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Yosemite Community Council seeks new ideas

by Ridgley Reece
President of Y.C.C.

As the new year approaches, it seems an appropriate time to assess our community and the types of organizations available to each of us. The Y.C.C. has been a functioning body within Yosemite for the past 30 years. However, its purpose and functions have become somewhat confused over the years. In general, it finds itself facing an identity crisis as it approaches 1980.

We need your help! We feel that Yosemite needs a Community Council. By its past efforts at fund raising, helping needy homeless, etc., we know that it can be effective. However, its activities to date have been severely limited to distribute the donations given in the annual Y.C.C. drive and sponsorship of a community scholarship. We feel we could and should be doing much more for the community in areas of information, research, activities and aid.

Please help us gain a new image for the 80's and become once again an effective community service. Our next

Milk cases needed

Do you have a Producers milk case hanging out your window or storing items in your closet? If so, John Shehadey of Producers Dairy would very much appreciate having the milk case returned.

According to Shehadey, \$41,000+ was spent by the Fresno distribution center last year replacing lost and stolen milk cases — and that cost is passed on to the consumers.

Return any milk cases you have to the Producers storage facilities at the Central Warehouse and Village Store, the back docks of the Ahwahnee Hotel and Yosemite Lodge, or give them to Mickey. You'll earn the thanks of Producers and the local consumers.

meeting will be January 10. We would like to have one representative from each community service, organization, and business there, as well as all interested residents. The Y.C.C. can help you, but we need to know that you

want our help and that we have your support.

Please mark January 10 at 7 p.m. Yosemite School, for the first meeting of your Community Council. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Merced College begins

by Marian Woessner, Coordinator

Presented below is the schedule of classes to be offered locally this semester under the sponsorship of the Merced College extension program.

Art Baggett, FWSIA-certified Nordic instructor, will give a field course in Nordic skiing for all levels of ability. The orientation sessions will cover history, equipment, waxing and nonwaxing techniques, winter survival, map compass and avalanche information. Flat track and downhill skills for nordic skiers will be stressed. The course will consist of two 2-hour lectures and two all-day field sessions. Equipment must be provided by the participant.

Using the knowledge and experience gained as a graduate candidate in Solar Design, Baggett will also offer a course in Solar Energy: Residential Application. This, an introductory course in solar energy and conservation, will explore the use of solar energy in passive and active space heating/cooling, in domestic water and pool heating, and in

greenhouses. Solar design consideration for new as well as existing buildings will be presented. The text, "The Solar Home Book," will be available for purchase from the instructor at the first session (approx. \$10).

A class in Photography — Color Slides will be presented by Lewis Kemper, who has worked with photography and given photography walks for the Ansel Adams Gallery. The course is designed for the beginning, intermediate to advanced photographer who wants to improve. Covered in the course will be how to conduct a proper ASA test, use of color compensating filters, the ability to see and control color shifts, composition and the use of color for color's sake.

Registration for these courses will be at the first session of each. There is no tuition charge for California residents (1 year minimum). For further information, please call Marian Woessner at 372-4832.

Class/Instructor	Day	Dates	Time	Units	Place
PE 11 Nordic Skiing A Baggett	M	1/14*	7-9 p.m.	1	El Portal School
IT 40 Solar Energy: Residential Application - A. Baggett	T	1/29 to 3/4	7-10 p.m.	1	El Portal School
Photography 55 Color Slides L. Kemper	Th	2/7 to 4/3	7:30 9:30 p.m.	1	Yosemite School

*Class will consist of two 2-hour lectures and two all-day field trips; dates will be decided at first class.

Why are uniforms used in Yosemite?

by Brian Grogan, Manager of Employee Training

The question of why Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employees must wear uniforms has been brought up from time to time. The answer is quite simple and dates back to ancient times; unified, professional appearance to the public — our guests.

Your uniform identifies you as an employee of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., a group whose purpose is guest service. Your uniform provides a unified, professional appearance in public — our guests.

As employees, we are representatives of the Park. We provide help in many forms to those who are visiting the Park (food, shelter, information, etc.). Our uniform distinguishes us as members of this support group of individuals who are qualified to provide guest service.

The very fact that we are there, pleasingly attired — on the job — gives the guest a feeling of security and comfort. A small comfort can go a long way if you're thousands of miles from home.

The Yosemite Park and Curry Co. has a uniform and grooming policy which determines the specific standards of dress for each individual work area. The YP&C Co. Uniform Department implements these standards; area supervisors, the management staff, and all employees are responsible for compliance with the grooming and uniforming policy.

The majority of Company uniforms are issued by the Uniform Center, located adjacent to the Employee Training Center. The day-to-day operation of the Center is directed by Alan Barnett, the Uniform Coordinator, who reports to me and provides the department with energy and innovation.

Working with Alan is Alicia Moreno, who has been with the Uniform Center for two years, bringing with her years

of experience as a Company seamstress in various other units. Alicia is responsible for repairs, alterations, and inspiration within the Uniform area. (Do you know she recycles buttons, zippers, pockets, sleeves, stripes, collars, and cuffs?)

Both of these individuals can be a very understanding source of help to you during your time in uniform. They are ready to answer questions and suggest solutions to any uniforming problem you may have.

You can avoid many problems if you are aware of a few procedures and facts. Whether in a uniformed or non-uniformed position, you are expected to be neat, clean, and properly groomed.

Persons in uniformed positions are given a laundry allowance of 25¢ per workday to clean and maintain their uniform. You are responsible for reporting to work in a clean uniform.

Most of our uniforms are a cotton-blend fabric and all are permanent press. Wash these garments with the permanent press cycle of the washer and remove them immediately from the dryer; hung or folded neatly, they will not wrinkle and will look neat for your next work shift.

Any accidentally damaged or worn uniforms can be replaced at no charge by the Uniform Center. Items which have been damaged due to negligence will be subject to a replacement charge. For example, you just lost 50 lbs., and your trousers are dragging the ground; time goes by and there are now holes in the cuffs; you come to the Uniform Center to get new trousers — too late; you were negligent.

It is the job of the people at the Uniform Center to assure correct fit. Please remember that a correct fit is one that is comfortable and safe. Uniforms may not always be fashionable, but they are always functional.

When an employee terminates or transfers to a non-uniformed position, they are responsible for returning their uniform to the Uniform Center. This is part of the clearance process, and any employees not returning their uniform will have the replacement cost of the uniform deducted from their paycheck. Failure to comply with all uniform procedures can affect future consideration for employment.

Over the past two years, the Uniform Department has been striving towards a uniform that is comfortable, serviceable, and pleasing in appearance. The Uniform Center is now issuing turtlenecks for the winter to all uniformed employees, and has brown knit caps for housekeeping work areas where employees are frequently outside.

In an effort to provide a more complete uniform service, the uniform center is selling brown knee socks and tights for women, and shoes that are sturdy, comfortable, and are in agreement with the Company uniform policy. All purchases from the Uniform Center are on a payroll deduction.

The staff at the Center is ready, willing, and able to help you obtain proper fit and maintenance of your uniforms, so that you will look and feel cheerful and proud in assisting our guests.

Kroon appointed Public Affairs Administrator

by D.E. Quigley, Senior Vice President



Effective Dec. 31, 1979, Debra Kroon was appointed Public Affairs Administrator. She will report directly to Mr. Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer, and she will maintain a staff relationship with Mr. Herb Steinberg, Vice

President of MCA Recreation Services, Marketing.

Debra joined the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. five years ago as the Secretary Public Affairs Department. In June of 1978, she was appointed

Assistant Manager of Public Affairs. Debra's experience in the area of public affairs has developed with her performance of the numerous and varied operations of the Public Affairs Department. Her administrative duties have included the monthly production of the *Yosemite Sentinel*, attendance at ski shows throughout California each fall, coordination of advertising projects, and organization of a myriad of special events. She has become familiar with media communications of all sorts, and has earned a position as a valued representative of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Please join in congratulating Debra on her promotion and supporting her in the enactment of her new responsibilities.

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Debra Kroon..... Editor

Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

For variety, try these winter activities

Snowshoeing

Top-quality snowshoes may be rented at the Yosemite Mountaineering School and Badger Pass for \$4 per day. Crane Flat is an excellent area to explore by snowshoe, as is the Mariposa Grove.

Two precautions: (a) Don't step on cross country ski tracks, and (b) you'll find snowshoeing more strenuous than skiing, so plan your first trips to be spent close to the road.

Silver ski race set for February 2, 3

On Saturday and Sunday, February 2 and 3, the Fresno Bee will host the 24th annual Silver Ski Race at Badger Pass. The giant slalom is open to all skiers, with racing categories for every age and skill level.

Entry blanks may be obtained by writing Public Relations Dept., Fresno Bee, CA 93786. There is no entry fee.

First through third place finishers in each category will be awarded Silver Ski pins.

Can you save a heart in five minutes?

Anyone in the community interested in learning CPR - cardio-pulmonary resuscitation may learn the techniques for this method at any one of six classes offered in January. The dates and times are as follows:

Wednesday, January 16 - 8 a.m. to noon, and 6-10 p.m. in the valley.

Thursday January 17 - 8 a.m. to noon in the valley, and 6-10 p.m. in El Portal.

Sledding

Any snow-covered hill has always been fair game for snowplay, and Yosemite's hills are no exception.

If you don't have a sled, or saucer, you can improvise with an inner tube, flattened cardboard box, or plastic sheeting. Since these will not provide you with the control that a sled would, stick to short runs and avoid steep hills.

Winter Hiking

Take the trails which loop the Valley for an afternoon or morning walk. From Curry Village, head towards Happy Isles, circle over to Indian Caves, and end up at Yosemite Falls. From the Lodge, trails go west to El Capitan and Bridalveil Fall.

When hiking, be sure to let someone know where you're going and when you'll be back — and have another friend hike with you. Safety is triply important in winter.

Visit the library

Choose from the County Public Library or the NPS Research Library for a quiet time.

The County's branch library is located in the Girl's Club, behind the NPS Administration Building. Open from 2-5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays, the library has comfortable chairs and a wide selection of books to select from.

The Research Library is located upstairs in the Valley District Building (next to the Visitor Center). It is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The library contains a number of publications dealing with the natural and historical aspects of Yosemite.

Winter Club sets January plans

All members of the Yosemite Winter Club are invited to a "Meet Your Ski Instructors Night," which will be held at the Ahwahnee on Thursday, January 17.

The reception will be held in the hotel's Winter Club Room from 5 to 6:30 p.m., and ski instructors will be on hand to meet club members.

Following the reception, club members may attend the ski buffet. (Reservations necessary; call ext. 488.)

February 1 is the date for the cross-country ski party at Crane Flat. The full moon will provide light for the evening's trek, while the Institute's building provides warmth, food and fun. Watch for more information.

Future events include a cross-country day tour and several overnights. Ancient Jocks Race and banquet, and Winter Club days at Badger Pass.

For more information, write Box 717, Yosemite, or contact Winter Club president Arvin Abbott.

Special care needed for skin in winter

Winter is a season of colder temperatures, artificial heat in buildings, and activities. The following tips will help you go through the winter comfortably and with less irritation for your skin.

Dress in layers. When you begin to get hot, you can "unlayer" and add those layers again as you need.

Wear a hat. Up to 50% of your body heat can be lost by leaving your head

uncovered. By protecting your head from winter weather, you'll also help prevent your hair from becoming too dry or fly-away.

Wear mittens, again, they help hold your body heat in and prevent rough, chapped hands.

Use a sunscreen when you're skiing. The sunlight reflecting off the snow can have ten times the amount of ultra-violet light you'll find on a summer beach.

Use a lip salve or stick to prevent cracked, raw lips.

Take short, lukewarm showers. Long showers and baths — as well as hot, hot water — will also dry your skin.

Eat the right foods, including fruits and vegetables. Treat yourself to a good breakfast everyday — it will help you get going on cold mornings.

Winter is a special time in Yosemite. Be sure you fully enjoy it.

Women's Group sets plans for spring

by Imogene Burgen

The Yosemite Women's Group wants to provide interesting and worthwhile activities that will bring together the women of the Yosemite community. You are invited to attend the functions scheduled for the coming months.

The book discussion group will meet on Monday, January 14, at noon at the home of Marian Woessner for a potluck luncheon. Read "The Lives of a Cell," by Lewis Thomas, available at the Ansel Adams Gallery.

Credit Union schedules meetings

The annual meeting of the Yosemite Credit Union will take place on Tuesday, January 15, at 7 p.m. in the Girl's Club. Officers will be elected for 1980. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.

At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, a coffee will be held in the home of Imogene Burgen. Arrangements have been made to provide free babysitting so that as many women as possible can attend.

An evening of family fun has been planned for Friday, March 7, in the East Auditorium. A spaghetti dinner will be followed by a movie.

Other events scheduled for the coming months include a snowshoe trek at Badger Pass, lunch and movie

in Fresno, and a Wawona Play Day. The chorus sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group and directed by Jeff Fokens will give a spring concert. Linda Griffiths will be chairman for the weekend in May when we host A.F.S. foreign-exchange students in our homes.

More information about these activities will be posted in the Yosemite, Wawona, and El Portal post offices, or you may phone any of the above-mentioned people or this year's president, Patricia St. John, 372-4713.

Wanted

The Yosemite Fire Department needs two or three cars, old or wrecked, that can be used for training. If you have one to donate or know of someone who does, please call 372-4633 or 372-4461, ext. 250.

Yosemite poetry

Eyes, mirrors
of our souls.
Reflect the warmth
of our hearts,
love, and compassion,
and sadly our spites,
the answer to this
is in the Lord's prayer.

— Joseph R. Paquette



The Bracebridge Singers presented concerts to Yosemite visitors on December 23, and 26, both at Yosemite Lodge and the Ahwahnee Hotel. The all-male chorus was joined by Andrea Fulton (shown), who is the Musical Director for the Bracebridge Dinner. Besides the concerts, the singers also sang at the Lodge Cafeteria, for evening diners at the Ahwahnee, and at the three seatings of the Bracebridge Dinner.

Living in Yosemite includes special concerns

by Garrett De Bell, Environmental Advisor

Living in Yosemite brings both opportunities and responsibilities. The benefits come from living in a special place, a place which many visit only once in a lifetime, while others regularly return for recreation and inspiration. We, as employees, enjoy Yosemite year-round.

With this opportunity comes the responsibility to help preserve Yosemite and its native wildlife and plant life. A few of the rules and restrictions necessary to protect the Park are listed below, with the reasons for them.

Not feeding animals

Feeding animals — bears, deers, coyotes, raccoons, etc. — is not allowed for three reasons. The first is your safety, since these animals are wild and will sometimes attack if molested.

In the past, many people were injured by bears each year, and it is only the vigorous NPS human-bear management program (which keeps food and garbage away from bears) that has returned them to a wild state, where encounters with people and begging behavior have become rare.

This does mean you see fewer bears, but the ones you see are living free, not semi-domesticated bears feeding on our garbage.

The other reasons for not feeding wild animals are (a) feeding gives them the wrong diet, and (b) even the "right" diet still turns them into beggars.

Your enthusiastic cooperation in not feeding wild animals (nor leaving garbage available to them) will help keep Yosemite as it should be.

Pets

There is a pet policy designed to protect Park wildlife from being chased, teased, or eaten by dogs and cats. Pets are only allowed in permanent housing (units with an enclosed bathroom), and not in any dorm room, tent, or WOB areas or in any high-country locations. This applies equally to NPS and Curry Co. employees. Only one dog or cat is allowed. Pets cannot run loose but must be kept inside or on a leash.

Decorative Planting

In order to protect the Park from the

introduction and spread of non-native plants, all landscaping is done with

native plants collected within the Park under NPS supervision. Any reseeding of denuded areas, for instance, is done with an approved seeding mix. This policy applies to employee living areas, as well. Any requests for approval of new planting should be reviewed by me.

Pest control

Even in Yosemite, we have pest problems that need to be controlled — mice in food storage areas, flies in buildings. We need to prevent the health problems these animals can cause without contributing to the pesticide problem.

What's the solution? For rodents, such as mice, the ideal method of control is to borrow a live trap from my office, trap and relocate the animal quite far from any buildings. The alternative is to use the approved, environmentally-safe (although not for the mouse!) pesticide available in our stores.

For rodents or other pests in company buildings, contact either employee housing or your manager, and arrangements will be made for Paramount Pest Control to use NPS-approved, safe poisons, as needed.

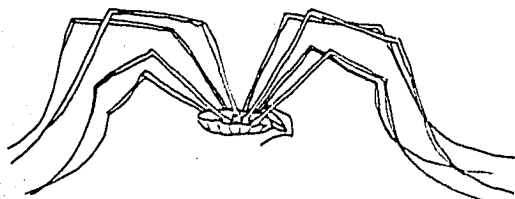
Outside the door

The goal is to have natural conditions throughout the Park, with the wilderness beginning at the edge of facilities; to merge with wilderness, without junk, debris, abandoned cars, discarded furniture, etc., in between. It's easy to become used to your favorite piece of junk, which piece of junk may be an affront to your neighbors and Park visitors.

We all need to try to keep both our work areas and living space compatible with Yosemite.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler



Harvestman or Daddy Longlegs
Phalangium

"Daddy Longlegs" — the name sounds like something out of the Dick Tracy comic strip. Another name is "Harvestman," for this creature is most conspicuous in autumn, harvest time. Mostly, though, what it is called is "spider," and a spider it is not.

True, Daddy Longlegs has eight legs, as do spiders. But the spider's abdomen is a single puffy glob attached to the cephalothorax by a short, thin waist. Daddy's abdomen, attached without a waistline, is ringed with segment lines. Spiders eat only animal matter. Daddy eats that plus carrion and plant and fruit juices. Most spiders have eyes at the sides and eyes in the center also. Daddy has no side-eyes. Probably, he is nearly blind, for median eyes rarely amount to much.

The biggest difference is that harvestmen cannot spin. They cannot produce the wonderful silk of spiders —

no webs, no nests, no satiny egg cases. Instead, Mommy Longlegs inserts her eggs directly into the cold hard ground with a sharp, hollow tube, the ovipositor.

The eggs will hatch next spring, the young reach adult size in late summer. Most harvestmen have died by now, although they were abundant only a month ago. Two years is extreme old age.

Daddy Longlegs generates the wildest stories. Folklore associates harvestmen with cows, although there isn't a cow in 40 miles. Some claim harvestmen are terribly poisonous. They're harmless.

Although some creatures are very picky about their surroundings, harvestmen don't seem the least bit particular about where they are. They appear mysteriously out of nowhere, indoors or out, walking step on careful step — then disappear just as mysteriously. Thus Daddy struts slow-motion through life, its oval body suspended like some creature from a C.S. Lewis fantasy. When we mistake him for a spider, that's our ignorance. It's our loss too, for when we fail to see his uniqueness, a tiny bit of richness is absent from our lives. And that is loss.



Yosemite recreation happenings

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

Jan. 8 - The Champ
 Jan. 22 - Boys from Brazil
 Feb. 5 - Magic
 Feb. 19 - Harold & Maude
 \$2.00 per person
 East Auditorium, Visitor Center
 7:00 p.m.

Runner's Corner

On November 25, the Merced Track Club sponsored the fifth annual ten kilometer Turkey Trot at Applegate

Park. Yosemite runners took three places out of the top ten in a race of nearly 300 participants. John Carter set a new course record for his division by finishing 4th overall with a time of 34:47.

John Carter, 34:47, 4th place, first in division. Dave Weller, 35:06, 6th place, fourth in division. Jimmy Rodrigues, 35:37, 9th place, sixth in division. Sue Carter, 53:04, 214th place, 11th in division.

Basketball

Basketball is still happening on Mondays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Elementary School. Take advantage of this time to work on your skills and get some exercise, too.

Volleyball

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-10, volleyball enthusiasts are encouraged to meet at the East Auditorium for a few good games. Volleyball improves skill, coordination, and is an excellent form of exercise. The games are fun, fast, and exciting — join us on these nights for volleyball.

Winter request

The recreation department would like to hear from you — your ideas can happen. If anyone has special interests, talents, or skills, please contact us at 372-4611, ext. 475. Your ideas and help are needed to keep programs and activities happening.

No changes in SSDI tax rate for 1980

The social security tax rate will stay at 6.13% for 1980, although the earnings base will increase. The base increase means that workers will be taxed on earnings up to \$25,900 in 1980 (the 1979 base was \$22,900) and maximum SSDI tax paid by individuals rises from \$1,403.77 to \$1,587.67.

When you receive your W-2 form, check it carefully, since a copy of this form is used to enter your covered earnings in your social security record. Any difference between your own records and the information on the W-2 form should be investigated.

It's also an excellent idea to check your social security records every three years, especially if you change jobs often. You can pick up a free post card form for this purpose at the Merced Social Security Office, which is located at 3191 "M" Street. The telephone number is 723-2071.

Wanted

Photographer wanted two/three times a week to photograph school groups. Contact Yosemite Institute, 372-4441.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the Yosemite Guide.

Mondays

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
 Womens Group Chorus Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
 Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Ski Buffet Ahwahnee Hotel, 6:30 p.m.
 Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Tuesday, Jan. 8 Movie - "The Champ"
 Thursday, Jan. 10 Yosemite Community Council Meeting,
 Yosemite School

Monday, Jan. 14 Yosemite School, 7 p.m.
 Book Discussion Group, Woessner Home, Noon
 Nordic Ski Class begins, El Portal School, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 15 Credit Union Meeting, Girl's Club, 7 p.m.
 Thursday, Jan. 17 Yosemite Winter Club "Meet Your Ski Instructor
 Night," Winter Club Room, 5-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 Movie - "Boys from Brazil"
 Solar Energy Class begins, El Portal School, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 Winter Club Outing, Crane Flat
 Sat. & Sun., Feb. 2 & 3 Silver Ski Race, Badger Pass

Tuesday, Feb. 5 Movie - "Magic"
 Wednesday, Feb. 6 Women's Group Coffee, Burgen home, 10 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 7 Photography class begins, Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Skating is fun at outdoor rink

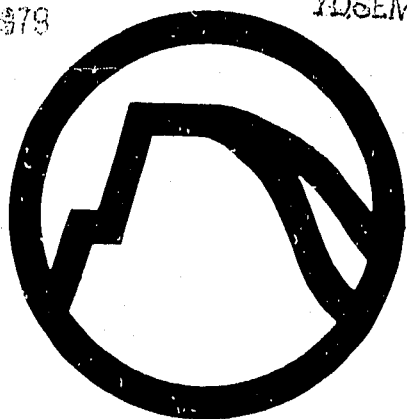
Yosemite's outdoor ice rink can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter what their work schedule.

On weekdays, the rink is open from 10-12 in the morning, 2-4 afternoons, and 7:30-10 evenings. Weekends and holidays, rink sessions begin at 8 a.m. and continue until 10:30 p.m., with a

half hour break between each two-hour skating session.

Serious skaters will enjoy the 8-10 a.m. weekend session. The ice is hard and clean, and there's plenty of space for practicing everything from learning how to skate to doing fancy figures. Morning and afternoon weekday sessions are also good times to find lots of room on the rink.

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A tribute to Yosemite Employees

by D. E. Quigley, Senior Vice President

Periodically, members of the Executive Staff prepare articles for the *Sentinel*. For the most part, these articles are informative as to aspects of our sometimes-unique lifestyle within Yosemite National Park, and they are instructional as to our important responsibilities to the visitors of Yosemite. Such articles can serve as valuable reminders to those who have lived and worked in Yosemite for a long time, and they are worthy learning aids to employees who are new to the Park. Rather than use this article to inform or instruct, however, I would like to make it an opportunity to express my sincere admiration of the employees of Yosemite and for the contributions they make toward the

effective functioning of the Yosemite community, as well as toward the success of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

I believe that tribute is due all the employees of Yosemite — those who have come and gone after a brief employment, those who have served repeated seasonal employment through the years, and those who have worked in the Park for lengthy periods of time. I am always impressed by the tenacity, patience, and energy displayed by employees in dealing with day-to-day business, including that which can be mundane, trying, and downright exhausting. I am continually amazed, too, by the elements of strength, cooperation, optimism, and knowledge that are displayed by employees in more

difficult times. For example, I found that during the tense times in 1979 when the Master Plan process was getting underway, the reactions of the Yosemite employees showed that they were knowledgeable and interested, and that they wanted to be involved and kept informed. I found such a positive response encouraging.

In May of 1979, when the gas shortage problem was at its peak, the Yosemite employees rallied their optimism and continued to meet their responsibilities with enthusiasm, although we were all quite concerned as to exactly what effects the shortage would have on our business. To our relief, the effects were minimal, but throughout that uneasy time, the employee morale was great.

Again, when the strong and prolonged rains of early 1980 hit Yosemite, the people of Yosemite showed their interest in what was happening to their community. The rains caused many problems, which were dealt with calmly and effectively through the cooperative efforts of Yosemite employees.

I look forward to 1980 being another banner year. I cannot imagine what would happen in the way of adversity that the employees of our Yosemite community could not overcome. I am convinced. Thank you for your contributions.

Names in the news

Steve Attardo has rejoined Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as General Ledger Supervisor. A Fresno native, Steve worked for YP&C Co. for about eight years in the 60's and early 70's.

After receiving his B.S. in Accounting from California State University, Fresno, Steve worked for three years at Wawona, in the Golf Shop, store, and service station.

He then went to Idaho and was in managerial positions with Sun Valley Co. Later, he became controller for Snug Co., a chain of sporting goods stores.

Steve enjoys outdoor sports, particularly golf, hiking, and skiing.

Derek Engelen is the new Financial Analyst for Curry Co., coming from San Francisco, where he was a municipal financing consultant with Bartle Wells Assoc.

He previously was with Springstead, Inc., in St. Paul, Minnesota, in a similar position. Derek obtained his B.S. in Economics from the University of Minnesota.



Attardo



Engelen

He also spent three years in Alaska, working in such varied jobs as carpentry, fishing, and a saw mill. He also has been an iron worker.

Raised in Evanston, Illinois, Derek's interests include climbing, photography, backpacking, mechanics, and woodworking.

Peter Fifield has been promoted to Assistant Manager of the Ahwahnee Hotel. Previously, he had been the Hotel's Dining Room Manager.

He attended Cornell University, earning his B.S. in Hotel and Restaurant Administration in 1976.

A Massachusetts native, Peter likes water sports and refinishing antique furniture.

Peter and his wife, Liberta, are happy to call Yosemite "home".

Valentines Dance

Friday, February 8
7 to midnight

at

Yosemite Visitor
Center

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Women's Group plans coffee, spaghetti feed

The Yosemite Women's Group invites all women, newcomers and long-time residents of the Yosemite community, to attend a coffee in the home of Imogene Burgen on Friday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 12. Free babysitting will be provided. Please telephone Patricia St. John at 372-4713 if you wish to use this service.

Friday, March 6, at 6:30 p.m. is the date of the spaghetti dinner and family movie! The Yosemite Women's Group is holding a spaghetti dinner for \$3.50 (adults) and \$2.50 (children). Included is the Walt Disney movie "Candle-shoe," starring Jodie Foster, Helen Hayes, and David Niven. It is a suspense-comedy laced with lunacy, larceny, love, and laughter. A great evening for the whole family! See you at the East Auditorium at 6:30 p.m.

The Women's Group book discussion is continuing through spring. The next book will be *A Woman of Independent Means* by Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey. The date is Monday, March 10, from 12-2 p.m. at Gayle Fokens'. The book is available at the Ansel Adams Gallery and all interested are welcome — just bring your lunch and thoughts.

The Women's Group would also like to organize some snowshoeing and cross-county ski days. If you are interested in either, for yourself or with your family, please call Linda Byrne, 379-2229.

Watch the bulletin boards in the Valley, El Portal, and Wawona Post Offices for further information.

Germany runs in S.F. Zoo race

Bill Germany ran in the 4th Annual Zoo Run on Sunday, January 20. Bill, with a time of 32 minutes, placed 597th in the 4-mile race which had more than 1,500 entrants. The race was held at the San Francisco Zoo.



9-days storm brings flood

Nine days of storm brought large amounts of precipitation to the Park, causing flooding and some minor damage.

Actual precipitation recorded in the Park was 14.70" in Yosemite Valley, 12.09" at South Entrance, and 16.88" at Badger Pass, including 37.5" of snow. The Merced River rose from 3.2 feet at the Sentinel Bridge gauge on January 8 to 10.6 feet at the peak on January 13.

The potential for a flood occurred when the snow level rose to 9,000 feet on January 12, with a forecast of heavy rain through midnight, January 13. On Saturday, January 12, the river rose from 4.8' to 7.6', which is flood alert level.

The flood committee, which met throughout the weekend, declared Operation Flood Sunday when the Merced River hit flood stage (8.5'). By 4:30 p.m., the river was running 9.5' and rising.

Yosemite poetry

The skies above, shedding flakes of snow.

Cleansing the air we breathe.

Trimming our trees like white lace.

Carpeting our ground.

And our cliffs and waterfalls,

Like an altar all trimmed in white,

With the bride and the groom,

As in purity as in snow.

Joseph R. Paquette

Local flooding was caused by tremendous run-off from the Valley walls, including by the Annex, Nurse's Dorm, dam site, the Nob Hill area of Curry Village, and Cascades. The Merced River rose high enough in El Portal that it touched foundations in the Trailer Village, which was voluntarily evacuated by 90% of the residents. A YTS bus stood by to help in the evacuation if needed.

All routes into the Valley were closed for at least a time on January 13, Hwy. 140 due to flooding at Cascade, Hwys. 41 and 120 due to slides on the roads.

By 2 a.m. on January 14, the river crested and began to subside. Rain lightened, and the snow level dropped to 7,000 feet. By 4 p.m., the river was down to 7.1 feet, lowering to 5.3 feet on January 16.

Everyone in the community pulled through to get us through a trying situation.

Contact Social Security by phone

by Dennis Kruse, Manager
Social Security Branch, Merced

People who have business with Social Security can now take care of almost everything by telephone.

The first week of any month is a bad time to call Social Security, unless the caller has very urgent business. That is the week social security and supplemental security income checks are delivered. During that time it is not unusual for all lines to be in use. The best time to call is after mid-month.

A person can call Social Security to:

- Apply for social security or SDI benefits.
- Apply for Medicare.
- Change name or address of record.
- Report change in marital status.
- Report stop or start of work, and other events affecting checks.
- Report lost or missing social security or Medicare card.
- Get help with Medicare forms.
- Arrange for direct deposit of checks.

- Get benefit estimate.
- Request statement of earnings record.
- Get help in requesting review of decision made on claim.

Before you call, be sure to have all necessary information on hand.

To get help with any social security problem, call the Merced Social Security office. The telephone number is 723-2074.

For sale

12 x 60 mobile home. 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, good condition. Utility sheds, barbecue. \$14,500. Space B-5. Call 379-2655.

Hitachi AM/FM Stereo, 8 track recorder, and two Hitachi speakers. \$120, good shape. Call Beth or Stan after 5 p.m. at 372-9981 or before 5 p.m. at 372-4611, ext. 451.

Magnavox 13 inch color T.V. New. Call 372-4597.

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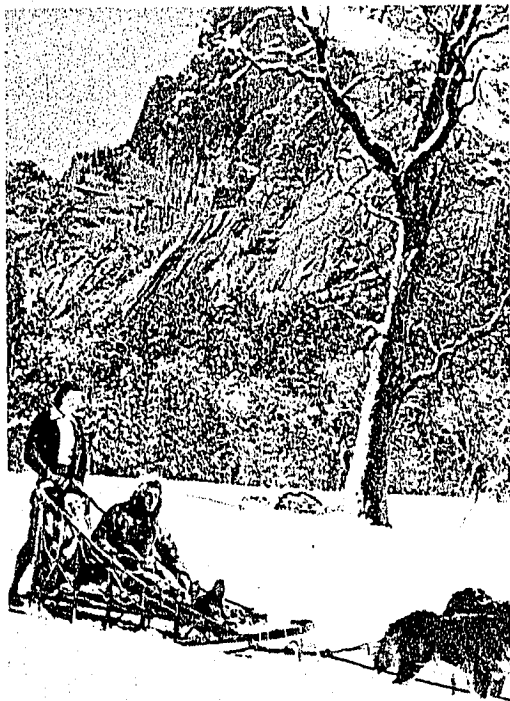
Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

Yosemite almost hosted 1932 Olympics

The pile of hay at the end of ski jumps in the 1932 Winter Olympics could have been snow, had the Olympics Committee chosen the site recommended by U.S. National Park Service Director Horace Albright — Yosemite National Park, which had 12 feet of snow in the high country during the time of the 4th Winter Games.

The 1932 Olympics featured 14 events in five categories: bobsledding, figure skating, ice hockey, skiing, and speed skating. Small in events and attendance by today's standards, it was for these reasons that Yosemite became a potential host.

With the opening of the All-Year Highway (Hwy 140) into Yosemite in 1927, winter use of Yosemite was heavily promoted. This "Switzerland of the West" featured topnotch skiing and skating instructors from Europe and a wide variety of activities — ice



skating, skiing, ski joring, tobogganing, dog teams, sleigh rides, and ski touring.

A parking lot at Camp Curry was flooded each year to create a 60,000 sq. ft. outdoor ice rink, complete with bleachers and lights. Skating exhibitions and ice carnivals were produced several times each year, and Yosemite was home for inter-collegiate hockey games, with teams from USC, UCLA, UC Berkeley and Loyola vying for Pacific Coast International Hockey League.

Although the present Badger Pass ski area in Yosemite was not founded until 1935, skiing had been a means of transportation for early pioneers. It shifted to recreation when the Yosemite Ski School was begun in

1928. The school conducted lessons on "Ski Hill", located across from the Valley Stables. A ski jump was constructed there, and as the skiing enthusiasm spread, so did the skiers.

Huts were winterized at Tenaya Lake, Tuolumne Meadows, and by Snow Creek, and the all purpose skis of that era toured from Yosemite Valley to the high country for breathtaking runs down Mr. Hoffman and other alpine peaks.



When the Wawona and Glacier Point Roads were realigned in 1933 and made accessible throughout the year, the slopes of Badger Pass were discovered. The day lodge opened in 1935, and the "Queen Mary" upski (counter-balanced, cable-pulled sleds) provided easy access to the top of the hill. Additional ski touring runs were cleared by the National Park Service.

Ski-joring quickly became popular in Yosemite Valley. One person rode a horse through the snow, while a second person was pulled along behind on skis. Half Dome and Glacier Point often loom in the background of old ski-joring photos.

A four-track toboggan slide was built in 1927, just west of Camp Curry. A big bonfire and warming hut kept



The "Queen Mary" was a unique lift first used at Badger Pass.

spectators and tobogganists warm when not making runs.

Other activities were created and directed by the Yosemite Winter Club, which was formed in 1928. The Club counted among its first members A.B.C. Dorhmann, Cecil B. deMille, and Harry Chandler.

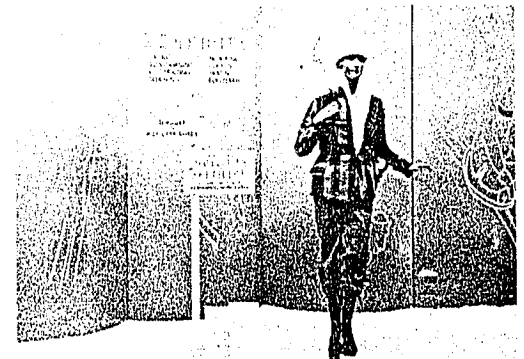
Ski touring has again become popular, perhaps best witnessed to by the 1000 pairs of skis, boots, and poles available for rent from the Yosemite Mountaineering School. Weekend trips to huts at Glacier Point, Ostrander Lake, and the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees are again being made, with longer treks to Mr. Hoffman and Tuolumne Meadows.



The ice rink is still located at Curry Village, but in a smaller edition.

The toboggan slide, sleigh rides, and ski-joring were disbanded a long time ago, as was the ski jump.

Yet, Yosemite continues to be a very special place in winter — even if it didn't make the Olympics!



Yosemite dominated window fashion displays in the 1930's.

Can Bobo be saved?

by Deborah Bird

Toward the end of October a small chocolate-brown bear cub wandered down into Yosemite Valley. The cub was alone, most likely having been orphaned by a hunter in mid-October. Had circumstances been different, the cub would have probably have wandered back out the same way he wandered in, and this story — a potentially true story about a real cub nicknamed Bobo — would have a happier ending.

Bobo quickly discovered several excellent reasons to stick around. Collecting enough berries, grubs and small rodents to keep a 65 pound bear cub feeling good is a tedious chore at the best of times. Bears, being the energy-efficient intelligent opportunists they are, have long exploited the prolific amounts of free food available to them in Yosemite Valley. Dumpsters and campgrounds provide abundant quantities of delicious (to a bear) and easily accessible goodies.

The cub Bobo was no different. What better reason to stay? So people throw rocks and yell sometimes, and occasionally he gets caught in a dumpster (but what a yummy time he has sitting there) and then he gets stuck with a needle by a man in green who takes him far away. So what? These minor irritations don't really mean much in the life of a bear. Bobo may still have moved on out of this unnatural habitat once camper-provided food dwindled. Even more likely, he would have looked for a winter den up in the boulders of Tenaya Canyon. But unfortunately for Bobo, he stumbled onto something bigger and better than campgrounds and the Lodge dumpsters. He found some human friends.

Bobo was once only slightly larger than the stuffed pandas that sit on children's beds. He had the bright-eyed

innocent appeal a young animal — be it a puppy, kitten or bear cub — has for everyone. It's not hard to imagine how during his nightly cruises through some of the housing areas people began to watch for him and then began to leave food out for him. Bobo learned quickly, and soon he could be found hanging out at certain areas at specific times waiting for his handouts.

Then Bobo found an even better deal at a shop area behind the housing area he frequented. The employees there became attracted to Bobo that they began to feed him from their lunch boxes. They adopted him as their shop mascot and named him "Bobo." Bobo learned that, besides providing food for him, they didn't present any physical threat to him. He began to approach quite close when they called him by name. He dug himself a little den nearby so he'd be close to his new friends and their lunch boxes and wandered freely in and out of the shop. The shop employees agreed among themselves to "protect" Bobo from the rangers, who they felt would do Bobo harm. So they helped Bobo in and out of the dumpsters and kept all his little misadventures to themselves. With friends like that, who needs enemies?

Bobo never did spend much of the winter sleeping. There was no need to, since he was the only bear out walking around during the cold months, and his friends made sure he got enough to eat. So instead of snoozing away a couple of months in a den up in the talus somewhere and perhaps by spring forgetting most of what he had learned about people and people food, Bobo stayed up, ate a lot and got bigger.

By May, Bobo was slightly over a year old and weighed a hundred pounds, which is significantly heavier

than most yearlings his age. His considerable increase in size began to cause a strain in his relationship with his friends at the shop. Although they were sincerely attached to Bobo and still considered him to be their pet, they began to get a little nervous when he got too close after watching him develop new ways of supplementing his diet by spooking unsuspecting tourists as they walked by carrying their backpacks.

Bobo, the tiny orphaned bear who had accidentally stumbled into Yosemite Valley only 6 months before, was now a larger-than-average and fearless yearling. Bobo had learned quickly that people and people-related areas provided him with an easy living. His constant contact with the shop employees led him to make a fatal association between aggressive behavior on his part and food-producing behavior on the part of the humans he encountered.

The first crisis came when Bobo tore into a red compact car owned by one of the shop employees who had left his lunch sitting on the front seat. The next night, two more little red cars parked across the street were robbed of groceries by a large furry thief who broke in through the windshield. The people at the shop began to try to shoo Bobo off, but he didn't take the hint and hung around as much as ever waiting to be fed.

One fateful day in June, Bobo and an eight-year-old boy on a bicycle tried to cross the same footbridge over Indian Creek at the same time from opposite ends. Bobo didn't appear to notice any problem, but the boy, not being accustomed to bears like Bobo was accustomed to people, opted for the creek. Kid and bicycle went into the water, and Bobo was left with the footbridge to himself.

After all the excitement was over — the kid and bicycle rescued and the parents calmed down — the rangers trapped Bobo and killed him with a euthanizing drug. Bobo left his friends behind at the shop without so much as pointing an incriminating paw. If they want to visit Bobo now, they'll have to find his carcass where it was left down a ravine to return to its natural place in the ecosystem.

Could Bobo have been saved? Is it too late to save Bobo now?

The moral of the story is very clear. If you feed animals, particularly bears, you are not a friend but may be the indirect cause of the animals' death. Please cooperate and don't feed the animals.

Council reorganizes — plans dance

by Ridgley Reece, President of Yosemite Community Council

The Yosemite Community Council encourages your participation and involvement in this newly reorganized community group!

The Community Council sponsors a number of community functions:

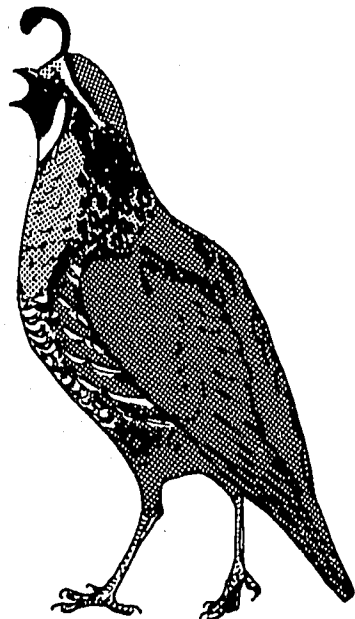
1. The Yosemite Community Council Scholarship.
2. The Annual Fund Drive.
3. The Local Emergency Fund.
4. The reorganization of the local Yosemite Valley Youth Group.

Currently the council is also very busy organizing a community services committee which will provide a current information service within this community.

The council hopes to stimulate a sense of togetherness within the Yosemite National Park communities. To help create this mood of togetherness, I cordially invite you to our Valentine's Dance on Friday, February 8, from 7 to midnight, at the Visitor Center.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler



California Quail
(Valley Quail)
Lophortyx californicus

Pretend the Golden Chain Theatre were type-casting a melodrama using birds. The versatile California (Valley) Quail would fit right into any role. He is at once comic and competent, cute and dignified.

Comic? Clown paint splashes across its face, and that teardrop topknot may droop down over one eye like the price tag on Minnie Pearl's hat.

Competent? California quail are canny birds not frequently surprised. Should you startle a covey, they burst

Hansen to conservancy

Bob Hansen resigned as Director of the Yosemite Institute, Yosemite Campus on January 17. Bob has accepted a position with The Nature Conservancy as Santa Cruz Island Project Director.

The conservancy recently finalized acquisition of the 65,000 acre island, and the position is essentially that of conservator of the property. In his new job, Bob will be responsible for all management and operations of the island, including construction, eradication of exotic species, resource identification, land management, and research.

Bob will continue to make his expertise available to assist in the operations of the Yosemite Campus of the Yosemite Institute. Bob will be missed by the entire Yosemite community.

The Institute has begun a search for a successor, with Michael Keaveny acting as campus director for Yosemite until the position is filled.

up on stubby, churring wings. They glide a few yards and melt beneath the brush beyond, invisible. Their flexible diet — seeds, berries, occasional insects — lets them eat heartily all year. They may roost in the safety of manzanita or other low shrubbery, but they nest (ivory eggs with brown spots) and feed on the ground.

Cute? For pure charm, nothing beats a quail family — Mom, Pop and a dozen fuzzy chicks — scooting single-file across a wash. The precocious chicks, already sporting the topknot, are off and running from the hour they hatch. Born downy, they grow pinfeathers and flight feathers in about 2 weeks. Broods range from 8 or 10 chicks in dry years to 16 in wet ones.

Life at South Entrance

by Shirley Sargent

Not only does an entrance gate ranger collect fees, hand out Park maps, and answer questions, but — in the 1950's at least — he had the job of cleaning the public restrooms, removing litter, and many other odd jobs. One daily task was recording anything out of the ordinary in the daily Park Service Log. From a perusal of the South Entrance Log for the years 1956-1964, it is obvious that a station ranger's life ranged from dull to busy to harrowing. Fires, storms, robberies, hunting season, accidents to animals and autos, power outages, and complaints complicated his (no "hers" on duty in those years) daily and nightly work. Subduing drunks was not unusual. One man, who drove his car in the exit lane thinking that he was in the hills above Berkeley, was detained for a couple of hours while he slept it off. No citation was issued in such cases, but car keys were confiscated until demon rum was distilled.

Some tourists objected strenuously to paying the \$3 entrance fee. After a long argument, one woman handed over the cash, sputtering angrily, "You are nothing but a bunch of dirty jeans!" Another female, equally reluctant to part with money, exclaimed, "I have yet to meet a ranger who is human!" A male visitor, however, topped that one, when he came to Yosemite to ski and discovered that the road to Badger Pass was blocked by a fallen tree. Indignant, he returned to the South Entrance, and requested a refund.

After all the complaints, it was a thrill to hear one departing visitor say, "Best three dollars I ever spent!"

California quail has several close relatives including our slightly larger mountain quail. Mountain quail usually doesn't fly when flushed. Although in winter it migrates downslope to escape deep snow, it occurs normally above 4000 feet. For these reasons it is less frequently seen. Both birds provide a tasty table fare and are hunted outside the park.

Yes, but dignified? Beyond the serio-comic appearance of the California quail lies an elegance, a dignity. He is at ease in his chaparral environment, comfortable in his stony world beneath the bushes. He is capable and flexible enough to survive both drought and plenty.

Can we say as much?

Famous guests received mention. In 1956 Senator Byrd entered, as did the Prime Minister of Pakistan in 1957, Governor Edmund G. Brown in 1961, the now controversial Shah of Iran in 1962, and Jimmy Durante in 1964. On August 18, 1962, a notation was made that "President Kennedy's helicopter passed over area at 10:20 approximately."

Several well-known Yosemite names are contained in the log. In 1957-58, a young ranger cleaned the drains, scrubbed the restrooms, assisted motorists stranded on the icy road, and cited men hunting inside the Park. This energetic fellow was John Townsley, who as son of the Park's Chief Ranger, had grown up in Yosemite. Today he is the Superintendent of Yellowstone National Park.

On May 26, 1956, an entry revealed that "Ferdinand J. Castillo started today," and on June 2, 1960 Lee Shackleton (now Chief of L.E.O.) reported for duty. In November of 1964, a ranger from Kings Canyon named Bill Wendt (now Chief Ranger for the Park) drove up for a look at Yosemite. He was not as confused as the tourist who was astounded to discover he was in Yosemite rather than his destination, Sequoia.

Occasionally, an entrance ranger had to give first aid or be on the lookout for stolen cars or apprehend drivers who had Christmas trees or manzanita branches cut inside the Park. Daily he recorded traffic volume, weather, statistics, accidents, and data such as mentioned in this article, proving that an entrance station ranger's life is rarely routine or predictable.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

Magic - Feb. 5
Starring Anthony Hopkins, Burgess Meredith, Ann-Margret
Rated R

Harold & Maude - Feb. 19
Starring Ruth Gordon, Bud Cort
Rated PG

High Anxiety - Mar. 4
Starring Mel Brooks, Madeline Kahn, Cloris Leachman
Rated PG

Wizards - Mar. 18
A Ralph Bakshi Film (Bakshi produced and directed "Lord of the Rings")

7 p.m.
\$2 per person
East Auditorium/Visitor Center

Runner's Corner

Feb. 10 - Gold Trail Half Marathon. Hornitos to Henderson Park, 10 a.m. Applications available at the Recreation Office.

Mar. 2 - Athletic Attic Fun Run, 1,500, 5,000 and 10,000 meter. Lake Yosemite, 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 16 - MTC Pancake Run, 10k and 2 mile. Lake Yosemite, 9 a.m.

Mar. 30 - Chowchilla Stampede, 10,000 meters. Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

Basketball

Monday evenings from 5-7 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School.

Volleyball

Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-10 p.m. in the East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Jazzercise

Join the Jazzercise class at the Visitor Center each Monday and Wednesday for an hour of exercise. Class is conducted by Lea Metzler and meets at 6 p.m. A new session begins Wednesday, February 6. Cost is \$4 per month.

"The Point"

Under the direction of Ellison Smith, **The Point**, a musical by Harry Nilsson, will be presented to the community during the month of March. **The Point** is the story of a young boy who proves himself to the people in the **Land of Point**.

Oblio, the young man, is regarded as different by the residents in a land where all people have points. His efforts to be accepted provide a universal message that is easily understood by all ages.

Look for show times in the March *Sentinel*.

The Cast

Narrator Kim Quigley
Oblio Cindy Harn
Arrow Gary Preble
Oblio's Mother Kathy Hartman
The King Martin Weiner
The Count Kim Birch
The Count's
mean kid Annette Blackburn
The Townspeople

Andie Belfi
Mary Kay Bingham
Ron Bradley
Diane Hall
Deborah Leverette

Director Ellison Smith
Asst. Director ... Kathleen Fitzgerald
Musical Director Greg Hilbourn
Costumes Kathleen Fitzgerald
Sets Marty Aymar

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Mondays

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
Jazzercise Visitor Center, 6 p.m.
Womens Group Chorus Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Solar Energy Class El Portal School, 7 p.m.

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Jazzercise Visitor Center, 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Ski Buffet Ahwahnee Hotel, 6 p.m.
Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Photography Class Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

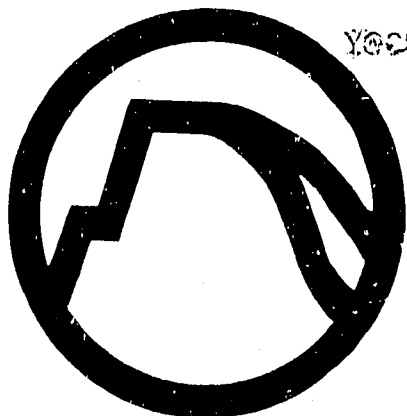
Special Events

Sunday, Feb. 3 Silver Ski Race, Badger Pass
Tuesday, Feb. 5 "Magic", Visitor Center
Thursday, Feb. 7 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Friday, Feb. 8 Women's Group Coffee, Burgen Home, 10 a.m.
Community Dance, Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Sat. & Sun., Feb. 9 & 10 Yosemite Winter Glacier Point
Overnight X-C Ski Trip
Sunday, Feb. 10 Gold Trail Half Marathon
Tuesday, Feb. 19 "Harold and Maude", Visitor Center
Thursday, Feb. 21 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Sat. & Sun., Feb. 23 & 24 Yosemite Winter Club
Championships, Badger Pass
Sat. & Sun., March 1 & 2 YMS Nordic Holiday Races
Sunday, March 2 Athletic Attic Fun Run
Tuesday, March 4 "High Anxiety", Visitor Center
Thursday, March 6 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
Friday, March 7 Women's Group Spaghetti Feed and Movie



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New faces, new places

Chet Skinner has joined YP&C Co. as Manager of Retail.

He comes from Alaska, where he spent the last 1½ years supervising 14 trading posts scattered across the state and accessible only by air or sea.

Mr. Skinner's background includes a wide variety of retail experience. He developed a shopping center in Oroville, was district manager for Albertson's Stores' Los Angeles district, and was with Palo Alto Consumers Co-op, supervising five grocery stores. He also was the assistant general manager for Eagle Thrifty Stores (now owned by Raley's) in Reno, Nevada.

His wife, Barbara, and two children Andrew (a high school senior) and Melissa (in eighth grade), have joined Mr. Skinner in Yosemite. Their three



Chet Skinner



Primo Custodio

older children are married, and their eighth grandchild is due soon.

The Skinners enjoy outdoor sports, particularly tennis, hiking, and roping and riding horses.

Promoted to Manager of Employee Training and Uniforming is Primo Custodio.

Primo began working for the Company in 1972 as a buswasher at the Garage. While at the Garage, he also was tire and lube man, parts person, and statistical clerk.

He then became a personnel clerk, advancing to personnel specialist before transferring to the Insurance and Employee Benefits Office as administrative assistant. He returned to Personnel in 1977 as personnel administrator, the post he held until his promotion.

The Employee Training and Uniforming Department has seen great growth in the past three years, involving an expanded uniform program and many new training and instructional activities.

Primo's extensive involvement in the many varied aspects of Personnel Operations will be a tremendous benefit to the continuing successful efforts of the Training and Uniforming Program.

Claim special disability insurance rebate

United Press International reports that many Californians seem unaware that they are entitled to a refund as high as \$91 on the disability insurance payments they made last year.

The Employment Development Department said the refund claim must be filed as part of a state income-tax return.

But it said the Franchise Tax Board reports that the early returns indicate "many people seem unaware of the refund" although it is featured on the front page of the state income-tax instruction booklet and "clearly explained on Page 11" of that publication.

The Franchise Tax Board advises anyone who has already filed a 1979 return and failed to apply for the refund to file an amended return.

The refund has resulted from legislation passed last year after

disclosure that benefits paid into the disability insurance fund far exceeded the benefits paid out. By the end of last year, the fund had a \$634-million balance.

Under the legislation, for example, an employed husband and wife filing a joint return could claim up to \$182 as a tax credit or an addition to whatever refund they might have coming, or a direct refund if they have no tax liability.

The department, which administers the disability insurance program for 8-million covered workers, said if every eligible worker claims the credit this year, the payout will total \$518.5 million.

The refund legislation, authored by Assemblyman Alister McAlister (D-San Jose), requires refund of 80% of all disability insurance contributions paid by workers in 1979. Since the maximum contribution is \$114, the maximum refund is \$91.

Special class

Dr. Carl Sharsmith will be leading a two day Botany Seminar on April 2 and 3. The fee is \$35. If interested contact Y.N.H.A. at 372-4532.

College update

Beginning April 15 and running for six weeks, Jim Little will present a class in Fundamentals of Stock Market Investments.

Watch for complete details in the April *Sentinel*.

Easter services

The Yosemite Community Church will have its early, outdoor service at 7:30 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 6. It will be at the amphitheater of Lower Pines Campground. At 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship service will be held at the Chapel.

Paper jungle? by Dan Jensen, Controller

Folios, receiving reports, purchase orders, checks, spread sheets, detail tapes, change requests, time cards, grat sheets, travel agent coupons, etc., etc., etc. — the list of paper sent to the accounting department daily, weekly, and monthly seems to continue indefinitely. What happens to this data? Why is it necessary? Who uses it?

This mass of data is sorted, corrected, organized, and processed on a current basis. The data is necessary so that YP&C Co. can meet its various obligations, such as providing paychecks to employees, in a timely manner. The resulting information is

reported in daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual reports to operating management, numerous county, state, and federal government agencies, regulatory agencies, and to our parent company, MCA INC., for inclusion with other financial information in the report to shareholders required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In attempting to fulfill these numerous financial and reporting obligations, we are subject to scrutiny by our independent auditors, Price, Waterhouse & Co., internal auditors of MCA, INC., and auditors of federal and state governments. As such, con-

sistent application of policies and procedures and sound accounting systems are key in satisfying auditors, operating management, and shareholders of the accurateness of our financial reporting and in providing for timely recording and processing of accounting transactions.

In order to effectively meet the demands of the numerous users of accounting information and services, and to provide efficient and consistent guest service, we need the help of all employees. You can provide this help by processing like transactions in the same manner, handling transactions timely and accurately, leaving proper documentation for exceptions, filling out time cards completely and turning them in on time, providing proper explanations to visitors if they question our procedures, and, perhaps most importantly, by asking questions of your supervisor or of members of the accounting department if you do not know or understand the correct procedures to be followed.

We in the accounting department are interested in assisting you in your work, not in creating unnecessary "red tape" or "paper work". We have a steady stream of questions from employees seeking answers to problems affecting them personally or their department. We strive to answer these questions timely and intelligently so that the operating departments can function efficiently and provide improved guest service.

Time to be counted

Between now and the end of the month, you should be receiving a 1980 United States Census form, the questionnaire needs to be filled out completely and held for an enumerator to pick up.

There are two different types of forms which will be sent. The short form will only take about 15 or 20 minutes to fill out. The long form will take between 45 minutes and 1 hour, provided that everyone in the household is there to answer the questions.

Census questionnaires will ask for information on income, as well as other items which you might regard as "personal". These answers are vital, since they will provide information which will be used in apportioning federal, state, and local funds to communities, as well as defining further the needs of each particular community. All information on the census questionnaire will be held in complete confidentiality. Information provided to various agencies to accomplish the above items will be provided collectively, without any names or identifying marks. Further, the questionnaire will not be available for anyone to look at until the year 2052.

Another important function of the census is reapportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as re-districting for state and local governments.

Family needs items

A fire destroyed the home of the Amos Gann family, an NPS employee. The Ganns need furniture, household items, and clothing the following sizes:

- Mens shirts, small and medium
- Pants 32 x 29 L and 33 x 30 or 31 L
- Womens sizes 10 and 12
- Baby boy size 2

Other than some items for their son, the Ganns experienced a total loss. Donations can be taken to Clyde Gann, in El Portal, SPCA Shop in Mariposa, and to Clinton Gann on Usona Road in Mariposa or left at the NPS warehouse.

Wanted

Yosemite Natural History Association needs part-time help this summer. If interested contact Rich at 372-4532 or P.O.B. 545, Yosemite.

YCC holds dance, raffle

The Yosemite Community Council will hold a dance, Friday, March 14, from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Curry Village Dining Pavillion. Cost is \$2.50 per person or \$4 per couple. Live entertainment by "Flyte".

Yosemite Community Council is sponsoring a raffle to "Win a Goose" or two free dinners at the Ahwahnee. Cost is \$1.50.

Drawing will be held March 14 at the Community Dance.

Ancient Jocks to race at Badger

On Saturday, March 22, the Yosemite Winter Club will hold its annual Ancient Jocks Race at Badger Pass.

The fun starts at 2 p.m. when the "Ancient Jocks" race down a slalom, stopping half-way through the course to down a 6 oz. beer before completing the race. To qualify as a racer, you must be at least 30 years old and a present or former member of the Yosemite Winter Club. (Memberships are still being accepted — see Arvin Abbot to join. Dues are \$5 individual, \$10 family.)

Awards will be presented at a banquet Saturday evening, held at the Ahwahnee. The dinner, featuring Prime Rib, costs \$11 per person. Reservations are necessary and must be made by March 19. Call Leroy Rust at 372-4475 to secure your place.

Yosemite Sentinel

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Debra Kroon..... Editor

Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

Scholarship announced — April deadline

With high school seniors making plans for the college year ahead, the Yosemite Scholarship Commission again invites all eligible young persons to apply for the annual scholarship. The time for making application for this scholarship has been moved forward to April to more closely correspond with the awarding of other scholarships.

Any high school senior whose parent or guardian is employed on a year-round basis in Yosemite National Park is eligible to apply. The scholarship is supported entirely by the Yosemite Community Council from funds raised in the community.

Further information and applications may be obtained from Leroy Rust, Yosemite Postmaster, the chairman of the Commission. Applications will be accepted until April 15 in Mr. Rust's office and must be accompanied by a current high school transcript of grades. The recipient will be announced in May.

Notice

To insure that you will be able to take advantage of the free bus service offered you must make your reservations the night before departure.

The following items are taken into account in making the selection: scholastic ability, financial need, leadership ability, personality, and general aptitude. There is no particular significance in this order nor does one qualification have any special weight.

The Yosemite Community Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1934. Among its most recent recipients have been Maren Burgen, Lisa Abbott and Tracy DeSandres.

Register your bike, skis

An easy-to-spot specially-designed yellow sticker on bicycles and skis around Yosemite indicates that the owners have registered their equipment under the new registration program set up by the Yosemite Winter Club and Yosemite Law Enforcement Office.

Registration will be conducted in front of the main Post Office on Monday, March 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Local residents are asked to bring their skis and bikes and register them at that time. Registration records will be maintained by the LEO to assist in returning lost or stolen items to owners.

The Ranger Station at Badger Pass will be the site of registration on Wednesday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The new program is a preventive measure being undertaken by the Park to help deter theft and to reduce the large inventory of lost and found items.

Art work for the sticker was done by Linda Abbott. Each sticker has a serial number and lists the Park address as a contact. A nominal fee of twenty-cents is being charged per item to defray Winter Club expenses.

High school day to be discussed

The El Portal parent-teacher league will meet on Tuesday, March 18, for a presentation on the proposed shortening of the length of the high school day. Speakers include Ivar Kent, Principal of Mariposa County High School, and Jim Archer, Principal of Woodland School. All interested people are invited to attend.

Spring activities begin Easter week

Easter vacation begins March 29, and, weather permitting, the Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand and Valley Stables will open for the spring season that day.

Bicycles rent for \$1.50 per hour. They're a particularly good way to get around Yosemite, since you can pull off the road almost anytime a view or bit of

flora catches your eye. Happy Isles and Indian Caves are good destinations for cyclists, since that area of Yosemite Valley is closed to automobiles.

The stables will offer two-hour guided horseback rides daily at 8 and 10 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Cost is \$10; employees may go on trail rides at half-rate on a space available basis.

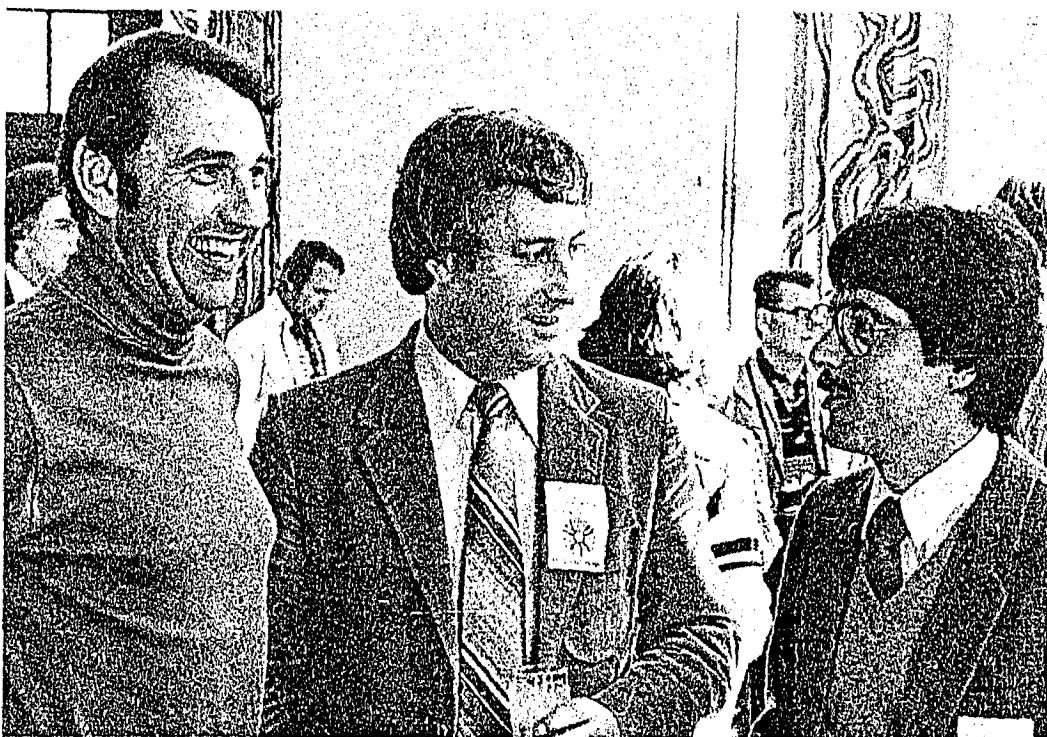
Fam trip for Fresno Day Tour successful

Over 70 people participated in a day-long familiarization ("fam") trip for the new Fresno Day Tour, which is scheduled to begin on a regular basis in April.

The participants, mostly employed by Fresno hotels and visitor information services, experienced a

dry run of the tour. Just like the new service, they left Fresno in the morning, arriving at the Ahwahnee Hotel for lunch. The afternoon continued the tour through Yosemite Valley and included a stop at the Mariposa Grove before returning to Fresno.

Cost for the new tour is \$29.95.



A welcome party was held for participants in the Fresno Day Tour fam trip. On hand were the former Yosemite sales manager Jack Hicks;

Terry Gainer, Manager of sales for YP&C Co.; and John O'Neill, Manager of the Ahwahnee Hotel.



Jack Kappas, winner of the 10th Annual Nordic Holiday Race, is congratulated by Loyd Price, Director of Yosemite Mountaineering School.

Nordic Holiday Race held last weekend

Some 150 cross-country skiers, ranging from novice to expert, participated in the Tenth Annual Nordic Holiday Race, held at Badger Pass and Crane Flat on Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2.

Sponsored by the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., the "big race" of the two-day event was Saturday's 13-17 kilometer (seven-to-nine mile) course, which ran to Bridalveil Campground and Peregoy Meadow before returning to

Discuss Hailey's book

The book discussion group sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group will meet on Monday, March 10, from 12-2 p.m. The book, *A Woman of Independent Means* by Elizabeth Forsythe Hailey, is available at the Ansel Adams Gallery.

Bring your lunch to this informal gathering and enjoy a lively discussion.

Badger Pass, which doubled as the race's start/finish point.

The race continued on Sunday with a "just-for-fun" relay at noon at Crane Flat. Relay teams, comprised of three skiers, covered a total run of two km, or approximately one mile. The light-hearted relays challenged teams of children, families and friends.

Yosemite poetry

Granite walls carved by the hands of the Lord,

Meadows carpeted with grass and reeds

Harvesting wild flowers,

Streams so clear reflecting the skies above,

Birds and the breezes with flowing waters

Creating an atmosphere of symphonic beauty

That enhances the mind with heavenly thoughts.

by Joseph R. Paquette

SF Shopping Trip Planned

by Merrie Hinson

A bus has been chartered for Saturday, April 12, to take community women to San Francisco for a day of shopping. The bus is sponsored by the National Park Service Women, Yosemite chapter.

To sign up for a seat on the 39-passenger YTS bus, \$20 must be paid in advance. Coffee and doughnuts will be served on the bus during the early morning hours.

Times for departure and return are not finalized at this time, but the bus will probably leave about 5 a.m. and return to the Valley by mid-night. A stop will be made in El Portal to pick up passengers.

Reservations will be accepted on a first-come first-paid basis, with the final deadline being March 28, according to project chairman Marsha Lee. This fund-raising project is a first for Yosemite Valley.

Women will be able to disembark at either Union Square or Fisherman's Wharf. The return trip will originate at the Wharf.

Money raised from the trip will be donated primarily to an educational fund maintained by the Alumni and Employee Association of the National Park Service for use by children of NPS employees in furthering college studies.

Bike Rally date set

Yosemite's Spring Bike Rally will be held on April 26 and 27, with registration taking place at the Curry Village Bike Stand each day, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The rally encourages people to see the Park by bicycle, rather than car.

Participants receive a bike rally patch and certificate. Entry fee is 50¢ per person.

A picnic lunch will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Cost is \$2.75 for adults and \$1.75 for children under 12. Lunch includes hot dogs, beans, salad, vegetable, and beverage.

Volunteers are needed to help with registration (Saturday and/or Sunday) and the picnic. If you'd like to help, call ext. 445.

"Jaws" comes to Yosemite



From left, Derrick Vocelka, YP&C Co. Manager of Personnel; Bob Swan of R. Swan & Associates, Fire and Rescue Products; Chuck Vanderwater, NPS Battalion Chief; Tom Williams, YP&C Co. Vice President; Frank Elliott, NPS Chief of Maintenance; Don Cross, NPS Fire Chief; Bob Reece, NPS Assistant Fire Chief; and Garrett De Bell, YP&C Co. Environmental Advisor.

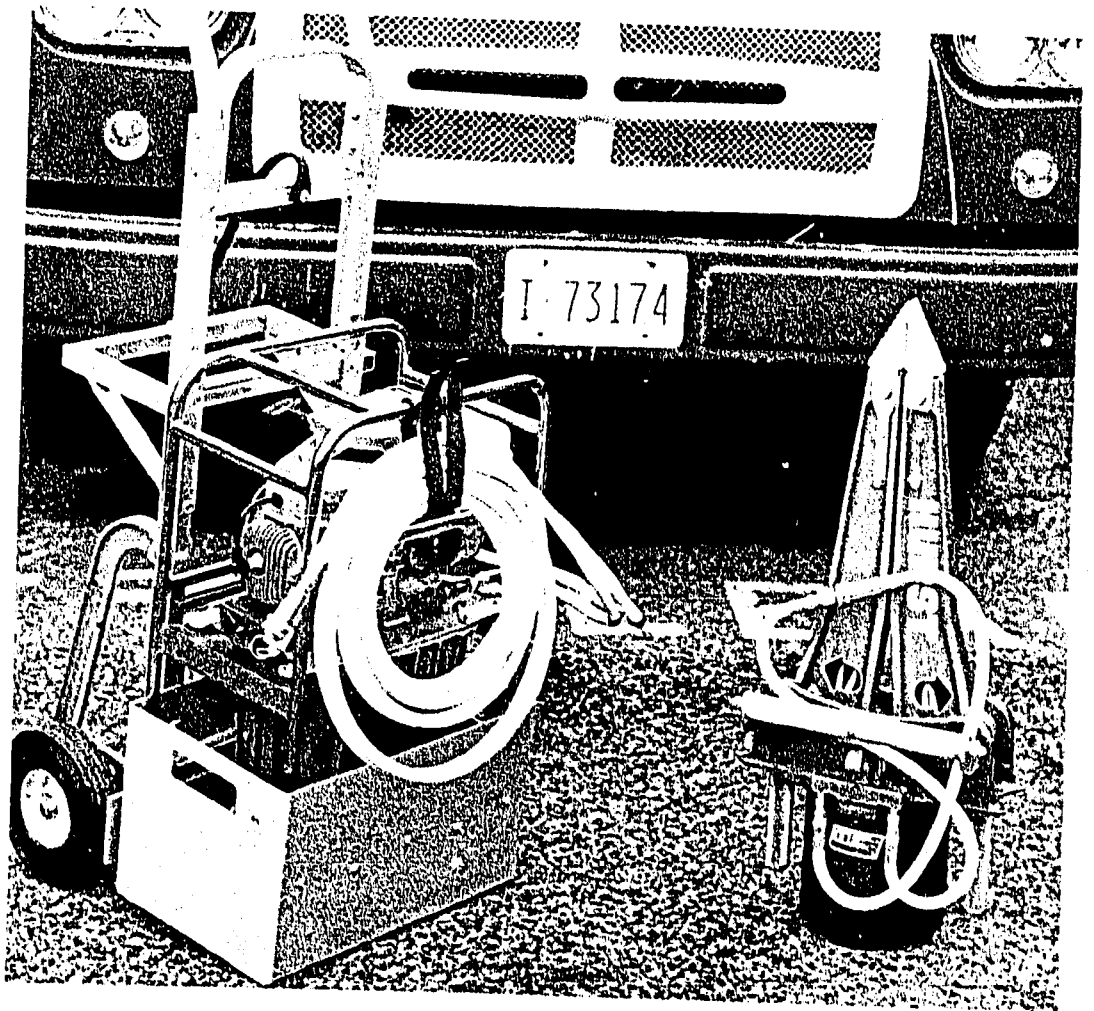
YP&C donates rescue tool to NPS

As part of Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s long-term commitment to providing for the needs of Park residents and visitors, the company donated a "Jaws of Life" to the National Park Service.

The suggestion to donate this much needed piece of rescue equipment to the NPS was made by Derrick Vocelka, Manager of Personnel, following his experience at an accident scene where people were trapped in their vehicle. This device will be used to extricate people in such situations.

Tom Williams, Vice President of Plant Services and Guest Recreation presented the equipment to National Park Service; the purchase was coordinated by Don Cross, NPS Fire Chief.

Funding for the equipment came from the \$5,000 remaining net profit from the Company's successful recycling and beverage container programs following completion of a two year backcountry clean-up program, for which the net profit had been budgeted.



Equipment donated by YP&C Co. to the NPS.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Arboreal Insects

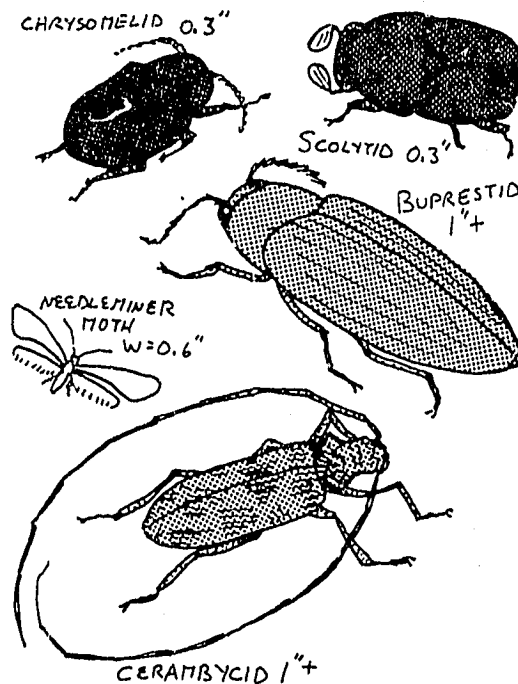
The bodies show up clearly from Inspiration Point — our green Valley floor spotted with the rust-red of hundreds of dead trees. For nearly a year, crews have been removing hazard trees. Still, so many remain. These deaths are attributed to bark beetles who got the upper hand when drought weakened the trees several years ago. But bark beetles aren't the trees' only inhabitants.

It would seem that a tree is an inhospitable environment. It's mostly indigestible cellulose. It's tough. Drill past the bark, and you get mired in sticky, tarry sap. Yet, hundreds of kinds of insects live exclusively in trees and hundreds more make trees their headquarters. Some of the commonest:

BARK BEETLES: Adults and larvae both of these small, dark Scolytid beetles burrow about just under the bark. Mama excavates a long gallery, laying eggs along the way. The hatching larvae strike out in new directions to sketch unique patterns between bark and wood. Not only do the tunnels themselves damage trees, fungi grow in the galleries and rot the bark.

Cucujids, much flattened, are bark beetles only because they live there. They prey upon the tunneling tree-killers.

BORERS: The 2 main groups are easy to tell: Cerambycids have very long antennae ("feelers"). Buprestids, oval



and shiny, have short ones. Both frequently come in lovely colors, especially the metallic buprestids. True to their name, they bore right into the heartwood.

LEAF BEETLES: Many families of insects eat tree leaves. The chrysomelids, tiny, hard and jewel-like, are perhaps the commonest. Some simply sit on leaves and eat them. Others trace lacy patterns by eating channels between the two outer cell layers.

NEEDLEMINERS, LEAF MINERS: Several families of insects specialize in tunneling inside leaves. Most important locally are the gelechiid needleminers, tiny white moths whose larvae live in lodgepole pine needles. Large invasions kill whole stands of pine, creating the ghost forests of the high country.

Those are only a few of the most common. Termites, budworms, carpenter bees and moths, sawflies, lace bugs, pine weevil . . . the list goes on and on. We look on Yosemite as a living museum of inter-related ecosystems. But that's just the human view. To the insects, it's simply smorgasbord.

Mountain medicine symposium offered

MMS4, the fourth Mountain Medicine Symposium sponsored by Yosemite Institute and Sandoz Pharmaceuticals, will be held in Yosemite Valley Sunday, March 23, through Wednesday, March 26. The challenges and hazards that can affect climbers, hikers, skiers, or kayakers in wild country — whether on a day trip or a lengthy Himalayan expedition — will be covered. Recent findings and techniques on outdoor illnesses and injuries will be highlighted by "victim" accounts.

A special fourth-day session, sponsored by the Mountain Rescue Association and assisted by the National Park Service and the U.S.

Special service lines at Village Store

The next time you purchase any item at the Village Store's grocery department, be sure you use the special service lines at the checkout stands.

These lines are identified by signs which read, "YP&C Co. Cardholders Use This Register," and have been provided to give employees faster service. By presenting your privilege card at the special service line, you will receive your discount.

Make sure you're in a special service line when you checkout, since discounts will not be given at regular register lines.

Navy, will present search and rescue and evacuation techniques, including helicopters, dogs, and other tools.

Dr. Charles S. Houston has assembled nearly two dozen distinguished international speakers, including Drs. Cameron Bangs, Catherine MacInnis, Drummond Rennie, Franz Berghold, and Peter Hackett, as well as Yvon Chouinard.

These sessions are intended for the inexperienced mountain walker, seasonal climber, and health professional. About 25% of the audience is expected to be physicians, 25% other health personnel, and 50% non-medical.

For registration information contact Karen Wood at Yosemite Institute, 372-4441.

Experience the Park on a tour

All employees are entitled to one free Valley Floor Tour. By taking the tour, you'll find out more about the place we call home. Make arrangements with your supervisor for your free tour.

Another interesting tour is the half-day trip to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees. You'll hear some of the history surrounding the Wawona Road, as well as having an opportunity to wander among the Giant Sequoias.

Once the Glacier Point Road opens for the summer, you can enjoy a half-

day tour to Glacier Point or an all-day Grand Tour of Yosemite, which includes both Glacier Point and the Mariposa Grove.

All tours are half-fare for employees (exception: your first Valley Floor Tour); employee rates are \$3 for the Valley Floor Tour, \$5 for Mariposa Grove, \$4.75 for Glacier Point, and \$7.25 for the Grand Tour. Check with tour center agents for more information.

People of the past



Wilson

by Shirley Sargent

Herbert Earl Wilson, the Firefall king, and Elsie May Hoyle, the ham and eggs queen, both former Yosemite residents, died recently.

Wilson, who often dressed in buckskin pants and jacket, moccasins and Indian headband, was well known as a friend of the local Indians, a lecturer, author, and Firefall expert. Born June 14, 1891, in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, he had youthful training in blacksmithing, wagon repair, and singing! By the age of 18, he was on the stage and directed two road shows.

Entertainment was his forte and, soon after he arrived in Yosemite in 1918, he was hired by the Curry Camping Company to be the Firefall tender. Not only did he make the fire, push the glowing embers off of Glacier Point and shout the echoing calls, such as "The fire falllllls," but actually carried firewood on his back up the precipitous Ledge Trail. Ironically, this lean mountaineer, who established the record time of climbing from the Valley floor to Glacier Point in 54 minutes, was rejected for service in World War I because of a lame leg. His record for the downhill distance was 28 minutes.

Guests of Camp Curry were so impressed by his feat, his dramatic calls, and long-lived Firefalls that, according to an October 1918 *Sunset* magazine article, "they took up a collection not long ago and presented him with a horse. He is very proud of it and now he makes the fire-fall larger and finer than ever."

Wilson became so absorbed by Yosemite, its spectacular features and native inhabitants, he studied its historical background, wrote, and, in 1922, published a small book titled *The Lore and the Lure of Yosemite*, which

was devoted to Indian customs and legends. Three editions of the book were printed in the 1920's; copies sold at \$1.50 each; today a copy sells for \$10 or more. Wilson's primary research source was pioneer Galen Clark's *Indians of the Yosemite*, which was published in 1904. In honor of Clark, Wilson named one of his sons Galen.

After his Firefall tendings days were over, Wilson worked for the Curry Company as a lecturer on buses and programs. His main subject was Indians. His calling card advertised him as "Chief Lecturing Escort," but Yosemite residents called him "Spieler Earl."

"He was a spellbinder," remembers our postmaster, Leroy Rust. "His voice, manner, and Indian costume fascinated me as a kid."

From May to October, Wilson spied and assisted in the organization and presentation of the annual Indian Field Days, and sold tickets for motor, animal, and pack trips. For this and entertainment jobs, he received a salary of \$125 a month plus commission on ticket sales.

"It is understood that this salary is on the basis of seven days per week," his 1929 contract stated. "Days off, if any, will be taken at your expense." A rental tent in Camp 6 was home to him, his wife, Alice, whom he had met and courted in Yosemite, and their four sons.

His Yosemite tenure ended with the Depression of the 1930's, when Wilson moved to the Three Rivers area near Sequoia National Park. His biggest enterprise there was the development of a resort named Lake Elowin, an Indian word meaning roughly "land of the West," i.e. "heaven." As in Yosemite, Wilson befriended and studied the background of area Indians, then wrote and published *The Lore and the Lure of Sequoia*, which bore great similarity to his earlier book.

In 1979, the Wilsons observed their 60th anniversary, although Mrs. Wilson was nearly helpless from the effects of a stroke. Wilson took care of his beloved Alice for years, but died on January 23, 1980, and she survives. Three sons, 15 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, and two books also survived "Spieler Earl," the Fire-fall king.

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"Ham and eggs 50¢" was an advertised feature of Camp Hoyle during its 1922-32 decade of operation on the site of what now is the Wawona

Campground, one mile north of Wawona. Elsie Hoyle was purveyor of the ham, eggs, and other edibles needed to serve three meals a day to tourists.

"Until 1922 I had never cooked for crowds, but I learned fast," she said. "My son Bill helped me, and we had a waitress."

She and her husband, Bert, built a few cabins and tents for tourists, but their main revenue was derived from the restaurant and soda fountain, at first on the old Wawona Road above the flat, and, after 1927, on the flat itself, adjacent to the new roadbed. After road construction began in 1929, the Hoyles had the commissary contract to feed 75 to 100 men a day. Mrs. Hoyle did all the cooking on a wood-burning cookstove.

Camp Hoyle closed in December of 1932, as the government had acquired all private property in the Wawona Basin for inclusion in Yosemite National Park. Elsie and Bert Hoyle reinvested in the Long Barn Hotel on Highway 108 and ran it. Once more she presided in the kitchen.

Long after retirement, and Bert Hoyle's death, Elsie kept house for her bachelor son Bill and did sewing and alteration in their Long Barn home.

Her birth took place in 1882 in Storm Lake, Iowa; her death, at 97, in December, 1979, in Sonora. Two sons and four grandchildren survive her. She is remembered by oldtimers as a good woman and cook.

Although Elsie Hoyle and Herbert Wilson had to leave Yosemite, its lore and lure never left them. Both treasured memories, pictures, and visits.

For sale

8 x 25 trailer with living room; kitchen and bedroom carpeted. Site F-4, El Portal Trailer Court. Contact Vicki Bassett at 372-4611, ext. 240, or 379-2663 to make offer.

1974 Ford E 100 Supervan, AT, PB, PS. Minimum bid \$2,700. Sealed bids accepted until March 10, 1980 with certified check of 10% of bid to Yosemite Credit Union, P.O. Box 576, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389. Phone 372-4750.

Men's figure skates with blade guards, size 9, very good condition. \$125 new, will sell for \$50. Call 372-4611, ext. 407 and leave message, or come by Tecoya A-33.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Marty Aymar, Manager of Employee Recreation

Movies

Wizards - March 18
A Ralph Bakshi Film (Bakshi produced and directed "Lord of the Rings")

Butch & Sundance - The Early Years - April 8
7 p.m.

\$2 per person
East Auditorium/Visitor Center
Ticket stubs are good for one free light draft at Sam's after movie.

Runner's Corner

March 16 - MTC Pancake Run, 10K and 2 mile. Lake Yosemite, 9 a.m.

March 30 - Chowchilla Stampede, 10,000 meters, fairgrounds, 9 a.m.

April 6 - Athletic Attic Fun Run, 1500, 5000, & 10,000 meters. Lake Yosemite, 3:30 p.m.

April 20 - Diet Pepsi 10K, Lake Yosemite, 8 a.m.

Basketball

Mondays from 5-7 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School.

Volleyball

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-10 p.m. in the East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Employee Discounts

As employees of YP&C Co., certain benefits are available through the Employee Recreation Department.

Among these are various discounts to amusement parks throughout California. This is what is available to you:

Marriott's Great America: Club members receive a \$1 savings on adult, child, or senior admission prices. Discounts are also available to the **Winchester Myster House.** Club members receive a 20% savings from **Hertz** and a 10% savings at **Marriott Hotels.**

Magic Kingdom Club: Members receive "unlimited use" tickets at special discount prices for Disneyland and Disney World. Howard Johnson Motor Lodges also offer a 10% discount on double-occupancy rooms.

Other amusements parks which offer special rates to YP&C Co. employees are **Knotts Berry Farm, Lion Country Safari** in Irvine, CA, **Marine-World, Africa U.S.A, Magic Mountain, Movieland Wax Museum, Universal Studio Tours,** and **Marineland** in Palos Verdes.

All discount cards can be obtained free of charge at the Employee Recreation office, located in B-5, Tecoya dorms.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Mondays

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
Jazzercise Visitor Center, 6 p.m.
Womens Group Chorus Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Solar Energy Class El Portal School, 7 p.m.

Wednesdays

Jazzercise Visitor Center, 6 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Ski Buffet Ahwahnee Hotel, 6 p.m.
Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Photography Class Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Monday, March 10 ... Bike & ski registration, Post Office, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Book Discussion Group, noon - 2 p.m.
Wednesday, March 12 Bike and ski registration, Badger Pass
A-Frame, 10 a.m. to noon
"The Point," Village Sport Shop, 8 p.m.
Thursday, March 13 "The Point," Village Sport Shop, 8 p.m.
Friday, March 14 Community Council Dance, Curry Village
Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
"The Point," Village Sport Shop, 8 p.m.
Sunday, March 16 Muscular Dystrophy Ski-a-Thon, Badger Pass
Tuesday, March 18 "Wizards," Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Thursday, March 20 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, noon
Saturday, March 22 YWC Ancient Jocks Race, Badger Pass, 2 p.m.
Sunday, March 23 .. Yosemite Institute Mountain Medicine Symposium
Tuesday, April 1 Census Day
Thursday, April 3 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, noon
Tuesday, April 10 "Butch & Sundance - the Early Years,"
Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 12 NPS Women's Bus Trip to San Francisco

Don't miss "The Point"

by Ellison Smith

Acting! Singing! Dancing! That's what will be going on in the Village Sport Shop on March 12, 13, and 14 at 8 p.m. when **The Point** by Harry Nilsson will be presented to the Yosemite community.

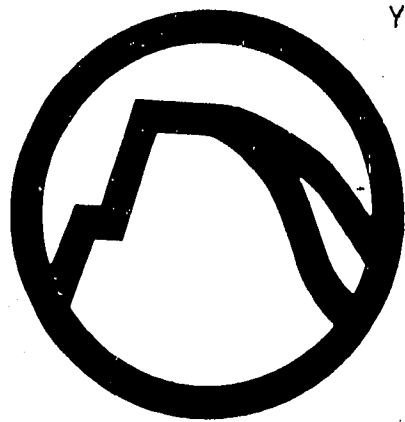
It is a light musical for both children and adults and deals with the story of Oblio, a little girl, and her dog, Arrow, and their adventures in the Land of Point. It is a story of prejudice and self acceptance. Oblio, since she is round-headed and everyone else has a point, is banished with Arrow to the Pointless Forest, a place where no one has journeyed before.

Added to the cast since last month's *Sentinel* were Andy Skinner (Townsperson), and Diana Mendelson on the flute.

The Point is being presented through Employee Recreation. We are asking \$1 donation for adults and \$.50 for children under 12 at the door. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show will last approximately one hour.

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Bannen new vice president



Grant Bannen has joined Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as Vice President of Hotels and Restaurants. He replaces executive vice president Steve Lew, who was promoted to vice president at the Universal Studios Tour.

Most recently, Mr. Bannen was Vice President of Hotel Development for a company which developed office buildings and hotels. He also spent seven years with ARASERV (a division of ARA Services) as Vice President of the Parks Division. In this capacity, Mr. Bannen supervised ARASERV operations in Shenandoah

and Mesa Verde National Parks and nine other resort hotels in state parks in widespread locations, including Alabama, Ohio, and New York. He also has worked for Hyatt Hotels and Playboy.

His wife, Diane, and their two sons Grant (10) and Mike (6), will be joining him in Yosemite in the early part of this month.

Mr. Bannen enjoys basketball, working out, and — when there's time — backpacking and winter mountaineering. He also is an avid follower of sports.

Residents of the South for the past ten years, the Bannens look forward to living in Yosemite.

Ancient jocks prove (?) "older is better"

Yosemite Winter Club members from near and far gathered in Yosemite on March 22 for the annual Ancient Jocks race and banquet.

The event kicked off with a reunion picnic on the sun deck at Badger, which was followed by 72 people racing down the slalom course in hopes of a fast time. Halfway through the run, though, the skiers had to stop and drink 6 oz. of beer or soft drink before completing the course.

The evening was spent at the Ahwahnee Hotel, where the day's runs were discussed and friendships renewed over cocktails and dinner.

Winter Club president Arvin Abbott, coach Leroy Rust, and Hank Johnston spoke prior to presenting awards. Recipients were:

30 - 45

Men - Randy Rust - First Place
Women - Joyce Miller - First Place

46 - 60

Men - Otto Miller - First Place
Women - Marian Woessner - First Place

Over 60

Men - Jack Saulsbury - First Place
Women - Eileen Berrey - First Place

Scholarship Application Deadline

APRIL 15

Don't Forget!

Mountain Shop SPRING KICK-OFF

Refreshments

25% Off

Special-tag items including

All insulated clothing

x-c skis

x-c suits

selected x-c boots

15% Off

Everything else

except food and beverages

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

Mountain Shop
Camp Curry

Volunteers needed for Bike Rally

We need you to make the Bike Rally a success. Assistance is needed in registering people on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27, and with the picnic on Saturday afternoon.

Those working at the Rally will receive lunch and a memento of the event.

You may volunteer for one day, both days, or a portion of a day; call ext. 445 to sign up. We need you!

Be sure to register to vote

Primary elections will be held in California on Tuesday, June 3. You must be a registered voter by May 5 to participate in the California primary.

If you have moved since the last election, you will need to re-register. Forms are available at the counter of YP&C Co.'s Personnel Dept.

Yosemite summer

by Tom Williams, Vice President of Guest Activities & Plant Services

As the popular winter season comes to a close and all of you skiers have sustained an adequate number of sunburned faces and frozen big toes, let us look at the summer and the various activities that Yosemite can afford us as residents of one of the most glorious parks in the nation.

There are a number of activities, and among the most enjoyable are swimming, fishing, rock climbing, and hiking. While these activities are a great deal of fun, certain caution should be exercised to assure your safety. Carelessness in enjoying these activities can often result in tragedy. This year, in particular, the Merced River will be flowing very swiftly and at very high levels due to the heavy snow season. If you want to swim, it

may be better to consider the Yosemite Lodge or Curry Village pool. Both are free to employees — just present your privilege card. Or you can wait until August to swim in the river, when it is much lower and not nearly as fast. Although the Merced River literally means "mercy", it can be merciless in the early spring of the year.

Rafting is very dangerous. Don't try it with an air mattress or if you are inexperienced. Again, wait until the later part of the summer, as in August, when the currents are not as strong. Check with the National Park Service for a safe rafting area. Before you go on the river, familiarize yourself with it and its hazards by walking it several times. It's best to be safe; you may not have a chance to be sorry.

Another favorite activity is rock climbing. A few precautions will make your climb memorable. Be sure to check your equipment over thoroughly before you begin the climb, and make certain it is in the best possible condition.

Use a climbing guidebook to acquaint yourself with the route, and don't take a risk with a route rated for the more experienced. Friends are great to discuss climbing with, but if you want to become more skilled, have an expert teach you. Lessons are available through the Yosemite Mountaineering School for all levels of climbing skill, and you can even arrange for private instruction and guided climbs.

Fishing is also a popular sport. While the Merced River affords excellent fishing for the experienced angler, again, caution must be exercised as the rocks along the shore can often times be very slippery and the river icy cold.

Hiking is perhaps the sport that is enjoyed by the greatest number of people. There are many trails throughout the Park, and the Park Service rangers can familiarize you with those that you may not know very well. It is a good idea to take along a friend in case some unforeseen difficulty should arise.

Careful, safe precaution in enjoying these various summer activities will greatly enhance your overall Yosemite experience. Have a good, safe summer.

Outstanding performance draws praise

by Ellison Smith

On March 12, 13, and 14, the Village Sport Shop was magically transformed into the Land Of Point. This "magic" was achieved through the efforts of many people. The story was taken from an album by Harry Nilsson and adapted into a script.

I have been impressed by the Park's great potential for theatre and by the amazing amount of talent around the valley. Judging from the turnout and warm response from the show, I feel there is a great need for more creative outlets of this sort.

The play was directed by myself, with the following cast:

- Kim Quigley Narrator
- Gary Preble Arrow
- Cindy Harn Oblio
- Martin Weiner The King
- Kim Birch The Mean Count
- Annette Blackburn Count's Mean Kid

- Katie Hartman Oblio's Mom
- Andie Belfi Townsperson
- Andy Skinner Townsperson
- Deborah Leverette Townsperson

Special thanks to costumers Katie Hartman and Andie Belfi and to Deborah Leverette who took care of makeup.

Musical direction was provided by Greg Hilbourn, our pianist, with Diane Mendelson on flute and Winfred Kelly on drums.

Lighting was designed and executed by Ray Genung and Greg Haas.

School presents play

Come and enjoy a romp through a land in which you are "Free to be You and Me." On May 1, at 7:30 p.m., Yosemite Elementary School is producing a theatrical event directed by Kim Quigley. It is Marlo Thomas' collection of vignettes expressing a child's rights to be.

From book-record to animation, and now in stage. Help support Yosemite Elementary School.

Tickets may be purchased in advance from Marty Edeal, Gayle Fokens, Marilyn Riegelhuth, Mary Vocelka, and Jody Wurgler. The price is only \$1 per adult. Help support Yosemite Elementary School by buying your ticket now!

Focus on the family

The Yosemite Community Church is sponsoring the film series, "Focus on the Family." Nationally-known author and professor of Pediatrics Kenneth Dobson presents insights which have changed the lives of thousands of families. The films are shown Sunday evenings at seven at the Yosemite Chapel. The series includes:

- April 6, 7 p.m., Shaping the Will.
- April 13, 7 p.m. Christian Fathering.
- April 20, 7 p.m., Preparing for Adolescence/Self-doubt.
- April 27, 7 p.m., Preparing for Adolescence/Peer Pressure.
- May 4, 7 p.m., What Wives Wish their Husbands knew about Women/Housewife.
- May 11, 7 p.m., What Wives Wish their Husbands knew about Women/Money, Sex & Children.

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Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Ensatina Salamander (*Ensatina eschscholtzi*)

It's hard to be beautiful, charming, and unique and still go totally unnoticed, but *Ensatina* succeeds. There are *Ensatina*s all over Yosemite and yet hardly anyone ever sees one, much less realize what a nifty little creature it is.

Ensatina occurs along the Pacific coast, in the Sierra, and the Cascades. Its color pattern varies in different parts of the range. Here the base color is umbre with splashes of muted orange.

Like all salamanders it has no sharp toenails, no scales on its delicate skin. Its fat little tail is pinched at the base. As salamanders go, it is medium-sized — about 3 inches (plus a 2 inch tail).

Ensatina is, literally, groovy. About a dozen costal grooves crease its sides. Grooves mark unique patterns on its nose, head, neck, and back. The grooves, plus the brown/orange colors, make *Ensatina* recognizable in any crowd of salamanders. Even so, the groovy little amphibian is so unnoticed it never received a universally-accepted common name. It is called *Ensatina*, its genus name, by some; Painted salamander by others; *Eschscholtz's* salamander by still others.

Sometime around May (in our area), What's-His-Name persuades his lady to follow him about with her chin resting on his hips. He deposits a capsule, the spermatophore, on the ground. As she draws it up, he strokes her back and tail with his tail (the



courtship, called "tail walk" is similar to that of its related Plethodonts). She goes off then to deposit about a dozen eggs in a sticky cluster. She will stay with them until they hatch.

Ma *Ensatina* lays her eggs underground in some abandoned burrow, perhaps a rotten stump. This isn't masochism. Because it will die if its skin dries, *Ensatina* loves dampness, gloom, and wet, dreary days. On warm, dry days when humans like to get about, *Ensatina* hides secluded in some rotten log or other damp and gloomy place.

It's no wonder that this beautiful and unique little creature goes unnoticed.

AFS Weekend planned

For the tenth year, families in Yosemite Valley will host foreign exchange students in their homes during the last weekend in April. This year, the students — part of the American Field Service program — come from Europe, the British Isles, Africa, Australia, New Zealand, South America, and the Philippines. Although given the opportunity to visit a large part of the United States throughout the year, the 34 young people coming to Yosemite are spending the school with host families in the East Bay area.

The young people, accompanied by four college-age student/counselors and Mrs. Eileen Powlesland and Anne Brinckerhoff of the American Field Service, arrive by bus at Yosemite

School on Thursday evening, April 24. Here they meet their Park families. In addition to attending AFS meetings, the students are encouraged to take short hikes, ride the shuttle buses, and tour the visitor center while they are here. On Saturday night, the students treat their families to a talent show consisting of songs, dances, and skits from their native countries. A dance follows.

The visit ends at noon on Sunday, April 27, as the guests climb back on the bus headed for San Francisco. Any family interested in hosting a student should contact Linda Griffiths, AFS Weekend Coordinator, at 372-4778. From 20 to 25 families are needed. The Yosemite Women's Group sponsors this event.

Groups meet

Dispatches by Michael Herr will be the subject for the Book Discussion Group on Monday, May 5. Anne Graham will host the meeting in her home, from 12 to 2 p.m. All are welcome to participate. Please bring your lunch.

The Yosemite Lions Club meets the first and third Thursday of every month at 12:15 p.m. in the Winter Club Room of the Ahwahnee Hotel (unless changed due to special circumstances.)

Call president Bill Breckenkamp at 372-4318 or 372-4475 to make reservations.

Learn about the market

April 15 will see the beginning of a six-week, 1-unit course on "The Fundamentals of Stock Market Investment," under the Merced College extension program. Jim Little will be instructing the course, sharing the expertise he has gained through his time spent as a member and leader of a local investment club.

The course will be given Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School. Registration is held at the first session, with no tuition charge for California (1-year) residents.

**Voter
Registration
Deadline**

May 5

For sale

1 pair of Wald custom speakers. New, good condition, \$150 pr. Pioneer PL 5.2 belt drive turntable. Must sell. Asking \$75. Please call 372-4461, ext. 224 and ask for Debbie or leave your number.

1978 Ford Van 302 cu. inch engine. Three speed transmission. New tires - AM/FM 8 track. Air shocks. 23 mpg on highway. MAKE OFFER Chuck Pemberton - Yosemite Garage, ext. 221.

Trailer, 8 ft. x 35 ft. Kitchen, bath, bedroom. Very homey. \$4,000. Call 375-6463 after 6 p.m.

3-family yard sale. May 2 and 3, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Furniture, baby items, baby clothes, dishes, etc. El Portal Trailer Village, G-8.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by Jill Patterson, Recreation Attendant

Movies

Butch and Sundance - The Early Years, April 8 at 7 p.m.

The Wanderers, April 22 at 6:30 and 9 p.m.

\$2 per person, East Auditorium, Visitor Center.

Runners Corner

Get out your running shoes because Spring is once again on its way. Come by and pick up a mileage map of the Valley floor in the Recreation office — Tecoya B-5.

April 6, Athletic Attic Fun Run, 1500, 5000 and 10k, Lake Yosemite, 3:30 p.m.

April 20, Diet Pepsi 10k, Lake Yosemite, 8:00 a.m.

May 4, Athletic Attic Fun Run, Applegate Park, 6:30 p.m.

May 25, Indian Gulch to Hornitos, 5 — 10k, Catheys Valley, 8:00 a.m.

Volleyball

Now is the time to get out and practice those volleyball skills, for the 1980 summer league is quickly approaching! Every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the East Auditorium Visitor Center — Housing Areas!

Jazzercise — With Lea

Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m. Starting on April 9 in the West Auditorium. Cost is \$3.50; register by attending first session.

Basketball

Every Monday and Thursday at the Yosemite Elementary School from 5 to 7 p.m., soon to be moving outdoors!

Employee Day at Badger

Employee Badger Day is coming up Monday, April 7, after the big Easter week rush. It will be a time for you to enjoy our facilities up at Badger from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will be activities for all, with live music, downhill, snowshoe races, relays, and an ice sculpturing contest. Lift tickets will be free to all employees with I.D. cards. We will be having special buses to get you up to Badger and back, along with a hot-dog roast at special employee prices. How can you go wrong — plan on it now, and we'll see you there. Contact Recreation in Tecoya B-5 if you have any questions, or check the bulletin boards.

Recreation

The Recreation Department is open for business. With spring on its way, we all have greater opportunities to get outside and start enjoying it.

Come by and check out the equipment we have, including volleyball, basketball, baseball, badminton and tennis rackets, soccerballs, Frisbees, Jokari, jumprobes and more.

All you need is your employee I.D. card, and it's yours for the day.

We are now trying to get a jump on summer and would love to hear from you. Let us know what new programs, activities, and equipment you would be interested in. The Recreation office is located in Tecoya B-5; the phone number is 372-4611, ext. 475.

Auction coming

Come one! Come all! To the Yosemite School auction. Great prizes donated by local retail outlets will be auctioned on Friday, April 18, in the school auditorium from 7:30 p.m. until the items run out.

Join the fun, food, and fast action, and be ready to buy many great items.

The auction is a fund-raising effort to help the junior high school class finance a study trip to the Bay Area. Here's an opportunity to help a good cause and have a good time as well!

Donation of quality items for auction are also being accepted. If you have a special item you want to donate to the auction or you have further questions, call Yosemite School at 372-4791.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the Yosemite Guide.

Mondays

- Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Jazzercise Visitor Center, 6 p.m.
- Women's Group Chorus Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
- Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Wednesday

- Jazzercise Visitor Center, 6 p.m.

Thursdays

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- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
- Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Sundays

- County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.
- Films Yosemite Chapel, 7 p.m.

Special Events

- Thursday, April 3 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, 12:15 p.m.
- Monday, April 7 Employee Day, Badger Pass, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 8 Movie, Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, April 12 Deadline Day, Income Tax, Scholarship Stock Investment Class begins, Yosemite School, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, April 17 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 22 Movie, Visitor Center, 6:30 and 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 24 AFS Students arrive
- Saturday, April 26 Bike Rally
- Sunday, April 27 Bike Rally
- Thursday, May 1 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, 12:15 p.m.
- Monday, May 5 Deadline - Voter Registration for California Primary

Take a tour of Yosemite

by Kim Saunders, Tour Coordinator

Have you ever felt "Pohono"? Do you know that some of the oldest living things on earth are located right here in Yosemite? Or, what happened to the other half of Half Dome? Can you find Tis-sia-ack, the woman in Half Dome? Do you know the legend of Galen Clark?

If you find your curiosity aroused by these questions and would like the answers, our own Yosemite Transportation System can provide them. YTS offers several tours daily, and we'd be pleased to have you as a guest.

The two tours currently available on a daily basis are:

VALLEY FLOOR TOUR. This two-hour tour around the Valley Floor in an open-air tram is an excellent way to become familiar with the beautiful Yosemite Valley. You'll hear how the Valley was formed, and of its history, as well as Indian legends and an introduction to all the natural wonders of the area. If you're a new employee and have attended orientation, you've received a complimentary pass to join us for this tour. We look forward to your trip — don't forget your camera!

BIG TREES TOUR. This four-hour tour departs once daily and takes you to the magnificent Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. Be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes and a jacket, as the Grove is still partly blanketed in snow. Upon your arrival, your guide will lead you on a pleasant and informative tour by foot to some of the most incredible trees you'll ever see. Along the road (Highway 41) both coming and going, you'll be treated to spectacular views and fascinating history.

As the snow melts and the roads into the high country of the Park clear, the following tours will be added, and the Big Trees Tour will be expanded by two hours, to include lunch at Wawona.

GLACIER POINT TOUR. Leaving the Valley twice daily, this half-day tour will ascend almost four thousand feet into the high country to the south of the Valley. From an exposed peak 3,245 feet above Yosemite Valley, you'll have commanding views of North Dome, the "other side" of Half Dome, Nevada and Vernal Falls, and the high country to the north. On a clear day you can see over twenty-five miles to the east, across the "Range of Light," the Sierra Nevada.

THE GRAND TOUR. The ultimate in tours, the Grand Tour combines a trip to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees and the Glacier Point Tour with the added attraction of lunch at the historic Wawona Hotel.

You can contact the Yosemite Lodge Tour Desk (ext. 240) for further information. Please be sure to make your reservations a day in advance to guarantee seating. As an employee, you are entitled to special discount rates on all these tours, as well as

FREE transportation via YTS to Merced, Fresno (after June 1), and Lee Vining (when Tioga Pass opens). You'll find our drivers and guides are qualified and entertaining interpreters of the beauty and history around here in Yosemite. A few hours spent touring Yosemite National Park with YTS can be a rewarding and memorable experience — an enjoyable addition to your stay in the Park. It's a good way for you, as an employee, to become familiar with the Park, as well as an excellent way for guests to enjoy Yosemite's splendor.

As John Muir said upon entering the Yosemite Valley, you're in "the grandest of all the special temples of Nature," . . . "an immense hall or temple lighted from above" where Nature has "gathered her choicest treasures". Make the most of your Yosemite experience; get out and explore! YTS is here to help!

SEE YOSEMITE BY BUS . . . and encourage our guests to do the same.

Mariposa Indian Council delegation to Washington

The Mariposa Indian Council is seeking financial support from the community and elsewhere to send Indian representatives to Washington D.C. to testify before the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 15, 1980, for "monies" to continue cultural programs in national parks.

The Council would like to send two or three persons back to speak before this Congressional committee, because we, as Indian people, feel that it is very important to keep the cultural programs alive, in areas such as Yosemite.

The Mariposa Indian Council was formed in January of 1971. One of the main purposes of forming a council was that as an Indian organization, we would have a stronger voice in Federal, State and County programs or issues, concerning Native American Indians.

The Council has been very active with the Yosemite Master Plan since 1976. The Council submitted resolutions and position papers to the

National Park Service in Aug./Sept. of 1976. One of the main points of the proposal was that a parcel of land be set aside for the Indian people to use for their religious and traditional ceremonies.

The site the Council has asked for is the place where the last Indian village was located in Yosemite Valley.

The Mariposa Indian Council is a non-profit organization. All contributions will be greatly appreciated and should be made out to the Mariposa Indian Council. Send to Elsie Domingues (treasurer), P.O. Box 22, El Portal, CA 95318. All donations are tax deductible. The Council thanks everyone who helped to make our enchilada dinner on Friday, April 25, a huge success.

Yosemite poetry

by Joseph Paquette

A shallow pond
with clear transparent
and still waters with a
undergrowth of
flourishing greens
reflecting a beautiful
blue sky and surrounding cliffs
and trees.
I look into my soul, praying
that it is as pure as the water
for I feel the Lord's divine
presence.

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Thank you

Thank you to all who came to my going-away potluck dinner. I'll miss all of you — especially the kids. I'll never forget you or the four years I taught at El Portal Preschool.

— Patty Parker

YNHA offers summer seminars

Backpacking among the more remote peaks and meadows of Yosemite National Park will highlight the activities on two, seven-day field seminars sponsored by the Yosemite Natural History Association during the summer of 1980.

A **Field Study of the Clark Range** will take participants into one of the most rugged and least visited parts of the Park and to the site of John Muir's first evidence of a living glacier. The class begins at the Mono Meadows trailhead near Glacier Point, works south and east to the Mt. Lyell area and returns to the Valley via Merced Lake.

On the other extended trip, starting at Twin Lakes, backpackers will enter the Park over Buckeye Pass on the Park's northern boundary and explore **Slide and Matterhorn Canyons** and the Sawtooth Ridge.

Several of the Association's other field classes also will involve backpacking, as a feature supplementing the college level study of the natural history of the Yosemite Sierra.

On one of the traditional five-day **Subalpine Botany** seminars, four nights will be spent in the field in the Lyell Canyon and Townsley Lake area. The two other Subalpine Botany classes will consist of day hikes from Tuolumne Meadows.

Among more spectacular courses will be **Living Glaciers of Yosemite**, a five-day class devoted to the study of the structure, motion, growth, or wastage of Yosemite's McClure Glacier. Participants will spend two nights at the Lyell Base Camp studying and measuring the glacier.

The popular class, **A Backpack For Women Only**, will be offered again. The leader, Lynn MacMichael, says the three-day hike will provide women an opportunity not only to learn backpacking skills, but to study the geology and plant life of the Tuolumne Meadows area. This course also will allow participants to test their physical capabilities in a non-competitive situation.

A trip into the dramatic Hoover Wilderness Area on the Park's east boundary is a part of the **Rock and Ice seminar**, a study of Yosemite's geology. Also included is a boat trip across Saddlebag Lake.

A class in **Ethnobotany of the Sierra Miwok Indians** will be directed by naturalist, Bob Fry and Yosemite Indian cultural authority, Craig Bates. This class explores the uses to which Yosemite Indians put native plants in their medicines, foods, basketry, weapons and art. Field trips will be taken into surrounding areas.

For the more advanced, Dr. Carl Sharsmith, dean of Sierra Nevada botanists, will be on the seminar staff instructing **Alpine Botany**. Dr. Sharsmith is a recognized authority on the subject.

Jane Gyer, a well-known Yosemite painter, will direct **Paint Yosemite**. This three-day field workshop will help painters capture the grandeur of the Park on canvas. Her class will be held in three areas of the Park.

Other classes in the 1980 seminar schedule will deal with astronomy, mountain meadows, botanical photography, bird migration and population.

Seminar staff instructors are teachers at California universities and colleges or are experienced Yosemite naturalists.

The bulk of the field seminars are accredited by UC Davis Extension and earn college credit from one to three quarter units.

The sponsor, Yosemite Natural History Association, a non-profit organization, will send a catalog on request to those writing: P. O. Box 545, Yosemite National Park, California 95389, or calling (209) 372-4532.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

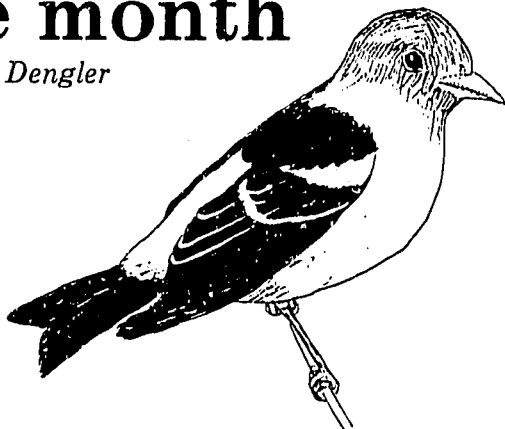
Western Tanager

Yosemite boasts such lovely yellow birds, and all so different. Perky goldfinches and evening grosbeaks scratch for seeds. Nervous little warblers and kinglets make Don Knotts look comatose. Bullock's Oriole flits about importantly, flashing his gold like a boastful Texas millionaire. His nest is the envy of the neighborhood.

Then there's the Western Tanager, sedate, aloof, casual. The only other bird the tanager might be confused with is the oriole, and their differences far exceed their similarities. True, both frowsy females look like they buy their olive-drab wardrobe off the same rack in the army surplus store. Tell them apart by their beaks. The oriole's is dark, slim, and sharp. The tanager's is pale and plump, as though she settled a little around the lips. And no male oriole sports the bright red of the tanager's head.

If you watch orioles any length of time, tanagers seem sluggish by comparison. With their typical airy nonchalance, they pick their way through evergreen foliage, scrounging up the insects that form the bulk of their diet.

This ho-hum attitude slops over into migration and nesting. The Western Tanagers come straggling into the foothills just about now, two months later than the orioles' arrival, and casually beat their way up to summer nesting areas in the pine/fir belts (orioles nest in the foothills). Nesting itself doesn't really get rolling until July or so. The oriole's summer cottage



is a marvel of flexible engineering, the tanager's is a flat, unimaginative saucer. Tanagers nest low, usually less than 30 feet of the ground, on a hidden, horizontal branch.

Tanagers act just as cavalier toward winter migration. Around September, the males leaving first, they drift down and out of the Park, back to Mexico and Central America. Migrating tanagers straggle into all sorts of unlikely areas and habitats, sometimes in ragged flocks. During these haphazard comings and goings, tanagers have been known to raid a cherry orchard, or flitter down in a technicolor cloud upon some lucky lawn to filch pyracantha berries.

Ebullient goldfinches and snappy orioles are lovely, but the quiet deliberation of Western Tanagers bespeaks pure tranquility . . . and tranquility is what Yosemite is all about.

CSUF President's Quintet
Ahwahnee Great Lounge
May 24 - 25
8 to 10 p.m.
Admission Free
An evening of classical music

Who is W.H.O.?

by Shirley Sargent



Today, except for his white hair, W.H.O. looks remarkably like this picture taken 20 years ago.

WHO was in Yosemite April 19 to celebrate his 75th birthday. WHO first worked here in 1923. WHO remained a faithful and efficient member of the YP&C Co. organization until 1967. These are not questions, but statements. Who is WHO? Wendell H. Otter, that's who. His initials, written on hundreds of company memos during his 44½ year career, inspired the nickname.

Over the weekend of April 19-20, erect, silver-haired Wendell Otter and his wife, Vickie, also a long-term Curry Company employee, were given VIP treatment at Yosemite Lodge, where he was manager for eight years of the old Lodge's life. During that time, the Otters lived in cabin 101 A&B; this time they stayed in Azalea, a modern unit. Nevertheless, they took a nostalgic stroll around their former home which is still rented to guests as a housekeeping cabin. Their celebration was enhanced by the company of son Dick Otter, a San Francisco stockbroker and Yosemite collector, his wife Ann, and their two daughters, Sibyl and Sandra.

WHO's vigor and looks belie his 75 years, but his Yosemite roots go back to 1923, two years before the formation of the YP&C Co., a time when rival concessionaires ran Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge, and the only hotel in the Valley was the pioneer Sentinel.

WHO was 18, on April 19, 1923, a freshman at University of California at Berkeley, and eager to work in Yosemite where his brother had already spent an eventful summer. Each spring, Jennie F. Curry, better known as "Mother" Curry, visited the colleges in the Bay Area so she could interview prospective employees. Young Wendell made an appointment with her and was hired to work at Camp Curry, as soon as classes were over.

Wendell's first job at camp was "awful," he recalled. For six days he labored removing paint which had been spilled on bathtubs while painters were painting the bungalows 50B through 90AB. It was a tedious and physically exhausting job which isolated him from views or people. On his first day off, WHO took a hike but returned to camp in early afternoon and was immediately pressed into service as a porter. Toting bags was a lot easier and more pleasant than wielding a razor blade, and, when he was asked to continue as a porter, he accepted instantly and happily.

That summer, as well as the next two, he lived on the top floor of the three-story men's dorm at camp. Within a few years, the dorm was torn down, and tents in Boy's Town used for seasonal employees.

After Wendell graduated from Cal as an agricultural major in 1926, he spent his fourth summer at Camp Curry, then sailed off to such exotic spots as Indo-China, Japan, and the Philippines, working as a deckhand on a freighter. Despite exposure to differing countries and cultures, Yosemite remained his true love, and he returned to the Valley in April of 1927 to begin a career in resort management. Between then and 1942, when he joined the Army for service in World War II, WHO learned the business from varied positions and locations. He turned down a bellman's job at the new Ahwahnee Hotel in favor of working as room clerk at the Glacier Point Hotel, then clerked at the old Sentinel Hotel in its last winter of operation, 1927-28. "Possibly my favorite job was that of assistant head porter at Camp Curry," he remembers, "my first job of authority!"

More important responsibilities followed. He managed the old Big Trees Lodge, managed Tuolumne Meadows Lodge, and was associate manager of Camp Curry under revered

"Mother" Curry. In just a few short years, he became a husband, father to son Dick, and a widower.

In February of 1942, he married Vickie Ward who had been working, since 1934 first in unit gift stores and, then as a secretary to Hil Oehlmann. Eight months later, Pvt. W.H. Otter was sent to Camp Warren in Wyoming. It was November of 1946 before Capt. Otter returned to civilian work. That winter, and again in 1947, he was assistant manager of The Ahwahnee, but, in the summer of 1947 he was back at his old haunt, Camp Curry, as associate manager.

In April 1948, he began managing the old Yosemite Lodge, "my favorite of all jobs," and there he stayed for eight years, still holding the Lodge's record. During his tenure, the Lodge became the first YP&C Co. unit to gross a million dollars. Another star in his managerial crown was operating an entire summer without receiving a single verbal or written complaint. Furthermore, his last year or two as manager were particularly onerous, as construction in the same general area caused confusion and problems.

After that experience, memos, letters and directives signed by WHO issued from the traffic and sales office, where he was assistant manager, from 1956 until his retirement in November 1967. Not only had he completed distinguished service with the Company, but also in such community services as the School Board; Lions Club, of which he was a charter member, president and district governor; and the Employee's Council. When the Yosemite Sentinel was founded in 1941, guess who suggested its name? WHO did.

Since retirement, the Otters have lived in Laguna Hills Leisure World which Wendell calls Yosemite South because so many ex-Yosemite residents live there. There he is active in community betterment, but his favorite publications are the *Sentinel* and the *Mariposa Gazette*, pictures of Yosemite are hung prominently in their home, and he and Vickie always make time to answer questions about Yosemite history from researchers. In fact, they were invaluable consultants on the preparation of both "Yosemite and Its Innkeepers," and "The Ahwahnee" books. Now you know who is WHO and why he was honored on his 75th birthday by present-day management.



The plans for construction of Yosemite Lodge underwent on-the-spot review in 1955 by H. Oehlmann (then general manager, YP&C Co.), Mary Curry Tresidder (then YP&C Co. president), Harthon L. Bill (serving as Asst. Supt. for Yosemite), and Wendell Otter. Construction of the new buildings — including Pine, Cedar and Oak cottages began August 30, 1955, with completion in mid 1956.

Bicycling craze hits Yosemite

Never has bicycling been so popular at Yosemite as it is this season. It is not uncommon to see parties of fifty and more setting out early in the morning to make a two-hour tour of the Valley floor. Visitors find an ideal way to get around and take in the many spots of interest, including Bridalveil and Yosemite Falls, Happy Isles and Mirror Lake, all easily accessible.

Apparently, no age limit is recognized by bicycle enthusiasts — they range from five to fifty-five, and all seem to get along remarkably well. Whereas a few years ago there were

many inexperienced riders, now almost everyone has ridden before, and there are fewer spills.

In the cool of the evening, scores of riders can be seen wheeling through the Valley, their headlights occasionally startling a strolling mule deer or American Black bear, or a scampering chipmunk.

Some cyclists travel by tandem after the fashion of their grandparents, and with just as keen enjoyment. Of course, costumes have changed considerably

in the interval, with slacks, culottes, and shorts making it easier on the pedaling — as well as on the eyes.

Here, rentals are 35% ahead of last year, keeping pace with the generally increased demand for bicycles as reported by dealers, and the large fleets at Camp Curry and Yosemite Lodge are in almost constant use.

EDITORS NOTE: This article was taken word-for-word from a news release issued by YP&C Co. in the mid-1930's!

Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,

When the road you're trudging seems all uphill,

When the funds are low and the debts are high,

And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,

When care is pressing you down a bit
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is queer with its twists and turns,

As every one of us sometimes learns.

And many a fellow turns about
When he might have won, had he stuck it out.

Don't give up, though the pace seems slow -

You may succeed with another blow.

Often the goal is nearer than
It seems to a faint and faltering man.

Often the struggler has given up
When he might have captured the victor's cup,

And he learned too late, when the night came down

How close he was to the golden crown.

Success is failure turned inside out -
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are.

It may be near when it seems afar.
So - stick to the fight when you're hardest hit -

It's when things seem worst that
you mustn't quit.

Author Unknown

The above poem was contributed to the *Sentinel* by Al Barnett, Uniforms Coordinator.

For sale

E100 1974 Ford Supervan. Good condition. Best offer. Call Yosemite Credit Union, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays, 372-4750. May be seen at El Portal Chevron.

Holiday Travel Trailer, 30 ft., sleeps six. Self-contained, full kitchen, tub-shower, and central heating. \$4,000. Write Box 425, Yosemite.

1971, 12x50 ft. Champion mobile home with large kitchen, living room, 1 bedroom, and bath. Evenings only, call 379-2349.

Zenith color T.V., 26", "Space Command", remote control, \$350. Call 379-2663, ask for Rick.

Trailer - El Portal Trailer Court \$15,000. Call 966-5655 (agent) evenings call 966-5938.

Yosemite recreation happenings

Movies

Watership Down - May 6
 Foul Play - May 20
 Jungle Book - June 3
 Take the Money and Run - June 17
 2 showings - 6:30 and 9 p.m.
 East Auditorium Visitor Center.
 \$2 per person.

Runner's Corner

May 25 - Indian Gulch to Hornitos, 5-10 miles, Cathays Valley, 8 a.m.
 June 1 - Athletic Attic Fun Run, 5,000 and 10,000 meters, Applegate Park, 6:30 p.m.
 June 8 - San Luis Dam Jam, 10k and 1.2 miles, Los Banos, 8 a.m.
 June 30 - All Comers Track Meet, 880, 100, 3 miles, shot put, Merced College, 7 p.m.

Basketball

Every Monday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Elementary School Gym.

Volleyball

The early spring league began play Thursday, April 24, and will continue through Tuesday, May 13.

For those interested in joining up for the late spring league, form your teams now. Have a team representative present at the Manager's team meeting Friday, May 9, at 7 p.m. in Tecoya B-5. Contact the Recreation Office, ext. 475, for further information. This month volleyball is played in the East Auditorium at the Visitor Center from 7 to 11 every Thursday night. Also, the first, second, and third Monday of the month, and Tuesday, May 27.

Softball

The softball season begins on May 6, 1980. Games will be scheduled for every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Depending on the extent of participation, games may also be scheduled for Sunday. See you there!

Co-ed Softball Tournament

The 1st Annual Yosemite Co-ed Slowpitch Tournament will be held Saturday and Sunday, May 17 and 18, at the Yosemite Elementary School. Tournament information packets will be available through Friday, May 9. Roster deadline is Monday May 12.

Field Day

Employee's field day is coming up Saturday, June 7, at the Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Enjoy the sunshine, outdoor activities, and a free barbeque with your friends.

We will be serving hamburgers and hot dogs, along with beer and soft drinks. The food is on the house.

Outdoor activities will include races, relays and any variety of sports that you will want to join in. Make a point to plan on joining us, don't miss out!

Recreation springtime office hours are Monday through Thursday 10 - 12, 1 - 3, and Friday 10 - 12. If you have any questions pertaining to any activities, contact employee recreation, Tecoya B-5 or call ext. 475.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Mondays

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
 Volleyball (except May 26) Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Women's Group Chorus Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
 Stock Investment Class Yosemite School, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
 Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
 Volleyball East Aud., Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Friday, May 9 .. Volleyball Team Managers Meeting, Tecoya B-5, 7 p.m.
 Sunday, May 11 Special film presentation, Yosemite Chapel, 7 p.m.
 Monday, May 12 Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Tournament Team Rosters Due
 Thursday, May 15 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, 12:15 p.m.
 Sat. & Sun. Co-Ed Slowpitch Softball Tournament
 May 17 & 18 Yosemite School
 Tuesday, May 20 MOVIE, "Foul Play", Visitor Center
 6:30 and 9 p.m.
 Tuesday, May 27 Volleyball, Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 28 Yosemite Lions Blood Bank, Visitor Center
 9 a.m. - Noon
 Tuesday, June 3 MOVIE, "Jungle Book", Visitor Center
 6:30 and 9 p.m.
 Thursday, June 5 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, 12:15 p.m.
 Saturday, June 7 Employee Field Day, Yosemite School
 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Badger Pass Ski Day Results

Snowshoe Race

1 Eric Inman 1 M. Buffington
 2 Robert Golden 2 Mary Saunders
 3 Gary Preble

Snowshoe Relay

1st place
 Barry Adams, Chris Cornet,
 Whitney Stephenson, Dave Nattall.

Nordic Downhill

1 Mario Bettio 1 Terry Coints
 2 Mike Conen
 3 Craig Patterson

Nastar Champs

1 Serge Getaz 24.6
 2 Dave Marino 26.4
 3. Mike Penrose 26.6

Men's Nastar

1 Eric Inman
 2 David Sholtz
 3 Darryl Powell

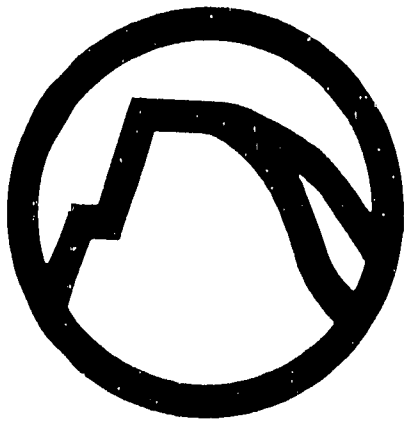
Women's

1 Lisa Murray
 2 Leslie Monson
 3 Lisa Potts

Downhill, X-Country, Showshoe Race

1st place team
 Mario Bettio, Raymond, Sally

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Ben Savage manages Degnan's

Ben Savage has been named the new Manager of Degnan's Food and Beverage. His responsibilities include overseeing the operations of Degnan's Fast Foods and the Loft Restaurant.

The strong background in food and beverage management began for Ben while serving in the U.S. Navy. He managed a Chief Petty Officers' Club and two Naval Officers' Clubs in Yokosuka and Yokohama, Japan, and was a bartender in an officers' club in Vietnam. He attended Navy Club Management School at Patuxent River Naval Air Base in Maryland in 1972.

Retiring from the Navy in 1974, Ben came to Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as manager of the Yosemite Lodge Cafeteria and soon became Food and Beverage Manager for the Lodge, a position he held until October 1976.

Ben spent the next 1½ years opening and putting into operation Long John Silver's Seafood Shoppes in Fresno, Visalia, and Porterville. He also owned and operated a bar, Rose's Cafe, before returning to Yosemite last year as Assistant Chief of Security.

Donaldson second in nation

Tracy Donaldson, fifth grade student at El Portal School, has placed second from among 33,000 entries in the Nationwide Scholastic/Kraft essay contest and won a Panasonic Tape Recorder as her prize. Her essay was about an experience that brought her family closer together. Tracy is the daughter of Karen Donaldson of El Portal.



Tracy Donaldson and teacher Ms. Maramonte.

Morgensons return to Yosemite

Each spring for several years, Dana and Esther Morgenson have returned to Yosemite, a place they've been calling home for more than 30 years. Dana bears the title of Director of Guest Activities for YP&C Co.

Dana is beloved by many Park visitors, who have attended his twice-weekly slide presentations or gone on his Camera Walks.

The Morgensons arrived last week and will be here through June 30. They'll take a short vacation, returning to the Park on July 19 for another month of walks and talks. In mid-August, the Morgensons plan to take a trip to Alaska before going to their winter home in Arizona.

The Morgensons raised their two children in Yosemite and, as year-round residents, were active in many community affairs. Esther served as an editor of the *Yosemite Sentinel* in the 1960's; Dana worked in accounting and reservations before moving to guest activities in 1968.

Blood Bank

Protect your family, friends, and yourself

by Leroy Rust, Chairman
Yosemite Lions Blood Bank

The Central California Blood Bank sponsored by the Yosemite Lions Club will be at the Visitor Center, Wednesday, May 28, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We earnestly request your participation; it only takes 20 minutes and **MAKES YOU FEEL GREAT!**

This credit Yosemite will build up may be transferred anywhere in the U.S.A. for you, your family or friends. Phone the Main Post Office at 372-4475 for an appointment; your supervisor will also have pledge cards.

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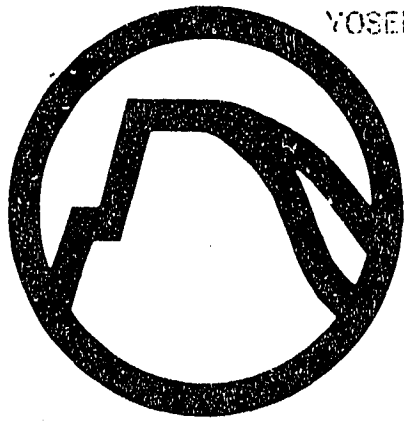
Allow 2 hours between light meal and appointment. Clear coffee or tea may be taken between the light meal and appointment. Please use a minimum of dairy foods.

Minimum weight is 110 pounds, and the age limit is 18 to 65.

After your appointment, we furnish all the fresh donuts, juice and coffee you can use!

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The class of 1980



El Portal's Class of 1980, from left: Tony Mizar, Danny Kirn, Randy Rosenfeld, Debbie Brantley, Jon Haag, Christine Hernandez, Sharon Wyly, and Josie Lacken.

El Portal graduates eight

El Portal School will graduate its class of 1980 on Thursday, June 12. The ceremony will begin at 6:30 p.m. on the school lawn.

Tony Mizar will lead the Flag Salute, followed by Josie Lacken, who will present the Welcome Address. Valedictorians this year are Sharon Wyly and Christine Hernandez.

Jon Haag and Debbie Brantley will relate the Class History, followed by Danny Kirn, who will present the Class Will. The Closing Address will be made by Randy Rosenfeld.

A school banquet will follow the graduation ceremony. Tickets for the banquet must be purchased in advance through the school office.

Mariposa High School to graduate ten from Park

Leonard Domingues
Edlyna Kai Dunn
Jennifer Lynn Hinson
Leslie Jean Sansum
Leonard Dene Seal

James Lee Shackelton
Rachael Lee Sims
Mark Andrew Skinner
Karin Elizabeth Wendt
Barbara Lynn West

Yosemite to graduate ten

Ceremonies to honor this year's Yosemite Elementary School graduates will take place on Wednesday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's multi-use room.

This year's graduating class, as pictured, are (front row, from left) Tom Chamberlin, Becky Wilson, Lynette Graham, Johanna Wheeler, and Donna Olsen, (back row, from left) Melissa Skinner, David Marshel, Rob Wurgler, James Webb, and Todd Smith.

Tom Chamberlin, a resident of the valley for four years, is the son of Eleanor Chamberlin. Tom wants to become an aerospace engineer. Becky Wilson is a fourth generation resident of the valley and is the daughter of Ray and Char Wilson. Lynette Graham has lived in the Park for three years. She is the daughter of John and Anne Graham. She likes animals and would like to work in an animal related field.

Johanna Wheeler is the daughter of Joe and Ann Wheeler. Johanna has

lived in the valley nine years. Johanna's dream is to become a trainer of thoroughbred horses. Donna Olsen moved to the valley last spring. She is the daughter of Howard and Mary Ann Olsen. Donna wants to become a teacher someday.

Melissa Skinner is the newest addition to the class having moved to the valley this winter. She is the daughter of Chet and Barbara Skinner. Melissa wants to go to college and wants to be a track star. David Marshel is the son of Philip and Susan Marshel, and he and his family have

lived in the valley a year. David wants to become an athlete.

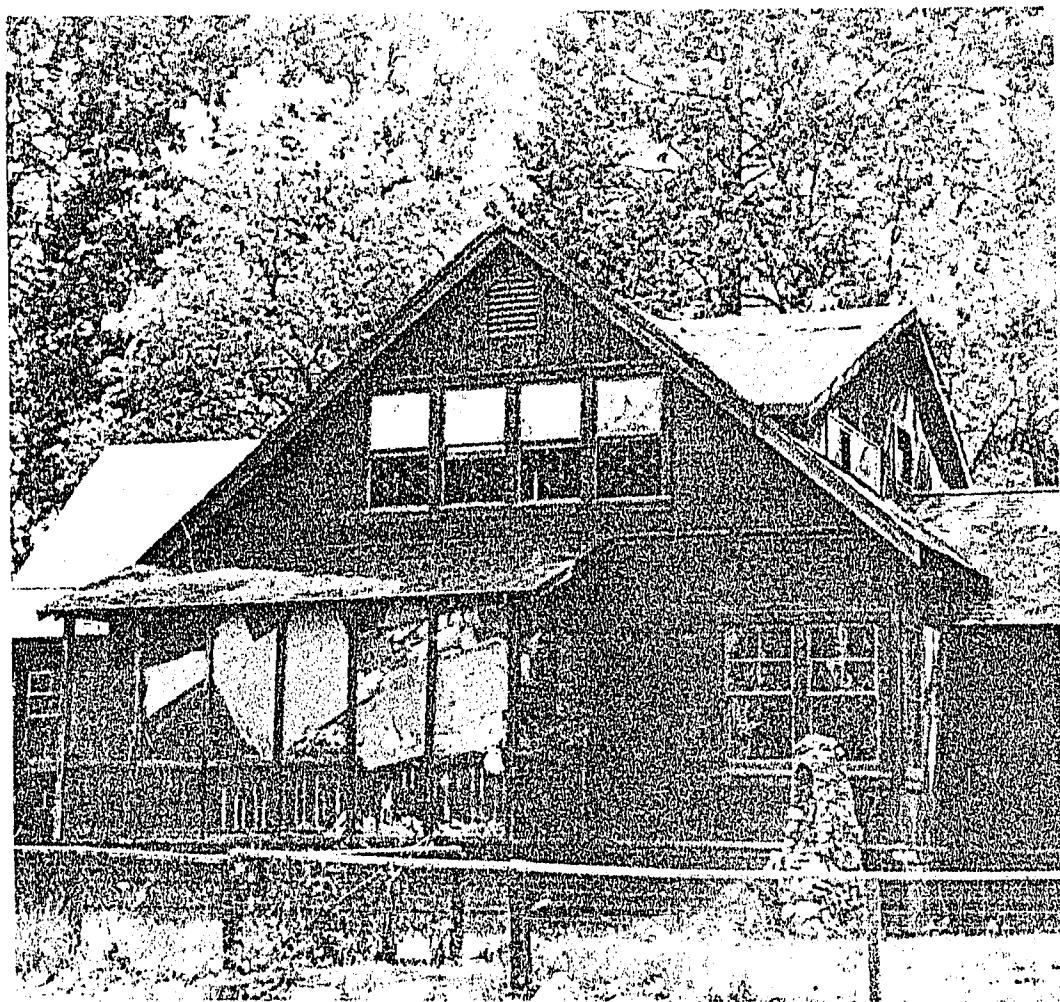
Rob Wurgler is a long time resident of the valley having lived here eleven years. Rob is the son of Jim and Jody Wurgler. Rob wants to become a scientist. James Webb has lived in the valley for three years. James is the son of John and Pauline Webb. James wants to be a mechanic. Todd Smith was born in Yosemite, moved and came back three years ago. Todd is the son of Judith and Geryl Smith. When Todd gets older he wants to show horses.





The National Park Service has begun removal of portions of the Village Mall surfacing, as part of the Immediate Action Plan for Yosemite National Park. When completed, the mall will be enhanced with additional landscaping of native plants. Another aspect of the

Immediate Action Plan is removal of the Donahoe home by the Yosemite Chapel. The historic oven, where Bridget Degnan baked bread, will be moved to the Pioneer History Center at Wawona, after which the site will be restored to nature.



Schneider joins Ahwahnee staff



George Schneider has joined Yosemite Park and Curry Co. as Assistant Manager of the Ahwahnee Hotel. His primary responsibility is Food and Beverage Management, including the dining room, sweet shop, cocktail lounges, and kitchen.

Schneider's career began with Holiday Inns, where he first trained. He has worked at Virginia Skyline Co., in Puerto Rico at El Dorado Beach, and at a number of country clubs. Prior to his arrival in the Park, Schneider operated his own restaurant in Wolcott, New York.

His wife, Susann, and their 9-year old son, Kirk, share his outdoor-oriented interests of sports, travel, and camping.

Lindbergh's book is topic

The Book Discussion Group sponsored by Yosemite Women's Group, will hold its last book discussion of this school year on Monday, June 9. Gift from the Sea, by Ann Morrow Lindbergh, will be discussed in the home of Bo Hanson from 12-2 p.m.

All Park women are invited to attend and bring a sack lunch. The paperback is available in The Ansel Adams Gallery.

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Cleanliness is considered tops

An independent research firm recently surveyed Western U.S. consumers and learned that overall cleanliness is the most important factor when choosing where to stay.

Marketing Information Unlimited of Berkeley found these six factors are prime guest considerations:

1. Overall cleanliness
2. Friendliness of staff
3. Quality of food
4. General location
5. Feeling of privacy
6. Quality of furnishings and decor

The interesting fact is that guests' top three concerns are items which we, as employees, control.

Everyone's job involves cleanliness, whether it's roomskeeping, desk work, or personal appearance. Our housing areas and general Park litter also reflect back on us. Friendliness of staff depends on how you and I treat each guest we meet.

Although not every employee is involved in quality of food, a lot of us are. Purchasing has the responsibility

to make sure the food preparation begins with quality items. It's then up to the kitchen staff to make sure that quality is maintained, and, finally, to the servers, who insure that the food is at the proper temperature and has an appetizing appearance.

Because these items are important to guests, they are an integral part of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s hospitality. That's why each of these are stressed to us by our supervisors — they're part of our heritage of fast, friendly, and efficient guest service.

Summer religious services begin

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, a wide variety of religious services are held in the Park each week.

Beginning June 13, Jewish services will be held on Fridays at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. All other services listed are already being held.

On Saturdays, the Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School meets at 10 a.m. in the Church Bowl, followed by Church Service at 11 a.m.

Catholic Masses are held in Yosemite Valley at the Visitor Center's West Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Saturdays and at 8, 9, 10, and 11 a.m. on Sundays. Daily mass is held at 8 a.m. Tuesday through Friday at the Chapel. Masses are held at Wawona at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, in the Schoolhouse.

Worship services for Protestants are held at 9 a.m. in both Lower River and Lower Pines Campground Amphitheaters, at 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel, at 8:30 a.m. at the Wawona Campground Amphitheater, and at 10:30 a.m. at the Wawona Schoolhouse on Sundays. Church School is also held in the Chapel at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays, with Bible Study Sunday night at 6, also at the Chapel. "Christian Gathering" takes place on Thursdays at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

The Missouri Synod Lutheran Services take place at 11 a.m. on Sundays at the Chapel. LDS (Mormon) services are also held at the Chapel on Sundays, with a Sacrament Meeting at 1 p.m. and the Priesthood Meeting at 2 p.m.

Worship services for Southern Baptists are held Sundays, at 10:30 a.m. at Lower Pines Amphitheater and at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Check the *Yosemite Guide* for a complete listing of religious services and worship walks.

Choral society presents concert

The Valley Choral Society, under the direction of Dr. Jeff Fokens, will present a program of Renaissance and Romantic madrigals and motets. These are short four-voice-part choral pieces from the 16th to the 19th centuries. The concert will take place

on Monday, June 16, at the Ahwahnee Hotel at 8 p.m. The chorus is sponsored by the Yosemite Women's Group and is composed entirely of local men and women singing enthusiasts. Enjoy a unique musical evening. Admission is free.

Solar greenhouse built by students

The El Portal School Junior High students have been involved in an unusual and successful project this year. They have constructed a 160 sq. ft. solar greenhouse.

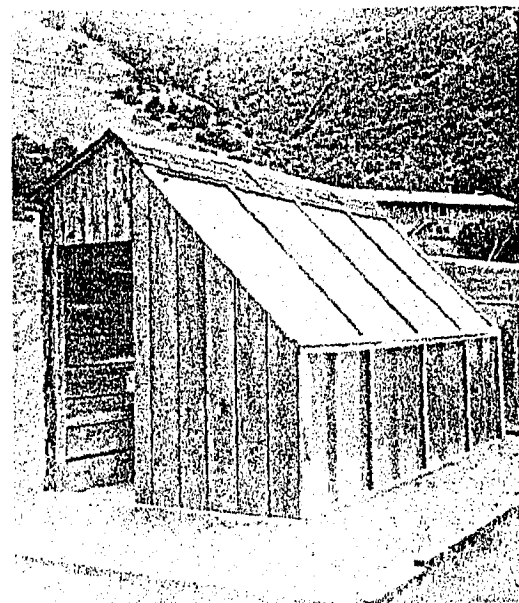
The solar design greenhouse was part of the students' science and mathematics curriculum. They began by studying the energy crisis, our nation's energy consumption, and alternative forms of energy. Much of their study focused on solar energy and its potential in El Portal.

The final project in Mr. Hinds' class was done in conjunction with Art Baggett's Solar Energy Class from Merced Junior College. The Junior High students spent several days in class studying blueprints and compiling a materials list. Once the list was completed, the materials (purchased by Sopenche — an educational corporation — and El Portal PTL, and donated by Mother Lode Lumber and the National Park Service) were brought to school and construction began.

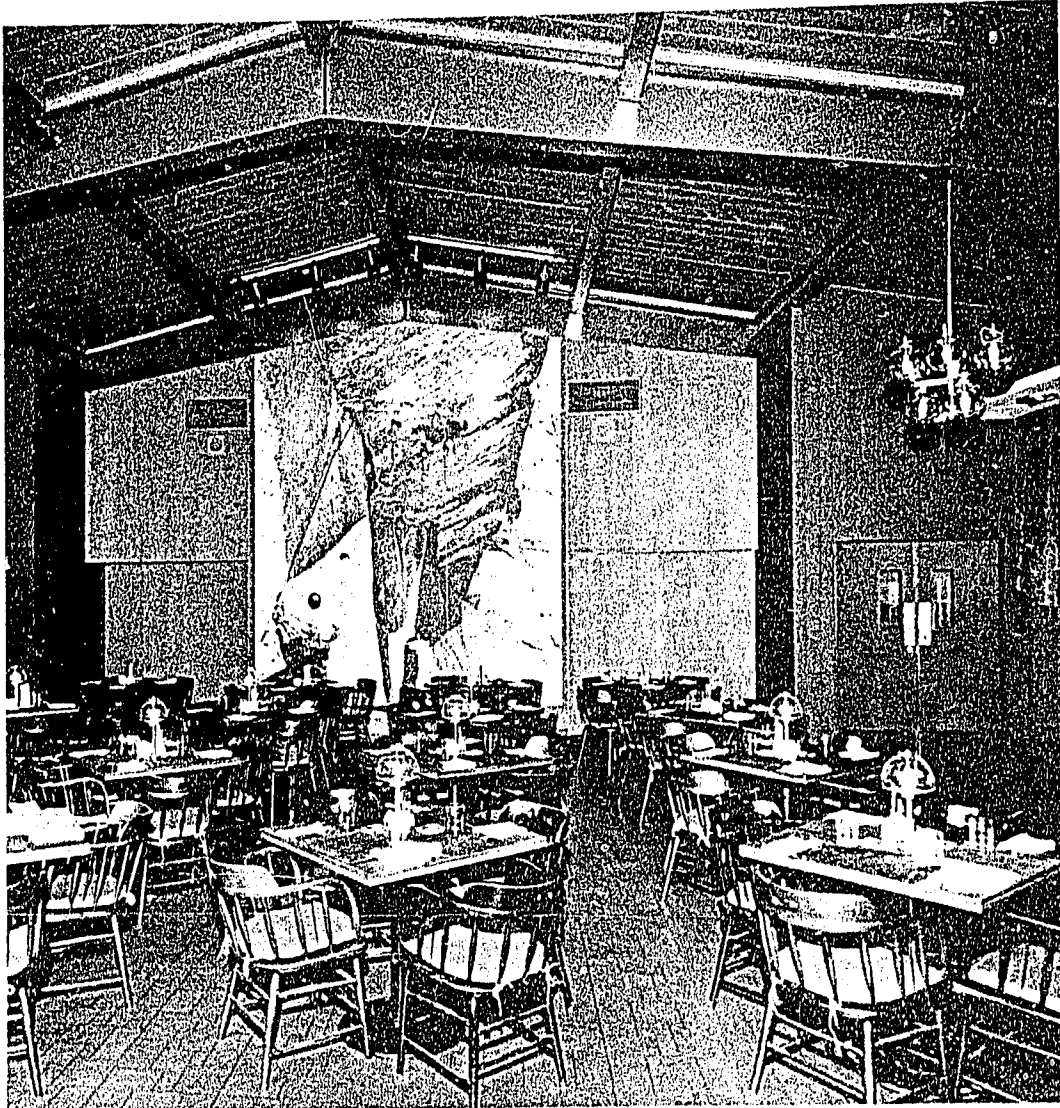
The students spent three afternoons framing the walls, and, on the fourth afternoon, aided by two local carpenters, the walls were nailed up and the greenhouse began to take shape. Baggett's class worked on the greenhouse one Saturday, putting in insulation, roofing, and beginning the finishing carpentry. The Junior High students completed the finish work over the course of the next several weeks.

The greenhouse will be used by the students at El Portal School to conduct experiments in botany, to monitor temperatures (solar science), and to grow produce. Community members will be offered the use of the greenhouse to grow winter vegetables and plant starts.

Participating in the project were Junior High students Debbie Brantley, Matt Carter, Veronica Domingues, Jon Haag, Christine Hernandez, Jeff Hickman, Valerie James, Dan Kirn, Josie Lanken, Karen McCreary, Tony Mizar, Randy Rosenfeld, Joe Williams, and Sharon Wylly.



This solar greenhouse was built by the Junior High students at El Portal School, in conjunction with their studies of science and mathematics.



Broiler Room open for lunch

The Broiler Room at Yosemite Lodge is now open daily for lunch, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The menu includes hamburgers, hot sandwiches, salads, and beverages.

If opening day, May 24, was any

indication, the Broiler Room should prove a popular spot for lunch. Late lunchers and snackers will find the atmosphere quite relaxing. You can avoid the "lunch crunch" by visiting the Broiler Room after 2 p.m.

Golden Chain Theatre has new directors, keeps 1979 rates

The Golden Chain Theatre in Oakhurst will have a new play director for each of their two theatrical presentations this season.

The first melodrama, "Love Rides the Rails - or - Will the Mail-train Run Tonight?", will be directed by Richard Hoffman, Reedley College Drama Director. "Love Rides the Rails" will be performed on Friday and Saturday nights from June 20 through July 26, with special performances on June 19 and July 13.

Completing the season is "Hawkshaw, the Detective," directed by Michael Robertson, President of Fresno Community Theatre. It will be

presented between August 1 and September 6 on Fridays and Saturdays, with opening night slated for Thursday, July 31. Matinees will be presented on August 17 and 31, with box office receipts on the 31st being donated to the Yosemite High School's Drama Department.

Showtime is 8:15 p.m., with Sunday matinees starting at 2:30 p.m. Admission is \$5, and reservations are strongly advised.

For more information, write Golden Chain Theatre, P. O. Box 604, Oakhurst, CA 93644, or call 683-7112. Reservation forms are available at the *Sentinel* office.

"Thief," "Distant Thunder" to be shown at Chapel

The Yosemite Community Church is presenting the film, "A Thief In The Night," on Thursday, June 19, at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. The following Thursday, on June 26, the sequel, "A Distant Thunder," will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Chapel.

Children's Church, Sunday School planned for summer

A neighborhood "Children's Church" program will be available for local youngsters this summer. It will be held on Fridays from 2-3:30 p.m. at Mrs. Durr's home across from the elementary school. Bible stories, crafts, songs, games, refreshments, and more! The first program will be on June 13. For the summer, there is a children's Sunday School program along with the 9:30 a.m. worship service at the Chapel. The Sunday School program began June 1 and will conclude on Labor Day weekend.

Campus Director

Vince Kehoe has been named Director of the Yosemite Institute's Yosemite Campus. He is the former Institute Scholarship coordinator in Yosemite and program coordinator at the Marin Headlands campus. Kehoe is completing his M.A. in Geography at San Francisco State University. His wife, Lisa Daprich, is presently staff assistant to the Superintendent at Golden Gate NRA.



"Love Rides the Rails" opens on June 19

Students with SSI benefits must file report

by Dennis Kruse, Manager
Social Security, Merced Branch

Men and women 18-22 who receive social security benefits because they are full-time students should make sure the "end of year report" form they received is completed and returned to Social Security.

If the form is not returned in time, benefits will be stopped until an investigation is completed. After the student completes the top part of the form, he or she should take it to the school registrar who will certify the

student's enrollment and return the form to Social Security.

The form must be completed even if there is no change in the student's plans.

Students should report to Social Security if they make any change in their plans. Benefits can be paid only while a student is attending school full time.

A student who is not sure whether he or she will return to school in the fall should have his or her benefits stopped. This is true even though

benefits can be paid during a vacation period of up to four months.

A student who plans to work during the summer and expects to earn more than \$3,720 during 1980 should report this to Social Security. Some benefits will be withheld if a student earns more than \$3,720.

More information about student's benefits can be obtained at the Merced Social Security Office. The people there will be glad to answer any questions about Social Security. The office is located at 3191 "M" Street, and the telephone number is 723-2071.



The softball season is underway at Yosemite Elementary School, with the best playing field in recent years.

The school district had planned to close the field for the summer in order to replant the lawn. YP&C Co. employees were facing a short softball season until a solution was found, due to the efforts of Tim Arnst, Ralph Whaley, and other community members.

Volunteers helped fill the entire field with top dressing, seeded it, and will install full circle, rotary, pop-up sprinklers (which water the field more evenly) when league play ends. Base paths were cut back and compressed, giving the infield a good running path, while the outfield holes were

filled and restored to an even surface. Rocks and debris were worked out of the field, and rain gulleys smoothed. Whaley, who coordinated the project, said about 30 wheelbarrows of dirt were needed to fill golfer holes in the outfield.

Head gardener Carl Stevens sees the field is mowed weekly and, when the softball season ends, he will bring in sod from company areas for the outfield.

Besides allowing more games for the softball league and providing a safer field for players, the Yosemite School students will return in September to a well-established and groomed field.

Summer activities abound



Seal receives scholarship

The Yosemite Scholarship Commission has selected Leonard Dene Seal to receive the 1980-81 Yosemite Community Scholarship.

Dene is the son of Roy and Lilly Seal of El Portal. He was born and raised in the area and will be a 1980 graduate of Mariposa High School — where he is leaving a fine academic record. He is a member of the California Scholarship Federation and was active in track this past year. Dene's past few summers have been spent working as a clerk-cashier for YP&C Co.

Dene will attend U.C. Berkeley, majoring in engineering

The Yosemite Scholarship has been awarded annually since 1934 to a deserving high school graduate whose parent or parents are employed by the Yosemite-El Portal community.

Items for sale

1966 Chevy ½ ton pickup (C-10); 8 foot bed; 4-speed manual transmission; 25,000 miles on current engine; new brake job; new tires and wheels, AM/FM 8-track stereo; A/C unit that needs work. \$2,000 or best offer. Call 379-2630 evenings or weekends.

1978 Kawasaki 400B1 motorcycle; 2,000 miles; excellent condition; \$1,650. Call 372-4597.

Exercise to music

Join in an hour of exercise on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5 p.m. in the Visitor Center West Auditorium.

Free tickets to
"Hamlet"
"Midsummer Night's
Dream"

Contact Employee Recreation
for details

Reward

Lost — heavy gold neckchain with "1" pendant. Call 372-4611, ext. 445.

1966 Bronco, 4WD, convertible top, 1969 Mustang engine. Call 372-4441 (days) or 379-2219 (eve.), ask for Will.

1975 Chevy Monza. New tires, 21,000 miles. Excellent condition. 1972 VW camper van with pop top. Stove, refig., cabinets, housewares, bed, etc. Ready to keep house. Call 379-2484 early a.m. or late p.m.

The warm, pleasant days of June entice everyone — Park visitors and employees alike — outdoors. A number of activities are available to help you fully enjoy the balmy weather.

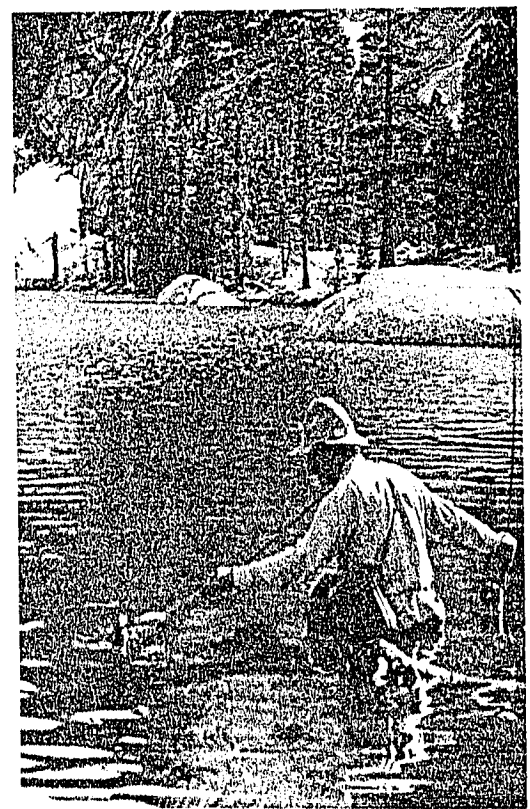
The Valley Stables are now offering two-hour guided horseback rides (\$11.75) and half-day mule rides (\$16.75). All-day mule rides, to Half Dome and the top of Yosemite Falls, are also offered (\$25.50). Employees may ride at half-price on a space-available basis. Opening later this month will be stables at Wawona, White Wolf, and Tuolumne Meadows.

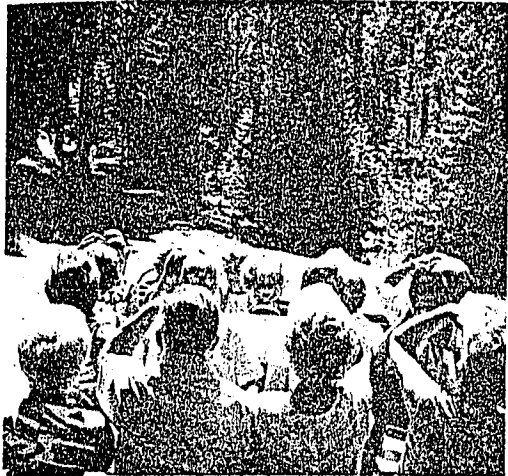
The Yosemite Mountaineering School teaches classes in rock climbing and alpine survival. Guide services may also be obtained at the school. Presently headquartered at Curry Village, YMS plans to move to Tuolumne Meadows mid-month.

Bicycles are a great way to see Yosemite, and rental bikes are available at both the Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village Bike Stands for \$1.50 an hour.

Tours are also fun . . . and interesting. Open-air trams are used on the Valley Floor Tours, with comfortable buses used for the Glacier Point, Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, and Grand Tours. Stop by the Tour Center at the Lodge, Ahwahnee, or Curry for full information.

Golf is available on a nine-hole, par 35 course at Wawona. Also at Wawona is the Pioneer History Center, which becomes a "living history exhibit" during the summer.





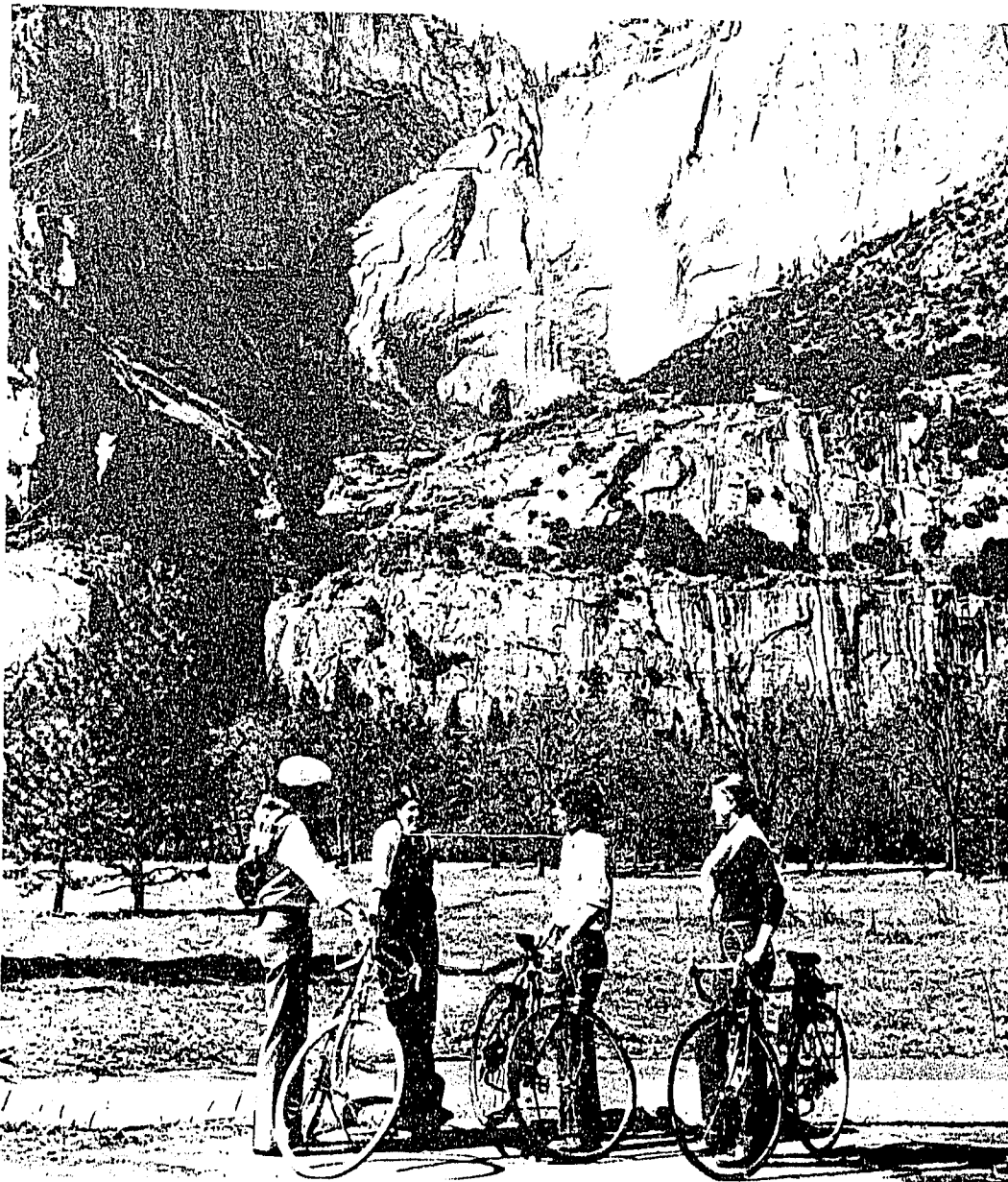
Open-air trams take you through the Mariposa Grove.

Swimming is free for employees at the Yosemite Lodge and Curry Village swimming pools. The Merced River is best left until August, when the swift currents will become less treacherous.

Hiking and backpacking activity will increase through June. Wilderness permits are available at the Visitor Center on a first-come, first-serve basis for each day. Take a friend along with you when you're hiking, and let someone else know where you're headed.

Employee Recreation offers fun with softball, volleyball, basketball, Frisbee golf, and other sports and activities. Check the bulletin boards for the latest information on events.

Get a good start on summer — have a wonderful June!



Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

June Beetle

Clumsier than a bull in a china shop is a June Beetle around a light. May Beetle, June Bug, June Beetle, Cockchafer — all are names for the same close-knit little group of Scarab beetles. The light-brown May Beetles, ½ to ¾ inch long, show up in late spring and occur throughout the U.S. Everyone knows a June Bug. More startling is their ungainly cousin, the Ten-lined June Beetle. Attracted to light, this burly brown-on-beige bomber, 1½ inches long, clunks into lampshades and windows, or clings to your wall to rest from its giddy pursuit of some lightbulb.

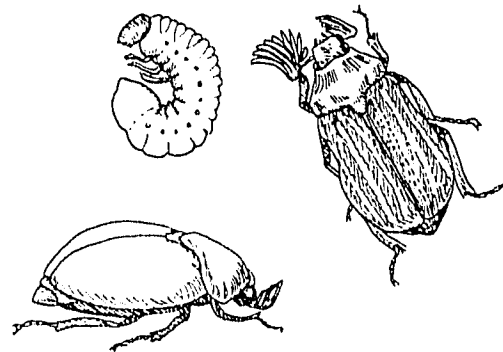
These feckless fliers are the climax of a life cycle that began in the cold hard ground. Beetles go through a complete metamorphosis — egg (dropped randomly on the ground in this case), larva (a grub), pupa, adult. The larva lives in soil for two or three years, eating plant roots. This is the huge, pulpy grub you occasionally turn up on your spade in the flower bed. In large

numbers, it can do great damage to plantings.

Come autumn the grub pupates into a tough-shelled pill vaguely resembling the adult-to-be. During an open winter a few adults will split their pupal cases to emerge untimely, but sustained warm weather calls forth the hordes.

The adults feed heartily on tree leaves. Adults and grubs in turn are feasted upon, often in quantity, by many other animals. Since June Bugs do their serious traveling at night, their chief enemies are the nocturnal predators. A couple bats, for instance, can polish off half a dozen nightly. A roost of bats above the front stoop of the stagecoach office in the Pioneer History Center bring dinner home, eat the beetles, and drop the hard wing covers — the elytra — on the steps to be swept away each morning.

Are these ugly, cumbersome 747's at all interesting? You bet! Turn on your



porchlight and watch the June Beetle that parks on your screen door. Those ornate, feathery antennae fan out, retract, scan like a radar dish.

Harmless? Absolutely. They can't bite, sting, or claw. To put them out of your house, simply scoop them up in your hand, or pick them off the wall with two fingers. They buzz gently by rubbing plates together when they're agitated about something, such as you picking them up. But it only tickles, which makes them much easier to oust than a bull from a china shop.

Employee recreation happenings

by Jill Patterson
Employee Recreation Assistant

Movies

June 17 - Take the Money and Run, Woody Allen, 7 and 9 p.m.
July 1 - Breaking Away, 7 and 9 p.m.
July 15 - Turning Point, 6:45 and 9 p.m.
July 29 - Alien, 6:30 and 9 p.m.
Visitor Center, East Auditorium, admission \$2.

Runners Corner

All Comers Track Meet, Merced College, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, June 10, 17, and 24.
Athletic Attic Fun Run, 1500, 5000, and 10,000. Applegate Park, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, July 6.
Run for Cancer, 1.5, 5m, Merced Fairgrounds, Sunday, July 13, 7 a.m.

Frisbee Field Day Competition Results

Frisbee Golf
Men - 1st place (tie) Tad Carey, Jimbo Doster, score 58.
Women - 1st place, Lisa Potts, score 78.

Field Events

Men - 1st place, Jimbo Doster.
Women - 1st place, Carrie Senk
We now have golf score cards, course maps, and hoops available for you to use. Come by Recreation in Tecoya B-5, and we will help you get started. Frisbee Golf is a new and upcoming sport, so come try your luck and have fun.

Volleyball

Early Spring League Results
Co-Ed Champions - Ball Hogs
Men's Champions - Untouchables.

Open Volleyball Play

7 to 11 p.m., movie weeks - Mondays and Thursdays. Non-movie weeks - Tuesdays and Thursdays; Visitor Center.

Basketball

Mondays and Thursdays, 5 p.m. Yosemite Elementary School.

Softball Games

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 5 to 8 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The barbecue will be at the field for you to use every Sunday, so bring your fixin's along and meet us for a day of softball at the elementary school field.

Memorial Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 6, Wawona Golf Course. Open to all Yosemite employees with at least 5 18-hole scorecards posted with the Wawona Golf Shop. For further information, contact the Wawona Golf Shop or Kirk Woodbury at the Rec. Office (ext. 475).

Fish N' Fry

Come try your luck on Friday the 13th - it's Fishing Day for employees! The day is set aside to see who can bring in the biggest catch from the Park. At 5 p.m., all fish must be back for judging to determine the best fisherman or woman of the day.

All fishermen/women and friends can barbecue up their catch. Recreation will have beer, sodas, and chips on sale. Everyone is invited to come to the barbecue and catch an earful of the fish stories around the campfire. Meet at Tecoya at 6 p.m. for the barbecue.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Mondays

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
Volleyball (6/10, 6/30) Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Women's Group Chorus Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Weight Loss Group Ruby's Beauty Shop, 6 p.m.
Volleyball (6/10, 6/24) Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, noon to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Saturday, June 7 Employee Field Day, Yosemite School, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Monday, June 9 Book Discussion Group, Noon to 2 p.m. Home of Bo Hanson
Wednesday, June 11 Yosemite School Graduation Multi-purpose Room, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, June 12 El Portal School Graduation School lawn, 6:30 p.m.
Friday, June 13 Fish N' Fry - Judging and Barbecue Tecoya, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 16 Valley Choral Society Concert, Ahwahnee Hotel, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, June 17 MOVIE - "Take the Money and Run," Visitor Center, 7 and 9 p.m.
Thursday, June 19 "Love Rides the Rails," opens, Golden Chain Theatre, Oakhurst, 8:15 p.m.
Tuesday, July 1 MOVIE - "Breaking Away," Visitor Center, 7 and 9 p.m.
Sunday, July 6 Memorial Golf Tournament, Wawona Golf Course

Cans worth 1¢, 5¢

Refunds will be given on all aluminum cans, with a 5¢ refund for cans marked "Yosemite 5¢ deposit". Unmarked aluminum cans will receive a 1¢ refund.

Aluminum cans may be brought to the recycling center in Yosemite Village from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

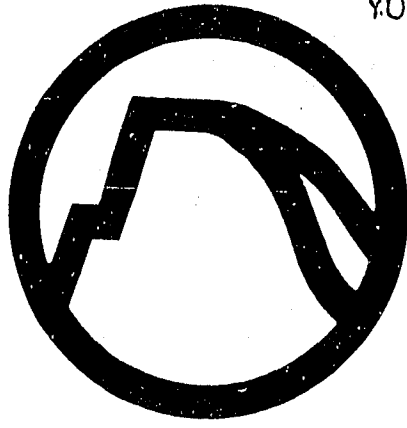
New firewood contract assigned

The National Park Service has signed a new firewood contract with Thomas Murray of Fresno.

To order delivery of firewood, contact Helen Casey in Mariposa at 742-7349 or 376-2380.

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Ed Hall new sales manager

Ed Hall joins YP&C Co. as sales manager, coming from the Parks Division of ARASERV (a division of ARA Services).

In his previous position as Director of Marketing and Sales, Ed supervised the marketing programs for Shenandoah and Mesa Verde National Parks, several state parks in Alabama, Ohio, and New York. He was with ARASERV for six years.

He also has been an active volunteer with several trade organizations and has served on the Alabama Council Hotel & Motel Association's Board of Directors, as Vice Chairman of Travel South USA, and Chairman of the Board-Advertising for the Alabama Tourism Dept.

Ed began his career at the age of 14 in broadcasting. He received his Bachelor's in Business Administration at Auburn and ran his own Radio/TV commercial production facility in Nashville.

His biggest interest is his job; Ed also enjoys traveling, reading and music.



Program expanded

Yosemite Park and Curry Co.'s recycling program has been expanded to include a 1¢ refund on all non-deposit Aluminum beverage containers, in an effort to encourage more recycling. The 1¢ refund is available only at the Recycling Center, located behind the Village Store.

Bible club formed

Children's Bible Club, a nationwide program, is being offered for the local children this summer. Activities will include singing, games, stories and positive youth fellowship. The weekly program is every Tuesday, at 2 p.m. in the front yard of Indian Creek 59H. All children entering grades 1-6 are welcome. For further information, call Vickie Lopez at 372-4510 or Cathy Owens at 372-4535.

John Hoppe commended

On Sunday, June 8, John Hoppe was at Tecoya in "D" dorm. He smelled smoke, located the room it was coming from, and entered to find the mattress and a hanging tapestry aflame.

John quickly got the fire hose from the hallway and extinguished the fire.

"Your quick thinking, level headedness, and immediate action helped to control a potentially dangerous situation before it got out of hand," wrote Employee Housing Manager, Tim Arnst, in a letter to John thanking him for his fast response.

John is a service person in Vehicle Maintenance and a fellow employee we can be proud of.

Fund drive postponed

Due to recent changes in Yosemite Community Council membership and officers, the Fund Drive scheduled for this spring has been postponed.

We will still be providing funds to the Yosemite Scholarship and look forward to your continuing support for future Council activities.

Every litter bit hurts

by D. E. Quigley, Senior Vice President

"Every Litter Bit Hurts" — admittedly, this is not an original slogan, but most certainly it is applicable to Yosemite National Park. Try as we may, along with the National Park Service, to keep our park free of litter and cosmetically pleasant for our guests and ourselves, the litter seems to slowly but inexorably gain the upper hand again and again. Most people seem to want to cooperate toward keeping the Park clean, but unfortunately it doesn't take but a very small percentage of the visitors and the people who live here to hamper the efforts of the majority who care.

However, we can do something about the litter problem if we agree that

helping to keep the Park clean is everybody's business and not just that of those assigned to the task of cleaning it. There are three basic litter fighting measures we can all practice:

1. Don't litter.
2. Keep your own living and working areas clean.
3. Assist those who patrol the Park for litter by picking up paper, cans, bottles, and other litter when you see it.

Remember, every little bit you can do to combat every litter bit helps. Try it — it's not only good for the Park, but it does wonders for the waistline as well!

Earn teaching credentials

Are you interested in obtaining a teaching credential, but you don't want to leave the Valley? All courses and student teaching may be done in the Valley or vicinity. If interested contact Linda McWilliam at 372-4441. You need a BA or BS degree. Call now! Applications must be turned in immediately. The program will start this September.

AMERICA'S GETTING INTO TRAINING

New direct connection with Amtrak

A new bus has been added to round-out YTS Merced-Yosemite service and which provides a direct connection with Amtrak in Merced for travelers to the Bay Area.

The bus leaves Yosemite Valley each afternoon at 4:20 p.m., arriving at the Merced Amtrak station at 6:45 p.m. Amtrak's Train 709 departs Merced at 7 p.m., reaching Oakland at 10:25 p.m.

From the Bay Area, Amtrak Train 708 leaves Oakland at 7:25 a.m., arriving in Merced at 10:45 a.m. The YTS bus is at the Amtrak Station by 11 a.m., and arrives in Yosemite Valley at 1:45 p.m.

Employees may ride the YTS bus at no charge on a space available basis;

reservations must be made at least one day in advance (see Tour Center agent).

Amtrak round-trip excursion fares, from Merced, are:

Riverbank	\$ 7.00
Stockton	10.00
Richmond	
Martinez	16.50
Oakland	22.00
San Francisco	22.00

Food service is available on the trains' Amcafe car.

YTS fares are \$10.50 one-way, \$21 round-trip. Additionally, guests from Merced and the Bay Area can enjoy the "Yosemite Day Tour". The tour includes round-trip Merced-Yosemite transportation, lunch at the Ahwahnee Hotel, and a tour of Yosemite Valley; cost is \$29.95 — railfare is additional.

Interpreters available for foreign visitors

When guests need your help — but don't speak English and you don't speak their language — what do you do? Look up the guest's language on the "List of Interpreters" and contact someone who can translate for them.

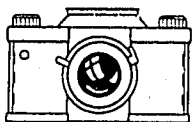
The "List of Interpreters" has been sent to all YP&C departments, as well as to the NPS. Interpreters are available for a wide range of languages; besides French, German, Japanese and Spanish, people are

available to help with American Sign Language, Chinese, Finnish, Hebrew, Hungarian, Polish and several other languages.

If you need additional copies, or if you speak a foreign language and wish to be added to the list, call ext. 445.



35mm photography workshop announced



Beginning and intermediate photographers are invited to participate in two 35mm color photography workshops.

Workshop I — 4 sessions

The first class will meet Tuesday, July 15, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., covering how your camera works and how to use

it. The second session follows on Thursday, July 17, to discuss creative controls, special effects, and macro "close-up".

For the all-day field trip on Sunday, July 20, instructor Rus Stalling is planning to do photography in the Glacier Point area and continuing to the Valley via the Four Mile Trail. Participants will be able to use what they learned in the first two sessions.

The workshops wraps up with a critique and slide show on Sunday, July 27, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Cost for the workshop is \$10. Since class size is limited to 15, call to reserve your spot.

Workshop II — 1 day

A second workshop will be held Sunday, August 3 in the Cathedral Lakes area. All aspects of outdoor photography will be covered, from macro "close-up" technique to panoramics. Workshop size will be limited to 15, so pre-enrollment is advised. A fee of \$5 will be charged. Contact Employee Recreation at 372-4611, ext. 475.

Blood donors thanked

The Yosemite Lions Club sponsored Blood Drive resulted in 68 pints now being credited to the Yosemite Medical Group and through them is transferable anywhere in the United States for you, your family or friend.

This was an outstanding response. Donors are to be congratulated for taking time out of their busy schedules to donate "the gift of life".

Womens Group hosts playday

The Yosemite Womens Group will gather in El Portal on Friday, July 25, for a day of bridge, swimming (school pool), and tennis. All women are invited to join in the fun. Bring a sack lunch and your children.

Exercise hour continues

The thrice-weekly exercise session at the Visitor Center occurs from 5-6 p.m. each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Music helps make the limbering fun. For more information, contact Debbie Ball at NPS ext. 224 or Barbara Tice, NPS ext. 240 or 379-2391.

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Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Western Toad

"Round about the caldron go . . .
 . . . Toad, that under the cold stone,
 Days and nights hast thirty-one
 Swelter'd venom sleeping got,
 Boil thou first i' the charmed pot!"
MacBeth Act IV:1



Shakespeare opined that toads should go into the witches' brew first, and opinions haven't changed much since then. Clammy, warty little blobs with the personality of a bath sponge, toads engender scant interest and no respect. Most people know they don't really cause warts and, being amphibians, they must lay their eggs in water, for the tadpole babies are aquatic. What else is there to know?

While toads dehydrate easily, they can absorb water through most of their surface area. In fact, the soles of their feet are particularly sensitive to the moisture content of their substrate. Thus do they hop unerringly to damper places, such as your freshly watered lawn.

Rejoice when a toad shows up. Its greatest service is its appetite. An adult toad fills its stomach once daily, the juveniles twice daily. That adds up to about 10,000 insects, grubs, etc. per toad per summer.

Where does all this food energy go? Quite a bit of it goes into making skin. Toads shed their skins (by sloughing; not in sheets as do snakes, for example) every three to ten days during the active months. This skin game is not altogether related to growth, for the skin is replaced oftener than growth would dictate. It is, however, governed by the growth hormones.

Growth is impressive, though. Tadpoles metamorphose into quarter-

Film scheduled

"What Ever Happened to the Human Race?", a film by Francis Schaeffer will be shown each Thursday night during July at 8 p.m. in the Chapel. The film exposes our rapid yet subtle loss of human rights.

inch toadlets that will grow to five inches in a year or two.

Technically, Yosemite has three kinds of toads. But the spadefoot is a hot-country species that rarely gets up into the Park and the Yosemite Toad specializes in the harsh environs of our high country from 7,000 to 11,000 feet. Our splatty little friend of El-Portal-into-the-Valley is the Western Toad, close relative of the common eastern toad.

There are reasons they are so common. For one thing, Mama toad lays about 16,500 eggs at a time in globby double strings. Few predators eat toads. The warts exude a milky fluid distasteful and mildly poisonous. Dogs spit them out quickly, and cats know better in the first place.

Besides, with Hecate and her witchy crew over in Soctland, there are no caldrons around here to throw toads into.

Employee recreation happenings

Movies

July 15, "The Turning Point", 6:45 and 9 p.m. showings.

July 22, "Pete's Dragon," 6:30 and 9 p.m. showings.

July 29, "Alien" 6:30 and 9 p.m. showings.

August 12, "The Producers", 7 and 9 p.m. showings.

Visitor Center, East Auditorium, \$2 admission.

Runner's Corner

All Comers Track Meet, 440, 60, 2 mile, discus, Merced College, 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15.

MTC Pentathalon, 220, discus, javelin, long jump, and 1500. Merced College, 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 22.

Athletic Attic Fun Run, 1500m, 5km, 10km, Applegate Park, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 3.

Sierra Pines Relay. Bass Lake, 8 a.m. Saturday, August 9.

Sports and Activities

Basketball is played every Monday and Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Yosemite Elementary School. Games are pick up.

Open volleyball play takes place from 7 to 11 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays of movie weeks. During non-movie weeks, volleyball is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meet at the Visitor Center, East Auditorium.

The Volleyball League begins Monday, July 14. Check bulletin boards for the schedule.

The softball league continues with games at 5 p.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and all day Sunday. The barbecue is at the field for your use on Sundays, so bring along your lunch fixin's and enjoy a day in the sun.

The Yosemite Lodge pool is open to employees for lap swimming six days a week. You can workout from 6:30 to 8

a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings or on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday evenings from 6 to 7:30.

How do you stay cool when exercising? Exercise in the pool! Water exercise classes take place at the Lodge swimming pool each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m.

Guitar and tennis lessons are available to employees. Contact Employee Recreation (ext. 475) for more information.

Special Events

Saturday, July 19, is the date for the Renaissance Festival held at Yosemite Elementary School. All local crafts people and artists are invited to display and/or sell their work. Music will be provided by local musicians. To complete the event, the Yosemite Theatre Group will present scenes from Shakespeare.

Keep a close watch on the bulletin boards! The Yosemite Theatre Group is planning to hold auditions soon for a production of "Godspell". Directors of the group are Kim Quigley and Ellison Smith.

The Yosemite Yacht Club's annual Regatta will be held on Saturday, July 26. The event begins at noon at Clark Bridge (by the Valley Stables). Entry fee is \$4 and includes a T-shirt. Following the trip down the Merced will be a barbecue, from 6 p.m. to dark. For details, contact Employee Recreation or Jim Nash.

Everyone's invited to come out and dance on Monday, July 28, from 8 to midnight. Watch for flyers with full information.

Also upcoming is a men's softball tournament. Dates and times will be announced; contact Employee Recreation for details.

Learn to sign

Want to learn sign language? A beginning class meets each Thursday at noon behind the Visitor Center auditoriums for an hour of instruction. Maureen Fitzgerald of the NPS will lead the class. For more information, contact Maureen at NPS ext. 232.

A sign language interpreter is available at the Visitor Center for deaf visitors. If a guest needs the interpreter's assistance, call 372-4461, ext. 232.

School carnival date selected

by Gayle Fokens

The Yosemite Elementary School Carnival will be Saturday, October 18. This year's theme is "A Country Faire," and the carnival promises to be better than ever!

Now, while still in the planning stages, certain things must be done well in advance. One of these is preparing plants to be sold. If you have plants to donate, clippings to start new plants, old pots or plastic pots for plants, please give Jean Little a call at 372-4296 as soon as possible.

Remember October 18 for this year's school carnival!

Annual run for cancer slated

The Merced Track Club is again sponsoring a "Run for Cancer", to be held this year on Sunday, July 13, in downtown Merced.

Two races have been scheduled: a five-mile run (entry fee \$5 by July 9, \$7 day of race) and a 1.5 mile fun run (entry fee \$1). Both races will start and finish near the Downtown Plaza, which is at Canal and Main Streets in Merced.

Check-in and registration begins at 6 a.m. at the Downtown Plaza.

Finishers of the five-mile race will each receive a pair of Adidas running shorts. Awards will also be given to top finishers in various categories. The top two finishers in each Fun Run division will receive T-shirts.

All entry fees will be donated to the Cancer Fund. Besides MTC, the race is sponsored by McNamara Sports and co-sponsored by Fidelity Savings and Merced County Parks & Recreation.

For further information, contact McNamara Sports (722-3593) or Don Dudley, race chairman (723-0383).

Community Calendar

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Mondays

Lap Swim Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
Exercise hour Visitor Center, 5 p.m.
Water Exercise Class Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
Volleyball (7/14, 7/22, 7/28) Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

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Film "Whatever Happened to the Human Race" Chapel, 8 p.m.

Fridays

Lap Swim Lodge Pool, 6:30 a.m.
Exercise hour Visitor Center, 5 p.m.
Water Exercise Class Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.

Saturdays

Lap Swim Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.
Softball Yosemite School, all day

Special Events

Sunday, July 13 Cancer Run, Downtown Plaza, Merced, 6 a.m.
Tuesday, July 15.. Movie "Turning Point," Visitor Center, 6:45 & 9 p.m.
Thursday, July 17 Lions Club, Ahwahnee, Noon
Saturday, July 19 Renaissance Festival, Yosemite School
Tuesday, July 22... Movie "Pete's Dragon," Visitor Center, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
Friday, July 25 Yosemite Womens Group Playday, El Portal
Sunday, July 26 ... Yosemite Yacht Club's Regatta, Clark Bridge, Noon
Monday, July 28 Dance, sponsored by Employee Recreation,
8 to midnight
Tuesday, July 29 Movie "Alien," Visitor Center, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
Thursday, July 31 "Hawkshaw, the Detective," opens,
Golden Chain Theater, Oakhurst

Wanted

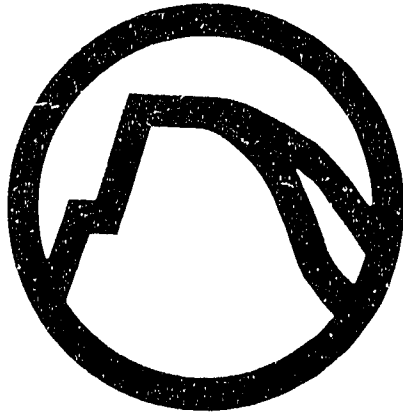
Experienced Pre-School teacher wanted in El Portal. Send resume to P. O. Box 183, El Portal, Ca. 94318, by July 15. For information, call 379-2422 or 379-2662.

For sale

Plexiglas motorcycle windshield, only used a short time, new \$40, sell for \$20. Contact Don Hales or 372-4554 (msg).

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College classes to begin in September

by Marian Woessner,
Merced College Coordinator

Courses being locally set up under the sponsorship of the Merced College for the Fall semester will include the following: an Art Workshop with Earl Rogers, Mariposa artist; a repeat of the well-received Fundamentals of Stock Market Investment, presented by Yosemite's own Jim Little; and the ever-needed course in Emergency Medical Techniques, taught by members of the Yosemite Medical Group.

The Art Workshop will be a 1-unit credit class, taught at the El Portal School Tuesday evening, 7-9:30, beginning September 23 and running eleven weeks, through December 2. All degrees of ability are welcomed.

Another 1-unit class, Stock Investment, will also be given at the El Portal School, on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30, beginning September 25. The nine-week class will conclude November 20.

EMT will begin in early November, running until mid-April. It will be held

at the Yosemite School, exact night and dates to be announced. As it stands now, there will not be an Advanced First Aid class until early February, which will then be given in El Portal.

These classes are tuition free for California (1-year) residents. Participants register at the first class session. Classes cannot be continued if fewer than 15 persons register, so attendance at the first session is vital. For further information, call Marian Woessner at 372-4832.

Smile, smile, smile

by D.E. Quigley, Senior Vice President

"Smile -- you're on candid camera!" There seems to be something magical about that well-known phrase that can evoke a smile from us as we recall instances from the Candid Camera television series in which people were "caught in the act of being themselves" and ended up smiling about it. Although few of us will ever stumble into the focus of the Candid Camera crew, all of us are continually in the focus of the people with whom we interact.

A smile is contagious. A genuine smile can generally provoke a pleasant reaction from other people. It's amazing how much a simple smile can contribute to making a difficult problem seem easier to handle. A smile can alleviate tension from a stressful situation or can break the ice in an awkward atmosphere. There seems to be an element of truth to the old saying that smiling is a universal language. A smile can add comfort and familiarity to a strange environment. It can ease the way for improved communications. And, if we can believe the information that's been passed along to us by our grandmothers, it takes less effort to smile than frown!

Sometimes we have to make a conscious attempt to remember to smile. Granted, there are those times when we just aren't in a smiling mood.

But, the effect of not smiling can be detrimental, not only to ourselves, but to other people, for frowning, too, seems to be contagious. If you're in a frowning mood, surely the best way to get out of it is to smile and be friendly. Not only will you feel better for doing so, but the smiles that you'll get back from other people will help to lift your spirits.

Aside from the personal and self-satisfying reasons for smiling, we also have additional business reasons for smiling. Since we are in the guest service business, special consideration should be given to extending smiling countenances to our guests. It's important to the guests to be greeted with smiles, and I'm sure you'll find that the results are positive.

So, please remember to smile...even though we aren't on Candid Camera, we're all in focus!

Women's Group to Wawona for day

The Yosemite Women's Group will meet at Wawona on Tuesday, August 19, for a day of swimming, tennis and golf. The group will also gather for the Wawona Hotel's buffet lunch (cost is \$4 per person). For further information, contact co-chairs Judy Durr (379-2442), Jean Williams (372-4298).

Looking to get away? Try White Wolf, featuring, great home-made food and beautiful natural surroundings.

Natural history observations

by Mary Vocelka, NPS
Research Librarian

The following unusual birds and mammals were observed and recorded in the Park this spring:

Clark's Nutcracker
Blackpoll Warbler
Spotted Owl
Golden Eagle
White-tailed Kite
Mountain Lion
Bobcat

For further information on these sightings, come to the Research Library, located in the Valley District Building next to the Visitor Center.

The National Park Service Research Library includes a comprehensive file of Natural History Observations. If you see an unusual bird, mammal, reptile or plant, please come to the Visitor Center Information Desk or the Research Library, where the sighting can be recorded.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Sentinel is pleased to carry this new column on sightings of seldom-seen animals in Yosemite.

HUGE

Country-rock music
by

Gold Country

Sunday, August 17
8 p.m. to Midnight

Visitor Center, East Auditorium
Dance contest — prizes
\$3 per person
Beer & wine bar

*Proceeds support the
Yosemite Valley
Pre-School*

Yosemite poetry

by Joseph R. Paquette
Accounting

Eagles

Soaring the skies
with candor and beauty
In prey of his nutrition
With his powerful talons
And his magnificent vision
And the highest morals of the
Lord's creatures
Revered by all peoples
Of all times
Only you, my Lord,
Could bless us with this gift.

Looking up in the sky on a moonlit eve.
Stars glittering like diamonds
On a dark blue velvet cloth
Like the jewelers display
With the moon as a majestic lamp
Observing his wealth.
Praise the Lord, for His wealth
Is far more superior.

Thank you

Charis Barnett has been located, and the NPS Law Enforcement Office would like to thank VALLEY RESIDENTS for their assistance.

Parents meeting planned

All parents whose children will be attending the Yosemite Valley Pre-School are asked to meet on Thursday, August 28, in the Girl's Club at 7:30 p.m.

Getting it together

The Yosemite Community Church is sponsoring a seminar with Phil Brewer, a Fresno psychologist, on the theme, "Getting it Together". It will be from 7 to 10 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 19 and 20, in the Chapel.

Galen Clark played important role in Yosemite's past

Clark decided his "chances of dying or growing better . . . were about even," and returned to Wawona in search of health. Clark eventually conquered his illness, using such methods as going barefoot and hatless; he also lived for another 53 years.

still remember Clark for the role he played in preserving this area of great natural beauty.

One of Yosemite's famous people-from-the-past is Galen Clark, who was associated with Yosemite from his first trip to Yosemite Valley, in a party of sight-seeing miners, in 1855, to his death in 1910.

Mosquito Festival set for August 21

The 32nd annual Mosquito Festival will be held on Thursday, August 21, at the traditional Sentinel Beach site.

The event, sponsored by the Yosemite Lion's Club, is an end-of-summer festivity, open to all Yosemite employees and their families.

When he was 76, Clark — to "be sure of being buried there" — dug his own grave in the Yosemite Cemetery. He planted sequoias around the site, installed a well and hand pump to water the trees, and, using native granite (supposedly from the third Cathedral Spire), carved his own, simple epitath.

As a result of that first trip, Clark homesteaded in the Wawona Basin in 1856, establishing "Clark's Station" which, when sold to the Washburn brothers, became the Wawona Hotel and complex. He was the effective discoverer of the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees and was thought of as the Grove's guardian.*

Happy Hour begins at 6 p.m. (no-host bar), followed at 7 with a barbecue steak dinner. Tickets are \$7 each and must be purchased ahead of time, by August 19, from any Lions Club member.

Plan to join in the fun and celebrate the end of mosquito season!

When Clark's grandson, Dr. Harry C. Regan, visited Yosemite in 1937, he was surprised to find his grandfather had a giant sequoia and a mountain named in his honor. The tree, also known as the "Discovery Tree," is the first one seen by Clark. Mt. Clark, in the Clark Range, is 3,512 meters high (11,522 ft.) and commands a view of the southeasterly portion of the Park.

When the Yosemite Grant (including Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove) was given to the State of California in 1864, the new Yosemite Commission appointed Clark to serve as the first guardian of this park. He served a second term as guardian from 1889 to 1897.

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Debra Kroon Editor

Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.

A fourth memorial to the "grand old man of Yosemite" was built in 1911 — the Galen Clark Memorial Bench, which looks at Lower Yosemite Fall and is across the trail from the John Muir cabin marker.

*The first cabin in the Grove was also built by Clark, on the site where the NPS museum now stands.

In an article about Clark's grandson's Yosemite visit, the writer noted, "it is 27 years since Galen Clark passed away, but many still remember this familiar, venerable figure who served as Commissioner (under the Yosemite Commission) for varying periods totaling 25 years." Today, we

A series of events first brought Clark to Wawona. His wife had passed away in 1848; in 1853, Clark decided to prospect for gold in California and left his five children with relatives in the East. He came to Mariposa County, finding work as a miner, packer, camp-keeper, and hunter. By 1856, Clark had consumption and, after suffering a hemorrhage of the lungs, his doctor advised him he had not long to live.

Animal of the month Velvet Ant

by Sandy Dengler



I have some good news and some bad news. The good news: Yosemite boasts a charming insect coated with lush, rich pile in colors ranging from scarlet to gentle lavender. Everything about this winsome little critter says "cuddle me." The bad news: Don't. It's a wasp in sheep's clothing.

Consider the measurements of these plush-upholstered cuties. One individual was an even 5/8 inch. Her stinger measured 5/32 inch, a fourth the body length. Not only does this formidable rapier pack a wallop (velvet ant venom is among the most potent of wasp venoms), it is retractable and therefore noticeable.

Good news: Only the female stings. The male is harmless. Bad news: The male possesses regular wasp-shaped wings and flies well. You never step on him barefoot, only on her. The male is longer and ganglier. He, too, wears that glorious texture and color.

The wingless female puts her stinger to good use hunting dinner. Her venom paralyzes insect victims. Regarding lifestyles: She is a parasite of other bees and wasps, usually solitary species. Mrs. Velvet Ant crawls down the burrow of some luckless wasp and lays an egg on the householder's larva. Her own larva, when it hatches, will eat the host larva.

Good news: Of 3,000 species of mutillids in the U.S., none of ours reaches the 1 1/4 inch size of those eastern Cow Killers. Bad news: The species we do have are especially common below 5,000 feet, the area of greatest human concentration. You might mention to small children how painful these beauties can be.

Velvet ants prefer open, sandy areas as opposed to dense, dark places. A few species are relatively bald and look very much like ants. True ants' wasp-waist--their petioles--have unique knobs on them. Velvet ants' do not.

Despite her bad-news stinger, the velvet ant is a good-news lady that should not be harmed. With her parasitic ways, she somewhat reduces the population of meat bees - and more meat bees we definitely do not need.

Bike Rally set for Sept. 27, 28

Yosemite's 1980 Fall Bike Rally will be held on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 27 and 28. This will be the 19th rally at Yosemite.

Participants will register from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday at Curry

Village Bike Stand. Each entrant will receive a Bike Rally patch, map, and certificate (50¢ entry fee). They are then free to cycle throughout Yosemite Valley, as little or as much as they want.

A biker's picnic will take place that afternoon; on Sunday, the rally continues with informal cycling.

Flyers describing the rally will be available mid-month. For more information, contact the Public Affairs Office (ext. 445).

Winter Club to bask in sun

A sun-drenched day of volleyball, picnicking, sailing, and other assorted summer activities is planned for the Yosemite Winter Club's annual day at Tenaya Lake.

This year, the fun is slated for Sunday, August 24. Current and prospective YWC members are invited to spend the day with family and friends on the northeast shore of Tenaya Lake. Steaks and hamburgers will be available.

Winter Club membership is open to everyone (that's right-you don't need to be a winter resident of the park!). The modest membership fee--\$5 single, \$10 family--includes a variety of benefits and activities. For more information, write Box 717, Yosemite, CA 95389.

For sale

Classical nylon string guitar with plush lined hard shell cast. Beautiful, must see to appreciate. Lin 372-9326.

Good ol' clunker bike with new tires, \$25, Lin, 372-9326.

Mobile home in El Portal. One bedroom, bath. \$7,000 or best offer. Call and Simona, 379-2419.

Get your bike back

If your bike was lost or stolen in Yosemite National Park within the past year or so, there's a good chance it was recovered by the National Park Service. A number of bicycles have been recovered by NPS Law Enforcement Office (LEO) and will be disposed of if left unclaimed. If yours is among those, you can get your bike back by filing a theft report with LEO. Call 372-4461 or drop by the ranger office to file your report.

GREAT VALLEY REVIEW

Thursday, August 14

8 p.m. 'til Midnight

Visitor's Center

Doors open 7 p.m.

Prizes — Gift Certificates

Mountain Shop

1st place - \$100

2nd place - \$50

3rd place - \$25

Our guests comment

James Cole, who visited Yosemite earlier this summer, has provided us with some excellent thoughts, adapted from a column by Ann Landers. You may want to save this for future reference.

- Each guest is the most important person in our business.
- Guests are not dependent on us. We are dependent on them.
- Guests are not an interruption of our work. They are the purpose of it.
- Guests do us a favor when they use our facilities. We are't doing them a favor by serving them.
- Guests are part of our business --not outsiders.
- Guests are not just money in the cash register. They are human beings with feelings, like our own.
- Guests are people who come to us with their needs and wants. It is our job to fill them.
- Guests deserve the most courteous attention we can give them. They are the life-blood of this and every business. They pay your salary. Without them, we would have to close our doors. Don't ever forget it.



The new Merced bus meets passengers arriving on Amtrak's Train 708 and return from the Park in time for departures from Merced on Amtrak Train 709. In June, YP&C Co., Amtrak, and Cal Trans representatives met the bus at the Amtrak depot in Merced. From left, Joe Wheeler (YP&C Co.), Nathan Slay (YP&C Co., driver of new Merced route), photographer from Merced Sun-Star, Kim Saunders (YP&C Co.), Reg Bell (Amtrak), Bob Kujala (Amtrak), and Vince Goring (Cal Trans). Employees may ride YTS buses free, including those going to Merced, Fresno, and Lee Vining — make reservations at tour centers.

County Fair and Homecoming to be held Labor Day Weekend

The annual Mariposa County Fair and Homecoming will take place Friday, August 29, through Monday, September 1, at the Mariposa County Fairgrounds.

The fair opens on Friday at 4 p.m., with carnival rides provided by Butler Amusements. A variety show and four-wheel-drive pull highlight the evening's activities.

Saturday is Western Day, with a parade, Western horse show, barbecue, "Idaho Blue Grass Special" and Buckingham Mountain School bands, dancing to "Gularte Valley Knights," and a destruction derby.

Homecoming Day, Sunday, includes the sixth annual Amigo de Oro race (5 and 10 miles), barrel racing, saddle roping, diaper derby, tricycle race, dancing to "Blackjack Duran," and a Western approved rodeo.

Senior citizens (age 65 and over) and children under 12 are admitted free on Monday, the final day of the fair. The day's events include team roping, quarter horse judging, afternoon

entertainment at the bandstand, dancing to "Flyte 1980," Western approved rodeo, and, the fair's finale, fireworks in the Gold Bowl.

Demonstrations will be given throughout the weekend on dog training, spinning and weaving, horseshoeing, dairy cattle, gold panning, and by local Indians.

Yosemite residents will find a number of divisions they can enter, with a great many classes in each division. Some of these are:

Floriculture* (potted plants, arrangements)

Baked Foods and Confections* (breads, rolls, cakes, cookies, pies, candies)

Clothing and Textiles (apparel, furnishings)

Preserved Foods (juices, fruits, meat, vegetables, pickles, jams, jellies)

Arts, Crafts and Collections* (paintings, drawings hand crafts, hobby collections)

Photography* (slides, B&W, color prints)

Lapidary Arts

Junior Floriculture, Baked Foods & Confections, Clothing and Textiles, Drawings, Paintings Crafts (age 17 and under)

*These divisions include separate classes for amateurs and professionals. So even if you're just beginning, you can win a ribbon!

Besides fair premiums, special awards are offered for certain categories. At the 1979 fair, Carl Stephens (Head Gardener for YP&C Co.) won a gift certificate from Sierra Harvest Nursery, to accompany his Best of Show-winning flower arrangement.

Entries close Thursday, August 21, for home arts and crafts and lapidary divisions. Floriculture entries will close on Tuesday, August 26.

For more information on the fair, see the *Mariposa Gazette*, call the Fair Association at 966-2432, or write Mariposa County Fair, P. O. Box 187, Mariposa, CA 95388. Premium books are available on request from the Fair.

Renaissance Faire held at Yosemite last month

by Jill Patterson
Employee Recreation



The first annual Yosemite Renaissance Festival, held on July 19, featured barbecued turkey legs, which here are enjoyed by (from left) Amy Brown, Ruth, Kirk Woodbury, Ray Martinez, Jill Patterson, and Bennet Martin. The Festival also had more ordinary fare, such as soft drinks, chips, and baked goodies, for sale. One of the booths exhibiting handiercrafts at the Festival was this one, below right, of Randy Abbott's batik.

The Renaissance Faire was enjoyed by all in attendance, with the highlight of the faire being the Shakespearean acts put on by the Employee Drama Club. Turkey drumsticks and chicken legs were a special treat at the barbecue, in keeping with the Renaissance theme.

Scheduled activities for the faire were new games, a festive barbecue, Shakespearean Acts, baked goods booth, and art exhibits.

Although the turnout was lower than for previous special events put on by the Employee Recreation office, those who attended got a real treat from this cultural event. Next year's Renaissance Faire should be a highlight of the summer's activities.



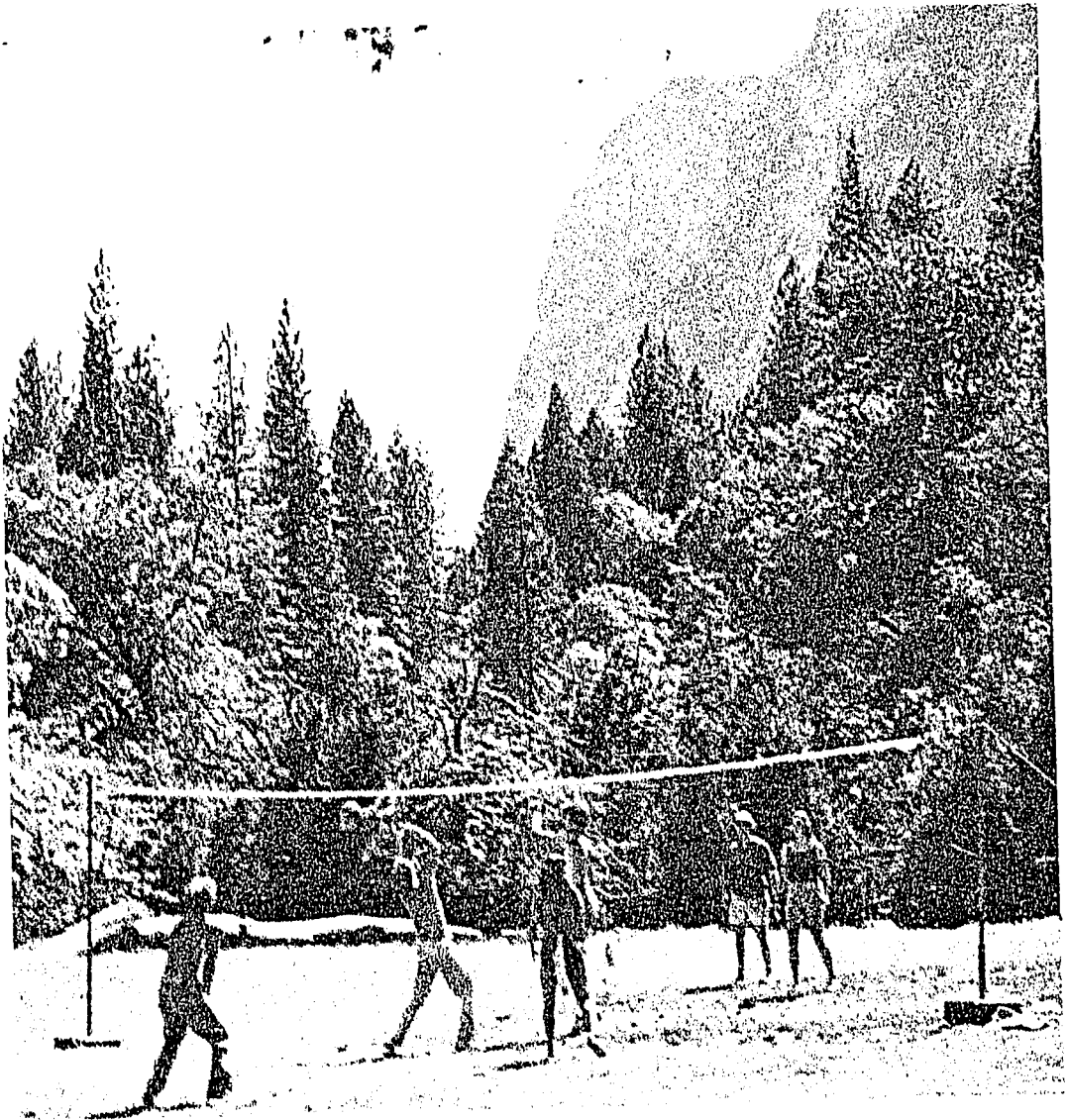
"Taming of the Shrew" was popular with those attending the Renaissance Festival, as were other selections from Shakespeare.



Pick-up basketball featured fast-moving games; volleyball players enjoyed both sun and action.



Other employees played softball, had a barbecue picnic, and listened to good music.

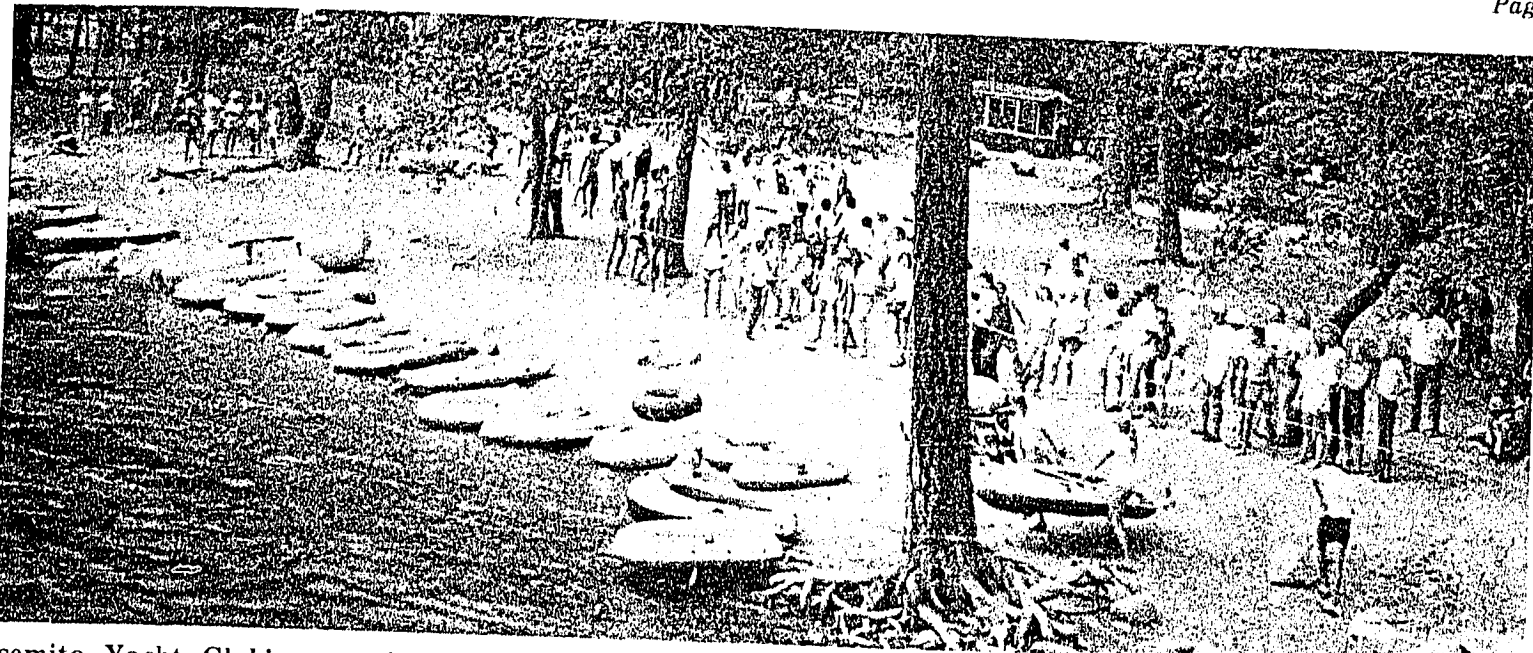


Employee Field Day 1980 rated "success"

From morning 'til evening, employees were at Yosemite School on June 7 for a day of fun. The annual field day, held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., included in its activities volleyball, basketball, softball, relays, and races.

A free barbecue picnic, featuring hot dogs and hamburgers, lent a relaxing atmosphere to the day, which was participated in by many employees from all work areas.





Yosemite Yacht Club's annual regatta took place on Saturday, July 26. Sailors launched their craft about 4:30 p.m. for a ride down the Merced River, from Clark's Bridge

to Sentinel Beach, with the heat of the day broken by a breeze and thunder rolling in the distance. After beaching, the crews enjoyed a steak barbecue.

New interpretive signs installed at Wawona

New signs, providing a brief history of each of the buildings in the Wawona Hotel complex, were installed at the hotel in mid-July.

The signs, which match those used by the NPS at the Pioneer History Center, have already become a self-guided tour source for guests. At the Wawona

Hotel, the most-often-asked questions dealt with the buildings' names and history; the answers are provided on the new signs.

Sign wording was written by Yosemite historian Shirley Sargent, for the centennial celebration of the hotel's main building in May 1979.

Cardboard signs used on the celebration day proved so popular with guests that permission was secured to install permanent interpretive signs.

On your next day at Wawona, look for the new signs — one is located by each building.



Employee recreation happenings

by the Employee Recreation Staff

MOVIES

August 12 - "The Producers," 7 and 9 p.m. (PG)

August 19 - "Milestones in Animation" "Mickey Mouse," 7 and 9 p.m. (G)

August 26 - "10" 6:30 and 9 p.m. (R)

September 9 - "The Rose," 6:30 and 9 p.m. (R)

Visitor Center, East Auditorium; Admission \$2

YOSEMITE SUPERSTARS

Who are the Superstars? Teams are being formed to compete in the 1980 Summer Superstar Spectacular, coming Saturday and Sunday, August 9 and 10. You, too, can put together a team and become a superstar. Teams will compete in ten events, including co-ed volleyball, ultimate Frisbee, running, swimming, bike relays, and many more. For further information, contact Employee Recreation at ext. 475.

1980 YOSEMITE PARK EMPLOYEES BEST-BALL TOURNAMENT

Employee Recreation is sponsoring the 1980 Employee Best-Ball Team Golf Tournament on Saturday, August 17, at 11 a.m. at the Wawona Golf Course. All two-person teams must have at least five (5) 18-hole score cards posted with the Wawona Golf Shop or have an established handicap. Sign-ups taken through Wednesday, August 10, in Employee Recreation.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Wimbledon, Forest Hills, and now the Yosemite Open! Compete in men's or women's singles and doubles, as well as mixed doubles. Sign-ups are being accepted through Tuesday, August 12, in the Employee Recreation Office (Tecoya B-5) Entrants will be seeded and paired by the Recreation Office. Matches will be at the players' convenience on the Ahwahnee courts.

SPORTS

Volleyball - Visitor Center, East Auditorium, 7 to 11 p.m. Mondays, August 11 and 25; Thursdays, August 7, 21, and 28.

Water Exercise

Join us for an hour of exercise in the water. Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Yosemite Lodge pool.

Basketball — Yosemite Elementary School, 5 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays.

Lap Swim — Yosemite Lodge Pool, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the Yosemite Guide.

Mondays

Basketball Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
 Exercise Hour Visitor Center, 5 p.m.
 Water Exercise Class Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
 Volleyball (8-11, 8-25) Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
 Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 County Library Open Girls Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
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 Lap Swim Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.
 Volleyball (except 8-14) Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Fridays

Exercise Hour Visitor Center, 5 p.m.
 Water Exercise Class Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.

Saturdays

Lap Swim Lodge Pool, 6 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Special Events

Thursday, Aug. 7 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
 Saturday, Aug. 9 1980 Summer Superstar Spectacular,
 Sunday, Aug. 10 Employee Recreation
 Tuesday, Aug. 12 MOVIE, "The Producers," Visitor Center
 7 & 9 p.m.

Tennis Tournament Sign-Up Deadline,
 Employee Recreation

Thursday, Aug. 14 The Great Valley Review, Employee Recreation
 Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

MOVIE, "Born Again," Yosemite Chapel, 9 p.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 17 .. Employee Best-Ball Team Golf Tournament, Wawona

DANCE, Visitor Center, 8 p.m. to Midnight

Tuesday, Aug. 19 Women's Group Wawona Playday, Wawona Hotel
 MOVIE, "Milestones in Animation,"

Visitor Center, 7 & 9 p.m.

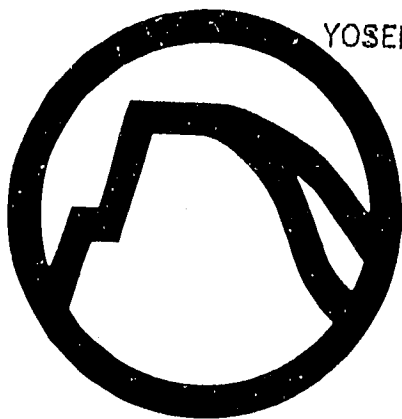
Thursday, Aug. 21 Mosquito Festival, Sentinel Beach, 6 p.m.
 Sunday, Aug. 24 Yosemite Winter Club Day, Tenaya Lake

Tuesday, Aug. 26 MOVIE, "10," Visitor Center, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
 Thursday, Aug. 28 Yosemite Valley Pre-School Parents Meeting
 Girls' Club, 7:30 p.m.

MOVIE, "The Hiding Place," Yosemite Chapel, 8 p.m.
 Friday, Aug. 29 Mariposa County Fair, Fairgrounds, Mariposa

Saturday, Aug. 30
 Sunday, Aug. 31
 Monday, Sept. 1

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YNHA initiates scholarship fund

Yosemite Natural History Association, a local non-profit organization established to aid and support the National Park Service, recently set up a \$5,000 scholarship program at U.C. Davis. The fund will be distributed among six upper-division students interested in pursuing a career in interpretation with NPS and in working with the Park's interpretive staff. The Association and Davis scholarship administrators will select the recipients this fall.

Under the program, part of the college expenses of those selected will be paid, and, during an intern period in Yosemite, they will receive housing and a stipend for living expenses. Because of budget limitations, the Park interpretive staff is not available for duty until late June, whereas park visitation by then has reached its summer level. The interpreter-interns will present weekend programs during late spring and be ready for daily duty in early June.

Faire update

Saturday, October 18, is the date for this year's school carnival. The theme is "A Country Faire", and many new and exciting plans are being made. This event is sponsored by the Yosemite Elementary School Parent Group, but participation and enjoyment is community-wide.

This year a houseplant booth will be organized by Jean Little. Donations of plants, clippings to start new plants, and old or plastic pots for plants are needed. Please give Jean a call at 372-4296 as soon as possible.

A country store will also be a feature of this year's Faire, and will be run by Patricia St. John. Handicrafts, homemade baked goods, preserves, and canned goods would be much appreciated donations. Please give Patricia a call at 372-4713.

The date to remember is October 18. See you at the Faire.

YNHA publishes the *Yosemite Guide*, operates book sales outlets at Park visitor centers, sponsors field seminars, and organizes hikes and other trips for its 1,300 members. It has existed in the Park since 1922. Much of its yearly revenue is donated to Park Service for various purposes pertaining to Park interpretive programs. This fiscal year, the Association has budgeted nearly \$50,000 in financial aid to NPS.

Ed Hardy, YPCCo. Chief Operating Officer, has directed the donation of considerable money to Association programs, such as funding the Dana and Esther Morgenson Wildflower Trail at the Ahwahnee, financing 50%

of the *Yosemite Guide* proper, contributing printing costs of the foreign-language Park folders, and giving a half-dozen bicycles for use of Park interpreters.

Many other members of the YPCCo. staff have also assisted the Association in various ways over the years.

Park residents are encouraged to consider membership in YNHA. Information will be mailed on request, or those interested are invited to stop by the YNHA office, located at the rear of the Valley District Building, west of the Visitor Center.

New schedule for services

With the arrival of September, Christian services in the Park convert to their winter schedule. For further information on these services, contact:

Protestant-Rev. John Davis 372-4885

Southern Baptist-Rev. Bill Sims
379-2428

Catholic-Fr. James Murphy 372-4729

Schedule of Services

Protestant
Sat. 6:30 p.m. - Wawona "Schoolhouse"
Sun. 9:30 a.m. - Yosemite Chapel
Sun. 6 p.m. - Christian Gathering,
Chapel

Southern Baptist
Sun. 7:30 - Yosemite Chapel

Catholic
Sat. 5:30 p.m. - Visitor Center, West.
Auditorium

Sun. 9 a.m. - Latin Mass, Visitor Center

Sun. 11 a.m. - English Mass, Visitor
Center

Tues.-Fri. 8 a.m. - Yosemite Chapel

Vigil of Holy Days - Chapel, 5:30 p.m.

Holy Days - Chapel, 8 and 10 a.m.
(no 10 a.m. Mass on Nov. 1)

Merced College schedule

Course	Instructor	Units	Night/Time	Dates	Place
Art Workshop	E. Rogers	1	Tues./ 7-9:30 p.m.	9/23- 12/2	El Portal School
Fundamentals of Stock Market Investment	J. Little	1	Thurs./ 7:30-9:30 p.m.	9/25- 11/20	El Portal School
EMT	Yosemite Med. Group	4	To Be Announced		Yosemite

Registration at first session, tuition-free for California 1-year residents.

You gotta believe!

by Dan Jensen, Secretary-Treasurer

Tug McGraw, a one-time relief pitcher with the New York Mets, made the above statement during the Mets improbable drive to the 1969 pennant. That phrase still has a lot going for it. Confidence and belief in your ability to assist in finding solutions--whether in the ballfield, at the front desk, or cashiering at the grocery store--is a key to happiness and success. When an individual projects self-confidence, it is inevitably transmitted to people with whom we interact; they, too, begin to "believe".

In dealing with guests, and in doing your job on a day-to-day basis, there are situations in which your belief in yourself can create a like feeling in people around you. For instance: You have an idea to improve the manner in which you do your job. If you have a firm belief and a sincerity in expressing your point of view, talk to your supervisor. He will likely be receptive to hearing your idea and discussing its merit with you.

Demonstrating belief in your ability does not mean being so cocksure that you act as though you've already mastered all there is to know, or that

you treat the public or others as if they were inferior or not important. In fact, you can show confidence by asking questions, observing others in similar or greater responsibility, and soliciting recommendations from other employees and from your supervisor. What this says is, "I think enough of myself to want to do the job right". This approach should encourage support from your supervisor, co-workers and public which we serve.

"You gotta believe!" is based attitude that can help you in numerous ways — from presenting an successfully to persuading others the need for change or in responding a guest's complaint or question. It not mean putting on a false front. Rather, it means to be interested enough in your work to learn it and to want to do the best for your others. If you expect a lot from yourself, so others.

You can be a good judge

When you watch a candidate for public office on television, you are often witnessing the professional packaging of a candidate.

The media advisers who work with a candidate want their candidate to make a highly-favorable impression to the television viewer. That is why "image" is all important to the successful candidate and why great sums of money are spent in campaigns perfecting this image. Many voters tend to cast their vote based on the physical appearance and other aspects of a candidate's "image."

How can you be a discerning voter? How can you be a good judge of the candidate without relying totally on image?

Simple.

Just listen. Listen to what candidate is saying.

- Is the candidate adequately deal with important issues? With facts opinion?
- Is there substance to the candidate remarks?
- Does the candidate sufficient answer difficult questions?
- Is the candidate direct in his or her responses to questioning or does he or she evade the issue at hand?
- How knowledgeable does the candidate sound on key issues?

You can be a good judge. Vote for candidates you believe have a good grasp of the issues, not just because they may have a good image.

From "Voter Alert", Private Enterprise, August 1980 issue.

River of mercy

*River of incomparable beauty
Edging towards the last days of
summer
Having lost the rapidity of spring
Showing areas of tranquility
Quenching Mother Nature's thirst
With a reflection of your wealth
Blossoms, grass and evergreens
In radiant hues
With a bejeweled bed of unknown
treasures
A trout or two in your depths
That has escaped in the fisherman's
lure
With continuous dependability
This is surely God's mercy.*

Joseph R. Paquette, Accounting

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Debra Kroon Editor

Articles must be submitted to the Sentinel office by the 12th of the month preceding publication. Short articles and ads will be taken up until the 25th of the preceding month, space and time permitting.



The new Village Information Center opened last month, next to the ice machine on the east side of the Village Store. The center provides information, as well as information on sightseeing, horseback riding, public transportation, and other Park programs.

Natural observ

by Mary Vo

The following observed and summer:

- Acorn Woodpecker
- White-headed
- Western Wood
- Violet-green
- Mountain Ch
- Hermit Warb
- MacGillivray
- Song Sparrow

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by Mary Vocelka, NPS Librarian

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 Violet-green Swallow
 Mountain Chickadee
 Hermit Warbler
 MacGillivray Warbler
 Song Sparrow

Further information on these sightings is available at the Research Library, located in the Valley District building next to the Visitor Center.

The National Park Service Research Library includes a comprehensive file of Natural History Observations. If you see an unusual bird, mammal, reptile or plant, please come to the Visitor Center Information Desk or the Research Library, where the sighting can be recorded.

Discounts given

The Recycling Center switches to its autumn operation on Sunday, September 7, with attendants scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Beginning October 1, the center will be staffed from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, and on Sundays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Recycling open

The Magic Kingdom Club offers a 30% discount on current time and mileage rates at all National Car Rental locations in the U.S. All employees of YP&C Co. may take advantage of this discount by presenting your Magic Kingdom Club card (available at no charge from Employee Recreation.)

The Magic Kingdom Club also offers a vacation package featuring 5 days at Walt Disney World and either a 4 or 7 night Caribbean cruise. Or, if a cruise in the Caribbean is all you want, you can receive a 10% discount on any one of the five Norwegian Caribbean Lines ships. Contact Employee Recreation for more information.



Three Yosemite oldtimers and a "relatively new oldtimer" were pictured together during a June meeting. Eleanor Sell Crooks, at left, grew up in Yosemite Valley as her father, William Sell, managed the Sentinel Hotel. At one time she tutored Virginia Best Adams (second from left), daughter of artist Harry C. Best, who ran Best's Studio until his death in 1936. Ever since, the Studio, now known as Ansel Adams Gallery, has been under the general management of Virginia and her husband, Ansel Adams. Wawona

Washburn Hartwig not only grew up at the Wawona Hotel, but was born in the main hotel building. Her father, grandfather and great uncles, Clarence, John, Henry, and Ed Washburn, operated the Wawona Hotel from 1875 until 1932. Seated in front is Shirley Sargent, local author, whose Yosemite roots go back as far as the Depression of the 1930's. Many of her books, she says, have benefited from knowledge given her by the three gracious, young in spirit, oldtimers.

Social security number is key

by Dennis Kruse
 Social Security Branch Manager,
 Merced

A person's social security number is the key to his or her lifetime protection under Social Security.

All your earnings over your working lifetime are recorded under that number, and, if an incorrect number is used, you may not receive proper credit for all your earnings.

You should take your card with you when you get a new job and make sure your employer copies the number just as shown on the card.

You should keep a record of your number in a safe place. Then if the original card is lost, a new card with the old number can be obtained easier than if the number were not known.

It is against the law for a person to use someone else's social security number. It is also against the law to give false information when obtaining a number. Penalties include a fine or jail sentence or both.

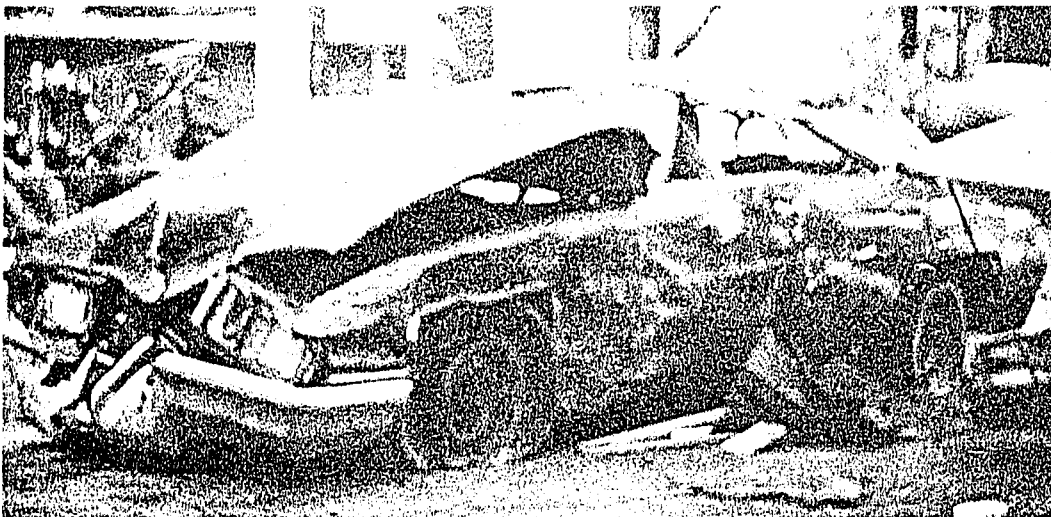
It is a good idea for you to check your Social Security record every 3 years or so to make sure earnings are being correctly reported. This is especially important if you change jobs often.

A post card form 7004 is available for this purpose and can be obtained at any Social Security office.

For more information about social security numbers, contact the Merced Social Security Office, located at 3191 M Street. The telephone number is 723-2071.

Free offer

The *Sentinel* is happy to run For sale ads at no cost. Call 372-4611, ext. 445.



The car pictured above is not a pretty sight, but it is an example of what has happened all too often in Yosemite during the last few months. Take extra care when you're driving so this won't happen to you. Watch out for the other drivers.

Community council fund drive this month

*by Dolores Silva
Yosemite Community Council*

The annual Yosemite Community Council fund drive will start Sept. 15 and end Oct. 31. The council emphasizes local organizations, with many national groups also benefiting from contributions.

Whether you choose to keep your donational local or support one of the national charities, your support is needed in the coming drive.



The 1980 women's softball championship went to Tecoya Sweet Cleats. Pictured, from left, Tim Arnst (coach), Isabelle Netto, Ray Martinez (coach), Jacque Fox, Kirk Woodbury (asst. coach), Leslie Wily. Second row, Nadine Clevenger, Lisa Potts (team captain), Trish Weant, Jill Patterson, Pam Hertz, Denny Ciampa, Denise Niklas.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Turkey Vulture
Cathartes aura

"Oh, gross!": contemporary vernacular. "How utterly repugnant!": high-brow. "Enough to gag a maggot.": colloquial. Any deprecating comment you care to make about the turkey vulture probably fits.

The vulture's domestic habits are slovenly. Mating pairs don't bother with a nest. Any old stump, cavity or thicket will do. Between April and June, mama lays two pearly, 3-inch eggs all besmirched with purple blotches. The eggs hatch into homely little eyesores not even a mother can love. The adults persevere with parenthood about two months, then boot the chicks out.

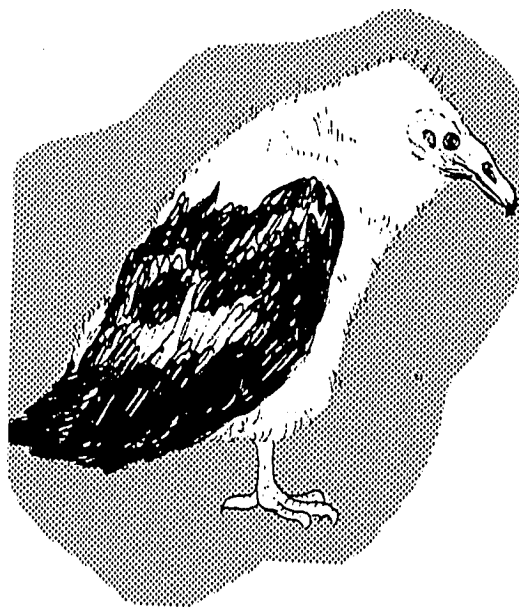
The babies are fed on (ready for this?) regurgitated carrion. In fact, what goes down a vulture very easily comes back up. As everyone knows, its diet is almost exclusively carrion. When startled or threatened, the bird's big defense ploy is to hiss and then upchuck. Works like a charm. If the carcass was large, the bird gorges itself too full to fly. No problem. It just off-loads enough weight to get airborne.

The condition of the meal when it went down may well be nauseating, for these inelegant diners don't care how ripe dinner is. Vultures have no sense of smell. How then do they find carrion? Their long-distance vision far excels ours and they detect meals primarily by sight. They also respond to such clues as buzzing insects and other vultures descending afar off.

Paradoxically, these repulsive birds show forth remarkable beauty. Born to soar, they have twice the secondary wingfeathers of most birds and big hollow wing bones with internal struts, light and strong. Nothing aloft can match the aerodynamic grace of their swooping, tilting arcs.

And the distances they cruise! Our Yosemite vultures winter for the most part in the Central Valley. But eastern vultures may travel 3600 miles (Panama to Michigan or Wisconsin) in ten days, eating nothing en route. Each year the vultures arrive in Hinckley, Ohio, more faithfully than our swallows return to Capistrano.

Of North America's three kinds of vultures, the condor is nearly extinct and the black vulture is limited to the



C. aura, Jr.
Age about one month

southern U. S. But our turkey vulture is expanding its range north. Such uncomely beauty deserves wider exposure.

Movies set for Sept., Oct.

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 Sept. 9, "The Rose," 6:30 and 9:00 p.m. Starring Bette Midler, Alan Bates, Frederick Forrest (R)
 Sept. 16, "Winnie the Pooh," 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., Animated (G)
 Sept. 23, "Silver Streak," 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., Starring Gene Wilder, Jill Clayburgh, Richard Pryor, Patrick McGoochan (PG)
 Oct. 7 "The Who," The Kids are Alright, 7:00 and 9:00 p.m., Starring Pete Townsend, Roger Daltrey, John Entwistle, Keith Moon (PG)
 Oct. 21 "Coma," 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. Starring Genevieve Bujold, Michael Douglas, Elizabeth Ashley, Richard Widmark (PG)
 All movies are Tuesday nights, at the Visitor Center, East Auditorium.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Mondays

- 5-man Basketball League Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Volleyball (9-8, 9-15, 9-22) Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
- Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Mental Health Clinic Medical Center 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- County Library Open Girls Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursdays

- Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- County Library Open Girls Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
- 5-man Basketball League Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Volleyball Visitor Center, 7 p.m.

Sundays

- County Library Open Girls Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday, Sept. 9 Movie, "The Rose," Visitor Center, 6:30 & 9 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 16 . Movie, "Winnie the Pooh," Visitor Center, 7 & 9 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 18 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
- Tuesday, Sept. 23 Art Workshop begins, El Portal School
- Tuesday, Sept. 23 Movie, "Silver Streak," Visitor Center 7 & 9 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 25 Stock Investment begins, El Portal School
- Saturday, Sept. 27 Bike Rally
- Sunday, Sept. 28 Bike Rally
- Sunday, Sept. 28 Foursome Scramble, Wawona, 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 30 Volleyball, Visitor Center, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 2 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 7 Movie, "The Who, the Kids are Alright," Visitor Center, 7 & 9 p.m.

Yosemite recreation happenings

by the Employee Recreation staff

Dances

Mon. September 15, Featuring "THRUST", 8 to midnight, East Auditorium Visitor Center, \$2.50 per person.

Mon. September 29, East Aud., Visitor Center 8 to midnight.

Golf tournament coming Sept. 28

Employee Recreation is sponsoring the 1980 Fall Foursome Scramble Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 28, at 11 a.m. at the Wawona Golf Course. Sign-ups taken through Friday, September 19, in Employee Recreation. Prizes will be given. The charge is \$5.00 which includes green fees and a barbecue steak dinner.

Horseshoe Tournament

The Summer Horseshoe Tournament was dominated by the Tecoya entries. Dave Mathias won the men's singles event and teamed with Butch Norwich to sweep the doubles event as well. Bennett Martin and Rich Davis from Camp Clark placed second in doubles. Rich Davis was also runner-up in the single's events.

Softball league results

The 1980 Yosemite softball season saw more teams and more games than in any previous year. The ten men's teams played over 180 games, while the six women's teams played 50 games. With the improved playing field and double-header concept of play, there were many fine defensive plays, and some awesome offensive displays.

After 18 games of men's league play, the Alley Cats and Cedar Lodge had equal records of 16-2, with Face First (Annex) one game back at 15-3. Cedar Lodge defeated the Alley Cats 13-8 in the league play-off to become the 1980 Yosemite Softball League Champions.

The Tecoya Sweet Cleats dominated the Women's League with a record of 7-1. The Women's League was marked by good play, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm.

The final standings were as follows:

- Woman's
1. Tecoya Sweet Cleats 7-1
 2. El Portal 6-2
 3. Kalamity Klutzes 4-4
 4. Joe's Mammias (Camp Tenaya) 1-7
 5. Terrace Terrors 0-6

Men's

1. Cedar Lodge 16-2*
2. Alley Cats 16-2
3. Face First (Camp Tenaya) 15-3
4. Firehouse 5+5 10-8
5. Over the Belt Gang 9-9
6. Rangers (NPS) 8-10
7. Buns Up (Camp Tresidder) 7-11
8. Rough Riders (Tecoya) 5-13
9. Good, Bad & Ugly (Maint.) 4-14
10. Camp 6 Classics 0-16

*Playoff Winner

Whaleys win twosome scramble golf tourney

Walt and Ralph Whaley teamed up to win the 1980 Twosome Scramble at the Wawona golf course. The father-son duo shot an even par 70 to edge out the Rudy Valdez-Mike Williams and Bob Blumreich-Kirk Woodbury teams who tied for second with one over 71's.

Walt Whaley also won the Long Drive contest with a rather pathetic effort that was just enough to win. Valdez stopped drinking beer for the length of time it takes to hit a golf ball 25 1/2 inches from the 17th hole to win the closest to the pin contest. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the tournament and plan to play in the Foursome Scramble coming up September 28 at Wawona.

Superstar team results

Bike Relay

1st Curry Village 6.49.8
Mark Rupert, Janice Anderson

2nd Millers Magots

Bill Critchlow, Marilyn Husney

Running Relay

Millers Magots 15.28.1

Brenda Jugo, David Weller,
Marilyn Husney, David Terra

Basektball Shooting

Millers Magots

Bob Stone, Kim Bielefeld

Volleyball

Millers Magots

Frisbee Toss

Leroy Martin, Marilyn Husney

Swimming Individual

Freestyle

Mike LaPierre, Tecoya; Dave Sholtz, Curry Village; Chuck Hauser, Millers Magots; Cathy Grott, Curry Village, Ramona Kennedy, Millers Magots; Alic Lamb, Tecoya.

Breaststroke

Mike LaPierre, Tecoya; Chuck Hauser, Millers Magots; Dave Sholtz, Curry Village; Cathy Grott, Curry Village; Ramona Kennedy, Millers Magots; Alice Lamb, Tecoya.

Medley

1 - Curry Village

Terry Mattson, Alice Lamb, Cathy Grott, Lance Knaak.

2 - Millers Magots

Innertube Relay

Curry Village

Millers Magots

Tennis

Millers Magots

Leroy Martin, Marilyn Husney

Curry Village

Lance Knaak, Julia Becker

Review reviewed

The Great Valley Review, our employee talent show, was enjoyed by a capacity audience in the east auditorium of the Visitor Center. The show included a pre-show concert by the jazz ensemble of "Blue Train, along with a special visual display of slides of Yosemite's beautiful scenery.

This year's first-place winner was Gordon Defrese, who held the audience spellbound with some excellent jamming on his recorders. Second-place winner was the rock group "Echo", comprised of Pete and Fred Aeillo and Laura Masters, singing and playing to Pete's own material. Gwilyn Owen captured third place with his guitar-playing and singing performance.

Judging the talent show were Patrick Harley, Trish Weant, Paul Levin, and Jeff Hudspeth. The Master of Ceremonies was Charles Lammers, and the entire production was directed by David Elliott, the Recreation Department's summer intern.

Softball tourney

The top six teams from league play were invited to compete in the first annual season's-end Softball Tournament. The Cedar Lodge team defeated the Rangers and Face First enroute to the tournament championship.

Competition in the tournament, as in league, was intense, with many sparkling plays, hard-fought games. This spirit of competition made for a great season and exciting tournament.

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Yosemite National Park, CA

Loyd Price promoted

Loyd Price has been named Manager of Guest Recreation for YP&C Co., overseeing operations of Badger Pass, Yosemite Mountaineering School, the Stables, Bike Stands, and Ice Rink. He will also continue his role as Director of the Mountaineering School.

Raised in Alaska on a working ranch, Loyd has a broad base of experience to draw upon. He led snow camping and survival classes for the Armed Forces prior to joining the Navy, where he served as cook on the Pacific-based destroyer, USS Taylor. Loyd also assisted in the ship's search-and-rescue operations.

After the Navy, Loyd tried Los Angeles — but he didn't like smog. So, he headed to Yosemite, in the fall of 1964, to climb. Loyd was hired as a pantry person at the Ahwahnee, working under Fred Pierson, and in the next five years became Lead Pantry person and then Garde Mange. Loyd also took a summer off to climb, and Mt. McKinley was one of his accomplishments that summer.

With the formation of the Yosemite Mountaineering School, Loyd became its Chief Guide, teaching climbing in the summer and downhill skiing in the winter.

Dana C. Morgenson

1909 — 1980

A special edition of the *Yosemite Sentinel* will commemorate the warm, gentle man who shared so much of Yosemite with all of us.

Loyd switched to teaching cross-country when Nordic instruction was added to the YMS roster of classes. He is one of a handful of people fully certified to teach both downhill and cross-country skiing, and Loyd has also served as Chief Nordic Examiner for the Western Professional Ski Instructors Association. He is on the Technical Committee of the PSIA.

He also organized many technical rescues in Yosemite, prior to the formation of YOSAR. A rescue he remembers well is one off El Capitan's West Buttress in the middle of a heavy snowstorm — the first rescue ever attempted on El Capitan and done entirely by hand.

For the last six years, Loyd has been the director of the Mountaineering School, supervising classes, updating techniques, and insuring guests were given the highest-quality instruction.

Loyd's interests are more than skiing and climbing. He has his private plane pilot's license and is ready for his final flight test for his commercial license. Loyd owns a sailplane and flies actively. He also likes to fly remote-control gliders, scuba dives, wind surfs and parachutes (sky dives). Loyd hang-glides and is an Observer for the U.S. Hang Gliding Association. Fishing, for Loyd, is a way of life; he makes his own rods and ties his flies. Loyd also conducts river runs (he's done all the major rivers in California and some in Oregon) and, when in the Navy, surfed frequently.



This winter, Loyd plans to have the Badger Pass lift open at 9 a.m., provide quicker food service at Badger Pass, and have a driver's room at the day lodge. Yosemite Lodge Bike Stand will be open, on a trial basis, on weekends during winter, as weather permits.

Yosemite Mountaineering School will continue to use Crane Flat as an inclement-weather warming hut, with a new overnight hut at Tuolumne Meadows which can be used for trans-Sierra cross-country ski trips. Overnight trips will also be offered to Ostrander Lake, Glacier Point, Mariposa Grove of Big Trees, and Mount Hoffman.

Town meeting announced

Congressman Tony Coelho will hold a town meeting in El Portal on Tuesday, October 7, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. The meeting, which will be held in the El Portal Community Hall, is open to

everyone, where a resident of El Portal or living elsewhere.

As a special feature, Harvey Lee White will provide guitar entertainment from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

Time to run in El Portal

El Portal's eighth-annual Cross Country Race will be held Saturday, October 25. The first of the sixteen races will begin at 10 a.m., with separate races for boys and girls in grades one through eight. There will also be adult races, a preschool race, and a Kindergarten race. We will run races concurrently, with much the same format as a track meet.

There are four different courses: Preschool and Kindergarten children will run a short course; grades one through three will run the "Loop", which is approximately 1/2 mile; the "River Road", approximately 1 1/2 miles, will be run by grades 4 through 6; 7th and 8th graders will run the "Saddle", a grueling 1 3/4 mile course. All adult participants will also run the "Saddle". "Walkers" are also welcome.

The first five finishers in each run will receive a ribbon. Four trophies will be given to first and second place high-point schools — two for boys and two for girls. Points will be recorded in the following manner: 1st place - 6 points; 2nd place - 4 points; 3rd place - 3 points; 4th place - 2 points; 5th place - 1 point. No points will be given for adult or preschool and Kindergarten races.

"I Ran in El Portal" T-shirts will be sold to participants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Beginning at 9:30 a.m., the Parent-Teacher League will be selling hot dogs, baked goods, chips, fruit, and coffee. Soft drinks and fruit juice will be sold by the El Portal School Junior High Class.

All competitors are welcome — watchers too!

Please rsvp by October 17, so we may make our score chart to include you. Contact El Portal School; the phone number is 379-2382.

Teleservice available

by Dennis Kruse, Manager
Merced Social Security Office

Many people in the Yosemite area do not seem to be aware that they can take care of a great deal of their business with Social Security by telephone.

The best time to call Social Security is after the middle of the month. This is because the first part of the month is usually a very busy time. Of course, if a

person has urgent business, he or she should call at any time.

The telephone can be used to:

- Apply for Medicare.
- Apply for Social Security or Supplemental Security Income payments.
- Find out how to change name or address on Social Security records.
- Report change in marital status.
- Report starting or stopping work.
- Report a lost or stolen check or delayed payment.
- Find out how to replace a lost Social Security or Medicare card.
- Get help in filling out Medicare claims forms.
- Get information about direct deposit of checks.
- Request a statement of Social Security earnings record.
- Get help in having claims decisions reviewed.
- Ask any question about Social Security or obtain a free publication.

The telephone number of the Merced Social Security Office is 723-2071. The people there will be glad to help.

Awards banquet coming

Preparations are now being made for the Twelfth Annual Service Awards Banquet. This event is held in recognition of employees' length of service with the Company. The awards presented this year represent five to twenty-five years of service with the Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

This year, the banquet is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres in the Great Lounge. Dinner seating will begin at 8 p.m. with the Awards Banquet ceremonies to begin approximately at 9 p.m. Invitations will be sent out in October, and a prompt reply will be appreciated by the Personnel Office. Congratulations to all those employees receiving awards this year!

Natural history observations

The following unusual birds and mammals have been observed and recorded in the park this summer:

Western Kingbird
Red Crossbill
Golden Eagle
Spotted Owl
Short-tailed Weasel
Least Weasel
Cony (Pika)
Ring-tail
Mountain Lion
Bobcat

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Children's church meets

Children's Church is held each Friday afternoon in the West Auditorium of the Visitor Center. The children will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Ostrander ski hut to open in December

The Ostrander Lake Ski Hut is scheduled to open for the season on December 13, snow conditions permitting. This trip is recommended only for experienced skiers, as the distance, elevation gain of 1600 feet, and variable snow conditions could cause beginners serious difficulties. Howard Weamer will be hut ranger/caretaker.

Fee for the use of the hut is \$4 per person per night. For more information and reservations, contact YNHA at P. O. Box 545, Yosemite National Park, CA 95389; phone 372-4532.

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From left, Rudy Valdez, (NPS), Ed Hardy, Robert Binnewies, and Hal Spencer (NPS) show proceeds check for fund.

Yosemite supports Kowski fund with tourney

The Frank Kowski Golf Tournament is an annual event sponsored by the National Park Service throughout the United States. The proceeds are put into a trust fund for education loans to dependents of National Park Service personnel.

The executive flight in Yosemite featured Robert Binnewies, Yosemite National Park Superintendent, and Ed Hardy, YP&C Co., Chief Operating Office. The Superintendent scored 104, while Ed Hardy shot 92.

The spirit of friendly competition that was displayed by the respective organization heads was evident throughout the tournament, with the two dozen participants scoring from 66 to 166. The low gross score was captured by the YP&C Co. Employee Recreation Manager, Kirk Woodbury with an 18-hole total of 66, four strokes under par. The National Park Service garnered second and third places with Rod Radtke's 72 and Dean Glenn's 83. The longest putt of the day was turned in by Kirk Woodbury, a 45-foot 8-inch birdie putt on the 6th hole.

This was the first year the tournament was open to all Park employees. Its success will service as a basis for an even better program next year.

Where have all the voters gone?

1971 was an important year for the American electorate. That was the year the Twenty-Sixth Amendment to the Constitution lowered the voting age from 21 to 18. Nearly 12 million young people immediately became eligible to go to the polls.

Consequently, the attitude of a huge block of new voters — high school and college students — began influencing American politics. Studies show that most of these voters were not likely to hold strong party loyalties, and that is said to be one of the main reasons partisanship began to slide. The 18-to-21 year-olds, however, have not had as much influence as their numbers suggest because their turnout at the polls has been low.

Why is it, the largest group of voters who are not going to the polls is the young people? According to President William Dwyer of the Voter Education Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan group whose goal is to boost voter participation, "Voting seems to be a function of age more than any other

single aspect of the population." Dwyer says that as people become older — and as they become more "aware", become better educated, have more responsibilities — the more they are likely to vote.

For those who think their vote is inconsequential, the Voter Education Foundation cites numbers to the contrary. Less than a third of Jimmy Carter's fellow citizens who were eligible to vote voted for him for president in 1976. The governor of New Jersey, Brendan Byrne, received votes from less than 15 per cent of the eligible

voters in his successful re-election bid in 1977. Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.) won the 1976 New York presidential primary with less than six per cent of the eligible vote. The outcome of these elections might have changed, had some of those not voting participated in the election.

All of this is prompting more and more concerned observers to ask, "What if they held an election and nobody came?" This is vivid proof that often a few votes can make a difference.

From "Voter Alert", Sept. issue of Private Enterprise.

Bargains to buy, sell

The Yosemite Lions Club will hold their annual Giant Bargain Sale on Wednesday and Thursday, October 29 and 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Use this sale to clean up your room or garage — just tag the items you wish to sell and take to the Visitor Center. Tags can be picked up at the Main Post Office (Oct. 20 and after) or at the sale. You set your own selling price.

The Lions Club retains 20% of the selling price to support local youth groups and International Lions.

Doughnuts and coffee will be sold each day to benefit the Junior Ski Team.

All items left after 5 p.m. on Thursday will be given to charity.

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Meat Bees

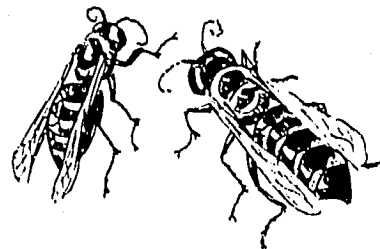
Cycles. In the far north, swarms of "tribble"-like little rodents called lemmings migrate, thousands upon millions, blindly into the sea. A year later, snowy owls invade Pennsylvania, far south of their normal range, seeking food, for the lemmings are no more. In Southern California, jackrabbit populations peak out every seven years or so, then nearly disappear.

Yosemite, too, has its population cycle, as anyone who was here last year can tell you. Last year the meat bees very nearly carried away the whole park. Today they're as scarce as ten-dollar ski boots. Who was that masked wasp, anyway?

A meat bee elsewhere (and they're nationwide) is a yellow jacket,

Vespula pennsylvanica, one of the hornets. Our yellow paper wasps (chambered paper nests in rafters), blue-black mud daubers (tubular mud nests) and hornets (big jug-shaped paper nests) are close relatives.

Our meat bees make a paper nest, but they build it in sheltered, protected places. They might tuck it under a rotting log or take over a ground squirrel burrow. In that nest over the course of the summer, hundreds of eggs will hatch into white, bulbous, maggot-shaped larvae. Each will lie in its individual paper chamber, head up, to be fed by the adults. Then it will form a hard brown pupal case — a capsule phone booth from which will emerge Superhornet. When summer dies, so do all the meat bees of the colony except



the egg-laying queen. She alone will survive to spring.

Meat bees eat pretty much what people eat — roast beef, fruit, custard.. (they also catch insects). During a plague year, the hornets make picnicking a misery as they try to eat what the picknickers are eating.

The last thing you want to do is wave them away, as you would flies. Meat bees sting only when molested, but sometimes they consider any fast movement to be molestation (only females sting; but then, females go food-seeking). To avoid trouble, therefore, move slowly and quietly. Don't run or swat. And if all this sounds dangerous and formidable, take heart. We are, remember, back at the low end of the cycle.

Autumn muse

Fall is quietly creeping into Yosemite Valley, and with it, the peaceful splendor of nature's beginning slumber shines in vivid yellows and golds. An ever-slight touch of red upon the leaves of a black oak highlights the autumn hue. As time passes, the sun begins to retreat from Curry Village, and Half Dome's shadow shrinks, as if in protest.

Gentle summer breezes — which once sent ripples upon the Merced River — become cool, strong, and gusty fall winds. Yosemite's waterfalls, which exhausted their rhythmic power in July, are now revitalized by October's cool, gentle rain.

Gray ground squirrels scurry through the business of gathering their hearty winter sustenance. By nightfall, it is not uncommon to hear a coyote's welcoming call, as he gazes at the almost rotund Harvest Moon. By day, deer and coyote alike (though the

by Mary Frederick
Reservations Office

two be not friends) now feel it safe to return and frolic in the golden meadows. They seem to know Yosemite's fall visitors are gentler, quieter, and fewer in number. And the valley bears, at long last, can begin their ascent to remote elevations, as they crave long-awaited seclusion.

It's as if all of nature is tucking herself in for a long winter's nap, and yet, the beauty of this Eden lingers in autumnal splendor.

Soon the fall days will elapse, only to be followed by the awesome extravagance of a Yosemite winter. And then Nature will spread her soft, white blanket upon all the valley, and the waterfall will look like steam as its edges turn icy white.

Yosemite Valley is indeed alive all year. One can only gaze and marvel at its evolving splendor.

Raffle bonanza coming

A one-dollar raffle ticket may win a great prize for you on Saturday, October 18. You may be the winner of a brand new 10-speed bike from Tom's Bike Shop in Merced. You may be the winner of a season pass to Badger Pass, donated by YP&C Co. And there's more! Perhaps your prize will be a delicious turkey, a beautiful houseplant, an athletic duffle bag, a pair of skis or ski poles, ski goggles, or other prizes.

Raffle tickets are offered by the Yosemite Parents Group at \$1 per

ticket — or three tickets for \$2! Call Clarissa Garza at 372-4548 for tickets or purchase tickets at the drawing.

The raffle will be held Saturday, Oct. 18, at the annual fund-raising Country Faire, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Yosemite Elementary School. Be there for homemade food and handcrafts, carnival games, (for all ages), a fortune teller, candy apples, and lots of old-fashioned fun.

Dana Morgenson prints available

A limited edition of twelve color photographs taken by Dana Morgenson has been printed by one of the top photographic laboratories in our country.

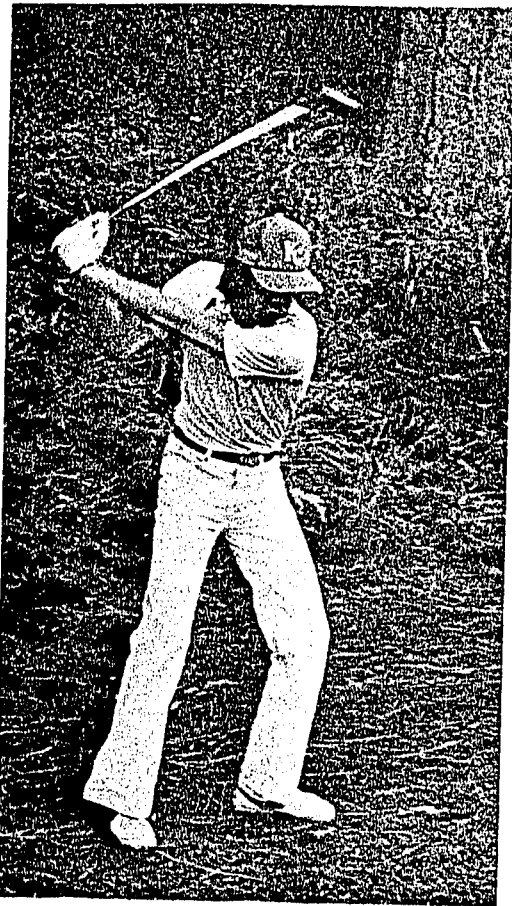
The photographs — on display at the Ahwahnee Gift Shop — have been carefully spotted, toned, and sprayed. The 11" x 14" prints are made to archival standards and placed on 16" x 20" mounts.

Each is individually numbered, with those on hand and signed by Dana last summer. The photographs were selected by Dana from the thousands he has taken and include scenes of Yosemite meadows, forests, waterfalls, cliffs, wildflowers, and seasons. They may be purchased individually or as a set; the prints are \$145 each.

For sale, wanted

Spanish Oak double bed - \$75; blue Ascente down jacket, size large, \$50; Lloyds 8-track tape player, \$25; Child outside dome climber, \$25. For information call 372-4539 after 5 p.m., ask for James or Marsha Lee.

Employee Recreation is currently seeking instructors for international cooking classes. If you are interested in sharing your culinary expertise, please contact Donna Ruby at ext. 475.



Kirk Woodbury begins his swing at the Wawona Golf Course during the Fall Foursome Scramble Golf Tournament held Sept. 28.

Yosemite Women's Group plans activities for year

The Yosemite Women's Group has planned a variety of activities for the coming months, including craft sessions, concerts, and a dance.

Monday, October 27, is the date for a cake decorating seminar, held at the Girl's Club from 7 to 9 p.m. Instructing the class will be Rose Laughter, who won several blue ribbons for her cakes at the Mariposa County Fair. Men and women are invited to attend — bring a small cake and a \$1 donation for frosting.

The annual pre-Christmas craft bazaar and luncheon will be held Thursday, November 20, at Curry Village. Suzanne Jensen is luncheon hostess, while Judith Durr is coordinating the crafts.

In December, the Madrigal Singers will present a Christmas concert at the Ahwahnee Hotel. No date has been set for this evening of music; look for further information in the December *Sentinel* and on bulletin boards.

Have you wanted to learn Swedish Cross Stitch or Seminole Quilting? Then be sure to attend January's

meeting when the Sewing Box of Mariposa presents a demonstration of these skills.

For February, the Women's Group will sponsor a Valentine's Day Dance, scheduled for Saturday, February 14.

Laura Quigley will teach the art of pine needle basketry during March, while Car Stevens' outdoor planting seminar in April emphasizes the arrival of spring.

The Women's Group will finish the year with AFS weekend in May, followed by a Spring Welcome Luncheon and Madrigal Singers concert in June.

Additionally, the Book Discussion Group meets monthly for a brown-bag session.

Officers for the year are: Judith Durr and Jean Williams, Co-Chairmen; Anne Graham and Suzanne Jensen, Co-Program Chairmen; Dianne Bannen, Secretary; Marsha Lee, Treasurer; Clarissa Garza, Publicity; Dorine McCall, Hospitality; Judy Keay, Babysitting Coordinator.

Motor Touring to Yosemite

Reprinted from January 1905 issue of *Sunset Magazine*.

"There can be no description by words or pen of the pleasures of motoring to Yosemite. The canvases of a Hill have accomplished much but the motorist must guide his car up the heights, along the levels and under the spreading boughs of the sheltering trees ere he can realize what God and Nature have given him in the glories of the Yosemite.

In taking the Yosemite trip great care should be observed in the preliminary inspection of the working parts of your car, greater in fact than any other touring possibility would exact, for the grades are heavy and the strain practically unequalled. Then again see that your gasoline shipments have gone on ahead for the high altitudes demand more fuel than the sea-level stretches. You can obtain water all along the route but your telephone communication ceases between the valley and Groveland, situated between Priest and Hamilton.

From San Francisco to Oakland by road, you commence the auto trip. Through the leafy quietude of the Niles canyon to the commodious hotel at Byron Springs, you make your first day's pilgrimage over roads without equal in this country and enjoy your night's rest with all the comforts of

your home. You have been through the passes of the grain-covered Coast range over grades that cause no trouble and the morning finds you on your way to Stockton. Then on the Knights Ferry and you end your day's exertions at Chinese Camp, the scene of wide-awake mining operations. The road, ranging along by the Eagle Shawmut mine takes you to the base of Priest hill where the grade is steady, steep and heavy, but, if your car be of adequate power, you ascend with low speed gears grinding out their protest at the surmounting of an obstacle which would tire the best of Kentucky's blue-grass stock and which displays to best advantage the reliability of the twentieth century auto car.

The hotel at the summit proves a godsend for the tired driver and his party, while the next morning with its invigorating mountain ozone seems to welcome the final effort to reach Nature's paradise, the Yosemite. You have your first impression of the sierra giant redwood, which you encounter between the summit and Crocker's. The grades are most exacting but surmountable with your twelve-horsepower car. Down the gradient you spin for fourteen miles when the floor of the great valley meets you with its level stretch of sandy roadway. You have

EMT class scheduled

An Emergency Medical Technician class will be taught at Yosemite Elementary School, beginning November 11. Sessions will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays, with the final class session on April 7. Dr. Wurgler and associates will teach the class, which is sponsored by Merced College and carries four units credit. There is no tuition charge for California residents; cost to non-residents is \$46. Books may be purchased at the first session, which doubles as registration date.

Students must have completed basic First Aid.

reached your goal and tomorrow promises a festival of scenery unsurpassed the world over. The chuff-chuff of your car places you at the base of the falls of the Yosemite where the roar of the vast falling waters makes conversation a trial. Slowly moving down the floor of the valley, you reach the mirroring surface of the lakes at the northern end and have passed by the glistening falls of Nevada and Vernal. You have labored to place you car where it is, but that is all forgotten in the vista of attractiveness that daily opens to your amazed eyes."

Yosemite recreation happenings

Movies

- Oct. 7 "The Kids Are Alright" (PG) 8 p.m., starring The Who, Pete Townsend, Roger Daltrey, John Entwistle, Keith Moon.
- Oct. 21 "Coma" (PG) 8 p.m. Starring Genevieve Bujold, Michael Douglas, Richard Widmark, Elizabeth Ashley.
- Oct. 28 "Dracula" (R) 8 p.m. New! Starring Frank Langella, Lawrence Olivier.
- Nov. 4 "Dr. Zhivago" (PG) 7 p.m. Starring Omar Sharif, Julie Christie.
- Nov. 18 "Harry & Tonto" (R) 8 p.m. Starring Art Carney, Ellen Burstyn.
- Nov. 25 "The Electric Horseman" (PG) 7-9 p.m., starring Robert Redford, Jane Fonda.

Employee tennis tournament

The Employee Tennis Tournament took place throughout September. Over 40 tennis buffs were engaged in four

divisions of single elimination competition. The first and second rounds of competition saw many seeded players upset by relatively unknown players.

This is the first year for the men's singles to be separated into A and B divisions. Along with the men's singles there were men's doubles and mixed doubles.

The men's A's went to the final match of Gary Preble (Village Sports Shop) versus Bill Johnston (Manager of Housekeeping Camp). The winner was Bill Johnston, 6-4/8-6. In the men's B division, Walt Whaley (Maintenance) defeated Greg Owens (Retail) 4-6/8-6/6-4.

Gene Harris (Accounting) and Dan Jensen (Accounting) took the men's doubles title 2-6/8-6/6-3 over Gary Preble and James Peggins (Ahwahnee Dining Room). Mixed doubles saw Gene Harris and Linda McWilliams (Yosemite Institute) down Gary Preble and Lorriane Yamashita (Degnan's Loft) 3-6/6-3/6-3.

Run for fun

Fall is a great time to get out and see the Park by foot. Employee Recreation is sponsoring a running program designed to give each individual a chance to learn more about exercise through running. A 100-mile club is underway, where each individual records their mileage weekly, striving for the 100-mile mark. Monthly get-togethers have been planned, along with a set-up schedule for running with others. Give Recreation a call at ext. 475 or come by our office in Tecoya Dorms B-5 for more details.

Cooking around the world

Employee Recreation is sponsoring an International cooking club during October. It will feature a different nationality dish every week. If interested in joining, contact Donna Ruby in Employee Recreation, ext. 475.

The seasons

by Joseph Paquette, Accounting

Autumn —

From green to gold, hearts that were saddened by relinquishing the long summer days, the foliage and the harvest in abundance stir the mind with a satisfaction of great achievements.

Winter —

From gold to silver, snow-covered peaks, playful souls enjoying the atmosphere while the soil is resting after a harvest, as well giving gentle souls tranquility of the holiday seasons.

Spring —

From silver to yellow, the awakening and renewal, livening the heart with awe. All nature's movements enhancing happiness, with newborns replenishing the heart with hope.

Summer —

From yellow to green, warmth of the sun warming the heart with generosity and charity, and love generated by a surrounding of hues beauty upon beauty. A miracle preceded by faith in God for continuity.

Needed: substitute teachers

The Yosemite Institute is looking for substitute instructors for its Environmental Education Field Courses. Substitutes will be working with High school aged students. College degree preferred. Interested persons should contact Kim or Dave at 372-4441.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the Yosemite Guide.

Mondays

- 5-man Basketball League Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.
- Running Club Yosemite School, 6 p.m.

Tuesdays

- Running Club Ahwahnee Meadow, 6:30 a.m.
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Wednesdays

- Running Club Yosemite School, 6 p.m.

Thursdays

- Running Club Ahwahnee Meadow, 6:30 a.m.
- Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
call 966-2000 for appointment
- County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
- 5-man Basketball League Yosemite School, 5 p.m.
- Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Fridays

- Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

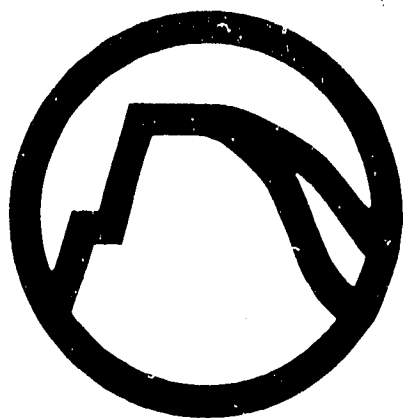
Sundays

- County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Tuesday, Oct. 7 Town Meeting, El Portal, 7 p.m.
- Movie "The Who - The Kids Are Alright," Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 12 Oktoberfest
- Monday, Oct. 13 Oktoberfest
- Thursday, Oct. 16 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon
- Saturday, Oct. 18 School Carnival/Country Faire
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 Movie, "Coma," Visitor Center, 8 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 27 Cake Decorating, Girl's Club, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 28 Movie, "Dracula," Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

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Remembering

by Esther Morgenson

A man with zest for living, strong and vital to his very last day, with dreams as yet unrealized. There would have been no rocking chair in his future, no ending in his retirement; only change and opportunity, leisure, yes, but meaningful leisure.

It will be hard for us, his wife and sons, who loved him deeply and so desperately miss his physical presence, to learn to live with him in spirit only. But we must try.



Dana graduated from Escalon Union High School in 1925 at age 16.



The Stanford graduate, 1929

As we remember, we think of his warm love, his gentle patience, his never-ending eagerness to ease the rough places for us, his support and interest in all we cared about; his humor and personality which added a rich dimension to our home life. We remember his empathy for people, his easy ways and ready words which flowed with enviable ease; his meticulousness, his dedication to doing his best in any endeavour.

For all his outgoing nature, he was a very private person, needing time in his own places: his home, his hills.

From early childhood days when we both lived in a small San Joaquin Valley town, (yes, Dana was my playmate when we were five) he looked to the far-off mountains and yearned to know what was there and beyond. From the time he came to live among them, all possible spare time was spent walking in their meadows and canyons, climbing their peaks and photographing them. I will be forever thankful for each day I was able to go with him, sharing those experiences.

Such a short time ago, in August, he climbed over a 13,000 foot pass to spend time hiking with our son Randy in the High Sierra they both love so much. It was a blessed experience for both of them.

Many have heard one of his favorite quotes from John Muir: "Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energies, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves." Among his papers was this quotation from Albert Einstein: "The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science. He to whom the emotion is a stranger, who can no longer pause to wonder and stand wrapped in awe, is as good as dead; his eyes are closed. The insight into the mystery of life, coupled though it be with fear, has also given rise to

religion. To know what is impenetrable to us really exists, manifesting itself as the highest wisdom and the most radiant beauty, which our dull faculties can comprehend only in their most primitive forms — this knowledge, this feeling is at the center of religiousness."

Our son Larry has just told me that climbing a mountain is akin to living: We walk through the canyon, toil up the talus to the visible top, only to see another and then another peak beyond. At last the final summit and we think that is all. But as we gaze into the distance, there is an unknown mountain beyond. It is higher than all others, and mysterious. We must go on. We must go on.

So we see him with a divine Guide continuing in his easy stride to ever higher summits where we may not now follow.

A favorite quote of Dana's was written by Walt Whitman: "To me, every hour of the day and night is an unspeakable perfect miracle."

In memoriam

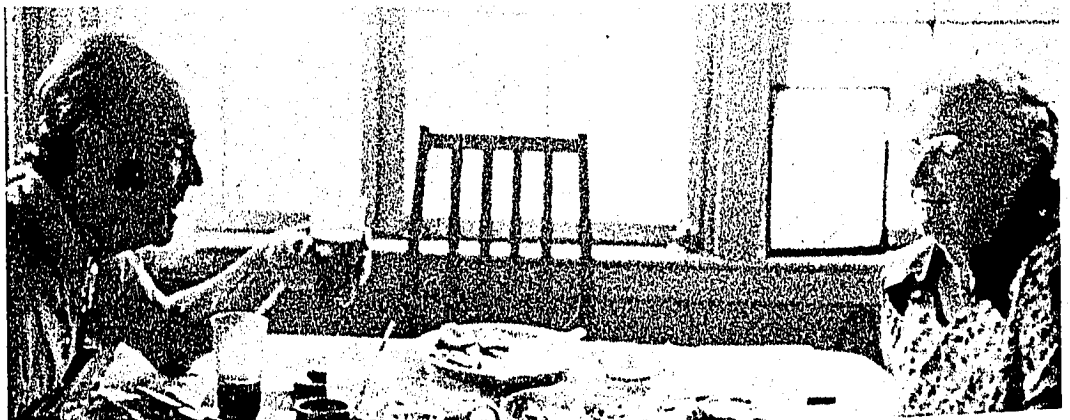
Dana Clark Morgenson died during the night of September 21-22, after having suffered a cerebral hemorrhage the day before. Dana and his wife, Esther, were in the state of Washington, visiting Olympic National Park, after a lengthy vacation in Alaska. This special issue of the Yosemite Sentinel is a tribute to him.

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The Morgensons at home in Yosemite, September 1979

A tribute to Dana Morgenson

Anyone with a touch of romance in his soul can see the magic in Yosemite; Dana Morgenson not only saw it, he photographed it. He was an artist, selecting and capturing in a single moment, in one scene, a sense of the total experience of Yosemite. He appealed to a reality that is in the heart and mind. Because nothing can come out of the artist that isn't in the man, the artist's subject is always himself, his impressions and emotions. With words and photographs about nature, Dana wrote his own autobiography.

The value of art is to raise the quality of life. For the artist, as well as for his viewers, it gives some of our most elevated moments. In this way, Dana was one of the richest people on earth: in touch with the highest and best in himself.

Energetic and industrious, he could often be seen around the Park taking

photographs of mountains, rivers, or flowers that he must have photographed dozens of times before, yet because he saw a new angle, or a different light, because the eternal mountains are always changing, he was going to try again. This kind of perseverance is demanded by art, yet the effort must never show in the finished product: The work has to look spontaneous and unstrained. Like all true artists, Dana made what he did look easy, as if anyone could have found the value he found in a grove of black oaks.

He made it sound easy, too, when he led his Camera Walks, sharing his knowledge and experience with thousands of people. As intimate with the technology of photography as he was with the beauty of the mountains, he taught multitudes how to put the two together. In his heart, in addition to being an artist, he was a teacher.

And he was a naturalist. Hundreds of people accompanied him on his walks, without taking a camera, just to have him show them wildflower trails and tell them about the plants and animals who live there. These were people whose encounter with Yosemite was precious and private, as if, in paradise, they had no need of art. Quietly, gently, with humor, Dana enriched their experience, too, in his role as interpreter. He spread the joy with every talent he had.

Dana sowed seeds of the glory of Yosemite in hearts that have since moved out all over the world; the seeds germinate, they grow, they multiply. His vision, his joy, his message live on.

*Edward C. Hardy
Chief Operating Officer
Yosemite Park & Curry Co.*

Thank you

It is said by some that one can never really return home again. I have had similar feelings since my last visit to Yosemite in the late summer of 1979, where my parents were beginning the last round-up in a house which had been my childhood home. The memories of that visit and those many years past will never be replaced.

I had no idea I would return a year later under such devastating circumstances, to say goodbye to the worldly presence of a man who was my father, my teacher, and my best friend. I realize now, that the round-up will never truly be over.

My mother, brother, and I can only extend our heart-felt gratitude for the loving sympathy and help received from all those who knew Dana Morgenson. We add these acts to the cherished memories of a place we will always call home and to those of the wonderful man who brought us to know it.

Larry Morgenson



Esther and Dana Morgenson, 1955.

From the memorial service held on Saturday, September 27

Today we share in a service of celebration. We celebrate in the spirit of the Christian faith which has the audacity to believe that there is meaning and purpose in the universe — yes, even in this revolutionary, turbulent world. This presumptuous faith dares to declare that God is the Creator of all things and of all persons, who created us with the capacity to communicate with Him. A God who loves each one of us for ourselves, weak and strong, successful and failing, loving and non-loving. Each one of us is a child of God — each person we meet is a child of God. Jesus, the Christ, the greatest revealer of the Creator, said: "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

Let us pray: "Our Creator and our God, we trust you as our Heavenly Father, and we ask for your loving spirit in this service as we remember the life of Dana Morgenson. We come to celebrate the life, the love, the sorrow, the joy we shared with him. May all the richness of memories mean much to us today. May these memories help us to love each other more. May we also remember that there is truth, joy, love, and new life for each of us, even in the passing of Dana, our loved one, our friend. In Christ's name we pray, Amen."

As we share together, it is appropriate for us to remember the life of Dana Morgenson. He walked this liferoad with us for 71 years, and he walked it, with long and sturdy strides,

always reaching into the possibilities of the future, and the richness and artistry of life itself.

Dana began life in the Midwest, but at an early age, with his parents, he came to Escalon in California and grew up there. With his graduation from Stanford in 1929, the Great Depression came. Dana was fortunate enough to begin work in the local bank, and in a few years he went to a bank position in Stockton. In 1933, Esther, his beloved companion of the years, and he were married — they celebrated their 47th anniversary while on their recent Alaskan trip. Two sons, Larry and Randy, were born during their years in Stockton. In those years of family and work, Dana gave himself fully to those responsibilities.

But Dana was a man whom a dream possessed. Day after day, as he lived in the Great Central Valley, he looked to the mountains high on the eastern horizon. He spoke to Esther of his longing to live in those mountains. This longing became an irresistible urge. At some time in this period, he came, like his contemporary, Ansel Adams, to Yosemite with a box camera. He tried to capture the rich beauty of the scene through the lens of that camera. Even then, with his innate sense of artistry, he was disappointed with the results. Esther, ever the sturdy helpmate, gave him a "pull-out" Kodak, and Dana began seriously to develop his marvelous skills to capture on film the natural beauty before him.

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Sharing remembrances of Dana Morgenson

From friends in the Yosemite Community

Nobody, to my knowledge, ever brought so much joy and understanding to Park visitors as did Dana Morgenson through his Camera Walks.

Dana was an invaluable asset to the Board of Trustees of Yosemite Natural History Association. He brought foresight to direct the association in the proper direction. He knew Yosemite so intimately and over a long span of time; Dana could relate to all aspects of the Park. He was of particular value in acquainting fellow members with the local situation, the reality of what could and could not be done. He kept the ship on the right course.

I consider Dana's passing a personal loss. He was a good friend, and a great fellow, and I was privileged to have known him and worked with him since 1946, when I came to Yosemite. He meant a lot to so many people.

Henry Berrey
Managing Editor, YNHA

Virginia and I are deeply grieved by the loss of our dear friend, Dana Morgenson. He was indeed a vital part of the Yosemite experience, not only for his immediate friends but for the uncounted thousands of visitors to whom he revealed the beauty of Yosemite.

Photographers and interpreters come and go, but few relate as closely

as did Dana Morgenson to both the people and the natural scene. It is easy in this pompous age to scan the big things of the world and forget to see the small miracles of life around us; the morning light, the flowers; those intimate details of the world that combine to make it beautiful. Dana Morgenson achieved this for a multitude who probably might never have been aware of it all. He encouraged them not only to see but to make records of what they saw and felt with their cameras. His gentle persuasion opened doors of vision and comprehension.

Dana Morgenson will live long in the memories of all who knew him and shared his devotion to the infinite variety of nature and his dedication to reveal and protect it for our children and their children, for the ages of mankind on earth to come.

Ansel Adams
Photographer

All who knew Dana were caught up in his love-affair with Yosemite, and indeed his feeling for all of outdoors.

His work has and will continue to open the hearts and eyes of all who have shared beauty and hardship . . . and reinforce our belief that his is now a new beginning.

Leroy Rust
Postmaster

Dana Clark Morgenson
Honorarium
Yosemite Park Camera Walk
Tradition
Artist naturalist dry wit
wisdom
Shared all moods of seasons
moonglow
Sunlight time for shadows angel
Rainbow
Mists falls park storms secret
smells
Mood of stream rocks flowers tree
Dwells
Memories walks talks photos latest
book
Wilderness
Royalist a living legend of Yosemite
National Park.

Andrew M. Lester
Sculptor

And from our guests

For over 25 years, I and my family have visited, and come to love, Yosemite National Park. And not only for its beautiful natural resources.

Among its fine human resources, there is one very special man, Mr. Dana C. Morgenson, naturalist, guide-lecturer, photographer and author, (an employee of the Park for some 32 years.)

To take a morning walk with the sensitive, artistic, knowledgeable, kindly human being, enhances our appreciation of the Park's loveliness.

This fine man deserves special recognition and honor. I hope his name will be perpetuated in the Park.

J. Blankley
Los Angeles

This represents conclusion of our fourth trip to your magnificent Yosemite. It was by far the greatest trip

of all. We met "Dana Morgenson!" What a great guy. Took the first walk on a Wednesday and didn't miss one the rest of the week.

His patience, inexhaustable, his knowledge of the Park and its history, incredible. We can hardly wait to get back on another season.

The quiet trails along the Merced, with its shadowed pools held us spellbound. Thanks to Mr. Morgenson, the Park really means something to us.

The manner in which he described an incident in history for a particular view brings it to life.

I noted with interest that *all ages* seem to derive the same delight that captivated us.

A trip to Yosemite without a hike with Dana is but half a trip!

J. Craven
La Puente



Dana, age 10 with his brother, Jim - 1919

Dana Morgenson Memorial Fund

The Dana Morgenson family has requested any memorials in behalf of Dana be sent to the Yosemite Natural History Association for the Dana Morgenson Memorial Fund. The address is:

The Dana Morgenson Memorial Fund
Yosemite Natural History Association
P. O. Box 545
Yosemite National Park
California 95389

Changing seasons were portrayed in newsletters

Dana Morgenson not only helped thousands to fully explore all the facets of Yosemite's beauty, he also shared the glory of Yosemite's four seasons with over 7,500 Park visitors through his seasonal newsletter. The newsletter reprinted below was written by Dana in October of 1976.

Dear Yosemite Friends:

Autumn approaches Yosemite gently, with scarcely noticeable daily changes which produce the dramatic shift of the seasons. Its coming is heralded in many small ways: the gradual shortening of the hours of daylight, the southward progression of the sun, and the consequent extension of Yosemite's south wall shadow across the Valley floor, the cool air of evening following afternoon's warmth, mists lying softly across meadows and along the river's banks in the crisp morning air, the return of birds from the High Country — some to spend their winter in the Valley, while others move on to milder climes — and a slow though inexorable fading of summer's lush greenery as the grasses, ferns, and leaves turn to warmer tones.

Perhaps most indicative of the slow swing of the season is the atmosphere of quiet waiting which pervades the Valley — the peaceful interlude between the busyness of summer and dramatic intensity of autumn's full-blown colorama. All of Yosemite's vast parkland seems to be resting on dead center, poised for a brief time between seasons, waiting for the slow but sure tip of the weather scales down through autumn's tonal glory toward winter's snowy magnificence.

Autumn began as usual about Labor Day in the High Country, where the hairsedge uplands turn a tawny-gold, intermingled with purple-mist grass in vivid patterns of contrasting color — like lavender cloud shadows across a golden meadow. Here and there, groups of low willows have become colorful, as their long leaves turn a bright yellow. A few purple gentians still remain, defying the heavy frosts of approaching winter. They are lonely survivors of the first early snows, which were only a few inches deep and mostly melted away. A richly prominent color in the tree-lined meadow is provided by the scarlet leaves of the tiny dwarf bilberry, a widely spread groundcover plant found above 8,500 feet elevation. The color delight of this bright red against the golden sedges is a visual thrill for anyone whose eye is attuned to Nature's lavish, yet skillful, use of tonal contrast in her landscapes.

Across Tioga Pass, down Lee Vining Canyon, along Tioga Road near Yosemite Creek, and along the Glacier Point Road, the aspens are beginning to turn color as I write. Their small round leaves will become an orange-yellow in early to mid-October, before fluttering away on the autumn wind to lie like scattered gold coins on the ground beneath the white trunks of these graceful trees. Occasionally, along roadsides, we still can see the fluorescent red of California fuchsia, climbing over gray granite with all the tonal brilliance of summer's wildflowers. Until heavy frost, there will linger some of the pure lavender of Yosemite asters and lessingia — echoes of the departed summer. Bitter cherry and manzanita, tall against forest shadows, are displaying golden tones on their little leaves. Bush chinquapin, last of the shrubs to bloom, is heavy with its obscure, but strangely pungent, pollen catkins. Dried stalks of fireweed stand at the edges of higher meadows, silvery and graceful relics of their earlier magenta beauty.

In Yosemite Valley itself, autumn arrives later. At this time, evidence of its approach can be seen in the golden and rust tones on the bracken ferns, in occasional touches of red on the dogwood, in the slow bronzing of the black oak leaves, the coppery color of meadow milkweed and the ripening of their fibre-filled seed pods, the sunshine yellow of Indian hemp along the river. Much of Yosemite Valley is yet green, however, and this promises good conditions for later realization of full color potential.

Recent rains have been generous to Yosemite, and they have been particularly welcome following one of the driest years of recent times. The result has been a freshening of the entire landscape, giving the drying leaves a look of early summer verdure, even starting some growth of grass seeds in meadowy areas. Such growth will be short-lived of course, as October's bright blue weather fades into the colder temperature of approaching winter. But, before that occurs, the vegetation will be given the reprieve necessary to ensure that the richness of autumn glory can be spread across the Valley's incomparable scenery.

The great groves of black oaks will stand in rows of golden bronze against cliffs which seem, in contrast, delicately lavender. Cottonwoods along the river will glow with sunshine yellow, while the big-leaf maples clamber up the talus slopes under the

south rim, glittering among the darker conifers. Dogwood crimson and the orange tones of azalea will add a pleasing complement, in generous portion. And the capstone to all this splendor is the clear blue sky of Sierran autumn, hanging like a vaulted ceiling over the cathedral-like walls of Yosemite.

When will the autumn color reach its peak? As we all know, only too well, there is no certainty about weather conditions and any prophecy must be hedged a little. However, in the many years I have been privileged to live in Yosemite, I have found the timing color to be reasonably dependable: the period which includes the last week of October and the first week of November. In most years, this time sees the varied tones of Yosemite's meadows and forests at their colorful best — for all the bright components of the scene. If the weather remains somewhat storm-free, lovely color may continue on into the latter part of November, too.

May you have the good fortune to visit Yosemite soon, at this unusually memorable season!

Cordially,

Dana Morgenson
Director of Guest Activities

Wildflower walk to open in Spring

The Dana and Esther Morgenson Wildflower Trail will be open next spring. The trail, located on the Ahwahnee Hotel grounds, is in two sections — around the reflection pond and south of the swimming pool.

Interpretive signs — many utilizing Dana's own words from his "Yosemite Wildflower Trails" book — will be placed by the plants, enabling Park visitors to learn names and data of Yosemite's flora. Len McKenzie, Chief Park Interpreter, is coordinating signing.

Some specimens will be brought in from different areas of the Park, and the planting is being done under the direction of Carl Stevens, YP&C Co.'s head gardener. The species list for the trail was reviewed by Dana earlier this year.

Creation of the trail was made possible by a grant from Yosemite Park and Curry Co. to Yosemite Natural History Association.



The famous Morgenson charm was evident as early as 1914 as seen in this photo.



Dana and Esther dressed appropriately for a Yosemite Parents Group "Kid Party" at the Ahwahnee in the 1950's — and won the prize!

Memorial Service (cont'd)

But the longing to live in the mountains grew. Finally in 1944, after some persistent job seeking, Dana began a career with the Yosemite Park & Curry Co., and the family moved to Yosemite. Dana came as the office manager of the Accounting department. Later, he moved to the Reservations office as manager.

Finally, after many years, he realized fully his dream to live in the mountains and to share with others their beauty and develop appreciation of their glories. With the encouragement of the Curry Co. and with their support, he developed the Camera Walk, the slide shows, and other expressions of the natural setting. This opportunity met many of the deepest needs of his being and enriched the appreciation and understanding of the mountains for thousands of visitors.

So the dream became a reality and that is one reason why we can celebrate today — here is a man who had a dream — and he made that dream come true.

Whatever Dana undertook, he gave himself completely to it. In the bank, the accounting department, the reservation department, community activities, in his professional life as an artist, whenever he committed himself to a task, he gave it all he had.

This discipline finds its best expression in the development of his photographic art. During the many years of work in the business world, making a living, there was another dimension of Dana going on, the part that perhaps we celebrate most today. Dana's commitment to grow in artistic awareness with his capacity to appreciate the universe which God has created and to express that through the lens of his camera. The art of photography seems to demand two

In Memory of Dana Morgenson

*Our Father whom art in Heaven
Welcome the soul of Dana
and bless Esther and his family
for whom they have shared with all of
us
for countless of years
for his tireless inexhaustible work
with gentleness and kindness*

*towards all his co-workers
and the thousands of guests
leaving us with a multitude
of enriching memories
which will remain in our hearts
forever.*

Joseph R. Paquette
Accounting



The Morgenson brothers and their families, in 1953. Esther and Dana Morgenson, Lynne and Jim Morgenson, Larry (with cat), Ricky, and Randy Morgenson in front.

qualities: the skill of a scientist, a master technician, and the sensitivity and awareness of the artist. Dana Morgenson had both these qualities in abundance.

I realize that few people have walked and lived in this valley, hiked the trails of the high country, with as much knowledge, understanding, sensitivity, and appreciation of this wondrous place of beauty as Dana Morgenson. He truly walked with the likes of John Muir, Galen Clark, Carl Sharsmith, Ansel Adams, Mary Tresidder. He was truly "a man for all seasons".

Dana was a man of the community. Many of us have some intimate remembrances of Dana, for he really lived in the community. He moved always in touch with people, committing himself to the community in which he lived.

I remember him in the Lions Club, as a man among men. I remember his often "corny" jokes and our acting out response to the low state of humor. He was a man of keen sense of humor and a great enjoyment of life.

In the early post-war years, no one will ever forget Dana and the Lion Club's melodramas. This man of gentle soul, artistic bent, was the "villain of villains." We will remember his work on the Community Councils,

the Community Church council, and his dedication to the Yosemite Natural History Association.

John Davis, our local minister, could not be here today but wrote a letter of appreciation of Dana, and I want to share its highlights with you.

"Dana was gifted, appreciated, and eloquent. He was gifted with eyes to see, really see the beauty of God's creation. He was gifted with a sense of soul to receive and cultivate this beauty. He was gifted with the desire to assist all others to increase their appreciation of nature. Dana was appreciated by so many people. He was appreciated by his employers, Yosemite Park & Curry Co., which had no desire to see Dana retire. He was appreciated by untold numbers of people who pilgrimed frequently to Yosemite to gain from his insight into the beauty of the Park. But with his family and friends, Dana was so much more than simply appreciated, he was loved. Of all of Dana's outstanding qualities, what most set him apart in my mind was his eloquence. Dana had a romance with words. Words were his intimate friends, friends that he could call upon at a moment's notice. In many respects, Dana had a spiritual kinship with John Muir.

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Memorial Service (cont'd)

"I last saw Dana just before he left on his trip to Alaska. He was photographing the Chapel in the late afternoon sunlight. He was doing this at the request of the Yosemite Community Church for a new Chapel postcard. What a parable was my last meeting with him. It blended Dana the man, with photography, Yosemite, and with his response to God and man. Our Heavenly Father has made a great investment of Himself through the life of Dana Morgenson."

Don Baldwin, who was the local minister in this Park some years ago, wrote this message about Dana:

"I loved Dana and miss him greatly. He once wrote me a letter when he was chairman of the Church Board. It was on the occasion of my leaving Yosemite for Kansas. In that letter, he challenged me to take the vision of the mountains to the plains of Kansas, and I never forgot his challenge. I know that because of his love of Yosemite's creation, he has challenged countless others to keep the vision before them. I will always be grateful for the increased vision his life has brought to me."

As we hear these words of others who really lived with him, we can remember that no person who ever worked for or with Dana Morgenson will ever forget his personal interest and concern for them as individuals. His patience was outstanding. Dana always had a strong sense of social justice. He had always deep concern for the underprivileged and for any injustice between human beings.

Dana was a master of the spoken and the written word. His lectures were masterful, vivid, imaginative. He was always sensitive to his audience, a great teacher. He wrote of Half Dome "A temple in the sky beyond the reach of mere mortals". He wrote of the Valley "Rich colors of the meadows in autumn — the silver-etched beauty of the great cliffs in winter, or the excitement of majestic waterfalls pouring out of the sky just as spring seems to pour new life into the entire landscape". After 36 years of living in the valley he could say: "One can never exhaust the thrilling potential of Yosemite's incomparable scenery". He quoted John Muir: "Days in whose light everything seems equally divine, opening a thousand windows to show God." A few weeks before his death, alone with Randy, he quoted from John Muir about the power of the mountains: "The blessings of one mountain day; whatever his fate, long life, short life, stormy or calm, he is rich forever." How intuitively Dana spoke the epitaph of his own life!

As a man of the family, I remember the love that came through his life. His brother said of him: "Dana was a gentle - man - true in both words: "gentle" "man"

Dana's love for his family was very great. He worked hard to provide for them and was dedicated to provide a good security for them.

And his sons could say, "We have received life's greatest gift from Dana, the mountains, and more." Underneath the physical awareness of the mountains, they also received the spirit of the mountains, which has enriched their lives and will continue, through all the years, to enrich them. We can never forget the rich companionship, deep and strong, that Dana shared with Esther. With her quiet dignity, her own rich talents, her resilient strength, she walked beside him through the dark places and the mountain tops of their life together and found a rich reward.

Dana was not too much of a religious man in the traditional sense. He gave of his gifts, his time, his devotion to the community church. But his spiritual world reached out into the vastness of God's creation and he truly felt "at home" in the universe with his great love for the creation of God. He shared that love of creation with many thousands through his artistry and through his deep, spiritual nature. In the quietness of his own personal life, God was a living reality.

A gentle man, humble, never parading his gifts, sharing them, enjoying life with rich humor, with keen appreciation of the world and its people, and living it out to the very end. This is Dana, "at home" in his world. A great king of Israel, looked back to his days as a shepherd boy and wrote the beloved 23rd Psalm - saying among other things, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me." Then the Master of men, Jesus, speaking from his heart in the last hours before his crucifixion, to his beloved comrades, could say "Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. I go to prepare a place for you."

I dare to believe that *quality* of life can make a difference. There was in Dana certain universal qualities which could not die. Death would not be the closing, but the opening door.

I like to think of Dana living out his life for 71 years, growing in his awareness of the glory of the universe that God had created, walking though that door called death, and as he tramped the high country and enjoyed

the love of God's creation here, I see him tramping the hills of God, the mountain peaks to which God calls him, growing in love and beauty and understanding. As he climbs, he looks back, smiles that good smile, and says "Some day we will be together again."

Let us pray: "Our Father, here we are, your children, created in your name, longing to find your rich love and the love of other people, longing to know what it means to live completely as a human being. We are remembering one who cared so much for us and who knew so much of failure and success, knew his moments of deep discouragement, but through it all, with valor, walked this pilgrimage of life. We ask for Your blessing upon him in the new mountains he scales, in the vistas he finds. May it be rich and rewarding and fulfilling. As we continue our own pilgrimage, each of us in our own unique way, help us to remember this and perhaps understand a little more, appreciate more deeply, love more completely, as we walk together. Be with the family, be with all of us, in the name of our Master.

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with each one of you now and forever more. Amen."

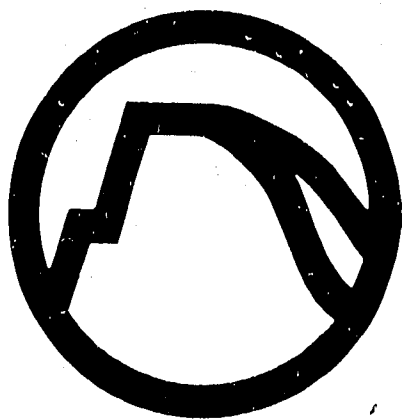
(Rev. Glass was a close friend of the Morgensons.)



Dana in the mountains circa 1933.

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Sheila and David Gregg, new Yosemite residents.

New teacher for elementary school

by Martin St. John, Principal

David Gregg is the new fourth, fifth and sixth grade teacher at the Yosemite Elementary School. David and his wife, Sheila, are moving to the Valley from Arcata, California. David has previously taught in Covelo and was a student teacher in Fieldbrook.

Before entering the field of education David was a planner for Humboldt County. He is a graduate of Humboldt State, majoring in Geography.

David enjoys jogging and geology and is currently learning the baritone horn. He and Sheila also enjoy tennis, bicycling and cooking.

Join me in welcoming David and Sheila to the Yosemite community.

Cooking classes to be held

Beginning Saturday, November 22, classes in international cooking are offered by Employee Recreation in cooperation with some of the Park's finest cooks and chefs. Each session will feature a different type of dish from around the world. Featured will be Swiss, Italian, vegetarian, flambe' and many other dishes. Contact the Employee Recreation office at 372-4611, ext. 475.

Sell, buy at ski swap

A giant ski swap and winter sports equipment sale will give local residents a head start on the 1980-81 season. The Yosemite Winter Club and the Junior Race Team will sponsor the sale in cooperation with Loyd Price and the Yosemite Mountaineering School on Monday night, November 24.

Sale items can be brought to the sale as early as 6 p.m. The swap will begin at 6:30 p.m., with Junior Ski Team members registering sales. In addition, a registration of skis and bicycles for 25¢ an item will be offered through the

Winter Club and the NPS Law Enforcement Office.

A 10% commission will be charged on sale items to benefit the ski team.

Refreshments, donated by Yosemite Park and Curry Co., will be available during the evening. Sales are expected to last until 9 p.m. Loyd Price also noted that a large supply of used cross-country skis will be offered at the sale.

The sale will be held at the Yosemite Mountaineering School's headquarters at Curry Village.

Natural history observations

The following unusual birds and mammals have been observed and recorded in the Park this fall:

Swainson Thrush
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker
Junco
Brewer Sparrow
Rough-legged Hawk
Great Blue Heron
Badger
Long-tailed Weasel

Further information on these sightings is available in the Research Library, located in the Valley District building next to the Visitor Center.

The National Park Service Research Library includes a comprehensive file of Natural History Observations. If you see an unusual bird, mammal, reptile, or plant, please come to the Visitor Center Information Desk or the Research Library, where the sighting can be recorded.

Christmas crafts bazaar coming

The Yosemite Women's Group will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar and luncheon on Thursday, November 20, at the Curry Village Dining Pavilion 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A wide variety of crafts produced by our local, talented crafts artists will be available to purchase for your Christmas gift-giving. A lunch of homemade soups and breads can be purchased for only \$1.

Persons interested in showing their crafts should contact Judy Durr at 372-4530. Babysitting is also available; contact Judy Keay at 372-4538.

Young musicians to compete

Young artists of Merced and Mariposa Counties are invited to apply for the Merced Symphony's annual Young Artists Competition. To be eligible, the artist must be between the ages of 14 and 23 as of January 1, 1981. The young artist can play any orchestral instrument or piano. Vocalists are also encouraged to apply.

The competition will be held on Saturday, Feb. 7, in Merced. A \$5 entry fee must accompany the application, with deadline for entry on Jan. 8. Applications and further information can be obtained by phoning Deborah Wigley at (209) 358-6548 or Jeniel Metcalf at (209) 358-8605.

Records set at El Portal races

The 8th annual "I ran in El Portal" races, held October 25 at El Portal School, were attended by over 400 enthusiastic competitors and spectators. Cool weather and excellent running conditions enabled several runners to set new records.

Woodland and El Portal Schools again dominated the school competition. El Portal Boys won first-place with a whopping 42 points. Second-place went to Woodland School Boys 29 points. Fifty points on the

board gave El Portal Girls the first-place trophy, while Woodland School took second place with 42 points.

The Preschool and Kindergarten races were both won by El Portal entrants. Kyra Van Wagendonk took home a blue ribbon for the kindergarten race, while Philip Vorce took first place for preschool.

Two new records were set in the school competition races. Missy Carter, a seventh grader for El Portal,

ran the infamous "Saddle Hill" course in 12:13, shaving 43 seconds off the record set by Mary Colter of North Fork in 1975. Kevin Yaley, seventh grader from Mariposa Jr. High, ran the same course in the record time of 10:52, 19 seconds faster than the old record, set in 1977 by Andy Woods of El Portal.

Three new records were set on "Saddle Hill" in the adult races. Mark Turner of El Portal set a record of 9:23 in the men's High School Division, and Jackie Allen, Mariposa, beat her own record of 13:11 set in 1970 by 15 seconds. In the Women over 30 race. Sharon Moore of Mariposa set an incredible record of 11:01.5, beating the existing record by 2:06.

Blue ribbons were also taken home by Peter Fitzmaurice of Yosemite (Men under 30), Dave Terra of El Portal (Men over 30), and Susan Schultz, also from El Portal, in the Women under 30 race.

Phone service updated

Telephone service for the Yosemite area has been modernized by Pacific Telephone at a cost of almost half a million dollars.

Directory assistance is now available by dialing 411, rather than calling the operator. Repair needs may be taken care of by dialing 611. For the correct time, dial 767-8900. (note: Time may not be reached from company extensions.)

These new services are now operative for prefixes 372, 375, 379.

A major improvement is the installation of 911 for emergency calls, such as fires, accidents, and serious crimes. By dialing 911, the caller will be directly connected to the NPS emergency dispatcher. (For non-emergencies, call 372-4461.)

911 service is currently available for prefixes 372 and 375; the 379 prefix customers will receive 911 service in early 1981.

Pay telephone in the Park have been converted to immediate dial tones, so call to 911 and the operator may be made without inserting a dime.

Discounts available at Loft

A 20% meal discount is now given to YP&C Co. privilege card holders at the Loft Restaurant, in Yosemite Village. Due to NPS regulations, the discount cannot be extended to NPS employees.

The Loft is open for lunch daily, from 11:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinner is served at the Loft on Friday and Saturday nights, from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Service of Worship

The Yosemite Community Church will celebrate a special service of praise and thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27, at 9:30 a.m. at the Chapel. Everyone is invited.

Gallery announces sale, policy change

A special gift sale for Yosemite National Park employees only, will take place on Friday, November 28, (the day after Thanksgiving) from 6 to 9 p.m., at The Ansel Adams Gallery. All are welcome; please bring your employee identification.

As of November 15, The Ansel Adams Gallery regrets it can no longer extend its long-time employee discount privilege on film, photo supplies, and books. Employee discounts will be given on film processing and purchases of such merchandise as unique handcrafts, cards, and Ansel Adams' special edition prints of Yosemite.

The Gallery welcomes continued enthusiasm of Yosemite residents and visitors and will endeavor to serve in the fine spirit Yosemite deserves.

Holiday dinnertime coming

Order your holiday bird or ham now! Just call the Village Butcher Shop at 372-4611, ext. 253.

New exhibition at visitor center

"Yosemite Valley — scenes along the way" is now on display at the NPS Visitor Center in Yosemite Village.

Local photographer Jeff Nixon chose images that reflect the fullness of nature best seen by walking. Most of the pictures were taken from viewpoints accessible by a hike of less than half a day.

The exhibition will continue through January 6.

Earn a lift pass at Badger

The Wednesday ski day program for students of Yosemite and El Portal School is coming up in January.

Anyone interested in being a ski day volunteer this year, should contact Sue Moncada at 372-4592.

Ski day program coming

For each day you help on our far west sanctioned ski races, gatekeeping, timing, recording etc. You will be given a pass the day of your choice!

To qualify come to the race clinic at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9, at the school house. Boys and girls from all over the far west will be at Badger January 31, February 1, and March 14-15, competing in our annual slalom races.

The Yosemite Winter Club Race Team will be there too, come and help and cheer them on! Any questions contact Rusty at the main post office, 372-4475.

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Tribute to Dana Morgenson

There are many of us here at Kodak who had the privilege of knowing Dana and working with him during our summers in Yosemite National Park. In all respects, we found that his love for the Park provided a warm inspiration and guidance for our own activities. He was a good friend and truly outstanding photographer and lecturer. His passing leaves a void in the lives of all of us, including the many people whose visit to Yosemite he made so much richer.

Please express our condolence to his family, co-workers, and friends.

George S. Butt
Coordinator, Program Services
Eastman Kodak Company

Animal of the month

by Sandy Dengler

Aphids and Mealy Bugs

Outdoors, most of the creepy-crawlies are either asleep now or have croaked completely. Ah, but indoors, warmth and smorgasbord await the insect small enough to escape notice. Two such insects commonly take advantage of our hospitality. Both fascinate the entomologist and infuriate the indoor gardener.

The mealy bugs don't even look like insects. Eggs hatch (in 10 days) into 1/16" nymphs who creep about the leaves and stems. As they wax fat and forty-ish in a few days, they quit moving and develop a patina of waxy filaments that look to us like fur. Full grown, they are 1/8" stationary white fuzzballs. Eggs, too, are enclosed in a protective blob of white fur.

Mealy bugs love to hide where leaf meets stem and will kill the leaf by destroying juice and tissue. The white fluffs are easy to see, especially in artificial light.

The cosmopolitan aphids, or plant lice, overwinter as fertile eggs (except in the house). These eggs hatch into females that reproduce parthenogenetically — that is, with no help at all from males. The females "give birth" by retaining the eggs until they hatch. Aphid mommas have granddaughters within a week.

During the summer, a female generation may emerge winged and fly off to a tender summer host plant, there to produce further wingless

Curbing credit card fraud

Each year hundreds of millions of dollars are fraudently taken in the United States by the illegal use of credit cards. Most thieves know that they have a short period of time to use a stolen credit card before it appears on the official published list of stolen cards. The thief is also aware of the purchasing limits placed on the credit cards by credit card companies and is extremely careful not to make a purchase which will cause a store employee to check the "Hot List". It is estimated that more than half of these credit card frauds could be eliminated by alert employees.

Don't fall into the "Credit Card Trap". The thief is clever and will attempt to lure the unsuspecting employee into a fraudulent credit card transaction.

I. There are many indicators that can alert an employee to a possible fraudulent credit card transaction. Among them:

1. The indignant (displeased or angry) customer. His/her attitude may be a "cover".
2. The unusually nervous customer.
3. The "old customer" (has been seen by the employees but has not made a purchase) or the "name dropper" (makes the employee think he/she is a friend of the boss.)
4. The fast shopper (buying items without checking sizes, styles, costs, etc.).
5. Sales involving "fenceable" items (easy to dispose of merchandise).
6. The customer who suddenly appears at closing time and is in a big hurry.
7. The talkative customer who causes loss of concentration.
8. The customer who is obviously keeping his/her purchase under the "floor limit".
9. The customer who attempts to ridicule or embarrass the employee while the employee is checking the "hot list".

II. Always ask for good identification.

1. Ask for at least two identifications:
 - a. A valid operator's license or a California (D.M.V.) Identification Card.
 - b. Military Identification with picture.
 - c. Store or company identification with picture.
2. Other major credit cards can be used to compare signatures only.

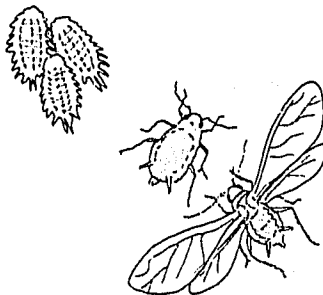
III. During the transaction, the following should be done:

1. Check the expiration date on the card.
2. Check the card for alterations (number, name or signature panel).
3. Check the face and compare it with the operator's license; ask them for their birth date.
4. Check the signature on the card against the sales draft and with the signature on his/her operator's license.
5. If in doubt, check with your supervisor.

In spite of all preventive measures, you may still be the victim of a credit card fraud. Your initial concern may be recovering your loss. However, good judgement should be exercised before attempting to apprehend an offender.

Alert your supervisor, observe as many of the suspect's characteristics as possible, and write them down as soon as you can. Politely delay the suspected offender while waiting for help to arrive.

Courtesy of "The Call Sheet", Universal City Studios.



generations. Come autumn, a second winged generation of both males and females fly back to the winter host plant. The males' sole contribution is to fertilize the eggs (only 3 or 4 per female) that will survive the winter.

Aphids are so common that certain ladybird and syrphid larvae feed on them exclusively. They suck plant juices and are responsible for the red gall-like rolled edges on manzanita leaves. You can see them in your plants — 1/8" pale, leggy dots, just standing there on the stem. Shiny droplets of honeydew betray them, and a heavy infestation may put sweet goo on a window or other nearby surface.

To banish the pests, wash your infected plant, if possible, with detergent or a water spray. Dip an artist's brush in rubbing alcohol and dab it on aphids and mealy fuzz alike. The alcohol is both poison and desiccant, and they never develop immunity to it. If all else fails, spray with rotenone or pyrethrum (malathion, sold to control aphids, is unnecessarily dangerous and kills ferns and jade plant). Hospitality has its limits.

Yosemite Impressions

The following poems, "The Mist Trail," and "Half Dome," were written by Edward L. Sterne, who has visited Yosemite over a period of many years. These poems are taken from his book, "A Last Visit to Yosemite." Poems from "Last Visit" will be published in the December Sentinel.

The Mist Trail

Have you traveled up the Mist Trail
 In the cool of early morning,
 While the mile-high rocks held back the
 climbing sun?
 Have the massive shadows calmed
 you,
 Has the pine tree's chanting
 charmed you,
 And the healing of your town-torn soul
 begun?
 Have you hiked along the Mist Trail
 Starting out at Happy Islands,
 Seen the rainbow at the foot of Vernal
 Fall?
 Have the tumbling waters told you
 That the noisy Blue Jays scold you,
 Just to deafen you against the city's
 call?
 Have you come back down the Mist
 Trail
 Through the chancel of the
 mountains,
 Met your fellows as they made their
 upward way,
 Found you'd lost your urban
 blindness,
 Greeted one and all with kindness,
 Prayed tranquility be with them
 every day?

Half Dome

Landmark of eternity,
 Epitome of time,
 Guardian of the Valley
 Yosemite sublime.
 Herald of the rising sun,
 First to greet each rain,
 Meeting place for glorious stars
 When nighttime comes again.
 Signpost on the airplanes
 And billboard of the past
 Looking down on little men
 Who think their world will last.

Volunteer Needed

The U.S. District Court is seeking volunteers for U.S. Probation Officers for Yosemite National Park. Although no compensation will be given. Travel reimbursement will be made. To apply send a brief resume to:
 U.S. Probation Office
 Federal Building
 Room 1130 O Street
 Fresno, CA 93721

Yosemite Recreation Happenings

Movies

Nov. 25 "The Electric Horseman" (PG)
 Dec. 9 "The Deer Hunter" (R)

Sports

Volleyball is played Thursday and Friday evenings, from 8 to 11, in the East Auditorium of the Visitor Center. Basketball takes place at 5 p.m. on Thursdays at Yosemite Elementary School.

Thanksgiving

*In gratitude my Lord
 For the breath of life
 For the harvest we reap
 Giving us the nutrition we need
 The water to quench our thirst
 Especially America
 For our freedom
 For our heroic souls
 Of yesteryears
 Jefferson and Lincoln
 And the many others over the years.
 And the unlimited bounty
 You have bestowed upon us
 For this my Lord with praise and
 glory
 We give Thee thanks
 On this Thanksgiving Day
 With everlasting gratitude*
 Joseph R. Paquette
 Accounting

Baha'i services

For Baha'i Faith Services, call 372-4719 or 379-2301.

Learn tap — ballet — modern dance

Employee Recreation is sponsoring a two-month class in tap, ballet, and modern dancing. No experience necessary to join the class.

Sessions are from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Sundays at the Visitor Center East Auditorium.

For sale

'75 Dodge 4X4, gas-saver, 6-cyl. eng., loaded must see to believe! \$4,350. Evenings 372-4871.

1978 Datsun pick-up, insulated camper shell, 5-speed, air conditioning, 39,000 miles, heavy-duty bumper, AM/FM radio, excellent condition! Asking \$4700, call 372-4720.

1979 Zenith color TV, remote control. \$200, or make offer. Call Rick at 372-4611, ext. 206.

Ads for the coming issue should be turned in no later than the end of the month. (Sorry, no ads for commercial purposes.)

Book discussion group meets

The Yosemite Women's Group book discussion group meets on the second Monday of each month. Bring a sack lunch and join us from noon to 2 p.m. If you have any questions, please call Patricia St. John at 372-4713.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the Yosemite Guide.

Mondays

Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 call 966-2000 for appointment

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

3-man Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Fridays

Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.

Dance Class (begins Nov. 16) Visitor Center, 8:30 p.m.

Special Events

Thursday, Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Worship Service, Chapel, 9:30 p.m.

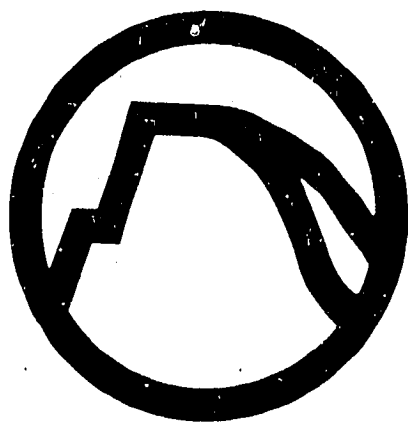
Thursday, Dec. 4 Lions Club, The Ahwahnee, Noon

Saturday, Dec. 6 Alpine Ski Race, Badger Pass

Tuesday, Dec. 9 Movie, "The Deer Hunter," Visitor Center, 8 p.m. (R)

Wednesday, Dec. 10 Yosemite Winter Club, Hans Brinker Night, Ice Rink

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Employees honored at banquet

The annual Service Awards Banquet for Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employees was held on Tuesday, November 18, at the Ahwahnee Hotel.

Employees of five years or more with YP&C Co. gathered in the Great Lounge for an hour of socializing, prior to dining on prime rib or cornish game hens in the Main Dining Room. Forty-three awards were given for a total of 320 years of service.

The guest of honor was Hilmer Oehlmann who, in his more than 50 years with YP&C Co., rose from porter to Chairman of the Board.

Awards were presented to the following employees:

5 years of service

Tim Arnst	Manager Employee Housing
James Avery	Security Officer
Lynn Bagley	YL restaurant waitri
Georgia Baker	Executive Secretary
Chuck Bookout	Asst. Mgr. Valley Stables
Tony Caputo	Employment Mgr. - Personnel
George Castleberry	Ahwahnee Busperson
Chris Cekosh-Peggins	YL Housekeeper
Shelia Costa	Auditor
Gale Crane	YL Lodgings Quality Inspector
Laura Crane	YL Floor Porter
Garrett DeBell	Environmental & Energy Advisor
Corinne Elwart	Ass't Night Auditor Supervisor
Bob Ely	Ahwahnee Bellperson
Willard Harling	YTS Driver
Stephan Hosler	Ass't Manager Personnel
Mida James	YL Roomskeeper

Korwin Kirk
Kirk Larsen
Dexter Lee
David Oppenheim
Bertha Quick
Robert Revere
Bradford Rogers
Rose Roscoe
Darlene Ruschhaupt
Virginia Schorremans
Winslow Thurman

TM Stables Guide & Packer
Wawona Service Sta. Ass't Mgr.
YL Bellperson
Ahwahnee Waitri
Pohono Gift Manager
YL Kitchen Helper
CV Chief Clerk
Purchasing Manager
YL Garde Manager
YL Night Auditor
YL Pantry Person

10 years of service

Donald Barnes	Ahwahnee Housekeeping Person
Eulogio Barreras	Ahwahnee Waitri
Robert Ferguson	YTS Shipping/Receiving
Robert Forbes	YL Restaurant Waitri
Von Gifford	CV Potwasher
Dale Hamblin	TM Service Station Working Mgr
Patrick Harley	Manager Curry Village
John McDaniel	Maint. Working Mech. Foreman
Bruce Ruschhaupt	YL Ld. Storeroom Person
Linda Vanderwater	Manager Reservations
Tom Williams	Vice President of Plant Service and Guest Recreation

15 years of service

Robert Nester	Wawona SS Working Mgr.
Roy Seal	YL SS Senior Manager
Joe Wheeler	Mgr. Transportation & Facility Services

25 years of service

Dave Downing	Vending Supervisor
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Natural history observations

The following unusual birds and mammals have been observed and recorded in the Park this fall:

Western Meadowlark
Marsh Hawk
Poorwill
Bufflehead
Sandhill Crane
Great Blue Heron
Northern Flying Squirrel

Further information on these sightings is available in the Research Library, located in the Valley District Building next to the Visitor Center.

The National Park Service Research Library includes a comprehensive file of Natural History Observations. If you see an unusual bird, mammal, reptile, or plant, please come to the Visitor Center Information Desk or the Research Library, where the sighting can be recorded.

Holiday greetings

Many thanks go to each of you, my fellow workers, for your efforts during 1980, along with best wishes to you and your families for a happy holiday season.

The new year will present new challenges, problems, and opportunities. Working together we can meet the challenges, solve the problems, and take advantage of the many opportunities for success and personal satisfaction. By reaching toward our goals of extending fine service and quality hospitality to all our guests, we cannot help but make 1981 a gratifying year.

As the year ends, it is a good time to reflect on how privileged we are to serve travelers from throughout the world and to live in this magnificent place.

Heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a joyous, healthy, new year.

Jackie and Ed Hardy

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Ed Hardy named president

Ed Hardy, Chief Operating Officer of Yosemite Park and Curry Co., will become the company's president on January 1. He succeeds Jay S. Stein, who moves up to Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer for YP&C Co.

Prior to coming to Yosemite in late 1973, Ed Hardy had served as Vice President of Los Angeles Athletic Club and manager of the Riviera Country and Tennis Clubs. He also managed Del Webb's Almaden Country Club.

A native of Palo Alto, Mr. Hardy received his bachelor's and master's degrees from San Jose State University, majoring in education. He taught in the San Jose Unified School District at the secondary level for seven years.

Mr. Hardy and his wife, Jackie, have made Yosemite Valley their home for the past seven years. Their children, Laura (22), Polly (20), and Clark (18), also consider Yosemite as "home".

College classes announced

In the middle of winter, we announce that the spring semester for Merced College will begin February 2. Locally, we will be offering such varied subjects, as Applied Business Law, a good basic course in law as it applies to everyone's daily transactions; Color Slide Photography, both beginning and intermediate classes; Solar Energy Use, emphasizing water heating, with both lecture and field sessions; and a continuation into the Principles of Stock and Investment

Meet our Bracebridge family

For many people, the highlight of a Christmas visit to Yosemite involves the Eugene Fulton Chorale. The Bracebridge Dinner itself is a major event; those unable to attend the dinner often consider either a concert by the Eugene Fulton Chorale, a Chopin piano recital by Theodora Primes, or the slide show by Robert Primes to be most memorable.

The Bracebridge has become a way of life for cast members from the San Francisco Bay Area. The Fulton family has been active in each Bracebridge Dinner since the 1930's. Anna-Marie Fulton is Director of the pageant and organist. Her daughter, Andrea Fulton is Musical Director and Housekeeper. Mrs. Fulton's other daughter, Linnea Fulton Alexander is one of Squire Bracebridge's wards. Linnea's husband, Eric, has sung with the group for 16 years.

Squire and Lady Bracebridge — George and Jill Willey — are celebrating their 25th year with the dinner. The Parson and other regular occupant of the head table is Geoffrey Lardner, who is here for his 19th year.

Soloists Raymond Manton and Jacqueline Victorino have appeared with the San Francisco Symphony and have sung with a number of symphonies and opera companies throughout the country. Ray sings with the chorus, and always thrills Bracebridge guests with his tenor solo in "O Holy Night." Jacqueline, another Bracebridge favorite, also is cast as a ward of the Squire.

Music fills the Ahwahnee Hotel's Main Dining Room, from the first strains of "Angelus ad Virginem" as guests are seated, to the final notes of "Deck the Halls" as the guests bid each other a Merry Christmas. In between, the Norman Carol, Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, Joy to the World, and the Wassail Song (among others) spread the glowing spirit of Christmas among the guests.

Long-term members of the Eugene Fulton Chorale include Jackson Perego (since 1946), Harold Rhoades (since 1950), Francis Fogarty (1954), Conrad Walla (1958), and John Towner (1960). Other singers are Wyatt Insko, Bart Thomte, Michael Morris, Cory Blodgett, Dennis McGuire, and Kenneth Jakobs.

The Minstrel is Teresa Colyer, who sings in the San Francisco Opera chorus.

Joining the Bracebridge tradition this year are singers Cedric Cannon, Tom Clark, Roy Frazier, Edgar Harris, Eric Morris, and William Stone. Roy Fitzell is the Lord of Misrule.

Many of the singers studied music under the late Eugene Fulton, former Director of Bracebridge. A number of them are professional musicians as well as music teachers around the bay area, including San Francisco State University, and the San Francisco Conservatory of Music.

Carol Aronovici provides the costumes and directs lighting. Make-up is done by his wife, Joyce, and their daughter Andrina, who also runs the spotlights. Costume designer and wardrobe hostess Eveline Christensen is assisted by Lia Gray Anderson. Yosemite's own Carl Stephens is in charge of the props and scenery.

The Eugene Fulton Chorale's families often become involved in the dinner as villagers, lackeys, and servitors. Yosemite residents fill into complete the Bracebridge cast.

The group's long-time director, Eugene Fulton, died in Yosemite on Christmas Eve of 1978. In his memory the singers this year have taken the name of the Eugene Fulton Chorale. They will present concerts on Tuesday, December 23, and Friday, December 26. Performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Yosemite Lodge Lounge and at 9:15 p.m. in the Great Lounge of the Ahwahnee Hotel.

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Let's not be robots!

by Grant Bannen
Vice President of Hotels

As participants in the service industry, the most important item we have to offer is ourselves.

Our segment of the service industry, hospitality, demands the most positive guest contact possible. We can, and should, strive always to provide all the visitors to Yosemite National Park with the cleanest rooms, the best food, and the most informative tours possible. In any hospitality operation, mistakes will occasionally be made in areas, and a very slight degree of error is to be expected. However, the very worst thing, we, as persons who serve the public, can do is to compound this by being unsympathetic to the guest or by being "mechanical" in our attempts to solve the guest's problem.

Too often, as a result of our extremely busy days, the temptation exists to meet the guest "head on" when they

Ski days coming

Here comes the snow—and with it, plans are beginning for the 40th season of the Wednesday Ski Day Program. This program provides an opportunity for the children of Yosemite and El Portal schools to learn to ski, or improve their skiing abilities.

For \$1.25 a week, the children are transported to and from Badger Pass on YTS buses, offered rental equipment and lift tickets. The children will be divided into classes by



Dinorah Matin, a participant in the 1980 Ski Day Program, enjoyed the spirit.

have a problem. We see the guest as unreasonable or too demanding in their requests, or, even worse, we perceive that they are requesting something which is "against policy."

People who have made long careers of handling guest complaints and problems in many industries say universally that this is not true. Rather, in more than 90% of the cases, the guests sincerely believe that they have problems which are beyond their control to solve, and they searching for sympathy, understanding, and someone who appears in a positive sense to be able to solve his problem. Almost all guest problems can be solved before they become major ones if we stay constantly attentive to the guest we are serving, and if we see a problem developing, take care of it immediately. If, however, a small amount of time lapses, the problem will magnify; the guests should immediately be met with sympathy

abilities, which range from a child's first experience on skis to kids getting ready to try out for the Ski Team.

Our program's success relies solely on volunteers from the community. Our needs are in several areas . . . and don't exclude yourself if you're not a skier! We need bus monitors, ski instructors for all ability levels. The Yosemite Ski School instructors offer a clinic for all Ski Day instructors before the program begins.

All volunteers participating in the program receive a free lift ticket for each Ski Day, plus additional lift tickets, good for any day during the week it is earned.

This program is made possible through the combined efforts of the Yosemite Park and Curry Company, the Badger Pass staff, and the people of the community who volunteer their time and energy.

If you are interested in being a Ski Day volunteer, or if you'd like some more information, please contact Suzie, at 372-4592, or Gail, 379-2418.

Advanced first aid may be taught

Anyone desiring an Advanced First Aid class this spring semester, should contact Tom Griffiths or Marian Woessner. This class involves a commitment of two 3-hour sessions per week for 9 weeks. Class begins in early February and runs through mid-April.

and they should know that an earnest effort is being made to solve their problems quickly. We should always assume that, whatever the problem, it is a legitimate one in the guest's eye — they have not fabricated this problem just to "create trouble."

Should you encounter a problem you cannot solve quickly on the guest's behalf, your supervisor would welcome the opportunity to assist you. The combined efforts of the two of you will have served to make the guest more comfortable.

However, the most important element in terms of guest relations is the very first contact a guest has with the staff. When we are caught up in the daily pace of business, it is frequently easy to forget one very basic fact of the hospitality industry: Any guest (no matter how sophisticated a traveler) feels like a stranger when they enter our hotel lobby, our dining room, our service station, our tour bus, etc. As strangers, they feel varying degrees of unease. In most cases, they are unfamiliar with our operations, our policies, even the physical layout of our accommodations and restaurants, etc. As a stranger, they may, subconsciously at least, expect to be treated somewhat mechanically, coldly, and with occasional aloofness.

Far and away, the easiest way to set a positive tone for a visitor's entire stay is to present a face which is entirely contrary to these expectations. A smile, an expression of sincere concern for the guest and as an individual, an expression which indicates that we are genuinely happy to be a part of the guest's Yosemite experience, and a sincere attentiveness will almost certainly color their entire visit with us.

By offering ourselves through such positive expressions, we make not only the guest's experience, but our own workday, more pleasurable.

For sale

Size 38 EBS like new, \$45 or best offer; 2 sets king size sheets, excellent shape, \$15 for both. Call 372-4461, ext. 224 day, 379-2820 night. Ask for Debbie.

Frostline Internal frame backpack assembled. \$45. Leave a message for Jeanne at 372-4836.

Sewing repairs: hemming, sleeping bags, backpacks, and pants into knickers, and other misc. repairs. Leave a message for Jeanne at 372-4836.

Animal of the month

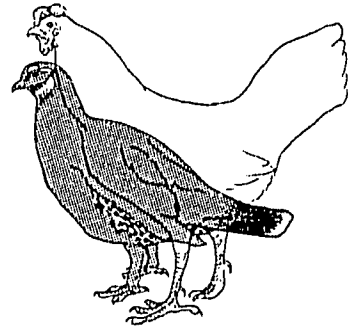
by Sandy Dengler

When the apple fell on Newton's head, he discovered gravity. When the same thing happened to Chicken Licken, she got scammed by Foxy Loxy. This proves chickens are dumb. Of the world-wide chicken group, the gallinaceous birds, our local reps are the quails and the Blue or Dusky Grouse. The grouse is twice the size of the canny quail, and it isn't called Fool Hen for nothing.

Flush a fool hen, and if flaps casually to a nearby low branch. "Presto," it thinks, "invisible." It never equates hunters with danger and death. One vacuum-brained female strutted for weeks around the Wawona area, cruising the parking lot and perching on rainspouts. Rangers netted it and relocated it a Deer Camp, a much safer habitat. It beat them home.

The Blue Grouse bespeaks "chicken," start to finish. Its mannerisms — especially the strut, the pecking, the head carriage — are chicken. Nearly as long as a chicken, it weighs about three pounds, half the weight of a full-sized Rhode Island Red. Its feet are chicken-y, although most domestic chickens wear knickers and the grouse wears long pants — its legs feathered to the foot. The beak is pure chicken, and the male even sports a pudgy little attempt at a comb above his eyes.

In spring, the male perches about 60 feet off the ground and hoots in slow cadence. He also impresses the ladies by displaying orangish air sacs ringed with white underfeathers in his neck. These sacs are resonators that amplify the hoots.



Properly impressed, mama lines a depression in the ground, there to lay 7 to 10 dappled buff eggs. The chicks hatch in June or July and are on their own when snow flies.

Technically, our grouse is a forest bird, but it prefers forest edges. Its summer diet — insects, seeds, berries etc. — is chicken-like. In winter, though, when any self-respecting chicken would starve, the grouse subsists exclusively on the tender needle tips of fir and pine. In fact, some say the birds never bother to come down to the ground in wintertime. This dependency on conifers governs their range, from yellow pine (400 ft.+ or -) up to lodgepole-fir (11,000 ft.)

That's pretty high up, for a chicken.

Yosemite's heroes

by Shirley Sargent

Over the 131 years of documented human involvement with and in Yosemite National Park, there have been men to match its mountains. Chief Tenaya was one of these. Assuredly Galan Clark and John Muir were pioneer heroes whose deeds, dedication, and devotion to Yosemite will always endure. Jennie (Mother) Curry and her daughter, Mary Curry Tresidder, had heroic qualities that evoked respect and admiration.

Even today, in the what's-in-it-for-me age of commercialism, Yosemite hosts a handful of outstanding people who reside in the Park a significant amount of the year and have been here for 25 years or more. Carl Sharsmith's name immediately comes to mind. His half-century of experience, study, and interpretation—especially in the high country — qualify him as a true but unassuming hero. Other contemporary legends-in-their-lifetime figures are known widely: hundred-mile-legged Nic Fiore of the High Sierra Camps and Badger Pass, our service-oriented postmaster, Leroy "Rusty" Rust, and Ferdinand Castillo, vehement, zealous guardian of Tioga Pass. Although he

no longer lives in Yosemite, Ansel Adams, who has superbly photographed Yosemite since the 1920's, deserves special status, as does his wife Virginia Best Adams.

One other man who matched our mountains for nearly 36 years was Dana Morgenson whose personality, character, books, photographs, and camera walks made him a modern-day Pied Piper. His lean, long-legged figure, topped by the inevitable broad-brimmed hat, was as much a part of the Yosemite scene as Half Dome. Hundreds of residents and guests were proud to call him friend: thousands, who knew him through his walks and superb slide shows, admired him. His spirit, pictures, and enthusiastic descriptions will endure as steadfastly as this place he so loved, and where he will be missed and remembered.

Yosemite Winter Club offers winter fun

BENEFITS: Two free skating sessions at Ice Rink, one full-day alpine ski equipment rental from Badger Pass, one all-day lift ticket at Badger Pass, 40% discount on nordic ski lesson (reservations required) 25% discount on nordic ski equipment rental for one day, one half-day alpine ski lesson (group) at Badger Pass, one free snowcat ride at Badger, special \$5 rate for rink use and skate any time, provide support for official race teams and assists with traditional area races at Badger. (Benefits not available on weekends or during holiday periods.)

Complete and return to
Yosemite Winter Club
P. O. Box 717
Yosemite, CA 95389

Family Membership \$10

Single \$5

Full Name(s) of Adults(s) _____

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children under 21 _____

Mailing Address _____

Telephone _____

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For sale

Trailer in El Portal, small one bedroom, ideal for single person, or very close couple. Heater, stove, and refrigerator all work fine. \$2,800 or best offer. Call 379-2854 or 379-2663, or come by trailer space F-4.

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Yosemite poetry

The four poems below were written by Edward L. Sterne and published in his book, "A Last Visit to Yosemite."

The Mariposa Grove

A small boy ran to a Redwood tree
Shouting 'look gran'dad it's bigger
than me'
And 'it's even bigger than you,' he said.
The grandfather smiled and nodded
his head.

'But I really don't think it's as old as
you
'cause mother says you are seventy-
two
An' that's awful old,' the little boy said.
The grandfather smiled and nodded
his head.

'The sign says the tree is one thousand
and three
And I think,' said the gran'dad,
'that's older than me.'
'Bet it isn't so wise,' the little boy said
I wonder, thought grandfather bowing
his head.

El Capitan

In El Capitan you see
Truth, strength and serenity,
Symbol of a lasting peace,
Lesson that all war should cease.
In dictators you will see
Falsehood and iniquity,
Wars to satiate their pride,
Wars by which great nations died.
Which the better guide for man,
Tyrant or El Capitan?

Credit union meets

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the annual meeting of your Credit Union on Tuesday, January 13, at 7 p.m.

Election of officers, reports, good fellowship, and refreshments will be a part of the evening.

Don't miss it — January 13, 1981, at the Girls Club (across the street from the NPS Administration Building.)
SEE YOU THERE!

For sale/lost

Skis-Hexcel Comp 180, Look Nevada Bindings, ski stops, \$100. Call Nic Fiore, 372-4763.

8-10 keys on a ring with a leather tag reading "Chevron Travel Club."
Contact Yosemite Main Post Office.

The Grizzly Giant

Come let us dream through the ages
At the foot of this ancient tree
Which has looked on all man's follies
Since five hundred years B.C.

The sequoia has long been a giant,
Humanity's tree is still low,
Yet a few of its buds have blossomed
And some of its branches grow.

The Sequoia grows upright and
upwards
Forever seeking the light,
While mankind clings to the darkness
Of bigotry's pitiless night.

Our dream turns into a nightmare
Of a world that has lost its way:
May we all ere long awaken
In the dawn of a better day.

Last visit to Yosemite

Here would I die
And henceforth lie in this great vault
Arched by God's sky.

I want no knell
Of funeral bell nor ranting talk
Of Heaven and Hell.

No graveyard drear
Or farewell tear even from those
Who hold me dear.

But may the Merced ever sing
Of happiness that life should bring
While music of great waterfalls
Echoes along the Valley walls
And windswept treetops gently speak
In anthem to each listening peak.

Then would I rest in timeless peace
Until at last man's discords cease.

It's Autumn

Leaves orange and brown
Fall to tired grounds
A cooler breeze, then barren trees.
Frost in the meadows at dawn

— Fall has Gone —
A quiet hush
Wildlife disappears
Seasons at rest
— Winter is near —

Susan Bowers
Reservations

Autumn natures

Autumn natures departure with
grandeur
Every blade of grass and reed
Ferns and blossoms of the summer
wilted.

Sagging and embracing the earth's
soil
Forming a rustic pillow among fallen
acorns

And leaves that decorated the trees
With vigor and life now have altered
Their individual colors as each
With their own personalities differ,
Now awaiting its downfall to Earth

Bidding farewell with hues and charm,
Besides providing for its creatures,
Squirrels stunned with their bounty
Deer grazing and seeking the most
palatable.

Some late departures, Robins and Jays
For the Southland's warmer zones.
Leaving with us memories of
astounding beauty
And a peaceful serenity
Truly enhanced by our Lord.

Joseph R. Paquette
Accounting

Free publications available

Many free publications are available at the Merced Social Security Office, which give simple, clear explanations of all parts of the Social Security program, according to Dennis Kruse, Branch Manager in Merced.

Among the available publications are:

- **Your social security** - An overall explanation of the Social Security program, covering retirement, survivors, and disability insurance. Medicare highlights, program financing, and appeal rights.

- **Social security information for young families** - A comprehensive explanation of the disability and survivors insurance protection young workers and their families have through Social Security.

- **Thinking about retiring** - Information for people nearing retirement.

- **Applying for a social security record** - Tell show to apply for a social security number and what evidence is needed.

- **Check your social security record** - Includes a post card for workers to use to check their Social Security record.

There are still more publications available, including those for students, farmers, self-employed people, public employees, and women. Most publications are available in Spanish as well as English.

To obtain any of these publications, call the Merced Social Security Office. The telephone number is 723-2071, and the office is located at 3191 "M" Street.

Yosemite recreation happenings

Arts & crafts class offered

Beginning Wednesday, January 7, Employee Recreation will offer an Arts & Crafts Class in the Village Sport Shop Game Room, at 8 p.m. The course will consist of Macrame, Batik and Tie Die, Clay, and Stained Glass. There will be a workshop area and supplies available at the Game Room during regular business hours for those who wish. Use the skills learned in the class sessions. For further information, contact Employee Recreation at 475.

Village Sport Shop game room opens; Recreation office moves!

The Employee Recreation office located in Tecoya B-5 has been moved to the Village Sport Shop Game Room. The Game Room provides video and pinball games, pool tables, ping-pong, darts, as well as an arts and crafts work area, and a reading lounge. The Recreation extension will remain 475. Drop by and check out the new facility.

Special events at the Loft

The Loft Restaurant will have special events for employees only during the winter months. Look for announcements concerning scheduled activities.

Employee Recreation and The Loft will be serving special dinners, as well as providing entertainment for the enjoyment of Yosemite employees.

George Oliver reports on National Translator Association conference

The National Translator Association meeting was held in Salt Lake City, Utah, from October 29, to November 2. Attending from Yosemite were George Oliver, representing Wawona Television Association, and William Stephan, representing the Yosemite Park and Curry Co. Members from thirty-seven states, stretching from Florida to Alaska, made up the more than 200 persons attending the convention. The FCC, Washington DC, also had staff members present.

Of interest to lay people were two developments: licensing of Low Power Television and use of Satellites for direct pickup to home television sets.

Low Power Television makes it possible for translator owners to use their translators as broadcasting stations. As an example, the Valley could use one of its translators to broadcast local news, road and weather conditions to the community.

A complete Satellite station was on display at the meeting. Signals were picked up from the Comstar Satellite, which is 22,000 miles from earth. Two different programs were received on television screens.

The meetings were held in the famous Hotel Utah, which is now a National Historic place. Stuart Cross, formerly President of the Yosemite Park and Curry Co., is Managing Director, assisted by Bill Cooper, a

former Yosemite Park and Curry Co. employee and long-time resident of the Valley.

George Oliver
Retired Sales Manager
Yosemite Park and Curry Co.

Community Calendar

The calendar supplements public events, including church services, published in the *Yosemite Guide*.

Mondays

Yosemite Valley Choral Society Yosemite School, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.

Thursdays

Mental Health Clinic Medical Center, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
call 966-2000 for appointment
County Library Open Girl's Club, 2 to 5 p.m.
Open Basketball Yosemite School, 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball Visitor Center, 8 p.m.

Sundays

County Library Open Girl's Club, Noon to 5 p.m.
Dance Class Visitor Center, 8:30 p.m.

Special Events

Wed. & Thur., Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas Masses, 12 midnight
West Auditorium
Thursday, Dec. 25 9 a.m. Mass (Latin), 11 a.m.
West Auditorium
Tuesday, Dec. 30 Movie, "Blazing Saddles," (R)
East Auditorium, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 31 5:30 p.m. Mass, West Auditorium
Thursday, Jan. 1 New Year's Mass, 9 a.m. (Latin), 11 a.m.
West Auditorium
Tuesday, Jan. 6 Movie, "Kramer vs. Kramer," (R)
East Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Try classifieds

If you have something to sell or are in need of an item or service, you can place a free ad in the *Yosemite Sentinel*.

Write down what you want your ad to say and bring it to the *Sentinel*, located in the Public Affairs Office behind Reservations in the General Office building.

Ads for the January issue should be turned in no later than Friday January 2. (Sorry, no ads for commercial purposes.)