of the national sales for such beverages.

As a Concessioner who operates in one of the great National Parks of our country, Yosemite National Park, our company is pleased to support your proposed action in this regard. We believe that measures to encourage the use of returnable containers are not only environmentally sound as a conservation measure, but will help reduce litter and unsightly roadside debris in Yosemite and other National Parks. We strongly favor both goals.

As an operating company which provides services including soft drinks and beer, the implementation of the requirement might cause us some additional trouble and expense in handling bottles. However, we believe firmly that any additional trouble and expense will more than offset the benefits it will bring to the Park.

We salute you for your leadership in the matter and hope that a successful implementation of this procedure on federal lands will bring about further progress in non-federal areas as well.

Sincerely  
Edward C. Hardy  
Chief Operating Officer

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

#### NOV. 3 — AT THE CIRCUS

Starring Groucho, Chico and Harpo Marx. The Story: how a strong man's assistant, a night watchman and a lawyer save the funds of a circus owner from a band of crooks. Majestic Margaret Dumot becomes a human projectile in one demented scene and the songs include Groucho's noted "Lydia, The Tattooed Lady". (G)

#### NOV. 10 — MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS

Starring Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall, Ingrid Bergman, Sean Connery. Murder, suspense, drama are just a few of the things you will encounter on your train ride through Europe. Don't miss this Agatha Christie "Who-done-it" starring many of Hollywood's greatest actors and actresses. (PG)

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 5:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Halloween Party "Joint Effort" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 & 10 a.m.  
"Joint Effort" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Marker, Wawona — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Movie "At the Circus" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Foot, *Green Machine vs Lodge Raiders* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Tops Meeting ..... El Portal Elementary School — 6:45 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.  
Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Football, *Village Mallers vs NPS Trails* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Exercise/Modern Dance ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Football, *Curry Hurries vs General Office* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Center — 7 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Elementary School, Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Center — 6 p.m.  
Movie "Murder on the Orient Express" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

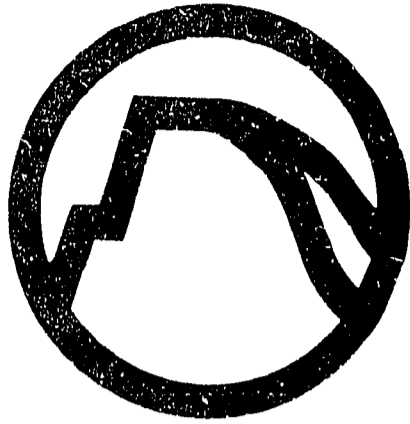
### New Game Time

Due to the change over to Daylight Savings Time, the flag football games will begin at 4:30 p.m.



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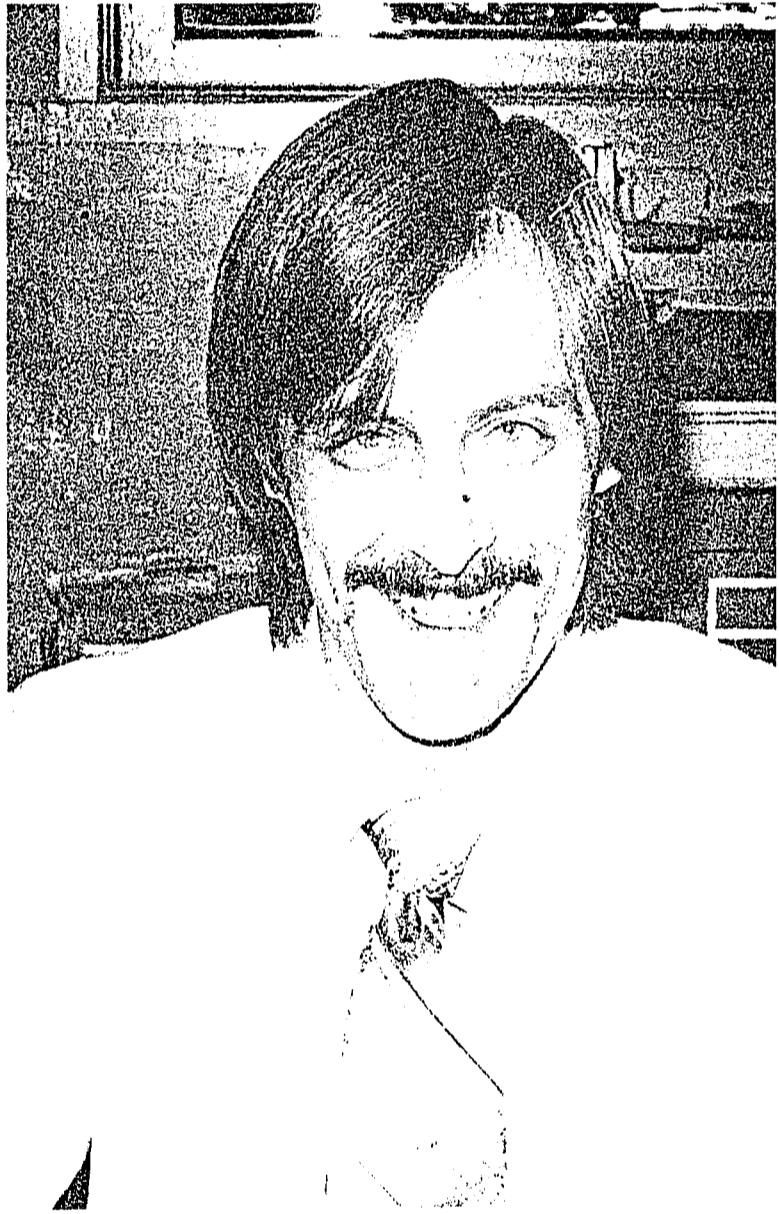


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## KEYPUNCH HIGHLIGHTS



The Keypunch Department of the Data Processing Division is one of the most vital units in the company. Data from every division is sent to this department to be prepared for entry into the company computer. The Reservations Department sends over room deposits, the Payroll Department sends over all time-cards, and other departments send over data ranging from inventory control to mailing lists to be processed by the Keypunch operators.

The department uses the IBM 129 Keypunch machine. Computer cards are sent through the machine and the data is entered on the cards by the operators. These cards are then entered into the computer which in turn reads the key punched data numerically. This numerical information is then correlated with a predetermined program and the desired information is calculated and printed out by the computer.

Most Keypunch operators are graduates

of Business School courses in Data Processing. On an average day a Keypunch operator prepares between 2500 to 3800 cards. It takes approximately 2 years for an operator to become proficient in the operation of a Keypunch machine.

Our Keypunch Department consists of Toni Colondres, George Hudson, Eva Kroon and Cynthia Castro. The Supervisor of our Data Processing Department is Carl Marshall

## Fire Science Course Offered

An 18 hour Fire Science Course will be presented by Merced Junior College in the Park. First class will be November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Curry Cafeteria and every other week thereafter for 6 sessions. There will be a small charge (\$1-\$2.00) for books. Subject covered will be basic fire practices. All volunteers and any prospective volunteers are urged to attend. This applies also to Park Service volunteers. Sign-up at the Firehouse or at the first class meeting.

## Babysitters Wanted

Are you interested in babysitting on weekends and evenings? Many times our guests inquire about getting a babysitter. Unfortunately we do not supply this service.

However, if you are interested in part-time opportunities of this nature, we will compile a list of names and telephone numbers to circulate to the various facilities. This will give you an opportunity to be contacted when someone expresses an interest or need for a babysitter. Please contact Rose Wiggins in the Personnel Office at 372-4611, ext. 236 to have your name placed on the list.

## PART TIME JOB

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Rose Wiggins at 372-4847.

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## Renaissance Man of The Mountains

by Stuart Warren

Combine a Japanese- and French-speaking world traveler with a professional rock-climber, photographer, and rescue-survival expert. Then to this add a pre-med student, a national parks goodwill ambassador and lecturer, and you have what make YTS tour spieler — Jerry Coe.

Now you're probably asking what makes Jerry go? To find out, I had to stow away on a tour bus he was guiding. Previously I had found that keeping up with Coe on the go is like tracking the abominable snowman.

"I guess it's this insatiable desire I have to learn", he explained between mouthfuls of a Japanese Valley Tour spiel. "Actually my tour guide thing here is just a vacation to brush up my Japanese and French and perhaps to learn Spanish."

And if that isn't enough, Jerry plans to soon begin pre-med work, specializing in emergency medicine. At the moment, he is also testing cameras for Nikon, teaching mountaineering and survival skills outside the Park, and planning to add to the considerable number of his Yosemite ascents.

His interest in climbing has taken him around the world. Jerry has instructed and/or climbed on the Cook Range in New Zealand and throughout Europe and Japan. He pointed to the relation between climbing and his linguistic abilities by saying, "When your climbing partners don't speak English, you have to do as the Romans do."

While abroad, in addition to mastering the most refined techniques of climbing and a flair for languages, Jerry developed a unique talent for human tracking. This technique of locating missing persons was taught him by the Division of Forestry, to whom he taught climbing and rescue. "After eight hours, I'm better than a bloodhound", he maintains.

His skein as a Curry employee and seasonal ranger has spanned eight years, and he now sees the Park as his home.

"Some day, I'll probably tie it all up in something here in the Park. I've been all around the world, but home is still the best", he said, gazing fondly up at Half Dome.

I had to agree. With many roads to follow in the life of this versatile young man, perhaps the only thing that is certain is the fact that there are few places in the world better suited to his many talents than Yosemite.

## DO IT NOW

by Dan Slusser

Getting started is the hardest part of most jobs.

As the saying goes, "Well begun is half done".

If something has to be done, WHY NOT NOW?

If something can be improved, THE SOONER THE BETTER!

If something can be corrected, LET'S TACKLE IT TODAY!

The president of a big company was asked what it took to get to the top. The answer was, "The same thing it took to get started," he replied, "a sense of urgency about getting things done." People who make things move in this world share this same sense of urgency. No matter how intelligent or how able you may be, if you don't have this sense of urgency, now is the time to start developing it.

The world is full of very competent people who honestly intend to do things tomorrow or as soon as they can get around to it. Their accomplishments, however, seldom match those of less talented workers who are blessed with the sense of the importance of getting started now. The hardest part of most jobs is simply getting started. If you learn to plunge in immediately, and get going without stopping to count the difficulties which may lie ahead, you've got the world by the tail. Once you're in motion, nothing is quite as hard as it looks to the individual who stands around, dreading to begin. The person who trains himself to start fast, — whether it's tackling a hard task or doing his daily job — not only gets more done, but avoids a lot of the needless pain and stress. Why swallow a daily dose of mental anguish, when it's easy to avoid?

One successful person I know has a standing rule. If a job is difficult or unpleasant, do it immediately. Don't let it hang over your head and let it poison your disposition. Whenever a business problem is serious enough to keep him awake at night — and there are some — he's the first one in the office in the morning.

He's the kind of person who believes in licking his problems, not just worrying about them. He believes in making things happen, not just letting them happen, and he knows that nothing ever gets done until it gets started.

The same idea will work for you, any time you get around to trying it. Learn to be a fast starter. You'll get a lot more done with less pain and strain, and a lot more credit for doing things.

## Employee Housing Corner

By Paul Peters

In the past week a number of employees have asked questions regarding over-night guests in employee housing. In order to more fully understand our existing guidelines it is important that we realize that living in a dormitory environment presents some unique problems. Since there are many individuals housed in one area, using common facilities, it is extremely important that each of us respect the rights, privileges and privacy of others. Your understanding and cooperation will insure the comfort and safety of all concerned.

Over-night guests are permitted, providing you have the consent of your roommate. However, for space reasons, the number is limited to one guest per employee or two guests per room. The length of stay is five days per guest, not to exceed three visits per guest. Guests are required to register with the housekeeper and there is a small registration fee of \$1.00 per guest for the period of their visit. As you will recall, the prior registration fee, was \$2.00 per night, the above fee was reduced upon a request by the Employee Advisory Council. Also, it is important to note that terminated employees who have been discharged for cause by the YP&C Co. or NPS are not permitted as guest in employee housing.

In order to make our living and working experience an enjoyable one we must at all times demonstrate our mutual respect for each other's property and comfort and this can be done by asking yourself "Is it fair to my roommate or others in my dorms?"

If you have any questions or suggestions please call ext. 451 or stop by the Employee Housing Office. Thank you.

## SKI TUNE-UP SPECIAL

The Badger Pass Rental Shop is offering a special employee rate on a pre-season ski tune-up. This offer includes sharpening edges, waxing, mounting new bindings, and getting you ready for opening day at Badger Pass. This special is good for November 10, 11, and 12. Prices vary according to needs. For more information call Ken Ashburner at the rental shop at 372-4691, or just come up to Badger on those three days.

## SNOW DRIVING

The winter season is at hand in Yosemite. There has been some snow already in the higher elevations and with it come a whole new set of rules for driving. Snow, sleet and freezing temperatures make driving on mountain roads especially hazardous.

Speeds should be reduced and the distance between cars increased. When moving forward from a complete stop, starts should be slow with a steady but smooth acceleration. Too much power will cause spinning wheels, loss of traction and control of your automobile.

Stopping on icy or snow covered roads should be gradual. A gentle pumping pressure on the brake pedal will stop your vehicle without loss of traction. Never slam on your brakes, they will lock up and you will probably end up in a snow bank!

Passing another car in winter is extremely dangerous. Passing should be attempted only where sufficient distance is available to accelerate slowly and pass safely with regard to roadway conditions and visibility.

Certain areas in Yosemite Valley are notorious for their almost constant ice cover during winter months. You should use caution at all times when driving in winter but be especially careful around the Fern Springs area, at Bridalveil Falls junction, on and near Sentinel Bridge and on the curve by Le Conte Memorial.

Above all, be alert at all times when driving in winter and remember chains may be made mandatory at any time on Park roads so it is advisable to carry them with you.

## Twice as Nice?

Surprise!! Dick and Winnie Gallagher are now the proud parents of unexpected but healthy twin girls. Nichole, weighing in at 5 lbs. 7 oz. and Michele, at 5 lbs. 10 oz., arrived October 30. Says Dick "Winnie was sewing up a storm before the baby was born, now with two, the clothes (and diapers) only go half as far as expected." Congratulations to Dick and Winnie!

## POTLUCK

Everyone is welcome to the Inter-Christian Potluck on Nov. 16 at 6:00. It will be held at the Elementary School and everyone is welcome — all ages. This will be a special night of music presented by the Yosemite Girls Choir, *Grace and Glory*, El Portal's *Jesus People*, and a guest presentation by Rev. Phil Eldred of Tulare who will lead a Sing-a-long to the tune of your old favorite Gospel Songs. Bring your own service and the Valley brings a Main Dish and Drinks, Wawona, dessert, and El Portal the Salad. See you there.

## WHAT'S COOKING?

Not all elegant cooking has to involve hours of work. Even the laziest of cooks can turn out this one-dish extravaganza.

### SEAFOOD CASSEROLE

1 box macaroni shells  
1 can Lobster meat  
1 can Crab meat  
1 can Minced Clams  
1 pint Sour Cream  
1/2 C. Clam Juice

Cook macaroni as directed. Add the lobster, crab and clams and heat over low heat, stirring. Then fold in sour cream and clam juice. Serve hot with a dollop of cold sour cream.

## FOR SALE

Large Kelty Tioga Backpack, K-2 Winter Heat Skis (200 cm) one year old with Look Nevada binding, Humanic Dynaflo Boots size 9 (men's). All articles in good condition. Call Gary Mulder at 372-4388 or at the Four Season's Restaurant, or come to room 2024 Lodge Annex.

8 foot Herculon sofa. Very comfortable. Only two years old. \$200. Also, 1921 Singer Sewing Machine, portable. \$30. Call Patty at 372-4527.

1968 Honda 350, if interested contact Luke at 379-2281.

1966 Opel Cadette, if interested contact Luke at 379-2281.

1973 LTD Ford 10 pass. stations wagon, ex. cond., air, radials. Call Eve after 6 p.m. 379-2363 or 379-2374.

1975 Yamaha Enduro 175 cc 600 miles \$850. Call 379-2363 or 379-2374 after 6 p.m. See above items at Res. 738 Gov't housing El Portal Eve or weekends.

## Yosemite Recreation

### YOSEMITE SAM'S

Well, "Sam" has begun his third winter in Yosemite! We, in the Recreation Department, are anticipating another successful season in our new location. Manager, Ramone Willis, is promising a variety of entertainment this year along with lots of fun and surprises. The staff of Yosemite Sam's would like to invite all Park employees to join us this year for some very good times. Come visit Ramone, Steve, and Leslie for fun, food, and entertainment at its best. We are open Wednesday through Saturday, 6-12 and Sunday 11-6.

A tentative schedule is as follows:

Wednesday — Dances and/or entertainment

Thursday — Same as above

Friday — Talent Night

Saturday — Family Night (movies, cartoons)

Sunday — T.V. sports while sippin' the suds!

Happy Hour Wednesday through Saturday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### MOVIES

NOV. 10 — CLAUDINE (PG)

NOV. 17 — THE WALKABOUT

Starring David Gumpilil, Jenny Agutter, Lucien John, John Mellon. Two European children, abandoned in the Australian outback, are found by a young aborigine boy who leads them back to civilization. It is a magical time when the three enjoy life, free and uncomplicated, in an unspoiled, primitive world. (PG)

## FLAG FOOTBALL

### Mallers accept victory

The Village Mallers very graciously accepted a forfeit victory from the Curry Hurries. This brings their season record to 2-1 in league play. The winless Hurries are now 0-3 for the season.

### General Office beats Tecoya

The Office team scored 2 touchdowns and then held Tecoya to wrap up a 12-0 victory. This evened their record at 2-2 and dropped Tecoya at 0-4 on the year. The Office's first score came on a pass from "second-string" quarterback, Larry Carlisle to Dave Zdunich. And in the second half it was Zdunich again on a 10 yard run to complete the scoring. Tecoya's only threat came on a long bomb interference call, which put the ball on the Office 5 yard line. However, Tecoya was held on downs and thus remained scoreless.

### Machine rolls on

The defending champs, The Green Machine, overcame the upset-minded N.P.S. Trails, 30-6, in an action-packed thriller. To many it looked like an upset

was in the makin' when Trail's Joe Lopez intercepted a Paul Peters pass and scampered in for 6 quick points. However, on the following kick-off, James Peggins dashed 50 yards to even the score at 6-6. After a quick exchange it

was Peggins again from 10 yards out. Then Hands Koehler scored 2 more TD's on passes from Peters and Ray Willis. Later in the game Willis scored on a long bomb from Peters to ice the game for the Machine.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.  
Transcendental meditation Lecture ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

Yoga ..... Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Claudine" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic ..... Lewis Memorial  
Football, *Tecoya vs NPS* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Football, *Mallers vs Lodge* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Exercise/Ballet ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.  
Fire Science Course ..... Curry Cafeteria — 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, November 13:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Football, *Green Machines vs Curry* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16:

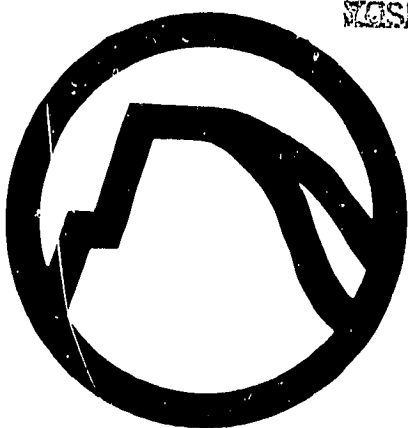
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Protestant Serice of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "The Walkabout" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

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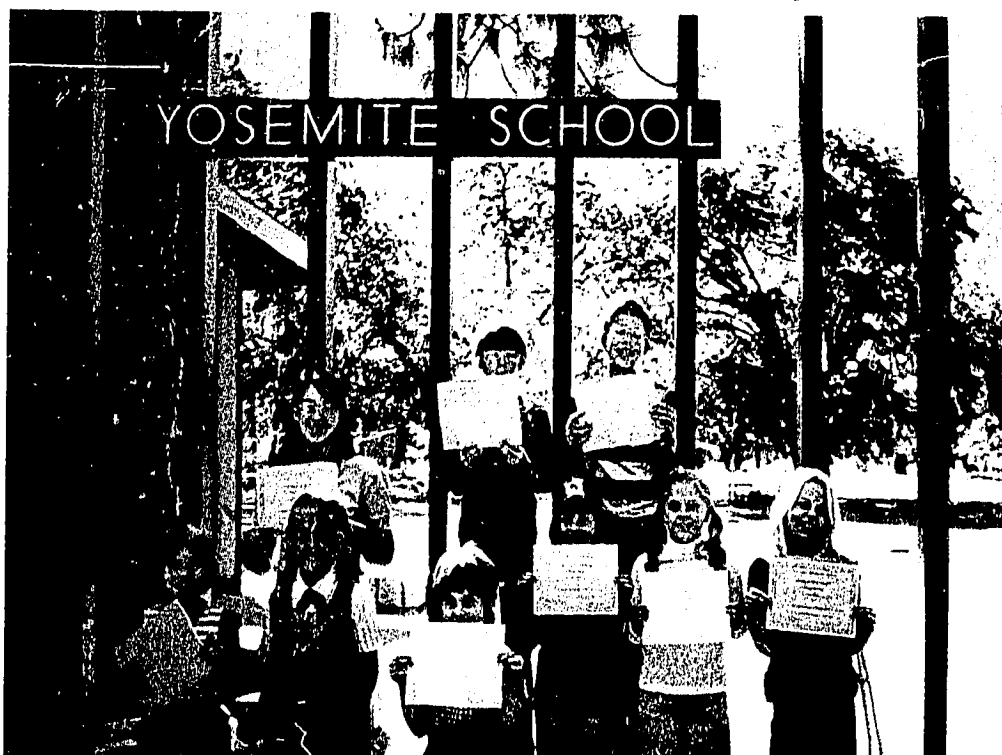
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## HALLOWEEN SAFETY CONTEST WINNERS HONORED

by Anne Hendrickson



Early one morning last month, an official sheriff's car pulled up beside Yosemite Elementary. Two uniformed officers headed for the school door, causing a momentary flurry of excitement among the children on the playground. What business had the Sheriff's Department with the local school? The students didn't have long to wait for their answer, however, as the bell rang and morning sessions began. Each classroom was visited by one of the officers, who invited student participation in a Halloween Safety Poster Contest.

The contest was sponsored by the Mariposa County Sheriff's Department and Employees Association for students in the elementary school throughout the county. On Monday, October 20, a winner was announced for each grade, and Certificates of Merit were presented to the winners. Here in Yosemite, Deputy Ken DeVoe and Clerk Lori Halliday made the awards. Local winners were: Larisa Durr, kindergarten; Lance Davis, first grade; Ellen Riegelhuth and Sarah

Vocelka (tie), second grade; Jennifer Downing, third grade; Becky Wilson, fourth grade; Tracey Krieger, fifth grade; Jay Sansum, sixth grade; Danny Wilson, seventh grade; and Kathleen Krisko, eighth grade.

Further honors came to two of the Yosemite finalists when they were selected as county-wide winners for their respective grades. Kathleen Krisko's poster was judged best of those prepared by eighth graders throughout the district and Larisa Durr received this honor among kindergartners in Mariposa County.

Trophies were awarded to the grand winners at the Sheriff's Department on Monday, October 27. A tour of the jail and lunch with the Sheriff were added rewards for a job well done. (Incidentally — and ironically — Kathleen Krisko was sporting crutches from a playground accident as she hobbled forward to receive her safety contest prize!)

## SKI-DAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need instructors, substitute instructors, bus and porch parents, and baby-sitters for the Elementary Schools Ski Day Program. Ski-Day is held each Wednesday afternoon from Jan. 7th thru April 7th, 1976. The volunteers will receive a complimentary lift ticket for the day they help and another one valid thru the following week. Both of these tickets are non-transferable. If interested please call Marilyn Riegelhuth 372-4568, Lou Carter 379-2634, or Gayle Sleznick 379-2296.

## SPECIAL SALE

Do your Christmas shopping November 21 — 6-9 p.m. The Ahwahnee Gift Shop. The sale is open to everyone and everything is 25% off excluding tobacco and liquor.

## Movies

NOV. 17 — THE WALKABOUT starring David Gumpill, Jenny Agutter, Lucien John, John Mellon. Two European children abandoned in the Australian outback are found by a young aborigine boy who leads them back to civilization: it is a magical time when the three enjoy life, free and uncomplicated, in an unspoiled, primitive world. (PG)

NOV. 24 — PLAY IT AGAIN SAM starring Woody Allen. When his wife leaves him for "insufficient laughter" a neurotic film critic turns to his married friends for help in establishing a meaningful relationship with the opposite sex. Finally his idol, Humphrey Bogart must return from "Casablanca" to set him straight on dames, culminating in the recreation of one of the screens most famous film farewells. (PG)



## CRAFTS BAZAAR

It's Christmas Shopping Time!! On November 20 at 11:30 a wide selection of handmade items await you at the Yosemite Women's Group annual craft bazaar.

Besides handmade crafts there will be plants and lunch will be available.

Craftspeople throughout the Yosemite area have been invited to attend and sell their wares.

Everyone is invited to come in, browse, have lunch, and do their Christmas shopping between 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

If you would like to have some crafts included in the bazaar, call Judi Sansum at 372-4875. Craftspeople are asked to have their wares brought to the Visitor Center by 10:30 a.m.

If you need to arrange for a baby sitter, call Marsha Lee at 372-4539 before Nov. 18th.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

NOV. 20 — CHRISTMAS CRAFTS BAZAAR. If you have a special craft or hobby that you would like to sell at this year's bazaar, now is the time to get in touch with us. Or is you know someone that makes something special, let us know. The Christmas Crafts Bazaar is planned to be a display of the talents of Yosemite's locals. It's also a nice way to get your Christmas shopping done. Call Judi Sansum, 372-4875.

DEC. 9 — WREATH MAKING WITH CARL STEVENS. Join Carl Stevens in making Christmas wreaths. Starts in the East Auditorium and runs from 1 to 4 p.m. All the materials for making your wreath will be provided for only \$6.00.

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## Cross-Country Race

El Portal's 3rd Annual Cross Country Race was held October 18 at El Portal School. Students from ten elementary schools competed for the "High Point" trophies (Girls and Boys) including Coulterville-Creeley Hill, Mariposa, North Fork, Planada, Raymond, Wasuma, Woodland and Yosemite. Ribbons were awarded for 1st—5th place in each race.

This year, El Portal Elementary won both trophies with a total of 40 points accumulated by the girls and 28 points by the boys. Local winners in each race were:

### 1st Grade — BOYS

1st Brian Sinclair, El Portal

### GIRLS:

1st Shawn Nelson, El Portal

### 2nd Grade — BOYS:

3rd Tony Sleznick, El Portal

5th Leif Abrell, Yosemite

### GIRLS:

2nd Missy Carter, El Portal

### 3rd Grade — GIRLS:

2nd Michele Sinclair, El Portal

3rd Allyson Sansum, Yosemite

4th Moosa Domingues, El Portal

5th Valerie James, El Portal

### 4th Grade — BOYS:

4th Danny Kirn, El Portal

### GIRLS:

1st Tina Sleznick, El Portal

3rd Betsy Carlisle, El Portal

5th Sharon Wyly, Yosemite

### 5th Grade — BOYS:

2nd Andy Woods, El Portal

3rd Sean Sinclair, El Portal

### GIRLS:

1st Heidi Domingues, El Portal

3rd Patty Garza, Yosemite

### 6th Grade — BOYS

1st Jamie Carlisle, El Portal

2nd Pat Kirn, El Portal

### 7th Grade — GIRLS

2nd Adrienne Domingues, El Portal

3rd Dawn Woods, El Portal

5th Heidi Haag, El Portal

### 8th Grade — GIRLS

4th Shiera Brady, Yosemite

Record-breaking times were recorded by many of the runners including: Brian Sinclair, El Portal — 4:43; running the ½ mile "Loop". Heidi Domingues, El Portal — 9:19, on the "River Road" course. Jamie Carlisle, El Portal ran the "Saddle" in 11:18, breaking the old record by almost a full minute.

## Babysitters Wanted

Are you interested in babysitting on weekends and evenings? Many times our guests inquire about getting a babysitter. Unfortunately we do not supply this service.

However, if you are interested in part-time opportunities of this nature, we will compile a list of names and telephone numbers to circulate to the various facilities. This will give you an opportunity to be contacted when someone expresses an interest or need for a babysitter. Please contact Rose Wiggins in the Personnel Office at 372-4611, ext. 236 to have your name placed on the list.

## Special Permission Granted

Handicapped people will be allowed to travel in the Mariposa Grove and to Mirror Lake if they obtain permission from the South Entrance or Visitor Center and return the handicapped sign to either one of these two points. During the heavy use season between May 15 to October 1, the conflict between shuttle buses, bicyclists, and private cars does not allow us to do this.

Charles W. Wendt  
Chief Ranger

## FOR SALE

Large Kelly Tioga Backpack, K-2 Winter Heat Skis (200 cm) one year old with Look Nevada binding, Humanic Dynaflo Boots size 9 (men's). All articles in good condition. Call Gary Mulder at 372-4388 or at the Four Season's Restaurant, or come to room 2024 Lodge Annex.

8 foot Herculon sofa. Very comfortable. Only two years old. \$200. Also, 1921 Singer Sewing Machine, portable. \$30. Call Patty at 372-4527.

1968 Honda 350, if interested contact Luke at 379-2281.

1966 Opel Cadette, if interested contact Luke at 379-2281.

Fifty men and women ran the gruelling 1¼ mile "Saddle" race this year. 1st through 5th place ribbons were awarded to:

### MEN:

1st Soug Kanarowski, Mariposa  
10:09 (new record)

4th Rick Sylvester, Yosemite

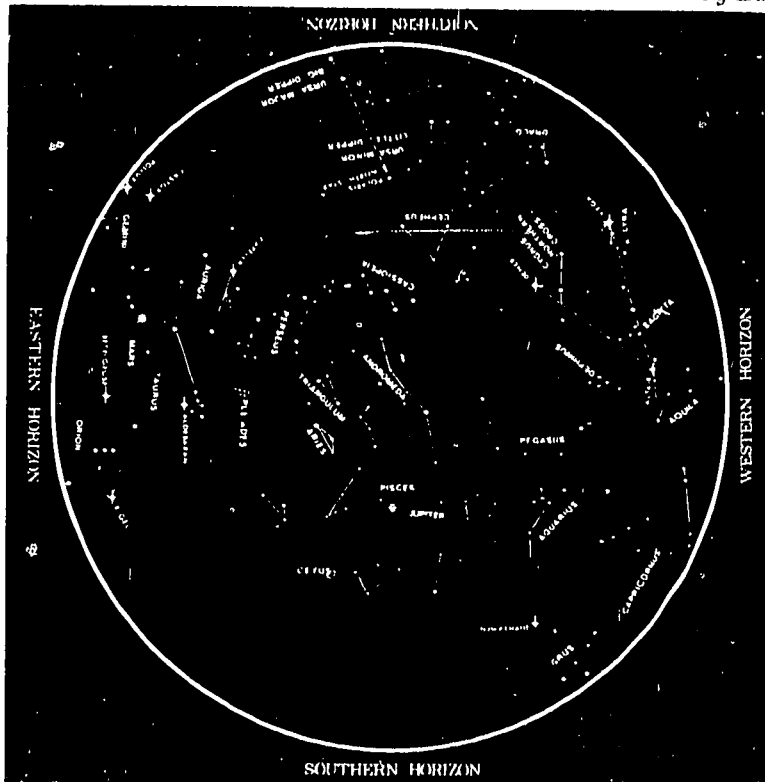
### WOMEN:

1st Shary McVoy, Yosemite 13:23

4th Angie Domingues, El Portal

# SKY CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER

by Larry Huggins



Hold chart vertically and turn it so the direction you are facing shows at the bottom. Chart time is 9 p.m. at the middle of the month. [Chart courtesy Griffith Observatory]

## SUN

The sun moves through Libra and into Scorpius during November.

## MOON

New Moon	Nov. 3 — 5:05 a.m.
	Dec. 2 — 4:50 p.m.
1st Quarter	Nov. 10 — 10:21 a.m.
	Dec. 10 — 6:39 a.m.
Full Moon	Nov. 18 — 2:28 p.m.
	Dec. 18 — 6:40 a.m.
Last Quarter	Nov. 25 — 10:52 p.m.
	Dec. 25 — 6:52 a.m.

## MOON-PLANET PASSAGES

Nov. 15 — 11 a.m.	— Jupiter — 5° S
Nov. 21 — 9 a.m.	— Mars — 5° N
Nov. 29 — 11 a.m.	— Venus — 5° N
Dec. 12 — 5 p.m.	— Jupiter — 5° S
Dec. 17 — 11 p.m.	— Mars — 5° N

The table of moon-planet passages facilitates locating the naked-eye planets. The brighter planets (Venus and Jupiter) may also be located during the daytime using this table.

Use binoculars to scan the area North or South of the moon at the time indicated. Many binoculars have a field of view greater than 5°. Thus you may view the planets and the moon's limb in the same field.

## MERCURY

Not visible now because it is "behind" the sun, Mercury moves into the evening sky during the last part of December, at which time it is visible shortly after sunset on the western horizon.

## VENUS

Rising nearly four hours before the Sun, Venus is at its greatest western elongation now. Through a telescope, it exhibits half phase.

## MARS

Nearly doubling in brightness during the month as Earth approaches it, Mars rises only one hour after sunset at month's end.

## JUPITER

You can't miss it. Jupiter is the dazzling object in the southeastern sky during early evening hours.

## SATURN

The ringed planet rises in Cancer at 10 p.m. in the middle of the month.

## ECLIPSES

The total lunar eclipse of November 18 will have ended before the moon rises at this longitude. Observers in northeastern states will witness their second lunar eclipse in a year. The eclipse of May 24 was the last total eclipse visible to western observers until November 6, 1979.

A partial solar eclipse occurred November 3. The axis of the shadow cone missed earth's southern limb by about 100 miles. Antarctic penguins watched the moon black out 96½ of the sun's disc.

# The Colonel and The Eclipse

[Reprinted from Griffith Observer Magazine]

Since total eclipses of the sun are very rare events for any particular place on earth, and since they present a spectacle of indescribable grandeur, astronomers often make a considerable effort to publicize such eclipses for the benefit of local residents.

The story is told of an Army Colonel who was notified by an astronomer that a total eclipse would be visible from his base. The Colonel thanked the astronomer, and then asked the orderly to post a special bulletin. The bulletin read as follows: "By order of the Colonel, an eclipse of the sun will take place tomorrow afternoon. All troops will assemble on the parade grounds where the Colonel will supervise the eclipse. In the event it is cloudy or raining outside, all troops will assemble in the mess hall, and the eclipse will be held indoors."

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### GRAPES VERONICA

Remove the stems from one bunch of *Seedless grapes* and wash them. Pat gently in a tea towel to dry them, and put them in a large bowl. Sprinkle them with *Brown sugar* rubbed through a sieve, until they are lightly coated. Add enough *Sour cream* to make them adhere to each other (be generous) and as you stir in the sour cream sprinkle on a little *Lemon juice* as well. Chill for at least an hour, or until they are quite cold.

This recipe is equally good with blueberries.

## PART TIME JOB

If you are interested in weekend and/or holiday employment, and are 14 years of age or older, contact the Personnel Dept. of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Come in after school or call 372-4611, ext. 236. After 5:00 p.m., call Rose Wiggins at 372-4847.

## Yosemite Recreation

### SPECIAL CLASSES

The Bead Class was "terminated" on Tuesday, November 11. However it will be quickly replaced by a Macrame class the following Tuesday, the 18th, in the Employee Recreation Office at 7:00 (as usual). Employee Recreation would like to thank each and everyone for their fine attendance and participation. We would also like to thank Ken and Eileen for a job well done.

Note: Ken and Eileen are offering their "services" in December (Christmas gifts) and can be reached at 372-2337 after 6 p.m. for more information.

### Employment Opportunity

Seeking married couple to live in employee housing in exchange for management responsibilities. Call Bob Hansen at 372-4441 (Yosemite Insitute) during business hours.

### Sam Mitchell

Friends of the late Sam Mitchell who would like to contribute to the educational fund for his young daughter can send contributions to: Mitchell, Box 197, Yosemite National Park, Calif. 95389.

## FLAG FOOTBALL

### Machine rolls over Raiders

In a battle of the "undefeated", the Green Machine came out victorious over the inspired Lodge Raiders. The Machine scored first when QB Paul Peters found fleet-footed Tony Caputo wide open along the sidelines. However, the Raiders came right back to tie the score on a razzle-dazzle flea-flicker to Donnie Hines. From that point on the Machine's defensive unit took over, keeping the Raiders in their own territory most of the game. And it was the outstanding defensive play by LQ Danny Bear, Tony Caputo, and Terry "Redwood" Swift, that dismantled the Raider offense. Also there were 2 measly interceptions by P. Peters. The explosive Machine offense retaliated with a pass from Peters to Hands Koehler for 6. And after forcing the Raiders to punt, Ramone "Crazy Legs" Willis returned it the distance for 6 more. Halfback James Peggins scored twice in the hard hitting second half on a pass from Peters and on a 2 yard run to ice the game for the Machine. Final score Green Machine 30, Raiders 6.

### Trails 24, Mallers 12

The N.P.S. Trails defeated the Village Mallers in a close and action-packed game. Trails Tim Ludington scored first on a 2 yard run. That was the only scoring done in the first half. After stopping the Mallers on the one yard line, the Trails rallied again on a pass from Wyly Woods to Bill Gorgas. But the Mallers came right back for 6 points on a pass from Bob Calkins to Rick McElliot.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16:**  
 Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
 Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market, Wawona — 6 p.m.  
 Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
 Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17:**  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Movie "Walkabout" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Football, *General Offices vs Lodge Raiders* . Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Tops Meeting ..... El Portal Elementary School — 6:45 p.m.  
 Fire Meeting ..... Fire House — 7 p.m.  
 Macrame Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Football, *Green Machine vs Mallers* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
 Women's Club Crafts Bazaar ..... Visitors Center — 11:30 a.m.  
 Dance/Ballet ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Football, *Green Machine vs Mallers* ..... Elementary School — 4:30 p.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
 Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Center — 7 p.m.  
 Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
 Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22:**  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23:**  
 Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
 Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
 Protestant Bible Study ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
 Protestant Service of Worship ... Elementary School, Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

Moments later, Woods found Gorgas, again, all alone in the end zone for 6 more. Then the Mallers closed the gap on a 20 yard run by speedster Danny Gardella. The Mallers then held the Trails. But their hopes for a tie and a sudden death play-off were quickly erased when Woods intercepted a Larry Lopez pass. The trails then put the game out of reach on another long bomb pass from Woods to Gorgas.

### Hurries surprise Office

The Curry Hurries finally got themselves in the win column with an exciting upset victory over the General Offices. It

started when Jeff Gideon raced down the sidelines on the opening kick-off for a touchdown. The Offices never quite recovered from that shock. After holding off an Office drive, the Hurries scored again on a pass from QB Jack Anderson to Kim Cochrane. The Office team was held again but "managed" to get 2 points when Hurries halfback Rick Wright was caught for a safety. The Hurries last touchdown was on an Anderson pass to Gideon. The Offices only touchdown came in the second half on a 2 yard run by John Chesarek. Final Score: Hurries 18, Office 8.

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## Youthful Gridders Boast Six Coaches

by Anne Hendrickson

Imagine being an eleven-year-old football hopeful, in a small school far removed from any city system, and yet having the benefit of instruction from no-less than six enthusiastic coaches. That has been the happy situation for youngsters at Yosemite Elementary this fall.

The school's efforts to augment the skills of the professional teaching staff with volunteer talent from the community included a call for help in the athletic area. Dan Sholley, serving as coordinator of the sports portion of the volunteer program, rounded up an impressive football coaching staff from the National Park Service. Devoting many off-duty hours to sessions with the youngsters were Mike Durr, Bruce McKeeman, Dutch Ackart, Jim Brady, Fred Hemphill, and Dan himself. Because of the number of men working with them, the children could be divided into smaller groups for instruction, and thus even beginners have had a chance to participate and learn.

As in the Company recreation program, the type of play is called "flag football", which differs slightly from the "tackle" variety with which many of us are more familiar. Running, kicking, and passing remain, but there is no tackling. Instead of bringing the ball carrier to the ground, a player must remove the flag worn on his opponent's belt. A game is played in two halves of twenty-five plays each. One other significant difference between elementary school football and the Monday night version is that here the girls play, too!

For the children, the culmination of training sessions with their volunteer coaching staff came in a Saturday morning game against El Portal. The final score was 24-7 in El Portal's favor; but, as is often the case, the score doesn't tell the whole story. The local youngsters did an impressive amount of ball-handling. Now, with what they've learned in practice sessions, plus having an actual game behind them, they look forward with confidence to "next time."



1975 Yosemite Badger Football Team and Coaches.



Coaches McKeeman, Sholley, Ackart, Hemphill, and Durr watch the action from the sidelines in the game against El Portal.



Co-educational team listens to instructions from Head Coach Dan Sholley during half-time.

## MILKWEED

Throughout the meadows of Yosemite Valley one now can see the Milkweed plants, so very much in evidence because of the pods bursting with the fuzzy white "Milkweed Cotton" attached to the seeds.

The plants stand in many valley meadows and range in height from 1½ to 2½ feet, with stems branching only at the base. The leaves are in opposition and ovate to lance-like in shape. Milkweed pods are 2" to 5" long with each seed having a tuft of silky hairs. When touched, the milkweed exudes a milky juice.

Few visitors realize how important the milkweed plant was in the economy of the native Miwok and Paiute Indian people of Yosemite Valley. First, the young shoots of the plant were cut when several inches high and were bailed in several changes of water, then eaten as vegetables.

The juice, which drips out of the milkweed, was utilized as glue. It's gluing properties are similar to the white glue of today in the fact that it is water soluble.

The plants were also cut and dried. Then the stem was broken and the long, tough fibers rolled on the bare thigh to produce a tough, almost unbreakable, two-strand cord.

Glue, vegetables and string — three important uses of the lowly milkweed of Yosemite Valley.

### Employment Opportunity

Wanted — Someone to do a little house-keeping, cooking and secretarial work in exchange for \$250./mo. plus room and board. If interested leave a message and a call back number with Perry Judkins (Midpines) at 966-3919 for Dave Grimes.

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## Yosemite Winter Club

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 1975-76

Family Membership — \$10.00                      Single Membership — \$7.00

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Master Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Adult(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and Age(s) of Children \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Only for Unmarried Children Living at Home \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the above form to the Yosemite Winter Club, Box 3, Yosemite, 95389. Winter Club pins will be distributed by Doug Coe at the Winter Club desk at Badger Pass. Each member presenting his or her membership card and \$1 will receive a Yosemite Winter Club pin.

Each member will be entitled to the following free benefits:

- A. Two (2) free skating sessions at Curry Village.
- B. One (1) half-day Alpine Ski equipment rental (skis, boots, poles) from Badger Pass Rental Shop.
- C. Forty per cent (40%) discount on Nordic Ski lesson, basic or intermediate class. Reservations required one week in advance.
- D. Twenty-five per cent (25%) discount on Nordic Ski equipment (full day).
- E. One (1) half-day Alpine Ski lesson (group) at Badger Pass.
- F. One (1) complimentary lift ticket — valid on all lifts all day.

NOTE: Free benefits are not available on weekends or during holiday periods.

### ACTIVITIES

DATE	EVENT	PLACE
Sun., Nov. 23	Cocktails/Buffer	Ahwahnee Hotel
Sat., Jan ?	Fondue Party	Crane Flat Campus
Thurs., Jan. 29	Meet Ski Instructors Cocktails/Buffer	Ahwahnee Hotel
Thurs., Feb. 19	Hans Brinker Night	Curry Ice Rink
Sat., Mar. 13	Ancient Jocks Race	Badger/Ahwahnee
Sat., Mar. 27	Overnight X-C Ski Trip	G.P. Mountain House
Sun., Apr. ?	Last Day at Badger	Badger Pass

## Notes in Passing

Talk about dedication! The night of the big game (see Battle in the Valley) Bill Thompsen returning from Merced got stuck the other side of the road closure prior to game time. It was obvious he'd never be able to drive thru in time to make the game. He therefore parked his car and ran from that point to the Elementary School, arriving slightly winded but in time for the game.

## Special Thanksgiving Service

The Yosemite Community Church will sponsor a festival service of praise and thanksgiving on Thanksgiving Day, November 27, at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend and worship God and express gratitude for God's blessings to us.



## WEATHER OR NOT?.....

by Alan Sanborn

You may have noticed a change in the weather lately. This is due mainly to the problems inherent in planning weather on a yearly basis.

There were problems again this year: snowfalls in May, two months of almost unbearable heat, and yet, so much moisture that the mosquitos hung on till September. Next year, according to YPCCo. Chief Operating Officer Ed Hardy, many of the Valley's weather problems may be eliminated. He hopes the Company will be able to order weather on a quarterly, rather than a yearly basis.

"Having to plan weather for a whole fiscal year can lead to catastrophies," Hardy said. "We have to order so much sun, so much snow and so much rain to keep the Valley in environmental maintenance. But, on the other hand, we cannot predict the whims of the Park visitor, so it's difficult often to use the weather in a profitable way."

In 1974, there was a lack of snow, so this year, admitted Purchasing Manager, Bob Leagon, "We wanted to be sure, so we ordered more snow than we actually need." As a result he had to use the snow as late as May and as early again as late October. He added that "hot and warm weather is difficult to store for long periods of time."

When asked what he thought of the new plan, Secretary/Treasurer Mike Gehan stated, "It is too much money. And besides, whose budget do you plan to charge it to?"

Asking around for opinions about the old and new weather policies brought varied responses.

"As I see it the weather here is a mixture of blatantly sunny days, with occasional hard-hitting storms," said Ahwahnee Manager George Spach. "That's fine for the rest of the Valley, but I think subtler moods — a little fog, maybe, or some light sun showers — would be more in keeping with the character of the Ahwahnee."

Personnel Manager Rick Vocelka found the new weather policy to be "promising" but added, "I don't care what we get for the weather, but it had better come through my office first."

Yosemite Lodge Manager Bill Thompsen said, "Snow!!!"

Bill Germany, Operations Coordinator, wasn't so sure that the new policy was worth considering. "Why should I have to pitch in for a huge snowstorm just because everyone else wants it, if I can get eight small flurries for the same price?"

Of course, the new weather policy has to be okayed by the National Park Service.

"Like all matters of policy this will take some time," said Master Plan Team member, Don Fox. "First there are environmental impact studies which must be undertaken. Then there will have to be public hearings. Of course, we've already heard criticism from the Sierra Club. They're demanding no more changes in the weather, and they want us to remove all clouds that have no historical significance."

Asked about YPCCo's proposed weather policy, a Park spokesman stated emphatically that there is a strong possibility that maybe if the right circumstances prevail, and conditions under consideration by the persons who will probably be involved do not interfere with programs currently not being offered, we might be able to progress with a modified version of the original program which, however, may need to be reconsidered even though it has several aspects which appear to have some merit in the light of new developments recently brought into the picture. "Who knows", he added, "perhaps we may not even have any weather at all next year...."

## GUITAR TEACHER NEEDED

Merced Junior College is looking for a guitar teacher for the spring semester. The class as planned now will be held on Wednesday nights in El Portal. Applicants must be able to document a minimum of 4 years of experience in playing or teaching the guitar professionally. Call Diana Abrell, 372-4233, for further information.

## Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be on Monday, December 1 at 8:00 p.m., at the home of Barbara Wendt. The book to be read and discussed is *Billy Budd* by Herman Melville. Everyone is invited. Call 372-4817 for directions or further information.

## BATTLE IN THE VALLEY

by Jeff Gideon

It was a clear day with cold temperatures as the players started to arrive. It was posted as the 'Battle of the Undeclared', the flag football championship of 1st place would be decided that day.

It pitted the Lodge Raiders spear-headed by Donny 'fast moving flapjaw' Hines against the Green 'EGO' Machine. The Green Machine having the same players for the past 3 years were favored to win.

I came only to watch the game, but soon found myself in a black and white striped costume with a whistle around my neck. Yes, I was the 'Turkey for the Game' commonly known as the referee. The whistle blows as the Machine kicks-off to the Raiders. From the kick-off to the last whistle of play, it was a game of 'fast moving, hard knocking, loud screaming' as anyone who was there will tell you.

Being a referee is like putting your neck on a chopping block, no matter what you do, you're wrong. The only thing you can do is call it the way you see it. It is the writer's opinion that if players would play football and let the referees call the game, there would be better communication between the referees and the Captains of the football team.

As the football game moves into the second half, the tensions of players and enthusiasm of the crowd begins to mount. The Machine seemed to dominate the game, but the Raiders were always on the attack to catch up. I did my best trying to stay with the action, it was getting darker by the minute. With darkness setting in and both teams at my throat, the game ended.

It was a relief to pull the black and white shirt over my head and toss it into the football bag. Whatever you thought of the game remember: IT'S ONLY FLAG-football.

— Good Nite —

Farewell coffee for  
**Judge & Mrs. Gene J. Ottonello**  
(retiring after 30 years as U.S.  
Commissioner & Magistrate  
in Yosemite

and  
Welcome coffee for our new  
Magistrate and wife,  
**Mr. & Mrs. Donald W. Pitts**  
Girls' Club, Monday, November 24,  
1975, 10:30 a.m.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

NOV. 24 — CHINATOWN starring Jack Nicholson, Faye Dunaway. "Forget Hitchcock. We've got Polanski!" A mystery, a love story, a detective story and the most frightening mesmerizing spectacular movie of it's kind. (R)

DEC. 1 — NIGHT OF DARK SHADOWS Starring David Selby and Kate Jackson. Quentin returns with his bride to the family mansion he has inherited and falls victim to reincarnation of his ancestors and is urged to destroy his wife. *Don't come alone and don't walk home in the dark shadows.* (PG)

## FLAG FOOTBALL

### N.P.S. finishes 4 and 2

The N.P.S. Trails finished the season with a 4 win, 2 loss record by defeating the cellar-dwelling Tecoya Get-Downs 18-6. Actually, the game was forfeited to the Trails due to lack of players. However, the Get-Downs recruited a rookie QB and decided to give 'em a game anyway. The "rookie" had trouble finding his receivers, but did manage to throw one touchdown pass late in the game. Congratulations to the Trails. This win assures them of a 3rd place finish and possibly a 2nd place tie.

### Raiders 18, Mallers 6

The Lodge Raiders upped their season record to 4-1 with an 18-6 victory over the Village Mallers. The game marred by numerous altercations between both teams in an otherwise close battle. The Lodge drew first blood on a 9 yard run by Don Willard, giving the Lodge a 6-0 half-time lead. In the second half, veteran defensive back, Tim Arnst, intercepted a Larry Lopez pass and returned it for a touchdown. The Lodge also scored on a pass from Willard to Len (Swann) Hammond. The Mallers only score came on a 18 yard run by tailback Dan Gardella.

### Green Machine over Curry Hurries

The Green Machine moved one step closer to the league championship with an 18-0 shut-out over the Curry Hurries. Second string quarterback, Ramone Willis, threw a 16 yard touchdown pass to Paul Peters. Minutes later, it was Willis to Peters again, this time an 11 yard pass for a touchdown with the Green Machine taking a 12-0 half-time lead.

## FOR SALE

14 cubic foot refrigerator, white, with freezer (top), \$135. Call 372-4611, ext. 462....Carl Marshall.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.  
Transcendental Meditation Lecture ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24:

Yoga ..... Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "China Town" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic ..... Lewis Memorial  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
TOPS Meeting ..... El Portal — 6:45 p.m.  
Macrame Class ..... Visitor Center — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Dance/Ballet ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.  
Fire Science Course ..... Curry Cafeteria — 7 p.m.  
Dance ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Protestant Service of Praise & Thanksgiving ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Dance ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### THANKSGIVING

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Service ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### HANUKKAH

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Night of Dark Shadows" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.  
Book Discussion Group ..... Barbara Wendt's Home — 8 p.m.

## PART TIME JOB

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## REMINDER

For Thanksgiving week the El Portal road will be open to controlled traffic from 5 p.m. Friday, November 21 to 7 p.m. Sunday, November 30.

# YOSEMITE



# SENTINEL

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## ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET HELD

## Honored Employees

Dear Employees:

Tuesday, November 18 was the night for our Annual Service Awards Banquet. This was a night when we gather to honor those employees who have given their service so faithfully to the company over the past years.

I am delighted with the service which has been given to Yosemite Park & Curry Co. during its 76-year history. It is an outstanding accomplishment and one which all of you can be proud of.

On Tuesday, we presented 32 awards representing a total of 276 years of service.

For the last five years we have given a total of 158 awards which represents 1626 years of service to Yosemite Park & Curry Co. This record is one you can all take great pride in.

It is with pride that I tell you how pleased I am to be part of such a fine organization. The length of service given by our employees to serve others is clearly a commitment to the hospitality industry and to helping visitors enjoy this great National Park to its fullest.

On behalf of the Yosemite Park & Curry Co., I personally want to thank each of you for your past years of service and I look forward to many more years of being with you.

Sincerely,  
Edward C. Hardy  
Chief Operating Officer

### 5 Years of Service, 1970

Barnes, Donald  
Barreras, Eulogio  
Brandauer, Katharine  
Ferguson, Robert  
Forbes, Robert  
Gifford, Von  
Gordon, Harriet  
Hall, Doug  
Hamblin, Dale  
Harley, Patrick  
Jones, Marion  
Manzer, Dennis  
McDaniel, John  
Pacheco, Esther  
Ruschaupt, Bruce  
Singer, Leonard  
Smith, Harry  
Solon, Harold  
Vanderwater, Linda  
Whitfield, Janet  
Williams, Thomas  
Yamaoka, Oscar

### 10 Years of Service, 1965

Branscum, L.L.  
Coleman, William  
Halliday, Thomas  
Nester, Robert  
Seal, Roy  
Wheeler, Joe

### 15 Years of Service, 1960

Cromer, Marjorie  
Holm, Chester

### 20 Years of Service, 1955

Downing, Dave  
Jacobs, Berniece  
Stone, Robert

### 26 Years of Service, 1949

Wilson, Raymond

Ahwahnee Houseperson  
Ahwahnee Waiter  
Employee Housing Maid  
Warehouse  
Ahwahnee Housekeeper  
YL Night Cleaner  
Purchasing  
Maintenance  
Crane Flat Serv. Sta.  
Maintenance  
YTS Driver  
Garage Supervisor  
Garage Mechanic  
Ahwahnee Housekeeping  
YL Storeroom  
Stables Asst. Mgr.  
Mail Clerk  
Ahwahnee Kitchen Helper  
Tour Supervisor  
Senior Reservationist  
Mgr. Guest Activities  
Employee Housing Housekeeper

Director of Business Affairs  
YTS Driver  
Locksmith/Carpenter  
Wawona Serv. Sta. Mgr.  
Serv. Sta. Manager  
Maintenance Supervisor

Employment Manager  
Driver YTS

Vending Manager  
YL Lost & Found  
Ahwahnee Auditor

Ahwahnee Kitchen Steward

June 18, 1970  
August 25, 1970  
May 12, 1970  
March 23, 1970  
September 21, 1970  
September 10, 1970  
December 8, 1969  
June 3, 1970  
May 4, 1970  
August 17, 1970  
August 14, 1970  
October 27, 1970  
August 27, 1970  
May 11, 1970  
May 18, 1970  
May 25, 1970  
June 4, 1970  
May 2, 1970  
January 30, 1970  
April 1, 1970  
March 16, 1970  
August 8, 1970

March 14, 1965  
November 21, 1965  
April 20, 1965  
April 15, 1965  
March 30, 1965  
February 23, 1965

October 31, 1960  
July 1, 1960

January 31, 1955  
September 3, 1955  
March 15, 1955

September 30, 1949

### HONORABLE MENTION FOR SERVICE OF TEN OR MORE SEASONS

Not Receiving Awards

Armstrong, Rosella  
Beckwith, Ruth  
Brown, Alma  
Craig, Joe  
Dillon, Henrietta  
Ikuma, Jean  
Kesi, Sylvia  
Martin, Addie  
Martin, Buck  
Martin, Ora  
Michaels, Millie  
Neal, Amos  
O'Sullivan, Leo  
Rhoan, Betty  
Rippetoe, Johnnie  
Telles, Martha  
Yommi, Joe

Big Trees Train  
Accounting  
Curry Village  
Wawona Hotel  
Curry Village  
Curry Village  
Wawona Hotel  
Wawona Hotel  
Wawona Hotel  
Curry Village  
Ahwahnee  
Ahwahnee  
Curry Village  
Curry Village  
Employee Housing  
Curry Village  
Curry Village

April 20, 1953  
May 24, 1951  
May 16, 1961  
August, 20, 1960  
May 28, 1947  
March 1, 1965  
May 11, 1965  
August 21, 1936  
February 12, 1942  
May 26, 1952  
May 15, 1954  
May 19, 1928  
May 20, 1960  
May 11, 1956  
April 22, 1963  
March 22, 1965  
May 25, 1965

## Gladys Gordon Mee

by Shirley Sargent



When Gladys Gordon Mee, 56, died peacefully in her home on November 10, a lot of the life and spirit of Wawona died with her. She was known and loved for her humor, fund of stories, hospitality, cooking, equestrian skill, and, particularly, for her big heart. Since 1967, she had been the mail carrier on the Wawona-to-Yosemite run, succeeding her younger brother, Richard Gordon, in the job, but illness forced her to quit last month. Her death of heart failure came after several hospitalizations in Yosemite and Fresno.

Gladys' life was full of history and excitement. She was born in the old Sugar Pine Mill hospital on October 17, 1919, the only daughter of May and Eddie Gordon, who had two sons, also: Albert, older by a year, and Richard, younger by seven. As Eddie Gordon was associated with the Wawona Stables, mostly as stable boss, from 1902 until 1968, the family lived in a house uphill and a bit south of the famed Wawona Hotel. It wasn't a big house, but there was always room for one more. Cowboys and Curry Co. executives, i.e. Hil Oehlmann, praised May Gordon's cooking and her management of the Wawona Store, which she ran for years.

Gladys, Albert and their friend, Wawona Washburn, knew every nook and attic of the various picturesque hotel buildings, walked the Washburn Ditch - water supply for the hotel, ice skated on Stella Lake, where ice was cut for the hotel, and knew all the employees, from lordly Chinese chefs to timid, youthful maids, by name. They loved the lavish Fourth of July parties with races, prizes and fireworks, put on by Wawona's father, Clarence Washburn. Although not allowed to attend the Saturday night dances, they snuck out to observe them, and the frequent fights between local residents and the lumbermen from the Sugar Pine Mill.

From childhood, Gladys and Albert haunted and helped at the stables, and became expert horseback riders. While still a teenager, Gladys won many rodeo events, exulting in her wins over men older and more experienced than she. She and her brothers attended the Wawona Grammar and Mariposa High schools. Inevitable, Gladys and Albert worked at the hotel in summer; she as a maid, he as an engineer in the boiler room.

By the time World War II began, Gladys was as pretty as they come and as capable as her mother. In fact, when Mrs. Gordon was ill, Gladys ran the store, trimmed its kerosene lanterns, operated the gas pumps and took care of ration coupons. After the Army turned Wawona's abandoned C.C.C. camp into a Signal Corp training school, she was a favorite of the soldiers stationed there. Finally, Joseph Mee, a handsome sargeant from the east, won her heart. They were married in 1946, and lived in Wawona for several years. Their only child, Edward, born there in 1948, was named for his grandfather Gordon. In 1951, the Mees moved to Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, where Joe became a vice president of a textile mill. Although Gladys loved her husband and her new home, she longed for Wawona so Joe sent Gladys and their son to stay with her father, who lived with Albert after his wife's death. Family ties were so close that Eddie traveled east several times for reunions. Abruptly, in 1964, the Mee's happiness ended as Joe died of cancer.

Gladys came home to Wawona, and, soon, took over the mail route while Edward trained to become a policeman and married Jennifer Cline of Firebaugh. Gladys' pride in him was almost equaled by her pride in his children, her grandchildren, Kenneth and Heather, who live in Salinas with their parents. Brothers, Albert of Wawona, and Richard Gordon of Fresno, also survive Gladys.

About 130 friends and relatives attended the funeral mass which was conducted by Father Robert Thornton, former Yosemite priest and longtime family friend, at Our Lady of Mercy in Merced at 2:00 p.m., November 13.

In lieu of flowers, the family requested that remembrances be sent to the Gladys' Mee Memorial Fund, c/o Wells Fargo Bank, Yosemite, 95389, for St. Agnes Hospital in Fresno. Gladys thought St. Agnes was the second best hospital in the world. Her favorite, of course, was the recently-closed Yosemite Hospital. Yosemite and Wawona were tops to Gladys, just as she was tops in the hearts of her family and friends.

## SKI SWAP — CHILI DINNER

The Yosemite and El Portal Parent Groups are sponsoring a Ski Swap, Bake Sale, and Dime-A-Dip Chili Dinner on Friday, December 5 at the Yosemite School from 5 until 8 p.m. Bring your old winter sports gear to sell or trade — skis, boots, poles, skates, parkas, sweaters, etc. Plan on eating dinner, too. For just ten cents a dip there will be homemade chili, salad, French bread, milk and coffee. There'll be all kinds of homebaked goodies with special emphasis on Christmas breads and cookies. Eat them now or buy to stock your freezer for the holidays.

A special feature at about 6:30 p.m. will be an auction of new items such as skis, poles, and goggles donated by such stores as Heubner's, Pieroni's, and The Alpine Shop of Fresno.

## PART TIME JOB

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## BADGER PASS SKI BUS

Once again this winter the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. will make bus transportation to and from Badger Pass available to Curry Co. guests and employees.

The buses depart from the Yosemite Lodge, on a regularly scheduled basis each morning and returns to Yosemite Valley each afternoon. This service eliminates the need to drive your car to Badger and is scheduled in such a way as to allow a full day of skiing.

Guest pay \$1.00 round trip for this service while privilege card holders pay \$.50. Seating is by Reservation only and reservations should be made between 2 and 7 p.m. the day before you wish to go to Badger Pass.

## WOMEN'S CLUB

DEC. 9 — WREATH MAKING WITH CARL STEPHENS. Join Carl Stephens in making Christmas wreaths. Starts in the East Auditorium and runs from 1 to 4 p.m. All the materials for making your wreath will be provided for only \$6.00.

### FOR SALE

Sony Stereo-record player with AM-FM Radio. \$175.00. Call Sue at 372-4691.

1974 Dyna-Star MV-2 Skis, 180 cm with Besser Bindings, adjustable to any boot size. — \$100. Nordica Ski Boots, size 6½ — \$15. Call Carolyn Wakeman at 375-6450.

### LOST

Bike bag containing lunch pail, jean jacket, bicycle lock and cable, and school papers. Lost under Indian Creek bridge on the road to the Ahwahnee, between 3 and 5 p.m. on November 4, 1975. If found please call Mitchell Hendrickson — 372-4250.

### Babysitters Wanted

Are you interested in babysitting on weekends and evenings? Many times our guests inquire about getting a babysitter. Unfortunately we do not supply this service.

However, if you are interested in part-time opportunities of this nature, we will compile a list of names and telephone numbers to circulate to the various facilities. This will give you an opportunity to be contacted when someone expresses an interest or need for a babysitter. Please contact Rosie Wiggins in the Personnel Office at 372-4611, ext. 236 to have your name placed on the list.

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## Employee Benefit Corner

by Jim Edeal

The skiing season is here. As a YPCCo. or other concession employee, you are eligible for a 50% discount on most of your skiing services: lift tickets, equipment rental (both downhill and cross country) and ski lessons (also, both downhill and cross country). The Mountaineering School at Curry Village is the cross country skiing headquarters, arranging trips to Crane Flat, Big Trees, Ostrander Ski Hut, etc. Transportation to Badger Pass is available at \$.50 with privilege cards. Reservations must be made a day in advance. Buses leave each morning and return in the afternoon. Your 10% discount is available at the Badger Pass Ski shop and the Mountain Shop for all your skiing needs.

A reminder to all employees with five years of service: In order to be identified at Badger Pass for free lift tickets, you must present your privilege card at the office.

### What's Cooking

For a festive, but economical meal, try...

#### German Meatballs with Spaetzle

- 1 slightly beaten egg
- ¼ cup milk
- ¼ cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 tablespoon snipped parsley
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon poultry seasoning
- Dash pepper
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 10½ oz. can cond. beef broth
- 1 3 oz. can chopped mushrooms
- ½ cup chopped onions
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon caraway seed
- \* \* \* \*
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 slightly beaten eggs
- 1 cup milk

In bowl, combine first seven ingredients; add ground meat and mix well. Shape mixture in twenty-four 1½-inch meatballs. In skillet, brown meatballs, and drain. Add broth, mushrooms and onion. Cover and simmer 30 min. Combine sour cream, flour and caraway seed; stir into broth. Cook and stir till mixture thickens and bubbles. Serve with (Spaetzle):

#### Spaetzle

In bowl, combine the remaining flour and salt. Add remaining eggs and milk; beat well. Let rest 5 to 10 min. Place batter in course-sieved colander (like the basket for deep-fat fryer). Hold over large kettle of rapidly boiling water. Press batter through colander with back of wooden spoon or rubber spatula. Cook and stir 5 min.; drain. Sprinkle with snipped parsley, if desired. Serves 4 to 6.

## DEADLINE NEAR

### MANAGEMENT TRAINEE APPLICATION

We are nearing the close of the period for acceptance of applications for our management trainee program. For those of you who are not familiar with this program, it provides to employees who possess demonstrated capabilities, educational background and positive attitude an opportunity to learn management technique while being assigned to a variety of operational facilities throughout the company. You may obtain applications for this program through your supervisor and they should be sent, along with your supervisor's comments to the personnel office. If you have not responded as yet, we urge you to contact your supervisor for an application. Applications will be accepted until **DECEMBER 1, 1975** so that leaves only a short time left to apply. We are anxious to review as many applications as possible and hope we can continue our program with the same success as it has had in the past.

## PLAN FOR Annual Village Store CHRISTMAS SALE & PARTY

Tues., Dec. 9th  
9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

**25% OFF**  
CURIOS, GIFTS, CLOTHES,  
SPORTS SHOP

**15% OFF**  
FILM, MAGAZINES, GROCERIES,  
MEAT, PRODUCE, BEVERAGES

### DOOR PRIZES

- DRAWING BEGINS AT 6 P.M.
- WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT
- TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

REFRESHMENTS FROM

6 to 7:30 P.M.



## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

**DEC. 1—NIGHT OF DARK SHADOWS**  
Starring David Selby, Kate Jackson. Quentin returns with his bride to the family mansion he has inherited and falls victim to reincarnation of his ancestors and is urged to destroy his wife. **Don't** come alone and **don't** walk home in the dark shadows. (PG)

**DEC. 8 — THE LAST AMERICAN HERO** Starring Jeff Bridges, Valerie Perrine, Ned Beatty and Geraldine Fitzgerald. Junior learns to drive fast while he's out running bootleg whiskey for Daddy and being a mechanical genius could beat your Porsche in his icebox on wheels. He turns to racing and travels from demolition derby to stock car race, from dirt track to asphalt and from country boy to legend. (PG)

### SAM'S GUEST PASSES

Anyone wishing to bring a guest into Yosemite Sam's will need a guest pass. Passes can be obtained in the Employee Recreation Office. To obtain the pass one must first register his/her friend with Employee Housing. Then he/she must bring the register slip to the Employee Recreation Office and pick up the guest pass. Passes will not be given out at the door.

### FLAG FOOTBALL AWARD BANQUET

Employee Recreation is inviting everyone who participated in the flag football '75 program to attend the annual awards banquet at Yosemite Sam's on Tuesday, December 2. The festivities will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a social hour and will be followed by a spaghetti feast. After dinner, awards will be presented to the "outstanding" players and teams. We hope to see all participants at Sam's for this annual honor to our football freaks.

### SPECIAL CLASSES

**MACRAME & DECOUPAGE** — Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Employee Rec. Office

**DANCE/BALLET** — Wednesdays at 7 p.m., Elementary School Gym

**THEATER WORKSHOP** — Thursdays at 7 p.m., Employee Rec. Office

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Family Night (movies, cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
T.V. Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market, Wawona — 6 p.m.  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ... Elementary School, Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 1:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Movie "Night of Dark Shadows" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic ..... Yosemite Medical Clinic  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Tops Meeting ..... El Portal Elementary School — 6:45 p.m.  
Football Awards Banquet ..... Yosemite Sam's — 7 p.m.  
Decoupage/Macrame Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Exercise/Ballet ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.  
Dance "Disco Nite" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Dance "Disco Nite" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5:

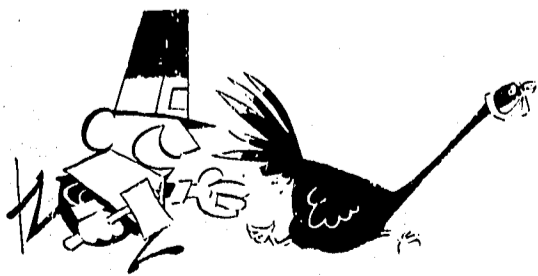
Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Ski Swap — Chili Dinner ..... Elementary School — 5 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.  
Family Night (movies, cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
T.V. Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.



# Happy Thanksgiving

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# YOSEMITE MASTER PLAN WORKBOOK

The National Park Service is at a crucial stage in its development of a Master Plan for Yosemite. This Plan will determine such factors as how many visitors may come to Yosemite each year, as well as what services and facilities will be offered and what forms of visitor activity will be permitted within the Park. One of the major points of discussion thus far in the Master Plan process has been how many employees (both N.P.S. and Y.P.&C.) should be permitted to dwell in the Park, and in what type of housing facilities. Another major issue relates to whether administrative and service facilities should remain in the Park.

As a National Park, Yosemite belongs to you and all other members of the public. Most residents and employees in Yosemite have a special knowledge and love for the Park and have a particular personal interest in the outcome of the Master Plan. Accordingly, in developing this Master Plan, the Park Service is interested in learning your desires and preferences.

Thus far there has been a wide diversity of opinion expressed, ranging from limiting use of the Park to those who are willing to hike in with their sleeping bags and food, to expanding the level and extent of facilities serving visitors. Those taking the middle ground felt that the Park should continue to offer a wide variety of experiences to accommodate the interests and abilities of as many people as possible, consistent with proper environmental safeguards.

Some people advocate the removal of all employee housing, support and administrative facilities, while others urge maintaining the status quo with some improvements.

From all these comments the Park Service must determine what means of using the Park are appropriate, as well as what housing and work facilities should be permitted.

In order to assist the public in expressing its viewpoint, the National Park Service Planning Team has printed a booklet (entitled a "Workbook") which lists the issues and offers alternative courses of action for your selection. During the next few weeks the Park Service will be sending these workbooks out to those who have specifically requested that they receive one.

If you have not received a workbook and would like the opportunity to present your viewpoint as to the future of Yosemite, please send a postcard or letter requesting the workbook to:

Yosemite Planning Team  
c/o Golden Gate Nat'l Recreation Area  
Fort Mason  
San Francisco, California 94123

We hope that you and every person who has demonstrated an interest in Yosemite will join in this important process.

Edward C. Hardy  
Chief Operating Officer



## SKI SWAP TONIGHT!

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## "The Crow's Nest"



The Crow is back in his nest for the winter. You can tell it's winter, look at all the snow we have!!

Two Camp Four residents have come up with a new way to avoid being bothered by bears in a rainstorm. Seems they crawled inside a bear-proof dumpster hoping to keep dry during a downpour. Trouble is some employee came along and locked the dumpster up and it's inhabitants were treated to an overnight stay in the lovely odor free (?) surrounding of a dumpster. Lucky them. Don't you wish you used Dial? Don't you wish everybody did?

### TRIVIA TIME:

Did you know:

There are only 385 days left until Christmas 1976?

1975 had only one Friday the 13th.

That in any Army Chow line, you have two choices — take it or leave it?

O.J. Simpson will probably rush for over 1,000 yards this year.

By the way, Buffalo fans have decided O.J. no longer stands for Orange Juice. The now refer to him as Optimum Jogger Simpson.

Fearless Forecast: Two teams will meet in the Super Bowl. Chances are it won't be Green Bay and Chicago. In fact, attendance has been so bad at Chicago this year they have seriously considered moving the franchise to Fish Camp. The Friends of Fish Camp, a private non-profit, non-existent educational conglomerate, say they will oppose the move on the grounds that football is not natural, is environmentally unsound, and causes people to have too much fun. A consortium of Fish Camp businessmen say they are encouraging the NFL to move the franchise from Chicago and that

they have already raised the funds necessary to build a least one row of bleacher seats in the all new Fish Camp Coliseum. Ground breaking for the new facility is scheduled for September 1996 to give Friends of Fish Camp time to file 42 law suits, 6 Environmental Impact Statements and complete their all new 26 story National Headquarters Building in downtown Sugar Pine which the organization was able to get zoned commercial before they sold it to the state of California for \$380,000,000.

The six residents of Fish Camp are split on the issue, 3 are for football, 2 are against and the other says that personally, he would like to see a football game between Friends of Fish Camp and the Chicago Bears.

**PLAN FOR  
Annual  
Village Store  
CHRISTMAS  
SALE & PARTY  
Tues., Dec. 9th  
9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.**

**25% OFF  
CURIOS, GIFTS, CLOTHES,  
SPORTS SHOP**

**15% OFF  
FILM, MAGAZINES, GROCERIES,  
MEAT, PRODUCE, BEVERAGES**

### DOOR PRIZES

- DRAWING BEGINS AT 6 P.M.
- WINNERS MUST BE PRESENT
- TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

**REFRESHMENTS FROM  
6 to 7:30 P.M.**

## Potluck — El Portal Community Hall

There will be a community get together to welcome new families to the area on December 12, 1975 starting at 6:30 p.m. Each family is asked to bring a Mexican Main Dish, Favorite Casserole, Salad or Dessert. Supply your own beverage, plates and tables settings.

## FLAG FOOTBALL FINALS

### Lodge over General Office

In a close defensive battle, the Lodge Raiders defeated the General Office 6-0. Both teams finished out the season with the Lodge boasting a 5-1 record, while the General Office finished up the season at 2-4. The first half ended with the score 0-0, after an apparent Raider touchdown was called back due to a penalty. The only score came on a 38 yard run by Donnie Hines. The General Office also had a touchdown called back in the second half. Both defenses played extremely well. Final score: Lodge 6, General Offices 0.

### Hurries defeat Get-Downs

The Curry Hurries finished the season with a 2-4 record by defeating the winless Tecoya Get-Downs 12-0. With the score tied at 0-0 at half time, Curry's Jeff Gideon intercepted a Paul Foreman pass and returned it the distance for 6 points. After holding off a Tecoya drive, Curry scored again on a pass from Gideon to Rudy Nurnberger to put the game out of reach. Even though Tecoya failed to win a game this year, they played each game and accepted defeat in a good sportsman-like manner. "Congrats" to both teams!

### Machine wins Y.P.&C. Crown

The defending champions, the Green Machine, made it 3 years in a row with a 24-0 victory over the Village Mallers. The Machine's defense shut off all of the Maller's scoring drives while the explosive offense racked up 4 touchdowns. Congratulations to both teams, especially the Machine who finished the season with a perfect 6-0 record. The Green Machine is: Paul Peters, James Peggins, Terry Swift, Ramone Willis, Bob Koehler, Bradley Morgan, Lawrence Quinley, Danny Murrell, Tony Caputo, J.T. Reynolds and "spiritual advisor" John Walblom. Also, special thanks to Leslie Landers, Sharon Swift, and Chris for their stalwart support.

### FINAL STANDINGS

	W	L	PF	PA
Green Machine	6	0	168	18
Lodge Raiders	5	1	100	54
N.P.S. Trails	4	2	112	90
General Offices	2	4	48	96
Village Mallers	2	4	62	104
Curry Hurries	2	4	36	96
Tecoya				
Get-Downs	0	6	18	104

## FOR SALE

19 foot Regala Hang Glider, excellent condition, one year old, seated and prone, \$350.00. Call Lloyd Price, 372-4800.

# The Good Old Days

by Debbie Kroon



Easter Sunrise Service at Mirror Lake.

Mirror Lake existed far before white man came to Yosemite Valley but was named by the Mariposa Battalion when they "discovered" Yosemite in 1851.

It was in 1870 that two partners, Leonidas Wharton and Pete Gordon, operated the "Mirror Lake House", which was — in essence — a saloon. In addition to "choice wines, fine liquors, and Havana cigars", rental boats were available for excursions on the lake (care to try to take on "excursion" on Mirror Lake today?) Two years later (1872), Mother Nature helped business at the Lake House by causing an earthquake which made the water level rise. Apparently, the Lake House needed every bit of help possible, for in 1875 it was listed on the Mariposa County delinquent tax rolls and soon was up for sale.

The Lake House was bought by a Captain William Howard, who had earned his title in the Mexican War. Capt. Howard and his family located on a ranch near Hornitos during the Gold Rush where they raised cattle.

Capt. Howard had been with the Mariposa Battalion when they discovered Yosemite Valley. The Captain must have been impressed by Yosemite as in 1874, the Howard family was living in James C. Lamon's house and, according to the Mariposa Gazette, was "making purchases to remove there with his family."

The Howards were quickly established as leading citizens in the Yosemite community. Capt. Howard became a trustee of the Yosemite Valley School District (later he was their district clerk). Six of his eight children were the first students at Yosemite School; his eldest daughter became the school's second teacher.

When Capt. Howard bought the Lake House, he brought success and added a dancing platform which extended out over the lake. The doors between the

dance platform and the entrance to the bar were never closed, and one night the Howards had a bear come by for a friendly drink!

Capt. Howard's success and likeability were highly regarded by his neighbors, who elected him to the State Legislature in 1878. Sacramento, however, was a long ways from Yosemite by stagecoach, and so the Lake House and its accompanying toll road were sold to the Yosemite Valley Commissioners, who tore the Lake House down in 1880.

After 1880, the lake served Valley residents as both their source of ice and ice rink. In 1889 the Yosemite Valley Commissioners built a dam to increase the size of Mirror Lake. As far back as 1941, though, Cosie Hutchings Mills, a Yosemite native, reported that Mirror Lake had shrunk to about half the size it was in 1899!

Mirror Lake was also the site of the Easter Sunrise Services for many years; the services ceasing with the closure of the Mirror Lake Road to automobiles in 1970. The lake had clear reflections of the surrounding cliffs and every sermon could not help but both derive and give inspiration. Then the sun would come out from behind Half Dome's broad back and bring warmth and smiles to those in attendance.

Today visitors to Mirror Lake get the chance to see first-hand the story of meadow succession — written by the hand of Nature. Willows encroaching upon the banks, reeds and sedges growing in the shallow water, and Tenaya Canyon dumping silt into the lake have all contributed to its shrinking size. But we shall be able to tell our grandchildren of the lake that once was and the many pictures taken where it was impossible to tell which side was right side up!

## WOMEN'S CLUB

DEC. 9 WREATH MAKING WITH CARL STEPHENS. Join Carl Stephens in making Christmas wreaths. Starts in the East Auditorium at 1 p.m. and runs until 4 p.m. All the materials for making your wreath will be provided for only \$6. Call Donna Mackie at 372-4590 for details.

DEC. 21 CHRISTMAS CAROLING. Let's all get together for some caroling around the government and Curry housing areas. Then we'll all warm up with a little wassail and refreshments. If anyone can play a guitar and would like to join us or if you're interested in details, please call Elizabeth Shepard at 372-4611, ext. 445.

## Shaping Up for Winter Sports

There is an easy and fun way to prepare yourself for the up and coming winter sports here in Yosemite. Through Yoga your flexibility and balance on the slopes, as well as elsewhere, are greatly enhanced. A new beginners Yoga class is being offered every Monday through Friday in the Employee Recreation Office. Meeting at 6 p.m., the class is open and free to all Park employees and their families.

## FOR SALE

Stephenson "Warmlite" sleeping bag. 2" form pad — removeable. Like new \$65. Vasque lightweight hiking boots. Women's size 7 1/2. Can be waterproofed — vibram soles. Good condition. \$15. Contact Mary in Statistics at 372-4611, ext. 410.

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## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

DEC. 8 — **THE LAST AMERICAN HERO** starring Jeff Bridges, Valerie Perrine, Ned Beatty, Geraldine Fitzgerald. Junior learns to drive fast while he's out running bootleg whiskey for Daddy, and, being a mechanical genius, could beat your Porsche in his icebox on wheels. He turns to racing and travels from demolition derby to stock car race, from dirt track to asphalt and from country boy to legend. (PG)

DEC. 15 — **THEY SHOOT HORSES, DON'T THEY?** starring Jane Fonda, Michael Sarrazan, Susannah York, Gig Young. Social outcasts of the '32 Depression, seeking fame and fortune, flock to the Pacifica Ballroom to compete in a grueling test of endurance called a marathon dance contest. The marathon turns helpless individuals into freaks who dance continuously with 10 minute breaks every 2 hours. (PG)

## Coed Broom Hockey

This Thursday marks the beginning of the Coed Broom Hockey season. All Park employees and their dependents are invited to join in at the Curry Village Ice Rink at 5:30 p.m. No admission is charged to participants; however, for those without skates, the special rate of 75¢ per session will be charged to all concession employees. The \$1.50 will be applicable to all NPS employees.

If there is enough interest in this sport, teams will be chosen. However, until that time teams will be picked weekly.

### Yosemite Sam's

Presents

### "MARCH HARE"

(back by popular demand)

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY  
DEC. 10 & 11

\$1 admission  
with privilege card or NPS I.D.

### FOR SALE

Polaris Snowmobile, 634cc, 1969, used one winter, lots of extras, cost \$1700 new. Offered for \$500. Call Loyd Price at 372-4800 or Curry Co. ext. 401.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Ski Swap ..... Elementary School — 5 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Nite ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Family Nite (Movies, Cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
TV Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Pine Tree Market, Wawona — 6 p.m.  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Services ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Service of Worship ..... Elementary School, Wawona — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 8:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Movie "The Last American Hero" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic ..... Yosemite Medical Clinic  
Christmas Party & Sale ..... Village Store — 9:30 a.m.  
Wreath Making ..... Visitor Center, E. Aud. — 1 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Tops Meeting ..... El Portal Elementary School — 6:45 p.m.  
Decoupage/Macrame Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Exercise/Ballet ..... Elementary School Gym — 7 p.m.  
Dance "March Hare" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Broom Hockey ..... C.V. Ice Rink — 5:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.  
Dance "March Hare" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13:

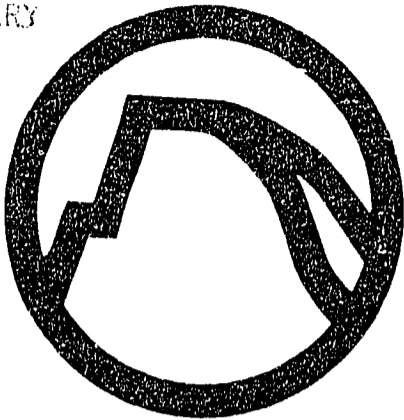
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.  
Family Nite (Movies, Cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
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# YOSEMITE



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*ISABEL TAVENER, maid, strips a bed in a room she is making up.*



*BRAD ROGERS, a maid at Yosemite Lodge, prepares a room for occupancy.*



*KAREN BUDDEAU, Houseperson, wraps glasses for rooms as one of her duties.*



*CRUZ GARCIA, Lead Houseperson, prepares items to go to the cleaners.*



*MARIAH SUGDEN, Inspectress, and SANDY PARR, Assistant Housekeeper, reviewing labor forecast for upcoming week.*

Yosemite Lodge's Housekeeping Department is the busy area that is responsible for the preparation and cleaning of the 471 rooms at the Lodge on a daily basis.

The staff fluctuates from about 40 to 90 people depending on the season of the year and is made up of the maids that prepare the rooms, housepeople that take care of the linens and room supplies, floor porters who are responsible for shampooing carpets and stripping and waxing floors, the inspectresses that review the completed work before a guest even sees his room, the lead houseperson, assistant housekeeper, and the housekeeper.

The Department's claim to fame is its internal promotion system. Each person is constantly in training to move up to the next available position. In this past year, every position above the maid level has been filled from within the department.

We should all salute this department for its fine work in serving the guests that visit Yosemite.

# EDITORIAL COLUMN

Dear Sentinel Reader:

On November 20, 1975, Bryon McDonald, Head Gardner at Yosemite Lodge, wrote me urging that we consider an Editorial Page for the *Sentinel*.

Thanks to Bryon, we are pleased to announce that future issues of the *Sentinel* will include an Editorial Column.

We hope to deal with a wide variety of topics which we think you will find interesting and stimulating.

As is the case with most Editorial columns, your participation is welcome and we believe the Editorial column will be a fine addition to the *Sentinel*.

Ed Hardy  
Publisher

## Post Office News

Join us for coffee and donuts in the Post Office Lobby December 17 at 10:30 a.m. while the Kindergarten sings and decorates the tree.

Dates to remember for you Christmas mailing!!!

**Dec. 15** — Surface greeting cards within the U.S., Alaska and Hawaii

We will have window service Saturday, December 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for your convenience...HAVE A HEALTHY AND HAPPY HOLIDAY...from all of us.

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## One More For The Ladies



by Pat Sinclair

October 2 marked the day of the big game between the El Portal and Coulterville-Greeley Elementary Schools. This was a game that would go down in the history of Mariposa County — not because of remarkable technique or the most dazzling of plays, but because some of the players had pigtails, some had ponytails, but all of them were most definitely females.

El Portal won the contest by a score of 13 to 7 and the game was every bit as exciting as the score indicates. The quality of play exhibited by both girls' teams surprised even the staunchest male chauvinist.

El Portal jumped to a quick 7-0 lead in the first part of the game when El Portal quarterback Missy James scored a touchdown on a run from scrimmage and then skirted around right end for the extra point. Toward the end of the first half, Missy ran for another touchdown to put El Portal ahead 13-0.

Coulterville-Greeley scored in the 2nd half when their quarterback, Carlene Thompson, ran for a touchdown and, on a beautifully executed reverse fake, scored the extra point, closing the gap to 13-7. A fired-up Coulterville-Greeley proved troublesome for El Portal the remainder of the game. Coulterville had the ball and was driving for the tying score when time ran out.

Members of the two teams were:

### EL PORTAL

Kay Lawson, Missy James, Adrienne Domingues, Dawn Woods, Laura Kirn, Carolyn Seal, Heidi Domingues and Betsy Carlisle

### COULTERVILLE-GREELEY HILL

Carlene Thompson, Sheryl Scott, Bonnie Kelly, Valerie Cagle, Barbara Jones, Teresy Henderson, Collette Clark, Jennifer Hamm, Dana Gillingham, Adrienne Munn, Carlene Robinson and Carla Lizotte

## POSITIONS NOW AVAILABLE

### YOSEMITE LODGE

1 — **Cafeteria Manager:** Must have good management skills in relation to food service and ability to work well with personnel and public.

1 — **Assistant Cafeteria Manager:** Must have good management skills and be responsive to management and operational procedures. Must work well with personnel and public.

1 — **Night Auditor:** Must have a thorough knowledge of auditing procedures and six (6) months experience on 4200 posting machine.

1 — **Room Clerk:** Must be neat, well groomed and able to work with the public.

1 — **Busperson:** Must be neat, well groomed and able to work with the public.

### AHWAHNEE

1 — **Breakfast Cook:** Must have thorough knowledge and experience in preparing all types of breakfast foods. Own tools and uniforms required.

1 — **Cashier:** Must be neat, well groomed and have previous experience with cash handling.

3 — **Kitchen Helpers:** Must be willing to accept a variety of job responsibilities. Neat and well groomed.

### SALES

1 — **Secretary:** Must be neat, well groomed and have thorough knowledge of all secretarial skills.

### EDD COMPUTER

1 — **Programmer:** Must have 2-3 years experience with Cobol and RPG languages.

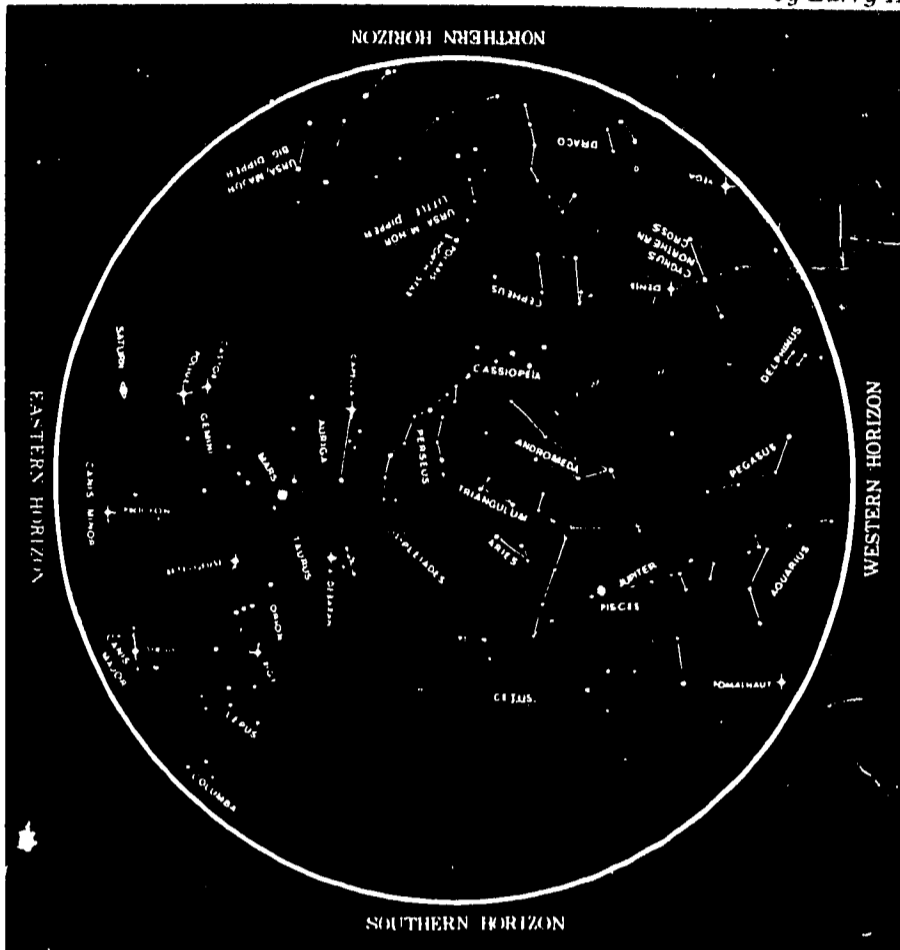
### RESERVATIONS

4 — **Reservations Clerks:** Must possess basic typing skills (45 wpm) and good telephone presence. Must be neat and well groomed.

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## SKY CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

by Larry Huggins



Hold chart vertically so direction you are facing shows at bottom. [Chart courtesy Griffith Observatory]

### SUN

During December the sun moves from Scorpius into Sagittarius.

### MOON

New Moon	Dec. 2 — 4:50 p.m.
First Quarter	Dec. 10 — 6:39 a.m.
Full Moon	Dec. 18 — 6:40 a.m.
Last quarter	Dec. 25 — 6:52 a.m.

### MOON — PLANET PASSAGES

Dec. 12 — 5 p.m.	— Jupiter — 5° S
Dec. 17 — 11 p.m.	— Mars — 5° N
Dec. 20-21 — Midnight	— Saturn — 5° N
Dec. 29 — 2 a.m.	— Venus — 2° N

### MERCURY

For a few days either side of Jan. 6, Mercury will be visible in the evening twilight. Several points along the road to Badger Pass offer a good viewpoint for locating this elusive planet.

### VENUS

Look for Venus in the early morning hours. You won't have any difficulty finding it. On January 11, Venus passes less than 2° North of Neptune. (Good binoculars or a telescope are needed to spot the latter).

### EARTH

The shortest day of the year will be Dec. 22. Winter Solstice occurs at 3:46 a.m.

Surprisingly, Earth is much closer to the Sun at this time than it is in midsummer Perihelion (closest approach to Sun) occurs Jan. 4 at 3 a.m.

### MARS

We passed closest to Mars, Dec. 8, at which time it was only 52 million miles away. It presents a much larger image in my telescope now than it did several months ago.

### JUPITER

This brilliant planet is the first one to rise in the evening twilight. It is the brightest of the three naked eye planets (Jupiter, Mars, Saturn) which are visible in the evening hours.

### SATURN

Look for Saturn in the late evening eastern sky. An imaginary line drawn from Castor through Pollux will point towards Saturn.

### METEOR SHOWER

The Geminid shower reaches maximum Dec. 13 when about 50 meteors per hour might normally be seen. Once again, however, the waxing moon will light up the sky, obscuring all but the brightest Geminids.

## Christmas Bird Count

The Annual Yosemite Christmas Bird Count, sponsored by the National Park Service and the National Audubon Society, is scheduled for Sunday, December 21. You don't have to be an expert birder to participate.

On December 20, between 1:30 and 4 p.m., those wishing to take part may attend a briefing session in the Visitor Center Auditorium. The session will consist of the organization of groups to cover the count area and a discussion of bird identification to help prepare for the day in the field.

Anyone desiring more information about the Yosemite Christmas Bird Count may contact this year's coordinator, Bill Dengler at 375-6321, no later than December 18.

## Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be on Monday, Jan. 5 at 8:00 p.m. at the home of Paula Krisko. The book to be read and discussed is *Wind, Sand and Stars* by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Paperback copies of the book are available at Ansel Adams Studio. Everyone is invited. Call 372-4212 for directions and further information.

## Wanted

Double bed with box spring and mattress. Call 379-2337 after 6.

## FOR SALE

Sony Stereo-record player with AM-FM radio. \$175.00 Call Sue at 372-4691.

35 mm SLR; Black Fujica ST 701 with 50 mm F 1.4 lens; Auto Fujinon Telephoto 100mm F 1.8; Contact Larry Huggins, Curry Co. ext. 427.

Bluegrass Records make nice Christmas presents. "Oregon Territory", a collection of five Oregon and Washington bluegrass bands, is now available to local residents at \$3 from Bill Breckenkamp. Call him at 372-4318.

## POHONO INDIAN SHOP

25% off sale

FRIDAY DECEMBER 19  
9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

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DEC. 22 — **TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN** Woody Allen at his zaniest. Don't miss this hilarious film from the guy who brought you "Play It Again Sam", "Bananas", "Everything You Always Wanted To Know About Sex but Were Afraid to Ask", and "Sleeper". (PG)

### BEAD CLASS

The Bead Class is back on for Tuesday December 16 and Tuesday December 23, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Visitor Center. Make you own Christmas gifts with silver, turquoise, Hishi trading beads, coral, etc.

### VOLLEYBALL

We have begun our winter volleyball program under the expert supervision of Ginger Springer, at the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Pick-up games will begin at 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Anyone interested in participating is welcome. For further information, just call 372-4277 and ask for Ginger. Please note that **NO** alcoholic beverages are permitted in the auditorium.

**OOPS!! APOLOGIES FROM THE VILLAGE STORE** to those we forgot to tell about ordering their Thanksgiving Turkey in advance!!

Remember (please) to order your Christmas Turkey from Tom Bumgarner by Monday, December 15th.

## FOR SALE

Bunk Beds, twin with book shelves, desk and mattresses. \$35.00 Call Mrs. Abbott at 372-4700.

### IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!

Coed Broom Hockey will not begin until Wednesday, January 7th. We apologize for the mix-up and hope to see all you skaters every Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. beginning January 7th

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
Family Night (movies, cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14:

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
T.V. Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
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### MONDAY, DECEMBER 15:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Movie "They Shoot Horses, Don't They?" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic ..... Yosemite Medical Clinic  
Bead Class ..... Visitor Center — 5:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Tops Meeting ..... El Portal Elementary School — 6:45 p.m.  
Decoupage/Macrame Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Post Office Christmas Party ..... Post Office — 10:30 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Dance "Disco Nite" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.  
Volleyball ..... Visitor Center — 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Broom Hockey ..... Ice Rink — 5:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Theater Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Dance "Disco Nite" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20:

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 a.m.  
Christmas Bird Count Orientation ..... Visitor Center — 1:30 p.m.  
Family Night (movies, cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21:

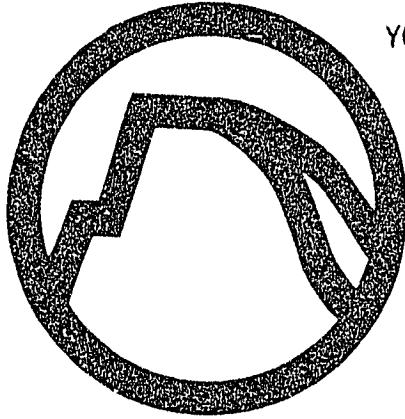
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Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
T.V. Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.

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Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Center — 6 p.m.  
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## CELEBRATING AN OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Though Christmas is one of the busiest seasons for all of us, Yosemite is one of the few places that you can still count on the old, sweet spirit of a traditional Christmas.

The following is a calendar of special community Christmas activities for the coming week:

### FRIDAY, DEC 19:

**Lions Club Christmas Dinner/Dance**  
The annual Christmas dance, for members only, will begin with cocktails at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 20:

**Christmas Cantata** - the Yosemite Chorus will present a selection of traditional and contemporary Christmas music, under the direction of Dave Reick, the Baptist minister from El Portal, in the Yosemite Lodge Lounge at 6:30 p.m.

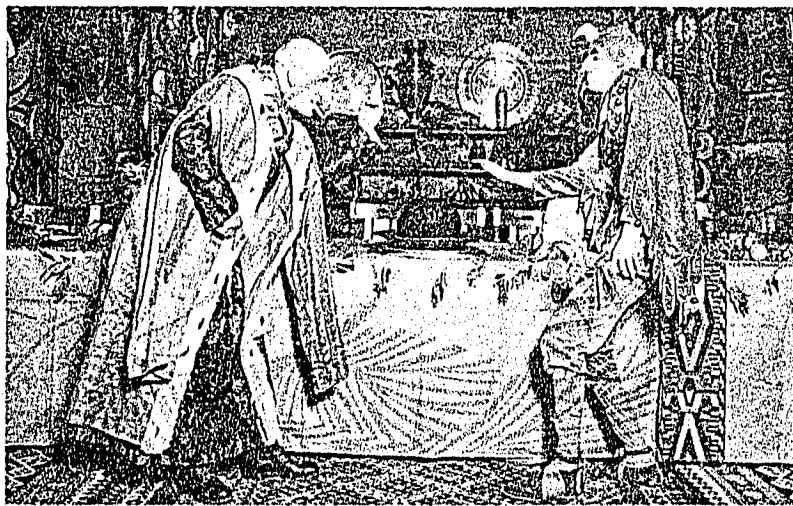
**"His Love - Reaching"** - a choral group from Tulare will present this cantata at the Yosemite Chapel at 7:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 21:

**Church School Christmas Pageant** - "The Friendly Beasts", a play filled with song and the spirit of Christmas, will be presented by the preschool through high school level residents of Yosemite. The pageant will be followed by a congregational sing. The program begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Chapel.

**Christmas Cantata** The Yosemite Chorus will hold their second performance following the Christmas Pageant at 6:30 p.m. at the Yosemite Chapel.

**Community Christmas Caroling** - Everyone's invited to join in for some old-fashioned Christmas caroling around to the residential areas. We'll all meet at the Post Office parking lot at 7:30 p.m. For those who can't make it at that time, we will be coming back to the parking lot



again at 8:30 p.m. before we head out for the second hour. Some hot refreshments and snacks will be provided for all carolers.

### MONDAY, DEC. 22:

**"Grace and Glory"** - A group of Yosemite teenagers will perform a selection of spiritual and Christmas tunes at the Yosemite Lodge Lounge at 6:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24:

**Yule Log Ceremony** - The "Druids", along with the Bracebridge Singers, bring in the Yule Log and light it with the traditional ceremony. This is followed by the arrival of Santa Claus. The event takes place twice - at The Ahwahnee at 5 p.m. and the Yosemite Lodge at 7 p.m. If you want your child to receive a Christmas stocking from Santa Claus, please register his or her name at the front desk of either hotel.

**Luminario** - At sunset on Christmas Eve, the Government Housing area in El Portal takes on a glow as luminarios line the street. The luminarios are small votive candles placed in paper bags with sand at the bottom and, when placed in rows in front of the houses, create a soft glow. The display is lovely to view.

**Yosemite Sam's Dance** - Sam's will have a special Christmas party at 8:30 p.m. The dance is open to all Yosemite Park employees, but be sure to bring either a YPC privilege card or some form of Park Service identification. Admission is \$1. "White Pepper" a Bay Area will play.

**Candlelight Communion Service** - will be held at 7 p.m. at the Yosemite Chapel.

**Midnight Mass** - will be held in the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 25:

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Bracebridge Dinner** - A tradition at The Ahwahnee since it opened its doors in 1927 this banquet will be presented at two times - 5 and 9 p.m. The dinner is a re-enactment of Squire Bracebridge's Christmas dinner as it appeared in Washington Irving's "Sketchbook". The major roles are played by professionals from the Bay Area, with the supporting cast drawn from local residents. Each of the four courses carried in by the serving lackeys is called a presentation, and is accompanied by song and merriment typical to 16th century England. Though this year's dinner is sold out, tickets for next year's will be available in early January.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 26:

The Bracebridge Singers perform their Christmas music at the Yosemite Lodge Lounge at 7:00 p.m.

The Bracebridge Singers present an evening of Christmas music at The Ahwahnee at 9 p.m.



## Christmas Holidays and Hospitality

We extend best wishes for happy holidays to all members of Yosemite Park and Curry Co. and the Yosemite Community.

Yosemite's hospitality team comprised of the National Park Service, Yosemite's community, and the Curry Co. are enthusiastically involved in the busy Christmas season.

The Ahwahnee is freshly reopened after two weeks of renovation and is prepared for the 45th Bracebridge pageant. The ice rink featuring recreational skating, clinics, and ice hockey provides "Ice is Nice" activities. Nordic skiing enthusiasts are actively exploring Yosemite's winter wonderland while construction continues on the burnt Curry Village buildings which will include a remodeled cross country skiing center, with a new rental shop, an interpretive classroom for trail selection, waxing clinics, and technique sessions. Badger Pass features friendly hospitality with the warm addition of carpet in the Lodge.

These brief musings of a few of our winter highlights are accented by Yosemite's community providing hospitality.

To all of you who so pleasantly and willingly participate in making Yosemite a wonderful place to live and work, the Hardy family extends our happiest holiday greeting and expression of gratitude for your loyalty and devotion to our company while providing hospitality for Yosemite's guests.

*Edward C. Hardy*  
Chief Operating Officer

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## The Recycling Center Now Recycles The Following Materials:

**ALUMINUM CANS** — Aluminum cans are easily identified by their light weight. They are readily crushed in your hand. The base and sides are all one piece, with a side seam. Example: Coke can.

**ALUMINUM FOIL, and DISPOSABLE PIE PLATES** — These items can also be recycled, but must be kept separate from the cans, since they are sold to different buyers.

**BI-METAL CANS** — As the name implies, bi-metal cans are made of two metals - steel sides with aluminum top and bottom. They are noticeably heavier and stronger than aluminum, and have a side seam. Example: 7-UP can.

**TIN CANS** — The familiar tin can is actually steel, with a tin coating to prevent corrosion. A can opener is needed to open them. When recycling tin cans, be sure they are rinsed out, and paper labels are removed. Examples: Most canned fruits and vegetables.

**GLASS** — All types and colors of glass can be recycled together. However, it is essential that food jars be rinsed out, and all metal, foil, and plastic neck rings and caps be removed.

**NEWSPAPERS** — Tie your papers in bundles for easier handling. Unfortunately, magazines and glossy paper cannot be recycled at the present time.

**CORRUGATED CARDBOARD** — Break boxes open so they lie flat. Brown shopping bags can be included with the corrugated cardboard.

**FLAT CARDBOARD** — Also known as "Chip Board," flat shoe-box type cardboard is recyclable, but must be kept separate from corrugated cardboard, since its composition is entirely different. Flat cardboard includes shoe and clothing boxes, cigarette cartons, backs of writing tablets, etc. Be sure there is no plastic, waxed paper, or other materials mixed with it.

Often there are other, out of the ordinary items that can be recycled as opposed to throwing them in the dumpster. Examples are tires, lawn furniture, car batteries, and so on. If you have something you think can be recycled, call John Selkirk, Recycling Supervisor, at 372-4611, ext. 227, and he will try to find an alternative to throwing it in the garbage.

## Job Opportunities

As of this writing the positions listed below are now vacant and need to be filled. It is the desire of your company to promote from within the organization whenever possible. If you have the necessary qualifications for any of these positions, you are invited to apply through your unit manager. Appointments with the Personnel Office can be made through your unit manager or immediate supervisor. Men and women will be considered equally for all positions.

### YOSEMITE LODGE

1 — **Assistant Cafeteria Manager:** Must have good management skills and be responsive to management and operational procedures. Must work well with personnel and public.

### AHWAHNEE

1 — **Cashier:** Must be neat, well groomed and have previous experience with cash handling.

## HELP WANTED

**PERMANENT CLERK TYPIST** for the Yosemite Institute. Must type 55 wpm. No shorthand required. Neat appearance and dependability essential. To apply, contact Stan Cummings at 372-4441 for a appointment.

## Charlie Brown Needs Help!

The YP&CCo. Players will be presenting the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" in late January for Park employees and visitors.

To make the production work smoothly, there's still some help needed. If anyone is interested in helping with scenery, music or costumes, please contact the Employee Recreation Office as soon as possible at ext. 451. Your help is greatly needed to help make this a good community effort.

## LIONS CLUB DANCE TONIGHT

Members:

Don't forget to be at the Lion's Dinner/Dance tonight at the Ahwahnee. Cocktails will be served from 6 p.m., and dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. This event is open to Lions Club members only.

## Those Aren't Horns They're Antlers

by Steve Medley

Ever wondered about the impressive and beautiful antlers you see on Yosemite deer? These curved protrusions are not horns, for horns are permanent, hollow, and have a bony core. The deer of Yosemite shed their solid antlers annually, and grow them anew each year.

This time of year (December and January) is breeding season for this fine hooved mammal. When mating activity comes to an end, the antlers are dropped. Most bucks (male deer) shed in late January and throughout February, though individual bucks have been observed with antlers as late as mid-March.

After a two to four week period following the drop, new antlers begin to grow. During this interim time, visitors are likely to wonder what has happened to the male deer population. The bucks are simply, so to speak, out of uniform. By May, the new antlers have attained a length of several inches. The bony spikes continue to grow throughout the summer, at the end of which they are usually fully developed. During the growth period, the antlers are characterized by a velvety covering.

What is this velvet? It is a soft, highly vascular, and hairy skin, rich in nerve and blood supply, which serves to nourish the fast-growing antlers. The covering is extremely sensitive, and deer take great pains to avoid contact with possibly irritating objects. When the antlers are mature, the velvet dries up and is scraped free by rubbing against trees and shrubbery.

Many persons believe that a buck's age can be determined by counting the points on one of his antlers. This method is valid in only a few cases. A yearly development is predictable, but not always ordinary. A buck normally grows a point a year through the age of four. But four is the usual maximum number of points, and the fifth through eighth years see no new additions. After his physical maturity has been reached, a buck may even lose points (which are sometimes reduced at the rate of one each year). It is therefore possible for a 12-year-old veteran to be mistakenly identified as a single-pointed (spike) youngster! Other deviations from the normal pattern can cause similar confusion.

Unusual, freak antler sets have been noted in Yosemite. Female deer (does) have been known to grow antlers, and some bucks keep their velvet throughout the year. Even extra antlers have been evidenced.

## New Magistrate Appointed

On December 1 Gene Ottonello retired after serving 30 years as U.S. Magistrate in Yosemite. A coffee was held last week at the Girl's Club to say goodbye to Gene and wish him well in his retirement to the Wawona area, and to welcome the new U.S. Magistrate Donald Pitts.

Judge Pitts, who is a avid backpacker and cross-country skier, hails from Madison, South Dakota. His educational background includes receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Engineering from Oregon State University, and his L.L.B. (law) degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1960.

Besides serving with the 11th and the 82nd Airborne Divisions, Judge Pitts was a Captain in the National Guard for over 10 years.

Judge Pitts served as Deputy District Attorney in Tulare County, and as Assistant District Attorney in Fresno. From 1973 to 1975 he was in private practice in Fresno. Judge Pitts is a member of the California Trial Lawyers Association, Federal Indigent Panel, Municipal Liason Committee and Fresno Bar Association.

Judge Pitts, family includes his wife, Elaine, and four children, Donald, Michaela, Anne and Robert.

## Oil Change

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

Garrett De Bell  
Environmental Consultant YPCCo.

Probably the most famous Yosemite buck was "Old Horny" — and this is not a fabricated story. In the 1920's, this peculiar creature wandered throughout the valley sporting a third short antler between his eyes and nostrils. The extra appendage developed two points and a length of 2 1/4 inches.

## 1975 Christmas Bird Count

The 1975 Christmas Bird Count in Yosemite National Park is scheduled for Sunday, December 21. A precount briefing on bird identification and count procedures will be held Saturday afternoon, December 20, between 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center in Yosemite Valley. Your attendance at the briefing is encouraged, but not required, in order to participate in the count.

For the past 75 years, the National Audubon Society has sponsored the Christmas Bird Counts during the latter part of December. Last year, 1,102 counts were conducted in the United States, Canada, Middle America and the West Indies. Christmas Bird Counts are organized locally and conducted by local observers and visiting participants. The results are compiled and published in the April issue of the Society's journal, *American Birds*.

If you would like to take part in the 1975 Christmas Bird Count at Yosemite, please notify William F. Dengler at Box 117, Wawona Station, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389, or phone 375-6320, by December 19.

## Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be on Monday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. at the home of Paula Krisko. The book to be read and discussed is *Wind, Sand and Stars* by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Paperback copies of the book are available at Ansel Adams Studio. Everyone is invited. Call 372-4212 for directions and further information.

## FOR SALE

Skis— Kazama Metal/fiberglass 200 cm Bindings — Solomon 404; Poles — Boots (Kastinger size 10). All for \$105.00; Tire Chains — New, never used; assorted sizes \$30.00. Call 372-4320.

Besser Bindings, excellent condition \$20. Call 372-4527, evenings.

1963 Karman Ghia, \$350 or best offer. Contact Dave Tanner, Tecoya B-33 or call 372-4516.

## Yosemite Recreation

### MOVIES

DEC. 22 — TAKE THE MONEY AND RUN starring Woody Allen and Janet Magolin. Virgil Starkwell, a man who gets flustered crossing the street, is under the delusion that he can master the split-second timing, minute detail and cool bravado needed to become a successful bank robber. Result: a criminal so consistently inept he fails to make the Ten Most Wanted List. You may be reminded to Chaplin, you may think of W.C. Fields, but above all you will see Woody Allen original. (PG)

DEC. 29 — MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS — Agatha Christie's thriller recalls that innocent pre-Amtrak time when the Orient was still mysterious and murder was an intellectual riddle to be solved as politely as possible. The cast that reads alphabetically like the pavement in front of Grauman's Chinese theatre — Lauren Bacal, Martin Balsam, Ingrid Bergman, Jacqueline Bisset, Sean Connery, Albert Finney (as the incomparable Hercule Poirot), John Gielgud, Anthony Perkins, Vanessa Redgrave, Richard Widmark and Michael York — looks as though they were having as much fun making the film as the audience does watching it. (PG)

### FOR SALE

1955 Willys Jeep Pick-up. Call Paul Arenguena at 379-2379.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Lions Club Dinner/Dance ..... The Ahwahnee — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20:

Christmas Cantata ..... Yosemite Lodge Lounge — 6:30 p.m.  
"His Love—Reaching" (Cantata) ..... Yosemite Chapel — 7:30 p.m.  
Family Nite (Movies, Cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21:

TV Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Church School Christmas Pageant ..... Yosemite Chapel — 4:30 p.m.  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.  
Christmas Cantata ..... Yosemite Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Community Christmas Caroling ..... Post Office Parking Lot — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 22:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
"Grace and Glory" ..... Yosemite Lodge Lounge — 6:30 p.m.  
MOVIE "Take the Money and Run" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23:

Mental Health Clinic ..... Yosemite Medical Clinic  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Tops Meeting ..... El Portal Elementary School — 6:45 p.m.  
Decoupage/Macrame Class ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24:

**Christmas Eve**  
Yule Log Ceremony ..... The Ahwahnee — 5 p.m.  
Yule Log Ceremony ..... Yosemite Lodge — 7 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Luminario ..... Govt. Housing, El Portal — 6 p.m.  
DANCE "White Pepper" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.  
Volleyball ..... Visitor Center — 9 p.m.  
Candlelight Communion Service ..... Chapel — 11 p.m.  
Midnight Mass ..... West Aud., Visitor Center — Midnight

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25:

**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
Catholic Mass ..... West Aud., Visitor Center — 9 & 11 a.m.  
Bracebridge Dinner ..... The Ahwahnee — 5 & 9 p.m.  
Protestant "Christian Gathering" ..... Chapel — 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Night ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.  
Bracebridge Singers ..... Yosemite Lodge Lounge — 7:00 p.m.  
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### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27:

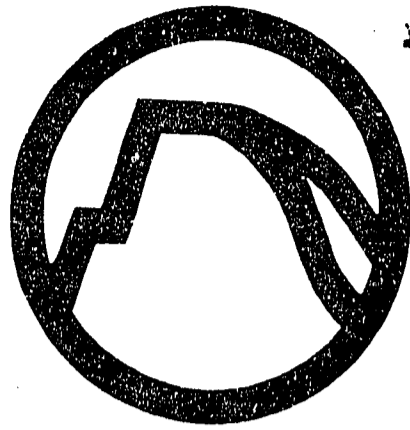
Family Nite (Movies, Cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28:

TV Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 29:

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Murder on the Orient Express" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.



## NEW PROMOTIONS



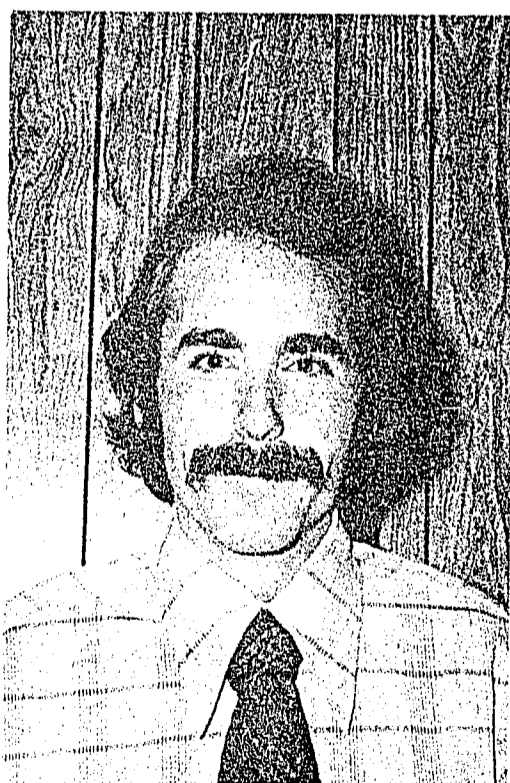
*SANDY NULMAN*



*LINDA VANDERWATER*



*ROSE ROSCOE*



*DENNIS CECCORELLI*

SANDY NULMAN, the new Tour Sales Manager, came to Yosemite in October of 1971 as a maid at the Yosemite Lodge. Since that time she has been a Reservations Clerk, Supervising Reservations Clerk and, most recently, Tour Supervisor.

LINDA VANDERWATER, an El Portal resident, was recently promoted from Chief Clerk at The Ahwahnee to the position of Tour Supervisor, to replace Sandy Nulman. Since arriving in the Park in 1967, Linda has been a maid at the Lodge, Cafeteria Server, Telephone Operator, Room Clerk, Cashier, Head Cashier, Reservations Clerk, and Supervising Reservation Clerk before going to The Ahwahnee.

ROSE ROSCOE'S colorful background before coming to Yosemite in April of 1974 included running a craft shop in Marin County where she sold crocheted, knitted and macramed items that she had made, as well as leather goods. Rose has tried her hand at writing children's books, and even did a little professional dancing in her teens in Nevada. For the past four years she has been studying photography, and this now ranks as her main interest.

Rose started out as a Reservation Clerk, then became the Group Reservation Clerk, and, most recently, was Lead Reservations Clerk. Her new position is Telephone Coordinator.

DENNIS CECCORELLI, the new Food Service Supervisor at Badger Pass, is a fairly recent arrival to Yosemite. He began in June of 1975 as a waiter in The Ahwahnee Dining Room. Since then he has been both Dining Room Captain and Dining Room Manager at The Ahwahnee.

Dennis attended Pasadena City College, and managed a stereo store in that town. He has also served as a representative for the Auto Club.



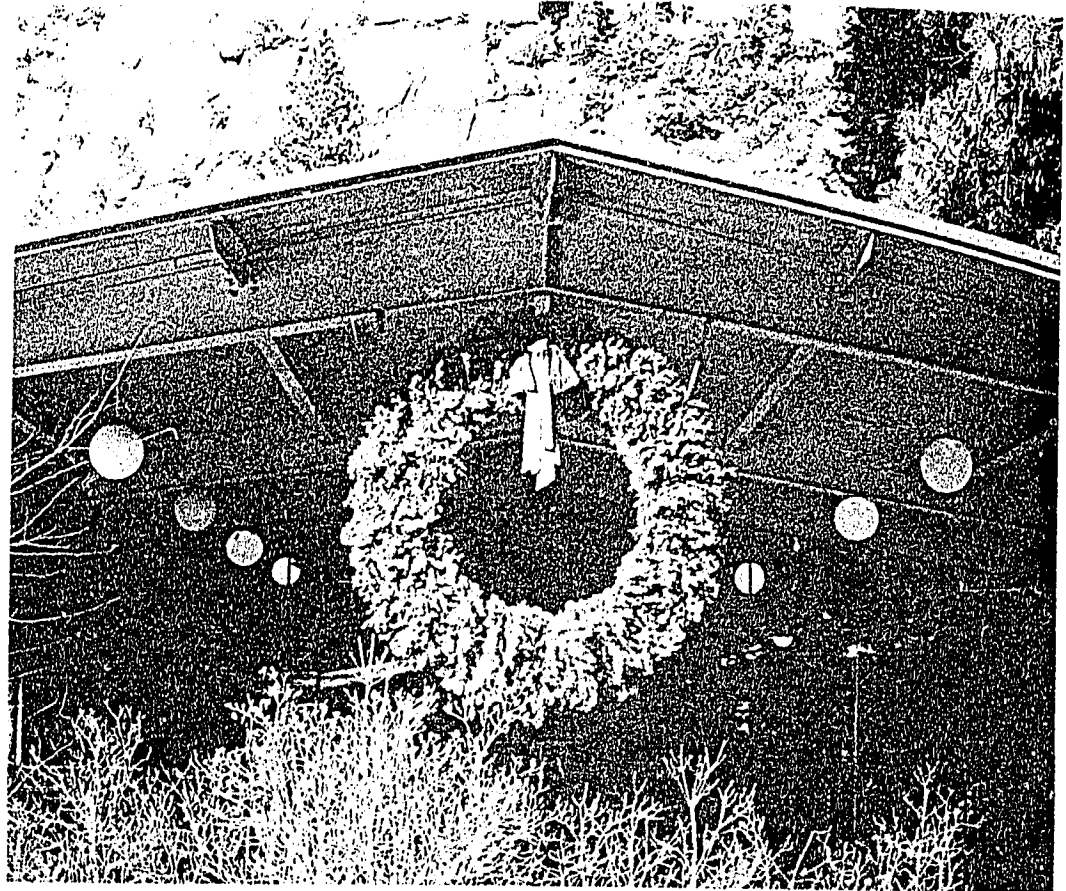
# The Good Old Days *by S. Medley*      A Traditional Christmas at the Lodge

When early visitors came to the Valley to enjoy its wonders, they usually stayed at one of the few hotels which had been hastily erected. Years passed, visitation increased, and by the 1870's many arrived equipped with camping gear, eager to become independent of the simple hotel conveniences. Until 1878, these individuals camped wherever they chose in the Valley. But in that year, the Board of Commissioners of Yosemite Valley set aside an area in the vicinity of the present Ahwahnee Hotel which they designated as a "public campground."

To insure the success of this new style accommodation, the Commissioners granted Aaron Harris the right to provide for the wants of the campers.

James M. Hutchings described Harris' activities as follows: "He grows and keeps an abundant supply of fodder, besides stabling for animals, and his place is deservedly popular with camping parties. Milk, eggs, and other farm products are obtainable here; and, should the bread burn at the campfire, and the yeast become sour, Mrs. Harris has always the remedy on hand to help strangers out of their difficulty, and most cheerfully." In addition to supplying these services, Harris sold camping provisions and rented equipment.

The Harris Camp Ground, as it came to be called, served visitors for ten years. It proved to be a forerunner of today's housekeeping campgrounds and public auto areas. Mr. Harris and his wife became known for their kindness and hospitality, and from their service grew the idea of the "camp rental" which is presently common in our National Parks.



If the Christmas decorations at the Lodge seem a little grander this year, it's mostly the handywork of Bryon MacDonald, head gardener there. Bryon has been studing with Carl Stephens for the past two years, and it seems that some of Carl's expertise has been rubbing off.

But even Carl got a little skeptical when Bryon proposed making a giant wreath, seven feet in diameter, to hang in mid-air outside at the lobby entrance. However, once the red and white fir bough wreath was completed, Carl had to admit that Bryon had done a fine job.

The Christmas theme is carried on into the registration area where a garland of incense cedar, ponderosa pine, white fir and holly boughs line the front desk. Two trees strung with white lights stand on either side of the front entrance. Transportation agent Pat French and a few of her friends were responsible for the homemade ornaments that adorn the trees.

Clocks in both the front desk area and the cafeteria were wreathed for the holiday season, and the staff of the cafeteria all made homemade ornaments for their twenty-foot Christmas tree. Around the windows of the cafeteria, Christmas came alive with the mural painted by Rebecca Alzofan, a waitress in the Four Seasons Restaurant.

Over at the Four Seasons, Mountain Room Broiler, and Mountain Bar garlands

and pine cone wall sprays were used for decoration. And, outside the Broiler Room, on the patio, the thirty foot Ponderosa Pine came aglow with Christmas lights on December 20th during the presentation by the Yosemite Chorus.

The Yosemite Lodge wishes to thank all of those people who helped make this one of the most festive of Christmases for them. A special thanks is offered to Joe Wheeler and his entire maintenance staff for their cooperation; and to Wendall Bingham, Les Burgess, Susan Foley and Lynn Van Metre who helped Bryon make the decorations.

Materials used in decorating the Lodge were collected from outside the Park, with the exception of some boughs obtained through the cooperation of the Yosemite Valley Hazard Tree Crew, a group from the National Park Services Maintenance Department.

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**Our Lady of the Snow Parish**  
*Catholic Services*  
**NEW YEAR SCHEDULE**  
 December 31st - Mass at 5:30 p.m.  
 in Community Chapel  
 January 1st - Masses at 8 and 10  
 a.m. in Community Chapel



## You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Written by Clark Gesner and based on the cartoon strip "Peanuts" by Charles M. Schultz, the musical is being performed sometime in January by the Yosemite Theatre Workshop Players.

Directing the play is "Spot" Finch, who is also starring in the title role of Charlie Brown. An accomplished actor, Spot has been involved in theatre since the age of 12 and has studied under such notable people as David Purdy, Bob Francisconi, Ellen Stewart, and James Donlan. An accomplished mime, Spot has also become a favorite at Yosemite Sam's on Talent Night. An employee of YPC Co., he presently works in the Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping Dept. and teaches the Theatre Workshop.

Playing the role of Lucy will be Leslie Landers. While attending Brockport State University in New York, Leslie took classes in Creative Dramatics and Improvisational Theatre and Music. She has appeared as a singer and dancer in six musical shows: Carousel, Oklahoma, Oliver!, South Pacific, West Side Story, and My Fair Lady. Leslie works at Yosemite Sam's.

Mary McCormick will be appearing as Peppermint Patty. Mary has received personal acting lessons and coaching from ex-Broadway director, actor, and producer Kurt Cerf, and, while attending Towson State College in Maryland, she studied mime under Maureen Loveschee and acting under Paul Berman, former New York Television Series Acting Director. Involved in the theatre since the age of thirteen, Mary has performed in such plays as American Dream, Suicide, Happy Days, and Midia, to name a few. She too works in the Yosemite Lodge Housekeeping Department.

Linus will be played by Dave Hickman. Dave has been extensively involved in drama since high school and has performed in two previous musicals, Oliver! and Fiddler on the Roof. He presently works at the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria.

Rick Cramer, once a member of the Screen Actors Guild, will perform as Schroeder. And last, but not least, Snoopy will be played by Dennis Reina, whom all of us know as the manager of the Village Sport Shop.

Mrs. James Wolfe serves as pianist for the troupe. She teaches piano to local residents and plays for most productions at the elementary school.

## Employee Housing Corner

By Paul Peters

In the past week a number of employees have asked questions regarding over-night guests in employee housing. In order to more fully understand our existing guidelines it is important that we realize that living in a dormitory environment presents some unique problems. Since there are many individuals housed in one area, using common facilities, it is extremely important that each of us respect the rights, privileges and privacy of others. Your understanding and cooperation will insure the comfort and safety of all concerned.

Over-night guests are permitted, providing you have the consent of your roommate. However, for space reasons, the number is limited to one guest per employee or two guests per room. The length of stay is five days per guest, not to exceed three visits per guest. Guests are required to register with the housekeeper and there is a small registration fee of \$1.00 per guest for the period of their visit. As you will recall, the prior registration fee was \$2.00 per night, the above fee was reduced upon a request by the Employee Advisory Council. Also, it is important to note that terminated employees who have been discharged for cause by the YP&C Co. or NPS are not permitted as guest in employee housing.

In order to make our living and working experience an enjoyable one we must at all times demonstrate our mutual respect for each other's property and comfort and this can be done by asking yourself "Is it fair to my roommate or others in my dorms?"

If you have any questions or suggestions please call ext. 451 or stop by the Employee Housing Office. Thank you.

### FOR SALE

Pair men's Bogner ski pants, tan, 28/30. Cost \$65 — sell for \$15. Call Chuck Whitewolf at 375-6355.

### Book Discussion Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be on Monday, Jan. 5 at 8 p.m. at the home of Paula Krisko. The book to be read and discussed is *Wind, Sand and Stars* by Antoine de Saint Exupery. Paperback copies of the book are available at Ansel Adams Studio. Everyone is invited. Call 372-4212 for directions and further information.

## "The Crow's Nest"



Word has it now that the Giants will leave San Francisco. They are interested in moving their franchise to Fish Camp and will help fund the all-new Fish Camp Coliseum, along with a consortium of Fish Camp businessmen already attempting to get the Chicago Bears franchise moved to the small community. Alas, "there is no rest for the wicked", is there, Friends of Fish Camp? Thinking is, in the Giant camp, that they have a better chance of home town game attendance in Fish Camp than they do in San Francisco. We agree!!

How about Broadway Joe Namath benched for the first half of the Monday night game against San Diego for missing bed check. One staunch Namath fan was heard to observe that he was "probably out stretching his pantyhose." I hope his fine wasn't too steep—Joe needs the money????

Speaking of Monday Night Football, the Crow's Nest has learned that Exxon is experimenting with how to harness the energy of Howard Cosell's mouth, claiming that when the breakthrough comes it will be an energy source equal to the Alaska pipeline. Of course, anyone who watches the ABC Monday night games already knows that. "Friends of Howard", where are you now that we need you?

Mattel is on the market with a new "Establish It Yourself" National Park kit. The manufacturer claims it's a wonderful learning experience for kids. First they have to do an Environmental Impact Statement, then while they're acquiring the land to establish the park, they have to deal with budget cutbacks.

Someone has proposed turning part of the famed seashore of Cape Cod into a nude beach. At least two magazines back the idea; Oddubon Magazine calling it "a panoply of public privates", and Voyeur Magazine saying "Nude Beach is where its at!"

## Yosemite Recreation

DEC. 29 — MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS — Agatha Christie's thriller recalls that innocent pre-Amtrak time when the Orient was still mysterious and murder was an intellectual riddle to be solved as politely as possible. The cast that reads alphabetically like the pavement in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre — Lauren Bacal, Martin Balsam, Ingrid Bergman, Jacqueline Bisset, Sean Connery, Albert Finney (as the incomparable Hercule Poirot), John Gielgud, Anthony Perkins, Vanessa Redgrave, Richard Widmark and Michael York — looks as though they were having as much fun making the film as the audience does watching it. (PG)

JAN. 5 — FEARLESS VAMPIRE KILLERS starring Jack MacGowran, Sharon Tate, Roman Polanski. A snow-covered Transylvania castle wherein reside a voluptuous innkeeper's daughter, a wicked count, his effeminate son, their hunchbacked servant and a ballroom full of assorted vampires, provides the setting for an all-out macabre spoof on old vampire films. (G)

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## Mid-Day Heat

ADMISSION: \$1.00

The Party sponsored by NPS and YP&C Co.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26—

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Talent Nite ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27—

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud — 11 a.m.  
Family Nite (Movies, Cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28—

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
TV Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Protestant Bible Study ..... Chapel — 6 p.m.  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Service ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Worship Service ..... Wawona School — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 29—

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Murder on the Orient Express" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30—

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
Mental Health Clinic ..... Yosemite Medical Clinic  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Tops Meeting ..... El Portal Elementary School — 6:45 p.m.  
Volunteer Fire Dept. Meeting ..... YPC Co. Fire House — 7 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31—

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Catholic Mass ..... Chapel — 8 a.m.  
New Year's Mass ..... Chapel — 5:30 p.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
New Year's Eve Party "Mid-Day Heat" ..... 8:30 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 1976—

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

New Year's Mass ..... Chapel — 8 & 10 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
Theatre Workshop ..... Employee Rec. Office — 7 p.m.  
Dance "Disco Nite" ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 2—

Catholic Mass ..... 8 a.m.  
Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 3—

Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 5:30 p.m.  
Family Nite (Movies, Cartoons) ..... Yosemite Sam's — 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 4—

Protestant Service of Worship ..... Chapel — 9:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass ..... Visitor Center, W. Aud. — 11 a.m.  
T.V. Sports Day ..... Yosemite Sam's — Noon  
Balkan Folk Dancing ..... Elementary School Gym — 6 p.m.  
Southern Baptist Service ..... Chapel — 6:30 p.m.  
Protestant Worship Service ..... Wawona School — 7:30 p.m.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5—

Yoga ..... Employee Rec. Office — 6 p.m.  
MOVIE "Fearless Vampire Killers" ..... Visitor Center — 8 p.m.